

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES LOOKING AHEAD TO COLLEGE

David Burke Fairport High RIT



BURKE

Fairport High School senior two-sport athlete David Burke will attend Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall where he will continue playing lacrosse.

At Fairport, Burke played varsity football and lacrosse. He was captain of the lacrosse team his senior year and won the Spark Plug Award.

His other activities include coaching youth football for two years and coach youth lacrosse. He is also a member of the Assumption youth group.

The son of Jim and Sarah Burke, 153 Eaglesfield Way, Fairport, he will major in civil engineering technology. He will be receiving the Clifford-Bouley Scholarship.

Dan Scarazzo Fairport High Oswego State



SCARAZZO

Fairport High school senior Dan Scarazzo will attend Oswego State in the fall where he will continue his lacrosse career.

At Fairport, he played varsity lacrosse. He also helped coach a fifth and sixth-grade youth lacrosse team. His other activities

include Merit Roll student, and volunteering at the Perinton Rec. summer programs.

The son of David and Mary Kay Scarazzo, 29 Shadowmoor Dr., Fairport, he will major in elementary education at Oswego.

McMurtry is named Coach of the Year

First-time girls' varsity lacrosse coach takes top honor.

Fairport varsity girls' lacrosse coach Geoff McMurtry was recently selected as Monroe County Division I Coach of the Year.

In his first year as varsity coach, McMurtry led the girls from a 3-14 season the previous year to an 11-7 record this year.

"This award shows that my peers have recognized what we have done with the Fairport girls' lacrosse program," McMurtry says, adding that assistant coaches Lynne Cleveland Leary and Rich Allan were instrumental in the team's success.

He gives most of the credit to the team, though. "The girls have shown monumental improvement as a team. We can show them what to do, but they actually have to work hard and have the perseverance to apply those skills on the field," McMurtry adds. "I am proud of what they have achieved this year."

McMurtry, an estimator and project manager with general contractor Paul Davis Restoration, played lacrosse for the Rochester Greywolves



MCMURTRY

semi-pro team for three years, played four years on the SUNY Geneseo team, was named to the All SUNYAC team three years in a row, and played four years at Rush-Henrietta High School.

He coached four years with the Fairport Youth Lacrosse program and one year with the Gananda youth program. He began working with the Fairport schools program three years ago, running off-season leagues and tournaments for the girls JV and varsity teams.

Assistant Coach Leary retired from coaching lacrosse at the end of the season after serving the district for 10 years. The team expressed its gratitude for Leary's dedication at the recent end-of-the-season banquet. She continues to teach physical education at Brooks Hill Elementary School.

Assistant Coach Allan, a landscaper and owner of Dry Clean Express, expects to return next year.

Deady, Steenburgh named

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Plug Award were: Andrew Gaess, captain, cross country; Daniel Martin, captain, football; Corey Pender, captain, soccer; Michael Meller, volleyball; Gregory Rumsey, Alpine skiing; Cory Magee, basketball; George Hobson, bowling; Andrew Gaess, captain, Nordic skiing; Geoffrey Mayor, captain, ice hockey; Dan Reilly, indoor track; Peter Koenig, swimming; Seth Elvin, wrestling; Dan Martin, baseball; Ricky Brienzi, golf; David Burke, lacrosse; Matt Aquino, tennis; and Johathan Metzger, track and field.

Girls earning the Spark Plug

Awards were: Jessica Corso, fall cheerleading; Violet Uttaro, cross country; Michelle Peters, field hockey; Carolyn Bennett, golf; Nicole Alhart, captain, gymnastics; Meghan Zumbo, captain, soccer; Carly Collan, swimming; Stephanie Boland, captain, tennis; Lauren Tonetti, captain, Alpine skiing; Elizabeth Herman, basketball; Lisa Jennings, winter cheerleading; Allison Straw, captain, Nordic skiing; Kayla Summerville, bowling; Katherine McElhearn, captain, indoor track; Tara Brooks, volleyball; Katie Monaghan, lacrosse; Heather Bitgood, softball and Katherine McElhearn, track and field.

