

The Line Up

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State Champions

Girls Basketball



Chautauqua Lake - Class C

The Chautauqua Lake Lady Thunderbirds girls basketball team brought home the school's first state championship, defeating Hoosic Valley from Section 2 by a score of 47-36. The Lady Thunderbirds finished the 2013-2014 season with a 24-1 record. Over the past two seasons, Chautauqua Lake has compiled an impressive 44-2 overall record. They went into the 2013-2014 playoffs with an overall record of 17-1 with their only loss against Jamestown, which is a Class AA school.

For the first time in the school's history, the Lady Thunderbirds raised the Section VI Class C plaque at the James McElrath Gymnasium in Jamestown defeating Tapestry in the C1-C2 crossover final by a score of 66-32. The team was then off to Finger Lake Community College for the Far West Regionals where they faced Keshequa from Section 5. The game came down to clutch free throw shooting as Chautauqua Lake shot 30 of 42 from the foul line. In the fourth quarter alone, Juniors Jenna Einink and Ashton Albanus shot a combined 14 of 15 from the charity stripe.

In the semi-final game at the state tournament in Troy, Junior, Point Guard Courtney Hewes took her game to another level scoring 16 of her 19 points in the first half, hitting 4 of 5 from behind the arch; leading her team to a convincing 61-39 victory over Haldane from Section 1. In the state championship game, the Thunderbirds would play a very scrappy and well coached team from Hoosic Valley. Both teams had trouble finding their scoring niche during the game due to spectacular defenses played by both teams. The T-birds with their size and quickness eventually wore down Hoosic Valley to claim the class C state crown.

-Eric Schuster, Coach



State Champions

Girls Gymnastics



Section Team

Eleven outstanding gymnasts from seven schools represented Section VI at the NYSPHSAA State Championships at SUNY Brockport on March 1st, 2014 and came home with the team championship by a landslide! The team defeated reigning champs and powerhouse, Section 11, by nearly 5 points; in gymnastics terms - Section 11 had 9 falls more than Section VI!

Michaela Kacmarski	Frontier
Kathryn Dehlinger	Hamburg
Courtney Bondanza, Mackenzie Donner, Rachel Filipski	Lancaster
Rebecca Obrachta	Orchard Park
Ana Reyes	Williamsville East
Madison Penetrante	Williamsville North
Zoe Kyriakopoulos, Miranda Roberson, Lily Szafranski	Williamsville South

Lancaster's Courtney Bondanza led the team and won the coveted ALL-AROUND CHAMPION title by her superior performances in all 4 events. Courtney has been a past state champion in vault and beam, but the all-around has been in her sights and within her reach. Courtney has been the Section VI all-around champion (2013 & 2014) and had led Lancaster to 5 sectional team titles.

Rachel Filipski, also from Lancaster competed in both floor and vault for the state team. After a tumble in the floor exercise, Rachel rallied back to win the vault state title and tie the state record of 9.85. The floor exercise and vault are probably Rachel's favorite events as she rarely disappoints in them.

Section VI's lone Senior, Ana Reyes, from Williamsville East also competed in the all-around placing 5th after an awesome meet and outstanding high school career! Ana won the state title on uneven bars after a stellar routine on the team's first event.

Coming home with 3 state champions and the state team title was tremendous. It was an unbelievable meet with the team hitting routine after routine. It was an exciting and rewarding day for Section VI Girls Gymnastics.

-Donna J. Aquino, Section VI Coordinator

Courtney Bondanza
All-Around State Champion
Lancaster



Rachel Filipski
Vault State Champion
Lancaster



Ana Reyes
Uneven Bar State Champion
Williamsville East



Regional Champions

Boys Basketball

Jamestown - Class AA

The Jamestown Red Raiders had a season to remember! After starting the season with a 3-3 record, they won 11 of their last 12 regular season games finishing at the top of ECIC Division I for the 3rd straight year. They then went on an incredible playoff run.

They defeated Frontier, 71-53, in the quarter-finals. They then beat Lockport, 69-58, in the semi-finals in a come from behind victory, outscoring the Lions, 22-8, in the 4th quarter. For the Section 6 championship, they met up with league rival Clarence, whom they split within the regular season. Senior, Forward Quinn Lee Yaw had 26 points and 15 rebounds in a 60-40 win. It was their 4th sectional championship in the past 5 seasons.

In the Far West Regionals, they played their best game of the season beating Greece Athena, 61-52, a team that beat Jamestown by 20 points in the season opener. Junior, Point Guard Zack Panebianco had 34 points in the victory that sent the Red Raiders to the NYS Final Four in Glens Falls for the 2nd time in the school's history (the other was in 2011). There, Jamestown beat Union-Endicott in a thrilling 64-63 victory in the state semi-finals, led by Panebianco with 31 points.

In the NYSPHSAA Class AA state championship game, Jamestown fell to Green Tech by a score of 54-49. Panebianco and Lee Yaw were named to the All-Tournament Team, and Panebianco broke the NYSPHSAA Class AA State Championship 3-point record with 7 three's in 2 games.

-Ben Drake, Coach



Middle Early College - Class C

The 2013-2014 Middle Early College Kats boys basketball team is comprised of starters Bri'an Brown, Kevin Briggs, Joseph Staton, Davon Singleton, TJ Scott, and Brandon Jefferson; reserves included seniors Eli Mingo, Isaiah Dickinson, William Rollison, Xavier Mathews as well as juniors Royce Burks and Malike Johnson, 10th grader Billy Rivera, and score keeper X-Ray Drayton. The Kats made a return trip to the NYSPHSAA boys basketball final four in Glens Falls, New York finishing the season 19-6. This is MEC's third trip to Glens Falls in the last five years. The Kats came up short in the final game against Hoosic Valley, but made it to the finals with a well-earned victory over Friends Academy of Long Island.

Bri'an Brown and Kevin Briggs were both named to the NYSPHSAA Class C All-Tournament Team. The Kats have now won 3 straight Section 6 titles as well as 4 additional titles in the past five years. The Kats have also won the regional finals twice in the last three years. This year's regional finals victory was over the #1 state ranked team, Clyde Savannah. Tarron "TJ" Scott led the team to victory with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Kevin Briggs, Bri'an Brown, and Joseph Staton also scored double figures. TJ Scott was then named Channel 7 Eyewitness News' Super 7 player of the week for all of the regional finals. In sectional play, Bri'an Brown was named Section 6's Most Outstanding Player in class C. During the regular season, in Yale Cup Division 1 play, Bri'an Brown was named Player of the Year, Kevin Briggs was named First Team All Yale Cup 1, TJ Scott was named Second Team, and Joseph Staton, Davon Singleton, Brandon Jefferson, and Eli Mingo were given All Yale Cup 1 honorable mentions. The Middle Early College Kats also finished the Yale Cup season in first place with a league record of 11-1. During the season, the Kats beat sectional champions East "B2", McKinley twice "A1", and Cheektowaga "A2". This year was both fun and exciting for the players who set lofty goals and reached almost all of them. I am proud of each of the players on this team as well as my coaching staff of Tyree Parker and RJ Kilingier.

-Randy Rich, Coach



Regional Champions

Boys Basketball



Sherman - Class D

The Sherman Wildcats boys basketball team had a great season. The Wildcats final record was 21-2, and they finished the year ranked #3 in Class D's state rankings. They were led by a solid group of seniors (Ryan Robson, Andrew Graham, Devin Moorhead, Ryan Myers, Trevor Gleason, Jordan Boland, Chris Greiner, and Corie Alger). They worked through the regular season with a 17-1 record. Play-off wins over North Collins, Ellicottville, and Panama (67-50 in the sectional final) gave Sherman their second consecutive Section VI Class D title. The following weekend, Sherman defeated Batavia's Notre Dame, 57-52, to claim the Far West Regional Title. In their final game of the year, the Wildcats fell to Coleman Catholic, 65-51, in the state semi-final game at the Glens Falls Civic Arena.

