



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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



Next Athletic Council Meeting

September 20, 2006

Lunch 11:00 am

Meeting begins at 11:30 am

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

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

MEETING DATES 2006-2007

Sept. 20, Nov. 15, Jan. 17,

March 21, May 16

All Athletic Council meetings are held at

11:30 am – Lunch served at 11:00 am

Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus,
355 Harlem Rd., W.Seneca, Building B

Mark your calendars!

NYS Good Sports Program

NYS PHSAA has announced that Olean City School District was chosen as one of three schools throughout the state to be recognized as having an exemplary sportsmanship program. In addition to Olean receiving state recognition, Frontier, Kenmore West and Barker have been recognized for outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship in Section VI. All four schools and their respective AD's will be honored at the September meeting of the Athletic Council. Congratulations to all!

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Section VI "Schools of Distinction" To Be Honored

NYS PHSAA announced that three Section VI schools have achieved the status of Scholar-Athlete "School of Distinction" for 2005-06. **Albion, Clarence, and Williamsville East** achieved the "School of Distinction" status by having 100% of their interscholastic varsity sports teams earn above a 90.0% grade point average. As a result, each of these districts will be honored and presented with the award at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting, Wed. Sept. 20 at the Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus in West Seneca.

The "School of Distinction" award, in its fourth year of existence, is the highest award handed out in the Scholar-Athlete program. The purpose of the "School of Distinction" award is to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide honor in addition to the already established Scholar-Athlete Team Award program which was initiated in 1991-1992 school year. *Congratulations to Albion, Clarence, and Williamsville East!*

SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETE STATE CHAMPIONS

NYS PHSAA announced that three Section VI teams achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Spring Sports! **Wilson Softball, Medina Boys Tennis and Sweet Home Baseball.** (see page 7). Other spring sport champions include:

SPORT	SECTION	SCHOOL	TEAM GPA
Baseball	6	Sweet Home	95.027
Golf - Boys	8	Jericho	97.602
Golf - Girls	3	Chittenango	97.406
Lacrosse - Boys	8	Cold Spring Harbor	95.909
Lacrosse - Girls	8	Farmingdale	98.951
Softball	6	Wilson	95.711
Tennis - Boys	6	Medina	98.831
Track & Field - Boys	9	Warwick Valley	98.491
Track & Field - Girls	8	Wheatley	99.599

SPRING SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS (see p.10)

Williamsville South Softball • Fredonia Baseball • Track & Field

Section VI had another very successful track and field season in 2006. Our athletes combined to win thirteen (13) State Titles at the NYSPHSAA Championships at St. Lawrence University. They were Federation champs in two (2) events. Three (3) Section VI Records were broken at this year's State Meet. (articles on pages 11-13)

EVENT	NAME	SCHOOL	PERFORMANCE
Division I – Boys			
200m	Ken Bragg	Lafayette	22.16
Shot Put	Rob Golabek	Frontier	56'-10.25"
Pentathlon	Cory Pixley	Pioneer	3251 points
Division I – Girls			
Shot Put	Alyssa Pirinelli	North Tonawanda	41'-11.5"
Division II – Boys			
100m	Dan Schichtel	Eden	11.04
Shot Put	Blake Eaton	Allegany-Limestone	62'-11"
Discus	Blake Eaton	Allegany-Limestone	185'-1"
Pentathlon	Andrew Hale	Frewsburg	3234 points
4x100m Relay	Robert Kelly, Ray Peoples, Ed Thomas, Brian Green	Cleveland Hill	43.01
Division II – Girls			
800m	Sarah Mosser	East Aurora	2:11.36
3000m	Catherine Lusardi	East Aurora	10:00.70
400m Hurdles	Fawn Dorr	Akron	1:00.60
Discus	Jacque Holmberg	Falconer	134'-4"

Track and Field — continued on page 12

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STRUCTURE & POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Committee to review all aspects of the NYSPHSAA will be meeting on October 5, 2006. Please contact your representatives with any suggestions you may have so that we provide the very best opportunities for our student athletes. The representatives serving on the committee include: John Durney Section 1, Mike Apostol Section 2, Carol Moss Section 3, Mike Johnson Section 4, Gary Mix Section 5, **Greg Kaszubski Section 6**, Steve Broadwell Section 7, Mira Martincich Section 8, Toni Woody Section 9, Paul Harrica Section 10, Lisa Lally Section 11, Eileen Troy Sport Coordinators, Mike Andrew Sport Coordinators, John Pelin NYSAAA, Michael Virgil Superintendents, Paul Harrison Executive Director (3), Carl Normandin Executive Director (10), Ed Cinelli Executive Director (11), Kathy Faber Past President, Pat Pizzarelli 1st Vice President, Bob Munn Past President and Nina VanErk NYSPHSAA

FUTURE MEETING DATES

(8 Airport Park Blvd, Latham)

September 10	Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field 10:00
September 12	NYS Federation
September 18	Wrestling 10:00
September 22	Ice Hockey 10:00
September 25	NYCOSS Athletic Advisory (Saratoga)
September 29	Rifle 10:00
October 4	Girls Lacrosse 9:00 Coaches Education Committee (Unatego HS)
October 5	Structure & Policy Review Committee 9:30

CONFERENCE – ELIGIBILITY AND STANDARDS

Once again the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA are partnering to organize a two-day conference scheduled for November 27-28, 2006 at the Holiday Inn – Turf, Albany. The NYSAAA will be offering NIAAA Leadership Training Courses on November 27th. On November 28th the NYSPHSAA will conduct a seminar on rules, regulations and eligibility designed for athletic administrators and sports coordinators. A more detailed brochure will be mailed this month.

FUTURE RULE CHANGES

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

SOCCER - In 2007 all shin guards must be NOCSAE approved and properly fitted to the individual player. This season, protective face masks (with no protrusions) may be worn to protect players with facial injuries provided the player has physician approval to wear the mask.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

August 9-10, 2006

Approved:

Cathy Allen as the Girls Softball Coordinator (2011)

WRESTLING - A wrestler caught cheating on the hydration test will be an ineligible wrestler for the remainder of the season.

SOCCER - Approved the Yellow Card Accumulation Policy

Back to the Sections for Input:

Transfer Language - "Students who return from any school may enroll in the public school district of their residence *or private school within that district's boundaries* shall be exempted from the Transfer Rule. Such a transfer without penalty will only be permitted once in a high school career. (*proposed change in italics*) (see page 2)

EMAIL

The volume of email received by the Association staff is increasing daily. Our goal is to respond promptly to correspondence from member schools. When emailing the Association please include your name, title, school district and telephone number so that we may easily identify you and contact you if needed. Emails that are received without identification will not be considered a priority and will be responded to when time permits.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR CLASS OF 2007

Pupil Benefits has sponsored the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame since its inception four years ago. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals for their outstanding contribution to high school athletics in the categories of administrator, coach, athlete,

official and contributor. Nominations must first receive the endorsement of the Section and be received by the NYSPHSAA by the December 15th deadline. Nomination forms are available from the section and state association office. The 2006 inductees are featured on p.4.

FIELD HOCKEY

New Rules & Clarifications:

Beginning with the Fall season a tooth protector shall be any readily visible color, other than white or clear.

COACHES CLINICS

(Brochures will be forth coming)

Wrestling Clinic November 3, 2006

Cornell University

Alpine Ski Clinic December 7-8, 2006

Bristol Mountain

FOOTBALL

Change to Rule 1-2-3g: Advertising and/or commercial markings may be permitted in the end zones.

GIRLS SOCCER:

1. Beginning 2007, shin guards must be NOCSAE approved. Size must be correct.
2. As of 2006, visible apparel worn under the shorts, must be of similar length, all alike, and solid color.
3. As of 2006, a protective mask may be worn with proper medical release (to be brought to site). It may be of solid material, but molded to the face with NO protrusions.

BOWLING:

Section 6 is hosting the state tournament. It will be held March 3 and 4, 2007 with the State Bowling Committee meeting being held Friday, March 2. The tournament will be hosted by Thruway Lanes in Buffalo.

BOYS SWIMMING / DIVING:

State Meet Location 2007: Eric Community College, Buffalo. Section VI still has a need for a Boys Swimming sport chair.

