



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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Section VI Schools of Distinction were Honored



Pictured from left to right: Joseph Gentile, Principal, Student Athletes John Inziana and Brianna Nemmer, Dr. Thomas Coseo, Superintendent, Lloyd Mott, NYSPHAA Asst. Exec. Director, Greg Kaszubski, AD

NYSPHSAA announced that of the 8 schools in New York State that achieved the status of Scholar-Athlete "School of Distinction" for 2006-07, two were schools in Section 6: **Clarence (top photo) and Wilson (bottom photo)**. These schools achieved the "School of Distinction" status by having 100% of their interscholastic varsity sports teams earn above a 90.0% grade point average. This is the first year winning the award for Wilson with 16 teams. Clarence, with 29 teams, received the award for the **3rd consecutive year**. Both districts were honored and presented with the award at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting, Wed. Sept. 19 at the Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus in West Seneca.



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Michael Wendt, Superintendent, Student Athlete Kevin Walch, Charles Juffer, AD, Lloyd Mott, NYSPHAA Asst. Exec. Director, Student Athlete Kadie Curry, Dan Johnson, Principal

The "School of Distinction" award, in its fifth 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 was initiated in 1991-1992 school year. Of the 28 schools that have won the award since its inception in 2002-03, 9 were Section VI schools.

Congratulations to Clarence, and Wilson!

New York State Good Sports Program

NYSPHSAA announced that Olean City School District (see article page 4) 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, Medina and Lew-Port 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!

Spring Sports State Champions

(articles on pages 14-15)

Pine Valley – Class D Baseball Track and Field

100 M Div.1	Anthony Johnson, Kenmore East
4x400 M relay Div.2	Holland
400 IH Div.1	Will Cole, Hamburg
Shot Put Div.1:	Rob Golabek, Frontier and Melissa Kurzdorfer, Lancaster
Shot Put Div.2:	Blake Easton, Allegany-Lime and Taylor Eldridge, Cleve. Hill
Discus Div.1:	Melissa Kurzdorfer, Lancaster
Discus Div.2:	Blake Easton, Allegany-Lime and Taylor Eldridge, Cleve. Hill
Pentathlon Div.1:	Tom Danat, N. Tonawanda and Brianna Steel, Newfane

Spring Scholar Athlete State Champions

NYSPHSAA announced that two Section VI teams achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Spring Sports! Medina Boys Tennis and Southwestern Boys Golf. (see page 5). Other spring sport state SA champions include:

SPORT	SECTION	SCHOOL	TEAM
GPA			
Baseball	5	Red Creek	95.159
Golf - Boys	6	Southwestern	97.366
Golf - Girls	8	Jericho	97.066
Lacrosse - Boys	8	Syosset	95.782
Lacrosse - Girls	8	Farmingdale	98.515
Softball	8	Farmingdale	96.698
Tennis - Boys	6	Medina	97.692
Track & Field - Boys	1	Irvington	97.667
Track & Field - Girls	8	Wheatley	99.943

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

MANDATORY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Beginning this school year all schools are required to have their athletic director attend a NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. Failure to comply with the mandate will result in the school being ineligible for post season competition. The workshop schedule for the 2007-2008 school year is: August 23-Section 4; August 28 -Section 5; September 13-Section 10; September 18-Section 9; September 19-Section 11; September 20-Section 6; September 26-Section 7; September 27-Section 1; October 2-Section 2; October 4-Section 3; October 10-Section 8; October 11-NYSPHSAA Office.

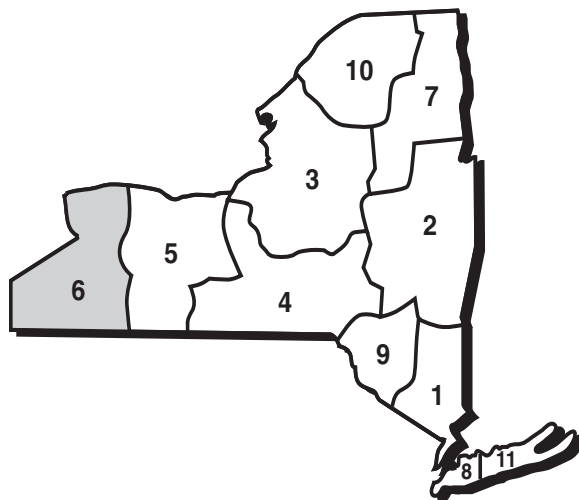
BOYS BASKETBALL

The NFHS rule requiring “white” uniforms for the home team affects varsity uniforms only. Lower level programs may still continue to wear “light-colored” uniforms as home jerseys.



VOLLEYBALL

The NYSPHSAA has adopted the Molten USA Volleyball as the “official volleyball” for state championship competition. The agreement with Molten USA begins with the 2007-2008 school year. Molten USA has sent all volleyball schools a ball to familiarize teams with the product. The girls programs will use the IV58L-U Super Touch while the boys programs will use the V58L-U Pro Touch.



STRUCTURE & POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting again on September 25th to further discuss the four items of concern: Governance, Non Public Schools, Transfer and Sport Season Placement.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

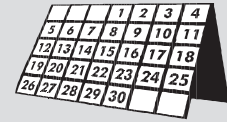
All safety related equipment required for competition should be worn in all “practice sessions”. Examples include but are not limited to: mouth guards, goggles, ear guards and shin guards. Jewelry should not be worn in practice.

PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Permission for Special Accommodations policy to ensure all students in need of religious or physical accommodations are reviewed and approved prior to any competition. Please contact Assistant Director Lloyd Mott.

DISCUS CAGES

Schools are encouraged to plan for the extensions to the cage sides for the future. Most cages can be adapted and do not have to be replaced.



Dates to Remember 2007-2008

- Sept. 19 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- Sept. 20 MANDATORY WORKSHOP for Athletic Directors - see page 7
- Sept. 25 Spring sports post-season meeting – Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- October 9 Finance Committee Meeting – Section VI office
- October 17 Executive Committee Meeting Distance Learning sites TBA
- October 29 State Executive Committee meeting, Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany
- October 31 Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting
- Nov. 5 Wrestling Min. Weight Certification Assessor Training – 6:00 pm UB, 160 Farber Hall 829-2070
- Nov. 7 Section VI office open for Photo ID's until 6:00 pm by appointment only
- Nov. 13-16 Wrestling Min. Weight Cert. Testing dates - Sites TBA
- Nov. 14 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca

NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Approved

- Coordinators: Doug Courtright (Boys Golf), Selina DeCicco (Boys Tennis)
- Friend & Neighbor: Rye Country Day(1), Holy Family School (6)
- New Member: Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School (6)
- Expanded Treasurer position to full time
- Skiing - Helmets are required in all alpine practices and races.
- Bowling - A game consists of 10 frames. A Match (Contest) consists of a maximum of 3 games. The Baker format may be used a maximum of two times per season with a maximum of 15 Baker format games per tournament. A combination tournament is permitted with a maximum of eight (8) Baker format games and three (3) regular games. A combination tournament counts towards the maximum of two (2) Baker format tournaments.

Approved Handbook Changes:

- Sportsmanship Rule: Coaches may not be present at the game site *nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site.*
- Amateur Rule—\$250 limit per event
- Scrimmages - *The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding rules and proper application of rules.*
- Transfer Rule - Enforcement and application of the Transfer Rule as written with no variations permitted.
- Transfer Appeal Guidelines

COACHES CLINIC

(Brochures will be forth coming)

Wrestling November 2, 2007 Cornell University



PARTICIPATION REPORT - THANK YOU

A special thanks goes out to all the schools for providing the Participation Survey data. This vital information assists NYSPHSAA in planning for the future.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

Any school interested in purchasing the ImPACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

PREVIOUS APPROVED ITEMS (May 2007)

Clarification of:

- **Transfer Rule** - Students who transfer from any school to the public school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) or a private school within that district's boundaries shall be exempt from the Transfer Rule.
- **College Rule** - A student is no longer eligible to represent the school in that sport in that season if the student participates in practice or competition with or against any individual or team(s) representing a college in that season.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

FOOTBALL: The Football committee is requesting a change to the classification numbers for the 2008 season. If approved the change in cut off numbers would be: Class AA (1051 and up), Class A (626-1050), Class B (441-625), Class C (281-440) and Class D (280 and below).

