



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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N.Y.S. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Next Athletic Council Meeting

January 17, 2007

Lunch 11:00 am

Meeting begins at 11:30 am

Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus
355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca,
Building B, Room B2b

ACTION ITEMS:

Budget 2007-2008

Endorsement of the Arbiter for Central
Management of Officials (see p. 4)

Approvals for Senior All-Star and Outside

Agency Contests and Combining Schools

Open Tournament format for team sports

Football 2007 Alignment

Congratulations Scholar/ Athletes and State Champs!!

NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Awards

Fall 2006 State Champions

SPORT	SECTION	SCHOOL	TEAM GPA
Cross Country - Boys	3	Clinton HS	99.658
Cross Country - Girls	5	Greece Athena	99.070
Field Hockey	8	Cold Spring Harbor HS	95.833
Football	8	Jericho	95.017
Soccer - Girls	3	Clinton HS	97.259
Soccer - Boys	1	Irvington	96.250
Swimming - Girls	8	Farmingdale	98.824
Tennis - Girls	11	Elwood/ John Glen	98.333
Volleyball - Girls	2	Colonie	96.250

Section VI Fall Sports State Champions

(see pages 5-7)

Girls Diving: Casey Matthews, Williamsville North



Cross Country:

Class C – Tom Reubens, Wilson

Girls Class B – East Aurora

Boys Class D – Franklinville

Boys Gymnastics:

The Section VI Team

Vault - Michael Morse, Clarence

Pommel Horse – Michael Maizel, Williamsville North

Rings – Jarred Forman, Williamsville North



Girls Volleyball:

Class AA – Lancaster

Class B – Eden

Class D – Randolph

Boys Volleyball:

Class A – Lancaster

Class B – Eden

New York Good Sport Program

Assessments forms will be posted on the Association website www.nysphsaa.org. In January, Doug Ames the Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator will remind schools to complete this assessment online. Schools believing they deserve consideration for Section or State recognition will have the opportunity to indicate so by checking a box on the form.

Upon submission, the assessment will go into the NYSPHSAA database. The Section Coordinator MUST also receive a hard copy of all documentation submitted. Please note the following deadlines:

April 16 All assessments are to submitted.

May 11 Section Coordinators forward documentation to the State Association

June 1 Section plaques will be ordered for delivery to coordinators

PRIOR to June 31 the selection committee will convene to choose the banner schools.

Congratulations To The Section VI Fall Scholar/Athlete Team Award Winners

(listed on page 10)

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

Structure & Policy Review Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee is in the process of reviewing all aspects of the NYSPHSAA. Please contact your representatives prior to their next meeting which is scheduled for January 31, 2007 with any suggestions you may have so that we provide the very best opportunities for our student athletes.

Future Meeting Dates

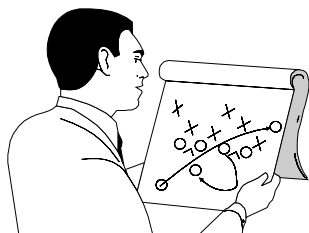
(8 Airport Park Blvd, Latham)

January 4	Boys Soccer Committee
January 5	Field Hockey Committee
January 8	Girls Soccer Committee
January 9	Wrestling Committee
January 10	Handbook Committee Baseball Committee
January 11	Championship Advisory Committee
January 20	Boys Lacrosse Committee
January 26-27	Executive Committee (Saratoga)
January 31	Structure & Policy Review Committee

2007 Coaches Clinics

(Brochures will be forth coming)

Lacrosse	Jan. 26	SUNY Cortland
Softball	Feb. 2	Adirondack Sports Complex
Baseball	March 2	Hall of Fame - Cooperstown
Field Hockey	March 23	Radisson - Utica
Track & Field	March 23-24	Radisson - Utica
Soccer	May 18	Hall of Fame - Oneonta
Volleyball	June 15	SUNY Oneonta



Concussion Management Workshops

The NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA have entered into a partnership with ImPACT a web based neurocognitive test, founded by Mickie Collins and Mark Lovell @ University of Pittsburgh, which allows for pre-testing and post-testing. This is a valuable tool which provides important data, helping physicians evaluate head injuries and make informed return to play decisions. Watch for the schedule of the Concussion Education and Awareness workshops in your Section. (See p.3)

No registration fee - lunch included.

Citizenship Through Athletics

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott will be teaching the Citizenship Through Athletics Instructors course on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Holiday Inn - Turf in Albany. The course is free of charge. More information will be provided in *Scholastic Athletics*.

Announcements—Future Changes

2007-2008 Dues Increase - The NYSPHSAA dues will be increased by \$50 per school district (\$750.00) and .05 cents per student (.80 cents).

Basketball Championships 2008 - The dates for the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament will be March 14-16, 2008.

Girls Lacrosse - A waiver for the 2007 season to permit the wearing of uniforms that do not meet the new numbering requirement. Be advised that for the 2008 season uniforms will be required to have 6" numbers on the front and 8" numbers on the back and centrally on the uniform.

Cross Country - A variation in classification numbers for two years, beginning in the 2007-2008 school year. AA 1083 and above, A 712-1082, B 468-711, C 290-467 and D 289 and below.

Boys Lacrosse - In 2008 all jerseys shall be of a single, solid color with specific trim specifications (NFHS rule 1-9-1).

Discussion Item - January Executive Committee Meeting:

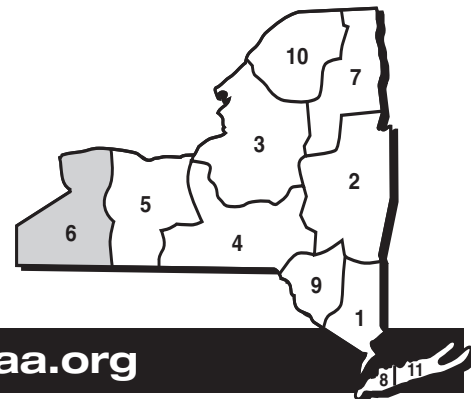
Section V has requested the membership to consider applying the Transfer Rule to student athletes in grades 7-8 once they enter the high school athletic program. (Selection Classification)

On Line Coaching Courses

The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses on line - an asynchronous web-based program. Go to www.cortland.edu/physed for registration information.