WRESTLING:

In conjunction with the Safety Advisory Committee, the Wrestling Committee has made a change in the weigh-in procedure for a 2 day tournament. For 2 day tournaments, weigh-ins will be conducted on site both days of the tournament. There will be a one pound allowance on the second day. (*continued p.5*)

2006-2007 FALL SPORTS SECTIONAL/ REGIONAL/ STATE DATES

CROSS COUNTRY

Sectionals:	Fri. Nov. 3	Elma Meadows
Girls:	A-10:30am, B-11:00am, C-11:30am, D-noon, AA-12:30pm	
Boys:	A-1:00pm, B-1:30pm, C-2:00pm, D-2:30pm, AA-3:00pm	
States:	Sat. Nov. 11	Warwick Valley HS
NYS Federation Meet	Sat. Nov. 18	Bowdoin State Park, Wappinger Falls (Section 1)

FIELD HOCKEY

Seeding Meeting	Tues. Oct. 24	Amherst HS (Time TBA)
Pre-Quarters:	Thurs. Oct. 26	Higher Seed, 3:00 pm
Quarters:	B: Fri. Oct. 27	Higher Seed, 3:00 pm
	A & C: Mon. Oct. 30	Higher Seed, 3:00 pm
Semifinals:	B: Tues. Oct. 31	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3:30 & 5:30 pm
	A: Wed. Nov. 1	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3:30 & 5:30 pm
	C: Thurs. Nov. 2	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3:30 & 5:30 pm
Finals:	B & A: Mon. Nov. 6	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3:30 & 5:30 pm
	C: Tues. Nov. 7	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3:30 pm
Regionals:	Thurs. Nov. 9	Amherst HS Turf Complex B- 3:00 pm A-5:00 pm C-7:00 pm
States:	Fri.-Sat. Nov. 17-18	Alliance Bank Stadium, Syracuse (Section 3)

FOOTBALL

Semifinals:	Fri.- Sat. Oct. 27-28	Divisional Champion's home site
Finals:	Thurs. Nov. 2	Ralph Wilson Stadium, Times: D-5:00pm, AA-7:30pm
	Fri. Nov. 3	Ralph Wilson Stadium, Times: B-4:30pm, C-7:00pm, A-9:30pm
Finals- Bowl games:	Sat. Nov. 4	Medina, B-12n, A-3:00pm AA-3:00pm (Tentative) Amherst?
	Sat. Nov. 4	Jamestown, D-10:00am, C-1:00pm
Regionals:	Fri. Nov. 10	Ralph Wilson Stadium, Times: D-6:00pm, AA-8:30pm
	Sat. Nov. 11	Ralph Wilson Stadium, Times: B-Noon, C-3:00pm, A-6:00pm
State Western		
Semifinals:	Fri. Nov. 17	Paetec Field, Rochester Times: TBA
	Sat. Nov. 18	Paetec Field, Rochester Times: TBA
State Finals:	Fri. Nov. 24	Carrier Dome, Syracuse
	Sat. Nov. 25	Carrier Dome, Syracuse

GYMNASTICS BOYS

Sect. Lineup due date:	Tues. Oct 31	
Sectionals:	Fri. Nov. 3	Williamsville South High School 5:00pm
Regional:	Sat. Nov. 11	SUNY Brockport (Section 5) 10:00

GYMNASTICS GIRLS

Sectionals:	Sat. Nov.4	Williamsville East High School
States:	March 3, 2007	Rush-Henrietta HS, Rochester, NY (Section 5)

SOCCER BOYS

Seeding meeting:	Sat. Oct. 21	Site & Time TBA
Qualifier	AA, A: Mon. Oct. 23	Higher Seed 3:30 pm
Pre-quarters	B, C: Tues. Oct. 24	Higher Seed 3:30 pm
	AA, A: Wed. Oct. 25	Higher Seed 2:00 pm
Semi-finals	D: Tues.-Wed. Oct. 24-25	Higher Seed 2:30 pm
Quarters	AA, A: Fri. Oct. 27	Higher Seed 2:30 pm

Quarters	B, C: Sat. Oct. 28	Higher Seed 2:00 pm
Finals	D: Sat. Oct. 28	TBA
Semi-finals	AA,A,B,C: Tues Oct.31 & Wed. Nov.1	Higher Seed 2:30pm
Finals	AA, A, B, C: Fri./Sat. Nov. 3/4	TBA
Regionals:	Fri.-Sat. Nov. 10-11	Section VI Sites TBA
States:	Fri.-Sun. Nov. 17-18	Hall of Fame, Oneonta (Section 4)

SOCCER GIRLS

Seeding meeting:	Sat. Oct. 21	Location: TBA
Qualifier	B: Mon Oct. 23	Higher Seed 3:30pm
	A: Tues. Oct. 24	Higher Seed 3:30pm
Pre- Quarters:	B, C: Wed. Oct. 25	Higher Seed 3:30pm
	AA, A: Thurs. Oct. 26	Higher Seed 3:30pm
Quarters:	D Wed. Oct 25	Higher Seed 3:30pm
	B, C: Fri. Oct. 27	Higher Seed 3:30pm
	AA, A: Sat. Oct. 28	Higher Seed 2:00pm
Semifinals:	D: Sat. Oct. 28	Higher Seed 2:00pm
	B, C: Tues. Oct. 31	Higher Seed 2:30pm
	AA, A: Wed. Nov. 1	Higher Seed 2:30pm
Finals:	C, D: Fri. Nov. 3	Jamestown HS
	AA, A, B: Fri./Sat. Nov. 3/4	Amherst HS (N. Tonawanda HS Backup)
Regionals:	B, D: Fri. Nov. 10	Jamestown HS, D-5:00, B-7:00
	AA, A, C: Sat. Nov. 11	Section 5
States:	Thurs-Sat. Nov. 16-18	SUNY Cortland (Section 3)

SWIMMING GIRLS

Sectionals:Swimming	Thurs. Nov. 9	ECC City Campus: Trials
	Sat. Nov. 11	ECC City Campus: Finals
Sectionals: Diving	Fri. Nov. 10	Fredonia State University
States:	Thurs.-Sat. Nov. 16-18	ECC City Campus (Section 6)

TENNIS GIRLS

Sect. entry due date:	Fri. Oct. 20	
Seeding Meeting:	Sun. Oct. 22	Friendly's - 9:00 am
Sectionals:	Fri-Sat. Oct. 27-28	Lakewood YMCA, Jamestown, 3:00 pm
States:	Sat.-Mon. Nov. 4-6	Eastside Racquet Club, 9:00 am Manlius (Section 3)

VOLLEYBALL BOYS

Seeding Meeting:	Thurs. Oct. 26	Walt Stefani's house, 6:30pm
Qualifier	Mon. Oct. 30	Higher Seed 6:00 pm
Pre-Quarters:	Tues Oct 31	Higher Seed 6:00pm
Quarters:	Thurs Nov. 2	Higher Seed 6:00pm
Semifinals:	Sat. Nov. 4	Clarence High School
Finals:	Wed Nov. 8	Williamsville South, A-6:00pm, B-8:00pm
Regionals:	Sat. Nov. 11	Section 6, Site & Times TBA

VOLLEYBALL GIRLS

Seeding Meeting:	Mon. Oct. 23	Frontier High School, 7:00 pm
Qualifier:	Wed. Oct. 25	Higher Seed TBA
Pre-Quarters:	Fri. Oct. 27	Higher Seed, TBA
Quarters:	Mon. Oct 30	Higher Seed, TBA
Semifinals:	Thurs. Nov. 2	Higher Seed, TBA
Finals:	AA, A: Tues. Nov. 7	TBA
	C, B, D: Wed. Nov. 8	TBA
Regionals:	Sat. Nov. 11	Section V
States:	Fri-Sat. Nov. 17-18	Glens Falls Civic Center

Two From Section VI Inducted Into NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame



L to R, top: Paul Weatherup, Drake Francescone, Thomas Hall, L to R, bottom: Robert Kersch, Jackie Brummer, Michael Messere

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) inducted 6 members to the Class of 2006 Hall of Fame at the Central Committee meeting this August in Grand Island. **Jacqueline A. Brummer, Esq.** (athlete-Section VI), **Drake M. Francescone** (coach-Section VI), **Thomas W. Hall** (coach-Section III), **Robert L. Kersch** (official-Section XI), **Michael A. Messere** (coach-Section III), and **Paul J. Weatherup** (official-Section III), were chosen through a two-level selection process involving a screening committee and selection committee. Nominations were endorsed by their member Section of the Association—a preliminary step in the nomination process required since the launching of the Hall of Fame program in September 2002. Sections are permitted to receive nominations from any individual in their Section before forwarding it on to the NYSPHSAA for consideration. The Hall of Fame, now in its fourth year, is sponsored by Pupil Benefits, Inc and Jostens.

