

The Line Up

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State Champions

Boys Basketball

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Middle Early College - Class C



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State Champions

Boys Basketball

Middle Early College - Class C *Continued from Page 1*

MEC faced many challenges during its run to winning sectionals. The team defeated a physical Randolph, 57-47, in the semifinals of sectionals and beat a very good Silver Creek 60-51. JOJO Staton scored 29 points during that game followed by Billy Rivera's 17 points. Gary Foster and Brian Johnson controlled the boards and Hakeem Dobbins provided some deep shooting, chipping in 5 points.

In the sectional cross-over game, MEC defeated city rival Olmsted, 65-62. Olmsted made a late 7 point surge to cut the lead, but MEC hung on for victory. The team had balanced scoring from 5 players in double digits. During sectionals, JOJO Staton was named MVP while Gary Foster and Brian Johnson were named to the All Tournament Team.

The road to Glens Falls was difficult for MEC as Early College Prep (Rochester) proved to be a strong competitor. The game was close with a late charge by the Rochester team. However, MEC held its ground with JOJO Staton providing 20 points; Gary Foster with 13 points, 15 rebounds, 5 assists, and 6 blocks; Brian Johnson with 12 points and 11 rebounds; Amir Jemes with 8 points and 6 assists; and a strong performance by Hakeem Dobbins off the bench. The final score was 62-58.

In the NYSPHSAA semi-final game, MEC won 75-51 over Ausable Valley. During that game, Gary Foster led the team with 22 points and 12 rebounds; JOJO Staton added 18; Billy Rivera added 14; Amir Jemes added 7 points and played great defense; Lorenzo Truitt had 8 rebounds and 4 points, playing strong inside; and Sophomore

Hakeem Dobbins scored 4 points.

The team played well in both games. Gary Foster was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Class C tournament. JOJO Staton and Billy Rivera were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Middle Early College (MEC) finished the season as the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Class C Champions with a strong 82-40 win over Haldane. Gary Foster finished with 24 points, 17 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 blocks to be named player of the game. Joseph "JOJO" Staton finished with 18 points and 5 assists; Billy Rivera finished with 17 points and 9 rebounds; and Amir Jemes played a great defensive game shutting down Haldane's leading scorer and adding 5 assists. Brian Johnson had 13 rebounds and 4 points, dominating inside.

During the Yale Cup season, MEC finished second in a very competitive league, going 11-2, which earned the team the number #1 seeding in Class C2. Eight players made the All-League Team. Gary Foster and Joseph Staton were named to the First Team All Yale Cup. Brian Johnson and Billy Rivera were named to the Second Team, Amir Jemes made Third Team, and Lorenzo Truitt, Sophomores Nader Ngoopos-Kompany and Hakeem Dobbins made Honorable Mention All Yale Cup.

This year had its ups and downs, but the boys reached their ultimate goal of winning the state title.

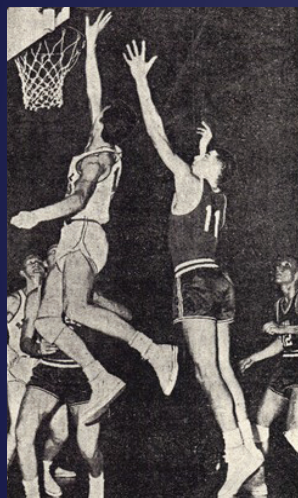
-Randy Rich, *Coach*

Throwback to...

Jim Walker, current Niagara Frontier League (NFL) Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Assigner in...

1973-2001 Coach at Lewiston-Porter High School

1957
as an athlete



Jimmy Walker, University of Buffalo sophomore, tips in a rebound in a game against Cornell.

1958
as an athlete

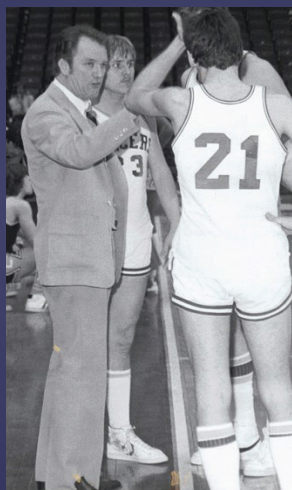
Walker, Ex-Lew-Port Cager, Stars for UB

Jim Walker, former Lewiston-Porter High School star, led the University of Buffalo to a convincing 78-71 victory over highly-regarded Akron during the 1957 season.

Walker notched 18 points as the Bulls picked up their 11th in 15 games during the course of the season and improved their chances of gaining an at-large spot in the NCAA Small College Division Tournament.