Winter 2007 Championship Dates And Sites

Skiing	February 27-28 Lake Placid (7)
Wrestling	March 2-3 Times Union Center (2)
G Volleyball (regional)	TBA
Boys Swimming & Diving	March 2-3 Erie County CC (6)
Girls Gymnastics	March 3 Rush Henrietta HS (5)
Rifle (regional)	March 3 USMA - West Point (9)
Indoor Track	March 3 Cornell University (4)
Bowling	March 3-4 Thruway Lanes, Buffalo (6)
B Volleyball (regional)	March 10 Hudson HS (2)
Ice Hockey	March 10-11 Memorial Auditorium Utica (3)
Boys Basketball	March 16-18 Glens Falls Civic Center (2)
Girls Basketball	March 16-18 Hudson Valley CC (2)
FED Basketball	March 23-24 Glens Falls Civic Center (2)



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Section VI will be hosting two pertinent and mandatory workshops for member high schools: Life of an Athlete Year 3: Coaching Effectiveness and Concussion Management. Every Section VI high school must be represented at both workshops, so both have been scheduled for the same date: FEBRUARY 12, 2007. There will be a morning and an afternoon session with lunch included and no registration fees. Details are being finalized and will be forwarded by the Section office in early January. Athletic Directors will be asked to pre-register. Information on the workshops follows:

Concussion Management Workshop

As indicated in the State news on page 2, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA have entered into a partnership with IMPACT, a valuable web-based tool which provides important data, helping physicians evaluate head injuries and make informed return to play decisions. NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA are co-promoting workshops in every Section with medical personnel to present information on concussions and return to play, and to introduce IMPACT. It is extremely important for all schools to send representation. Attendance will meet the State Safety Mandate for 2007. This representation or 'team' might include: the AD and/or other administrator, nurse(s), school's chief physician, trainer(s), and coaches. Up to four (4) individuals from your school may attend. The presenters in Section VI will be: Dr. John Leddy and

Scott Dinse, Athletic Trainer - UB Sports Medicine and Tony Wong, PhD - Director of Neuropsychology, United Health Systems, Rochester.

Life of an Athlete Year 3 - Coaches Effectiveness

Section VI will sponsor Mr. John Underwood, Founder and Director of the American Athletic Institute, in cooperation with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and the NYS Chemical Health Committee, to conduct the workshop for Year 3 of the 5-Year Program entitled Life of an Athlete. The Year 3 Workshop will address Coaches Effectiveness, to train coaches at all levels in NYS athletics, to understand and confront chemical health issues for today's student athlete. Training includes the use of the document *Greatest Threat*, which helps a coach impact his/her team with valuable lessons against drug use. It affords any coach a perspective of the present day problem and how they can personally impact it.

Section VI will provide the seminar and materials for member schools at no charge. Those being trained will receive a master copy of all materials, including a copy of the PowerPoint CD with accompanying dialogue needed to conduct preseason meetings for students, parents, and coaches. Suggested participants include Athletic Director, high school and/or middle school administrators, modified and JV coaches, school nurse and/or varsity coach.



Dates to Remember 2007

- Jan. 17 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- Jan. (TBA) Post season meeting for fall sports
- Jan. 26-27 State Executive Committee Meeting, The Saratoga, Saratoga Springs
- Jan. 23-26 Regents Examinations
- Jan. 26 Lacrosse Coaching Clinic at SUNY Cortland
- Feb. 2 Softball Coaching Clinic at The Dome – Glens Falls
- Feb. 7 (tent) Finance Committee Meeting – Section VI office
- Feb. 14 Executive Committee Meeting, Distance Learning sites TBA
- Feb 28 Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting, Distance Learning
- March 1 Deadline for All-WNY Winter Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
- March 2 Baseball Coaching Clinic at Hall of Fame, Cooperstown
- March 2 Deadline for Winter Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications
- March 7 Section VI office open for Photo ID's until 6:00 pm by appointment only
- March 21 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- March 14-17 NYSAAA Annual Conference at the Saratoga Hotel
- March 23/24 XC/Track & Field Coaching Clinic at Radisson Hotel, Utica
- March 23 Field Hockey Coaching Clinic at Radisson Hotel, Utica

Section VI Directory 2006-07 Updates

Please mark the following changes (noted in bold) on the appropriate pages of your Directory.

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- 5 Track (G) **Walt McLaughlin** E. Aurora HS (W) 687-2300x700 (H) 687-2518 (F) 687-2518
- 13 Add "Secretary" in front of **Alden Theresa O'Connor** x4199
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- 31 Newfane Superintendent: **Mr. Gary Pogorzelski**
- 47 Lacrosse (Boys) Assignor: **Mike Roberts** mroberts2@warsawk12.ny.us
- 50 Group#31 President: **Herman Wooten**, 8196 Pinestone Ct., Clarence, 14221 (H) 689-5812 hwooten72@yahoo.com Vice President: **Damon Evans**, 148 Sprucewood Terr., **Williamsville**, 14221, 810-0244, nomad68@verizon.net

Welcome Aboard!!

Congratulations and welcome to Walt McLaughlin who was appointed in November as the new Section VI Girls Track Sportchair by the Section VI Athletic Council. Section VI is looking forward to sharing his energy and enthusiasm for interscholastic sports!

Nominations Being Accepted

Section VI positions open for nominations are: Section VI Boys Sports Representative to the Central Committee, all Spring Sport Chairperson positions. Any member in good standing of the professional staff of a member school may serve as a Sport Chairperson. Appointments will be made at the Athletic Council meeting in May. The Boys Sports Representative will serve a term of four years beginning Sept. 1, 2007. Current nominations include Don Scholla, Olean, for re-appointment (term expires 8/31/07)

The Spring Chairpersons will be appointed for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2010.

Current nominees are:

- Baseball – Bob Kowal
- Golf (B) – David Gilson
- Golf (G) – Jim Rusin
- Lacrosse (B) – John Faller
- Lacrosse (G) – Pam Maryjanowski
- Softball – Larry Lash/Mark Kruzynski
- Tennis (B) – Terry McMahan
- Track & Field – Paul Ksionzyk (B) / Walt McLaughlin (G)

Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 cszczesny@e1b.org

Fingerprinting Update for Officials



Photo ID's

The Section VI office takes photographs for ID Cards every Wednesday from 9:30am to 3:30 pm at the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd, West Seneca. No appointment is necessary. Please bring drivers license for identification and \$1.00 to cover postage and handling. One evening session will be held March 7, 2007 until 6:00 pm by appointment only. Call 821-7299 to schedule.