Section VI was proud to endorse Jackie Brummer and Drake Francescone!! Congratulations to all six inductees!

JACQUELINE A. BRUMMER ESQ. **ATHLETE: Gymnast, Sweet Home High School**

Ms. Jacqueline A. Brummer Esq. is one of the finest athletes to come out of Section VI. She participated in varsity gymnastics starting at Sweet Home High School from 1977-1982, setting numerous records many

of which still stand today. She is known to be the only gymnast in New York State to capture the All Around NYSPHSAA State title four years in a row.

In 1977, Brummer experienced success in her first year participating in the sport at the varsity level. She set the Section VI record in Uneven Bars and Balance Beam enroute to a berth in her first NYSPHSAA State Championship Tournament. A year later she earned her first NYSPHSAA State title in the All Around and in the process became the first Section VI girl to ever win a State crown. She went on to capture three more All Around State titles along with three Vault championships (1979-82), three Balance Beam championships (1979-81), and two Uneven Bars championships (1981-82) in high school. In 1981 she set Sectional records in Balance Beam, Vault, Bars, Floor and All-Around.

Brummer began training at the age of 7 with Kathy Gleason School of Gymnastics, Niagara Frontier Gymnastics Club in Wheatfield, New York, and became an elite gymnast by the time she was 15 (in 1980). She capped off her career as a member of the U.S.A.G. National Travel Team which includes the top 12 gymnasts in the nation, traveling to East Germany.

As a result of her outstanding career at Sweet Home and as an elite gymnast, she earned a full athletic scholarship to Arizona State University. Brummer won the gold on uneven bars in 1984, and made a magnificent run of dominance in the sport during her senior year in 1986 when she notched an individual NCAA title in All Around and Balance Beam setting national records in those exercises. She was named All American in Uneven Bars, Beam and Vault, in 1983, 1984 and 1986, and garnered PAC-10 Athlete of the Year.

After graduation from ASU in 1986, Ms. Brummer continued an exceptional career as a professional gymnast traveling with Kurt Thomas Gymnastics America U.S. Tour, mentoring for the USAG National Team, and even acting as a stuntwoman in Hollywood, specifically as a stunt double for Heather Locklear in the movie "Return of Swamp Thing". Brummer has also acted and starred in a number of commercials, television programs and movies ("Spitfire").

Born in Kenmore, NY, Brummer earned her Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice at Arizona State in 1987 then went on

to receive her Doctor of Jurisprudence from SUNY at Buffalo in 1992. She went on to pass the California Bar Exam in 1993, practiced law in California for 6 years, then became a licensed attorney in Colorado in 2000, and New York in 2004.

DRAKE M. FRANCESCONE COACH: Former Swimming, Cross Country, Volleyball, Softball and Basketball Coach, Buffalo City Schools

After a 34-year career as a teacher and coach in the Buffalo Public Schools, Drake M. Francescone has left a lasting impression on student-athletes.

Francescone spent 23 years as head coach of varsity boys and girls swimming, tennis, cross country, softball, girls volleyball, and boys basketball at City Honors. He may be best known for his accomplishments as a head coach in girls volleyball when he led City Honors to four NYSPHSAA State championships, 11 consecutive Buffalo City championships and six Section VI titles. Coach Francescone also led City Honors to another NYSPHSAA State title in 2003 when he guided the boys basketball team to a championship. During his time as basketball coach, he added three more Sectional titles to his resume. As a coach of both the girls and boys swimming teams, Francescone compiled a 70-3 career mark which included six Syracuse Cup titles and a string of 57 consecutive dual meet victories. Another sport he coached both boys and girls teams was cross country in which he posted an 82-1 record and six Buffalo City championships with the girls, and a 94-1 record and six more Buffalo City crowns with the boys.

Despite his success as a coach, his legacy was not measured solely on wins and losses. He had a genuine concern for the welfare of student-athletes in Buffalo and was known to make a positive impact on every student-athlete he coached. His philosophies included putting academics first before any athletic contest along with making sure his student-athletes represented their school and community with pride. For numerous years he organized special tutoring for his players who needed additional academic assistance.

A lifelong Buffalo resident, Mr. Francescone graduated from Kenmore West High School in 1966 before continuing his education at Indiana University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in 1970. He went on to earn his Masters degree in 1972 at Niagara University.

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There will also be some modifications in the weight classification procedure. Each section will use centralized sites for this assessment process. A digital refractometer will be used to determine hydration for each wrestler. Section coordinators will work with the assessors to set-up sites and dates in each section.

The 50% rule will be in force for the 2006-2007 wrestling season. A wrestler will have to weigh-in for at least half of these matches at the lowest weight class he plans on participating in for the sectional competition.

APPROVED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

GIRLS LACROSSE: Passed:

Continuation of 3 classifications for State tournament with a variation in classification effective 2006-2007:
Class A 1134 – up; Class B 750-1133;
Class C 749 – below

BOYS SOCCER: Passed: Continuation of 5 classifications for State tournament effective 2006-2007.

BOYS SWIMMING: Passed: Revised qualifying standards in 200 M.R., 200 Free R., 200 Free, 100 Free, 500 Free.

SANCTIONING OF INTERSTATE CONTESTS:

All regulations and forms for the sanctioning of interstate and international events can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. The new NFHS procedures, effective 8/1/06, should be reviewed. One major clarification has been made in the host school principal signature area. **The host school principal (administrator) ... "agrees to assume oversight responsibility for the event, and to be present on site during the event, either in person or by a designee."**

COACHING CERTIFICATION

The NYSPHSAA has signed an agreement with SUNY Cortland to support a web-based coaching certification program. The Cortland Center for Educational Exchange will host the course on its website, providing the technical support, instructional services and administrative support. The Association will provide administrative support in the form of payroll service and dissemination of recommended textbooks. The Association and Cortland will collaborate in the appointment of instructors, curriculum development and annual curriculum review. For registration, go to www.cortland.edu/physed/CEECOachingCert.htm

ERIE 1 BOCES 2006-07 COACHING COURSES

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS

Instructor: Chuck Amo

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Sept. 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, Oct. 3, 5, 10, 12, 2006

Hamburg HS, 4111 Legion Dr., Rm 216, Hamburg, NY 14025

Registration Deadline: September 8, 2006 Cost: \$160.00

HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

Instructor: Paul Pignataro, Tom Haney, Terry Whieldon

Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Oct. 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, Nov. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 2006

Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd., Rm B1, West Seneca, NY 14224

Registration Deadline: October 12, 2006 Cost: \$160.00

THEORY & TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

Instructor: Ken Stoldt

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

December 5, 7, 12, 14, 2006

Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd., Rm B1, West Seneca, NY 14224

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2006 Cost: \$160.00

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS

Instructor: Ken Stoldt

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Jan. 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, Feb. 1, 6, 8, 2007

Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd., Rm B2a, West Seneca, NY 14224

Registration Deadline: December 30, 2006 Cost: \$160.00

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS

Instructor: Chris DeMarco

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Feb. 27, March 1, 6, 8, 13, 20, 22, 27, 29, April 3, 5, 2007

