



The 72nd Annual William F. Eddy Meet proved to be one of the best and most competitive meets in New York State. The meet was described as “one of the biggest little meets in the empire state that provided great races at an unbelievable pace” by MileSplit.com, the most popular H.S. track & field news coverage site in the nation. Milesplit.com continued to state that the meet provided some of the best action the state has seen all year due to the steep qualifying standards, “which guarantee anyone who runs deserves to be there.” It was an action packed, fun day with the top athletes eyeing the newly coveted prize of the meet. The Athlete of the Meet would be awarded a fully paid scholarship (covering flight, lodging and entry) to New Balance Nationals in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The Shaker SMR team had a great day as they won the SMR relay and posting a new state leading time that was previously held by Benjamin Cardozo. Shaker’s time of 4:02.53 became the new NY #1 and US #5, earning them automatic qualification and entry to New Balance Outdoor Nationals, with the entry fee waived. Bay Shore’s Kadesh Roberts cruised to an easy win in the 400m hurdles with a time of 53.54; Kadesh Roberts was ranked #2 U.S. for high school. Bayshore’s NY state leader Jessica Gelibert won the 400m hurdles running a time of 61.47. In the boy’s mile, Austin Lane of Greenwich ran a solid time 4:19.42 securing the victory. In the girls 1500m Catherine Molloy of Holy Names ran a fast time of 4:37.7 to win the event, while sophomore Leah Triller ran a PR in the 800m running a 2:10.96. In the 3,000m, Saratoga’s Taylor Driscoll ran a 10:12.5 to take first place. Zavon Watkins of Liverpool ran a very impressive 800m running a 1:52.82, after only having a few minutes rest from anchoring his team’s SMR relay. Liverpool also took the trophy in the 4x400 with Watkin’s anchoring his team with a fast split of 48.9 seconds.

Burnt Hill’s Joe Carr had a great day as he ran a blistering 21.33 in the 200m, breaking the Eddy Meet record and the Section 2 record. Ticonderoga’s sophomore Jay Hebert ran a strong 14.07 to lower his state leading mark and win the event, just missing the NY sophomore record by .04 seconds. Hebert’s time however was still the third fastest in the U.S. for all sophomores for 2012. One of the biggest surprises of the meet was in the boys 400m finals. Izaiah Brown of Amsterdam, only a freshman to the sport, ran an incredible time of 47.80 in the 400m and winning the event. Brown’s time put him #2 in the State and put him at US #2 for freshmen.

The biggest day of the meet came from Colonie’s own Kyle Plante. Kyle Plante started her day running the 400m in which she won with a time of 54.43, a NY #2. Plante returned to the track to run another fast time of 23.98, breaking the Eddy Meet record and #2 in NYS. Kyle Plante was not done yet as she returned to anchor her team in the 4x400 relay in a incredible anchor time of 52.6, which got her team the lead and victory. With her incredible day she earned the Athlete of the Meet, voted by coaches, that earned her automatic entry and all paid trip to Outdoor Nationals.

It was a fantastic outing by all the athletes! We want to thank the athletes, coaches, Schenectady High School, sponsors, and all of our volunteers. Without them, the meet would not be a huge success as it is today. We also want to give a special thanks to New Balance and Fleet Feet Sports for their support and working with us to make this meet one of the best in the northeast. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Schenectady Police Benevolent Association

