

The Line Up

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State Champions

Boys Soccer



International Prep at Grover - Class D

When the I Prep at Grover Boys Soccer team finished the 2013 season, their goals were not fully met. The Presidents finished as Sectional Class C Champions, but lost the Far West Regional Championship to Rochester and failed to advance to the NYS final four. The Presidents also lost 6 key seniors including Ezana Kahsay who now plays for the Division I-A University of Akron Zips.

The team started the 2014 season with a loss to the Class AA Clarence Red Devils, 2-0. This game however, pushed I Prep into a top spot among its competition, both locally and state-wide. I Prep's league record was an astounding 11-0-1, earning the D'Youville Cup City Championship for the first time since 2005 with victories over Class A-Riverside, Class A-McKinley, and Class B-City Honors.

The Presidents then drew a bye as a top seed in the sectional finals. I Prep defeated state ranked North Collins, 2-0, for the sectional championship on November 1st with a game winning goal by Captain Abdi Ali. One week later, on November 8th, the Presidents faced Webster Christian from Rochester for the Far West Regional Championship. The Presidents stunned the crowd and the region with a dominating performance and shut-out the Rochester Section 5 Champions, 4-0. Pa Lu and Mohamud Abdi had 2 goals each.

On November 14th, at 6:30am, the team boarded their luxury tour bus and took to the road. Their 6 hour road trip was only the beginning of a 3 day journey that will endure forever in the hearts and minds of this team. On Saturday, November 15th, at 1:45pm, I Prep's first opponent was #1 New York State ranked Chazy from upper Eastern New York. Chazy has been recognized as a dynasty over the past 10 seasons winning 7 of 10 state championships since 2003. After 80 minutes of regulation play and two 15 minute overtime periods, the score remained 1-1. The game was then to be determined by penalty kicks. Each team had chosen 5 young men to shoot. The Presidents missed their first 2 shots, but made their last 3. Chazy made their first 3, but missed their last 2, therefore, the game still remained deadlocked. Finally, in the 8th round of penalty kicks, Junior Abdi Ali scored for I Prep and the Presidents advanced to the state final to be played on Sunday, November 16th against Section 9 Champion, Mount Academy.

The state final was filled with the same heart-pounding excitement and drama as the game that preceded it. After another stalemate through regulation, the championship game also went into overtime. The winning goal came with 5 minutes left in the first overtime period and was scored by I Prep's First-Team, All-State, Sophomore, Pa Lu.

-Anthony Alessi, Coach



State Champions

Football

Jamestown - Class AA

The Jamestown Red Raiders won the 2014 Class AA State Championship at the Carrier Dome on Saturday, November 29th with a 41-20 win over Newburgh Free Academy. The championship marks the 4th state title in Red Raider history. The Red Raiders were led by an outstanding senior class which included Co-Captains Joe Mistretta, Stephen Carlson, Zack Panebianco, Damien Jackson, and Ben Larson. The Red Raiders finished the season 12-1, winning the league, sectional, and regional championships, in addition to the state title. Throughout the season, the Red Raiders were dominant in all phases of the game, giving-up an average of 11 points per game and averaging over 34 points per game. The Red Raiders pride themselves on toughness, enthusiasm, discipline, and giving maximum effort with a positive attitude at all times. The 2014 team is proud to carry on the rich tradition of football excellence in Jamestown. The Red Raiders are coached by Tom Langworthy, Ryan Calkins, Richie Joly, David Munella, John O'Brien, Arrick Davis, Aaron Erickson, and Mike Baker.

-Tom Langworthy, Coach



The Jamestown Red Raiders celebrate winning the school's 4th State Championship with a 41-20 victory over Newburgh Free Academy at the Carrier Dome.

Flashback to... 1981 Iroquois "Chiefs" Football Team

Season Record 8-0



State Champions

Football

Randolph - Class D

In a game for the ages, the Randolph Cardinals made history when they became the first team from Sec. VI to win three straight NYS football championships after they rallied to defeat Chester of Sec. IX by a score of 48-41. The victory was their fifth state championship overall which ties them with four other schools for the second most in state history; only Sec. V's Aquinas with six has won more.

Calling the game an unbelievable win is putting it mildly, in a game with many emotional highs and lows. Trailing 27-6 at halftime, the Cardinals rallied to take their first lead of the game late in the third quarter. Chester responded, coming from behind twice more to re-take the lead before Randolph score with only 26 seconds remaining to cement the victory.

After winning the coin toss, Randolph elected to defer until the second half and kicked off to Chester. Starting from their own 30 yard line, it took the Hambletonians only 5 plays to score the game's first points. After the PAT kick, Chester led 7-0. Chester scored again on its next possession on a 27 yard pass from quarterback Vinny Aloï to Angel Suarez and the PAT made the score 14-0.

Randolph got back in the game after a 7-play, 69 yard drive ended with Derek Young catching a 28 yard touchdown pass from Bryce Morrison. The PAT was blocked and Chester led 14-6 to end the first quarter. All points in the second quarter were scored by Chester on a 2-yard run by Suarez and a 13-yard pass from Aloï to Brandon Sadlier. Unable to stop Chester's passing game, things looked bleak for the Cardinals who now trailed 27-6 heading into the third quarter.

In the locker room during halftime while Coach Brent Brown sat silent, senior quarterback, Bryce Morrison took it upon himself to address the team. He stated; "There are still two quarters of football to play and we have shown no energy so far! Don't give up! Let's go out winners in our last high school football game together!"

His speech was taken to heart and the Cards were ignited. On the first play of the third quarter, Devyn Nelsen ran for 53 yards. Four plays later, Morrison scored on a 1-yard quarterback keeper. Nelsen ran the ball in for the two point conversion to cut Chester's lead to 27-14. This score whipped the Cardinal's faithful fans into a frenzy and with the crowd behind them, Randolph scored on its next three possessions to go ahead by a score of 34-27. Two of these three touchdowns were scored by Morrison and the other by Nelsen.

Down but not out, Chester regained the lead on a 10-yard pass from Aloï to Justin Feldman. The two point conversion made the score: Chester 35, Randolph 34.

Although Chester's line matched up in size to Randolph's, it became evident late in the game that the Cards were in better physical shape. This was born out by the fact that it took the Cardinals just six plays to go 74 yards to paydirt with Morrison going in from the one. The run failed to get the two point conversion, but Randolph once again led 40-35 with exactly three minutes to play.

Even though Randolph was again in the lead, every fan in the stands knew with Chester's excellent passing attack, the game was far from over. This proved to be true as the Hambletonians used up just two minutes to once again regain the lead on a 31 yard pass from Aloï to Feldman. The pass attempt for the two point conversion fell incomplete and with on minute remaining, the Cards trailed 41-40.

Refusing to give up, and armed with one time-out remaining, The Cardinals never panicked. With the crown on its feet, Morrison scrambled out of the pocket and threw deep for wide-out Derek Young who came back to the ball, made the catch and got out of bounds completing a 42 yard play to the Chester 23 yard line. On the next play, Young again caught a pass from Morrison and reached the Chester 5-yard line. With 37 seconds left, Morrison spiked the ball to stop the clock. On the ensuing play, Morrison, following a great lead block by senior Wesley Sluga, scored the final touchdown. Morrison then scored on the 2-point conversion giving Randolph the lead for the final time making the score 48-41.

With its never-give-up attitude, the Cardinals scored on all six of their possessions in the second half with Bryce Morrison scoring five and Devyn Nelsen one.

On defense, Daren Huntington led the Cardinals with 11 tackles, while Nelsen had nine and Andrews had seven.

On offense, Nelsen rushed 25 times for 289 yards, 183 in the second half and one touchdown.

Bryce Morrison, who has also been named Player of The Year by the Big 30, ran for 175 yards and five touchdowns on 15 carries.

For Randolph, Jeff Andrews received the Sportsmanship Award, Michael Bowers was named Most Valuable Offensive Lineman of the game and Bowers has also been named Offensive Lineman of the Year by the Big 30. Devyn Nelsen was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

The Cardinals have now won four of the last six State Class D titles; five within 10 years. This has not gone unnoticed by USA Today High School Sports, which names Randolph as one of five schools having the best football programs in New York State.

Following the victory, the team bus was met in East Randolph where they joined a police escorted victory tour through town. Fire trucks from Randolph, East Randolph and Coldspring were followed by a mile-long procession of cars and trucks with horns blaring, filled with fans honoring the team.

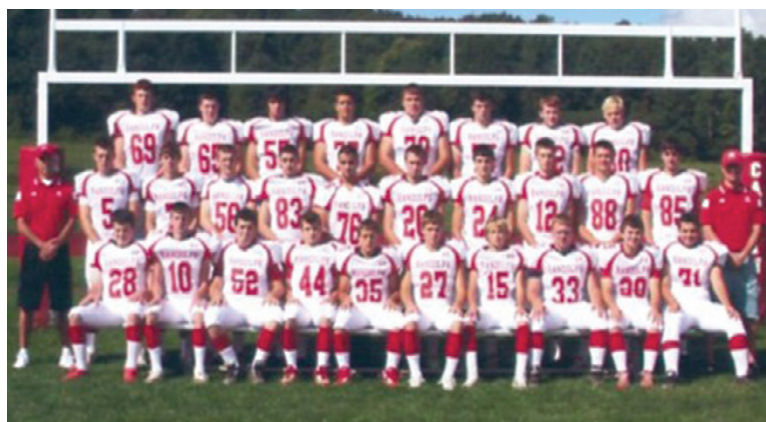
Later at the Randolph Fire Hall, Coach Brent Brown praised his players, coaches and especially the people of Randolph when he stated that the noise and support of the fans generated in the second half was tremendous and could be considered a factor in turning the momentum in Randolph's favor.

Not only is Randolph blessed with a great football program, great coaches and great kids, but also great fans who travel all over the state in support of their beloved Cardinals!

THAT'S RANDOLPH FOOTBALL, BABY!

-Kirk P. Carnahan

Courtesy: Randolph Register



State Champions

Girls Volleyball

Williamsville South - Class B



This past season, our team accomplished something that Williamsville South Girls Volleyball has never accomplished before. We earned our first sectional, regional, and state titles. I always knew the potential this team possessed. It was not until the North Tonawanda tournament that our team decided that we had what it takes to compete at the highest level. We beat Clarence in the semi-finals and played tough against Mercy in the final.