-Cory Emory, Coach

Regional Champions

Rifle

Section VI .22 Caliber Team

	Prone	Offhand	Kneeling	Aggregate	Place
Karen Eisenberger (Clar)	93.01 (9th)	84.02 (6th)	92.02 (3rd)	269.05	5th
Jake Saeli (Clar)	96.03 (4th)	80.01	87.00 (9th)	263.04	10th
Matt Glauber (Clar)	90.00	81.00	83.00	254.00	14th
Anna May Lawrence (Clar)	83.01	75.01	82.02	240.04	18th
Clarence High School Team Total				1026.13	2nd
Rhianna Lichtenthal (OP)	98.02 (1st)	86.03 (5th)	93.03 (1st)	277.12	1st
Noah Fox (AL)	93.04 (7th)	89.01 (1st)	87.00 (8th)	269.05	4th
Sectional Team Total				1572.30	1st



Standing L to R : Anna May Lawrence (Clarence), Karen Eisenberger (Clarence), Eddie Schmitt (Clarence), Jake Saeli (Clarence), Matt Glauber (Clarence)
 Kneeling L to R: Noah Fox (Alden), Rhianna Lichtenthal (Orchard Park)

Boys Bowling

Sectional Champions

Cheektowaga - Class B

Cheektowaga's boys bowling team won the Class B sectional title for the first time since 2008. They also won their 3rd ECIC division title in the past four years. Seniors, Connor LaJoy and Dana Voytovich finished among the top 4 bowlers at sectionals and both qualified for the All-Section Team that finished 7th in Long Island.



Alex Ostrowski, Jarrett Robert, Sophomore Josh Large, and Freshman Aaron Simonds. After finishing the season 9-3, and a 196 team average, the boys felt they had more to prove. At sectionals, we knew we could compete with the larger schools and more experienced bowlers because of all the progress we made. Though we came up short for the top spot, the team was still very excited and proud to place first in our class and third overall. The boys worked very hard all season and that determination paid off for such a young team. We are now looking forward to another competitive season next year with our experienced team still together.

-Daryle Macro, Coach

Tonawanda - Class C

Tonawanda's boys varsity bowling team completed the 2013-2014 season as Section VI Class C Champions. The Warrior team was made up of underclassman led by Juniors: Kyle Zack, Jared Simonds,

Forestville - Class D



2013 Scholar Athlete State Champions - Alden Football

Alden High School's 2013 varsity football team has been named Scholar Athlete State Champion. This award is given to the team who has the highest average in their sport throughout New York State. With a team average of 95.91, the bulldogs beat out every other football team across New York State. The team also finished with an impressive 9-1 team record and was the runner-up for the Class B Sectional Championship at Ralph Wilson Stadium. Congratulations go out to all of the members of the team who worked hard to maintain success on the field as well as in



the classroom. These individuals emphasize the student in student-athlete. A special thank you to the teachers and support staff who have helped these students reach their academic

potential throughout their years in the Alden Central Schools. A banner will be hung in the high school gymnasium to honor the team and their accomplishment.

Girls Bowling

Sectional Champions

Niagara Falls - Class A

The 2013-2014 Niagara Falls High School girls varsity bowling season turned-out to be a very successful one. The season began at Island Lanes as the Wolverines took first place at the Niagara Frontier League Annual Kickoff Tournament. Just a short week later, the rest of Western New York found out that the Wolverines were a team to watch out for this year as the ladies won the annual Maryvale High School Pre-season Tournament running away from the pack at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga.

After winning these first two tournaments, it looked like the Niagara Frontier League (NFL) schedule would be an easy road for the Lady Wolverines. After all, they had won the league championship each of the past two seasons and two tournaments already this season. However, the season got off to a very shaky start as they dropped their first match of the season unexpectedly to Grand Island at home. This match certainly served as a wake-up call for the ladies as they proceeded to run the table in the NFL, finish 13-1, and win their third consecutive NFL Championship. Along the way, the team finished in 2nd place (to Webster-Thomas of Rochester) at the annual Festival of Lights Tournament and they took 1st place at the annual Roy Sommers Memorial Tournament, both held at Thruway Lanes in Cheektowaga.

Heading into the Section VI Championships, the Wolverines were considered one of the favorites to win the tournament. The tournament consists of six games with five girls' scores counting toward the total pin fall. The team scoring the highest pin total for the six games is declared the section champion and moves on to represent Section VI at the NYSPHSAA Championships.

After getting off to a solid start in Game 1 (within 3 pins off 1st place), the Wolverines faltered in Game 2 and fell behind leader North Tonawanda (NT) by 147 pins. They made-up no ground in an average Game 3 as they headed into the lunch break down over 150 pins to NT and stood in 3rd place (only 3 pins behind 2nd place Frontier.)

A solid Game 4 brought the Wolverines to within 70 pins of the leader, but in Game 5 they gave back 30 pins and headed into the final game of the tournament with a 100 pin deficit. The Wolverines started slow in Game 6, but never gave-up hope. They threw some strikes along the way, but more importantly they made most of their spares to keep themselves in the tournament. As the game progressed, North Tonawanda began to falter and by the 9th frame of the last game, the Wolverines had taken a small lead. The ladies performed well in the tenth frame and held-on to capture the Section VI title for the second time in three years.

The Wolverines traveled to West Babylon on Long Island to compete for another state championship. Lane conditions were much more challenging at the state tournament; therefore, strikes were much more difficult to come by for all participants. The Wolverines fell behind early as they did at sectionals, but this time, they were not able to recover. The ladies finished in 6th place at that tournament. Senior Hailey Johnson led the team at both sectionals and states and has been named Niagara Gazette Player of the Year for Girls Bowling.

-Ed Ventry, Coach



Additional highlights:

Angela Gabriele finished the season with an NFL high average of 206 and NFL high game of 290

Hailey Johnson took the NFL high series of 737

All 6 Wolverine starters were voted NFL All-Stars:
Angela Gabriele, Hailey Johnson, and Luxurie Sistrunk (1st team);
Justine Lansberry, Kaylee Narkiewicz, and Staci Biondi (2nd team)

Cheektowaga - Class B

The Cheektowaga girls bowling team had two big firsts during the 2013-2014 season. They defeated their cross town rival Maryvale for the first time in over 15 years and they also won the school's first sectional title, Class B, in girls bowling.



Girls Bowling

Sectional Champions

Fredonia - Class C



Fredonia's varsity girls bowling team had another successful year. They finished the season in first place in the CCAA's Division I West. Advancing to sectional competition, Fredonia finished in first place for Class C, and fourth place overall. As the team had no seniors, coaches Tom Battaglia and Roger Pacos expect the team to be successful next year too. "The girls have put a lot of time into their game. They all participate in Junior Bowling at Lucky Lanes. They practice on their own time and it is paying off, as we see them continue to improve" said Coach Roger Pacos.

The following girls were selected for 1st Team All Stars: Genevieve Riddle with a 180 average, Elizabeth Valvo qualified with a 170, and Morgan with a 162 average.

The following girls were selected for 2nd Team All Stars: Taryn Wojtkowiak with a 158 average, Morgan Cotton with a 157 average, and Maitland Langworthy received Honorable Mention with an average of 154.

-Roger Pacos, Coach

Forestville - Class D



Boys Swimming

Sectional Champions

Clarence - Class A

According to coach Eric McClaren, the 2014 Boys Swimming Class A Championships were "probably the second-best team effort — behind only the 2000 defeat of Orchard Park — that I have seen at Clarence. Every single swimmer and diver scored points and contributed to this monumental victory. On paper, Orchard Park boasted a 92-point advantage over us to start the meet, and that sort of advantage is almost impossible to overcome — almost. We had a plan to chip away at the lead on every event, and from the first event on, things went just as we planned."

