

## **MG's Benson, Wefing Take Firsts At Sectionals**

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ELMA - Maple Grove's entire girls team and Corey Wefing of the boys squad earned spots in the state championships during the Section 6 Cross Country Championships at Elma Meadows on Friday.

The Maple Grove girls took the Class D title with 20 points while Barker was second (67), Randolph followed with 78, then Sherman (105), Silver Creek (118), Frewsburg (132) and Ripley was incomplete.

Caroline Benson of Maple Grove was the overall winner with a time of 20:33 while teammate Megan Marsh was second (20:36) and Hope Pietrocarlo took third place (20:37).

Megan Stewart of Randolph was fourth (21:18), Sherman's Holly Eliason was also earned a state berth by finishing with a time of 21:29. Maple Grove's Taylor Norris was sixth while Hannah Seiders from Silver Creek took seventh (21:42) to also earn a state championship slot.

Maple Grove's Katelyn Benson was eighth and teammate Abby Sirwatka finished ninth.

In the Class D boys race, Wefing ran the muddy and wet 3.1-mile course in 17:50 to take first place overall.

Other state qualifiers were Hunter Lienhart from Randolph, who finished sixth with a time of 18:51, Jarred Ringer of Silver Creek was seventh (18:52), Frewsburg's Nick Holsinger took ninth (18:59) and Ryan Carpenter of Sherman finished 10th (19:15).

Barker took the overall team title with 21 points, followed by Maple Grove (57), Silver Creek (87), Frewsburg (95), Sherman (128), Franklinville (157), Ripley (198) and Randolph was incomplete.

Maple Grove's Nick Zuroski held a 30-yard lead in the race, but went down approximately 50 yards from the finish. Zuroski managed to get himself across the line, allowing the Red Dragons to finish in second place. Zuroski was taken to a local hospital for treatment and was released, according to Maple Grove coach Robert Rappole.

In Class C girls action, Fredonia was first with 36 points, edging Falconer with 40, Gowanda was third (104) and Southwestern took seventh (212).

Fredonia's Lauren Reyda was the overall winner with a time of 19:53.4. Shannon Murphy of Falconer was second (20:08.8) and teammate Kirsten Holmberg took third (20:19.5), Emily Steves of Gowanda was fourth (20:37.5), Jessica Swayer placed fifth (21:21.2) and her teammate Michaela Tramuta was sixth (21:25.9) while for Falconer, Katie Saff took seventh (21:29.9) and Jessie Caprino was 10th (22:04).

In Class C boys, Fredonia was first (59), Gowanda took second (71), Falconer was sixth (142) and Southwestern ninth (198).

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Fredonia's Josh Szkula finished fourth overall (17:48.9), Gowanda's Kevin Brown was fifth (17:55.4), Falconer's James Cardot took sixth (18:04), Matt Meredith from Fredonia was seventh (18:08.5) and Paul Armstrong from Southwestern was ninth (18:22.5).

In Class AA, the Jamestown girls were seventh with 198 points, led by Johanna Pettibon, who was 25th with a time of 22:17.5.

The Jamestown girls were seventh in the Class AA team standings with 181 points and the top finishers for the Lady Red Raiders were Jordan Johnson in 37th (19:15.8) and Taylor Bennett placed 40th (19:26.4).

The state championships will be at Pawling, NY on Nov. 12.