



Off and running

Hillbillies win both races, Gonzales takes first

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The Fredonia Hillbillies enjoyed home field advantage Tuesday in their only home meet of the season, winning both the boys' race and the girls' race.

In the girls' race, Fredonia finished with 19 points, followed by Randolph 53 and Silver Creek 69. Dunkirk finished the race incomplete.

The Lady Hillbillies had seven runners place in the top 10, led by Lauren Reyda's first-place finish with a time of 21:04. Jessica Swoyer placed second at 21:12. Michaela Tramuta placed fourth at 22:01 followed by teammate Alyssa Goot at 22:18. Maitland Langworthy placed seventh with a time of 22:32 while Brittany Campaign took eighth, crossing the finish line in 22:34. Tenth place went to Jillian Kowalski (22:53).

Silver Creek's Hannah Seiders placed third with a time of 21:42.

"I am very happy with how the girls ran," Fredonia coach Carol Zirkle said. "Swoyer ran a tremendous race for us. She has really moved up and is close to being the top runner. Langworthy ran another great race."

In the boys' race, Fredonia took first with 20 points, followed by Dunkirk at 56, Silver Creek at 57 and Randolph was incomplete.

The Marauders' Alex Gonzales placed first with a time of 17:34 while teammate Tom Warmbrodt placed eighth with a time of 19:22.

"He must've had a bad race last year," Warmbrodt said of his son Tom's time. "Because he dropped 4:30 off his time, but he had a good race today - 19:22 is very respectable for a course like (Lake Erie State Park), so I'm happy to see him run this well."

Fredonia took places two through six, led by Matt Meredith finishing at 18:30. Teammates Alex Crise (18:30), Josh Szukala (18:31), Chaz Mancino (18:31) and Mark Dudek (18:31) followed. Jacob Brown placed ninth at 19:35 and Silver Creek's Jarrid Ringer took 10th at 19:39.

Zirkle noted it was the last time the Fredonia seniors would race at Lake Erie State Park.

Those seniors include Swoyer, Goot, Katie Muldowney, Meredith, Sterling Pratt, Zach Brooks, Brian Tact, James Hobbs and Vincent Ippolito.

"We wish our seniors the best of luck," she said. "We thanks those seniors for their years of dedication and wish them all the best."

Steves leads Gowanda to victory

FRANKLINVILLE - Emily Steves took first place Tuesday to lead the Gowanda Lady Panthers to a high school cross country victory.



The Lady Panthers finished with 27 points, followed by Allegany-Limestone with 31 points. Franklinville and Olean were incomplete.

Steves completed the 3.1-mile course in 20:44. Second place went to Olean's Kelsey Branch with a time of 21:28. Finishing in the top 10 for Gowanda were Eryka Kusiowski (sixth, 23:48), Elizabeth Omicioli (seventh, 23:58) and Katie Stang (ninth, 24:15).

"We knew it would be a close race and we needed the girls to have a good day if we were going to win," Gowanda coach Pete Palmer said.