Highlights

The 200 Medley Relay Team

Emmanuel Rockwell, Ryan Le, Max Costich, & Jim Walleshauser 7th place, time of 1:45.70. Each swimmer posted a personal best split in their respective legs

200 Freestyle

Phil Nanula, 2nd place, time of 1:49.48
Steve Monkelbaan, 4th place, time of 1:51.28
Sam Costich, 9th place, time of 1:57.00
Erik Diehl, 10th place, 1:57.42

200 IM

Max Costich, 4th place, time of 2:07.64
Austin Geiger, 11th place, time of 2:13.98
Allen Chen, 12th place, time of 2:14.52

50 Freestyle

Joe Lawrence, 5th place, time of 22.23
Jeff Graziano, 7th place, time of 22.97

Diving

Matt Dixon, 3rd place, 336.65 points
Jeff Lombardo, 7th place, 279.55 points

100 Butterfly

Joe Lombardo, 1st place, time of 52.74, **new school record*
Emmanuel Rockwell, 3rd, time of 55.40
Steve Monkelbaan, 5th place, time of 56.63
Zach Greenman, 15th place, time of 1:01.09

100 Freestyle

Jeff Graziano, 4th place, time of 49.71
Jim Walleshauser, 15th place, time of 52.90

500 Freestyle

Phil Nanula, 4th place, time of 5:04.19
Max Costich, 8th place, time of 5:15.29
Sam Costich, 13th place, time of 5:23.39

200 Free Relay

Lawrence, Graziano, Nanula and Monkelbaan, 2nd place, time of 1:29.81

100 Backstroke

Emmanuel Rockwell, 1st place, time of 55.46
Allen Chen, 11th place, time of 1:01.29

100 Breaststroke

Ryan Le, 4th place, time of 1:07.31

400 Free Relay

Lawrence, Graziano, Nanula and Monkelbaan, 1st place, time of 3:17.47



Girls Basketball

Sectional Champions

Class AA Jamestown

The Jamestown Lady Red Raiders had another successful season this year. While compiling a record of 19-3, including 11-1 in ECIC Division 1, the team collected many accolades along the way. The Lady Raiders won the IABOO tournament held at St. Bonaventure by beating Olean in the first round and Bradford in the championship game. They also won the United Way Tip-Off Tournament by defeating Frewsburg in the first round and gave Class C State Champions Chautauqua Lake their only loss of the season.

After winning the division in the regular season, the Lady Raiders defended their Section 6 Class AA Championship by defeating league rival Williamsville North in the championship game. Despite a close loss to Section 5 AA Champion, Gates-Chili, the Lady Raiders can look forward to returning 5 starters next year to make another run. Statistically, Chrisanna Green led the Lady Raiders with 21 ppg and 12 rpg. Anne Campion had 13 ppg and 2.5 apg, while Peyton Butts had 6.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg, and 2.5 apg. All three will return next year along with a great supporting cast who made contributions throughout the year.

-Tim Anderson, Coach



Class B Tonawanda

Tonawanda's 2013-2014 girls varsity basketball team became the first girls basketball team to reach the regionals in the school's history. They won the overall Class B title by defeating Wilson, 43 - 41, in overtime. They went on to lose to Bishop Kearney, last year's Class C State Champions, of Section 5, 69 - 48. It was an amazing season for the Lady Warriors of Tonawanda. Team members include: Dahnea Harrison, Kalyn Compeau, Gabbie Krajewski, Haley Snyder, Sydney Taylor, Liz Carlson, Alanna Herne, Alicia Farrell, Paige Hill, Ashley Ostrowski, Haley Slater, Savanna Baughman, Haley Schoelerman, and Brittany Slater. The coaching staff includes: Head Coach, Jay Hall, Assistant Coach, Matt Cook, and Assistant Coach, Tom Burdo.

-Jay Hall, Coach



Class D Pine Valley

"Section VI Champions"... it has a nice ring to it. It is always a goal for the Pine Valley Lady Panthers to be Section VI Champions, but it has actually been nine years since we have earned that title. We have been to the sectional championship game for the past five years, but for a variety of reasons, we have not been able to take the final step to win the title. Going through this 9 year drought has allowed me to think, and I have learned to appreciate the accomplishment of this year's (and past years') teams. Winning does not just happen; one has to work for it. And even then, it may not come. The 2014 Lady Panther basketball team is a prime example of setting their sights high and working hard to achieve their goals/dreams.

November seems so long ago, but that's when we officially started the season and our quest to be champions. From the beginning, our girls were determined that this season was going to be special. Most returning players had been on the team the previous two years where some "wondered if we were good enough...and some thought we might be good enough...", but from the start, the 2013-2014 Lady Panthers truly believed they were the best team in Section VI.

In league play, the Lady Panthers earned the League Championship (CCAA East Division 2) with an impressive 10-0 record. For our non-leagues, we scheduled Frewsburg, Fredonia, Dunkirk, and Chautauqua Lake. These are strong teams, and though we lost to Fredonia (#1 B Seed) and Chautauqua Lake (Class C State Champion), we came away from each loss believing that we were the better team. Our team just did not play well enough to get the job done on that particular evening. Those two losses helped us to understand the meaning of "getting the job done".

This year's edition of the Lady Panthers team included Seniors: Kayla Mansfield, Aaren Waterman, Kayce Abers, Laural Killock, and Monica Kenny; Juniors: Alex Bentham, Kaitlyn Hoth, Kaleigh Brunswick, and Brittany Howard; Sophomores: Jamie Wilcox and Jesse Wilcox.

Girls Basketball

Sectional Champions

Class D Pine Valley (cont.)

Our season ended too soon with a loss to eventual State Champion Romulus in the Western Regionals. We were very disappointed, because our aspirations were not only to go to states, but to win them. Even though we played a good game (especially defensively), we were worn down by their size. I was very proud of our girls during this game with their "never quit" attitude. Looking over the season, it was that hard work ethic and "never say die" attitude that made this season so special. Without it, we would not have 18 of 21 games, nor would we have won our league, our section, or even a play-off game. I am very thankful for this year's team; the players, the managers, the coaches, and all who made this year a success. I am hoping that the junior varsity and modified players, and even those elementary intramural players, who witness our success, will dream big and then go after their dreams. Dreams and hard work equal success.

-Tim Nobles, Coach



Boys Ice Hockey

Sectional Champions

Niagara Wheatfield Division I

The Niagara Wheatfield Falcons varsity ice hockey team made Section 6 history in 2013-14 becoming the first federation ice hockey team to three-peat as Section 6 Champions.

The Falcons went 8-5-3 in the regular season in the very competitive Division 1. They finished in second place, behind a very strong Williamsville North team. The Falcons defeated Niagara Falls and Clarence to reach the finals at First Niagara Center.

Niagara Wheatfield headed to the championship game against a tough opponent who had defeated them two times during the regular season. In the finals, the Falcons got off to a rough start giving up two goals in the first 1:37 of play. Falling behind early like that in a big game is often a recipe for disaster, but the team showed character and grit the rest of the way not giving up another goal to a very good offensive team. The boys were able to stay focused and keep working, eventually taking over play by the end of the first period.

Junior, Domenic Senese closed the gap at the end of the first period scoring a big goal with 3 minutes and 1 second left in the first on assists from Senior, Adriano Medici, and Junior, James Stenzel.

Both teams came out hard to start the second period. Niagara Wheatfield managed to tie the game with 8:57 left in the second, James Stenzel's hard work in front of the net resulted in his rebound goal on assists from Senese and Junior, Dakota Becker. The eventual game winner came off the stick of Senior, Justin Durkeeon; a nice passing play on a Falcon power play at 6:11 in the second period. The goal was set up by Senior, Tro Pulli and Junior, Andrew Logar.

The game went back and forth the rest of the way with both teams shutting each other down. Senior goalie, Nate Sommers was able to shut down the Williamsville North scoring attack after their two early goals, stopping their next 21 shots. Williamsville North goalie, Matthew Ladd, played a strong game facing 19 shots and some very good scoring chances from Niagara Wheatfield.

In the regional finals, the Falcons fell victim to a slow start versus Ithaca from Section 4. They fell behind 3-0 early in the second period. They managed to re-group, take the game over, and come back and close the gap 3-2, but an untimely call gave Ithaca a Powerplay goal to take the lead 4-2. The Falcons came back though and scored after pulling the goalie with 3 minutes left in the third. The game looked as if the Falcons would send it to overtime, but unfortunately they ran out of time, losing to Ithaca, 4-3.

