

2 Fairport Crew Club boats to race in National Youth Championships

While most of Fairport Crew Club will be racing in the Pittsford Regatta this weekend, two boats will be traveling instead to the Cincinnati area to compete in the three-day US Rowing National Youth Championships, the first time Fairport crews have qualified for the prestigious event.

Competing in the Nationals will be the Fairport varsity boys eight A (cox Caitlyn Bannister, stroke Matt Scanlon, rowers Cam Staunch, Jethro van't Hul, Adriel Colon, Dan

Mills, Kyle Buescher, Max Swagler and bow John Steele) and the Fairport varsity girls lightweight four (cox Lauren Miller, stroke Liz Baker, rowers Lara Ericson, Holly Hibbard and bow Natalie Dudek).

Dan Hershey coaches the varsity boys, and Mike Fuszara coaches the varsity lightweight girls.

Both crews won gold medals in qualifying events on May 14 in Saratoga Springs at the New York State Scholastic Rowing Association's championships.

Fairport Crew to close season at Pittsford Regatta

Fairport Crew Club will close its spring 2006 racing season at the popular Pittsford Regatta on Saturday, June 10, and Sunday, June 11, coinciding with the Positively Pittsford celebration. Races will finish in Schoen Place, providing maximum viewing opportunity for spectators.

Fairport Crew is among 20 clubs that will race. Entries will come from as far away as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Cambridge, Mass. Fairport will field 18 entries.

Last June, Fairport Crew won an impressive seven medals at the Pittsford Regatta, including a gold claimed by the varsity girls eight A boat in a thrilling photo finish. Thanks to such strong performances, Fairport won the Village of Pittsford Cup for best women's team performance,

and tied for first place tie with Shenendehowa for the Erie Canal Cup for best overall team performance.

This year, however, Fairport will be missing two boats - its varsity boys eight A and its varsity girls lightweight four - which will be competing the same weekend at the US Rowing National Youth Championships near Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the Pittsford Regatta, masters racing will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. High school races will run from noon to 5:40 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday from 8 to 2:30 p.m., with a noon lunch break. Results will be posted on www.Racetrak.com.

For more regatta information, visit www.pittsford-crew.org or www.regattacentral.com.

Pop Warner announces scholars

Fairport Pop Warner recently announced the 2005-2006 National Scholars.

Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. is the only national youth sports organization in America that rewards its members for their outstanding performance in the classroom.

Each year, the most academically accomplished Pop Warner kids compete for Academic All-American status, and are rewarded on several different levels (i.e. National, Regional, League, etc.).

Listed here are all candidates and those receiving honors. Football Jr. Pee Wee: Sean Craig - All American - second team - Pittsford Schools; Dominic DeLucia - Pittsford Schools, Michael McAlpin - All American - Honorable Mention - Diocese of

Rochester, Cameron PinCUS, Rochester, Jacob PinCUS, Rochester.

Pee Wee: Sean Hamlin, Fairport Schools; Hunter Green, Pittsford Schools
*David Hall - All American - Honorable Mention - Fairport - Martha Brown Middle; Brian Martin - Fairport Schools.

Jr. Midget: William Robinson - All American - second team - Pittsford Schools; and Ryan Williams - Fairport Schools.

Cheer Jr. Pee Wee: Veronica Grouse, Fairport Schools.

Pee Wee: McKenna Barry - All American - honorable mention, Fairport - Martha Brown Middle and Audrey Roland - All American second team - Fairport - Martha Brown Middle.

Jr. Midget: Nicole Kalmus - Fairport Schools.



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Members of the Fairport 4 x 800 relay team are, first leg Pat Dupont, left, Dan Reilly, Joe Priola and Matt Deady.

Fairport athletes qualify for state meet

Matt Deady will run the 1,600 and the 4 x 800 relay.

The Section 5 state qualifier (Meet of Champions) for track and field was held under the lights on Friday, June 2, at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School. The Fairport boys varsity team sent 12 qualifiers, all with good chances to advance on to the state meet at St. Lawrence University on June 9 and June 10.

Section 5 track and field athletes are divided into two divisions: Large Schools and Small Schools. Division winners in each event advance to the state meet. Some second place finishers are able to also qualify if they meet the very competitive state qualifying times/distances/heights.

Senior Matt Deady finished first in the 1600-meter run, also racing to a new personal best time of 4:21.78 and qualifying for next week's state meet. Senior Eric Beecher raced to a seventh place finish in the 400 hurdles with a time of 60.07 seconds.

Junior Kris Williams had another strong performance as he recorded a second place finish in the pole vault. Williams vaulted to a height of 13' 6" and met the state qualifying height, earning himself a trip to the state meet. All eyes continued to focus on the pole vault event as Gates Chili's Mike Dempsey went on to attempt to break former Fairport standout Andrew Park's Section 5 record. Dempsey failed in all three attempts to record a new record of 16' 2 3/4".

