

## WHS Track Competes At Mountaineer Open

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The Watauga High boys and girls indoor track team sent a very limited number of its athletes to the Mountaineer Open at Appalachian State University to compete Saturday. The meet was a late

additiion to the schedule, according to indoor coach Kevin Shaw. And the Pioneers, despite their limited numbers, did pretty well. WHS won six events. Madison Harman won the girls 1,600-meter run in 5:30.05; Justin Hall was a dual winner as he finished first in two events, the boys 300-meter run (38.60) and the long jump (18-feet, two-inches). Luke Johnson won the boys 1,000 (2:58.47); Michael Holland won the boys 1,600 (4:51.19); Zach Styron won the 55-meter hurdles (8.96 seconds).

Lily Weeks finished second in the girls 800 (1:26.79), Taylor Drummonds finished second in the girls pole vault with an effort of 9-feet, 10-inches; Sequoya Wildwyn-Dechter finished second in two events, the boys 55-meter dash (7.39 seconds) and the long jump (17-10); Matthew Osborne was second in the boys 1,600 (5:00.62); Patrick Burton finished second in the 55 hurdles (10.63).

Savannah Drummonds finished fourth in the girls pole vault (8-4), Darby Middlebrook, who suffered a broken leg in the Class 4A Western Regional in cross country last fall, made her first appearance of the year with the track team and competed in the shot put event. Middlebrook, who has made a verbal commitment to attend the University of Michigan next fall, finished sixth with a throw of 17-feet, 8.25-inches.

Styron finished fourth in the boys 300 (40.19), Burton was sixth (46.17); Drew Boyette finished third in the boys 1,000 (3:03.04), Jacob Soule finished fourth (3:08.76), and Caleb Wysor was eighth (6:09.76); Josh Anderson finished third in the boys 1,600 (5:10.36), Will Vandenberg was fifth (5:35.78).

WHS travels to the JDL Fast Track in Winston-Salem, N.C., for its final meet of the regular season Friday and Saturday. The state finals will be held in at the JDL Fast Track in Winston-Salem on Saturday, February 9.