Fairport boys compete at state meet

Matt Deady runs to a personal best in the 1600-meter run.

The New York State Track and Field Championships were held at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10. Seven athletes represented the Fairport varsity boys track and field team. State and Federation championships were determined at this event.

The state championships include all sanctioned public schools in New York state, while the Federation championships include all public schools as well as private, parochial and home schooled student-athletes.

Junior Kris Williams competed in the pole vault event on Friday. Under difficult conditions, Williams topped 13' to place ninth in the Large Schools division. Williams' height was good for a 13th place in the Federation rankings. Williams has had a successful junior year season and his vault of 14' 6" at the state qualifier a week ago put him third on the all-time best pole



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kris Williams cleared 13-feet in the pole vault event to place ninth on Friday in the Large Schools division.

vault list at Fairport High School.

Senior Matt Deady raced to a personal best time of 4:21.74 in the 1600-meter run on Sat-

urday. Racing during the pouring rain, Deady placed 11th in the Large Schools division I, and went on to place 15th in the Federation rankings out of

33 of the best distance runners in New York state. Deady's time places him seventh on the all-time best list of Fairport High School 1600 runners.

Fairport's 4 x 800 relay team waited until nearly the end of the state meet to compete on Saturday. Junior Dan Reilly lined up at the start for Fairport, getting out to a fast start and matching his personal best split to maintain good position for Fairport. Next up was sophomore Pat Dupont, who also matched his personal best split.

Fairport's senior leaders, Joey Priola and Matt Deady, were the final two runners in the relay. Deady crossed the finish line in 8:09.30. The 4 x 800 relay placed 13th in Division I, and 15th in the Federation rankings with 31 teams competing. Alternates for the 4 x 800 relay who traveled to the state meet were junior Jon Metzger and sophomore Teddy Taggart. The 4 x 800 relay team had their best time of the season at last week's state qualifier which placed them second on the all-time best Fairport list.

Steenburgh competes at her 5th state meet

Megan Steenburgh, one of the four, senior captains on the Fairport girls' track and field team, competed in her fifth New York State Track and Field Championships at St. Lawrence University on Friday, June 9, on a cloudy and threatening day.

In the 800-meter race, first of two heats in Division I, Megan went immediately to the front pack with elbows being thrown as in a running fist fight—it was big-time racing, high stakes for the aggressors, and spoils for the rest.

Megan battled. Through the first and second turns, it was tight but the nine runners in the heat stretched out with exhaustion masking many faces. Megan came through her first 400 meters quickly in 64.6, her fastest split this season, but some two seconds behind the lead pack of runners. As the race rounded the

second turn of the last lap of the race, the dozen or so half lappers stretched out in a long, colorful line of race singlets and shorts worn by the qualifiers from all over New York state.

In the end, two seconds separated the top five runners with Century Williams of St. John's Prep the winner in 2:15.98; Christine Spreche of Orchard Park was second, .09 seconds back; Ashley Armand, of Martin Van Buren was third in 2:16.55. Megan Steenburgh finished seventh.

In the second heat of Division I, the race was taken over by Kristy Longman, a junior from Sayville, who broke a sizable gap between herself and her pursuers with her opening 62.8 first lap of the race. However, by 600 meters, the race took on a different complexion as a number of other runners took a bead on Longman

and began closing the sizable gap even more with the front runner of the race. The growing pack of runners was held together with the anxiety of a championship race—fast and gutsy at this level of competition—and the understanding the prize was theirs for the taking.

As the field came around the last turn, the threatening pack began to stream out like a vapor trails behind a jet, which is what Longman and Sarah McCurdy, a sophomore from Bay Shore, seemed to have propelling them as they came to the finish line almost stride for stride—and well ahead of the rest of their pursuers.

In the end, both girls ran very quickly, 2:09.49 and 2:09.59 respectively, to finish first and second in Division I. They were the two fastest of all runners in both Division I

and II. Longman's splits were 62.8 and 66.9.

