

Raider Boys Place Fourth, Jones Wins Discus In Group 3 Track & Field Championships

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teammates Erin Rossi and Lauryn Adams, who have literally buried the competition in the dual meets, conference and county meets.

"It's good! With Erin breaking her foot, it kind of messed things up a little bit but now she's back and we push each other," said Jones. "She goes. I go. Lauryn goes. I go. It's cool! It's nice to see!"

Looking ahead to the magical mark

of 40 feet in the shot put, Jones commented, "Coach has been pushing me. 'You got to get that 40. You got to get that 40.' I have the (Raider) high school record already. Now, it's just making myself better. It's nice to see the boys and girls both do well in the field events. I don't think this really ever happened in our school."

Jones may not have hit her magical mark of 40 feet but she did have a

shove of 38'5.5" to place fifth in the shot put.

Alleman, who has been used to having the best throw in the shot put, got a bit of a jolt when his shove of 57'2" came up one inch shy of Passaic Valley's George Abyad. Raider Jon Badala placed ninth with a shove of 50'2".

"Trying to get that magical 60 mark and you come back to throw two 55's and a 57'2", you leave the door open for somebody to come in and that's what happened," said coach Hernandez. "That's what happened last year as well in Group 3. Then he stepped up and avenged the kid who beat him last year. We are hoping to see that happen Wednesday (yesterday) at the Meet of Champions."

After fouling on his first two throws in the discus, Alleman's third throw was good enough to advance him to the finals where he finished third with a toss of 152'8".

Rowbotham crossed third in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a time of 54.06. In the qualifying heats of the 110-high hurdles, Rowbotham easily qualified for the finals but teammate Tom Pennella jumped the gun in his qualifying heat and was disqualified.

"Tom was so sad when that happened. He just threw his head back in disgust," commented Rowbotham.

In the 110 hurdle finals, Rowbotham, running in lane 3, finished third with a time of 14.64.

"It is a very exciting weekend for me. After not making it to the Meet of Champs last year, it was a real confidence booster making it in two of the hurdles," said Rowbotham. "I was low. I had good form. I am not going to complain about my time or my place."

Raider Brittney Veeck finished ninth in the 1,600 with a time of 5:16.31 and 11th in the 800 with a time of 2:20.37. Freshman Sarah Canfield took 10th in the triple jump with a distance of 33'10.5".

Viking Brian Guterl crossed first in the 1,600 meters with a time of 4:18.11 to earn 10 team points then he added another eight team points by finishing second in the 800 meters with a time of 1:54.48. The Viking boys 4x400 relay team finished fourth 3:27.59. Viking Katy Eppinger placed second in the girls high jump with a clearance of 5'4" and teammate Tiara Brown placed sixth with a height of 4'10". Jenn Seniszyn crossed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.61 and Genesis Fulmer took fifth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:08.11.



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EXHIBITING A LOT OF POWER...Raider Carlota Jones, top, placed first in the discus and fifth in the shot put to qualify for the Meet of Champions. Below, Raider Mike Alleman took second in the shot put and third in the discus.



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PERFORMING FIELDING HEROICS...Freshman third baseman Mike Ridge made several brilliant defensive stops in the first, second and sixth innings. Additionally, he bashed a two-run double and scored two runs to help lead the Raiders to a 12-9 victory over Elizabeth and the Watchung Conference title.

WOLFF TAPS KEY 2-RUN SINGLE, RIDGE GOES 3-FOR-3

Raiders Stop Elizabeth, 12-9, Capture WC Baseball Crown

By FRED LECOMTE
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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood baseball team broke a 9-9 tie with three runs in the sixth inning to grab a 12-9 victory over visiting Elizabeth on May 31 to claim the Watchung Conference championship. Senior Matt Wolff's bases-loaded two-run single and sophomore Kevin Maroney's RBI double performed the final heroics.

In two and one-third innings, starting pitcher Brian Piccolo allowed six runs, six hits and one walk. Reliever Will Hubbard, mainly a fastball pitcher, used his curveball and change-ups to limit the Minutemen to three runs on three hits, while recording four strikeouts and two walks.

"We jumped out to an early lead but hit some misfortunes in the third in-

ning. We made a couple of mistakes and they made us pay for it with eight runs. We brought in Hubbard and he did an outstanding job. He allowed our bats to work and catch up. Once we did, we were able to get the big hit to break it open," said Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock.

Elizabeth starting pitcher Roberto Ramos (4-2) scattered five hits, struck out five, walked seven and hit two batters in four and one-third innings. Offensively, Ramos smacked a home run in the sixth. Reliever Junior Livent allowed six hits, struck out two and walked two. Xavier Ysabel had a home run and two RBI.

Freshmen Joe D'Annunzio (2-for-2, 3 RBI) and Mike Ridge (3-for-3, 2-run double, 2 runs scored), seniors Greg Bayard (HR, RBI double) and

Jeremy Antoine (single, RBI sac fly) and Nick Bonadies (single) led the 19-8 Raiders.

The Raiders put four runs on the board in the bottom of the second inning. Bayard doubled and scored after James Dinizo walked and Bonadies followed with a single to center. D'Annunzio singled. Ridge walked and swiped a bag. Bonadies and D'Annunzio scored on an over-throw and Ridge sped home on an infield bobbie.

Piccolo struggled in the first two innings, but disaster struck in the top of the third inning when Elizabeth (18-9) tagged him for six runs on five hits to go with three miscues. Hubbard stepped in and served up a two-run homer to Ysabel to put the Minute-

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