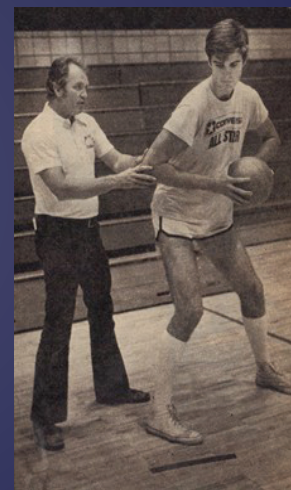
Walker, a junior, topped five men in double figures as the Bulls overcame the Zips' 46-34 edge in rebounding.

1978
as a coach



Coach Walker and team at the state championships (Lew-Port Class A Sectional Champions)

1979
as a coach



Coach Walker warns Wadlinger that if he keeps his elbows too far extended he may be called for a foul.

1985
as a coach



Coach Walker with athletes Alan Elia and David Clawson

State Champions

Boys Ice Hockey

Kenmore East - Division II

The Kenmore East boys' hockey team finished the regular season with an overall record of 12-7-1 and a record of 9-6-1 in Federation league play. The Bulldogs won the Division II title edging out Bishop Timon by just one point. The team experienced several high points during the season including a 3-1 win over defending Catholic State Champion Canisius, a win over defending Section VI Champion Williamsville East, and a tie with #1 state ranked St. Joe's.

The team did very well during the regular season against top-level state competition defeating Pittsford, McQuaid, and Potsdam. The team was led by Captains Cullen Smyth, Trevor Pray, and Anthony Tulipane. Pray and AJ Marinelli finished, tied for the lead in Division I and Division II, scoring each with 14 goals and 15 assists. The goaltending tandem of Brad Hermann and Chase Ford was solid throughout the year, allowing the fewest goals for any team in Division II. After the regular season was completed, Pray, Marinelli, and Smyth received All-Federation and 1st Team Division honors for their performances. Honorable Mention recognition went to Joey Spataro, Hermann, Tulipane, and Sam Balisteri.

In the Section VI play-offs the Bulldogs opened with a 6-0 victory over rival Kenmore West. Hermann recorded the shut-out while Pray had 4 goals and 1 assist. Marinelli had 1 goal and 4 assists. The Bulldogs then played a very determined Williamsville South team in the sectional semi-finals, defeating the Billies, 4-3, in overtime. Cullen Smyth tied the game for the Bulldogs with just 38 seconds left and Pray won the game for the Bulldogs with his second goal of the game 1:05 into overtime. After losing to Williamsville East in the 2014 and 2015 sectional finals, the Bulldogs finally got revenge and defeated the Flames, 5-2, in the sectional final. Pray notched all five goals for the Bulldogs and line mate Marinelli assisted on four of them. Pray was named Section VI Play-Off Most Valuable Player.

Moving on to the state tournament, the Bulldogs hosted St. Lawrence out of Section X in the state quarter-final. The Bulldogs exploded with 3 first-period goals and never looked back as they defeated the Larries, 6-1. Smyth and Spataro had two goals each, while Pray and Marinelli each added one tally. The Bulldogs advanced to the state semi-finals, at Buffalo's Harbor Center for the first time ever. The Bulldogs took advantage of the home ice as they defeated Lake Placid out of Section VII, 11-0. Marinelli had 4 goals and 4 assists and Pray had 3 goals and 3 assists. Hermann and Ford shared the shut-out in goal. In the State Final, the Bulldogs trailed 1-0 going into the third period against



defending State Champion Skaneateles. Russ Riggio tied the game on one of the most beautiful goals of the year. Skaneateles went up again, 2-1, but the Bulldogs replied and made it 2-2 on a power play goal by Pray.

The teams went to overtime. At 6:20 of the first overtime, Pray batted home the winning goal off a rebound from a shot by Marinelli and the Bulldogs claimed the championship. This was the second state championship for the Bulldogs in five years (2012). Pray was selected as the New York State Division II Player of the Year, State Tournament MVP, and 1st Team All-State. Spataro and Hermann were selected for the All-Tournament First Team and Smyth received First Team All-State honors for his play in the regular season. Marinelli was selected Second Team All-State for his regular season play. Pray had a remarkable 17 goals and 7 assists in 6 play-off games while Marinelli had 6 goals and 16 assists. Coach Kyle Pray was named New York State Division II Coach of the Year.

