

Tracks stars destroy school records

SDSS Grade 9s lead charge at York U

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The saying goes that records are made to be broken.

And when the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans track and field club took to the York University indoor track Thursday for the York Region Athletic Association's annual indoor championships, they eclipsed 12 school marks.

A good number were set by the first-year, Grade 9 midget contingent.

In the boys' field, Chris Daniels won the long jump with a school mark of 5.41 metres.

In 800m, Liam Mitro won the race in a school record

time of 2:14.40.

Michael Bourgeois finished second in the 1,500m. But he accomplished it in a school record time of 4:44.60.

Bourgeois also ran in the 800m and was third.

Finishing eighth in the 60m, Jordan Somers ran it in a school-best time of 8.88 seconds.

UNEXPECTED PERFORMANCE

In the girls' division, Emily Clarkson won the shot put with a school record toss of 8.18m.

Jenna Monk set two school marks as she finished eighth in the long jump with a leap of 3.94m. Also finishing seventh in the high jump, she did it with a school benchmark of 1.35m.

In the junior division, Kate Schlusser finished third in the 60m low hurdles but did

so in a school-best clocking of 8.42.

A Grade 10 student, Schlusser also finished third in the 60m.

Headlining the senior contingent was Natalie Geiger, who set a school record in the 400m after winning the race in a time of 58.10.

The Grade 12 student also won the 60m.

Brittany Dunbar, a Grade 11 student entered in the senior field, set two school marks as she finished eighth in the 1,500m in a time of 5:57.30 and 11th in the 800m in a school-best recording of 2:57.50.

Dunbar also placed sixth in the long jump.

In the boys' category, John Reesor set a school mark in the high jump after finishing third with a leap of 1.75m.

While not a school record mark, Dan Coskun won the shot put with a toss of 14.03m.

Among other notable performances, the midget boys' 4 x 200m relay team finished second.

In the midget boys' 1,500m, Mitchell Price finished fifth.

Evan Malcolm finished fifth in the junior boys' high jump and seventh in the triple jump.

Caroline Rankin finished

sixth in the junior girls' 1,500m.

Emily Aprile was seventh in the junior girls' shot put.

Rebecca Muir finished fourth in the senior girls' shot put.

In addition to the school records set during the meet, the 38-member Spartans' contingent finished fourth overall out of 23 schools that attended the one-day competition.

TO WINDSOR MEET

"It was totally awesome," Spartans head coach Steve Jimmo said. "We did much better than what I thought we would do."

What brought a smile to Jimmo was the effort of the Grade 9 contingent, in particular, the efforts of Daniels, Bourgeois, Mitro and Clarkson.

"We've got a great Grade 9 boys' group," he said. "Chris (Daniels) could be a top-five performer at the Central Regionals with the type of jumping he did."

"Bourgeois and Mitro will do well in running and Emily (Clarkson) will do well in throwing. She's big and quick."

The Spartans' will take part in a meet at the University of Windsor April 26.



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Trevor Robert of Stouffville takes flight in the senior boys long jump during the York Region high school indoor track and field championships at York University Thursday.

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