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"She was up against the girl who won the event and set a state record, (Niskayuna's) Kina Zhou, and (Honeoye Falls-Lima's) Cari Stankaitis beat her by a little bit," Braves coach Bob Black said. "She was beat by two really talented kids. She had a great race. She really went after it and had a really good swim."

The Braves' 200 free relay team of Baxter, Sarah Jane Wied, Kylie Loforte and Alyssa Baker placed sixth (1:39.93); Canandaigua diver Serica Hallstead placed 11th with 398.7 points; the 400 free relay team of Rachel Bellis, Heather Chrisman, Loforte and Baxter took 11th (3:38.92); the 200 medley relay team of Baker, Chrisman, Erika Holland and Abbie Sullivan finished 22nd (1:55.95); and Bellis placed 26th in the 500 free (5:15.45).

"I was really pleased with the way they swam," Black said. "Section 5 won the meet and it was nice to be part of that."

Sophie Nothnagle led the Victor swimmers by finishing fourth in the 100 fly (57.24) and eighth in the 200 free (1:54.05). Both times were school records.

"It was an amazing meet for her the last two days," Blue Devils coach Christine Phelps said. "She's the first Victor swimmer in my tenure to final in two individual events at the state meet."

Victor's 400 free relay team of Jessica Halladay, Cameron Hess, Carolyn Seiter and Nothnagle placed 12th (3:38.96); the 200 free relay team of Natalie Zaravella, Seiter, Halladay and Nothnagle finished 16th (1:41.24); and Zaravella took 29th in the 200 individual medley (2:14.9).

Katie Smith led Pittsford with a second-place finish in the 50 free (23.37) and a fourth-place finish in the 100 free (52.08). Fellow Panther Lindsay Stone took fifth in the 500 free (5:00.18); the 200 free relay team of Stephanie Andrews, Olivia Holodnik, Stone and Smith finished second (1:36.67); the 400 free relay team of Anna Grazulis, Stone, Holodnik and Smith finished third (3:33.06); and Andrews finished 17th in the 50 free (24.85).

Hilton diver Hannah Wheeler finished third with 449.95 points.

Stankaitis finished second in the 100 free (51.56) and third in the 50 free (23.59). Honeoye Falls-Lima's 200 medley relay team of Jordan Reed, Grace Baumer, Amy Li and Stankaitis finished 19th (1:53.95).

Penfield's Emma Shi finished eighth in the 100 fly (58.84) and 20th in the 200 IM (2:15.03). The Patriots' 200 free relay team of Shi, Lindsay Homan, Emily Martin and Shannon O'Malley finished 13th (3:40.12).



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Swimmers from Section 5 celebrate taking first place as a team at the state swim meet.

Rush-Henrietta's Megan Burns finished 10th in both the 50 free (24.65) and 100 free (53.13). The Royal Comets' 200 free relay team of Rose Louk, Alicia Shenal, Katie Burns and Megan Burns placed eighth (1:40.08), and the 400 free relay team of Louk, Shenal, Burns and Burns finished eighth (3:39.57).

Fairport's Dayna Basic placed 25th in the 50 free (25.47) and the Red Raiders' 200 medley relay team of Swati Kumar, Marisa Castelli, Suhan Mestha and Basic finished 18th (1:53.81).

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