-Richard Wrazin, Coach



Boys Ice Hockey

Sectional Champions



Williamsville East - Division II

Girls Ice Hockey

Sectional Champions

Kenmore

The Kenmore girls ice hockey team won their third straight Section 6 Championship this season. The team beat Iroquois/Lancaster 2-1 in an exciting championship game. Jill Battista scored her second goal of the game with 2:39 remaining to seal the game for Kenmore. Megan Fonfara scored the lone Iroquois/Lancaster goal. The game was a close back and forth battle, similar to how the girls ice hockey league has been all year. "No team could take a night off this season; our league is so competitive from top to bottom.

Kenmore has been led all season by their defense and goal tending. Defensemen Grace Simmons and Kaeli Mathias have led the charge. The two of them have been a major part of shutting down opposing offenses. The back bone of the Kenmore team has been Junior, Goaltender Lauren Pray. Lauren is a two time All-WNY First Team selection. Lauren leads the league with a 1.49 goals against average and a .929 save percentage. Lauren gives Kenmore a shot to win every game.

-Jeff Orlowski, Coach



Photo courtesy of
Andrea Burke

Rifle

Sectional Champions



.22 Caliber Rifle - Clarence

L to R: Matt Glauber, Anna May Lawrence, Karen Eisenberger, Eddie Schmitt, Jake Saeli.



Air Rifle - Alden

L to R: Noah Fox, Melanie Hoffmann, Albert Boucher, Katie Kaminski, Mike McMurtree.

Rifle Sectional Championship Individual Results

Prone	Eddie Schmitt	Clarence	98.07
Offhand	Noah Fox	Alden	93.04
Kneeling	Matt Glauber	Clarence	91.04
Aggregate	Noah Fox	Alden	277.13
Air Rifle	Albert Boucher	Alden	280.07

Boys Indoor Track

Sectional Champions

1000 Meters & 1600 Meters TJ Hornberger - Lake Shore

TJ Hornberger competed in his 10th state meet this past winter when he ran during his indoor season. TJ won the 1600 and 1000 meter runs at sectionals and ran in both events at the state meet. During the state meet he placed 6th in the 1000 and 4th in the 1600. Although he did not PR in these events, he ran extremely well all year and it was amazing to watch him compete for Section 6 one more time. The outdoor season looks very promising for TJ as he hopes to bring home a second state title continuing his success in cross country.

-Chuck Kowalski, Coach



High Jump Teddy Okon - Clarence

Teddy Okon capped an impressive 2014 Indoor Track season with a return trip to the New York State Championship meet. Teddy earned the trip to the state meet by repeating as sectional champion in the high jump. Teddy also set a school record and tied his personal best with a jump of 6'7". Teddy regularly won the high jump in competitions throughout the indoor season and finished third overall at the state meet. Teddy also did well in the triple jump and long jump this season. Teddy will be competing next year at SUNY Binghamton.

-Kevin McCuen, Coach



3200 Meters Dan Huben - Clarence

Dan Huben came home with the 3200 meters sectional win with his best time of the season. This was Dan's third trip to states in this event, being the runner up in 2012 and 2013. He also ran on the 3200 meter relay during the 2012 and 2013 season. He has been the captain the past two years and will clearly be missed for his leadership.

-John Hunt, Coach



4x200 Meter Relay Team - Jamestown

Sophomore, Henry Tapia, Senior, Da'Quon Hollingsworth, Senior, Kivanne Serrano, Senior, Kevin Tapia, and Junior, Awsten Beaver comprised Jamestown's 4x200 relay team; a dark horse that few people, including their coaches, didn't necessarily see coming. They entered the meet hoping to earn a patch, and through discipline and breaking through personal limits, were able to surprise even themselves.

-Steve Sipior, Coach

Girls Indoor Track

Sectional Champions



600 Meters Lauren Jenney - Iroquois

Note: Lauren also set an Iroquois school record in the 600 meter, and finished 11th at the state meet.



3000 Meters Katrina Patterson - Clarence

Freshman, Katrina Patterson won the 3000 meter with a real good race. She had very stiff competition and did a really marvelous job handling the pressure. She ran a very controlled race from start to finish. Her finishing kick really topped off the victory.

-John Hunt, Coach

Pole Vault Mikayla Capestrani - Jamestown



The Section 6 Girls Pole Vault Championship has been hotly contested for several years. As a junior, Mikayla bettered the state standard, but took 5th place at the State Qualifier Meet. This year, after going back and forth against the best vaulters in the Section, she became the only Section 6 girl to clear 11 feet. Her vault of 11' 3" at sectionals was both a personal best and a school record.

-Steve Sipior, Coach

55 Hurdles Summer Haight - Jamestown



A 4-year member of Jamestown's Indoor Track & Field team, Summer came into the state qualifier meet as the favorite in the 55 Meter Hurdles. Her personal-best time of 8.60 won the finals at the state qualifier, but was just .05 seconds off of the school record.

-Steve Sipior, Coach

Shot Put Jaskiran Dhaliwall - Grand Island

Jaskiran Dhaliwall, grade 12, won the 2013-2014 Section VI Shot Put Championship with a throw of 43' 5.75". She went the entire season undefeated in the shot, until the NYSPHSAA Championships, where she finished second behind Lancaster's Mackenzie Khuelwind. Earlier in the season, Jaskiran established her new personal and Grand Island High School's record distance of 47' 7", which at the time was the 2nd furthest throw in the nation according to Milesplits.com. After graduation, Jaskiran will attend The University at Buffalo, on a full athletic scholarship, as a member of the Bull's Track and Field Team.

Jason Bibler, Coach



Photo Credit: Bill Wende, Section 6 Runs

Girls 4x400 Relay Team - Clarence



Clarence's girls 4x400 relay team was the real surprise of the meet coming in as the fifth seed and winning. The team ran identical times in the trial and finals. The team consisted of Natalie Badding, Dana Warner, Maddy Hanford, and Talia Williams. They really came home strong with Natalie and Talia both doubling in the relays. Dana gave the team a good start and that got them going. When Talia got the baton on the last leg, she would not be denied running another outstanding leg.

-John Hunt, Coach

L to R: top, Maddy Hanford, Talia Williams; bottom, Natalie Badding, Dana Warner

Girls 4x800 Relay Team - Clarence

Clarence's girls 4x800 relay team ran their best race of the year to make it to states. The team consisted of Sophomore, Hanah Reinhardt, Sophomore, Talia Williams, Freshman, Natalie Badding, and Freshman, Katrina Patterson. They all ran good legs, starting with Natalie running a PR, leading off, Katrina and Hannah in that order, ran 2nd and 3rd solid splits. Talia was last and put the hammer down running an outstanding leg bringing home the victory. The photo tells the story with all the smiles. They are a young group and improving.

-John Hunt, Coach

L to R: Hanah Reinhardt, Talia Williams, Natalie Badding, and Katrina Patterson



Wrestling

Sectional Champions



Class AA - Lockport

The Lockport High School wrestling program capped off a historic 2013-2014 season by winning their first ever Section VI Class Championship on February 8th, 2014. The program has continued its steady climb over the past several years and was able to successfully unseat defending, multi-year champion Clarence with their win. Thirteen of Lockport's fifteen total entries placed in the top 6 in their respective weight classes highlighted by five weight class champions and seven finalists. The success of the program is the result of the hard work and dedication of so many athletes, coaches, alumni, parents, and other friends of the program. With just three starters lost to graduation, Lockport hopes to continue the upward trend of the program in the coming years.

- Joe Scapelliti, *Coach*



Class A - Lake Shore

The Lake Shore wrestling team has won back to back Section 6 Class A Championships. The team finished the season, ranked 5th in Western New York. Five wrestlers ended the season with 30 or more wins. In addition, Luke Catalalano and Frederick Eckles achieved the 100 wins mark with 110 and 113 respectively. I had a great year with the team. They are a hard working, committed group of athletes.

-Bill Sills, *Coach*

Class D - Chautauqua Lake/Panama/Westfield

The 2013-2014 Westfield/Chautauqua Lake/Panama wrestling team finished the season 13-4, ranked # 7 in Section 6, and awarded an honorable mention in New York State. The team won tournament championships at Byron Bergen, Ripley, and the Section 6 Class D Championship.