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.



ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

(approved May 2007)

Wrestling -

Continuation of the waiver for the 1.5% weight loss rule. The 50% rule and the current minimum weight class will remain in effect.



Field Hockey- Protective eye wear to be recommended for the 2007 season and required for the 2008 season. Concussion Management Checklist is recommended for use.



Sportsmanship Ejection Policy - Any player or coach:

- Ejected from one contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
- Ejected from two contests in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,
- Ejected from a third contest in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.

Soccer Yellow Card Accumulation policy will include coaches.

Girls Lacrosse - Beginning with the 2008 season girls lacrosse jerseys will be required to have the 6" numbers centered on the front and 8" numbers to be centered on the back.



Football - Schools are reminded to include the following field markings for the 2007 season:

- 2 yard restraining line around the field
- 9 yard marks if the field of play is not visibly marked.



Bob Barrows, Section VI Coach, Inducted into NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame



The New York State Public High School Athletic Association inducted long-time Section 6 Orchard Park Coach Robert Barrows into the Athletic Association's Class of 2007 Hall of Fame in August. Robert Barrows was one of the most successful high school baseball coaches New York State has ever seen. Barrows spent 39 seasons at Orchard Park High School where he erected the school's

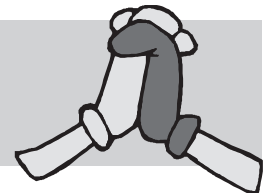
varsity program into a perennial power each year. Bob compiled a 643-242 career record at Orchard Park and led the school to seven Section VI championships and one NYSPHSAA State title (1998) over a 39-year head coaching career. He retired but continues to stay involved in baseball as a volunteer assistant at Orchard Park since 2001. In 2001, Barrows was inducted into the Bishop Timon Hall of Fame, Orchard Park Hall of Fame, and Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. Furthermore, the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame inducted him in 1998 and in 1993 he was voted as New York State Coach of the Year. He's earned several awards for his success in baseball including the Orchard Bee Sportsman of the Year, the University of Buffalo Dick Offenhamer award, and the Channel 7 Coach of the Year. Orchard Park's baseball field was also named Barrows Field in 1993. Beyond coaching, Bob has been

the Erie County Interscholastic Conference Baseball Chairman since 1985 and currently is the Section VI Assistant Chairman (since 2003). He also had a dedication and commitment to students in the classroom at Orchard Park where he was a social studies and reading teacher. Following graduation from Bishop Timon High School, Bob continued a playing career at Canisius College where to this day he holds a school hitting record for highest average. He earned his bachelors and graduate degree from Canisius. Barrows' wife Theresa recently passed away. Together they resided in Buffalo and raised five children: Sue, Pat, Tim, Trish and Mary Kate.

Other inductees into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame were Joan Case (Administrator, W. Tresper Clarke Middle/High School), Mitchell Kupchak (Athlete, Brentwood High School), Leonard R. Maida (Official,

Section III), Dr. Thad R. Mularz (Administrator, Smithtown CSD), Lawrence J. Mulvaney (Coach, Schenectady City Schools), Dottie Pepper (Athlete, Saratoga High School), Stanley G. Riggs (Coach, Peru CSD), Otis Edmond Sennett (Administrator, Baldwinsville High School), and Theodore R. Woods (Administrator, North Rose-Wolcott CSD). The inductees 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 fifth year, is sponsored by Pupil Benefits and Jostens.

Olean Selected as a State Good Sports Award Winner for 2006-07



Pictured from left to right: Lloyd Mott, NYSPHAA Asst. Exec. Director, Student Athletes Megan Kane and Mark Gerwig, Jeff Andreano, Asst. Principal, Don Scholla, AD

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has announced that Olean (Section VI) along with Ossining (Section I), and Honeoye Falls-Lima (Section V) High Schools have been named the 2006-07 New York Good Sports awards winners.

The award is presented to schools which have developed proactive approaches in keeping sportsmanship in the forefront with their students, coaches, spectators, and communities. This year marks the 12th year that deserving schools have been recognized by the NYSPHSAA's New York Good Sports program which is co-sponsored by Pupil Benefits, Inc.

This is the second year that Olean has received the New York Good Sports award. Olean was a previous recipient of the Section VI recognition for promoting good sportsmanship and, in 2006, captured NYSPHSAA-level sportsmanship honors. Olean, led by Athletic Director Don Scholla, has developed a number of different strategies within their program including

recognizing an Olean High School All-Sportsmanship Team each season (a shirt and certificate are presented to a member of each team that has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season) as well as awarding a member of the opposing team at the end of competition with a magnet stating "OHS says thanks for being a good sport". Olean also asks high school student-athletes to speak at their elementary school about the importance of sportsmanship in athletics and in life. They have also utilized a "Fans Yellow Card" and at the conclusion of the school year Olean selects an individual for the "OHS Good Sport Spectator Award" presented at the Sports Booster Club Awards Banquet.

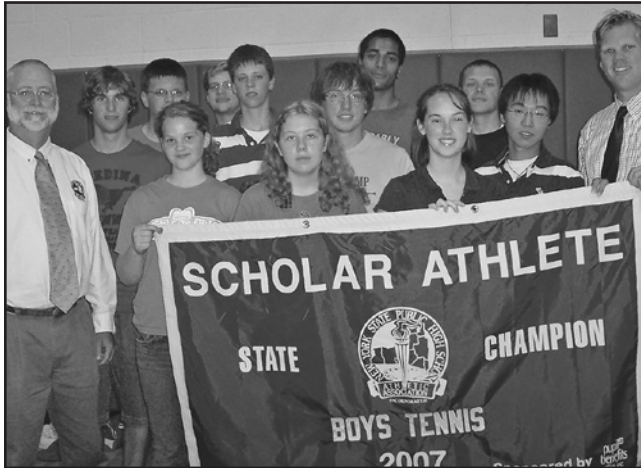
The NYSPHSAA created this award as part of the effort to make sportsmanship a priority in high school athletics. "Our goal each year is to have schools engage in a strategic plan to promote good sportsmanship at every level of competition," said NYSPHSAA Assistant Director and NY Good Sports Program administrator, Lloyd Mott. "Congratulations to our recipients this year for their hard work and we hope to see other schools follow in the footsteps of these model institutions."

Athletic directors from each of the three winning schools were presented a New York Good Sports award winner banner at the NYSPHSAA's annual Central Committee banquet on Wednesday, August 8th at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid.

CONGRATULATIONS

Section VI SPRING State Scholar/Athlete Champions

Section VI is pleased to congratulate Medina Boys Tennis and Southwestern Boys Golf for achieving 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 Tuohey, Daniel Volkosh. Far right: Athletic Director Matt McKenna

Medina Boys Tennis- State Champion with a team GPA of 97.692

A perennial league title contender on the courts, Medina High School's boys tennis squad has proved to be equally formidable as perennial state champions in the classroom. The Mustangs compiled a composite average of 97.692, the highest of more than 600 boys tennis programs in the state. This earned them a record setting fourth NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete State Championship. The four-peat is a first for any school in any sport in the state. "Earning it four years in a row epitomizes the efforts of the kids. They really put academics first" said Athletic Director Matt McKenna. "It's a remarkable achievement and just a wonderful honor. They are building a rich tradition."