Steenburgh ran 2:21.01 to finish 16th overall, and seventh with splits of 64.8 and 76.3. It was one of her fastest times this season and was a good effort especially coming back from bronchitis in the last several weeks of her season.

Steenburgh will continue her running at the University of Connecticut where she will run cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

The Scholar Athlete Award was posted at the NYS Track & Field Championships and the Fairport girls track team, with its 97.036 team average, was the top Scholar Athlete team in Section 5 and the 29th best in NYS with over 400 teams competing for the award. They finished in the top seven percent in New York of all schools.

'We had an unbelievable year'

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pitch and scored on Kenny's hit to center.

The Raiders loaded the bases with one out in the seventh. Mark Bruce was hit by a pitch. Conor McKenna's fly to right appeared to be a easy catch, but the fielder dropped the ball, as Bruce just beat the throw to second on the attempted force out.

Dan Martin walked to load the bases, but a double play ball ended the game.

"After they get through this and they let things sink in, they'll be able to think about just what they did accomplish," Granger said.

Fairport finished the season with a 21-5 record.

Commenting on his seniors, the coach said, "We're losing a great group of seniors. They've set the bar very, very high for kids to follow. That's going to be hard to do."

Fairport-McQuaid

On Monday night, June 5, the Red Raiders were back to work after winning the sectionals the previous Friday night.

This time, Fairport was matched up against the Class AA champion McQuaid for the right to represent Section 5 in the state playoffs.

This one was over early. The Knights showed up minus their scheduled pitcher. Fairport took advantage of that and scored 10 runs in the first inning.

Dan Martin reached on an error and Andy Gardner followed with a single. Erik Miller followed with a single to plate Martin.

Nick Caliguri walked before Aron Meindl singled to



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Brandon DeRosa rounds third and scores Fairport's lone run in the sixth inning.

drive home two more runs.

Mark Bruce was intentionally walked to load the bases and Corey Goeggelman walked to force home the fourth run. Ryan Kenny singled to drive home the fifth and sixth runs. Martin kept the inning alive with a single to plate the seventh run. Gardner singled to drive home another run and Miller doubled to score the final two runs.

McQuaid got one run back in the bottom of the second before Fairport scored three in the fourth and five in the fifth.

Defense kept McQuaid off

the board the rest of the way as the Raiders won 18-1.

Meindl got the start on the hill for Fairport and scattered seven hits while striking out three and walking three. He was in control all the way. He also had good support, with some timely fielding. He got the key outs when he needed them.

Coach Granger put in a number of subs in the seventh inning to finish the game.

Fairport-Orchard Park

The Red Raiders were back in action Tuesday, June 6, as Fairport faced Section 6 champion Orchard Park for

the Western Regional crown.

The game was close the whole way with Fairport winning 4-3 in nine innings.

Orchard Park jumped ahead 1-0 in the top of the second inning. Fairport answered back with a run in the bottom of the second as Caliguri led off with a single and was stopped at second on a fielder's choice. With one out, Nick Alongi singled and was erased on a fielder's choice. Finally, Meindl scored on a passed ball to knot the game at 1-1.

Fairport took the lead in the sixth. With two outs, Gardner walked and moved to second on a wild throw from the pitcher. Miller followed with a single to plate Gardner for the 2-1 lead.

OP got two back in the top of the seventh, but Fairport tied the game in the bottom of the seventh. Meindl singled and Alongi walked. Both runners moved up on a sac bunt. With two outs, Kenny got a clutch single to plate Meindl. Alongi was called out at home as the outfielder made a perfect throw to the plate.

Finally in the bottom of the ninth, Meindl got a one-out single. Alongi walked and Goeggelman singled to load the bases. Brian Connell walked to force home the winning run.

Brandon DeRosa pitched a nine-inning complete game throwing 139 pitches. He scattered seven hits, three runs, but no earned runs. He had nine strikeouts and walked two.

Offensively, Meindl led the team at the plate going 2-for-4 with three runs scored.

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