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Records fall at Yamamoto Invitational

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WAILUKU — It was a night of record-setting performances by both Maui Interscholastic League and Mainland athletes at the Satoki Yamamoto Invitational finals on Saturday.

Highland (Calif.) sophomore Jessica Davis set three marks at Yamamoto Track & Field Facility, at 100, 200 and 400 meters.

"I feel great, I feel elated. My first time in Hawaii, I'm setting records, (I'm a) sophomore, I'm doing pretty good," Davis said.

Davis had a time of 11.99 seconds in the 100. Kauai's Tiffany Ikeda-Simao was the runner-up in 12.46.

Davis also ran a 24.75 in the 200, edging Seabury Hall's Kailea Tracy-Visintainer (25.02). The two went head-to-head again in the 400, with Davis clocking a 57.41 and Tracy-Visintainer a 58.68.

"It's a little harder in California, but it's still hard out here, too," Davis said of the competition she faced. "Running with fast girls, my speed, I have to catch them — it's pretty hard out here."

Mainland competition benefits the MIL athletes, said Lahainaluna junior Jordyn Kilgore.

"It's good because it helps me keep my game up, because against the same people, it's OK, but when you have newer, fresh people, even when they're better than you, it helps you to motivate yourself to be better," said Kilgore, who competed in four events. "That's what I like about it."

Kilgore placed first in the long jump, with a distance of 16 feet,

7 1/2 inches, and in the triple jump at 34-4 1/2.

She also placed second in the 100 high hurdles with a time of 16.75, behind Highland's Aiyana Walsh (16.67), who won the 300 low hurdles as well, in 48.96.

A disqualification cost the Lahainaluna girls 400 relay team a gold medal.

"I came in first in the relay but I stepped out of bounds, so that really killed it," Kilgore said. "I'm pretty much trying to work on the hurdles — it's my newest event, so I'm trying to get better at those."

Bailey Massenburt of King Kekaulike won the 1,500 (4:59.74) and 3,000 (11:14.31).

Baldwin's Kalei Kamahele set meet records in the 100 (11.04) and 200 (22.16).

The Bears' Joey Amescua won the 800 in a meet-record time of 2:02.13.

"I was just trying to get mentally into it, trying to break down the race for myself," Amescua said. "I knew my competition was Jeremy (Acosta) from Highland and, of course, (King Kekaulike's) Reid Hunter.

"I'm really glad that Reid's running this race again because he's my main competition right now and he's really pushing me to do better."

Hunter was the runner-up in 2:02.24 and Acosta was third in 2:03.20.

Hunter also set a meet record in the 1,500 in 4:15.33, finishing more than 13 seconds ahead of Highland's Jose Espeleta, who took first in a tight three-way finish in the boys 400 with a time of 53.07, with King Kekaulike's Jesse Henderson coming in on his heels at 53.12 and Lahainaluna's Matthew Lawless taking third in 53.16.

"Good competition shows you where you're at right now, not just on the islands but across the nation," Amescua said.

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Participants in the girls 100-meter hurdles compete Saturday evening in the finals of the Satoki Yamamoto Invitational.
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