This is not to say that the road became easy. The difference was that the team responded every time in a positive manner. There were several instances during the playoffs where the team faced elimination, but responded. Against Honeoye-Falls Lima, we had the opportunity to end the match in set four after leading by 7 points midway through the set only to have too many unforced errors near the end, which led to a 25-22 loss. Honeoye gained the momentum and was leading 18-14 in set five. Once again this team gutted out a victory, winning 27-25.

We started out the state tournament with a loss to Ardsley 25-13. Once again, the team's response was a resounding 25-15 victory in set two. The tournament ended with us and John Glenn. If we win both, we are in. If we lose both, we are out. A split would result in a tie. After slightly controlling the play until the end, we lost set one 25-22. The girls could have folded, but instead, won the next set 25-19.

We played John Glenn in the state finals and came out firing on all cylinders; winning set one, 25-16. The next two sets tested us like never before, but the girls hung together and won each 25-23.

Final Record: 18-5

League Record: 10-4

Overall Record: 12-5

The team consisted of the following members: Kim Dunkleman, Madison Clark, Annalise Hoffman, Jessica Mancino, Jessica Miller, Haley Muehlbauer, Brianna Neeley, Alyssa Oviasogie, Melissa Postek, Gabby Presutti, Grace Stahl, Kelsey Stasiak, Nicole Stuber, and Jenna Wild.

-Tom Sproull, Coach

Eden - Class C



The Eden Lady Raiders rolled into Glens Falls for the program's record-setting 15th straight trip and 16th overall with a team whose average age was a mere 15.3 years. Starting three sophomores and an eighth-grader, referring to this team as "young" would be an understatement. However, the team performed like veterans throughout its playoff run, dropping only one game from its initial quarter-final playoff opener to its three-game sweep of Broadalbin-Perth in the state championship finals en route to the program's record-setting sixth straight state title and 12th overall. Led by Senior, Captains Kailey Ballou and Brianna Tutuska, the Raiders finished the year with a 34-5-4 overall record and a regular season tournament win at the prestigious Frontier Falcons Invitational.

Individually, the team was led by a few standouts, especially Ballou, who continued her stellar performance from the regular season into the playoffs. She was especially strong in the C-2 Section VI final against a strong Southwestern team when many of her teammates struggled with nerves. Ballou led all players with service aces, recording 24 in the playoffs alone. Her sister Meghan Ballou and Tutuska led Eden in blocks, combining for 17 during the playoff run, and Meghan finished third behind her sister and Sophomore, Outside Hitter Sam Burgio in total kills. Burgio had a dominant playoff run, leading the team in kills and finishing second in aces. She grabbed the state championship tourney MVP with a 19 kill performance in the title match. Kailey and Meghan Ballou received All-Tourney honors as well. Sophomore, Setter Alyssa Durski and Sophomore, Libero Molly Breier were both instrumental in the playoff run, especially at the state tournament when they played at a high level throughout.

The Eden volleyball program has produced success not only on the NYS PHSAA athletic stage, but in the classroom, where the program was again awarded NYS PHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team status, and beyond the high school stage where dozens of former Eden volleyball players have starred for collegiate teams like Penn State, the University of North Carolina, the University of Buffalo, Kent State, the University of Georgia, Syracuse University, Stony Brook, the University of Albany, Gardner-Webb University, Skidmore College, Findlay University, and Niagara University, among others.

-Marisa Fallacaro, Athletic Director

"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better."

-Pat Riley

State Champions

Girls Volleyball

Portville - Class D



Immediately following the winning point!

Even after the Portville Lady Panthers swept pool play on Saturday at Glens Falls in the New York State Girls Volleyball Championships, they knew it was still going to be a tough task to get by Haldane yet again on Sunday in the championship match, and tough it was. The Lady Panthers and Haldane's Blue Devils both took the match as far as a match can go. The Lady Panthers down in the 5th set, 22-24, and knowing the Devils only needed one point to win the title, stayed confident and aggressive and knew they could still decide for themselves how it was going to end. The Panthers were not going to go down without a fight.

The tremendous team effort included incredible clutch serving by Taylor Lee, a huge kill by Shaina Griffin to make it 23-24, a big assisted block by Cammie McCracken and Emily Losinger that tied the game at 24, and two great defensive plays later; the Lady Panthers had pulled off an incredible nail biting win, 26-24.

All-Tournament Team members at the state championship were Shaina Griffin and Taylor Lee. The New York State MVP of the tournament was Lydia Lukomski.

This year's League All-Stars included:

1st Team: Shaina Griffin, Taylor Lee, Lydia Lukomski

2nd Team: Madalyn Simon, Haley Unverdorben

Honorable Mention: Emily Losinger

-Kelly Unverdorben, Coach

Individual State Champion

Girls Swimming



Orchard Park

Andrea Ernst -100 Yard Freestyle

50.88 (All-American Consideration)

State Champions

Cross Country

East Aurora - Class C



Boys Cross Country

Team
East Aurora HS
Class C
Individual
Kenny Vasbinder

Girls Cross Country

Team
East Aurora HS
Class C
Individual
Sophia Tasselmyer

Left to right: Coach Walt McLaughlin, Captain Sophia Tasselmyer, Captain Fiona Danieu, Captain Liz O'Brien, Captain Kenny Vasbinder, Captain Matt McLaughlin, and Athletic Director Fred Thornley.

Section VI Hall of Fame

On Friday, November 7th, 2014, the candidates selected for the Section VI Hall of Fame charter class were honored with a dinner and induction ceremony at Ralph Wilson Stadium in the Van Miller Club Suite.

The Section VI Hall of Fame was established to honor and recognize individuals who have excelled in their respective roles as athletes, administrators, coaches, and officials.

The inductees' commitment to athletics has contributed to the promotion, continuation, and improvement of programs within the high schools of Section VI.



*Standing (left to right): Dan Meterko (accepting for Daryl Johnston), Charlie Jufer (accepting for Edward Leibinger), Jim Duggan (accepting for Drake Francescone), Mike Masters (accepting for Gene Masters), and Tom Black (accepting for Dr. Ronald Black)
Sitting (left to right): Sue and Mary Barrows (accepting for Robert Barrows), Dr. Stacey Watt, Jaqueline A. Brummer, Esq., and Sally Kus.*

Class of 2014

Robert Barrows, Coach
Baseball
Orchard Park Central Schools

Sally Kus, Coach
Volleyball
Sweet Home Central Schools

Dr. Ronald Black, Administrator
Akron Central Schools

Edward J. Leibinger, Official
Swimming
Tonawanda High School

Jacqueline A. Brummer, Esq., Athlete
Gymnast
Sweet Home Central Schools

Gene J. Masters, Coach
Football, Baseball
Grand Island High School

Drake M. Francescone, Coach
Swimming, Cross Country,
Volleyball, Softball, and Basketball
Buffalo City Schools

Dr. Stacey Schroeder-Watt,
Athlete
Track
Grand Island Central Schools

Daryl P. Johnston, Athlete
Football
Lewiston Porter High School

Regional Champions

Football

Cheektowaga - Class B

The 2014 Cheektowaga Warriors football team can be summed up in one word, relentless. The Warriors faced many obstacles, including injuries and a heartbreaking last second loss, but never stopped pushing and working and giving a full out effort in pursuit of their goals. The regular season saw Cheektowaga earn its 4th straight division title. But, that wasn't enough for this group. They had seen previous year's teams fall short come playoff time and were determined to excel in the post season.

The Warriors finished up the regular season on a sour note, losing to cross town rival Maryvale, 35-6, to ruin a perfect divisional record. However, this only fueled their desire and strengthened their determination to go deep into the post season. The first round of sectional playoffs brought a rematch with a strong Depew Wildcats team. This meeting wouldn't be nearly as close as the Warriors let the frustration of the previous week's loss out on Depew and came away with a 41-24 home victory. The second round brought a chance for redemption against Maryvale. Cheektowaga raced out to a 26-0 lead in the first half and then hung on as Maryvale fought back to score 21 straight points before time expired with the Warriors victorious 26-21.

The sectional final at Ralph Wilson Stadium brought the matchup the Warriors had been looking for for most of the season, the Bennett Tigers. Cheektowaga scored first, but then Bennett rolled off 28 straight points and entered the 4th quarter leading 28-7. This is where the true determination of this team came shining through. They never lost hope, kept playing hard, and reeled off 33 points in the 4th quarter, the final score coming on a 40 yard touchdown pass with 5 seconds remaining. The 40-34 victory gave Cheektowaga its second sectional championship in school history. The Far West Regional matchup brought a tough Batavia Blue Devil team to All High Stadium. Cheektowaga battled through a back and forth first half before taking control of the game in the third quarter and emerging with a 35-16 victory and the program's first ever regional title. Unfortunately, the winning would stop there as the team lost in the state semi-final against three times defending State Champion, Maine-Endwell. This team set a standard for Cheektowaga football with its determination and relentlessness that hopefully will be a staple of the program for years to come.

-Bob Muchitelli, Assistant Coach



Maple Grove / Chautauqua Lake - Class C

Team Captains: A.J. Hulton,
Chandler Baker, Ryan Miller,
Jonah Tanner, Mitch Sandberg

In week 1, the Maple Grove / Chautauqua Lake Football team beat the defending Class D State Champion, Randolph, 24-12. It ended up being the only loss Randolph had as they won the Class D State Championship again this year. We continued to win as we beat Salamanca, Gowanda, Cassadaga/Falconer, and Cardinal O'Hara.

In week 6, we played Southwestern and were tied at half time, 8-8. In the second half, we scored 24 unanswered points to win, 32-8.

We then beat Allegany Limestone and Lackawanna. In the sectional semi-final, we played Silver Creek and beat them, 21-0.

In the Class C sectional final at Ralph Wilson Stadium, we faced Southwestern for the second time. We beat them again, 37-7, to move on to the Far West Regional game at All High Stadium in Buffalo, NY. Our opponent was Le Roy from Section 5. We beat them 32-0.