Sweet Home High School 1901 Sweet Home Rd., Rm. 501

Amherst, NY 14228

Deadline: Feb. 23, 2007 Cost: \$160.00

THEORY & TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

Instructor: Chuck Amo

Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

March 5, 7, 12, 14, 2007

Hamburg HS, 4111 Legion Dr., Rm 216, Hamburg, NY 14025

Registration Deadline: March 2, 2007 Cost: \$160.00

HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

Chris Kaplan

Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

April 23, 25, 30, May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 2007

1050 Maryvale Dr., Alumni Hall (H.S.), Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2007 Cost: \$160.00

Phillip J. Coyle 821-7530 Fax: 821-7409

Workshop for Athletic Directors

The Section office will be sponsoring a free workshop for all Athletic Directors again this fall. Speakers will include Walter Eaton, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, Robert Dinse Section VI Executive Secretary, Jerry Baldelli, Extended Eligibility Chairman, and Ron Black, Transfer Chairman. Topics to be covered include Section VI Policies and Procedures, Eligibility Standards and Sanctioning, Transfer Rule, Officials Contract 2004-2007, Sportsmanship Program, Directors Associations and Extended Eligibility. The Workshop is scheduled as follows:

Tuesday September 19, 2006 at 12:30 pm

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

Contact Cindy at the Section VI office to register 821-7365 or cszczesny@e1b.org



Bob Dinse (left) and Athletic Director, Charlie Juffer

Bob Dinse Honored for Contributions to Wilson Athletics

The Wilson All Sport Booster Club recognized Bob Dinse for his many years of service to Wilson Central School District and its students by having the driveway that separates Central Office from the Middle/High School Complex named in his honor. Bob served as Athletic Director for Wilson Central School for over thirty years. In that time he was chairman for Cross Country and Boys and Girls Track & Field in the Niagara-Orleans League. He served on the State Committee as Boys Representative to Section VI. After retirement, Bob continued his interest in athletics by accepting the position of Executive Secretary to Section VI Athletics, a job he still holds today.

The Boosters sponsored the dedication in early June. The roadway that you use to get to the staff parking lot on the south side of the building is now known as "Robert Dinse Drive." Congratulations Bob!!

Debbie Palmer Honored by Panama Central

By Carol Hay, Superintendent

We are so fortunate to have coaches who love their sports and love the kids. One of our veteran coaches, Deborah Palmer, retired as a teacher in June 2006. In recognition of the outstanding job Mrs. Palmer has performed in her career, the softball field was named "The Debbie Palmer Softball Field" in her honor. Deb Palmer started coaching volleyball

and softball at Panama in the 1976 - 1977 school year. She became a teacher the following year. We believe she was the first and only girls softball coach for this school district! She has been the County and Division Chair for softball and volleyball. Her record in softball is 347 - 187 with 11 Divisional Titles and 5 Sectional Titles. In volleyball, Deb's record is 273 - 213 but four years of records are missing. She had 7 Division Titles, 2 Sectional Titles and 1 Far West Regional Title. Her teams have also won Sportsmanship Awards and she's had many scholar athlete awards. Deb has received the Scholastic Coach Select Circle Coaching Award and NYS Coaches Association Honor Award.

What is even more impressive than these accomplishments, is the number of lives she has touched as an elementary PE teacher and coach. She is honest and fair, always encouraging her students and athletes to do their best and work hard. We can think of no one who deserves this honor more than Coach Palmer. She is an excellent role model and her high standards for fair play, skill, and character make her a dedicated employee and a great coach. "The Debbie Palmer Softball Field" is a fitting tribute to a great lady.

Soccer Sportsmanship Policy Updated

Athletic Directors, soccer coaches and officials are reminded that the Section VI Sportsmanship Committee updated the red and yellow card policy for 2006. An athlete who receives 3 yellow cards gets a one-game suspension (as in the past). Beginning with this fall, an athlete will receive a *one-game suspension for each additional yellow card*.

The 2006 Policy is posted on the Section 6 website. Click on Soccer, then Sportsmanship Policy.

2006-2007 Section VI Publications

Personnel Directory

The Section VI Personnel Directory has been distributed to Athletic Directors, sportchairs, assignors for the Officials

organizations, media and colleges. If you have not received your copy, call/email 821-7299 cszczeny@e1b.org. Please mark the following changes (noted in bold) on the appropriate pages of your directory:

Page #

- 13 Alden High School: Athletic office Secretary: **Theresa O'Connor x4199** correction to AD cell phone **983-6527**
- 20 Dunkirk High School: Athletic Director (effective Oct. 1) **Kisun Peters, kpeters@dunkirk.wnyric.org**
- 27 Kenmore East High School: Principal **Luann Ostanski**
- 31 Newfane: Athletic Director Doug Ames cell phone **289-4418**
- 37 Sherman High School: Superintendent **Thomas Schmidt, Principal TBA**
- 41 Williamsville North: Principal, **Robert Tubbs**
- 48 Swimming Group #26 **President-Dave Cassidy, Executive Sect: Dick Pauly** same as pg 45, Group #10

Fall Sports Handbooks

All the fall sport handbooks are in print and have been sent to the Athletic Directors for distribution to the head coaches. If extra copies are needed they may be downloaded and printed from the Section 6 website www.section6.wnyric.org click on Handbooks, Forms & Info. Please note the following updates to the fall books:

BOYS SOCCER:

Inside front cover: NSCAA All-American Contact is **Todd Marquardt 875-6543 (H)**

BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

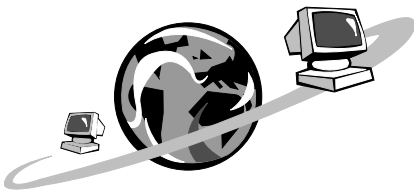
Page 3- Phone # for OP coaches Lexner & Stefani is **209-6223**

MENS GYMNASTICS:

Inside front cover site for Regionals: SUNY Brockport (section 5)

Section VI Manual

The Section VI office is in the process of sending Section VI Manuals to newly appointed Athletic Directors, Athletic Council representatives and Sportchairs. Principals and Superintendents will receive this document upon request. The Manual includes the Section VI Constitution and By-Laws, and forms and information about Section policies and procedures.



Section VI Website UPDATE:

www.section6.wnyric.org

**** NEW FOR 2006 ****

Section VI sports reporting on the internet:

Section VI partnered with PrepScores, a high school sports publishing firm, to manage scores and sports data on the internet at www.section6sports.com. PrepScores successfully operated www.buffalohoops.com, distributing boys basketball game scores in a real-time format along with featured articles and columns. Key Features of PrepScores include Real-time Scores, Player Statistics, Standings, Schedules, Roster Information, and Sectional Points.

Coaches' responsibility: All coaches will be given a pin #, username and password to manage their team's data. Complete instructions will be provided. The home team coach must call in the score to a toll free number after each sporting event. This 45 second phone call will capture your score and be live on the internet immediately. For sports where applicable, the system calculates league standings and sectional points "on the fly" and they, too, are automatically published online. Within minutes after each sporting event, you will see real-time information of all the teams in Section VI. Coaches can then log into their team's control panel and add statistics on an event-by-event basis that will also be available immediately.

To ensure PrepScores has all contact information, each coach should email joe@buffalohoops.com, stating your phone-sport and school, as soon as possible. Any questions or suggestions should be addressed to Joe O'Mara at 585-414-8620 or joe@buffalohoops.com.

When was the last time YOU tuned in to your web site???

Section VI SPRING STATE SCHOLAR/ ATHLETE CHAMPIONS

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*Above Photo – Kneeling: Meagan Diez, Stephanie Reagan, Katherine Wolcott, Alicia Mills and Katie Mangel
Standing: Athletic Director Charlie Jufer, Asst. Coach Maureen Mahar, Haley Meier, Britany Casino, Booster Club President Terry Reagan, Samantha Ketch, H.S. Principal Dan Johnson, Brittany Pollow, Emily Bloom, Charissa Kiszka, Superintendent Dr. Michael Wendt, and Section VI Ex-Secretary Robert Dinse.*

WILSON SOFTBALL

State Champions with a team GPA of 95.711

Congratulations to members of the Wilson Varsity Girls Basketball Team for being named the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Team Scholar Athlete State Champion! The state scholar team award is the fourth won by Wilson, the previous two times coming in volleyball and girls basketball.

The Wilson Softball team won the League Championship in the Niagara Orleans League and went all the way to the sectional semi-final before losing to Falconer. Three of the girls were members of all three NYSPHSAA's Team Scholar Athlete Championship Wilson has earned this school year. Stephanie Reagan, Meagan Diez, and Katherine Wolcott (Volleyball, Basketball and Softball).

