

# Youth Running

The Gate City Youth team completed a successful series of track meets this spring. They started off at the Amherst relays, with teams in the Distance Medley (first and second), the Four by 200 (first and second), the Four by 800 (first), and the Sprint Medley (first). The following weekend, the team participated in the Amherst Track meet. It was a long, hot day, but the distance events were dominated by the Strider girls in the Youth and Midget divisions. This meet was used as a tune up for the USATF Championship meets. The USATF-NE meet was held at Bryant College in Rhode Island on a cool rainy day. In the Midget Division, Lindsay Panny placed third in the 400 and 800 meter runs and second in the 1500. Chantal Croteau placed first in the 3000 and fourth in the 1500, while Ashley Neville was fourth in the 3000 and second in the Javelin. All three qualified to advance to the Region 1 meet. The Youth Division saw similar successful races. Noelle Horelik placed a strong fourth in the 400. Ashley Morgenstern was second in the 1500 and fourth in the 800. The Strider girls dominated the 3000, with Nicole Slane (first), Mindy Adams (fourth), Kaitlin Burnett (fifth) and Brittney Plante (sixth) all qualifying for the Region 1 meet. In the Bantam Boys division, Nick Fischetti was ninth in the 200 and fourth in the 800, while Steffan Morgenstern was eighth in the long jump and sixth in the 800. In the Youth Boys division we had two striders that ran

under the colors of the Granite State Flash. Anthony Merra was fifth in the 1500, while Mike Neville was third in the 1500 and second in the 3000. The following weekend was the Region 1 meet at Mitchell Field in Long Island. The day was very hot and humid and the meet ran well behind schedule.

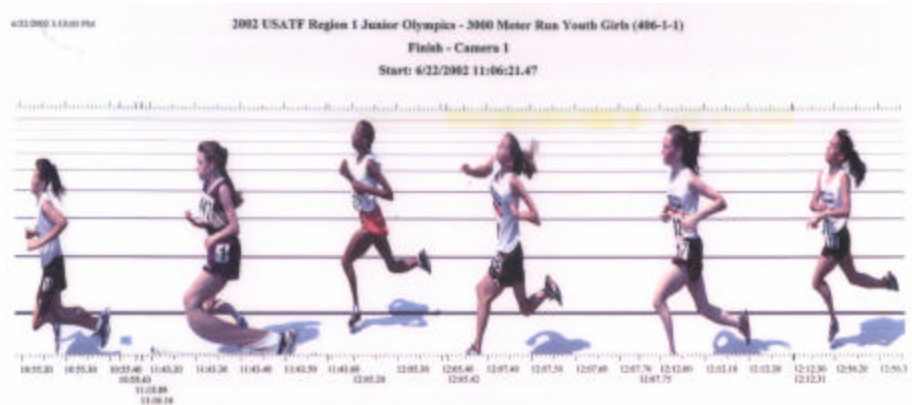
All of our qualifiers except Lindsay and Nick were able to make it to the meet. The first race of the day was the 3000. Nicole won easily by over 50 seconds; Mindy and Brittney ran a very smart race, with Mindy dueling over the last 400 meters for the third place. She placed fourth, Brittney was fifth

1500 meter run was late in the afternoon. Ashley ran strong race and placed fifth. She then came back a few minutes later and placed ninth in the 800. Ashley Neville, in only her second competition in the Javelin placed eighth. The last race for the girls was the four by 800 relay. Noelle Horelik



Noelle, Mindy, Kaitlin, Brittney

led off and had the team in fourth place. She passed it off to Mindy who held that position. The third runner was Kaitlin who made up a 40 meter deficit and passed it off to Brittney with a comfortable



and Kaitlin was sixth. In the Midget 3000, both Chantal and Ashley were below par under the conditions. Chantal was fifth and Ashley was ninth. In the youth 400, Noelle placed ninth. The

lead in third place. Brittney carried the baton home to secure the third place medals. On the boy's side, Steffan was tenth in the 800, while Mike was eighth in the 3000.