In the NYS semi-final at Sahlen's Stadium in Rochester, we played Chenango Forks, the defending Class C state champions, and lost 27-0 as we turned the ball over 7 times. Our running back, Ryan Miller, was a Connolly Cup finalist and was the leading rusher and scorer in Section VI. He had 2,322 yards and 33 touchdowns. Chandler Baker was a Trench Trophy finalist. A.J. Hulton led the defense in tackles with 129. The defense was the least scored on defense in the regular season in Section VI giving up 30 points in 8 games and had 6 shut-outs. Fourteen of the 30 points scored were against our offense, so only 16 points were scored against the defense. Our offense was the highest scoring in Section VI as well averaging over 43 points a game.

-Ed Hulton



Regional Champions

Girls Soccer

Clarence - Class AA



The Clarence Girls Soccer team had their most successful season in the school's history with a 20-1 record and reached the state semi-finals for the first time. The team won the Clarence Booster Tournament and was the ECIC Division I Champion with a record of 12-0. For the second year in a row, the Devils faced Williamsville North in the sectional title game and defeated the Spartans by a score of 2-0. The team moved on to play Webster Thomas in the Class AA Far West Regional for the second straight year as well. This year, the Red Devils turned the tables on Webster Thomas and defeated them, 3-1, to advance to the state tournament in Cortland. The Red Devils are the first Class AA Girls Soccer team from Section VI to have advanced to the state final four since Girls Soccer moved to 5 classifications in 2003. The girls performed admirably in the state semi-final against defending State Champion Massapequa. The game was a hard fought contest and both teams had chances to score. Unfortunately for Clarence, Massapequa scored the winning goal with 2:15 left in the game to win the semi-final and eventually the state championship. Clarence will graduate 6 seniors who were a major part of the team's success the last 2 years.

-Tom Furminger, Coach

Boys Soccer

Sectional Champions

Orchard Park - Class AA



The Orchard Park Boys Varsity Soccer team had a slogan this year - "To get something you have never had, you have to do something you have never done". The team won the section Class AA title for the first time since 1980 and the first time with Head Coach Josh Dannecker. The team also won the division for the first time since 1997. With a strong group of talented seniors, the Quakers went to a 14-3-3 record overall and 9-1-3 in the division. The team was led offensively by the talents of Seniors Ryan McMaster, with team high 14 goals, and Connor Saeli adding 9 goals. Orchard Park's true strength lies on defense. Senior, Captain David Ati Mraz was the anchor in the middle and Senior, Goalie Adam Hansgen was solid in net. The Quakers only allowed 2 goals in their entire playoff run and had 2 shut-outs along the way. The regional game was a close 1-0 defeat with the goal coming on a set play. It was a great season with a great group of guys!

Boys Soccer

Sectional Champions

Williamsville South - Class A



The Williamsville South Boys Varsity Soccer team finished the season 16-3-1. They shared the Division II league title with Hamburg. Both teams finished 10-1-1. The Billies went on to win the Class A sectional championship by defeating Kenmore East, Grand Island, Hamburg and Starpoint. Hamburg and Starpoint were ranked 5th and 1st respectively in NYS (Class A) when South defeated them. The Billies lost a heartbreaking game, 2-1 (in overtime), to Greece Athena in the state quarter-finals. South finished the season ranked #2 in WNY and #5 in the final Class A NYS poll.

The team was led during the season by Seniors and Captains Paul Malinowski and Jordan Ackerman. Tony Carducci was also an outstanding leader throughout the season. Other seniors included Alex DiCarlo,

Lucas Principe, Matt Cook, Ian Sprole, and Anthony Siragusa. The juniors were Nick Bartelo, Ryan Belile, Max Liffiton, Matt Casey, Noah Smith, Justin Klas, Colin Maczka, Jake Ondrusek, Griffin Ingerson, and Paul Gettman. The sophomores were Joe Malinowski, and Jared Burns. The success of the team led to several individual post season honors. Paul Malinowski, Jordan Ackerman, Tony Carducci, and Alex DiCarlo were all selected to the 1st Team All-Division. Second Team selections were Matt Casey, Noah Smith, and Lucas Principe. Third Team selections were Jared Burns and Ryan Belile. Alex DiCarlo and Tony Carducci were also selected 1st Team All-WNY members. Paul Malinowski made the All-WNY Large School Team. Congratulations to all the boys on an outstanding season.

-Peter Sugg, Coach

Allegany-Limestone - Class C



The Allegany-Limestone Boys Soccer team is the Class C champion after a 10 year drought. The Gators finished their season with an 18-2 record, 11-1 in league play. The path to the title came with wins over Holland, 3-1, Randolph, 1-0, and Westfield-Brocton, 1-0. It was a season to be proud of, both on and off the field. Post season honors include 5 First Team League All-Stars, 3 Second Team League All-Stars, 1 All-WNY All-Star, and 1 NYS Small Team All-Star.

-Jon Luce, Coach

"Good teams become great ones when the members trust each other enough to surrender the 'me' for the 'we'."

-Phil Jackson

Girls Soccer

Sectional Champions

Williamsville East - Class A



Marissa Birzon

The Williamsville East Girls Soccer team completed one of the most successful seasons in school history with a 17-1-3 record. The team won its 12th ECIC Division II title with a 10-0-2 record, and its 8th sectional title with a 2-1 win over Grand Island.

Down 1-0 against Grand Island in the second half, Marissa Birzon scored 2 goals in 2 minutes to secure the come from behind win. The win advanced them to the Far West Regionals against Rochester power, Pittsford Mendon. Mendon had only given up 3 goals all season (20 games)

and Williamsville East had 1-0 and 2-1 leads only to eventually lose 3-2 with 3 minutes remaining.

The team was ranked in the top 5 of the WNY coach's poll all season and was ranked 12th in the state going into regionals. The team's leading scorer, Sophomore Marissa Birzon, set a single season scoring record with 38 goals. She was also awarded the Super 7 Athlete of the Week, and selected to the All-Bee 1st Team and All-WNY 1st Team. Defender Kaitlyn Saviola was named to the All-Bee 2nd Team and Goalkeeper Julianna Panepento was name All-Bee Team honorable mention. Coach Chris Durr, in his 20th season, was named the All-Bee Coach of the Year and on September 26th, 2014 he won his 300th career game with a 5-0 win over Ellicottville.

-Mark DiFilippo, Athletic Director

Home Team	Score	Result	
Hamburg	4 - 1	win	
Williamsville South	1 - 1	tie	
Sacred Heart	3 - 2	win	
Lake Shore	5 - 3	win	
West Seneca East	5 - 0	win	
Sweet Home	6 - 0	win	
Ellicottville	5 - 0	win	
Iroquois	2 - 0	win	
Lake Shore	9 - 2	win	
Williamsville South	1 - 1	tie	
Iroquois	6 - 0	win	
Amherst	3 - 1	win	
Hamburg	2 - 1	win	
West Seneca East	5 - 2	win	
Sweet Home	4 - 0	win	
Williamsville North	1 - 1	tie	
Iroquois	4 - 1	win	Pre 1/4
Williamsville East	3 - 1	win	1/4 Final
Williamsville East	5 - 2	win	Semi Final
Grand Island	1 - 2	win	Final
Pittsford Mendon	3 - 2	loss	Regional

Girls Soccer

Sectional Champions

Falconer - Class B



The Falconer Girls Varsity Soccer team finished the season with a 16-5 record overall and an 11-3 record in the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association (CCAA). The team had a shaky start to the season with a loss to Maple Grove, 4-2, in the second game on the schedule. Falconer had to do some major revamping to the line up due to injuries and had to shift some players around to positions that they had never played before.

Falconer came into the season without a set player for the position of goalie. Senior Kaylee Keith, who previously had played primarily defense and was a former CCAA West First Team selection at sweeper, stepped up to the challenge of playing goalie for the first time ever. After gaining some confidence in herself and her teammates, Falconer found its new goalie in Keith for the remainder of the season. They rebounded fairly well and won the next eight games in a row.

Falconer was flying pretty high when they met their second loss of the season to Frewsburg with shock and disbelief. They had a habit of getting a little lackadaisical when they were ahead and, unfortunately, it caught up with them on at least two different occasions during the season. They had a couple of really big wins against league foe Olean. The league was back and forth between Falconer and Olean pretty much the whole season with Olean taking the league title in the end even though Falconer had beat them both times they saw each other.

The Falconer girls were certainly disappointed that they did not win the league; yet, they refused to quit.

With playoffs in the near future, the Falconer Girls Soccer team was on the mend as they had not played with a full roster all season due to injuries. The first playoff game was home against Springville Griffith. In a strange twist of fate, Falconer managed to hang on to the win as two own goals were scored in the game, one for each team.

Falconer had to make the long trip to Akron for the quarter-final round. Akron was ranked 4th and Falconer was 5th going into the game. In the first seven minutes of the game, Akron led 2-0. Things were looking very bleak for Falconer as Akron was passing and moving right around them. Slowly, Falconer gained some confidence and started to pick up momentum. After going scoreless in the first half, Falconer came off the half and scored two quick goals in the first five minutes of the second half. It would remain scoreless for the rest of regulation. In the final two minutes of sudden death overtime, Katie Fales connected on an Amber Micek corner kick, ending the game. Many would believe that this was the true turning point of the post-season for the Falcons.

Next, Falconer would travel to Amherst to face former foe Newfane who had defeated them in a previous Class B final. Once again, the two teams battled the whole game and ended up going into sudden death overtime. Again, Falconer was able to step up and finish with Sydney Moore scoring the game-winning goal with 38 seconds remaining in the second sudden death overtime.

Falconer advanced to the finals in Class B against East Aurora. Yet again, the Falcons fell behind and were able to climb out of the hole they had dug and tied the game up at 1-1. Once again, the ever-familiar overtime lurked in the future as the two teams battled during regulation. The cardiac kids, as Falconer had since been nicknamed by parents and fans during the playoff run this season, were able to yet again pull off another overtime victory claiming its second Class B sectional title ever. One thing can be said for sure about the Falconer Girls Soccer team, they had a ton of heart and desire to be able to endure the many overtimes and tight games this season.

Falconer would travel to Rochester to take on the Section V champion, Aquinas, in the Far West Regional game. Unfortunately, the Lady Falcons dream season came to an end that day. Aquinas took the lead and Falconer could not recover. It just was not in the cards for Falconer that day. All in all this season, Falconer played with a tremendous amount of heart, desire, passion, and love for the game.

