

Reyda finishes first, team third at East Aurora

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EAST AURORA - Lauren Reyda finished first and Michaela Tramuta third Saturday at the East Aurora Invitational, helping the Fredonia girls' cross country team to a third place finish in the girls' small school division.

"She ran a terrific race," Fredonia coach Carol Zirkle said. "She went out and ran the first mile with the Newfane girl, then she just ran away with it. For somebody to win that convincingly and to push themselves that hard without anyone next to them, is a sign of a good runner."

Reyda finished in a time of 18:17.43 while Tramuta took third in a time of 19:57.49.

Submitted Photo - Fredonia's Lauren Reyda, right, runs next to Newfane's Sarah Ziemba, during Saturday's East Aurora Invitational, at East Aurora High School. Reyda finished first and Ziemba second.

"She improved her time tremendously from last year," Zirkle added of Tramuta. "It was just a terrific race for her."

Also finishing for Fredonia were Jillian Kowalski (18th, 21:03.27), Brittany Campaign (24th, 21:34.62), Maitland Langworthy (21:36.26), Corrine Gullo (57th, 24:05.65) and Margaret Foley (66th, 24:28.86).

The Lady Hillbillies finished with a total of 71 points, 11 behind second-place East Aurora (60), which ran its 'B' team in both the boys' and girls' small school races, and 19 behind meet winner Newfane (52). Fredonia was followed by Springville (132), Barker (151), Alden (162), Mt. Mercy Academy (202), Southwestern (203), Silver Creek (215), Pioneer (226), Olean (242) and Charter School for Applied Sciences (276).

"Overall, we're pleased with the way the girls are progressing," Zirkle said. "We know that Falconer and Newfane are two of the top teams in the section, so it was nice to run against Newfane (Saturday) to see how we stack up."

Newfane's Sarah Ziemba finished the 3-mile course in a time of 19:10:42 to take second place.

For the Black Knights, Hannah Seiders finished fourth in a time of 20:11.49 and was followed on her team by Beth Kehrer (23:30.17), Tricia Pflieger (23:31.47) and Sarah Adams (23:43.18), who finished 52nd, 53rd and 54th, respectively. Heather Serio also finished for Silver Creek, as she ran the course in a time of 24:20.78, which was good enough for a 64th-place finish.

The Dunkirk Lady Marauders finished the meet with an incomplete score, as Calan Pogorzelski was the top finisher, as she crossed the finish line in a time of 22:32.62, good enough for 34th place. Meanwhile, Asia Leonard took 44th place in a time of 23:04.22, Nicole Banniser (78th) finished in a time of 29:57.58 and Tiffany Jager (80th) finished in a time of 33:22.22.



In the boys' meet, Fredonia placed four runners in the top 20, led by Josh Szukala's third-place finish, to finish second in the boys' small school division with 64 points.

"They're doing what we expect them to do," Zirkle said of the boys' team. "But we know Alden is a very good team and we can't be content with where we ran today." Szukala finished the race in a time of 16:25.04 while Alex Crise (16:47.52) took seventh and Chaz Mancino took 11th in a time of 17:00.99. Jacob Brown (17th, 17:15.40) rounded out the Hillbillies' runners who finished the meet in the top 20.

Barker finished with a meet-low 33 points and were buoyed by Tyler Scheving's second place finish, as he crossed the finish line in a time of 16:13.77 while Michael Lantinen (16:28.42) and Jordan Bender (16:33.80) finished third and fourth, respectively, for the Raiders.

Pioneer's Nate Smith took home first place with a time of 15:59.42.

Also finishing for Fredonia were Mark Dudek (26th, 17:52.62), Shane Murphy (45th, 18:51.32) and Ryan Meredith (60th, 19:50.39).

"(Jacob) Brown ran a great race today as did Shane murphy and Ryan Meredith," Zirkle said. "Ryan improved his time close to 2:30 from last year and Shane was close to a minute better than last year's time.

"The top four ran pretty much where we expected them to," Zirkle continued. "It was a good race for them Saturday and I'm looking forward to traveling to McQuaid next Saturday. There are usually over 5,000 runners there, so it's a good place to compare where you stand against runners from across the state."

The Hillbillies were followed in the team standings by Alden (77), Pioneer (134), East Aurora (141), Southwestern (161), Newfane (168), Olean (197), Eden (257), Springville (276), Dunkirk (311), Gow School (314) and Charter School for Applied Sciences (400).

For the Marauders, Kevin Morales finished 42nd in a time of 18:35.19 while also finishing for Dunkirk were Ray Tarnowski (46th, 18:53.40), Jon Fountain (69th, 20:43.48), Billy Bradley (70th, 20:43.83), Tom Logan (88th, 26:51.93) and Tyler Haynes (89th, 27:14.53).

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