The Mustangs have been equally successful on the court the past three years with one Niagara Orleans League Championship and two second place finishes including a 26 match-winning streak at one stretch. "As student athletes, these kids are involved in a lot of activities and they are very focused, very motivated and very disciplined to balance them all and be successful" said coach Chris Horgan. "And they are very proud of this honor."



Front Row: Troy Finchbaugh, Doug Weaver, Elliott Domagola, Dan Swanson, Coach Mark Sleggs Back Row: Don Scholla(State Rep.), Cameron Smith, Kelsey Gambrel, Duncan Oleshak

Southwestern Boys Golf- State Champion with a team GPA of 97.366

The presentation was made on Wednesday June 13th at the annual Southwestern Central High School Awards Program. It was held in their high school auditorium and attended by the entire 9-12 student body and faculty along with many parents and other award presenters. The award was well received and well deserved. Congratulations!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE SCHOLAR
ATHLETE CHAMPIONS !!!**

Central Management and Assigning of Officials - The Arbiter



As per an Athletic Council decision in January 2007, TheArbiter has become the program for Central Management and Assigning of Sports Officials throughout Section 6. The Section 6 office is coordinating the centralization effort of all sports officials and is responsible for the initial assignments only, for sports where officials are shared by multiple leagues*. Field Hockey, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Cross Country and Girls Swimming were auto-assigned by the Section office for Buffalo, ECIC, NFL, NO and the Monsignor Martin Leagues. Southern Tier assigners for Soccer, Volleyball, Swimming, and Cross Country have completed their initial assignments on TheArbiter as well. The process is proceeding with winter sports. Thank you to all parties involved for your assistance, cooperation and patience as we move forward with a mutually beneficial method of Central Management of officials, and resolution of the problems created when multiple leagues share officials.

* Officials are shared by the Buffalo, ECIC, NO, NFL and MMHSAA leagues for:

Fall sports: boys and girls soccer, boys and girls volleyball, field hockey, cross country, girls swimming

Winter sports: Boys and girls basketball, boys swimming, wrestling

Spring Sports: Baseball, softball, girls lacrosse, track

REMINDER OF REQUIREMENTS

For officials: All Section 6 sports officials must have an email address and sign-in to the Section 6 account on TheArbiter. NOTE: There is NO COST to sports officials. All assignments for sports in Section 6 will be made using ONLY the officials that are signed-in to the Arbiter. **All winter officials must complete the following by October 3 in order to receive assignments!!!**

- Sign-in to the Section 6 account on TheArbiter
- Update all personal information including address and phone numbers
- Update your calendar for WINTER by entering all blocked dates and partial blocked dates (for days you work)
- If you do not commute to contests from your home address every day, enter the zip code(s) from which you travel to contests daily by clicking on travel limits.
- Click the READY box when all the above is completed

For assigners: All Section 6 league assigners and individual sports assigners must do the following in TheArbiter:

- Verify the sites for their schools and enter subsites when more than one contest for a sport will be scheduled at that site.
- Enter all the teams (all sports and all levels) for each school as well as the default site where each team plays.
- Complete the list of contacts within each school that will need access to TheArbiter and establish the relationships for all contacts.

For Athletic Directors: Comply with the following timeline for winter sport schedules:

Winter Sports Timeline	Buff, ECIC, NFL, NO, MM	Chaut, Catt
Draft schedules complete	Mon. Sept. 10	Mon. Sept. 24
Initial schedule complete, including non-league games	Mon. Sept. 24	Tues. Oct. 9
Begin import of schedules to TheArbiter	Wed. Oct. 3	Wed. Oct. 17
Begin Assigning Varsity & JV	Tues. Oct. 9	Tues. Oct. 23
Begin Assigning Modified	TBA	TBA
Release assignments to OBR's for review	Mon. Oct. 15	NA
Round Table to review assignments	Thurs. Oct 18	NA

REMINDER of Section VI Soccer Sportsmanship Policy

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

Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations and welcome to the following newly appointed Section VI Sportchairs: **Bob Kowal**, Lake Shore- Baseball, **Rich Schmitt**, W. Seneca East and **Janet Battaglia**, Amherst- Girls Lacrosse, **Kevin Rice**, Silver Creek- Boys Golf and **David Coates**- Girls Tennis. Section VI is looking forward to sharing your energy and enthusiasm for interscholastic sports! Also congratulations on the following re-appointments for another term:

- **Don Scholla**, Section VI Boys Sports Representative to the Central Committee (4-year term to expire 8/31/11)
- **Katie McGowan**, Wilson, Girls Modified Sports Rep.
- Spring Sports Chairpersons (3-year term to expire 6/30/10):

Softball	Co-Chairs- Mark Kruzynski & Larry Lash
Boys Lacrosse	John Faller
Boys Golf	Kevin Rice
Girls Golf	Jim Rusin
Boys Tennis	Terry McMahan
Boys Track	Paul Ksionzyk
Girls Track	Walt McLaughlin
Girls Lacrosse	Rich Schmitt, West Seneca East and Janet Battaglia, Amherst as Co-Chairs.

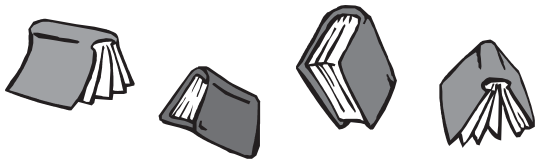
Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express its gratitude to the Boys Golf Chair David Gilson, Girls Modified Chairperson Dawn Bak and Pam Maryjanowski, Section VI Girls Sports Rep to the Central Committee who have stepped down from their respective positions this September.

The time and energy that these individuals have given to our athletes over the years and to Section VI is truly appreciated. David has served as Golf Chairman since 2002, while Dawn has been working to promote modified sports since 2005. Pam has been the Girls Rep on the Central Committee for four years as well as the Girls Lacrosse Co-Chair for the past 3 years. Section VI extends heartfelt thanks to each of them for their tireless efforts and endless dedication to interscholastic sports and Section VI!

Section VI Girls Sports Representative to the Central Committee Needed

It is with great regret that the Section has accepted the resignation of Pam Maryjanowski, our Girls Sports Rep to the Central Committee. She will be greatly missed! This Section VI position, now open for nominations, must be a female as per the Constitution and the appointment will be to complete the 4-year term to expire August 31, 2009. Please submit nominations for the Girls Sports Central Committee Representative to the Section office in writing with league recommendation. The position will be appointed at the November 14 meeting. Current nominations include: Cindy Bullis, Lew-Port, nominated by the NFL.



2007-008 Section VI Publications

Personnel Directory

The Section VI Personnel Directory has been distributed to Athletic Directors, sportchairs, assigners for the Officials organizations, media and colleges. Additional copies are available to individuals at a cost of \$10. Please call the Section VI office 821-7299 to place an order.

Section VI Sports Handbooks

NEW FOR 2007-08: Section VI Sport Handbooks will no longer be printed. They are available on-line at the Section 6 website www.section6.wnyric.org click on Handbooks, Forms & Info.

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.

MANDATORY Workshop for Athletic Directors

In May 2007, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the requirement that all school district Athletic Directors attend an annual MANDATORY NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. This mandate begins with the 2007-2008 school year. The rationale supporting this recommendation was to ensure compliance with all NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations and to minimize student athletes from being deemed ineligible. All school districts must comply for their schools to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition. Workshops are scheduled in each of the 11 sections and Athletic Directors may attend the workshop that best fits their schedule. The workshop for Section VI was held Thursday September 20, 2007.



