

Fredonia girls take second, boys place third

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Fredonia's Michaela Tramuta runs to a fourth-place finish at the Southern Tier Classic. Submitted Photo

ALLEGANY - Fredonia's Lauren Reyda led a host of successful local athletes at the Southern Tier Classic on Saturday at St. Bonaventure University.

Reyda ran away with the girls' large school race, finishing first in 19:07 - nearly 30 seconds faster than her nearest competitor.

"She ran a great race," Fredonia coach Carol Zirkle said. "She's been getting stronger each race we go out."

Teammate Michaela Tramuta also ran a strong race, finishing fourth in 20:25, to help the Lady Hillbillies finish second as a team. They were narrowly edged by Maple Grove, 26-48.

"Michaela was equally impressive," Zirkle added. "She's often overlooked because Lauren is running so well, but she's beating girls who were beating her at the beginning of the year. It makes our team that much stronger."

Also scoring for Fredonia were Jillian Kowalski (14th - 21:55), Meredith Zebracki (15th - 21:59), Brittany Campaign (17th - 22:10), Maitland Langworthy (20th - 22:19) and Cori Gullo (40th - 24:49).

The Gowanda girls' team finished in fifth place among the large schools and was paced by Colleen Steward's 16th-place finish in 22:05.



Elizabeth Omicioli (22nd - 22:36), Sarah Grubbs (24th - 22:55), Katie Stang (34th - 24:07), Cayleigh Pracht (49th - 26:07), Lauren Wing (50th - 26:18) and Alex Fox (54th - 27:28) were the other top runners for the Lady Panthers.

Nicole Bannister was the lone runner for the Dunkirk Lady Marauders and she finished in 30:57, good for 60th place.

Fredonia's Shane Murphy competes at the Southern Tier Classic on Saturday. Submitted photo

In the boys' large school race, Gowanda's Taylor Nielson was the area's top finisher in second place.

Nielson finished the race in 17:29. He was joined by teammates Cole Smith (37th - 19:18), Kevin Frederickson (53rd - 20:01), Lucas Myzel (56th - 20:27), Jacob Pound (60th - 21:10), Ben Myzel (64th - 22:20) and Tom Fantaske (69th - 24:12) as the Panthers nabbed a ninth-place finish.



The Fredonia Hillbillies finished third in the team standings with 67 points. They were edged out by Alden (54) and Maple Grove (63).

Pacing Fredonia was Chaz Mancino with a fifth-place finish in 17:40. Also running strong for the Hillbillies were Alex Crise (9th - 17:55), Jake Brown (11th - 17:59), Alex Glasier (19th - 18:35), Mark Dudek (23rd - 18:43), Shane Murphy (33rd - 19:08) and Josh Goodhue (39th - 19:21).

"Chaz ran a great race," Zirkle continued. "We were also very impressed with Jake Brown and Alex Glasier. They both moved up from where they were last year."

Leading Dunkirk's 10th-place finish was Kevin Morales, who finished in 19:45. Joining him in the scoring were Ray Tarnowski (57th - 20:32), Jon Fountain (62nd - 22:09), William Bradley (65th - 22:24), Nick Stolinski (70th - 25:53), Duke Medema (71st - 25:56) and Tom Logan (72nd - 26:23).

Silver Creek fielded teams in both the boys' and girls' small school races, though both teams were incomplete.

Eighth-grader Hannah Seiders finished second in the girls' race, crossing the finish line in 20:47. Her teammates were Tricia Pfleuger (16th - 24:11) and fellow eighth-grader Sarah Adams (20th - 25:00).

Jack McAlevey was the Black Knights' top representative in the boys' race, finishing the race in 22:15, good for 33rd place. Joining him was Justin Gloss, who placed 43rd in a time of 24:32.

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