

Fairport Winter Track Athletes climb the Leader board

Through the 4th league meet at Hobart, William Smith Colleges, the Fairport track athletes have 23 marks on the Rochester Winter Track League leader board. The top twenty bests constitute the leader board in each event, which includes all classes.

In the 1000-meter event, Justin Green [2:47.37] ranks 15th overall, 8th in class A; Jane Rosenthal [3:20.3] ranks 20th, 8th in class A.

The 1500 meters, the girls' distance, Ashton Hughes [5:12.56] is 8th and in Class A-4th while Rachel Malone [5:14.28] is 12th and 5th in Class. Kevin Jablonski missed the cut off mark of 4:46.62, the 20th best mark in Section V, by less than one second.

Kevin Jablonski, the Fairport leader in the 3200 meters [10:16.62], ranks 9th and 6th in class while Ashton Hughes is 12th and 5th with her 11:20.83 best in the 3000 meters.

The long sprint, the 300 meters, is led by Lauren Burke's 41.84, the best in Section V this season; Janessa Mathews' best [44.77] ranks 16th and 9th. Cam Johnson's 38.68 best missed the cut off by .25 of a second through this point in the season.

The 55 meters, the short sprint, is led by Lauren Burke, the sole Fairport sprinter in the top 20 of either the boys or girls' leader board; her 7.63 is 5th best overall and 2nd in class A. With three in the 55 meter hurdles, James Paratore's 8.94 is ranked 18th and 7th in class; Emily Renna's 9:22 is 4th best, 2nd in class; and Michelle Barnum is 15th and 7th with 9:83. Ulysses Miles is 9th, 5th, in the high jump at 5' 10"; Lauren Burke's 5' is 8th and 4th respectively.

Collin Wheatly, the only varsity Fairport pole vaulter, is 7th and 6th with 11' 3". Loren Metzger, with a 29' 4" best is ranked 18th and 7th. Emily Renna, with a best of 15' 1" in the long jump, took the 19th place, and 11th in class.

The best event for Fairport—the 600 meters—with seven in the top twenty, includes Lauren Burke's 1:40.14, the best in Section V along with Angie Zabloutny, 13th, 9th in class with a 1:46.98; Rachel Malone, 1:47.22, ranks 14th and 10th while Jane Rosenthal's 1:47.64 is 18th and 11th; Ian Steltmann, 9th and 7th with 1:29.03 is just ahead of Cam Johnson's 1:29.3, which is 10th and 8th in class; Justin Green 16th and 11th with 1:30.07.

Fairport's relays, the 4 x 200m, the 4 x 400m and the 4 x 800m all rank in the top twenty: the boys' 4 x 400 [3:47.64] is 11th and 6th while the 4 x 800 [9:21.49] is 16th and 7th; the girls' 4 x 800 [10:31.2] is 5th and 3rd while the 4 x 200 [1:55.38] is 5th and 2nd in class. Fairport's multiple-event leaders are Lauren Burke, Emily Renna, Jane Rosenthal, Ashton Hughes, Rachel Malone and Justin Green.

The 4th League Meet's highlight performances are: Ashton Hughes, 5:12.56 pr, 2nd—just ahead of Rachel Malone's 5:14.28pr in 3rd. Kevin Jablonski [4:52.04] in 5th led Simon Ghebrewoldi [4:58.71] in 9th. Cam Johnson, 6th in the 300 meters, with a personal best of 38.68. Lauren Burke led the field with the best time, 42.49, just .2 of a second ahead of the next best on the day. Collin Wheatly was 4th in the pole vault with 11' 3". In the long and triple jumps, two jv performers—Scott Nagel's 16' 4.5 led all the Fairport jumpers, including the varsity performers—and Mike Mastro in the triple jump with 34' 9.25" effort. Ulysses Miles was 4th in the high jump, 5' 9". Lauren Burke, in the 55 meters, ran 7:69, for 4th best on the day. Loren Metzger, again with a nice heave of the 4 kilo shot, placed 5th with 28' 2.5" throw. Kevin Jablonski, with a fresh personal best of 10:16.62 finished 4th in the 3200 meters. In the loaded 600 meter event, Fairport had three performers inside the top three on both sides of the competition—Ian Steltmann with a new personal best of 1:29.5, 2nd; Justin Green, 3rd, in 1:30.07 and Jane Rosenthal, 2nd, with a 1:47.64.

The 55 meter hurdle event began a circuitous and weird series of occurrences spanning nearly thirty minutes: It began with Coach Mike Van Auker—who organized the hurdle crew setting up the hurdles—later realized the 5th flight was misplaced. "What caught my eye was that Emily Renna and Michelle Barnum both stutter stepped the 5th hurdle; I knew then something was wrong," said a relieved Van Auker afterwards. After five heats were rerun, Renna ran 9:43 for 2nd and Barnum, 9.96, for 6th—both much better than their first hurdle efforts.

Fairport's two relays, the 4 x 800m, placed 2nd and 3rd— -- with Lauren Burke, Jane Rosenthal, Ashton Hughes, Rachel Malone; and the boys' team was led by Cam Johnson, Ian Steltmann, Matt Spitzer and Alex Gilmore.

The two 4 x 200 meter relays placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively, with Peter Larmann, Justin Green, Jamie Brooks and Russell Kolker; the girls' team was comprised of Emily Renna, Janessa Mathews, Julia Sanger and Tylyn Martin.