2007-2008 COACHING COURSES

Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES

716-672-4371 ext. 2062

Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education - Instructor: John Bogardus

Sept. 20, 25,27, Oct. 2,4,9,11,16,18, 2007 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Health Science Applied to Coaching - Instructor: Marty Hemmer

Nov. 5,7,14,15,19,20,26,28, 2007 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
****Health Science Applied to Coaching ONLINE
Sept. 12, 2007 - Dec. 12, 2007

Theory and Techniques of Coaching - Instructor: Marty Hemmer

Dec. 3,4,5,6, 2007 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
****Theory & Technique of Coaching ONLINE
Sept. 10, 2007 - Jan. 7, 2008

CPR

October 22, 2007 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Adult/Child CPR/AED
Session A: Oct,1, 2007 OR Session B: Oct. 29, 2007
6:00pm - 10:00 pm

First Aid Skills and Knowledge Update

Oct. 15 & 17, 2007 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
First Aid Skills and Knowledge
Oct. 22,23,24,25, 2007 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Erie 1 BOCES

Phillip J. Coyle 821-7530(W) 913-7120(c) or
Denise Polanski, Sect. 821-7091

Health Science Applied to Coaching - Instructor: Paul Pignataro, Tom Haney, Terry Whieldon

Erie 1 BOCES Rm. B1, 355 Harlem Rd. W.Seneca 14224
Mon. & Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Oct. 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 Nov. 5, 7, 12, 14, 2007
Registration Deadline: Oct. 12, 2007

Theory and Techniques of Coaching - Instructor: Ken Stoldt

Erie 1 BOCES Rm. B1, 355 Harlem Rd. W.Seneca 14224
Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Dec. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 2007
Registration Deadline: December 3, 2007

Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education - Instructor: Chuck Amo

Hamburg HS, 4111 Legion Dr. Rm. 216, Hamburg, NY 14075
Tues. & Thurs. 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Jan. 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 Feb. 5, 7 2008
Registration Deadline: December 28, 2007

2007-2008 FALL SPORTS

SECTIONAL/ REGIONAL/ STATE DATES

updated 9/25/07

CROSS COUNTRY	CLASS	DATE	LOCATION
Sectionals:		Fri. Nov. 2	Elma Meadows Boys: B-10:30am, C-11am, D-11:30am, AA-12:00pm, A-12:30pm Girls: B-1:00pm, C-1:30pm, D-2:00pm, AA-2:30pm, A-3:00pm
States:		Sat. Nov. 10	Norfolk HS Norwood, NY (Section 10)
NYS Federation Meet		Sat. Nov. 17	Bowdoin State Park, Wappinger Falls (Section 1)
FIELD HOCKEY			
Pre- Quarters		Thurs. Oct. 25	Higher Seed 3:00 pm
Quarter-finals	C	Thurs. Oct. 25	Higher Seed 3:00 pm
B & A		Fri. Oct. 26	Higher Seed 3:00 pm
Semi-finals	C	Mon. Oct. 29	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3pm & 5pm
	B	Tues. Oct. 30	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3pm & 5pm
	A	Wed. Oct. 31	Amherst HS Turf Complex 3pm & 5pm
Finals:		Thurs. Nov 1	Amherst HS Turf Complex C-3pm, B-5pm, A-7pm
Regionals:		Thurs. Nov 8	Amherst HS Turf Complex C-3pm B-5pm A-7pm
States:		Fri.-Sat. Nov. 16-17	Alliance Bank Stadium, Syracuse (Section 3)
FOOTBALL			
Semifinals:		Fri. & Sat. Oct. 26-27	Divisional Champion's home site
Finals:		Thurs. Nov. 1	Ralph Wilson Stadium, D-5pm, A-7:30pm
		Fri. Nov. 2	Ralph Wilson Stadium, B-4:30pm, C-7pm, AA-9:30pm
Finals- Bowl games:		Sat. Nov. 3	D & DD at Jamestown
		Sat. Nov. 3	AA, A, B, C at Medina
Regionals:		Fri. Nov. 9	Paetec Field, Rochester D-5pm, A-8pm
		Sat. Nov. 10	Paetec Field, Rochester C-Noon, B-3pm, AA-6pm
State Western Semifinals:		Fri. Nov. 16	Paetec Field, Rochester D-5pm, A-8pm
		Sat. Nov. 17	Paetec Field, Rochester C-Noon, B-3pm, AA-6pm
State Finals:		Fri. Nov. 23	Carrier Dome, Syracuse D-11am, A 1pm
		Sun. Nov. 25	Carrier Dome, Syracuse C-noon, AA-3pm, B-6pm
GYMNASTICS BOYS			
Sectionals:		Fri. Nov. 2	Williamsville South HS 5pm
Regional:		Sat. Nov. 10	SUNY Brockport (Section 5) 10am
GYMNASTICS GIRLS			
Sectionals:		Sat. Nov. 3	Williamsville North HS Time TBA
States:		Sat. March 1 2008	Carmel HS, Carmel, NY (Section 1)
SOCCER BOYS			
Qualifier	A	Mon. Oct 22	Higher Seed
Pre-Quarters	B & C	Tues. Oct. 23	Higher Seed
	AA & A	Wed. Oct. 24	Higher Seed
Quarters	B & C	Fri. Oct. 26	Higher Seed
	AA & A	Sat. Oct. 27	Higher Seed
NOTE: Class D will be scheduled depending on number of teams			
Semifinals	B & C	Tues. Oct. 30	TBA
	AA & A	Wed. Oct. 31	TBA
Finals	D	Sat. Oct. 27	TBA
Finals:	AA A B & C	Fri. Nov 2 & Sat. Nov. 3	Amherst HS
Regionals:		Fri. Nov. 9	Section 5
		Sat. Nov. 10	Section 5
States:		Fri Nov. 17 & Sat. Nov. 18	Hall of Fame, Oneonta (Section 4)
SWIMMING GIRLS			
Sectionals: Swim Meet		Thurs. Nov. 8	ECC City Campus: trials
Sectionals: Diving		Fri. Nov. 9	Fredonia State University
Sectionals: Swim Final		Sat. Nov. 10	ECC City Campus: finals
States:		Fri & Sat. Nov. 16 & 17	Nassau County Aquatic Center (8)



SOCCER GIRLS	CLASS	DATE	LOCATION
Qualifier	A & B	Mon. Oct 22	Higher Seed 3:30
Pre-Quarters	AA & A	Tues. Oct. 23	Higher Seed 3:30
	B & C	Wed. Oct. 24	Higher Seed 3:30
Quarter-finals	D	Wed. Oct. 24	Higher Seed 3:30
	AA & A	Fri. Oct. 26	Higher Seed 3:30
	B & C	Sat. Oct. 27	Higher Seed 3:30
Semi-finals	D	Sat. Oct. 27	Higher Seed 2:00
	AA & A	Tues. Oct. 30	Higher Seed 3:30
	B & C	Wed. Oct. 31	Higher Seed 3:30
Finals:	C, D:	Fri. Nov. 2	TBA
	AA, A & B	Fri. Nov. 2& Sat. Nov. 3	Amherst HS (N. Tonawanda Backup)
Regionals:	B, D:	Fri. Nov. 9	Section 5
	AA, A, C:	Sat. Nov. 10	Amherst HS
States:		Thurs Nov. 15- Sat.Nov.17	SUNY Cortland (Section 3)

TENNIS GIRLS

Sectionals:	Fri. & Sat Oct. 26 & 27	Amherst Hills Tennis Club
States:	Sat.-Mon. Nov. 3-5	Eastside Racquet Club, Manlius (Section 3) 9am