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Section VI Spring State Scholar/Athlete Champions

Section VI is pleased to congratulate three teams that achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for spring sports!!



Pictured are: First row (Front): Margaret Craft, Lauren Canham, Eileen Horgan, Richa Mehta, Andrew Zelazny Second row: Coach Chris Horgan Third row: Tim Osgood, Joe Moriarty, Steven Lin, Ketan Mehta, Ryan Anderson, Andrew Lederhouse Not Pictured: Mark Fuller, Meghan Fuller, Rory Parker, Bailey Hartway, Casey Tuobey, Daniel Volkosh

MEDINA BOYS TENNIS

State Champion with a team GPA of 98.831

Congratulations to the members of the Medina High School tennis team, winners of their third straight NYSPHSAA Team Scholar Athlete State Championship. This is the fifth time in the last six years that a Medina team has won the state championship, with the other two times being the lacrosse team.

“To have received the honor as the top scholar-athlete tennis team in the state for the third year in a row is a tremendous accomplishment by these student athletes,” said Chris Horgan, coach of the Medina Tennis Team. This year, the tennis team went undefeated (12-0) to win the Niagara-Orleans League Championship. “Winners on the court and in the classroom - what a great honor! This award speaks volumes about the dedication of all of our students, parents, teachers, and coaches - both on and off of the court,” said Mark Kruzynski, Medina Athletic Director.

Medina received their championship banner from Section VI Executive Director Robert Dinse at the annual Block M Athletic Banquet.



Bottom row: Nathan McConnell, Derek Wiser, Steve Schmitt, Alex Esposito, Ryan Baroudi, Jordan Kacz, Dan Hagen, Coach Derek Zgoda top row: Brett Vroman, Chuck Whelan, Ted Buffington, Ryan Maxwell, Travis Denman, Greg Cimerman, Matt Stewart, Ms. Suzanne Thomas (Principal)

SWEET HOME BASEBALL

State Champion with a team GPA of 95.027

Congratulations to the members of the Sweet Home High School baseball team. The varsity baseball team is the Spring 2006 Scholar Athlete/Team State Champion, an honor achieved with a combined average of 93.875%. The average placed the team first out of 100 teams ac ized for their accomplishments at the spring sports recognition on Monday, June 5 and by the Board of Education at their June 20, 2006 meeting.

Congratulations to the team and to head varsity baseball coach, Mr. Derek Zgoda on a job well done. This is the second consecutive year the baseball team has been named State Scholar Champions.



Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

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Section VI Results – Spring 2006

**State Champions

BASEBALL

Sweet Home HS**	95.027
Iroquois HS	94.196
Starpoint HS	93.260
Brocton HS	92.888
Newfane HS	92.742
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	92.727
Lockport HS	92.655
Clarence HS	91.914
Springville	91.525
Cassadaga Valley HS	90.933
Medina HS	90.851
Southwestern HS	90.795
Frontier HS	90.776
Ellicottville HS	90.675
Grand Island HS	90.533
East Aurora HS	90.405
Kenmore West HS	90.353
Maryvale HS	90.343
Jamestown HS	90.300
Clymer HS	90.225
Fredonia HS	90.200
Williamsville South HS	90.101
Williamsville East HS	90.078

BOYS GOLF

Southwestern HS	95.961
Brocton HS	95.277
Ellicottville HS	93.356
Allegany-Limestone HS	92.776
Cassadaga Valley HS	92.224
Olean HS	91.486
Westfield HS	91.475
Salamanca HS	90.814
Fredonia HS	90.090

BOYS LACROSSE

Medina HS	94.567
Hamburg HS	93.936
Clarence HS	93.704
East Aurora HS	92.963
Williamsville East HS	92.175
Lancaster HS	92.136
Lockport HS	92.036
Sweet Home HS	91.820
Iroquois HS	91.414
Frontier HS	90.769
Williamsville North HS	90.218

BOYS TENNIS

Medina HS**	98.831
Williamsville East HS	96.330
Depew HS	96.233
Clarence HS	96.206
Westfield HS	95.984
Sweet Home HS	95.767
Southwestern HS	95.661
Newfane HS	95.353
Tonawanda HS	94.840
Royalton Hartland HS	94.816

Frontier HS	94.694
Alden HS	94.578
Pioneer HS	94.497
Springville	94.050
East Aurora HS	93.674
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	93.444
City Honors HS	93.400
Williamsville North HS	93.327
Hamburg HS	93.189
Akron HS	93.181
Brocton HS	92.893
Maryvale HS	92.826
Lake Shore HS	92.417
Olean HS	92.311
Allegany-Limestone HS	92.206
Lockport HS	92.078
Amherst HS	92.021
Wilson HS	92.021
Iroquois HS	91.875
Kenmore West HS	91.226
West Seneca East HS	91.072
Grand Island HS	90.385
Cleveland Hill HS	90.333
Barker HS	90.210
Fredonia HS	90.200

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Southwestern HS	97.164
Barker HS	96.800
Royalton Hartland HS	96.696
Clarence HS	96.644
Hamburg HS	96.208
Newfane HS	95.884
Allegany-Limestone HS	95.875
Lancaster HS	95.867
North Tonawanda HS	95.800
Iroquois HS	95.483
Depew HS	95.058
Lockport HS	94.942
Clymer HS	94.903
Williamsville North HS	94.897
Williamsville East HS	94.798
East Aurora HS	94.715
Frontier HS	94.562
Holland HS	94.409
Pioneer HS	94.318
Franklinville / Ellicottville HS	94.037
Tonawanda HS	93.895
Alden HS	93.844
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	93.583
West Seneca East HS	93.569
Eden HS	93.550
Cleveland Hill HS	93.497
Maryvale HS	93.279
Amherst HS	92.776
Sweet Home HS	92.773
Wilson HS	92.750
Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS	92.612
West Seneca West HS	92.008
Westfield HS	91.934
John F. Kennedy HS	91.895
Akron HS	91.603

Olean HS	91.433
Springville	91.353
Niagara Falls HS	91.209
Medina HS	90.952
Williamsville South HS	90.798
Kenmore West HS	90.593
Kenmore East HS	90.341
Grand Island HS	90.256
Fredonia HS	90.141

GIRLS LACROSSE

Hamburg HS	95.736
East Aurora HS	95.700
Williamsville North HS	95.390
Sweet Home HS	95.220
Frontier HS	95.109
Clarence HS	95.025
Williamsville East HS	94.215
Orchard Park HS	93.991
Iroquois HS	93.982
Lancaster HS	93.738
Lockport HS	93.655
West Seneca West HS	93.257
Amherst HS	91.715
West Seneca East HS	91.515
Grand Island HS	90.963
Williamsville South HS	90.526

GIRLS TENNIS

City Honors HS	96.532
Barker HS	95.096

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Wilson HS	97.665
West Seneca West HS	97.530
North Tonawanda HS	97.358
Clarence HS	97.202
Southwestern HS	97.186
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	97.167
Frontier HS	97.153
Kenmore West HS	96.908
East Aurora HS	96.579
Portville HS	96.484
Alden HS	96.481
Depew HS	96.458
Iroquois HS	96.284
Lockport HS	96.150
Williamsville North HS	95.895
Williamsville East HS	95.871
Lancaster HS	95.870
Holland HS	95.834
Franklinville / Ellicottville HS	95.678
Lake Shore HS	95.622
Springville HS	95.563
Hamburg HS	95.558
Cassadaga Valley HS	95.437
Akron HS	95.216
Newfane HS	95.090
Westfield HS	95.002
Tonawanda HS	94.975

Maryvale HS	94.911
Sweet Home HS	94.733
Olean HS	94.725
West Seneca East HS	94.681
Allegany-Limestone HS	94.622
Medina HS	94.403
Cleveland Hill HS	94.232
Eden HS	93.967
Pioneer HS	93.422
Clymer HS	93.246
Barker HS	93.083
Royalton Hartland HS	92.266
Amherst HS	92.007
Panama HS	91.450
Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS	90.783
Fredonia HS	90.619
Niagara Falls HS	90.562
Grand Island HS	90.250
Salamanca HS	90.242
Williamsville South HS	90.133
Kenmore East HS	90.014