Sophomore Forrest Viola faced the No. 1 ranked triple jumper in the nation as he competed against Webster Schroeder's Gary Jones. Viola



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Kris Williams is vaulting to new heights this spring.

recorded a distance of 43' 4", good for seventh place.

Freshman Justin Mathews was outstanding in his first season as a Pentathlon competitor. Mathews recorded a point total of 2620 with his performances in the 110 hurdles, the high jump, the long jump, the shot put and the 1500-meter run. Mathew's point total was good for the seventh spot.

Sophomore Shane Turner and junior DJ Hyman qualified for the Meet of Champions as runners on the 4 x 400 relay team, but Fairport elected to scratch from Friday's competition in that event.

One of the most anticipated races on the entire evening was the second-to-last race of the day. The Large School Division I Boys 4 x 800 relay race matched the Fairport team against a solid Penfield team. The Penfield team was ranked as the No. 1 seed for the sectional race last week when they were upset by the Fairport team of sophomore Pat Dupont, junior Dan Reilly and seniors Joey Priola and Matt

Deady. The Penfield team was once again ranked No. 1 for the state qualifier race while Fairport found themselves seeded fifth.

Add to the mix an extremely talented Pittsford Sutherland team and you have all the ingredients for an exciting race. Would they be able to repeat?

Dupont ran the first leg gamely staying with Sutherland's Tim Quinn and Penfield's Tyler Stechecki, as he recorded a personal best split by three seconds. Dupont's split was 2:01. The race was still neck-in-neck as Dupont handed the baton off to Reilly. Reilly recorded his first sub 2:00 split to build in a lead as he handed the baton off to Priola. Reilly's last 50 meters were superb.

Priola and Penfield's Jon Peffley battled back and forth the entire 800 meters for the lead with Priola recorded a personal best split of 2:01. Priola matched every surge Peffley made and handed over the baton to Deady in good position.

Running against a fresh Matt Martina from Penfield and Bill Phipps from Sutherland, the senior ran stride for stride for the first lap. Deady made his move with 100 meters left to go. Martina went with him but they were too much for Phipps. Deady had another spurt with 50 meters left to go, but Martina would not give up.

In a photo finish, Martina threw himself over the finish line for the win. After nearly two miles, the difference between the times was just 6/100th of a second. Happily, both teams crossed the finish line under the state qualifying time, so the Fairport 4 x 800 relay team will also travel to Canton, next week. The 4 x 800 relay team alternate is junior Jon Metzger. The relay time was 8:01.93.

Fairport boys varsity track and field team members qualifying for the state meet at St. Lawrence University in Canton, are as follows: Joey Priola, Matt Deady, Kris Williams, Dan Reilly, Pat Dupont and Jon Metzger.



STAFF PHOTO/ADRIAN KRAUS

Fairport's Nick Alongi, left, looks to turn the double play as Brockport's Ryan Campbell slides into second base last Friday night at Batavia's Dwyer Stadium.

Red Raiders win Section 5

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Schroeder in the semifinal round on Tuesday, May 30, at Frontier Field.

Webster got on the scoreboard first with two runs in the top of the first on two singles, a sac fly followed by an RBI double.

Those were the only three hits the Warriors could muster all night as Aron Meindl and Brandon DeRosa combined to not allow a hit the rest of the way.

Fairport tied the game with two runs in the bottom of the second. Nick Caligiuri led off with a single. Meindl was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second. Eric Miller followed with a single to load the bases. Mark Bruce single to plate Caligiuri and Meindl to tie the game.

The Raiders took the lead in the third as Andy Gardner doubled into the left field corner. Caligiuri reached on an error that moved Gardner to third. Caligiuri stole second and on the throw, Gardner stole home for the 3-2 lead.

Webster tied the game in the seventh as the leadoff batter walked and scored as the

Raiders misplayed an infield grounder by the next hitter and then overthrew the third baseman to make the game 3-3.

At that point, DeRosa came on in relief and worked out of a jam to preserve the tie.

In the bottom of the eighth, Gardner led off with a single and Conor McKenna came in to pinch run for him. Nick Alongi moved McKenna to second on a sac bunt. Caligiuri walked and McKenna moved to third on a fielder's choice. Miller smashed a single over the second baseman to plate McKenna with the winning run. Miller led the Fairport offense with three hits and one RBI on the night. Gardner had two hits and Bruce had one hit with two RBI.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Fairport's continued run in the state playoffs came this week after deadline. Results of all the state playoff games and photos will follow in next week's edition.

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