

**BOYS TRACK WINS AT SECTIONALS  
4X8, GEIGER & KILLIAN WIN  
STATES THIS WEEK  
NEW SCHOOL RECORD AND TWO ALMOST**

**After winning the Niagara Frontier Title last weekend, it's hard to believe that there could be one better. Grand Island Track & Field team was a force at sectionals and crowned two individual champions and the undefeated 4x800 relay team was victorious.**

**Saturday was a big day for the Vikings. Senior Derek Geiger began the day after a 2 hour delay by winning the 3000m Steeplechase with a personal best of 10:07.28. "It was pretty impressive for Derek to win this event since we don't even have a steeplechase water jump and barriers to practice with," noted Coach Don Sauer. "His Dad made us one barrier last year and Derek practices with it using the long jump pit as a water barrier to practice his push off for the water jump. Since our track doesn't have a water jump pit, it's the best we can do for now." Next week at States he'll face stiffer competition and will go for the school record of 9:58. Geiger dropped 12 seconds of his previous effort at the Batavia Invite.**

**Ithaca-bound Matt Killian broke the school record in the 400 Intermediate Hurdles with a 55.70 breaking the old record of 56.2 by John Connors. His win was most impressive. Coming over hurdle number 7 he had dropped to third place, but he put it in overdrive. By the 10<sup>th</sup> hurdle he was even and then pulled away from the competition the last 15 meters. "Matt ran a perfect race, got out fast, 'floated' and then began to accelerate and had a great finish". Sauer noted that he worked on the beginning of his race earlier in the week**

and then worked on his finish the last couple of days. “We’ll do a little ‘fine tuning’ this week.”

The best was saved for last as the 4x800 relay is the top rated team in Section VI all season. The top prediction was Will-North and Clarence would upset the Vikings. NOT TODAY! Derek Geiger led off with a 2:00 was in second place. Brendon Lutnick was second runner and re-took the lead running a 2:02 effort. Chris Meyer ran third leg and fought off his opponent with a 1:59 split and gave Nick Masiello a couple stride lead. Again, challenged by North and Clarence he battled and in the second lap with 300 to go began pulling away winning to secure the win. “They ran incredible today”, an excited coach proclaimed. “I told them to believe in each other and the rest will work out”. “Lutnick has been nursing a sore leg all week, Meyer got poison ivy, so they were a bit apprehensive before the race”. Their time was a mere second from the school record of 8:03 running 8:04.83. That will be the goal for next week at States.