SOFTBALL

Wilson HS**	95.711
Clymer HS	95.613
Southwestern HS	95.477
North Tonawanda HS	94.564
Iroquois HS	94.427
Brocton HS	94.181
Medina HS	94.109
Ellicottville HS	93.815
Alden HS	93.691
Kenmore West HS	93.578
Cassadaga Valley HS	93.486
Clarence HS	93.256
Barker HS	93.211
Lancaster HS	93.165
East Aurora HS	93.124
Williamsville North HS	92.984
Maryvale HS	92.877
Westfield HS	92.859
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	92.818
Allegany-Limestone HS	92.624
Orchard Park HS	92.527
Sweet Home HS	92.354
Williamsville East HS	92.284
Tonawanda HS	92.270
Cleveland Hill HS	92.129
Holland HS	92.053
West Seneca East HS	92.011
Frontier HS	91.972
Sherman HS	91.818
Olean HS	91.455
Hamburg HS	91.100
Williamsville South HS	91.031
Panama HS	90.487
City Honors HS	90.377
Pine Valley HS	90.289
Grand Island HS	90.205
Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS	90.178
Kenmore East HS	90.139

SECTION VI STATE CHAMPS



Fredonia Baseball Claims State Championship

*Excerpted from an article by John Hickey/
Buffalo News*

Fredonia lost in last year's finals of the New York State baseball championships and it wasn't going to let history repeat itself. Fredonia beat Plattsburgh in the semi's 10-0 behind winning pitcher Abe Rak (4 innings) and the hitting of Jeremy Napieralla (2 hits & 3 RBI). Then riding the arm of junior Abe Rak, the Hillbillies beat Babylon, 6-1, in the finals to win the Class B title. Rak allowed one run on four hits over 5 -2/3 innings. Kevin Manzella pitched the final 1 -1/3 innings of hitless relief.

"We rode (Rak) all year," said Fredonia coach Vince Gullo, whose team ends 24-5 the second most wins in school history. "He was 9-0 coming in with four or five saves." Fredonia scored five runs in the first inning highlighted by Bryan Bongiovanni's two-run single and RBI singles by Angelo Belliotti and Jeremy Napieralla.

Fredonia also faced Babylon last year, winning in the semifinals, 6-5. Rak also got the win in the semifinals as Fredonia pounded out 17 hits in a 16-0 win over VIII-Plattsburgh. Will Bobseine drove in two runs with two hits and Naperella had three RBIs. Rak finished the day with 13 strikeouts. This championship is the 1st Team State Champions in the school's history.



Will South Softball Wins Third State Title in Seven Years

Despite losing five three-year starters from last season, the Williamsville South varsity softball team is once again New York State Class A champions. The Lady Billies won their second state title in three years and third in the last seven, after shutting out Section VIII's Floral Park, 1-0, in the Class A finals June 10 at Cicero-North Syracuse High School.

South scored in the first inning when Chelsea Plimpton hit a two-out double to left center field to score Michelle Fridey from first base. Earlier in the inning, Clare Gerlach had a one-out triple to left field but was unable to score on a Fridey fielder's choice. Plimpton also hit a single and triple and on the mound, fired a one-hitter with 14 strikeouts for her 23rd shutout of the season. South received additional hits from Nicolette Neenos (two singles) and Sam Strapason (single).

Floral Park (26-2) had a runner reach first base on an error in the fourth. Their only hit came in the top of the sixth when Tori Holm smacked a wind-blown pop-up that started foul but dropped between third base and home. Plimpton struck out Floral Park's clean-up hitter Katie Holm for the

final out. It was her 411th strike-out of the season, a New York State record.

To advance to the finals, South defeated Section I's Tappan Zee (2404), 2-1, in the nine innings in the semi's and Section V's Mercy, 4-0, in the Class A Far West Regionals

In 51 innings of playoff softball, Plimpton fired six shutouts and allowed one earned run with a 0.12 ERA. On the year, she was 27-3 with a 0.14 ERA. At the plate she was second on the team in the playoffs (.450) and third overall (.337).

Frیده finished the season with a state record 64 hits. The old record was 59 set in the 1993 by the Plattsburg's Jamie Burke. Frیده led South with a .476 playoff average and finished overall at .571.

Braunscheidel (.333), Fronczak (.333), Neenos (.333), Falzone (.292) rounded out the team's top playoff hitters. Overall, Fronczak (.409), Falzone (.327), Schaus (.318), Neenos (.298), Robin Donovan (.286) and Braunscheidel (.253) rounded out the top eight hitters.

South finished 27-3, won its fourth straight Section VI title and ninth straight division crown and was Depew Tournament Champion for the fourth straight year. The Williamsville South Softball team, coached by Gerry Gentner, still has an active 47 game straight win streak in league competition.

13 Section VI Track & Field Athletes Claim State Titles

Section VI had another very successful track and field season in 2006. Our athletes combined to win thirteen (13) State Titles at the NYSPHSAA Championships at St. Lawrence University. They were Federation champs in two (2) events. Three (3) Section VI Records were broken at this year's State Meet.

Blake Eaton Claims Two State Titles

Allegany-Limestone's Blake Eaton won his second consecutive Division II discus title with a throw of 185-01. He then went on

defend his state title in the Division II shot put championship for the second year in a row with a toss of 62-11. The throw broke his own Section record by one foot. Eaton then went on to win his first Federation title, also in the shot, with a throw of 60'-7¹/₂". He also finished fifth in the Federation competition for the discus. Eaton is coached by Mike Wilber.



Division I and II State Pentathlon champions (left) Cory Pixley, (right) Andrew Hale

Cory Pixley - State Champion Pentathlon Div I

By Jim Duprey, Pioneer Boys Track and Field Coach

Cory Pixley, a senior at Pioneer High School (photo left), won the NYSPHSAA 2006 Pentathlon for Division I in addition to the Federation Championship with 3251 Points. He is the 1st State champion in Pioneer school history. Cory will be attending Tulsa University on a partial track and field scholarship in the fall. His accomplishments include:

Track accomplishments:

2003 Freshmen year-

- 2nd in Section 6 Div 1 in High Jump

2004 Sophomore year-

- Section 6 Div 1 Champion High Jump
- 6th Place in NYS for Div 1 Public Schools

2005 Junior Year-

- Section 6 Div 1 Pentathlon Champion
- 4th in NYS in Pentathlon (Federation)

2006 Senior Year-

- Section 6 and NYS Pentathlon Champion (Federation)

School Records:

- Pentathlon 3440 (05 ECIC)
- Long Jump (21'5 1/2")
- High Jump (6'8")
- 110 High Hurdles (15.1)

Indoor Track Accomplishments:

School Records:

- High Jump, Long Jump, 300M
- Section 6 Indoor Champion 03-04 (high jump), 04-05 (high jump- NYS Public school champion)

Andrew Hale - State Champion Pentathlon Div II

By Jeffrey Collver, Boys Varsity Track Coach

After a runner-up finish in Division II last year, Frewsburg's Andrew Hale (photo right) was able to win the title this year, and finished second to Pixley for the Federation title with a score of 3,234. Andy, a senior at Frewsburg Central High School, played baseball through 10th grade and has participated in 2 seasons of Track & Field. He has competed in 13 different events in his career: 100M, 200M, 110HH, 300IH, 400IH, 1500M, 400M Relay, 1600M Relay, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, and the Pentathlon. Andrew chose the Pentathlon for Sectionals as it includes 5 different events (110HH, High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump, and 1500M). He also qualified in 8 other events for Sectionals. His accomplishments include:

2006 Golden Falcon Invitational

- Broke school records and meet records in both the 110HH and 400IH.
- Beat Jamal Norward (#1 ranked hurdler in Section VI) of Hamburg in the 110HH.
- Was awarded the Most Valuable Track Athlete of the Meet.