Pick-up points for fingerprint packets:

- Erie I BOCES reception:
355 Harlem Rd. West SenecaM-Fri 8-4:00
- Southwestern Middle School Library,
Southwestern Dr., JamestownM-Fri 8-4:00
- Salamanca HS Superintendent's office:
50 Iroquois Dr., SalamancaM-Fri 7-3:30
- Philip Sheridan Bldg Athletic office:
3200 Elmwood Ave., KenmoreM-Fri 8-3:30

Reminder from the Transportation Committee

TRANSPORTATION: School districts are reminded that they will need to make their own transportation arrangements to state competition for winter team sports if their team qualifies. Districts will be reimbursed by the Section for this expense as per the formula (based the grid) in the Transportation Policy* adopted May 2006. The Section will continue to make the arrangements for transportation for all athletes involved in state competition in winter individual sports including bowling, indoor track, boys swimming and wrestling. Section VI will be financially responsible for transportation costs for individual sports as per the formula (based the grid) and will back-bill the districts for amounts that exceed the allotment. The amount to be back-billed will be calculated per athlete competing for each district.

LODGING: Section VI will remain financially responsible for lodging at state competitions as per the established policy*.

MEALS: Districts will remain financially responsible for all meals at state competitions as per the established policy*.

* The policy is on the Section VI Website. Click on *Forms & Info*, "Financial Responsibility."

Centralized Management of Sports Officials

The Section is continuing its investigation into use of TheArbiter, instead of LeagueMinder, as the program to handle the Central Management of Officials. Though LeagueMinder has operated successfully, it is not meeting the needs of all Section VI member schools. In response to a recommendation from the Section VI office for the use of TheArbiter, the Athletic Council established an Ad Hoc Committee at the November meeting to review this option and make a recommendation in January.



The Ad Hoc Committee met in December to view TheArbiter demo and address various concerns. The rationale for endorsing TheArbiter as the program to handle the management of officials for Section VI instead of LeagueMinder was reviewed and it was agreed that two major functions for the Section would be served:

- Manage all sports officials who provide service to Section VI member schools, with respect to SAVE legislation.
- Meet the assigning needs of all leagues that share officials as mandated by the Fact Finder's report of 2000.

Consensus among assignors was reached on the Guidelines for Computer Assigning of Officials. In addition, TheArbiter answered all the concerns expressed by the assignors and the committee. It is felt that this program will be able to meet the needs of all the leagues in the Section including payment of officials for schools choosing to participate. As a result, the Ad Hoc Committee will recommend the following to the Athletic Council for action in January:

- Accept the Section VI Guidelines for Assigning Officials.
- Endorse TheArbiter as the program for Central Management and Assignment of Officials effective with school year 2007-2008.

Lancaster Boys Varsity Volleyball Season - Heading Into Uncharted Waters

by Coach Jason Stang

Coming off of two sub- .500 season records in the ECIC I division we were unsure of the type of team we could have this season in Lancaster.

Although the previous two seasons weren't much to speak of, it was comforting to know that seven of my eight starters

(6 + Libero and defensive specialist) had played club volleyball for the Eden Volleyball Club over the winter and spring. This season's team would start four seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores. The seniors were Dale Freier, Mike Jansma, Matt Kramer, and Tony Marotto. The junior starters were both middles, Ryan Garby and Adam Dean. Lastly my two sophomores had as much to do with our success as any because Derek Jansma was my setter and Craig Freier was the other outside hitter. Craig was under a lot of pressure all year being the target of opposing teams servers and always seem to pull it together when we needed it. Craig was also able to deliver one of the more affective jump float serves in the division. Derek was my starting setter as a freshman and led the team with his composure on the court. Derek also possessed an ability to be an offensive threat at the net with his dumps and also set up a formidable block at 6-2. Dale was our go to outside and back row hitter all year and was almost unstoppable with a good set. Dale also possessed a wicked jump serve and could take over a game with it when on. Dale was a three-year starter and co-captain of the Redskins. The defense was strong with great play from Mike Jansma and Tony Marotto. Mike was also a very solid third passer for us all year and was also the co-captain of the team. Mike was a three-year starter as well. The middle was consistent and reliable with 6-4 Ryan Garby and 6-3 Adam Dean. The final piece of the puzzle to this season's team came from an unexpected catholic school nearby, St. Mary's. Matt Kramer was tutored over the summer by Hamburg's coach Brian Carroll where Matt played for his club team over the



winter as well. This was the first time Matt had played and the first time he had been

coached as well. Matt learned a little of everything there. He was a decent middle, setter, right side and passer. Where I needed him most was as my right side. He fit

in perfectly. Matt gave us a solid block and I could always count on a clean set from him if my setter had to play the first ball. I kept saying to the guys that it was funny how everything just seemed to be falling into place for us this year.

The year started out well with a win against Frontier at home but had a little let down in the first tourney against Eden and Hamburg. In the following tourney at Eden things were better. We had big wins in pool play taking two from Canisius and Lake Shore. Then in the Semifinals we upset Hamburg and beat them in two. We lost to Eden in the finals but knowing that we could beat the best in ECIC 1 gave us the confidence to make us think that this could be our year.

Late in the season another confidence boost came after being down a game to Orchard Park at home we came back to beat them in three. This really pushed the confidence of my players up a notch knowing that Orchard Park may be the team we meet in the playoffs.

When the playoffs came we were ranked 1st and were 9-0 in the division, 16-3 overall. We got a good draw of teams and were challenged most by a gutsy Williamsville North team. We won in a hard fought three games and then beat North Tonawanda to go to the finals against Orchard Park.

The sectional final match with Orchard Park was similar to our first meeting with them. We fell behind 0-1 and wound up winning the next three games straight. All of the games were a hard fought win. Dale Freier, Derek Jansma, and Mike Jansma all had huge games to overtake the fighting Quakers.