VOLLEYBALL BOYS

Qualifiers if needed	Mon. Oct. 29	Higher Seed 6pm
Pre-Quarters	Tues. Oct 30	Higher Seed 6pm
Quarterfinals	Thurs. Nov. 1	Higher Seed 6pm
Semi-finals	Sat. Nov. 3	Class B: Eden HS 4pm & 6pm Class A: Lake Shore HS 4pm & 6pm
Finals	Wed Nov. 7	Orchard Park B-6pm, A-8pm
Regionals:	Sat. Nov. 10	Shenendehowa HS, Clifton Park (2)

VOLLEYBALL GIRLS

Qualifiers	Wed. Oct. 24	Higher Seed Time TBA
Pre-Quarters	Fri. Oct 26	Higher Seed Time TBA
Quarter-final	Tues. Oct. 30	Higher Seed Time TBA
Semi-finals	Thurs. Nov. 1	Higher Seed Time TBA
Finals:	B, C & D	Mon. Nov. 5
	AA & A:	Wed. Nov. 7
Regionals:		Sat. Nov. 10
States:		Sat-& Sun. Nov. 17-18
		Glens Falls Civic Center (2)

Congratulations to Section VI Good Sports Award Winners for 2006-07

Frontier

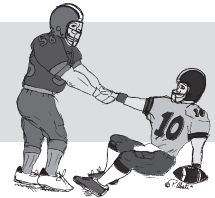
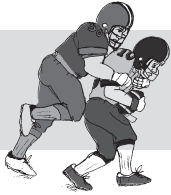
Pictured from left to right: Lloyd Mott, NYSPHAA Asst. Exec. Direct, Tim Marong, AD, Student Athletes, Michael Kilgore and Megan Maher, Michael Baumann, Principal

Medina

Pictured from left to right: Lloyd Mott, NYSPHAA Asst. Exec. Director, Matt McKenna, AD, Student Athletes, Aby Anderson and Richard Dawson

Lew-Port

Pictured from left to right: Lloyd Mott, NYSPHAA Asst., Exec. Director, Scott Townsend, AD, Student Athletes, Bobbi Jo Tenke and Sullivan Fitzgerald, Paul Casseri, Principal



Always a winner...

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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** (see article on page 4) 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, Medina and Lew-Port (photos on page 9)** have been recognized for outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship in Section VI. All four schools and their respective AD's were honored at the September meeting of the Athletic Council. Congratulations to all!

Coaches Sportsmanship Awards 2006-07

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



NFL: Joseph Contento - Niagara Falls HS - Baseball / Football
 Cattaraugus: Rick DeKay - West Valley HS - Baseball / Basketball / Athletic Director
 ECIC: Chris Durr - Williamsville East - Soccer / Basketball
 MMHSAA: Rebecca Kranz - St. Mary HS - Volleyball
 Niagara Orleans: Keith Piccirilli - Albion HS - Wrestling / Football
 Chautauqua: Dave Polechetti - Fredonia HS - Basketball / Softball
 Buffalo: Ken Hans - Leonardo da Vinci HS - Track / X-Country

Congratulations coaches!!

August were (pictured from left to right):

NFL Awards Sportsmanship

Lockport High School was voted as the NFL Sportsmanship School for the 06 - 07 Athletic season. This is an award that is voted on by the league's AD's.

A Character Based Approach to Kids' Sports

Amid the squeak of sneakers on the lacquered court, the public address announcer has one final thing he wants to say to the crowd before the tip-off - remember your manners! Under a code of conduct that the public and private schools have adopted, parents and coaches have agreed to maintain a sense of decorum throughout the game. The unspoken message: No swearing, no taunting officials and for heaven's sake, no fighting! The scene on many Thursday nights in our impassioned gym, where "Enjoy the Game" posters adorn the walls and a supervisor in a bright florescent t-shirt patrols the stands, is being repeated in various ways in hundreds of schools across the country. Fed up with a flood of sideline incivility that at times escalates to violence, schools and communities are adopting programs to try to return some sanity to our youth sports.

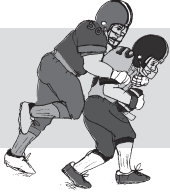
From Florida to California, districts are getting parents to watch videotapes, highly recommending that districts have "Code Nights", preseason meetings with parents, student athletes and coaches that emphasize emotional balance, reminding coaches that winning isn't everything, and appointing "culture keepers" to act as peacekeepers at games, reminding them all of the "Golden Rule" in sports! Call it what you want but it is needed. "The growth of these programs has been incredibly rapid" says Clark Power of the Mendelson Center for Sports, Character, and Culture at Notre Dame University in Indiana. Sadly, their proliferation is coming out of necessity. True, some claim boorish sideline behavior is no worse than it's been it's just more publicized now; a staple of sports highlights reels. But at least some statistical evidence exists to suggest that the erosion of societal civility that has given rise to road rage and fights on planes hasn't spared youth sports.

For instance, the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS), a group that works with hundreds of parks and recreation programs across the country, says the number of reports of unsportsmanlike conduct remained steady at about 5 percent of all events it monitored until 1990. Now incidents occur at 15 percent of the events. When are we going to stop that pendulum swinging in the wrong direction? When are we finally going to say enough is enough? Sports are supposed to

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What kind of skills are they learning now?! Let me give coaches and parents a little advice on what to do when they become overwrought at their next youth sporting event: go home, go into the bathroom, lock the door, look in the mirror, and say, "My career is over." Coaches make tough decisions not everybody agrees with, players are not perfect, and officials by definition deal with controversy on a regular basis.

ALL WNY "Good Sports Teams" 2006-2007

Douglas L. Ames – Sportsmanship Coordinator

The following teams have been recognized for outstanding sportsmanship in 2006-07:

provide a positive environment for kids to learn life skills.

Akron – (F) Cross Country, Football and Tennis
Albion – (F) Basketball, (F) Soccer
Alden – Rifle
Allegany – Limestone – (M/F) Bowling, Golf, Softball
Amherst – Ice Hockey
Barker – (M/F) Swimming
Bennett – Softball
Brocton – (F) Bowling, (F) Volleyball, Softball
Buffalo East – (F) Cross Country
Cassadaga Valley – (F) Basketball
Cattaraugus/Little Valley – Wrestling
CSAT – Softball, Baseball (JV)
Cheektowaga – (M/F) Bowling
Clarence – Rifle, (M) Swimming
Cleveland Hill – (F) Basketball
Clymer – Softball
Depew – (M) Basketball
East Aurora – (M/F) Basketball, (F) Cross Country
Eden – (F) Volleyball
Ellicottville – Baseball, Softball
Falconer – (M) Basketball
Forestville – (F) Volleyball
Franklinville – (F) Basketball
Fredonia – (M) Cross Country
Frewsburg – Baseball, Softball
Frontier – (M) Basketball, (M) Lacrosse
Gowanda – (M) Bowling, Baseball
Grand Island – (M/F) Track Field
Grover Cleveland – (M) Basketball, Football
Hamburg – (M) Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football
Holland – (M) Soccer
Hutch Tech – (M) Bowling, (M) Cross Country

Iroquois – Field Hockey
Jamestown – (F) Basketball, Wrestling
Kenmore West – (F) Swimming
Lafayette – Softball
Lancaster – (M/F) Bowling, (F) Volleyball, Wrestling
Leonardo da Vinci – (M/F) Bowling, (M/F) Cross Country, (M/F) Track Field
Lewiston Porter – Wrestling
Lockport – (F) Swimming
Maple Grove – (M) Basketball, (M) Cross Country
Maryvale – (F) Soccer
McKinley – Football
Medina – (M/F) Track Field
Newfane – Baseball, Golf, (F) Soccer, Softball, (M/F) Swim, (M/F) Track Field
Niagara Falls – Baseball, (M) Bowling, Softball
Niagara Wheatfield – Football, (M) Lacrosse
North Tonawanda – (M/F) Track Field
Olean – Baseball, Softball, (M/F) Track Field
Orchard Park – Golf, Softball
Panama – Baseball
Randolph – Softball, (F) Volleyball, Wrestling
Ripley – Softball
Roy Hart – Softball
Salamanca – (M/F) Track Field
Seneca – (F) Basketball
Silver Creek – (M) Basketball
Starpoint – Softball
Sweet Home – Ice Hockey
West Valley – Baseball, (M) Basketball
Williamsville East – (F) Basketball, (F) Soccer, Softball, (F) Swimming
Williamsville North – Ice Hockey, (F) Swimming
Williamsville South – Baseball, Ice Hockey

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SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM



The NYS PHSAA, 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 NYS PHSAA award. The Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. became the co-sponsor of the program in 1995.