Junior, Nick Hudson finished the year with a second place finish and went over the 100 win marker, while Senior, Tyler Furlow who finished his career with a third place finish at the Section 6 State Qualifier at Niagara County Community College, both just missing a trip to Albany for the state tournament. Underclassmen Bryce Rowe, Mark Ecklund, and Kale Gilbert also finished the year placing at the state qualifier. The team had 13 of 15 wrestlers qualify for the Section 6 tournament making it the most in each school's history.

The coaching staff included Head Coach, Brad Rowe; Assistant Coaches: Ken Rowe, Lee Gilmore, Dan Hicks, Darwin Rowe, Lucas Weidman, Marty Rowe; and Modified Coach, Peter Dorman.

-Brad Rowe, *Coach*



Fall 2013

Football Character Award Winners

Sponsored by Cross Training Football

Team	Name	Week
Akron	Austin Lauricella	Week 5
Akron	Tommy James	Week 7
Albion	Steven Stauss	Week 5
Albion	Jon Trembley	Week 6
Alden	Phil Zobrest	Week 4
Allegheny / Limestone	Pete Harris	Week 2
Amherst	Bryon Fowler	Week 5
Barker / Royhart	Jake Haight	Week 2
Barker / Royhart	Chris Steves	Week 8
Bennett	Willie Adams	Week 2
Bennett	David Williams	Week 3
Burgard	Roderick Morrow	Week 5
Cassadaga Valley	Jaquan Watts	Week 6
Cassadaga Valley	Anthony Miller	Week 8
Cattaraugus / Little Valley	Justin Forster	Week 5
Cattaraugus / Little Valley	Kyle Morton	Week 8
Cattaraugus / Little Valley	Caleb Snow	Week 6
Cheektowaga Central	Kobe Walenka	Week 2
Clarence	Nick Audino	Week 1
Clarence	Britton Mann	Week 9
Cleveland Hill	Steve MacIlwain	Week 4
Clymer	Andrew Heil	Week 1
Clymer	Mitch Einink	Week 2
Depew	Anthony Buono	Week 7
Depew	Nick Yelich	Week 7
Depew	Derrick Sekuterski	Week 2
Depew	Rodney Turner	Week 4
Dunkirk	Issaiah Rivera	Week 4
Dunkirk	Lucas Lugen	Week 3
East	Pasquale Scaife	Week 3
Eden	Nick Sarratori	Week 1
Ellicottville	Cory Tomblin	Week 6
Ellicottville	Dylan Paprocki	Week 8
Falconer	Jacob Stimson	Week 7
Franklinville	Ethan Lawrence	Week 5
Fredonia	Cody Smith	Week 1
Frewsburg	Tage Johnson	Week 4
Frewsburg	Colin Anderson	Week 8
Frontier	Cameron Coons	Week 1
Frontier	Jordan Biggs	Week 8
Gowanda	Brennan Geiger	Week 7
Gowanda	Zack Stevens	Week 3
Grand Island	Ben Goc	Week 1
Grand Island	Tom Doctor	Week 4
Grand Island	Paul Sukmanowski	Week 7
Hamburg	Jeremiah Bill	Week 1
Hamburg	Joe De Grood	Week 3
Hamburg	Joe Degrood	Week 9
Hutch Tech	Roman West	Week 1
Hutch tech	Rayshwan McMillian	Week 7
Iroquois	Jeff Yax	Week 1
Jamestown	Joe Mistretta	Week 4
Jamestown	Jake Sisson	Week 9
John F Kennedy	Lexus Pollard	Week 8
John F. Kennedy	Jeff Retzer	Week 5
Kenmore East	Nick Jurewicz	Week 4
Kenmore West	Steve Kulik	Week 1
Kenmore West	Adam Fron	Week 6
Kenmore West	Trent White	Week 9
Lackawanna	Angelo Miranda	Week 4
Lakeshore	Jake Bomberki	Week 3
Lancaster	Tyler Winkowski	Week 1
Lancaster	Mitch Fuller	Week 4
Lancaster	James Empfield	Week 7
Lancaster	Taylor Danni	Week 9
Lancaster	Matt Syzmanski	Week 2
Lancaster	Kevin Colafranceschi	Week 3
Lew port	Noah Swenson	Week 6
Lew-Port	Zak Nelbone	Week 5
LewPort	Jack Wall	Week 2

Sectional Finals

Team	Name	Week
Alden	Brian Stoldt	Week 6
Cattaraugus / Little Valley	Justin Forester	Week 8
Cleveland Hill	Josh White	Week 2
Depew	Mike Lamb	Week 6
Fredonia	Steve Mignoli	Week 1
Frewsburg	Colin Anderson	Week 6
Frontier	Kenny Kahler	Week 1
Jamestown	Ben Larson	Week 6
Maple Grove / Ch Lake	Jonah Tanner	Week 1
Randolph	Mike Bowers	Week 3
Sweet Home	Kevin Gault	Week 3
Williamsville North	Dean Thompson	Week 5
Lockport	Charlie Sobieraski	Week 6
Lockport	Moziyah Townsend	Week 8
Lockport	Tyler Fraass	Week 2
Lockport	Michael Primerano	Week 6
Maple Grove/Ch Lake	Ryan Miller	Week 1
Maple Grove/Ch Lake	A.J. Hulton	Week 6
Maple Grove/Ch Lake	Nick Hudson	Week 9
Maryvale	Mike Kelleher	Week 5
Maryvale	Mike Kelleher	Week 3
McKinley	Jamar Rutledge	Week 1
McKinley	Rakeem Wells	Week 3
Medina	Dylan Lewis	Week 5
Newfane	Nathan Auernhammer	Week 7
Newfane	Kyle Brydick	Week 2
Niagara Falls	Shaolin McCray	Week 3
Niagara Wheatfield	Rob Ryan	Week 4
Niagara Wheatfield	Jason Vranic	Week 6
North Tonawanda	Chris Woodard	Week 6
North Tonawanda	Jake Ferry	Week 9
Olean	Luke Hennesy	Week 4
Orchard Park	Danson Hills	Week 2
Panama	Eric Schutt	Week 4
Panama	Ricky Eddy	Week 8
Panama	Jacob Short	Week 1
Pine Valley	Thomas Raiport	Week 6
Pioneer	Bryce Little	Week 3
Portville	Curtis Caya	Week 1
Portville	Brett Marcellin	Week 9
Randolph	Nick Hettenbaugh	Week 6
Riverside	Keonray Bryant	Week 4
Salamanca	Joe Hinman	Week 7
Sherman	Sam Van Valkenburg	Week 6
Sherman	Jacob Toy	Week 8
Sherman	Trevor Gleason	Week 2
Silver Creek	Sherman Williams	Week 1
Silver Creek	Mike Priest	Week 8
Silver Creek/Forestville	Jake Lewis	Week 3
South Park	Randy Bish	Week 1
Southwestern	Kyle Moran	Week 7
Southwestern	Nick Gustafson	Week 2
Springville	Tyler Conklin	Week 1
Starpont	Sam Terrazano	Week 8
Starpont	Austin Bratek	Week 4
Sweet Home	Steven Iverson	Week 1
Tonawanda	Christopher Mara	Week 5
West Seneca East	Brando Reilly	Week 7
West Seneca West	Peter Walsh	Week 2
Williamsville East	Tyler Crane	Week 5
Williamsville North	John Becht	Week 7
Williamsville North	Dick Isler	Week 1
Williamsville South	Sammy Castronova	Week 5
Wilson	Tyler Hedley	Week 5
Wilson	Kevin Duce	Week 2

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes Winter 2013-2014

Section VI selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Award for the 2013-2014 winter sports season. Of the 426 nominations; there are 25 repeat winners, 120 winners, and 281 honorable mentions.