Reubens Claims Cross Country State Title

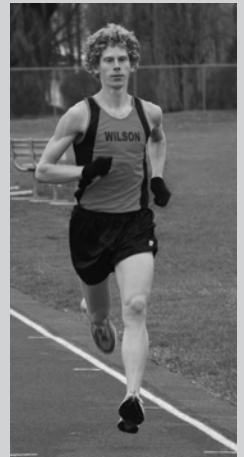
If you visit the picturesque village of Wilson on the shores of Lake Ontario, chances are you'll encounter a lanky, blond runner covering mile after mile.

Determination and hard work, along with a healthy dose of talent,

have gotten Wilson Central senior, Tom Reubens, to the top of his cross-country game as 2006 Class "C" State Champion. In the 2006 season Tom routinely broke into the 15's. At the State Meet, he ran his personal best of 15:52.

The state title capped a long list of honors that Tom has garnered during his cross-country career. He is a two time Niagara-Orleans League Champion, a two time Class "C" sectional Champion and received the State Sportsmanship Award for Section VI.

Tom has achieved excellence in the classroom as well as on the field. He is ranked fourth in the senior class and has been a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school. His plans for the future include a college career at Geneseo, majoring in pre-med and, of course, running!



The State Finals in Orchard Park were a test of our resolve to not fold from adversity. The first two matches in pool play fell our way and we set ourselves up for a meeting with Burnt Hills before we even played them in our pool play. Burnt Hills took two from us in pool play and went into the finals with a psychological edge. We dropped the first game and roared back to win the next two. After losing the fourth to the Hills we rallied back to control the final fifth game and win the Class A Regional Championship 25-17. Dale ended up with 41 kills for the match and hit over .500.

Eden Boys Volleyball Team Captures State Title

The 2006 Eden Boys Volleyball Team Records are League 11-0-1, Overall 32-0 and Coaches Poll #1. This was the team's 9th Year under Coach Robert Pierce whose record is Overall 225-45, DIV III 103-0, and includes 9 Division II Titles, 8 Section VI Class B Titles and 7 NYSPHSAA State Titles.



Pictured in photo (L-R) front row: Steve Klein, Greg Kotecki, Ryan Meller, Adam Wightman, Andy Kiel and Ed Dirosa top row: Coach Robert Pierce, Tom Klein (captain), Joe Norton, JJ Meyer, Jake Jensen, Ryan Acker, and Jake Waszak (captain).

Eden volleyball Program History is quite notable: Division III Record (35 Years) 428-30 (.937), Overall Record (35 Years) 806-167 (.828), ECIC Division III Champions for 26 of last 29 years as well as Section VI Champions for 26 years!

In addition they have achieved:

- Supersectional Champion for 1983, 84, 87 (not held after '87)
- NYSPHAA State Champion 1990, 93, 98, 00, 01, 02, 04, 05, 06 (first held on 1990)
- NYSPHAA State Runner-up 1996, 97, 03
- Eden Can/Pan-Am Champion 1978-82, 84, 86, 02, 06
- Orchard Park Invite Champion 1984-86, 88, 89, 93, 94, 01, 02
- Sweet Home Invite Champion 1979, 82, 83, 85-87, 93-95
- Webster Invite Champion – 2001-02, 06
- Central Square Invite Champion – 2001-02
- Clarence Invite Champion – 2004, 05, 06

Matthews Claims Another Diving Title

(excerpted from the Buffalo News)

Casey Matthews is back in familiar territory as the reigning NYS diving champion. The Williamsville North junior, who won the title as a freshman and was second in 2005, regained the crown at the 2006 NYSPHSAA Swimming and Diving Championships at Erie Community College. Divers performed three dives on Saturday after completing the first eight Friday. Matthews totaled 515.40 to win by 10.30 over defending champion Kristen Meier of Section 9's Valley Central. Matthews said she knew after she scored 64 points on her second dive, an inward double tuck, that all she had to do was not miss badly on her final dive, a back-1½, a 1½-twist, and the title was hers. "Once I hit my inward double – that was huge," said Matthews. "My final dive has a high degree of difficulty, so I knew if I scored consistent on that it was game over." Casey is coached by Doug Cassidy.



Randolph Girls Volleyball Defend Their State Title

In a rematch of last year's state final the Lady Cardinals swept Haldane 25-7, 25-23, 25-18 to claim their second straight New York State Class D Volleyball title at the Glens Falls Civic Center. The Cards came out with an explosive offense and played sensational defense, putting together their best team effort of the season. "I thought they played an outstanding defensive game," Haldane coach Tony Caldiero said. "It seemed like they would get a hand on every ball." Middle hitter Kaitlin Erdmann (33 kills, 6 blocks) and libero Sierra Finch (12 digs, 5 aces) were named to the all-tournament team. Lacy Blocker added 11 kills and Hilary Wadsworth had 30 assists. "This was an amazing group of girls who held strong all season," said Coach Robin Maycock.

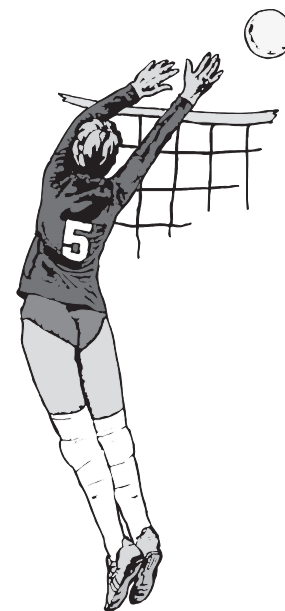
Lancaster Girls Volleyball AA State Champions

(excerpted from the Buffalo News)

Lancaster swept three games from Baldwinsville in Section 4 to capture its second Class AA title in the last three years. Having missed the championship game for the first time in five years in 2005, the Lady Redskins came back with a vengeance.

"There's nothing like it (being champions again). A great day. I don't think my feet have touched the ground yet," said Lancaster Coach Sue Pernick. "It could have been anybody on the other side of the net today. They played with such confidence. Four service errors the whole day. That's 95 percent. What was great was that we played to our full potential."

Four seniors made huge contributions for the Redskins and they will be missed. Danielle Martzolf had 20 kills in the three games. Kristi Schrantz, the last of five Schrantz sisters to play for Lancaster had 12 kills. Stacy Gangloff, the right side hitter and Lindsey Schlegel who was like a quarterback the way she ran the court.