Section VI Team Award Winners – Spring 2007 * State Champions

Baseball

Frontier.....	93.384
Southwestern	93.088
Newfane.....	93.009
Sweet Home.....	92.425
City Honors.....	92.083
Iroquois.....	91.845
Clarence.....	91.519
Starpoint.....	91.257
West Seneca West.....	91.191
Niagara Falls.....	90.818
Medina.....	90.504
Jamestown.....	90.472
Wilson.....	90.127

Boys Lacrosse

Lancaster.....	94.835
Williamsville East.....	93.665
Medina.....	93.645
Lockport.....	93.591
Frontier.....	93.044
Hamburg.....	92.500
East Aurora.....	92.492
Iroquois.....	91.727
Clarence.....	91.411
Williamsville North.....	90.948
Sweet Home.....	90.869
West Seneca East.....	90.577

Boys Tennis

Medina*	97.692
Williamsville East.....	95.948
Southwestern	95.916
Depew.....	95.867
Springville.....	95.613
Albion.....	95.610
Clarence.....	95.370
Amherst.....	95.269
Westfield.....	95.063
Williamsville North.....	94.863
Sweet Home.....	94.661
Lancaster.....	94.527
Akron.....	94.358
Iroquois.....	94.322
Frontier.....	94.213
Niagara Falls.....	94.000
Newfane.....	93.600
Eden.....	93.511
Hamburg.....	93.400
City Honors School.....	92.729
Falconer.....	92.373
West Seneca West.....	92.294
Barker.....	92.138
East Aurora.....	92.062
Wilson.....	91.698
Jamestown.....	91.611
Tonawanda.....	91.596
Lake Shore.....	91.401
Fredonia.....	90.688
West Seneca East.....	90.670
Lewiston Porter.....	90.443

Boys Track And Field

Clarence.....	96.847
Newfane.....	96.679
Lancaster.....	96.427
Southwestern	96.181
Allegany-Limestone.....	95.693
Williamsville East.....	95.633
Williamsville North.....	95.208
Holland.....	95.180
Frontier.....	95.155
Barker.....	95.134
Depew.....	95.086
East Aurora.....	95.007
Falconer.....	94.846
Albion.....	94.787
Hamburg.....	94.650
Iroquois.....	94.650
North Tonawanda.....	94.517
West Seneca East.....	94.023
Amherst.....	93.909
Westfield.....	93.749
Eden.....	93.708
West Seneca West.....	93.463
Chautauqua Lake.....	93.440
Franklinville & Ellicottville.....	93.393
Pioneer.....	92.776
Sweet Home.....	92.567
Wilson.....	92.328
Lockport.....	92.198
Springville.....	92.045
Cleveland Hill.....	91.876
Kenmore East.....	91.694
Olean.....	91.608
Tonawanda.....	91.457
Kenmore West.....	90.820
Leonardo Da Vinci.....	90.466
Fredonia.....	90.427
Lewiston Porter.....	90.345
Niagara Falls.....	90.287

Girls Lacrosse

Lancaster.....	96.435
East Aurora.....	95.786
Sweet Home.....	95.773
Hamburg.....	95.736
West Seneca West.....	94.882
Lockport.....	94.194
Frontier.....	93.978
Clarence.....	93.801
Williamsville North.....	93.737
Williamsville East.....	93.310
Orchard Park.....	93.298
West Seneca East.....	92.824
Iroquois.....	92.664
Amherst.....	90.894
Lake Shore.....	90.384

Girls Tennis

City Honors.....	95.113
Barker.....	94.368

Girls Track And Field

Frontier.....	98.135
Iroquois.....	97.703
Depew.....	97.293
Clarence.....	97.289
West Seneca West.....	97.180
East Aurora.....	97.007
Southwestern	96.781
Hamburg.....	96.758
Portville.....	96.563
Starpoint.....	96.506
Lockport.....	96.363
Franklinville & Ellicottville.....	96.162
Falconer.....	96.046
Albion.....	96.012
Williamsville East.....	96.010
Williamsville North.....	95.963
Allegany-Limestone.....	95.773
Newfane.....	95.699
Lancaster.....	95.607
Westfield.....	95.294
Olean.....	95.267
Pioneer.....	95.150
Lake Shore.....	95.104
Kenmore West.....	95.071
Holland.....	94.631
Springville.....	94.493
West Seneca East.....	94.493
Amherst.....	94.345
Panama.....	93.929
Medina.....	93.912
Sweet Home.....	93.618
Tonawanda.....	93.242
Akron.....	93.196
Randolph.....	92.965
Chautauqua Lake.....	92.716
Wilson.....	92.692
Cleveland Hill.....	92.668
Leonardo Da Vinci.....	92.478
Eden.....	92.417
Barker.....	92.127
Cassadaga Valley.....	91.879
Lewiston Porter.....	91.485
Niagara Falls.....	91.332
Frewsburg.....	90.903
Kenmore East.....	90.836
Fredonia.....	90.285

Softball

Royalton Hartland.....	95.032
Cassadaga Valley.....	94.905
Kenmore West.....	94.691
Southwestern	94.645
Ellicottville.....	94.527
Medina.....	94.423
Wilson.....	94.162
Clarence.....	93.788
Iroquois.....	93.573
Lancaster.....	93.549
North Tonawanda.....	93.227
West Seneca West.....	93.216
Lockport.....	93.198
Williamsville East.....	93.125
West Seneca East.....	93.067

Sweet Home.....	92.914
Allegany-Limestone.....	92.638
Niagara-Wheatfield.....	92.594
Westfield.....	92.529
Lackawanna.....	92.259
Chautauqua Lake.....	92.024
Lake Shore.....	92.020
Hamburg.....	91.964
East Aurora.....	91.928
Frewsburg.....	91.578
Newfane.....	91.538
Forestville.....	91.469
Panama.....	91.464
Holland.....	91.446
Frontier.....	91.417
Williamsville North.....	91.200
Dunkirk.....	91.030
Depew.....	90.785
Fredonia.....	90.431
John F. Kennedy.....	90.431
Lewiston Porter.....	90.232
Olean.....	90.209
Kenmore East.....	90.076
City Honors.....	90.017

Boys Golf (*=Fall Team)

Southwestern*	97.366
Wilson*.....	97.030
Medina*.....	96.299
Clarence*.....	95.434
Iroquois*.....	94.559
Depew*.....	94.483
Newfane*.....	94.443
West Seneca West*.....	94.439
Chautauqua Lake.....	93.909
Williamsville East*.....	93.620
Hamburg*.....	93.500
Williamsville North*.....	93.314
Brocton.....	93.184
Lockport*.....	93.100
Springville*.....	92.461
Sweet Home*.....	92.423
Olean.....	92.214
Frontier*.....	91.980
East Aurora*.....	91.976
Albion*.....	91.918
Allegany-Limestone.....	91.880
Royalton Hartland*.....	91.827
Amherst*.....	91.783
Alden*.....	91.756
Lake Shore*.....	91.581
Frewsburg.....	91.213
Kenmore West*.....	91.150
Williamsville South*.....	90.871
Kenmore East*.....	90.729
Lewiston Porter*.....	90.629
Fredonia.....	90.558
Grand Island*.....	90.525
Westfield.....	90.395

Girls Golf (*=Fall Team)

Williamsville E, N, S*.....	94.351
Fredonia.....	90.030

CONGRATULATIONS to the SECTION VI All WNY Spring Scholar Athletes

Section VI has selected the winners of the All WNY Scholar Athlete award for spring sports. There were 328 total nominations. 101 were selected as new winners, 41 were repeat winners from fall or winter and 7 were 3 season winners. Congratulations to all winners and nominees!! The criteria for this award are: Overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters, Starter or important reserve, Seniors only. The nomination form can be found on the section website. Click on Forms and Information, then on All-WNY.