2006 Super 8 Meet ("The Best of the Best")

- Finished 1st, shattering the school record in 110HH (15.0) edging Pentathlon rival Cory Pixley of Pioneer
- Finished 1st blowing away the competition in the 400IH (57.8)

5 school records:

- 110HH (15.0): broke this record 7 times, set in 1995 by Rob Collver (15.9)
- 300IH (41.14): ran once at the 2006 McDowell Invitational

- 400IH (56.52): reluctantly ran in 2006; broke the record the first time running and 3 times total
- 4x100 Relay (46.4): anchored team of Dylan Marsh, Jeff Mason, Joe Town; set the record in 1995
- Pentathlon (3243 points): competed 6 times, broke the record 4 times

2 trips to the NYSPHSA State Championship Meet

- 2005 (Cicero H.S., Syracuse): 2nd place Div. II (3082 points), 7th place Federation
- 2006 (St. Lawrence Univ., Canton): 1st place State Champion Div. II (3234 points) 2nd place Federation

Summary through the 2005-2006 season:

20-0 in the 110HH (Div. II)
 16-0 in the Long Jump (Div. II)
 11-0 in the High Jump (Div. II)
 10-0 in the 400IH including the Golden Falcon Invitational, Super 8's, & County Meet. Never lost the 400IH (didn't run this event in 2005).



Lafayette High School's Ken Bragg

Ken Bragg Wins 200m in Division I

By Track Coach Rhonda E. Mathiebe
 Kenneth R. Bragg who graduated from Lafayette High School in Buffalo, NY in June 2006, began his interest in Track when

he was twelve years old. It was then when he participated in and won the 400 meter dash in the Junior Olympics. In his Junior year at Lafayette, Ken triple-medaled in the All High meet winning the 100, 200 and the 400 meter dashes. He repeated that performance in his Senior All High competition. Ken placed second in the 2005 Section VI competition in the 100 and won the 200. This year Kenneth took second place in the 100 and the 400 at the Sectionals and won the 200, going on to win the 200 meter dash at the State meet in St. Lawrence in 22.16. He went on to finish third in the Federation race with a time of 22.05.

His coach at Lafayette, Rhonda Mathiebe, is extremely proud of Ken's athletic performance and praises Ken's dad, Rayford Bragg, for all the training and encouragement he gives his son, being a former Track star himself. Ken lives in Buffalo with his Dad, his Mom Letty, and his three sisters. He plans a year or so at Buffalo State College, but would really like to graduate from Tennessee. Ken plans on being around the track in one way or another for the rest of his life.

Additional Section VI State Champions

- Frontier's **Rob Golabek** completed a sweep of the shot put for Section VI, winning Division I with a put of 56-10¹/₄. He finished second to Eaton in the Federation shot put with a throw of 54-5¹/₄.
- After a third-place finish at the state meet last year, Eden's **Dan Schichtel** turned in a time of 11.04 that was good enough to earn him the Division II 100-meter title. Schichtel finished third in the Federation race in 11.10.
- **Cleveland Hill's 4x100 meter relay** team of Robert Kelly, Ray Peoples, Ed Thomas and Brian Green also won, finishing in 43.01 seconds.
- In one of the closest finishes at the competition, Akron senior **Fawn Dorr** won the girls Division II 400 hurdles in 1:00.60, only .03 faster than Chelsea Berry, a senior from Lowville in Section III.
- North Tonawanda's **Alyssa Pirinelli** claimed the Division I shot put title with a throw of 41-11¹/₂,

SECTION VI SPRING SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

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2006 TRACK AND FIELD FEDERATION CHAMPIONS

Event	Name	School	Performance
Shot Put – Boys	Blake Eaton	Allegany-Limestone	60'-7.5"
Pentathlon – Boys	Cory Pixley	Pioneer	3251 points

NEW SECTION VI TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

Event	Name	School	Performance
Shot Put – Boys	Blake Eaton	Allegany-Limestone	62'-11"
400m Hurdles – Girls	Fawn Dorr	Akron	1:00.60
4x800m Relay - Girls	Marla Kelly Carly Kramer Kirsten Weberg Sarah Mosser	East Aurora	9:15.12



Above: the East Aurora 3200 Meter Relay Team – left to right: Marla Kelley, Carly Kramer, Sarah Mosser, and Kristen Weberg



Right: Sarah Mosser on the podium as the 800 Meter Division II Champion

Above: 10th grader, Catherine Lussardi – 3000 Meter Division II State Champion

Jacque Holmberg, Falconer Central, claimed the 2006 Division II State Discus Championship. The top 8 competitors had 6 throws. Throughout the competition Jacque was in 2nd place, and the rain clouds were building. Rain is the enemy of a discus thrower because once the circle is wet, it is very difficult to execute footwork. Jacque, in 2nd place, stepped into the circle for her final throw when it began to sprinkle. She threw a near-personal best to move into first place and capture the title. 10 minutes after the competition concluded, the skies opened up. The rain held off just long enough. Jacque is coached by Mike LeBaron.

East Aurora Girls Shine at State Track Competition

By Walt McLaughlin (East Aurora High School Track Coach)

Sarah Mosser claimed the NYSPHSAA 800 Meter Championship in Division II with a time of 2:11.36. This was Sarah's fourth consecutive State Championship in the 800 meter run. She finishes her high school

career with 6 NY State Championships (plus 1 in cross country), 2 New York State Runner-Ups (plus 1 in cross country) and a third place finish with this year's 1600 meter relay team. Sarah will be attending Boston University this fall where she will be running cross country and track and field on a full scholarship.

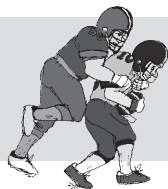
10th grader, **Catherine Lussardi**, participating in her first track season won the 3000 meter State Champion with a school record performance of 10:00.07.

The East Aurora 3200 Meter Relay Team placed 2nd by only 1.72 seconds. In the process they set a new ECIC and Section 6 Record, breaking the old mark by 2 seconds, held by Williamsville North since 1982. The team (left to right as pictured) includes Marla Kelley 11th grade, Carly Kramer 12th grade, Sarah Mosser 12th grade and Kristen Weberg 9th grade. Carly Kramer will be attending Geneseo and running cross country and track there starting this fall.

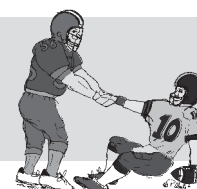


2006-2007 Dates to Remember

- Sept. 13 Annual Veterans' Recognition Golf Tournament/Dinner
- Sept. 19 Workshop for Athletic Directors - see page 5
- Sept. 20 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES
- Sept. 26 Spring sports post-season meeting – Erie 1 BOCES
- Oct. 4 Finance Committee Meeting – Section VI office
- Oct. 4 Wrestling Min. Weight Certification Assessor Training – 6:00pm at UB, 160 Farber Hall 829-2070
- Oct. 18 Executive Committee Meeting Distance Learning sites TBA
- Oct. 30 State Executive Committee meeting, Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany
- Oct. 25 Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting
- Nov. 1 Section VI office open for Photo ID's until 6:00 pm
by appointment only
- Nov. 3 Wrestling Coaching Clinic Cornell University
- Nov. 15 Deadline for All-WNY Fall Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
- Nov. 15 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES
- Nov. 27-28 NYSPHSAA Eligibility & Standards Conference Albany
- Dec. 1 Deadline for Fall Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications to the state
- Dec. 13 Executive Committee Meeting Distance Learning sites TBA
- Dec. 15 Nominations for 2007 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame are due to the state office



Always a winner...



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Section VI 2005-06 Coaches Sportsmanship Award

In recognition of exemplary sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the year as leaders and role models for our athletes, a coach was selected from each league to receive a Sportsmanship plaque and a t-shirt from the Section. Honored at the Section VI Annual Recognition dinner in August were:

Buffalo:	Hutch - Tech - David Backes, Football
Cattaraugus:	Franklinville - Mark Blecha, Football
Chautauqua:	Fredonia - Darrell Waag, Boys Swimming
ECIC:	Amherst - Dennis Bauer, Wrestling
NFL:	Kenmore - Matt Chimera, Football and Softball
NO:	Newfane - James Conley, Baseball
MMHSAA:	Sacred Heart Academy - Mike Injaychock

Congratulations coaches!!!

