

'Classic' Efforts for Area Runners

MG, Sherman Girls Win Team Titles; Wefing, Reyda, Eliason Are Individual Champs

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Maple Grove's Corey Wefing, seen running in the 2010 Red Dragon Invitational, was the top finisher in the Boys Large School race at the Southern Tier Classic at St. Bonaventure University on Saturday. P-J file photo by Scott Kindberg

ST. BONAVENTURE - The Maple Grove and Sherman girls turned in first-place team performances and Fredonia's Lauren Reyda and Maple Grove's Corey Wefing claimed individual honors at the annual Southern Tier Cross Country Classic on the newly constructed 3.1-mile course on Saturday afternoon.

Led by second-place Megan Marsh's 19:35.6 and third-place Hope Pietrocarlo's 19:50.4, Maple Grove won the Varsity Girls Large School race with 26 points, Fredonia had 48 and Alden 90.

Reyda crossed the finish line in the winning time of 19:07.6.

Gowanda was fifth with 123 points, Southwestern, Randolph and Dunkirk had incomplete scores and finished tied for eighth.

Paced by Holly Eliason's first-place finish of 20:07, Sherman captured the Varsity Girls Small School race with 27 points followed by Allegany-Limestone with 45 points and Addison with 60 points. Silver Creek was tied for sixth with an incomplete score.

Wefing won the Varsity Boys Large School race with a time of 16:46.4 as the Red Dragons finished second with 63 points.

Alden wound up as the champion with 54 points and Fredonia was third with 67.

Southwestern was fifth with 141 points, Olean eighth with 178 points, Gowanda ninth with 203 points and Dunkirk 10th with 290 points.

Following Marsh and Pietrocarlo for Maple Grove in the Varsity Girls Large School race were Caroline Benson in fifth with a 20:25.3 and Katelyn Benson in sixth with a 21:10. Taylor Norris was 11th with a 21:34.3 and Stephanie Krempa 19th and Abby Sirwatka was 51st with a 26:34.9.

Maple Grove has stretched its two-year winning streak to 120 victories with the last loss coming to Greenwich of Section 2.

Reyda was followed by her Fredonia teammates Michaela Tramuta in fourth (20:25.3), Jillian Kowalski in 14th (21:55.6), Meredith Zebracki in 15th (21:59.5), Brittany Campaign in 17th (22:10.4) and Maitland Langworthy in 20th (22:19.7).

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Emily Kent of Southwestern was 10th with a clocking of 21:33.3 and Colleen Steward of Gowanda 16th with a reading of 22:05.

Other Sherman runners behind Eliason's winning time in the Small School Division girls race were Rebecca King fourth with a 21:48.1, Katie Pacy sixth with a 22:34.6, Katie White eighth with a 22:48.3, Michelle Damcott 12th with a 23:13.5 and Jacqueline Smith 34th with a 28:45.1.

Hannah Seiders of Silver Creek was second with a 20:47.9 and Alyssa Stroud of Allegany-Limestone third with a 21:43.8.

After Wefing in the Varsity Boys Large School race, Maple Grove teammate Shawn Thompson was seventh with a 17:52, Peter Cala eighth with a 17:53, Matt Nelson 22nd with a 18:41.5, Nick Zuroski 25th with a 18:46.4 and Frank Zuroski 35th with a 19:15.8.

Taylor Nielson of Gowanda came in second to Wefing with a 17:29, John Panus of Olean was fourth with a 17:33.6, Chaz Mancino was fifth for Fredonia with a 17:40.7 and teammate Alex Crise was ninth with a 17:55.5.

Ryan Hetrick of Southwestern was 14th with a 18:20.5 and teammate Jordan Powers 24th with a 18:45.2.

In the Varsity Boys Small School race, Addison won with 30 points followed by Sherman with 71 and Cuba-Rushford with 74.

Franklinville was fifth with 119 points, and Randolph and Silver Creek were incomplete teams and tied for seventh.

Thomas Abbey of Addison captured the event with a 17:36.7 followed by Noah Jordan of Otto-Eldred with a 17:47 and Hunter Lienhart of Randolph with a 18:11.4.

Ryan Carpenter of Sherman was sixth with a 18.37. Other Sherman boys results were Jordan Boland 10th with a 19:18, Trevor Gleason 19th with a 20:05, Nathan Ottaway 20th with a 20:16, Stephen Walzek 32nd with a 22:70 and Brian tenPas 42nd with a 24.27.