



### **NEW BALANCE INDOOR NATIONALS**

Pictured is Malakai Schaad's uniform and competition number

On Saturday, March 12th, Senior Malakai Schaad competed in the New Balance Indoor National Championship Meet. Malakai's previous performances qualified him for the competition that saw over 1000 athletes take part in all of the various Track and Field events. The meet was held over two days (Friday, March 11th & Saturday, March 12th.) The meet was held at "The Armory" which

is a state of the art facility. Simply put, one of the best facilities in the WORLD. The facility rests in the bustling New York borough of Manhattan. The competition fields were the best of the best in each and every event.

Malakai has been working very hard for several years now and those efforts have been rewarded with a plethora of success. He is also developing quite an impressive resume in regards to competitive experience. Each and every elite competition that Malakai has been able to participate is "Priceless" in regards to value. The Schaad boys (Malakai, Cooper, and Finn) have hit the "Jackpot". They have been blessed with parents (Gwen & Jason) who support their extracurricular activities heart and soul. Thus, no one was surprised to hear that both of them traveled with Malakai to the competition. This wasn't their "First Rodeo" and their boys are VERY lucky to have such supportive parents.

Malakai's competition was in the "Elite" Pole Vault Competition. The field events were measured in metric but I will talk about his jumps in ENGLISH. I am "Old School" and understand that a LOT better. Malakai entered the competition at 13' 09 1/4" (4.20 meters) and cleared it on his second attempt. He next jumped at 14' 03 1/4" (4.35 meters) and cleared that height on his first attempt. Up next was 14' 09" (4.50 meters) and he cleared it on his 3rd and final attempt. Then, the bar was moved up to 15' 03" (4.65 meters) where he took three great attempts but failed to clear the height.

Way to go, Malakai. You were competing against many of the top high school vaulters in the country. Malakai's clearance was matched by 9 other athletes whose place was determined on "Misses". Only 15 vaulters cleared a higher height than he did. All the best in the coming weeks and months as you and your brother, Cooper, continue to Re-Write the Geneseo Pole Vault History. They are affectionately known as "The Flying Schaads". May you Fly High and Safe. God Bless.

MEET: The New Balance Indoor Nationals  
 DATE: March 11 & 12, 2022  
 SITE: The Armory in New York, New York  
 MEASUREMENTS: Metric

1) Jack Vecillio (12) Gil – MA	5.05m (16' 06 ¾")
2) Dallin Thornton (12) South Jordan – UT	5.05m
3) Justin Rogers (12) Hummelstown – PA	5.05m
4) Colton Rhodes (12) Spring – TX	5.05m
5) Beau Domingue (12) Hammond – LA	5.05m
6) Cody Johnson (11) Hobert – IN	4.95m (16' 02 ¾")
7) Wyatt Stewart (??) Kaizen Pole Vault	4.95m
8) Jackson Shellhauss (12) Rossburg – OH	4.65m (15' 03")
9) Nickolas Lourencu (12) Assisi	4.65m
10) Max Zuckerman (12) Pascack Hill T.C.	4.65m
11) Jarod White (??) Fleigle's Flyers	4.65m
12) Nick Molloy (12) Naples – FL	4.65m
13) Efram Melendez (12) Laredo – TX	4.65m
14) Connor Munson (12) Washington – NJ	4.65m
15) Walker Van Kirk (12) Williamsburg – VA	4.65m
16) Charles Cruse (12) Bloomington – IL	4.50m (14' 09")
17) Dave Adams (12) Indian Valley T.C.	4.50m
18) Paul Migas (10) Lake Villa – IL	4.50m
19) Jackson Merrill (11) Orem – UT	4.50m
20) Jacob Niedziecki (12) Panthers – OH	4.50m
21) Jackson Wray (??) Above the bar T.C.	4.50m
22) Samuel Starrs (12) Ijamsville – MD	4.50m
23) Daniel Edwards (11) Gales T.C. – OH	4.50m
24) Malakai Schaad (12) Geneseo – IL	4.50m
25) Andrew Layton (11) Waynesburg Cen. T.C.	4.50m
26) Payton Culp (12) Axis Athletics – TN	4.35m (14' 03 ¼")
27) Keagan Mancabelli (??) Mac's T.C.	4.20m (13' 09 ¼")
28) Daniel Munro (12) Penncrest T.C.	4.00m (13' 01 ½")
Carter Tinneman (12) Milton Union T.C.	NH
Carter Ellis (12) Hoover – AL	NH

Geneseo Senior Malakai Schaad qualified for the New Balance Indoor Nationals Meet. The meet contained many of our Nation's Best High School Track and Field Athletes. Over 1000 athletes competed over the two-day event. Malakai participated in the Elite Pole Vault Competition. His performance would have placed first in the St. Ambrose Meet so he was awarded 10 Varsity Points.

Malakai 13-09 1/4 XO  
 14-03 1/4 O  
 14-09 XXO  
 15-03 XXX