*"You don't always get what you wish for,
you get what you work for"*

-Unknown

Girls Soccer

Sectional Champions

Holland - Class C



Holland's Girls Varsity Soccer team started out the season with a new title, defending Class C state champions. Coach George Schmidt "scheduled up" during the regular season in order to challenge and prepare the team for the long and difficult playoff push in hopes of once again getting to states. The Lady Dutchmen finished the season with a 15-4-1 record and won their 3rd straight Class C Section VI championship. Holland lost to Tonawanda, Hamburg, and Pioneer in close games and tied Class AA Lancaster, 3-3. The Lady Dutchmen also defeated Sacred Heart, 3-2, in a non-league battle and got revenge on Tonawanda with a 6-2 win over them on senior night at the end of October at home in Holland.

Holland was ranked near the top of the small school rankings most of the season in The Buffalo News. For the playoffs, they were seeded 2nd in Class C and played Cattaraugus-Little Valley in the quarter-final matchup at Holland, winning 5-0. Olivia Schmidt scored 4 of the 5 goals while Laura Schiltz added the final tally. In the semi-finals, Holland matched up with Alleghany-Limestone and was pushed to the brink in a 4-3 shootout win! Alicia Massara had the game winner in the shoot-out after Goalkeeper Haley Hymers saved 2 of the 5 shots taken by the Gators. In the Class C championship game, Holland quickly jumped on the Warriors, defeating them 4-0. Haley Hymers got the shut-out for the Lady Dutchmen while Olivia Schmidt added 2 goals and 2 assists. In the cross-over game with Avon of Section V, Holland got opportunities, but could not cash in on a 1-0 loss. It was the first time Holland was shut-out since September of 2013.

- George Schmidt, Coach

Maple Grove - Class D



If asked, the Maple Grove Girls Varsity Soccer team would probably not call their team just a "team." They would call themselves a family. The chemistry and bond the girls played with is what carried them through their season. Loving your teammates and having the same selfless goals is a big part of winning soccer games. Their team was unique, having both very young starters, and many veteran seniors; but they played as if they had all known each other for years, partly because some of them had, and partly because they took the time to become sisters.

The season started with challenges. From playing new positions to having a new formation, they began to believe the potential they possessed. Through hard work and dedication, they won the CCAA Central Division with an 11-1 record and finished the regular season overall at 13-2-1. Highlights were a win over Class B Champion Falconer, recording 11 shut-outs in a row, and allowing their first league goal in the final game of the season. This team had an amazing defense and goalkeeper, and possessed a well-balanced attack that came at opponents in waves. In one game this season, the Maple Grove Lady Dragons scored 4 goals in 4 minutes to blow open a lead and never looked back. The Lady Dragons averaged 5 goals per game. They used this success to fuel their determination and drive to go towards their next goal, the sectional championship.

Maple Grove practiced in rain and snow, driving miles in order to practice on turf, to prepare for the Section VI Championship. With hard-fought wins against North Collins and Ellicottville, the Maple Grove girls' dreams became reality. They played with heart, determination, and compassion. The girls believed in each other and executed when they needed it most.

In their final game, in the Far West Regionals against Arkport, they played hard until the end. The Maple Grove girls left it all on the field and created a season they will remember forever; not just by how well they did, but because of the memories they made together.

-Michael Burr, Coach

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all love of what you are doing or learning to do."

-Pele

Girls Field Hockey

Sectional Champions

Orchard Park - Class A



Orchard Park (OP) upsets both number 1 and number 2 seeds to win the 2014 sectional title! After graduating 12 seniors, the OP Quakers knew they had a lot of work to do this season. This year, the Quakers had only 5 returning starters and one third of their players had never picked up a stick before August. They struggled with a 7-8-1 season, but were constantly improving. As play-offs rolled around, they were finally playing at their peak.

OP finished their season with 4 straight wins to end a 23 year drought for the Section VI title. During the semis, OP defeated the number 1 seed Williamsville North by a score of 1-0. This year's championship game was a rematch between Clarence and OP. Last year, Clarence snuck out a win in a close game 1-0. This year, the Quakers came out playing strong and took a quick lead that they held the entire game and defeated the Red Devils 3-1. This year's team was made of hard working athletes who did extraordinary things. Congrats Orchard Park Field Hockey!

This year's team was led by Captains: Abby Johnson, Jesse Urbank and Megan Urbank. Sydney Potenza was high scorer and Jessie Gasek played great in goal.



Amherst - Class B



The 2014 Amherst Field Hockey team had an outstanding season with winning the Section VI Class B Championship, finishing first in ECIC Division III, ranked number one in Western New York and went 18-0-1, against sectional competition, before losing to Section V Brighton in the Far West Regional. The leadership of the captains, that began in pre-season and continued until the regional game against Brighton, proved to be powerful. They helped show that a true team competes with dignity and never quits until there is no time left on the clock. The underclassmen were open to the leadership. They stepped onto a field that had been vacated by a very talented group in 2013, adapted quickly, and soon realized what they were capable of if they worked as a team.

Captains Natalie Blatz, Briar Molak, Leanne Orlowski, Mckenna Rushford, and Lacey Woite were the catalysts for uniting the team on and off the field. They had new positions, responsibilities, and focused on the team's goals. This resulted in a very balanced team with eleven different players tallying points this year. Mckenna Rushford had 20 assists and 8 goals. Jenna Sobol stepped up with 9 assists and two goals, including the game winning goal in the championship game. Leanne Orlowski had 3 goals and 4 assists to pace the team through the midfield. Freshman Casey Adimey used her finishing abilities to lead the team with 23 goals. Lacey Woite, 13 goals, Elise Faut, 6 goals, and Molly Minigell 4 goals, played very well together on the forward line. Sierra Simpson, Karisa Mohamed, and Anisa Ineson added to the attack this year.

Natalie Blatz led the defense with strong play every single game. Elena Smith and Lindsey Hoak stepped up with Natalie to put forth solid efforts against every opponent. Nora Marris and Leannah Mastandrea were strong defenders. Briar Molak was great in goal with 11 shut-outs for the year. Kate Scaduto did not give up a goal during the season. Cloey Olkowski was an excellent team manager.

The captains provided leadership and examples to be followed in future years. The seniors' record on varsity is exceptional and includes back to back NYSPHSAA Far West Regional games, two Section VI Class B championships, a #1 ranking in Western New York for two years, and a 37-0-1 record in sectional play. Prior to the last two undefeated seasons, Amherst last went undefeated and won the Section VI Championship in 2002. In the past twelve years, Amherst has won the Section VI Class B Championship 6 times.

Girls Field Hockey

Sectional Champions

Barker - Class C



Sitting (left to right): Amber Schafer, Emily Annable, Courtney Bodine, Emma Duffy, Kelsie Engert, Rebecca Stoloski, Erika Moeller. Kneeling (left to right): Ball Girl Sarah Mason, Ball Girl Natalie Menz, Lydia Dewart, Paige Fudella, Erin Greenwald, Ball Girl Jillian Moeller, Manager Megan Hotaling. Standing (left to right): Assistant Coach Bill Moeller, Assistant Coach Karin Menz, Assistant Coach Cortney Colern, Grayce Weller, Alexandria VeRost, Renee Levy, Elizabeth Luckman, Morgan Brown, Madison Greenwald, Kelsey Blackley, Gabriella Clare, Head Coach Jeff Costello, Melissa Grosshans, Caitlyn Mason.



Gabriella Clare looks up the field during the Section VI Class C Quarter Finals against Holland.

The 2014 Barker Field Hockey team claimed its 9th straight Niagara-Orleans League title and 7th consecutive Section VI Class C Championship in 2014. A scholar-athlete team, Barker finished the season with a 12-0-0 league mark and 16-1-1 overall. Their non-league schedule included a trip to Pennsylvania to play two teams on turf and gain experience on the surface to better prepare them for the post season. Barker was 1-0-1 on their team bonding out-of-state trip which included a 4-0 victory and a thrilling 3-3 overtime tie where Barker goalkeeper Caitlyn Mason made 3 of her 10 saves in OT to preserve the tie.



Caitlyn Mason makes a diving save against East Rochester in the Class C Far West Regionals.



Melissa Grosshans dribbles up the sideline in the Far West Regionals.

In post season play, Barker defeated Holland in the quarter-finals, East Aurora in the semi-finals, and met league rival Akron in the Section VI Class C finals. No strangers to each other with two annual match-ups in league play and meeting 6 of the last 7 years in the sectional finals, Barker and Akron played another tight contest. Barker trailed the Tigers at half-time by a 1-0 margin. A strong second half team all season, the Lady Raiders put together an impressive final 30 minutes scoring 2 goals to retain their title. Gabriella Clare and Melissa Grosshans, Barker's "go to players" throughout the 2014 season were instrumental in the victory. Clare scored the tying goal off a pass from Erin Greenwald. Grosshans seemed to be involved in every play that Barker possessed the ball. Madison Greenwald notched the winner to earn the championship.

The season ended in the same place Barker played its 15th scrimmage of the season, Webster Schroeder High School, as the East Rochester Bombers defeated Barker 1-0 in the highly contested Class C Far West Regionals. The sound of a ringing goal post still echoes as the Lady Raiders came so close to tying the game with another strong second half. After falling behind in the first half like they had against Akron, they came out in the second half and created several opportunities to get the equalizer, but came up short. A disappointing loss, but a season full of team and individual accomplishments to be proud of.

Gabriella Clare led the team and the N-O League with 13 goals and 10 assists (17 and 13 overall) while Melissa Grosshans was second with 12 goals (14 overall). The two, along with goalkeeper Caitlyn Mason (11 shut-outs and 0.30 goals against average), were selected to the N-O League 1st Team. Erin Greenwald, Madison Greenwald, and Alexandria VeRost were selected to the 2nd Team. Kelsey Blackley, Morgan Brown, Emma Duffy, Kelsie Engert, Renee Levy, and Erika Moeller all received honorable mention recognition. Clare and Grosshans were also 1st Team selections for All-Western New York while Mason received honorable mention recognition.

