

Fairport Girls Track & Field Team finishes 2nd at the Section V Championships

The Fairport girls track and field team scored in eleven of the seventeen events with fifteen scorers, earning 73 points to finish 2nd to Rush-Henrietta's 86. In the fifteen-team competition, Canandaigua was 3rd with 59 points, two ahead of Wilson Magnet. Hilton and Penfield were fifth and six with 47 and 46 points respectively.

The outstanding athletes for Fairport were Emily Renna, Michelle Barnum, Rachel Brekovsky, Angie Zabloutny, Lauren Star, Jane Rosenthal, Casey Slabe, Julia Sanger, Renee Metzger, Tylyn Martin, Amanda Burkey, Erin Sedita, Janessa Mathews and Ally Martens. All scored.

Multiple-event scorers for Fairport were: Emily Renna, Rachel Brekovsky, Michelle Barnum, Angie Zabloutny, Erin Sedita and Amanda Burkey. Emily Renna alone scored 29 points; Rachel Brekovsky, 9.5; Michelle Barnum, 5.5 points; Amanda Burkey, 5 points; Angie Zabloutny, 4.5 points; and Erin Sedita, 3 points.

Emily Renna was the champion in the 100m hurdles despite some missteps literally and figuratively along the way. She ran 16.53 to easily win the event. In her long and triple jump efforts, she came up with a season's best of 16' 11.75 in the long, a 2nd, while the triple jump, a 36' 3.25" personal best, led her to the championship. She also led off the 4 x 100m relay to a 4th place with a 51.46, a very satisfying effort, matching their seeding. On the relay were Casey Slabe, Ally Martens and Julia Sanger. "We were very pleased with the job the girls did on the relay—we had to make some changes taking out Lauren Burke who has been sick for a week with a fever, and inserted Ally Martens—they didn't miss a beat," said sprint coach Gary Wood.

Rachel Brekovsky led the assault on personal bests with a 3rd place in the 400m hurdles from the inside, lane 1, which is usually not conducive to fast times or good placement. She ran 68.7, a personal best, just ahead of teammate, Michelle Barnum, who finished 4th with a 69.38. Angie Zabloutny, just a few steps behind, but was awarded 6th place with a 70.44. Fifth place came from the slow section run just before the fast section.

Amanda Burkey leaped vertically 5' 2" in the high jump to finish 4th and 33' 3.75" in the triple jump to finish 6th. Also scoring a 6th place were Erin Sedita in the 2000m steeple chase, 7:51.01, Renee Metzger, 31' 4.25" in the shot put; Tylyn Martin, 1958 points, in the pentathlon. Martin had two personal bests in the five-event competition, 19.22 in the 100m hurdles and 24' 11.75" in the shot put.

Janessa Mathews, the defending Section V, AA champion, finished 2nd despite scoring 2788 points a new personal best. Mathews had a personal best of 16' 1.5" in the long jump and a 2:33.91 effort in the 800 meters along the way in the highly competitive contest with Tori Schmidt of Hilton, especially in the last event, the 800 meters. Leading into the 800m, Janessa was 18 points behind and needed to separate herself from Schmidt by a little less than three seconds to win the competition—both Mathews and Schmidt ran shoulder to shoulder almost the whole way and as hard as she tried, Mathews couldn't separate from Schmidt. The two girls finished within the same second, not enough to gain any points. Schmidt would win the competition. In Mathew's three pentathlon competitions this season, she has established a new personal best each time out. Kate Renna, though not in the top six, did set a personal best with 1752 points. Also establishing personal bests were Kristin Rice in the discus with 88' 7". Gwen Hoffmann ran 8:15.45 in the steeplechase to establish a new personal best, too. She finished 10th.

Also establishing two personal bests, in her last 100m and 200m races of her high-school career, was Julia Sanger. Her bests were 13.12 in the century event and 27.59 in the double century. To establish a personal best, let alone two, at the Section V championships, is a testament to talent, determination and competitiveness. Julia Sanger showed her resolve at the last Sectional Championship of her high school career. Kudos to all those who established personal bests under the intense microcosm of great team pressure at the highest level locally in the sport.

The 4 x 400m relay was a highly competitive and a highly satisfying event for Fairport. Rachel Brekovsky led off with a personal best of 60.9 with Michelle Barnum 2nd with 63.2 and then the fire works began with Lauren Star, who began closing the cap from the pack of four to not only take the lead but increase it—she improved her personal best by almost two seconds. She ran 61 seconds and clearly ran her fastest, most competitive race of her young career. Anchoring the 3rd place team was Angie Zabloutny with 62.6. The girls ran 4:08.1, a season's best.

The last event of the day was the 4 x 800m relay. With some shifting of personnel before hand, the foursome of Rachel Brekovosky, Erin Sedita, Jane Rosenthal and Angie Zablonty all ran slightly faster than 2:29.5 on average to finish 2nd with a season's best 9:58.41. Zablonty clearly has the emotional toughness to anchor relays as she has done it so many times before. "What we like so much about Angie's approach to being the anchor leg in relays is that she sometimes doubts herself to get the job done, but she always goes out and gives her absolute best each time out. We trust her," said head coach Rick Guido.