Akron			Hamburg			Pioneer		
G. Basketball	Jennifer Komosinski	2X	B. Indoor Track	Jacob Wojnicki	2X	G. Indoor Track	Mikala Larder	W
B. Basketball	Noah Diebel	W	G. Indoor Track	Renee Meinhold	W	Salamanca		
G. Basketball	Gina Henley	W	G. Basketball	Kaley Reardon	W	B. Basketball	Matt Crandall	W
Alden			Holland			Southwestern		
G. Bowling	Katie Dobucki	W	G. Indoor Track	Samantha Maloy	W	B. Basketball	Riley Rybicki	2X
Amherst			B. Bowling	Noah Pincoski	W	B. Basketball	Kyle Moran	W
G. Basketball	Emilee Foster	W	Iroquois			G. Swimming	Jordan Powers	W
B. Swimming	Dimitri Lippe	W	G. Indoor Track	Lauren Jenney	W	G. Basketball	Emily Wuebbolt	W
G. Bowling	Marisa Moon	W	B. Swimming	Joshua Rosser	W	Springville		
B. Ice Hockey	Rauri O'Loughlin	W	B. Indoor Track	Austin Valvo	W	G. Basketball	Tainne Dallas	W
Wrestling	Zikun (Steven) Qian	W	Jamestown			B. Basketball	Nathan Wolcott	W
Barker			B. Indoor Track	Jonathan Healy	2X	Starpoint		
B. Swimming	Nolan Bouchane	2X	Kenmore East			G. Basketball	Amber Printup	W
G. Basketball	Olivia Denny	2X	B. Bowling	Nicholas Jurewicz	W	Sweet Home		
B. Basketball	Bryce Moeller	2X	Kenmore West			B. Indoor Track	Matthew Ciminella	W
G. Basketball	Julia Atwater	W	G. Ice Hockey	Brianna Mathias	2X	B. Ice Hockey	Matthew Hudson	W
G. Basketball	Brooke Bodine	W	G. Ice Hockey	Kaeli Mathias	2X	West Seneca East		
G. Swimming	Hayley Richbart	W	Lake Shore			G. Basketball	Caitlin Byrne	W
B. Basketball	Jarid Worthington	W	B. Basketball	Matt Vona	2X	Wrestling	Daniel Graham	W
Cassadaga Valley			G. Indoor Track	Makayla Arcara	W	West Seneca West		
G. Basketball	Jennifer Holley	W	Lockport			G. Indoor Track	Abigail Jankowski	W
Chautauqua Lake			B. Basketball	Daniel Bronson	2X	B. Indoor Track	Adam Sorrentino	W
G. Bowling	Heather Sullivan	2X	Wrestling	Bradley Blazier	W	Williamsville East		
Cheektowaga			B. Indoor Track	John Britt	W	G. Basketball	Kaitlyn Alcazaren	W
G. Indoor Track	Maria Dziekan	W	B. Swimming	Scott Guyton	W	B. Swimming	Ryan Berkun	W
Clarence			B. Swimming	Shawn Moore	W	G. Basketball	Lauren Diduro	W
B. Swimming	Sullivan Curry	W	B. Ice Hockey	Bradley Niedzialowski	W	B. Swimming	James Jiang	W
B. Indoor Track	Anthony Graber	W	G. Indoor Track	Rachel Williams	W	B. Basketball	Quinn Keenan	W
B. Swimming	Jeff Graziano	W	McKinley			G. Ice Hockey	Theresa Meosky	W
Indoor Track	Nick Knorz	W	G. Bowling	Aurora Vazquez	W	B. Ice Hockey	Michael Mostowy	W
B. Swimming	Emmanuel Rockwell	W	Newfane			B. Swimming	Prabhu Sasankan	W
B. Indoor Track	Alec Southern	W	G. Swimming	Kiki Dy	W	Williamsville North		
Depew			G. Basketball	Claire Puff	W	G. Indoor Track	Elana Chazen	2X
B. Basketball	Denis Vanini	W	Niagara Wheatfield			G. Indoor Track	Lauren Hudson	2X
East Aurora			B. Ice Hockey	Johnathan McCCasey	W	B. Indoor Track	Matthew Bartlett	W
B. Swimming	Carl Davidson	W	North Tonawanda			Wrestling	John Freda	W
B. Basketball	Grant Haffenden	W	G. Indoor Track	Courtney Crooks	W	G. Bowling	Theresa Pyrcce	W
B. Basketball	Bryce Potter	W	B. Ice Hockey	Brandon Lavocat	W	B. Swimming	Cooper Sullivan	W
G. Basketball	Stephanie Vail	W	G. Bowling	Cassidy Powers	W	Williamsville South		
Forestville			G. Basketball	Gretchen Ringler	W	B. Indoor Track	Joseph Couche	W
G. Basketball	Amanda Weaver	W	Orchard Park			G. Indoor Track	Camille Green	W
Frontier			Rifle	Morgan Bachert	W	B. Bowling	Matthew Maggio	W
B. Indoor Track	Adrian Cannon	2X	B. Indoor Track	Connor Jenson	W	G. Basketball	Allison Staebell	W
B. Basketball	Alexander Licata	2X	B. Ice Hockey	Charles Kritkausky	W	Wilson		
G. Basketball	Caisey Lipka	2X	G. Basketball	Megan McKendry	W	Wrestling	Chase Wheeler	2X
B. Ice Hockey	James Gleason	W	Wrestling	Steve Perchaluk	W	G. Basketball	Allie Bubar	W
B. Bowling	Chad Mee	W	G. Basketball	Noelle Poloncarz	W	G. Basketball	Kaylee Stoelting	W
			B. Basketball	Bradley Roman	W			
			G. Indoor Track	Emilee Welton	W			
			G. Indoor Track	Taylor Zicarelli	W			

Introducing...

Meet the Athletic Director

A new segment to the Section VI newsletter that profiles an Athletic Director from each league.

Josh Liddell, Chautauqua Lake Central School



Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association

Years of Administrative Service: 6 years

Education:

High School- Maple Grove
College/Universities - University of Mount Union - Bachelor of Arts (Integrated Social Studies & Secondary Education)
Alfred University - Master of Science in Education (Literacy & Elementary Education)
SUNY Fredonia - Advanced Certificate in School Building Leadership & School District Leadership

University at Buffalo - Ph. D program in Educational Leadership & Policy (present)

Family:

Wife - Chantelle, (pregnant with second child coming in July!)
Son - Paxton, 16 months old

Favorite Food:

Chicken and Steak

Favorite Movie:

Anything inspirational (Rudy, Hoosiers).....really enjoy ESPN's 30 for 30 series

Hobbies:

Recreational basketball and running. Anything outdoors (hunting & fishing)

Why did you choose athletics/education?

I really enjoyed my high school and collegiate athletic and educational experiences. I was fortunate to be on some good teams with coaches who made a lasting, positive impact on my life. I believe athletics and education go hand in hand and that getting students involved in athletics is an important component to keeping them interested in their own education. I have seen, time and time again, athletics provide students with much needed life tools and structure to help them graduate and be successful after high school.

David Carson, Barker Central School



Niagara Orleans League

Years of Administrative Service: 8 years

Education:

High School - Mt. Morris Central School
College - SUNY Brockport
• Certificate of Advanced Study, School Business Administration, Currently Enrolled
• Certificate of Advanced Study, Educational Leadership, Dec. 2008
• Master of Science, Major in Physical Education, Concentration in Athletic Administration, August 2003
• Bachelor of Science, Major in Physical Education & Sport, May 1998

Family:

Wife - Danielle Carson (Phys. Edu Teacher - Byron-Bergen Central)
Daughter - Madison, turned 2 this past August.
We are expecting our second child this June!

Favorite Food:

I can eat pizza every day.

Favorite Movie:

3-way tie: Hoosiers, Braveheart, and The Shawshank Redemption.

Hobbies:

Running, lifting, and basketball have been temporarily placed on hold. In its place is playing hide and go seek, dancing, coloring, watching Disney movies, and even playing with a Barbie Dreamhouse - anything for my daughter Madison.

Why did you choose athletics/education?

I knew that this was the path I wanted to take when I was a freshman in high school on the JV Basketball team. Like so many of the coaches that join the profession, I was inspired by my coach, Mr. Dave Geitner, who also served as the school's Jr./Sr. High School Principal. I wanted to have the same impact on kids that Coach Geitner had on us. All of us gave everything we had because we never wanted to disappoint our coach. In my opinion, this is the highest level of respect an athlete can have for their coach.

