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umph at Shawsheen home run for a 3-2 tri day night as Billerica ful fashion on Monsnapped in painthree-game win stream baseball team saw its 440 American Legion The Newton Post hit a two-run, walk-ofi

Chelmsford last tory against North an 8-7 walk-off vicfrom down 7-3 for straight victories Sunday. beat Malden, 6-3, on Reading on Friday and as Newton rallied the heels of three 16-4 victory against Thursday, rolled to a The loss came or

8 with one make-up lar season, Post 440 will begin play in the game left in the regu nament early next Chairman's Cup tour Newton sits at 11-

attempt to keep its North Chelmsford as shutout relief against pitched four innings of Newton rallied in an Hector Coscione

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TRACK & FIELD

Newton duo on Nationals tour

Martin, Prior to compete in Jr. Olympics in N. Carolina

By Scott Souza ssouza@wickedlocal.com

site sides of town as part Newton North programs, of the Newton South and be competing on oppotin and Jared Prior will field athletes Clare Marthis fall, Newton track and respectively. WALTHAM - Starting

er, both are representing Greensboro, N.C. the Waltham Youth Track National Championship in Club at the Junior Olympic This week, howev-

graduate who will be a national meet, but his first at North, will be making who will be a sophomore ing in cross country. Prior, als as a track athlete afin her first trip to Nationthis fall, will run the 1,500 Brown Middle ously going independently with the WTC after previter previously competfreshman at South High his fourth appearance at a Martin, the School recent

and with a contingent of North High teammates.

hopes with them to North that they were taking high Gould Track last week tice at Waltham's J. Lee Carolina. Both said during a prac-

might just be able to move it to the final race of the ning the event at the Reminutes in the 1,500," said But if I run a good race, I ing to be really hard to do. "My other goal - which is a gion 1 Championships in 1,500 meters after win-Martin, who will run in the 1,500 meters. Only the top bit of a stretch - is to make New York two weeks ago. 12 qualify. I know it's go-13-14 girls division of the "My goal is to get sub-5

so eyeing a possible spot in the 15-16 boys national jump this spring, was alperformance in the long championships with his ern Mass. and All-States to the Division 1 East-Prior, who helped North

finals with a good jump af-Region I final in New York ter also taking first at the

jumps, and to get in the fijumpers doing much betto have a big jump." I've been fouling a lot of to go down there and do. importance of when I exter than I am. I have starthe said. "There are a lot of nals down there I will need ecute. That's what I want ed to really appreciate the "It's a very deep meet,"

of WTC and the All-State who was both a member his older sister, Kayla, track and field team a year champion North girls last year at the urging of Prior joined the WTC

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PRAWOKO ED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ERIN in Greensboro, N.C. WICKpic Nationals 1,500 metham for the Junior Olymtrains last week in Wal-**Newton's Clare Martin** ters to be held this week



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"It helps a lot that she did it," he said. "It's pretty much why I'm here. Before I started doing track, she was nagging a lot that I should try track. So I started out at the middle school. Then when I realized I wanted to be serious about it, I started coming here when I got to the high school just to get the technical stuff down.

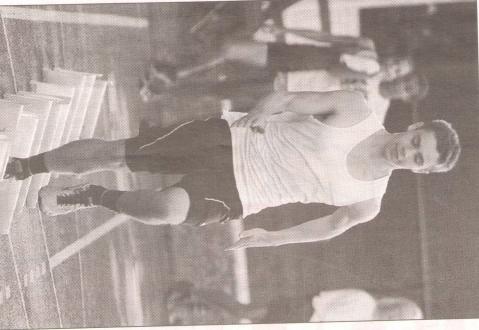
"I first jumped 20 feet in eighth grade. I thought that I did that without yet being super special in form. So I thought track

was my sport."

Martin joined the WTC as a cross country runner and recently branched out to track as she looks forward to doing distance races at South High next year.

"It's nice doing track because you can always try different events," she said. "If you're a distance runner, you can do the 800, 1,500, 3K, whereas in cross country you have a specific distance, and you have to do that. So it's nice to get some variation."

With temperatures expected to be hovering near 90 degrees with high



Newton's Jared Prior warms up for a workout at Waltham's Leary Field last week in advance of this week's Junior Olympic Nationals where he will long jump.

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humidity in Greensboro this week, Martin knew she would be looking at a much different scene than she did during the Junior

ro Olympic Cross Country
w Nationals held in Decema ber. "It will be a lot warman er, especially on the track
or because it radiates heat,"

she said. "It's going to be faster. There's definitely strategy and not start out grass or the dirt. In track, what's your to oting on the about the wilderness and tics. In cross country, it's all going to be different tacyour game plan." Less than a month after she retoo fast even though other pack. "You have to use your it's all about running in the people may start out fast turns from North Carorun for South cross counof the Lions, where she will her WTC uniform for that for WTC president and lina, where she will run You can't let that change try and track coach Steve Tranchita, she will trade in North girls track coach Joe McChesney.

"It's weird because he's my coach now," she said of Tranchita, "and next year we'll be rivals."

The Newton athletes were two of the WTC's 25 national qualifiers from the Region 1 meet. Newton's Adrianna Batista, Orenna Brand, Max Hernandez and Rose Teszler also competed in New York. The Junior Olympic Nationals began Monday and conclude on Sunday. Scott Souza can be reached at 781-398-8006 or ssouza @wickedlocal.com.