Eden Girls Volleyball - Class B State Champions

(excerpted from the Buffalo News)

Eden, winner of the three Class C titles from 2000-02, returned to the championship round after a year's absence and rolled past Section 11 power John Glenn of Elwood to take the Class B crown. John Glenn won Class B the last two years after succeeding Eden as Class C champion in 2003. The state title was the Raiders' fifth, tying the record held by Sweet Home.



There were no seniors last year on the Eden team that ended the school's six-year run of making the finals. "It was kind of a learning experience and they remembered what it was to get knocked out of the finals", said coach Stephen Pierce. "They brought that back with them."

Eden jumped out to a 14-5 lead in the first game. In the other games, it was strong serving and net play by Heather Henry and Stacy Smith. Henry had 17 kills and two blocks while Smith had 11 kills and three blocks. Rachel Sarcione stood out with 28 digs and Tracy Henry had 22 kills for the

Raiders in Friday's six games of pool play.

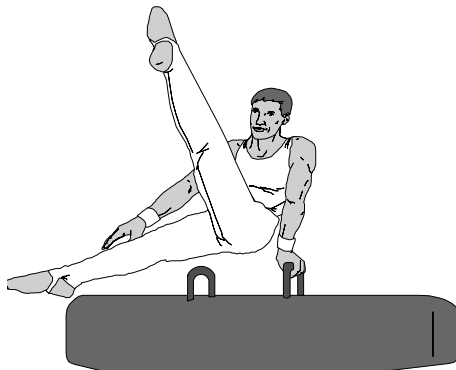
Section VI Mens Gymnastics Athletes Excel at State Competition

Section VI Mens Gymnastics team placed 1st with 150.25 points at the NYSPHSAA Regional competition held at SUNY Brockport Nov. 11, 2006.

Michael Morse, a junior at Clarence High School, claimed the state title in the Vault with 9.55 points. He also placed second in floor exercise with a score of 9.1 and, his 52.2 points earned him second place in the All-Around. Mike was the captain of the boys gymnastics team at Clarence High School in it's inaugural season. He is also an honor student with a GPA of 93.5. The team, coached by Steve Martin, completed the season 10-0, and was crowned Section 6 Champions.

Two athletes from Williamsville North also exhibited exceptional performances. **Michael Maizel**, took the State Championship in the Pommel Horse with a score of 8.2. His 7.55 points in the Parallel Bars netted him 2nd and yet another 2nd place with a score of 7.3 in the Rings.

Jarred Forman took first place with his 8.85 in the Rings. He finished 3rd in the all-around with 48.9, 3rd in the high bar with 7.4 and his score of 7.65 also placed him 3rd in the pommel horse. The Williamsville athletes are coached by Joe Buscaglia.



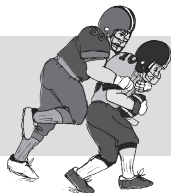
Franklinville Boys Cross Country Team win State Championship

The Franklinville cross country teams recently completed the most successful season in the school's history with the boys winning the State Championship Meet and the girls team placing 7th in the State Championship Meet!

The girls team started the season off with a bang when they won the 17th Franklinville Invitational over 23 other teams. This marked the first time our girls or boys have won our invitational meet. The girls then won the Southern Tier Invitational at St. Bonaventure University (another first for us) and continued on as they won the Division II CCIAC Championship and our first ever Section VI Class C Championship with Samantha Kopp winning the individual Sectional crown. The girls then ran a respectable 7th place at the States to close out their season. Their team record was 18 wins and 4 losses. Samantha Kopp and Kristy Warner were both selected to run in the Checkers A.C. all-star meet with Samantha placing high enough in the race to earn first team All-Western New York honors. The girls on this record setting season were: Samantha Kopp (10th), Kristy Warner (12th), Maggie Eshbaugh (11th), RaeLee Price (12th), Kylie Weigel (12th), Chloe Koerner-Priester (11th), Ashley Chase (11th), Sara Swaciak (10th), Wendy Mahnk (10th), and Melissa Killingbeck (10th).

The boys team started out a little slower than the girls but got stronger as the season wore on. They won the Southern Tier Invitational as did the girls, then they won the CCIAC Division II Championship and the Section VI Class D Championship, both for the 2nd year in a row. The boys really wanted to improve on their 8th place finish at the state meet last year and ran the best race of their careers as they upset the defending state champion Cooperstown team to win the 2006 State Crown! This marks the first team State Championship for TBA in any sport. The boys record on the season was 17 wins and 3 losses. Tom Good and Jonathan Spear both competed in the Checkers A.C. all-star meet. Team members were: Tom Good (12th), Jonathan Spear (12th), Max Easton (11th), Chris Biela (11th), Ted Krueger (11th), Ryan Sullivan (12th), Dan Merkle (10th), Edwin Linarte (12th), Jesse Michael (12th), Jake Kingston (9th), Eric McCown (8th) and Shawn Chase (9th).

The coaches and team members would like to thank everyone for their support this season.



Always a winner...

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All WNY "Good Sport" Program- Models of Sportsmanship in Action

Selection Criteria

Sportsmanship just doesn't happen...it must be taught! Students learn immeasurable and unique lessons through interscholastic athlete participation. Educators universally agree, of all the goals established as outcomes for secondary students involved in school sports, sportsmanship is primary. Student athletes who learn to value and practice sportsmanship are developing the characteristics of good citizenship. Honesty, generosity, self discipline, a sincere concern for others, ethical behavior and a commitment to fair play are all demonstrated in sportsmanship. These are the criteria for the All WNY "Good Sports" award.

This award program is carried out seasonally for all sports in Section VI. Each division for each sport within the league is asked to select a team that best exemplifies good sportsmanship to receive the team award. The team selected then chooses one student athlete to receive the individual award, an All WNY "Good Sports" patch. The names are given to the Section VI Sportchair or directly to Doug Ames, Sportsmanship Coordinator. The selection criteria, as stated above, will identify the very best we have to offer in Section VI. The award winners are models of sportsmanship in action and this program is designed to recognize and honor them. Contact the Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator Douglas Ames, Newfane Central Schools 778-6560 with questions or concerns.

Congratulations to the All-WNY "Good Sports" selections for fall 2006 listed below. These athletes will receive a certificate and an ALL-WNY Sportsmanship patch.