Greg Kaszubski, Clarence Central School



Erie County Interscholastic Conference

Years of Administrative Service: 26 years

Education:

High School - Amherst High School
College - Canisius College, BS
West Virginia University, MS

Family:

Wife - Christine (31 years)
Daughter - Melissa, resides in Washington, DC. Office of the General Counsel, Attorney, Department of Health & Human Services.
Daughter - Lauren, resides in Melbourne, Australia. Environmental Scientist,

CERES Corporation. CERES - Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies.

Son - TJ, student, soccer player at Hobart & William Smith College

Favorite Food:

Pizza

Favorite Movie:

Beverly Hills Cop

Hobbies:

Working out, coaching, tree trimming & tree removal

Why did you choose athletics/education?

I thoroughly enjoyed my high school experience as an athlete. My experiences in high school athletics helped prepare me for college and life. I wanted to become involved in physical education and high school athletics as a teacher, administrator, and coach in order to give back to students all the opportunities I had as a student growing up.

Meet the Athletic Director

A new segment to the Section VI newsletter that profiles an Athletic Director from each league.

Tiffany Rogers, WNY Maritime Charter School Independent League



Years of Administrative Service:
6 years

Education:
High School - North Collins Central
College - Canisius College

Family:
Husband - Rick, 13 years
Daughter - Savannah, 8 years old
Son - Easton, 4 years old

Favorite Food:
TGIF's Cajun Chicken & Shrimp

Favorite Movie:
Sister Act

Hobbies:
Playing sports (softball), watching sports, coaching sports

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?
After graduation, I had a brief career in semi-pro soccer. In keeping with my passion for sports and a college degree, I began my adventure in sports. Over the past 17 years, I have experienced the highs and lows of athletics, but it has never diminished my love for sports.

Patrick Burke, Lockport City Schools Niagara Frontier League



Years of Administrative Service:
29 Years

Education:
High School: Lockport High School
College: SUNY at Brockport (BS)
Niagara University (SDA)

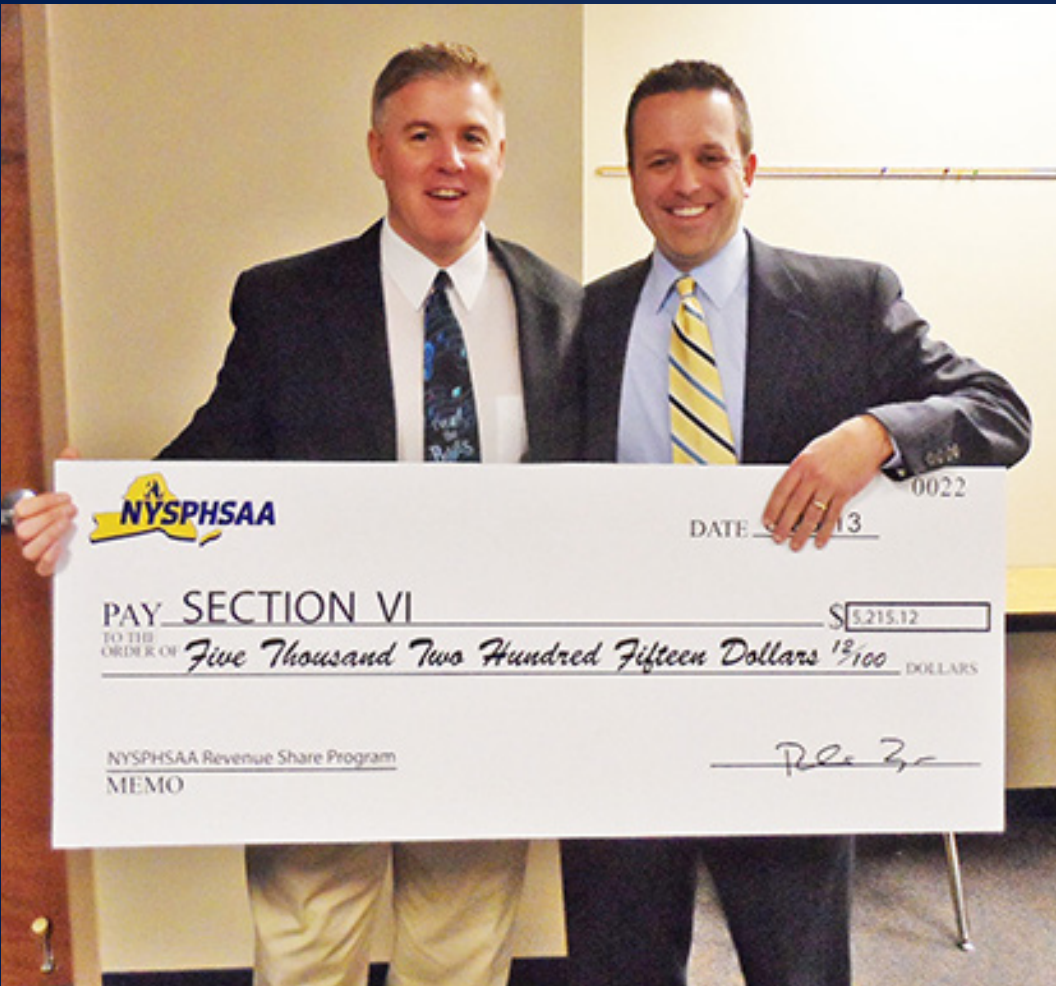
Family:
Wife - Becky, 26 years
Daughters- Andrea, Bridgette, Lindsey

Favorite Food:
Salmon and Jumbalaya

Favorite Movie:
Field of Dreams

Hobbies:
Spending time with family and friends

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?
I always knew that I wanted to teach and coach. An opportunity came along early in my career to become an athletic director (26 years old). I took it and have enjoyed the journey every step of the way.



NYSPHSAA Revenue Share Program

At the March 19th, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting, Robert Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA, Inc., presented a check to Section VI in the amount \$5215.12 as a part of the NYSPHSAA's Revenue Share Program. A total of \$45,000 was distributed among all 11 eleven sections. Twenty-five percent of the revenue generated from the NYSPHSAA contract with Time Warner Cable will be distributed annually over the next ten years to all 11 sections. The program was instituted to promote unity of the organization as a whole, and ensure that corporate contracts will not only benefit the state association in Albany, but the sections statewide.

Pictured left to right: Timm Slade, Executive Director, Section VI and Robert Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA, Inc.

New York State Athletic Administrators Association Chapter VI Award Winners 2014



Distinguished Service Award John Faller, Sweet Home

John Faller has been the face of Section VI Lacrosse since 1980. In 1977, Section VI had 7 boys varsity lacrosse teams participating across the section. In his 33 years as Section VI chairperson, the program has grown to 35 teams in 2013. In 1980, Mr. Faller started the "WNY senior lacrosse all-star games which still runs today. It is the longest running in the State".

Mr. Faller has been a physical education teacher in the Sweet Home School District since 1974. As the varsity lacrosse coach at Sweet Home, coach Faller has earned 6 Section VI championships. He also is a very successful football coach amassing a 200-66-1 record with 2 state championships in 2008 and 2009.

The Athletic Administrators of Chapter 6 would like to thank John Faller for all he has done for the boys lacrosse athletes of Section 6 in his 33 years as sports chairman.

Community Service Award Mike Wertman, Medina Journal



Mike Wertman has served as the sports editor of the Medina Journal Register for 35 years. Since August of 2013, he has handled local sports coverage for the local online paper "The Orleans Hub.com". His primary focus at the Medina Journal Register and at the Orleans Hub has been to cover local high school and community sports. His coverage area included the Niagara-Orleans League and Orleans County Schools in the Genesee Region League (Holley, Kendall, Lyndonville).

Mr. Wertman has earned the Niagara-Orleans League Foundation Award and Service Award. He also received the Orleans County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Wertman says his greatest accomplishment is "getting the opportunity to cover our area student/athletes at sectionals, regionals, and state level competition".

Mr. Wertman states "my goal has always been to give the fairest and most complete coverage possible to all of our area high school athletes and teams giving them the well-deserved recognition for their efforts and accomplishments".

The Athletic Administrators of Chapter 6 would like to thank Mike Wertman for all that he has done for the student athletes of Section VI and in particular, Niagara and Orleans counties.