Spring Scholar Athlete Winners

* Indicates a 3 season winner

** Indicates 2 season winner

Baseball

William Gowen, Amherst
Bennie Williams, Bennett
John Matte, Timon-St.Jude
Dan Scime, Canisius
Robert Zanghi, **Cass. Valley
Matthew Frances, Clarence
John Vallone, *Holland
Stephen Thompson, Iroquois
Brian Cole, Lackawanna
Brian Bowman, **Newfane
David Guetta, Nia. Falls
Andrew Schettine, Silver Creek
Alexander Boyce, Starpoint
Ross Johnston, Starpoint
Ryan Maxwell, Sweet Home
Zachary Miller, *Will East
Jared Fabian, Will North

Boys Golf

Mathew Stasiak, Clarence
Scott Moser, **Kenmore West
Louie Spina, Kenmore West
Christopher Brown, Nia. Falls
Ryan Ash, Pioneer
Richard Gilbert, St. Joseph's
Tony Stang, West Seneca West
Andrew Ross, Will East
Jake Katz, Will North

Boys Lacrosse

William Africano, **Amherst
Ethan Collins, Canisius
Ryan Bierl, East Aurora
John A. Loewer, East Aurora
Nicholas Shemik, Grand Island
Andrew Kryszak, Lancaster
Nick DeMarco, Lockport
Mitchel Rankie, Lockport
Kyle Gray, Nichols School
Neil Giunta, St. Joseph's
Phillip Occhino, St. Joseph's
Robert Schreck, **St. Joseph's

Boys Tennis

Ariel Binder, Amherst
Jared Reisweber, Amherst
Kenneth Schmidt, Amherst
Jeffery Amplement, Tim.St.Jude
Alexia Helba, Clarence
Adam Paine, Falconer
Deleon Hughes, **McKinley
Andrew Kauffmann, Newfane
Mathew Mack, Nia. Falls

Ryan Barton, **Sweet Home
Saboo Khan, Sweet Home
Amana Sharma, Sweet Home
Michael Metzger, Will East

Boys Track & Field

Christopher Grace, All Limestone
Jacob Karl, **All-Limestone
Robert Solan, *All-Limestone
Matthew Krajna, Amherst
Andrew Wong, *Amherst
Peter Wayner, Barker
Brian Thompson, Canisius
Ken Duge, **Clarence
Samuel Reynolds, **East Aurora
Sean Sadowski, Frontier
Matthew Bender, **Holland
Daniel Snitzer, Kenmore West
Kameron Wittmeyer, Pioneer
Ryan Attard, St. Joseph's
Jacob Hagen, Sweet Home
Ryan Poley, **Sweet Home
Andrew Heim, Will East
Gregory Losi, **Will North
Matthew Losi, **Will North
Joseph Moberg, Wilson
Thomas Reubens, **Wilson

Crew

James Thompson, Canisius

Girls Golf

Kayce Wagner, Brocton
Kristen M. Fish, Sacred Heart
Alicia Hanes, Nardin
Allison Spara, Nardin
Amelia Kermis, Nichols School
Emily Williams, Will East

Girls Lacrosse

Sara Heindinger, **Amherst
Danielle Pizzuto, Amherst
Jennifer Harb, Buffalo Sacred Heart
Rebecca Vu, Buffalo Sacred Heart
Courtney Wopperer, **Sacred Heart
Caitlin Holbrook, **East Aurora
Jacqueline Sikora, **Frontier
Emily Hasselback, Grand Island
Jaime Justen, Grand Island
Stephanie Krowka, Iroquois
Emily Fields, Mt. St. Mary's
Anna Whistler, Nichols School
Kati Baird, Sweet Home
Brianna Galli, Sweet Home

Marisa Kelly, **Sweet Home
Rachel McNess, Sweet Home
Lauren Latona, Will East
Karrie Gurbacki, Will North
Meridith Petit, Will North

Girls Tennis

Lyndsey Barnes, City Honors
Katie Bartolotta, City Honors
Lauren Bates, Kenmore West
Marisa Gaiser, McKinley

Girls Track & Field

Katherine Fischer, All-Limestone
Elizabeth A. Subjeck, *Sacred Heart
Pukhraz Basra, Clarence
Caitlin George, *Clarence
Jennifer Godson, Depew
Katherine Mosser, **East Aurora
Kylie Weigel, **Franklinville
Holly Beats, Iroquois
Marion Evans, Kenmore West
Emily Norton, Kenmore West
Amanda Zgrablich, Kenmore West
Crystal Pierce, Lackawanna
Bettina Kaphingst, Lewiston Porter
Lauren Schmidt, Lewiston Porter
Chelsea Boyd, Nardin
Maura Frauenhofer, **Nardin
Natalie Truty, Nardin
Angela Beck, Randolph

Softball

Katherine French, **All-Limestone
Jessica Nelson, **All-Limestone
Mary Lang, Amherst
Alison Pyszczynski, **Sacred Heart
Cara Hall, City Honors
Chelsea Petrucci, City Honors
Melissa Rogers, *Clarence
Heather Pfeiffer, **Franklinville
Samantha Eimiller, Gowanda
Alyssa Johnson, Jamestown
Mallory Swanson, Jamestown
Mary Henseler, Kenmore West
Samantha Bundy, Lancaster
Kelly Kaempf, **Nardin
Angela Campanello, **Nia. Wheatfield
Erin Abbate, Panama
Meaghan Mark, Royalton-Hartland
Krista Prentice, Sweet Home
Elizabeth Dutweiler, Will North
Kerry Ulmer, Will North
Katherine Wolcott, **Wilson

9th Grader Kurzdorfer Claims Multiple Championships

Submitted by Coach Chuck Friedmann



The young thrower from Lancaster, Melissa Kurzdorfer, seems to be a genuine phenomenon. Finishing her ninth grade year, she stole the spotlight in the throws at the ECIC Championships hosted by Alden High School. As

confidence and concern. It's easier to get to the top than to stay on top. She knew this was the competition she needed to become better. She finished with three of the four championships taking the Federation shot put and discus titles and the state Division I title in the discus. Her 43'-0" throw in the Division I state competition was 5.7" short of Betty Williams' (Longwood) winning throw. Her best throws of the weekend were 140'-1" in the Division I discus with no one close behind and 42'-9.5" in the Federation shot put.

a double winner in the shot put and discus she broke the 26 year old meet record in the discus by throwing it 143'-4" while her shot put of 45'-10.5" was one and a half inches short of the shot put record. During the season, she reset her own school record nearly every time she competed. She was eager for state meet competition.

Kurzdorfer was eager for national competition but maturity and experience reigned. She did not do well. She chalks it up to experience and "Lesson Learned". Her coaches began using the term "schooled". She had a similar experience last year when her rise to the top at states was thwarted by a late season injury. She put out her best effort in the circle but still did not do well.