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ALL-WNY Individual and Team Recognition for Outstanding Sportsmanship

FALL 2006 (Sports/ leagues that do not appear below did not submit names for the award)

Football	School	Individual
AA-North	Niagara – Wheatfield	Chris Carden
AA-South	Jamestown	Nick Trussalo
A-North	Kenmore East	Adam Owczarcak
A-South	Iroquois	Mike Perillo
B- North	Tonawanda	David Miller
B-South	Eden	Adam Clerc
C-North	Silver Creek	Zach Jones
C-South	Falconer	Kurtis Garvin
D-East	Franklinville	Matt Czerminski
D-West	Randolph	Pat Morganti
Buffalo City	McKinley	Sergio Smith
Msgr Martin	St. Mary's	Brad Gibson

Girl's Soccer	School	Individual
NO	Newfane	Brianna Steel
Chautauqua	1- Dunkirk	Leah Woodard
	2-Brocton	Randalee North
Cattaraugus	1- North Collins	Jacy Lipowicz
	2- Hinsdale	Chelsea Fitzpatrick
ECIC	1- West Seneca West	Emily Jankowski
	2- Iroquois	Christin Handley
	3- Maryvale	Katie Mongori
	4- JFK	Callie Wiegand

Boy's Soccer	School	Individual
Buffalo	City Honors	Greg Nicotera
CCIAAC-1	Fredonia	Luke Johnson
CCIAAC-2/3	Westfield	Andrew Webster
ECIC-1	Frontier	Tim Dorsheimer
ECIC-2	Sweet Home	Nick Cavaliere
ECIC-3	Depew	Chris Jones
ECIC-4	East Aurora	Sam Reynolds
NFL	Kenmore East	Stew Grisante
NO	Medina	Ben Kaiser

Field Hockey	School	Individual
ECIC	Sweet Home	Katie Mazuchowski
NO	Akron	Katie Brown

Boy's X-Country	School	Individual
NO	Barker	Joe Bennes
CCAA1	Fredonia	Tom Malikowski
CCAA2	Southwestern	Ben Nelson

Girl's X-Country	School	Individual
NO	Albion	Anna Rich
CCAA	Maple Grove	Whitney Rappole

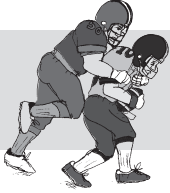
Girl's Tennis	School	Individual
CCAA Div. I	Southwestern	Rachel Wellman
CCAA Div. II	Salamanca	Cindy Raecher

Girl's Volleyball	School	Individual
Chautauqua 1	Allegany – Limestone	Jillian Schultz, Southwestern
Chautauqua 2	Maple Grove	Elizabeth Michalak, Chaut.Lake
Chautauqua 3	Forestville	Jenny Arnold
Cattaraugus	Portville	Carli Cerne, N. Collins
ECIC-1	Frontier	Kim Graham
ECIC-2	Lake Shore	Maureen Tiler
ECIC-3	Pioneer	Katie Bliss
ECIC-4	East Aurora	Katherine Pierce
NFL	Kenmore West	Jenna Tatu
NO	Barker	Valerie Richardson
Msgr. Martin	St. Mary's	No name

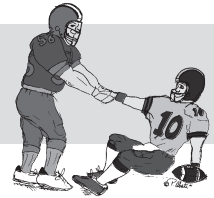
Boy's Volleyball	School	Individual
Msgr. Martin	Canisius	No name

Golf (fall)	School	Individual
NO	Barker	Joel Damon

Boys Gymnastics	School	Individual
	Hamburg	Brian Kent



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Contest Supervision Recommendations

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, at the October 11, 2006 meeting, agreed that negative fan behavior, students and adults, at contests this year seems to be an increasing problem. Although administrators at the majority of contests do not witness serious issues, the reports of poor and dangerous behavior are mounting. Following is a random list of suggestions shared by our committee members.

Train Supervisors – Hold a meeting with contest supervisors prior to the season and prior to big contests. Handout a job description and stress the need for appropriate action by the supervisors. If the job description is not filled, the supervisors will not be reassigned.

Meet with “professional security” personnel to cover expectations and responsibilities – they are expected to become part of the educational team.

Develop a Facility Plan – Each facility may have differing characteristics. Develop a plan for stations, responsibilities, communications and dealing with potentially explosive situation. Have a home team and visiting team traffic and seating plan. Utilize radios for communication when necessary.

Fan Yellow Cards – Many schools report success with a “yellow card” which can be handed to an adult fan, instructing the person that their behavior is not acceptable and if not changed, removal from the contest will result. Positive sportsmanship behaviors may be listed on the opposite side of the card.

Preseason Code Nights – Make attendance by at least one parent of each athlete mandatory. Have a backup plan (meeting with AD and viewing a film) and consider holding the athlete’s uniform until this requirement is filled.

Students – No removing of shirts at games and no body painting other than face. Signs must be approved by the AD or cheerleader advisor.

Big Rivalries – Rivalries can be fun and a positive experience for athletes, coaches and fans. However, too often rivalries stimulate poor behaviors, vandalism and negative actions at the contests. It is suggested that schools involved in the big rivalry games establish a plan of activities before game day that highlight respect for the

opponents, fair play and appropriate sportsmanship. Both schools combining for team breakfasts, captains meetings with coaches, unique uses of the media to promote positive behaviors,

cheerleaders combining for activities and demonstrations, announcements in physical education classes and pep rallies are some methods which have had successful outcomes. Welcoming signs and announcements at the contest may be helpful.

An event with a large, noisy crowd supporting their teams appropriately and respecting the opponents and the officials along with keeping a proper perspective on the values of high school sports can be fun and memorable events.

Supervision at Away Contests – It is becoming important that schools consider assigning trained supervisors to away contests. Supervisors should introduce themselves to the home school administrators and agree on how they may be recognized and contacted.

Modified Sport Parents Education – The committee members agreed that the sportsmanship messages must be stressed to the parents of modified athletes, utilizing preseason meetings at this level. Of course, they all need constant reminders.

Game Officials – All of us in the schools, leagues and sections need to be more proactive in working with and educating our officials of their importance in quieting potentially explosive situations. We need to meet with the officials at preseason meets, supporting their role as the rules interpreters and experts in officiating contests. However, we must strive to have all officials learn methods for defusing potentially explosive situations and recognize behaviors that add to the explosive situation. Our officials should become aware that they perform an important role in the education of students through athletics. They need our support and we need their assistance!