Judith Martens Secretarial Award Gale Doe, Wilson High School

Mrs. Doe began working in the Wilson Central School in 1982 as a switchboard operator. In 1987, she took the opportunity to work in the athletic office for Athletic Administrator, Robert Dinse on a part-time basis. She stayed in that position for 8 years. She left the athletic office for a few years and returned in 2000 and has worked there ever since for Mr. Charles Jufer and Mr. Jeffrey Roth. She has been the secretary in the athletic administrator's office for a total of 21 years.

Mrs. Doe has been married for 36 years to her husband, Rich. They have two adult children, Stephanie and Stephen. Mrs. Doe states "I have always loved my job and working for the Wilson Central School District in particular. I work with wonderful people both inside and outside of the district who make my job easy and enjoyable on a daily basis and I will be forever grateful for the friendships I have made along the way."

On behalf of the students of Wilson Central School, the Athletic Administrators of Chapter 6 would like to congratulate Mrs. Gale Doe on a job well done.

Advice from the Sun...

*"Keep it Light; Rise to the Occasion; Look on the
Bright Side; Set Your Sights High; Renew Your Energy;
Keep a Sunny Disposition; Be Brilliant!"*

-Ilan Shamir

New York State Athletic Administrators Association Chapter VI Award Winners 2014



Athletic Administrator of the Year Kevin Lester, Williamsville South

In 1971, Kevin Lester began his educational career after graduating from St. Bonaventure University with a degree in physical education. While at St. Bonaventure, he split his time playing baseball and club football for the Bonnies. After graduation, he was hired to teach Physical Education in the Williamsville Central School. In 2013, he begins his forty-third year in that position. He received a Master's Degree in Administration and an SDA from Niagara University.

Throughout Kevin's career, he has coached football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, and wrestling. In 1985, Mr. Lester was appointed to the position of athletic director at Williamsville South and continues in that capacity today. During this time as athletic director, he has served on several committees and boards which included the ECIC Discipline Committee and several terms on the ECIC Boys Activity Board.

Kevin's community involvement includes volunteering on the Amherst Recreation Commission for 15 years, 20 years on the Village of Williamsville Planning Board and several years coaching youth programs in Amherst. Summers have

centered on him working in professional baseball. Since 1981, Kevin has served in several capacities such as a baseball scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Kansas City Royals; several years as the bull pen catcher for the Buffalo Bisons and is at present the official scorer for the Bisons. He developed the "Pitch-Hit and Run" and the "Rookie League" youth baseball programs for the Bisons. In 1983, Kevin played the part of a New York Knight in the movie "The Natural".

He has three sons, who are also teachers, and they all played football, baseball, and basketball for Williamsville South and all three have coached at Williamsville South as well. Kevin's wife of forty years, Janet, passed away in 2010.

For his efforts and community involvement, Kevin has been inducted into the "Amherst Avenue of Athletes" and the "Western New York Hall of Fame". He currently serves on the Buffalo Bisons' Election Hall of Fame Committee and the WNY Baseball Hall of Fame Election Committee.

It is with great honor and pleasure that the Athletic Administrators of Chapter VI honor Mr. Kevin Lester with the 2014 Athletic Administrator of the Year Award.

A Note from Kevin Lester

I was recently notified by Pat Burke (Lockport) that I was nominated and selected as the Section VI Athletic Administrator of the year for 2014. I am honored and humbled by my selection. I have always had so much respect for my athletic director friends who have had this honor bestowed upon them in the past.

For those of you throughout the Section that do not know me, I am and have been the athletic director at Williamsville South since 1986. Previously to being named athletic director, I coached and taught physical education in Williamsville since 1971. I would like to sincerely thank the Section VI Executive Committee and Selection Committee for their support of me for this prestigious honor. I have always been proud to be a member and representative of Section VI and in particular, ECIC. Every one of you knows what a rewarding job we have. What is better than being around and administering young student athletes? Although rewarding, we all know that it has its moments. Think about what we do and who we have to deal with in this job on a daily basis. We can be organized as ever and certain things, that we have no control over, can ruin our day. Many times our success is because of good luck and, of course, hard work. Sometimes our failures are because of bad luck.

Think about the number of people and or groups who we need to work with and get along with and who are affected by what we do: coaches, athletes, officials, custodians, trainers, doctors, nurses, building and district administrators, game supervisors, parents, college coaches and the media. And the most important people, our families and our secretaries. How would we ever do these jobs without the support and understanding of our wives, husbands, and children? I was very fortunate to marry my childhood sweetheart, Janet, who has since passed away. She supported and shared my passion and love of athletics and of Williamsville South. I have three wonderful sons; Kevin, Michael, and Patrick who attended, participated in athletics, and coached at Williamsville South. I also have three wonderful daughter-in-laws; Sara, Laura, and Maura. Sarah and Maura also attended, played for, and coached at South; Laura at Orchard Park. In addition, I have eight beautiful grandchildren who attend many Williamsville games and events. My tenure in Williamsville has not been a job, it has been a gift.

There have been so many people who have helped me throughout my career. I would like to especially thank the following: a special thank you to Dr. James Rusin, a great colleague and friend, my coaching staff past and present, and too many to mention after forty-three years. However, I would be remiss if I didn't mention three great men who coached for me who are no longer with us: Mike Kelley, Brian Hansen, and Gerry Gentner. And how about the secretaries - I would like to thank Beth Fadeley and Pauline Turski from the Section office, Leane Moore and Carly Graczyk from the ECIC office, Karen Osborne and Mary Ann Gambino from the Williamsville District office, and my present secretary at Williamsville South, Sheri Hrynczak. Also, I would like to give a special thank you to my former secretary and close friend of twelve years, Mrs. Micheline "Mickey" Druar.

I often think about the former Section VI Athletic Directors who have either retired or passed away and I thank them for their professionalism and friendship. To all, a sincere "thank you", and as I previously mentioned; I am honored, humbled, and proud to receive this award.

-Kevin Lester

Additional Winter 2013-2014 Champions

Team State Champions

Frontier, Boys Bowling - Class A

Individual State Champions

MacKenzie Kuehlewind (Lancaster), Girls Indoor Track - Shot Put

Team Regional Champions

Olean, Boys Basketball - Class B

Team Sectional Champions

McKinley, Boys Basketball - Class A

Williamsville South, Girls Basketball - Class A

Lew-Port, Wrestling - Class B

Falconer, Wrestling - Class C

Starpoint, Boys Swimming - Class B

Frewsburg/Southwestern/Pine Valley, Boys Swimming - Class C

Individual Sectional Champions

Daquane Spikes (Sweet Home), Boys Indoor Track - 55 Hurdles

Boys Relay Team (Sweet Home), Boys Indoor Track - 4x800

Josh Willson (Sweet Home), Boys Indoor Track - Pole Vault

Mitch Fuller (Lancaster), Boys Indoor Track - 55 Meters

Boys Relay Team: S. Neumaier, K. Ruffner, N. Schlum, &
M. Velletta (Lancaster), Boys Indoor Track - 4x400

Matt Schaefer (Williamsville North), Boys Indoor Track - 300 Meters

Jack Behlmaier (Cheektowaga), Boys Indoor Track - 600 Meters

Dawan Jones (Tapestry), Boys Indoor Track - Long Jump & Triple Jump

Devon Patterson (Williamsville South), Boys Indoor Track - Shot Put

Terionna Ware (Sweet Home), Girls Indoor Track - 300 Meters

Sam Peterman (Sweet Home), Girls Indoor Track - 1000 Meters

Ashley Grazen (Lancaster), Girls Indoor Track - 55 Meters

Kelsey Barrett (Lancaster), Girls Indoor Track - 1500 Racewalk

Girls Relay Team: T. Cycon, A. Grazen, E. Young,
A. Mazur (Lancaster), Girls Indoor Track - 4x200

Lauren Hudson (Williamsville North), Girls Indoor Track - High Jump

Sydney Bova (Frontier), Girls Indoor Track - 1500 Meters

McKyla Brooks (Frontier), Girls Indoor Track - Long & Triple Jump

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