NYSPHSAA

2015 Coaches of the Year

James Cavaretta, Newfane Boys Swimming & Diving



Jim Cavaretta and Doug Ames, Newfane Athletic Director

Terry McMahon, Orchard Park Boys Tennis



Terry McMahon and Dave Hack, Orchard Park Athletic Director

State Champions

Girls Gymnastics

NYSPHSAA - Gymnastic Championships 2016 - Team Results

PLACE	TEAM	TOTAL	VAULT	PI 1	BARS	PI 2	BEAM	PI 3	FLOOR	PI 4
1	SECTION 6	184.375	47.000	1	46.275	2	44.875	2	46.225	1
2	SECTION 11	181.850	45.550	3	46.800	1	44.950	1	44.550	2
3	SECTION 3	176.625	45.675	2	43.150	3	43.825	3	43.975	4
4	SECTION 1	173.575	44.700	4	42.050	4	42.675	5	44.150	3
5	SECTION 8	168.725	43.000	7	39.725	5	42.725	4	43.275	5
6	SECTION 5	168.000	43.675	5	39.375	6	41.975	6	42.975	7
7	PSAL	164.900	42.975	8	38.250	8	41.200	7	42.475	8
8	SECTION 2	163.450	43.050	6	38.900	7	38.275	9	43.225	6
9	SECTION 9	152.525	40.850	9	32.000	9	38.900	8	40.775	9
10	SECTION 7	145.900	39.950	10	30.550	10	36.550	10	38.850	10

Girls Gymnastics - State Team



State Team

The Section VI Girls Gymnastics team came home from Albany victorious from the NYSPHSAA State Competition on February 27th, 2016. These ten athletes from six different high schools (Frontier, Hamburg, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Williamsville North, and Williamsville South) represented the Section with outstanding results.

The team, comprised of 3 seniors, 2 juniors, 4 freshmen, and 1 eighth grader, came home with the New York State Team title, which they also brought home in 2014. The Section VI team scored 184.375, XI -181.85, III - 176.625, I - 173.575, VIII - 168.725.

Senior Mackenzie Donner from Lancaster and Freshman Zoe Kyriakopoulos of Williamsville North also each came away as State individual champions.

The team started the meet on uneven bars where it seemed they could do no wrong. With only one near miss, the team scored above a 9.00. Our first competitor, Madison Penetrante (WN) started the team off with a stellar routine and hit a 9.45 - the teams highest for that event and placed 3rd for her efforts. Samantha Miller (H) hit a solid routine for a 9.00, Donner also had a very strong 9.20 (8th), Miranda Roberson (WS) 9.225 (7th), Gabbi

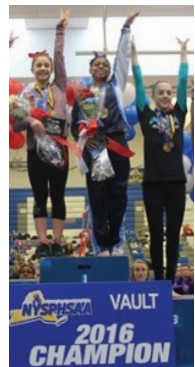


Mackenzie Donner

Gare (WS) with a strong save from falling 8.90, and Kyriakopoulos 9.40 placing 4th. With no major errors, the team was off to an exciting start, but was headed over to beam where they would have to remain cool and calm with the added nerves of hitting their routines.

Over on balance beam, we had a little trouble, but were still able to remain in the lead. Savannah Gonsiorek (F) 8.05, Donner 9.20 (4th), Gare 8.90, Penetrante 9.275 (2nd), Roberson 8.45 and Kyriakopoulos with an uncharacteristic fall, scored 9.05, which was good enough for 7th place.

The team's third event was floor exercise where we knew we could make up some points if we stuck. Kyella O'Connor (F) started off with an 8.90, Miller followed with an 8.825, Roberson attacked her set and was rewarded with a 9.30 (5th), Gare was equally determined and with a 9.225 placed 7th. Donner was unbelievable and had the performances of her high school career. It was as though all her hard work was coming together in this one meet! She scored a 9.50, which ultimately crowned her as floor exercise champion! Kyriakopoulos also performed very well, placing 5th with a 9.30 to tie with teammate Roberson.



Zoe Kyriakopoulos

With one event left to go, the team, which had bonded over the past few months, was ecstatically cheering each other on! We had watched several other sections struggle on the vault, but we had a good warm-up and were prepared and ready to go. Miller with a 9.00 started us off with a strong start. Vault Specialist, Trinity Tartaro (OP) blew us away with a 9.45 placing 7th, Roberson 9.10, Donner still on a high from floor blasted her vault for a 9.55 (5th), and Kyriakopoulos was ready to leave her mark at the state championship by becoming the vault state champion with a score of 9.70!

Both Donner and Kyriakopoulos tied for 2nd in the All-Around (37.45) followed by Gare (6th) and Roberson (7th). The girls were outstanding teammates, including alternate Claire Eichner (H), and demonstrated excellence in the sport of gymnastics.