Conclusion – The Sportsmanship Committee members are proud of the many positive results of healthy competitions. However we must not lower our standards, accepting behaviors that are not sportsmanlike, being happy that “things were not worse”. Communicate high expectations and hold all accountable. Develop pride in “doing things the right way!”

...Good Sports Finish First

SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

The NYSPHSAA, Inc. believes that the athletic participation of students enhances their academic performances. To support this belief, The Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program was begun in 1991. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award. The Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. became the co-sponsor of the program in 1995.

Section VI Team Award Winners – Winter 2006

Boys Cross Country

Clarence	97.355
Southwestern	97.306
Newfane	96.281
Hamburg	95.857
Iroquois	95.656
Lancaster	95.506
Barker	95.166
Royalton Hartland	94.769
Frontier	94.760
Williamsville North	94.333
Falconer	94.032
East Aurora	93.830
City Honors	93.748
Williamsville East	93.716
Lockport	93.714
Cleveland Hill	93.596
Wilson	93.452
Grand Island	93.379
Sweet Home	93.204
Alden	93.180
Kenmore East	93.104
Lake Shore	92.728
Depew	92.598
Amherst	92.269
Hutchinson Tech	91.906
Albion	91.318
Allegany-Limestone	90.999
Orchard Park	90.983
Kenmore West	90.927
Franklinville	90.519
Leonardo Da Vinci	90.491
Fredonia	90.057

Girls Cross Country

Frontier	97.272
Wilson	96.842
East Aurora	96.741
Hamburg	96.429
Lockport	96.287
Clarence	95.666
Newfane	95.231
Iroquois	95.164
Depew	95.063
West Seneca West	95.019
Williamsville East	94.963
Franklinville & Ellicottville	94.669
Lancaster	93.913
Leonardo Da Vinci	93.834
Southwestern	93.706
Lake Shore	93.302
Williamsville North	93.133
Falconer	92.886

Kenmore West	92.521
Cleveland Hill	92.384
Alden	92.275
West Seneca East	92.107
Kenmore East	91.661
Hutchinson Tech	91.653
Sweet Home	91.230
Medina	91.210
Royalton Hartland	91.188
Olean	91.114
Grand Island	91.000
Fredonia	90.843
City Honors	90.789
Albion	90.566
Lewiston Porter	90.327
Orchard Park	90.106

Field Hockey

Barker	95.691
Clarence	95.088
Sweet Home	94.830
Medina	94.774
Williamsville North	94.517
Williamsville East	94.390
East Aurora	94.188
Lancaster	93.898
Hamburg	93.600
Royalton Hartland	93.184
Holland	92.979
Orchard Park	92.979
Iroquois	92.917
West Seneca East	92.774
Newfane	92.398
Wilson	91.786
Williamsville South	91.504
West Seneca West	91.110
Kenmore West	90.757
Pioneer	90.541
Starpoint	90.534
Amherst	90.433

Football

Southwestern	94.731
Lancaster	94.726
Clarence	94.347
Iroquois	94.206
North Tonawanda	93.825
Allegany-Limestone	93.821
West Seneca West	93.731
Cassadaga Valley	93.221
Lockport	93.183
Westfield	93.141
East Aurora	93.116
Williamsville East	93.063

Frontier	93.042
Alden	93.001
Williamsville North	92.983
Pioneer	92.528
Falconer	92.391
Cleveland Hill	92.293
Depew	92.119
Maryvale	92.115
Medina	92.103
Kenmore West	91.901
Pine Valley	91.691
Wilson	91.674
Springville	91.500
Hamburg	91.375
Newfane	91.284
Sweet Home	91.152
Barker	90.990
Brocton	90.947
Albion	90.678
Lake Shore	90.295
Williamsville South	90.259
Grand Island	90.167
Panama	90.075
Kenmore East	90.059
Lewiston Porter	90.053

Boys Golf

Wilson	97.030
Medina	96.299
Clarence	95.434
Iroquois	94.559
Depew	94.483
Newfane	94.443
West Seneca West	94.439
Williamsville East	93.620
Hamburg	93.500
Williamsville North	93.314
Lockport	93.100
Springville	92.461
Sweet Home	92.423
Frontier	91.980
East Aurora	91.976
Albion	91.918
Royalton Hartland	91.827
Amherst	91.783
Alden	91.756
Lake Shore	91.581
Kenmore West	91.150
Williamsville South	90.871
Kenmore East	90.729
Lewiston Porter	90.629
Grand Island	90.525

Girls Golf

Williamsville E, N & S	94.351
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Boys Gymnastics

Clarence	92.029
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Girls Gymnastics

Frontier	96.819
Hamburg	96.329
Williamsville North	96.076
Lancaster	95.927
Williamsville East	95.737
Clarence	95.199
Maryvale	93.644
Sweet Home	92.186
Lewiston Porter	92.116
Williamsville South	91.013
Kenmore West	90.150

Boys Soccer

Southwestern	95.497
East Aurora	94.716
Falconer	94.201
Portville	94.096
Westfield	94.031
Holland	94.022
Lockport	93.933
Lancaster	93.648
Newfane	93.613
Sweet Home	93.325
Allegany-Limestone	93.324
Cassadaga Valley	93.192
Springville	93.139
Medina	93.103
Williamsville East	93.101
Hamburg	92.767
Orchard Park	92.726
Cheektowaga	92.725
Wilson	92.459
Iroquois	92.335
Chautauqua Lake	92.067
Clarence	92.008
Starpoint	91.964
Pioneer	91.963
Brocton	91.848
Amherst	91.694
Tonawanda	91.628
Depew	91.583
Royalton Hartland	91.206
Williamsville North	91.079
Alden	90.934
Albion	90.880
Williamsville South	90.758
Olean	90.642
Kenmore West	90.529
Pine Valley	90.367
Kenmore East	90.287
Grand Island	90.029