-Jeff Costello, Coach

Football

Sectional Champions

Portville - Class DD



Portville Football capped a 5-4 season with an exciting SECTION VI DD title at Ralph Wilson Stadium. What a thrill for our players, parents and fans! However, and perhaps most importantly, as with all quality sports seasons, there were many opportunities to learn valuable life lessons about teamwork, challenge, sacrifice, frustration, sometimes heartbreak, certainly humility, and burden. I think we were able to do all of those things this season. In the end, these qualities are the things our players take with them. Our seasons and our records become "memories" (hopefully, great memories). However, how we handle these "other things" become the fabric of our lives. Sometimes, they define our lives. One could accurately say that "We put together another winning season in THE most competitive small school football league in WNY. As is consistently the Portville Football tradition...we advanced to the semi-final round of Section VI football play. Our seniors will now accept the challenges of life that generations before them have...and just like those that went before them, their skills and talents will serve them well...as long as their work ethic and integrity match or exceed their natural abilities.

As our seniors prepare to leave high school behind them, I can safely say "They are likeable, and their talents are visible, their minds keen and bright, and their senses of humor lively. I am confident they will make this world a better place for all of us to live".

The 2014 season also saw tremendous growth from new and/or younger players this season. Sophomores and juniors carried an uncommon load in 2014. Consequently, there will be a very strong core of veteran players returning for the 2015 campaign. New names and faces will enter the lexicon of Portville Football potential and possibilities. But, like all players who enter the football program at Portville, we as coaches ask two questions of our players...and observe their behaviors.

1. When did YOU start working for athletic success?
2. When did WE start working together for football TEAM success?

The legacy of success Portville Football enjoys is firmly rooted in how our players, past, present, and future have answered/will answer these two questions. I look forward to working with players who answer both questions with... "WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THIS....FOR A LONG TIME!"

Following is a list of coaches and support personnel who deserve so many thanks, and so much credit for the success of Portville Football. Also, some of the notable accomplishments by our players from the 2014 season.

Matt Milne	Jeff Latten / Dave Youngs
Dave Waugh	Tom Costa / Maintenance Crew
Mike Matz	PCS Custodians
Carl Hollamby	Sports Boosters
Jerry Kincaid	Cheerleaders
Kevin Mole	Mr. Simon
Josh Brooks	Mr. Welty
Bill Torrey	Mr. Corder
Gene Rogers	PCS BOE
Jim Reynolds	Mrs. Beth Colligan, A.D. / Matt Gnan, ATC
Abbie Bricker	& PORTVILLE FOOTBALL PARENTS!

-Gary Swetland, Coach

PORTVILLE FOOTBALL 2014

Awards & Recognition

Team Record:	5 - 4
Section VI D League Sportsmanship Award:	Portville
Section VI DD Champions:	Portville
2014 Punishing Panther:	Chase Swetland / new record
2014 Iron Man:	Chase Swetland
Big 30 Team Selection All-Stars:	Chase Swetland
D 1st Team All-Stars:	Isaac Hilyer, Chase Swetland
D 2nd Team All-Stars:	Sean Harris, Austin Cornelius, Grant Milne

Girls Volleyball

Sectional Champions

Clarence - Class AA



The Clarence Girls Volleyball team won its first Section VI title since 1988 by defeating a tough and resilient Frontier team in a tight, back-and-forth title match (25-23, 23-25, 25-22, 25-21). The match was tight from the first point and neither team was able to build much of a lead. Just when it seemed like one team would pull away, the other would come right back. In the end, the Red Devils were able to pull through.

The team was led by Gabbi Pacatte who had 18 kills and 15 digs and Karley King who had 11 kills and 9 digs. Meghan Neelon contributed 17 kills and combined with fellow Sophomore, Setter Maddie Christopher for 34 kills.

At the end of the season, the Lady Red Devils Volleyball team finished 21-3 and 12-0 in the league. They won their first league title since 2002 and their first section title since 1988. They also won the Sweet Home tournament and the Clarence tournament. Overall, I think that the girls had a very successful season. They set high goals for themselves and either achieved or were close to achieving all of their goals. I am very proud of their resilience, their composure, and their ability to stick together as a team.

-Michael Meyer, Coach

Williamsville East - Class A



The Williamsville East Girls Volleyball team won the school's first ever sectional championship by sweeping past Sweet Home in the Class A finals. The victory avenged a loss to the same Sweet Home team in the previous year's final. East lost to eventual Class A State Champion Pittsford-Sutherland in a hard fought four set match at the Far West Regional.

The Williamsville East team was led by a strong core of experienced players that preached hard work and team chemistry. The team's offense was led by four year starting Setter, Senior Natalie Berrafato (920 assists). Providing kills at the end of the sets were two dynamic outside hitters, three year Starter, Junior Carly Shifflet (442 kills) and two year Starter, Sophomore Lexi Novak (402 kills). To complement the team's offense was a determined team defense led by a pair of defensive specialists, three year Starter, Senior Bridget Sleep (461 digs) and two year Starter, Junior Samantha Mendelsohn (472 digs). The team was rounded out with Seniors Tori Thuman, Laryssa Melnyk, Madison Cicero, Alexandra Sommers, Olaya Najarro, and underclassman Makayla Greenfield, Ally Jozwiak and Julianna Benz.

-Scott Wright, Coach

T - Together
E - Everyone
A - Achieves
M - More

Boys Volleyball

Sectional Champions

Lancaster - Division I



The Lancaster Boys Varsity Volleyball team had an excellent season this past year. The team won the division with a record of 11-1 and won the sectional title by beating Orchard Park, 3-0, in the sectional finals. The season ended with a loss to the Section V winner, McQuaid, in the regional final. The team's over-all record for the season was 23-5.

A few of the highlights from the season were winning the Sweet Home tournament and coming in second place at the Hamburg tournament. The team was ranked 3rd in WNY all season and finished with a ranking of 4th. Some of the players that earned top honors from the team were: Jay Baumann (junior), who was a tournament MVP, a Super Seven Athlete of the Week nominee, a selection to the All-Regional Finals Tourney team and selected to the All-WNY First Team; Kenny Rudz (junior), who was selected as a tourney all-star in 3 tourneys and was also selected to the All-WNY First Team; Tyler Witt (senior), who was selected to the All-ECIC First Team and who set the school single season record for assists

with 1,152; Matt Devic (senior), who was selected to the All-ECIC Second Team; and Trevor Gabamonte, who was also selected to the All-ECIC Second Team. This was the first season in my 11 years coaching that we were able to have 2 players receive the 8 man All-WNY First Team honor.

-Jason Stang, Coach

Hamburg - Division II



The Hamburg Boys Volleyball team won its fifth Section VI title in 2014, following sectional championships in 2004, 2005, 2009, and 2013. It was the ninth time since 2003 that the Bulldogs have reached the championship game, winning five out of the nine contests.

Hamburg had a tremendous season making the finals of the Orchard Park tournament and the semi-finals of the Sweet Home tournament and the Hamburg tournament. The real story of the season is how the Bulldogs advanced in every tournament, except one, without two starters in their line up due to injury, other sports conflicts, or family weddings that pulled them away from competition that day. Hamburg had a team that could have been in the finals of every tournament this year, but a few family weddings and some out of season tournaments for other sports pulled some athletes away from the team temporarily. "As a coach, I gave our kids our blessing to attend these off season tourneys because we respect that volleyball might not be their number one sport, but we also wanted them to be part of our program. We wanted to see what we could do if we had an injury or had a player sick at the end of the season.

Competing without players hurt us short term, but in the long term, it made our team stronger and it allowed more players to feel comfortable in our line up. We used every one of these players when it really counted, and I think it is one reason we were successful in the Big One...the Section VI finals." Hamburg won the Section VI crown against a very tough Eden squad that was, at the time, ranked #1 in WNY while Hamburg was ranked #4. Hamburg finished ranked #2 in the WNY coaches' poll. In 2013, Hamburg finished number 1.

Hamburg's overall record was 18-8 for 2013. Hamburg suffered losses to Orchard Park, the first match of the season, Canisius twice, Eden twice, Lancaster twice, and Victor in the Far West Regional final. We started out with a hard loss at home to Orchard Park. It was tough because it was the first time we stepped into our own gym this season because our gym was being renovated. The initial loss to Orchard Park gave us an early wakeup call that every game was going to be close in the ECIC Division I this season. Three of Hamburg's other losses were in tourneys in the best of three contests with the third game going to fifteen. "I honestly think that by season's end that our team might have been the most ready team in WNY to go best of five because we ironed out a lot of issues during the season, and we hit the home stretch going full speed. Unfortunately, we lost to Victor in the Far West Regional, 24-26, 31-33, 20-25. The first two sets were as close as you can get going to deuce and extra points in both sets. Looking at the scores after our match at the state tourney, we might very well have been the second best team in New York State in Division II."

The earlier losses were beneficial to Hamburg in that they allowed Hamburg to make roster adjustments and strategize how to best utilize all twelve players on Hamburg's roster. This team was a special make up of players that will go down in Hamburg's history as the most improved from the beginning of the season until the end. They were not as dominant as the teams of 2004, 2005, 2009, and 2013, but they found a way to support each other to over achieve in a very difficult ECIC Division I League race and a very tough Division II sectional tournament. Every player had a role, be it big or small, and every player had a part in this chapter of Hamburg's volleyball history. By season's end, they were as good as any team that has every played for Hamburg, with the exception of 2004 and 2005 where both of those teams were state champions. It took this team a little longer to develop, but with hard work, they maximized their potential that was seen on the first day of practice on August 18, 2014.

-Brian Carroll, Coach

Girls Swimming

Sectional Champions

Clarence - Class A



Graduating four All-Americans usually means a rebuilding year is in order for any high school athletic program. Those All-Americans, swimmers in this case, led Clarence Girls Swimming to four consecutive New York State titles. We knew there would be competition from some strong teams, namely Orchard Park and Williamsville East, but we made it our goal on the first day of practice to retain our ECIC and Section VI titles. We accomplished those goals as well as finishing in 7th place as a team at the New York State Championships in Ithaca.

Clarence rolled through an undefeated ECIC schedule; highlighted by a 101-85 win over Orchard Park and a 97-88 win over Williamsville East. Those were incredibly exciting meets. Those teams were coming after us and our girls rose to the occasion. Seniors Maddy Jacumski and Dorotka Tou provided much of the leadership to a young team that includes four 8th graders and five freshmen. We are fortunate in Clarence to have a great tradition in swimming. These girls come out to be a part of that.

Clarence topped Orchard Park, 393-310, at the Section VI Championships held at the Burt Flickinger Center in Buffalo. Orchard Park won half of the twelve events at the meet to Clarence's lone victory in the 200 Medley Relay. We placed girls in the finals in every event and outscored the other teams with our depth.