New York Good Sports Program

The program continues to expand with the number of schools reporting both locally and across the state increasing yearly. Each athletic director has a responsibility to evaluate his/her respective programs of sportsmanship. The NYS Good Sports program offers a vehicle toward that end. The reporting is a self-evaluation and gives us all a chance to reflect on the many good things we have going on as well as plan for the future. Exemplary programs are then forwarded to the state level for recognition.

NYSPHSAA announced that Olean City School District was chosen as one of three schools throughout the state to be recognized as having an exemplary sportsmanship program. In addition to Olean receiving state recognition, Frontier, Kenmore West and Barker have been recognized for outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship in Section VI. All four schools and their respective AD's will be honored at the September meeting of the Athletic Council. Congratulation to all!

Citizenship Through Athletics

The Instructor's course will be offered in early February of 2007 in Albany. Those interested in becoming a trainer should contact Lloyd Mott at the NYSPHSAA office 518-690-0771.

Parents for Good Sports

This program of partnership of parents and school athletics promoting the values of good sportsmanship has received NFHS endorsement once again.

Athletics Building Character

We have a tentative plan for implementing the "Athletics Building Character" initiative to be co-sponsored by the "Life of an Athlete" Committee and the Sportsmanship Committee during the 06 – 07 school year. We will keep you posted and up to date as the plans develop.

Corporate Sponsorship

NYSPHSAA is looking for a corporate sponsor for the sportsmanship endeavors we promote. If you know of a local corporation that might be interested, please forward the name to Douglas Ames: Sportsmanship Coordinator here at Newfane Central Schools – High School (716) 778 – 6560 with a contact person to follow up.

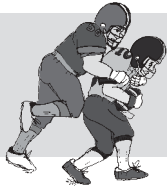
Time out for a sport thought...

- When you talk to your players after a great game or season, which do you tend to emphasize: that they should be proud of their accomplishment or thankful for the opportunity?
- Do you refer to talent as a gift or a result of hard work?
- Do you think that greater talent implies greater responsibility?

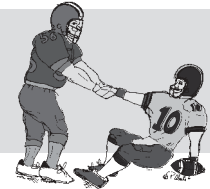
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NYSPHSAA "Always A Winner" Good Sports Finish First Certificate Winners:

Akron:	Golf, Boys and Girls Swimming
Alden:	Wrestling
Alleg-Limestone:	Cheerleading squad
Amherst:	Ice Hockey
Barker:	Boys Basketball
City Honors:	Girls Cross Country
Clarence:	Wrestling
East Aurora:	Wrestling
Eden:	Football
Frontier:	Boys Basketball
Grand Island:	Boys Soccer
Hinsdale:	Golf
Jamestown:	Girls Cross Country and Wrestling
Lake Shore:	Girls Basketball
Lewiston Porter:	Girls Tennis
Lockport:	Football and Boys Volleyball
Newfane:	Baseball, Boys and Girls Swimming
Niagara Falls:	Softball
Olean:	Football
Royalton Hartland:	Boys Basketball
Salamanca:	Wrestling
Silver Creek:	Football
Southwestern:	Football and Girls Swimming
Sweet Home:	Wrestling
West Seneca East:	Girls Swimming
West Valley:	Boys and Girls Bowling
Westfield:	Boys Soccer
Williamsville East:	Field Hockey and Girls Basketball
Williamsville North:	Ice Hockey, Boys Indoor Track and Boys Lacrosse
Williamsville South:	Girls Indoor Track and Baseball

Individual Certificate Winners:

Medina Journal Register – Mike Wertman
 LCTV – Danny Sheehan
 WLVL – Norm Palmer
 Lockport Union Sun – John D' Onofrio
 Buffalo News – Mary Jo Monnin
 WNY High School Sports – Dick Gallagher

All WNY Individual & Team Recognition For Outstanding Sportsmanship Spring 06

Division	School	Individual
BASEBALL		
CHAUTAUQUA -1	Panama	Dan Burns
CHAUTAUQUA -2	Chautauqua Lake	Matt Cummings
CATTARAUGUS	West Valley	Matt Crandall
ECIC - 2	Lake Shore	Joe Inglut
ECIC - 4	Lackawanna	James Blendowski
NFL	Niagara Wheatfield	Joe Kephart
NO	Akron	Nick Cummings
SOFTBALL		
CHAUTAUQUA -1	Allegany Limestone	
CHAUTAUQUA -2	Chautauqua Lake	
CHAUTAUQUA -3	Clymer	Molly Mathews
CATTARAUGUS	West Valley	Kristy Koebel
CATTARAUGUS	North Collins	
ECIC - 1	Frontier	Jessica Less
ECIC - 2	Lake Shore	
ECIC - 3	Cheektowaga	Ashley Drzymala
ECIC - 4	Lackawanna	Shannon Geercken
NFL	Lewiston Porter	
NO	Newfane	Amanda Rose
BOYS TRACK		
NO	Royalton Hartland	Jason Zayac
GIRLS TRACK		
NO	Wilson	Rebecca Kraft
GOLF		
CCIAC - 1	Fredonia	Mike Ringler
CCIAC - 2	Chaut. Lake	Corky Hull
CCIAC - 3	Maple Grove	Tylar Clausen
EXPRESSWAY	Portville	John Andhore
NO	Barker	Stephen Fischer
BOYS TENNIS		
NFL	Kenmore West	Andy Puzio

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Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations and welcome to the following newly appointed Section VI Representatives:

Mike Wendt, Wilson - Section VI President Elect

Joe Buscaglia, Teacher at Starpoint and Coach at Williamsville- Boy Gymnastics Chairperson

Section VI is looking forward to sharing your energy and enthusiasm for interscholastic sports!

Also congratulations on the following re-appointments for another term:

Fall Sports Chairpersons (3-year term to expire 6/30/09)

Cross Country-B: Mike Janisch

Cross Country-G: James Zubler

Field Hockey: Judy Otto

Football: Chuck Funke

Football Asst.: Chuck Amo

Gymnastics-G: Donna Aquino

Soccer-B: Art Jaspé

Soccer-B Asst.: Patrick Anderson

Soccer-G: Chris Durr

Soccer-G Asst.: Meg Thompson

Swimming-G: Bruce Johnson

Tennis-G: A. Anne Smith

Volleyball-B: Walt Stefani

Volleyball-G: Debby Schrufer & Sue Pernick (as co-chairs)



IT'S OFFICIAL...

by Tom Cowan, Section VI Officials Coordinator (821-7094)

Welcome back!

Where did the summer go? The dreams, anticipation and hours of preparation for the upcoming challenges are about to become reality. Schedules for coaches, officials and athletes become hectic. Meals are served on the run and the family car never stops. What a great time of the year! Those of us so inclined can become immersed in that great American tradition called interscholastic sports.

As we prepared the new sports directory we noted the many changes in leadership and coaching in our region. We congratulate each of you and would like to issue some reminders that sometimes get overlooked.

The promotion of **good sportsmanship** is an important component of our programs. Please make every effort to promote the proactive aspects of good sportsmanship and fair play. Ultimately you and your programs will be rewarded for this effort.

Secondly, learn to become a good reporter. The positive aspects of ongoing **media coverage** should never be overlooked. Scores, athlete names, statistics reported to the local media for daily game coverage will produce positive results. An informed public can be a great motivator for young athletes. Refer to the Section VI Directory for media listings if you are unsure about local contacts.

And lastly, as we approach another full year of the responsibility surrounding the assignment of officials, perhaps it is timely to revisit the NYSPHSAA policy on officials assignment procedures. The following is reprinted from the latest Officials' Coordinating Handbook:

NYSPHSAA POLICY ON OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES

1. Selection of officials for all contests 7-12 is the right of the school/ designee (par.7 State Officials Agreement)
2. Schools appoint/ designate/ employ assignors (assignors work for the schools).
3. Local section contracts define selection procedures; i.e. availability dates, varsity assignments, turnback assignments, etc.
4. Assignor notifies schools when there is a shortage of officials on a given date(s). Assignor then attempts to obtain certified officials from nearby chapters/ territories to fill assignments.
5. Failure to secure certified officials by the assignor, schools may then employ whomever they can, to officiate a contest for that date(s).



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