Lewiston Porter	90.003
Williamsville South	90.150

Girls Soccer

Frontier	96.385
Medina	96.339
Alden	96.213
Portville	95.983
Southwestern	95.814
Ellicottville	95.550
Albion	95.463
Hamburg	95.333
Williamsville North	95.103
Lancaster	94.932
West Seneca East	94.739
Lockport	94.617
Allegany-Limestone	94.468
West Seneca West	94.287
Williamsville East	94.286
East Aurora	94.273
Clarence	93.941
Iroquois	93.892
Falconer	93.765
Orchard Park	93.598
Franklinville	93.447
Springville	93.442
Wilson	93.273
Olean	93.092
Cheektowaga	92.875
Sweet Home	92.808
Pioneer	92.560
Holland	92.556
Amherst	92.518
Westfield	92.222
Tonawanda	92.194
Brocton	92.188
Newfane	92.186
Chautauqua Lake	91.933
Cassadaga Valley	91.679
Kenmore East	91.539
Barker	91.281
Depew	91.263
Starpoint	91.075
Maryvale	90.871
Kenmore West	90.834
Lewiston Porter	90.818
Jamestown	90.762
Fredonia	90.636
Panama	90.571
Williamsville South	90.520
Salamanca	90.492
North Tonawanda	90.033
Grand Island	90.000

Girls Swimming & Diving

Frontier	97.370
Lockport	97.344
Southwestern	97.197
Hamburg	96.800
Niagara Falls	96.722
Williamsville North	96.090
Clarence	96.050
Depew	95.760
West Seneca West	95.754
Iroquois	95.479

Olean	95.291
North Tonawanda	94.704
Portville	94.614
Lancaster	93.977
Williamsville East	93.955
Sweet Home	93.926
Jamestown	93.923
Springville	93.918
West Seneca East	93.876
Maryvale	93.827
Lake Shore	93.797
Alden	93.435
East Aurora	93.360
Cheektowaga	93.200
Tonawanda	93.189
Cleveland Hill	92.856
Holland	92.706
Kenmore East	91.873
Chautauqua Lake	91.720
Pioneer	91.635
Dunkirk	91.402
Allegany-Limestone	91.255
Lewiston Porter	91.079
Kenmore West	90.931
Grand Island	90.576
Williamsville South	90.521
Amherst	90.507
Fredonia	90.436

Girls Tennis

West Seneca East	97.904
Southwestern	97.833
Niagara Falls	96.889
Hamburg	96.289
Sweet Home	96.267
Lancaster	96.010
Frontier	95.953
Williamsville North	95.813
Depew	95.783
Iroquois	94.990
Tonawanda	94.828
Cheektowaga	94.811
West Seneca West	94.718
Alden	94.706
Amherst	94.482
Williamsville East	94.394
Clarence	94.124
Springville	93.980
East Aurora	93.863
Falconer	93.308
Lake Shore	92.830
Grand Island	92.667
Lockport	92.457
Kenmore West	92.445
Olean	91.400
Kenmore East	91.381
Chautauqua Lake	91.188
Williamsville South	91.173
Salamanca	91.100
Lewiston Porter	90.857
Maryvale	90.724
Fredonia	90.061

Boys Volleyball

Lancaster	94.304
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East Aurora Girls Cross Country Class B State Champions

The 2006 East Aurora Girls Cross Country Team went undefeated this fall season. Other accomplishments include ECIC Division and Overall Champions, Section VI Class B and Overall Champions, New York State Class B Champions, and New York State Federation Championships 5th Place



All members* of the team were ECIC All Starts, All Western New York – Section 6 Selections, All New York Class B Cross Country Team Selections and Scholar Athletes. Catherine Lusardi was the Section VI Girls Runner of the Year and the 11th Grade Runner of the Year. Kristen Weberg was the Section VI Girls 10th Grade Runner of the Year. Paige Peltan was the Section VI Girls 8th Grade Runner of the Year. The team was coached by Walt McLaughlin.

*2006 Team Members: Erin Crawford, Jenna Hulton, Marla Kelley, Catherine Lusardi, Tara O'Connor, Paige Peltan and Kristen Weberg.

Sweet Home	94.003	Maryvale	93.625
Frontier	93.121	Williamsville North	93.544
Depew	93.041	Clarence	93.458
Clarence	93.000	Westfield	93.360
Iroquois	92.943	Depew	93.274
Eden	92.788	East Aurora	93.270
Williamsville North	92.741	West Seneca East	93.033
Holland	92.642	Brocton	93.021
Williamsville East	92.366	West Seneca West	93.014
West Seneca West	91.425	Holland	92.893
Lockport	91.325	Cheektowaga	92.763
Lake Shore	90.962	Williamsville East	92.599
Grand Island	90.917	Pine Valley	92.407
Kenmore West	90.679	Springville	92.393
Cleveland Hill	90.205	Niagara Falls	92.279

Girls Volleyball

Royalton Hartland	96.315	Lake Shore	92.155
Alden	96.271	Falconer	91.978
Southwestern	96.133	Panama	91.937
Medina	95.896	Barker	91.925
Sweet Home	95.725	Allegany-Limestone	91.621
Lockport	95.675	Kenmore West	91.586
Lancaster	95.393	Lewiston Porter	91.379
Cassadaga Valley	95.053	North Tonawanda	91.331
Cleveland Hill	94.400	Iroquois	91.019
Newfane	94.158	Kenmore East	90.898
Frontier	94.092	Olean	90.600
Wilson	94.041	Starpoint	90.458
Cattaraugus-Little Valley	93.986	Grand Island	90.453
Albion	93.842	Chautauqua Lake	90.398
Pioneer	93.639	City Honors	90.344
		Tonawanda	90.344
		Williamsville South	90.039
		Amherst	90.010



IT'S OFFICIAL...

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The National Federation of High School Sports reports that over 7 million student athletes participated in high school sports last school year. A pattern of steady growth shows no sign of slowing, which educators agree to be a very positive outcome. Youth level sports encourage sportsmanship, physical fitness, teamwork and a variety of problem solving skills that tend to create more productive members of our society.

However, we as coaches, educators and parents must always be concerned about a dangerous social trend that looms in our gymnasiums and on our playing fields... that of "win at all cost." All too often this concept tends to take the enjoyment out of athletics as our youngsters under excessive pressure, loose focus on those positive lessons can be attained.

The NFHS reports that less than 2 percent of high school athletes ever receive a college scholarship for athletics, and an even smaller percentage of them go on to earn a living as a professional athlete.

Promoting a sense of self-worth based solely on the outcome of a game is dangerous and rarely leads to any of the post-play goals outlined by our over-zealous coaches.

Stay focused! Stress sportsmanship, good physical health and the ability to enjoy the game, and the wins will take care of themselves.



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