-Joe Zwierzchowski, Coach

Iroquois - Class B



The Iroquois Girls Varsity Swim team began the season with a lot of tough goals. In order to accomplish these goals, Coach Mike O'Connor knew some out of the area competition was necessary. The Lady Chiefs went to Frewsburg to race a few of the top teams from the southern tier and to Rochester for a meet with Rush-Henrietta. Even though these girls had a lot of traveling to do, many of their goals included much more than traveling, like winning the Class B sectional championship and sending as many girls to the state meet in Ithaca, New York were in focus all year.

The team ended with another undefeated (8-0) Division II championship season. The girls set numerous pool records all over the area including all three relays at Pioneer High School (200 MR - Alex Wheeler, Anya Arzaga, Jessica Wyckoff, Sydney Slachetka; 200 freestyle relay - Allison Lenda, Slachetka, Arzaga, and Wyckoff; and the 400 freestyle relay - Lauren Willitt, Brianna Thurn, Arzaga, Wyckoff), the 500 freestyle record by Arzaga at Williamsville South, the medley relay (Lenda, Thurn, Wyckoff, Slachetka), the 500 freestyle by Arzaga and 100 backstroke by Lenda at Starpoint HS, and then the 2 free relays (200 FR - Lenda, Wyckoff, Larissa Gaul, Wheeler and 400 FR - Wheeler, Wyckoff, Thurn, Willitt) at Lake Shore.

The girls also set all three relay records (200 MR - Lenda, Arzaga, Wyckoff, Slachetka; 200 FR - Wyckoff, Lenda, Willitt, Slachetka; and 400 FR - Wyckoff, Lenda, Arzaga, Willitt) along with the diving record set by Julie Coomer in

their home Iroquois pool. "These girls had some lofty goals, they worked hard all season for them. They are a very determined group of great girls," states Head Coach Mike O'Connor. Many of their goals also included breaking all three school relay records and they did. The 200 medley relay was broken twice by Lenda, Arzaga, Wheeler, and Slachetka. The 200 freestyle relay was lowered 4 times from 1:43.84 all the way down to 1:40.66 this year by Lenda, Slachetka, Gaul, and Wyckoff. This time also qualified them for the New York State meet in Ithaca. The 400 freestyle relay was broke in our last chance at sectionals by Willitt, Arzaga, Slachetka and Wyckoff and the leadoff swimmer, Willitt, broke the school record in the 100 freestyle breaking her own record from last year. Julie Coomer also broke the 11 dive school record of 388 with a score of 425.70 also qualifying her for the New York State meet.

"At Sectionals, the Iroquois team came in and just swam amazing right from the start. Their main goal this year was to win the division, but also to add a Class B section title after placing 2nd last year by only 12 points. They swam outstanding in each event amazing 418 points to win Class B this year. It was such a great meet, every one of the 14 girls (3 divers, 11 swimmers) at sectionals (another goal accomplished here was to have more than half the team make sectionals and it was 14 of 26) played a major part in winning the Class B title. These girls wanted to swim fast and try to beat every single girl at the meet no matter what school they swam for. It was impressive," states Coach O'Connor.

They accomplished their next goal of breaking all three school records at sectionals and they also made their first state relay cut. This was the largest group of girls (7- Arzaga, Coomer, Lenda, Gaul, Wyckoff, Willitt, and Slachetka) to ever be sent to the state meet for Iroquois. "Our motto is written on a 20 foot banner in our pool "HIGH STANDARDS = GREAT RESULTS". These girls hold each other accountable for their swimming, that the success of each other is very dependent on their own performance and work each and every day, and that their performance helps their teammates work harder and better as well as determines their great results". Our Seniors; Arzaga, Lindsey Boller, Coomer, and Wyckoff have really led the way in becoming a TEAM in and out of the water, which is why they had such a special and successful season. Great Job Choppers!"

-Mike O'Connor, Coach

Girls Swimming

Sectional Champions

Southwestern - Class C



The Southwestern Girls Varsity Swim team continued another undefeated season at the Section VI meet, at Erie Community College on November 7, 2014, by winning the Class C title for the third year running and placing third in the section overall. Led by their top relays, the Lady Trojans set seven new school records, all of which were state qualifying times. Sydney Thomas, Katie Lawton, Jilli Lawton, Sydney Burk, and Xiane Smith forced the shuffle of the record board by making up the relays and individual winners en route to scoring many of the points needed to capture the title. Seniors and Captains Lelly Hoose and Kelly Stevens along with Maddy Nelson, Megan Seeley, Katja Kranzo, Kelsey Powers, and Lynsey Gutzmer rounded out the team roster in attendance. These girls make up more than half of the full Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association championship Southwestern squad.

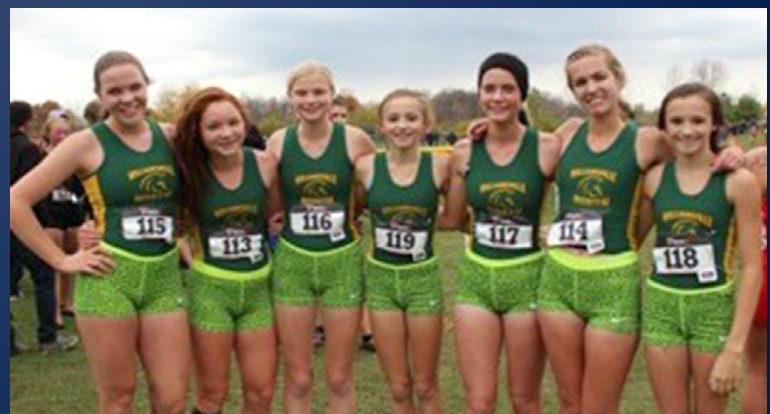
Cross Country

Sectional Champions

Boys & Girls Cross Country - Williamsville North - Class A

The Williamsville North Boys and Girls Cross Country teams celebrated their best season in school history as both teams won the ECIC Division 1 Championship and the Section VI Class A Championship. The boys were coached by Brian Lasher and the girls were coached by Julian Blake. The top eight runners for the girls' team were Kennedy Copeland, Danielle Dorogi, Lizzy Schmidt, Ellie Garrity, Mikayla Bolles, Meadow Wistner, and Naomi Wistner. The top eight runners for the boys' team were Colin Begley, Patrick Crowley, Ryan Konitopskj, Mike Leczinsky, Austin Oetinger, and Kevin Seitz.

-Steve Ferenczy, Athletic Director



Cross Country

Sectional Champions

Girls & Boys Cross Country - Sweet Home - Class B



Barker - Class D



Barker's Boys Cross Country team just finished another memorable 2014 season. The team won the Niagara-Orleans league title for the 6th time in the past seven seasons. Sergio Cruz was the overall league champion for the 2nd year in a row with Doug Bachman, Jack Hopkins, and Dustin Walters joining him with 1st Team All-League honors. Earning 2nd Team All-League honors are Casey Webb, Christopher Sweeney, and Brent Bachman. This team, of mostly seniors, has earned a league record of 96 wins and only 2 losses over seven seasons.

The team had to battle at sectionals, but prevailed by 2 points to become the Section VI Class D champions for the 8th year in a row. While striving to become state champions like the 2009 and 2011 teams, the boys fell 6 points short and earned the right to be named runner-up Class D state champions. Sergio Cruz placed 16th and was named to the All-State Team.

-Paul DerSarkissian, Coach

*Back Row (left to right): Assistant Coach Sharon Lamb, Jack Hopkins, Doug Bachman, Christopher Sweeney, Casey Webb, Coach Paul DerSarkissian
Front Row (left to right): Dustin Walters, Sergio Cruz, Tanner Gregiore*

Girls Tennis

Sectional Champions

2014 Qualifier Results - Singles

- 1st - Haley Hollins (12) - Orchard Park
- 2nd - Georgianna Gens (10) - Fredonia
- 3rd - Nicole Kozinski (11) - Clarence

2014 Qualifier Results - Doubles

- 1st - Victoria VanEvery (10)/ Elizabeth Rowan (11) - Southwestern
- 2nd - Kristen Zablonki (10) / Lauren Karoglan (9) - Orchard Park
- 3rd - Shayleen Brennan (12) / Rachel Johnson (12) - Orchard Park

2014 State Championship Results

Haley Hollins - lost the 1st round (6-2, 3-6, 6-2) to the eventual state champion, won 3 rounds in the consolation draw to make it to the finals, and lost in the finals earning a medal as 2nd place consolation finisher.

Georgianna Gens - won the 1st round, then lost the 2nd round to the #2 seed (3rd place finisher).

Nicole Kozinski - lost the 1st round to semi-finalist (#8 seed), then lost the 1st round consolation.

VanEvery/Rowan - lost the 1st round to #4 seed, won the first 2 rounds in the consolation draw to make it to the semi-finals, and lost to the 2nd place consolation team.

Zablonki/Karoglan - lost the 1st round, then lost the 1st round consolation to the 2nd place finishers in consolations.

Brennan/Johnson - won the 1st round, then lost the 2nd round to #7 seed.

Elizabeth Rowan (11, Southwestern) was Section VI's sportsmanship winner.

The tournament ran smoothly with the help of all the coaches involved. Thank you for all your time, commitment, and dedication you have to these players and your programs. I think Section 6 made a few heads turn this year. Great job to all involved.

-Kristin Janese, Section VI Girls Tennis Chair



Top Row (left to right): Rachel Johnson (12), Haley Hollins (12), Shayleen Brennan (12), Victoria VanEvery (10), Elizabeth Rowan (11)
Bottom Row (left to right): Lauren Karoglan (9), Kristen Zablonki (10), Nicole Kozinski (11), Georgianna Gens (10)

Orchard Park - Singles Haley Hollins

Haley Hollins, a senior at Orchard Park High School, won the Section VI singles tennis title at Village Glen Tennis Center on October 25th, 2014 by beating Fredonia High School representative Georgianna Gens in the finals. Her 2014 season league record was an impressive 10-0 and overall 19-0. She also was voted the most valuable player for the 2014 season by her teammates. She not only was the Section 6 singles champion, but she also reigns as the 2014 ECIC singles champion. Haley competed at the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships held October 31st through November 2nd, 2014 at Tri-City Tennis Center in Albany.



