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Good fortune on track for Lady Dutch

By Tim Matteson, GUILDERLAND - The Guilderland girls' track team full of promise this past season.

"It was the first time in three or four years that we beat Columbia and Burst Hillel," said Guilderland Coach Dick Usher. "I would say it was a successful season."

Deanna Wachtel was the top performer for Guilderland this season, Usher said. She was the only athlete to make the State Qualifier Meet in Johnstown on Friday. She finished third in the 400-meter hurdles.

"She was so excited about the state qualifier and was named the team's most valuable performer," Usher said. "She crammed well, but she wanted to run at least 65 seconds." The fastest Wachtel ran the hurdles this season was 65.26 seconds.

Through Wachtel was the only Guilderland competitor at the state qualifier and was named the team's most valuable performer, Usher said other athletes did well during the season.

"The 4x800, 4x400, and 4x100 were very competitive," the coach said of relay teams. "Because of injuries or vacations, we had to change it around," Usher said.

"We have only three seniors," Usher said. "The future looks good.""