At sectional competition, anyone betting on Kurzdorfer to win both the shot put and the discus throw would have gotten their money's worth. In each event she narrowly missed her own season best putting the shot 45'9 1/4" and throwing the discus 142'11".

Kurzdorfer is an example of what superior coaching can do with superior talent. Throws coach George Rak has to provide lessons in strength training and technique but also has to nurture the mind of a young athlete. His learning curve has to stay one step ahead of hers. So far it is working well.

With those two sectional championships under her belt she advanced to the states at Dietz Stadium in Kingston with both

Eaton Three-Peats (x2)

Submitted by Coach Tom Wall



Blake Eaton closed out an accomplished career as an Allegany-Limestone Gator athlete winning an unprecedented 5th and 6th Championship at the NYS Public High School Track and Field Championships in Kingston. Blake captured the Discus title with a throw of 181' 8" and the Shot Put crown with a throw of 61' 1.25". He went on to win his second Federation (Public, Private, and New York City Schools) Title in the Shot Put.

Blake has secured his position in throwing lore as one of the best ever in New York history. Through his career the track & field team has a league record of 29 - 1, winning every league meet since May 15, 2003 when Blake was an eighth grader. Blake's career includes 10 County Championships, 7 Section VI Championships in addition to his 6 New York State Titles.

Blake will be missed for his athletic accomplishments, and for being an outstanding person and role model. In recognition of these characteristics Blake won the Section VI Sportsmanship Award presented at the State Meet in Kingston. As he prepares to leave us to continue his education and athletic career at Penn State University we thank him for the memories. It's been a great ride!

**GOOD LUCK
AT PENN STATE!**

Holland Relay Team Takes State Championship

By John Weaver HCS Track & Field Coach



From left to right: Jon Ramsey, Matt Bender, Coach John Weaver, Taylor Kensity, Spencer Evans.

Two-time champions Matt Bender, Taylor Kensity and Jon Ramsey united with Spencer Evans to record a time of 3:22.98FAT. This performance represented the finest time recorded by any school in Western New York all season.

Leg #1	Spencer Evans 11th grade	51.7
Leg #2	Matt Bender 12th grade	50.9
Leg #3	Taylor Kensity 11th grade	49.5
Leg #4	Jon Ramsey 11th grade	50.6
TOTAL: 3:22.98FAT		

Holland Central's 4X400 relay team earned its second State Championship in the past three years (second place in 2006).

Pine Valley - 2007 State Champion Class D Baseball

By Charlie LaDuca, Varsity Baseball Coach, Pine Valley Central School

WOW! What a season. I can't even begin to describe the feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment in bringing the first ever Boy's State Championship to Pine Valley. No one deserved it more than the thirteen outstanding individuals that made up the 2007 squad: Seniors Jon Howard, Derek Austin, Jeremy Sommers and Nick Hallett. Juniors Dalton Kashmer, Codi Vanzile, Rob Lindquist, Bryce Cortright, Kyle Armstrong, Jordan Farnham and Dylan Ellis. Sophomores Joe Tingué and Chadd Rexford. They set their standards high at the beginning of the season, and made sure that no stone was left unturned in their quest for a State Title. They are the best of the best.

The regular season kicked off with a powerful 21-2 victory over Brocton. What followed were lopsided victories over Sherman, Westfield, and Panama. Then came the gem. Bryce Cortright threw a no hit shutout against a good hitting Ripley team. That game was followed by a 10-1 win over Forestville and then we shut down Clymer in the bottom of the seventh for an 8-5 victory. We beat Brocton and then locked horns again with Clymer for another win. We finished with an undefeated league record of 14-0.

Playoff victories included Panama, followed by our old nemesis Clymer in the semis where we held them scoreless. Ellicottville was the next obstacle on our way to a State Title. They were undefeated in the Cattaraugus D league, with high hopes as they had eight seniors in their starting lineup. But our defense

shut the door for a 3-1 victory. Next we played Section V Champs Genesee Valley. We faced their number one pitcher, and beat them 4-3. The turning point of the game was Codi Vanzile throwing a runner out at the plate as Genesee tried to rally in the fourth inning. We were finally boarding the big bus to Binghamton for the New York State Final Four Tournament.

The boys were very focused. Saturday afternoon at 1:00 we squared off against Brushton-Moira. They had won fifteen games in a row and were an aggressive, tough and cocky team. Codi Vanzile got the start. They went up on us 1-0 in the top of the second inning, but we tied it up in the bottom of the inning on an RBI fielders choice by Derek Austin. I thought Rob Lindquist provided one of the turning points in the game when he went into second base hard breaking up a double play in the fifth inning. He buried the second baseman, and while he lay face down in the dirt Jeremy Sommers scored the go ahead run. We finally broke through in the bottom of the sixth with three runs on a couple of hits by Dalton Kashmer and Bryce Cortright winning the game 5-1. Codi pitched a strong four innings with Jon shutting the door the rest of the way. We were in the Finals. Our Opponent Chapel Field was a small quick team with outstanding outfielders, and a very good pitcher. The game immediately followed the Semi-Finals, so we gave Jon the start hoping to get a few innings out of him. He had a little more left in the tank than we thought. It was a pitcher's duel all the

way, with both teams flashing spectacular defense. Chapel Field's outfielders made several outstanding catches on well hit balls. They held us scoreless for the first three innings. Our defense was up to the challenge though as Bryce Cortright made two outstanding catches in the outfield while Rob Lindquist flashed some serious leather at third base. We finally scored a run in the fourth inning as Dylan Ellis plated Jon Howard on a fielders choice. Chapel Field responded in the fifth by scoring a run on our only error of the tournament. No score in the sixth for either team as we kept Chapel Field off the board in the top of the seventh. Jon had pitched a great game to this point, but was running out of gas. We needed to score now. Derek Austin beat out an infield hit to lead off the inning. We popped up a bunt which kept him on first with one out. Derek stole second moving into scoring position with Kyle Armstrong stepping up to the plate. With an 0-2 count on Kyle, we gave Derek the steal sign. He headed for third on the pitch and was three quarters of the way there when Tank crushed a line drive to left-center field. Derek tapped third and jogged home to be mobbed by the rest of the team. STATE CHAMPS!

I am so proud of the maturity and focus the players displayed throughout the playoffs. I could not have asked for more. They were perfect representatives of our school and community. Thank you one and all for a season we will never forget.

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Pine Valley Accomplishments:

- First ever state championship for any boys sport at Pine Valley
- Went to the State Final Four in 1997 & 1998, but lost in the semi-finals both times
- Senior Jon Howard picked up 5 of our 6 wins in the playoffs with a miniscule 0.52 ERA.
- Juniors Bryce Cortright .353, Rob Lindquist .350, Kyle Armstrong .316, and Dalton Kashmer .304 led all hitters in the playoffs.
- Finished as the #1 Ranked Class D school in the State.



IT'S OFFICIAL...

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Welcome Back!

The month of September always brings excitement to strong advocates of interscholastic sports. A new year, a new beginning for fall sports programs. Off season preparation, new coaches and upgraded facilities get tested.

From the section's point of view we are eagerly anticipating feedback from perhaps the largest upgrade in services that we have ever undertaken, electronic assigning of sports officials section wide. The process has consumed a majority of the office staff work hours in recent months. Early comments indicate mostly positive results, however the entire staff is committed to continued evaluation of all the guidelines used to support this effort.

Also Note:

The '07-'10 Fee schedules for the WNYSO Sport Officials Contract extension are available at <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/FormsInfo/officialscontract/AppenE0710.pdf> The entire document should be finalized by early September.

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.



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