Hayley made an impressive showing for Section VI by making it to the finals of the consolation round (losing to Section VIII's Shanice Arthur). Orchard Park High School is very proud of Hayley as she exemplifies true athleticism with her very strong work ethic, passion for tennis, and outstanding sportsmanship.

-Sandy Trampert, Coach

Southwestern - Doubles Elizabeth Rowan & Victoria VanEvery

Elizabeth Rowan (11) and Victoria VanEvery (10) became Southwestern's first Girls Tennis Doubles Sectional champions and qualified for their second trip to the NYSPHSAA championship. Competing as the 1st doubles team for the undefeated Trojans this season, Victoria and Elizabeth finished 14-0, won their 3rd straight CCAA doubles title and took the Section VI title with a hard fought, three set victory over Orchard Park. At the state tournament, the girls finished with a 2-2 record, thus completing a 24-2 season.



Left to right: Victoria VanEvery and Elizabeth Rowan

-Rod Beckerink, Coach

Girls Gymnastics

Sectional Champions

Lancaster



Lancaster reclaimed their sectional team title, the seventh in the past eight years, by defeating Williamsville South November 1st, 2014 at Lancaster High School's field house.

South edged out Lancaster in the 2013 season by .70 points. The team also defended their 8th consecutive Division I title by going undefeated this season.

Captain Courtney Bondanza also repeated as the sectional all-around champion for her 4th consecutive year, never done by another gymnast in Section VI. Courtney also was section champion on bars and balance beam. Teammate and Senior Rachel Filipski came away as vault champion, Junior Mackenzie Donner won the floor exercise and was 3rd all-around. All three girls will return as state team members and attempt to repeat as state TEAM champions February 28th, 2015 at Kenmore West High School. Courtney was the all-around state champion and Rachel hopes to repeat as vault state champion.

Makenzie Castiglione, 8th grade, will also join the state team on floor exercise.

Lancaster will have big shoes to fill upon the graduation of Seniors Courtney and Rachel.

-Donna Aquino, Coach

Girls Gymnastics Sectionals - Team Results

Rank	Team	Score	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor
1	Lancaster	110.500	28.900	26.175	27.025	28.400
2	Williamsville South	108.725	27.300	26.450	26.625	28.350
3	Hamburg	103.652	26.025	24.852	26.100	26.675
4	Frontier	103.250	26.125	24.650	25.925	26.650
5	Orchard Park	100.100	25.375	23.500	24.700	26.525
6	Williamsville North	97.400	25.200	22.100	24.800	25.300
7	Kenmore	96.950	23.325	23.625	24.700	25.300
8	Clarence	79.725	23.675	7.200	23.100	25.750
9	Williamsville East	77.325	24.275	25.600	15.550	16.900

Boys Gymnastics

2014 Sectional Results

Final League Standings:			
Team	Wins	Losses	High Score
Williamsville East	12	0	146.2
Williamsville South	7	5	82.9
Hamburg	5	7	78.4
Williamsville North	0	12	43.7

Sectional Results: (No Team Scores) Floor Exercise		
Stephen Frost	WE	9.1
Tim Finley	WE	8.3
Declan Henriques	WN	8.2
Nick Darling	WS	7.6

Sectional Results: (No Team Scores) Pommel Horse		
Josh Reinstein	WE	9.0
David Covelli	WE	6.4
Michael Covelli	WE	6.0
Andrew Borkowski	H	4.8

Sectional Results: (No Team Scores) Still Rings		
Stephen Frost	WE	9.35
Declan Henriques	WN	5.4
David Covelli	WE	5.3
Andrew Borkowski	H	2.75

Sectional Results: (No Team Scores) Vault		
Josh Reinstein	WE	9.3
Tim Finley	WE	8.2
Spencer Nyhart	H	8.15
Nick Darling	WS	8.1

Sectional Results: (No Team Scores) Parallel Bars		
Stephen Frost	WE	8.95
David Covelli	WE	6.8
Michael Covelli	WE	6.1
Spencer Nyhart	H	4.25

Sectional Results: (No Team Scores) Horizontal Bar		
Josh Reinstein	WE	7.0
Declan Henriques	WN	6.2
Tim Finley	WE	5.4
Kevin Millane	WS	2.8

Sectional Results: (No Team Scores) All-Around		
Stephen Frost	WE	54.8
Josh Reinstein	WE	50.45
Declan Henriques	WN	42.25
Nick Darling	WS	33.5

Mark Monaco Memorial Senior Gymnast of the Year Award:	
Stephen Frost	Williamsville East

Section VI Recognition Dinner

The Section VI Recognition Dinner was held August 27, 2014 at The Columns Banquets facility in Elma, NY. This is an opportunity to honor deserving coaches and sports chairmen who exemplify sportsmanship, integrity, dedication, and commitment to our student-athletes. Also, a "special thanks" to our sportsmanship co-chairmen, Jim Graczyk (Pioneer) and Doug Ames (Newfane). Section VI is very proud to be associated with such fine individuals.



Left to right: Jeff Rabey (Former Section VI President), Ron Raccuia (ADPRO Sports), John Seeley (Former Girls Bowling Chairman)

2014 Honorees

Name	Section VI Position
Adam Stoltman	Boys' Modified Representative (Former)
Jeff Rabey	President (Former)
Ron Raccuia	Supporter
John Seeley	Girls' Bowling Chairman (Former)
Chris Roser	NFL Superintendents' Representative
Pete Morgante	Erie 2 BOCES Superintendents' Representative
Deborah Ziolkowski	Erie 1 BOCES Superintendents' Representative

Section VI

Recognition Dinner

2014 Coaches Sportsmanship Award Recipients



Left to right: Jim Graczyk (Sportsmanship Co-Chairman), Doug Cassidy (Williamsville North), Bill Wilson (Barker), Andrew Murtha (Maryvale), Dave Rapp (Hutch Tech), Gary Tocke (Kenmore West), Dan Tryon (Tapestry), Ben Scaffidi (Starpoint), Doug Ames (Sportsmanship Co-Chairman)
Seated: Jen Anderson (Southwestern) and Jennifer Carriero (Eden)



PJ Peterson

League	Division	Name	Sport	School
Buffalo		Dave Rapp	Varsity Softball	Hutch Tech
CCAA	Central	PJ Peterson	Boys Varsity Soccer	Cattaraugus/Little Valley
CCAA	West 1	Jen Anderson	Varsity Softball	Southwestern
ECIC	I	Doug Cassidy	Girls Varsity Swimming	Williamsville North
ECIC	II	Ben Scaffidi	Girls JV Soccer, Boys Varsity Basketball	Starpoint
ECIC	III	Andrew Murtha	Boys Varsity Volleyball	Maryvale
ECIC	IV	Jennifer Carriero	Girls Varsity Field Hockey	Eden
NFL		Gary Tocke	Boys Varsity Volleyball	Kenmore West
NO		William Wilson	Asst. B&G Track and Field, G JV Soccer	Barker
Independent		Dan Tryon	B&G Track and Field	Tapestry

Schools of Distinction

2013-2014

The School of Distinction Award is presented to those schools, where all varsity sports teams achieve a GPA of 90% or above. At the September 17th, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting, Clarence, Lancaster, Newfane, Niagara Wheatfield, Orchard Park, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, and Wilson High Schools were honored as the 2013-2014 schools of distinction.

Clarence



From left to right: Al Gens (Section VI President-Elect), Ken Smith (HS Principal), Madeline Storr, Zach Kuloszewski, Greg Kaszubski (Athletic Director), and Geoff Hicks (Superintendent)

Orchard Park



From left to right: Al Gens (Section VI President-Elect), Matt McGarrity (Superintendent), Liam Hoover, Rami Major, John Wolf (Principal), David Hack (Athletic Director)

Lancaster



From left to right: Al Gens (Section VI President-Elect), Brian Wild (Athletic Director), Dan Emerson, Chelsea Dantonio, Dr. Michael Valley (Superintendent), Cesar Marchioli (HS Principal)

Williamsville East



From left to right: Scott Taylor (HS Principal), Kara Marzo, Cort Williams, Mark DiFilippo (Athletic Director), Chris Mucica (Director of HPE&A), Dr. Scott Martzloff (Superintendent)

Newfane



From left to right: Al Gens (President-Elect), Doug Ames (Athletic Director), Caroline Connolly, Trevor Noon, Dr. Andres Arroyo (Principal), Dr. Mike Wendt (Superintendent)

Williamsville North



From left to right: Al Gens (Section VI President-Elect), Tina Neureuter (Principal), Steve Ferenczy (Athletic Director), Ann Principe, George Attea, Chris Mucica (Director of HPE&A), Dr. Scott Martzloff (Superintendent)

Niagara Wheatfield



From left to right: Al Gens (Section VI President-Elect), Jim Campbell (Athletic Director), Angela Coulter, Jeremy Bari, Tim Carter (HS Principal)

Wilson



From left to right: Al Gens (Section VI President-Elect), Lauren Austin, Jacob Graca, Jeff Roth (Athletic Director), Dan Johnson (Principal), Dr. Mike Wendt (Superintendent)

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes Fall 2014

Section VI selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Award for the 2014 fall sports season. Of the 779 nominations; there are 134 winners and 645 honorable mentions.

