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Gonzales' hot start continues early in season

OBSERVER Staff Reports

LAKEWOOD - Alex Gonzales continued his hot start to the high school cross country season, claiming his second first-place finish Tuesday during the Marauder's CCAA league meet at Southwestern High School.



"Alex ran with the second- and third-place boys for the first lap," Dunkirk head coach Kurt Warmbrodt said. "That was our plan. Then he ran the second loop all out, so he just took off and they couldn't stay with him. It was another good training day for Alex."

Gonzales finished the 3.1-mile course in a time of 18:00, 1:29 ahead of second place finisher Paul Armstrong (Southwestern) and 1:47 faster than Allegany-Limestone's Jeff Elwell.

The Gators finished first on the day with 43 points, beating the Trojans, who also finished with 43 points, on a tie-breaker. Sherman was third with 64 points and Dunkirk fourth with 69.

Also for Dunkirk, Jeremy Kozlowski finished 12th in a time of 21:46, Tom Warmbrodt 16th (22:15), Jon Fountain 18th (22:29) and Jake Meder 23rd (23:05).

In the girls' meet, Sherman's Holly Eliason was the top finisher, crossing the finish line in a time of 20:19.

"The girl from Sherman would've placed fifth in the boys' race," Warmbrodt said. "She's obviously a very talented runner."

Allegany-Limestone's Alyssa Stroud finished second in a time of 23:25, helping the Lady Gators win the meet, as they finished with 35 points and were followed by Sherman (40) and Southwestern (45). Dunkirk finished incomplete.

Lady Trojan Andrea O'Boyle finished third in a time of 24:16 while the Lady Marauders' lone runners, Alyssa Loveland (37:41) and Nicole Bannister (38:58), finished 24th and 25th, respectively.

Fredonia boys hands Gowanda first league loss in two years

GOWANDA - For the first time in two years, the Gowanda boys' cross country team dropped a league meet as the Fredonia Hillbillies edged out a one-point victory over the Division foe.

Fredonia finished with 34 points, followed by Gowanda 35, Maple Grove 56, Frewsburg 86 and Maritime 114.

Fredonia's Josh Szukala placed second with a time of 15:10 in the 2.4-mile Collins Conservation Club. Gowanda's Kevin Brown was nine seconds behind him to take third place. Fredonia's Matt Meredith placed fourth with a time of 15:36 while Gowanda's Kris Kruszka had a time of 15:36 to take fifth. Alex Crise placed sixth for the Hillbillies with a time of 15:38 followed by Gowanda's Christian Igieliski (16:03), Taylor Nielson (16:08) and Fredonia's Mark Dudek (16:08).

In the girls' meet, the Lady Red Dragons ran away with the win with 19 points. They were followed by Fredonia's 52 points, Gowanda's 63 and Frewsburg's 77 points. Maritime was incomplete.



Gowanda's Emily Steves took third place with a time of 17:57 while Fredonia's Jessica Swoyer placed sixth with a time of 19:06. Alissa Goot placed 10th for the Lady Hillbillies.

Silver Creek has strong showing in Falconer

FALCONER - The Silver Creek Black Knights had an admirable showing in a high school cross country meet Tuesday.

In the boys' meet, Olean won with 27 points, followed by Falconer 31 and Silver Creek with 64. Joe Capitano placed 10th for the Black Knights at the 3.1-mile course at Breezewood Golf Course.

In the girls' meet, Falconer narrowly escaped with a win with 21 points while Silver Creek had 34 and Olean was incomplete. Hannah Ciders took third place for the Black Knights while Lauren Johengen placed fifth. Patricia Pfleuger took eighth followed by teammate Marissa Carlen at ninth.