Akron

G. Cross Country Carly Staebell Winner

Alden

B. Cross Country Jeremy DesJardins Winner

Football Dillon Grabowski Winner

B. Soccer John Kiener Winner

B. Soccer Daniel Kocher Winner

B. Cross Country Dylan Servos Winner

Amherst

B. Volleyball Ethan Ahuna Winner

G. Volleyball Megan Bessel Winner

Field Hockey Natalie Blatz Winner

G. Tennis Emma Hughes Winner

B. Cross Country Adam Merkle Winner

G. Swimming Theresa Minigell Winner

G. Cross Country Alex Schick Winner

Barker

Field Hockey Renee Levy Winner

Clarence

G. Soccer Kristen Benson Winner

B. Soccer Justin Bracci Winner

Field Hockey Julia Calandra Winner

G. Soccer Lindsay Farrell Winner

B. Cross Country Zachary Kuloszewski Winner

Football William Lorenz Winner

G. Tennis Sooyoun Oh Winner

Football Brandon Ruzala Winner

East Aurora

G. Tennis Rosanne Carbone Winner

B. Soccer Harrison Fay Winner

Field Hockey Molly Ferris Winner

G. Cross Country Hannah Weppner Winner

Ellicottville

G. Soccer Hannah Doro Winner

Frontier

Football Blake Podger Winner

B. Volleyball Tyler Tomasik Winner

Gowanda

G. Cross Country Colleen Steward Winner

Grand Island

Football Giuseppe Campanella Winner

G. Swimming Isabel Dengos Winner

G. Soccer Rebekah Gaydosh Winner

B. Soccer Andrew Reiderer Winner

Hamburg

Field Hockey Janelle Burke Winner

Football Kyle Munro Winner

G. Gymnastics Taylor Thurnherr Winner

Holland

G. Volleyball Madison Scheffler Winner

Iroquois

G. Soccer Kailah Andersen Winner

Field Hockey Brianna Malczewski Winner

G. Volleyball Amanda Metz Winner

Football Gabriel Thompson Winner

Jamestown

Football Stephen Carlson Winner

G. Soccer Sarah Gibson Winner

Lancaster

B. Soccer Kevin Ball Winner

G. Gymnastics Courtney Bondanza Winner

B. Volleyball Matthew Devic Winner

Football Daniel Emerson Winner

B. Cross Country Evan Helenbrook Winner

B. Soccer Lucas Loecher Winner

Field Hockey Erin Sciotrino Winner

Maple Grove

G. Soccer Allison Hendrick Winner

G. Soccer Olivia Richardson Winner

Maryvale

B. Soccer Andrew Meyerhofer Winner

Medina

B. Cross Country Ryan Leffler Winner

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes

Fall 2014

Newfane

G. Volleyball	Margaret Kropf	Winner
Football	Trevor Noon	Winner

Niagara Wheatfield

G. Soccer	Angela Coulter	Winner
G. Swimming	Amanda Young	Winner

North Tonawanda

Football	Stephen Craig	Winner
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Olean

B. Soccer	Geoffrey Broadbent	Winner
G. Volleyball	Kathryn Ludden	Winner
G. Volleyball	Monica Moses	Winner

Orchard Park

Football	Jacob Dogal	Winner
B. Cross Country	Jason Filipinski	Winner
G. Cross Country	Rachel Golding	Winner
G. Soccer	Rami Major	Winner
B. Soccer	Ryan McMaster	Winner
Football	William Myers	Winner
G. Soccer	Colleen O'Connor	Winner
G. Swimming	Hannah Rauch	Winner

Southwestern

B. Soccer	Pat Mogenhan	Winner
G. Tennis	Heidi Mueller	Winner

Springville-Griffith

G. Tennis	Gabrielle Hartman	Winner
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Starpoint

Football	Austin Bratek	Winner
G. Volleyball	Katherine Jastrzab	Winner
Field Hockey	Autumn Spina	Winner
G. Cross Country	Kara Wilcox	Winner

Sweet Home

B. Cross Country	Joseph Gerlach	Winner
Field Hockey	Melanie Izard	Winner
G. Volleyball	Quinn Sorrentino	Winner
G. Tennis	Chloe Thai	Winner

West Seneca East

G. Volleyball	Kelsey Beres	Winner
G. Swimming	Virginia Headd	Winner
Football	Tyler Skretny	Winner
G. Swimming	Alexe Wodowski	Winner

West Seneca West

G. Soccer	Sidney Bernardoni	Winner
B. Volleyball	Ryan Kilijanski	Winner
B. Cross Country	Joshua Nowak	Winner
B. Volleyball	Dennis Ulmer	Winner

Williamsville East

G. Swimming	Lauren Anderson	Winner
B. Volleyball	Patrick Irving	Winner
B. Cross Country	Christopher Oles	Winner
B. Soccer	Joshua Taubman	Winner
G. Soccer	Melinda Tiao	Winner
B. Soccer	Christopher Winiacki	Winner
G. Tennis	Amy Xiao	Winner

Williamsville North

B. Soccer	Lloyd Brown	Winner
B. Volleyball	Jackson Collis	Winner
B. Cross Country	Patrick Crowley	Winner
G. Soccer	Natalie Hazzan	Winner
G. Swimming	Amanda Helak	Winner
G. Cross Country	Linnea Laux	Winner
B. Soccer	Nicholas Lee	Winner
G. Cross Country	Elizabeth Schmidt	Winner

Williamsville South

G. Soccer	Magdalena Kokinos	Winner
G. Soccer	Evelyn Mangold	Winner
G. Swimming	Degen Mariniello	Winner
G. Soccer	Sarah Mercer	Winner
Field Hockey	Rachel Whalen	Winner

Wilson

G. Volleyball	Mercedes Rees	Winner
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Meet the Athletic Director

A new segment to the Section VI newsletter that profiles an athletic director from each league.

Mark Kruzynski, Medina High School
Niagara Orleans League



Years of Administrative Service: 10 Years total in administration

Education:

BA - SUNY Buffalo - History
 Ed.M. - SUNY Buffalo - Social Studies Ed
 MS - Niagara University - Education Administration
 Enrolled in Ed.D. program at SUNY Buffalo in Educational Leadership

Family: Single

Favorite Food: Chicken Wings

Favorite Movie: Tie: The Sandlot and Billy Madison

Hobbies: Boston Red Sox fan, and I also still play the drums when I have time.

Why/How did you choose athletics/education? I think that athletics and education go hand in hand. I think scholastic sports make high school more meaningful for students, and this causes kids to take more pride in themselves and school, all of which leads to a better high school experience. There are things about life that people learn through participation in athletics and sports that are invaluable for success in life - things such as leadership, teamwork, commitment, and dedication - and it is these reasons why I have chosen to be a part of athletics and education.

Brian Hickson, Cheektowaga Central School District
Erie County Interscholastic Conference



Years of Administrative Service: 15 years

Education:

College: SUNY Brockport - Bachelor's degree in Physical Education
 Canisius College - Master's degree in Education

Family: Wife, Denee (married over 12 years) and 2 Daughters

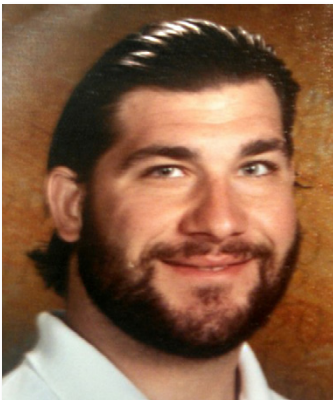
Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Movie: Slapshot

Hobbies: Fishing, or spending down time with my family.

Why/How did you choose athletics/education? My goal is to just to make a difference in the most positive way possible. I have taught in the classroom and coached Wrestling & Football for many years. Nothing takes the place of hard work and a "can do" attitude. It has always been my passion to help others. Many of the coaches I have had as an athlete over the years have helped shape who I am, along with my parents and my immediate family. Working hand in hand with many outstanding people at Cheektowaga Central has been my honor and privilege.

Doug Williams, Oracle Charter School
Independent League



Years of Administrative Service: 4 years

Education:

Masters of Education SUNY Cortland '12
 Bachelors of Education SUNY Cortland '06

Family: Beverly Wedmore - Fiancé, Peter & Kathy Williams - Mother & Father, Sisters - Amanda, Nicole & Danielle

Favorite Food: Chicken Parm

Favorite Movie: Goodfellas

Hobbies: Playing sports, fitness, and home renovations

Why/How did you choose athletics/education? As a three sport athlete in high school and the love of sports it was a no brainer to become a physical educator. Through my experiences in teaching and coaching children, I truly enjoy my job each and every day. As an athletic director I can be a part of every team that my school has to offer. I enjoy seeing the progression of our students from the time they start, to their final game in high school. The emotion and love for the game that I have, I can see through my students. I know I have the best job in education!

Introducing...

Meet the Athletic Director

A new segment to the Section VI newsletter that profiles an athletic director from each league.

Cynthia Bullis, North Tonawanda City School District

Niagara Frontier League



Years of Administrative Service: 4 years

Education:

High School - Lewiston-Porter High School

College - Central Connecticut State University, BS Physical Education

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, MA Counseling Education

Niagara University, MS Educational Leadership (School Building & School District)

Favorite Food: Cheese

Favorite Movie: Happy Feet

Hobbies: Spending time and traveling with my family

Why/How did you choose athletics/education? I wanted to have the same impact on students that my coaches and teachers had on me. I know they made a positive difference on my life and I hope in some way I have been able to do this for the students that I have had the pleasure to work with over the years.

Scot Stutzman, Fredonia Central School District

Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association



Years of Administrative Service: 5 years

Education: Along with my license in school administration and teaching certification in pre-k-6 education I have a Masters in Reading and an Undergraduate in Psychology.

Family: I have been married for 13 years to my wife Mollie and have 2 children. My son Logan is 12 and attends Bethel Baptist Academy where he is in 7th grade and my daughter Reagan is 6 and is in Kindergarten at Southwestern CSD.

Favorite Food: I absolutely love pizza and could pretty much eat it for every meal 7 days a week, but a close fallback would be Mexican food.

Favorite Movie: I'm not a really big movie buff, but for the sake of answering the question, I guess I would have to say that Saving Private Ryan was one of my favorites.

Hobbies: I thoroughly love to be outside in the woods whenever I have the opportunity. Hiking, target shooting, and having campfires with my wife and kids is how most of my personal time is spent.

Why/How did you choose athletics/education? I have been very blessed to have had a variety of different experiences that have prepared me for the leadership roles that I currently hold in education. I have worked as a counselor with a transitional home, an athletic trainer, a financial representative, and have served as a legislator representing Chautauqua County. After working 4 years as a counselor with a transitional home, I knew that my ultimate goal was to reach youth and decided to return to college in 1999 to acquire my teaching certificates and license in school administration. Once I acquired my certificates, my career seemed to move on a fast-track beginning at Terry Taylor Elementary in Spencerport, NY eventually leading me to Chautauqua County where I have been fortunate to work in many school districts prior to Fredonia High School where I currently serve as Assistant High School Principal and District Athletic Director.

Becoming Athletic Director was never actually one of my goals. I always admired coaches for their influence on youth and greatly value the relationship that athletics plays as part of education. When the opportunity presented itself to become athletic director, I jumped on board knowing that it offered me another opportunity to engage youth at another level. I have enjoyed it ever since!



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Fall 2014 Additional Champions

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Williamsville East

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