-Donna Aquino, Section VI Girls Gymnastics Chair

State Champions

Boys Swimming

Jamestown - Matt Marsh

50 Yard Freestyle and 100 Yard Freestyle

Matt Marsh added to his resume this year by taking home with him a pair of New York State Championship titles. Matt first won the 50 Yard Freestyle with an automatic All-American time of :20.62. In Matt's last race of the season, he finished first in the 100 Yard Freestyle with an All-American consideration time of 45.51.

In addition to his state meet titles, Matt was first in the 100 Yard Freestyle and the 100 Yard Breaststroke at the ECIC Class AA Championships. He set three Sweet Home pool records and was named swimmer of the meet. Matt then moved on to the Class A Championships where he placed first in both the 200 Yard Freestyle and the 100 Yard Breaststroke and was again named swimmer of the meet. At the sectional championships, Matt continued his streak winning the 50 and 100 Yard Freestyles. Matt was also a member of the 200 Yard Medley and 200 Yard Freestyle Relays that qualified him for the New York State Championships.

Matt also set numerous Jamestown school and Section VI pool records this year. He will continue his successful swimming career at West Virginia University next year.



State Champions

Girls Indoor Track

Orchard Park - Jenna Crean
300 Meter Run

Jenna, only a 9th grader, is the 2016 Sectional Champion and 2016 NYSPHSAA Champion in the 300 Meter Race. She also came in 2nd in the 55 at the Sectional Championship. Jenna was voted the Female Track Athlete of the Year for Large Schools by Section VI coaches. Last year, as an 8th grader, Jenna broke the 8th grade NYS record and finished in 3rd place. This year, Jenna's amazing time from States has her listed as the fastest freshman in the country!!!!

-Greg Lardo, Coach



Sweet Home - Tiana Luton
55 Meter Hurdles

Tiana Luton won the Section Title in the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.36, which was a huge .15 second PR in the event. However, the real story was the next weekend. Tiana went into the state champs seeded 5th, after her semi-final run of 8.29 (another PR), she was seeded 1st going into the final. In the finals, she ran 8.21 for a huge PR, thus acquiring the State title. She sacrificed some races and times earlier in the year, only to have had a breakthrough when it mattered the most!



State Champions

Boys Indoor Track

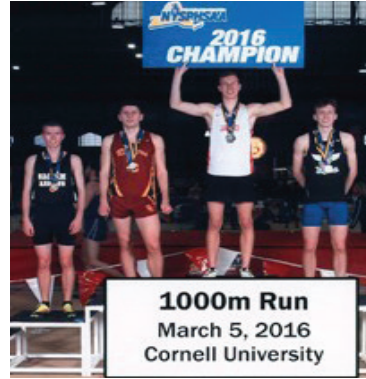
Lancaster - Colin Blair Shot Put



Colin Blair

Colin had a great season setting school records in the Shot Put (60'4") and Weight Throw (68'8 3/4"), also a Section VI record. He won the NYSPHSAA title in the Shot Put and finished 2nd in states for the Weight Throw.

Lancaster - Steve Neumaier 1000 Meter Run



Steve Neumaier

Steve was ranked #2 in NYS prior to winning the 1000 Meters at sectionals and then winning the NYSPHSAA title at the state meet. He was also a member of the 4x800 Meter Relay team that won sectionals and finished 10th at the state championship meet.

2016 NFHS Heart of the Arts Award Kaleigh Hunt



The National High School Heart of the Arts Award was created by the NFHS to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities.

Pictured left to right: Al Gens, President Elect, Karl Schwartz, Ellicottville Athletic Director, Kaleigh Hunt, and Mark Ward, Ellicottville Superintendent

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State Champions

Wrestling

Maple Grove - Brad Bihler Division II, 138 lbs.

Bradley Bihler finished his decorated career as a New York State Champion. Brad began his senior year as a three-time state place finisher, having placed 3rd, 4th, and 6th during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Coming off his 6th place finish at 126 in 2015, Brad moved up 2 weights to 138 and increased his training and practice regimes. Brad found a lot of success and entered the post season with a 42-2 record. Brad won multiple tournaments throughout the year including Maple Grove, STOWA, NCCC, and placed 5th at the highly competitive Eastern States.

In Albany, Brad used a first round pin, a 7-1 decision in the second round, and 2 decisions in the semi-finals and finals to secure his state championship. With that win, he became the first wrestler to earn a state title from Maple Grove. Brad also finished his career with a school record, 193 wins.

Brad will leave Maple Grove as its most decorated wrestler ever. His success can be attributed to a dedicated work ethic, and a great group of practice partners throughout the years. Brad is interested in continuing his wrestling career at a Division 1 college while studying Business Management.



Falconer - Jake Peru Division II, 182



Two Falconer wrestlers proved that they were worthy all state competitors. One of which, Junior Jake Peru, captured the state title at 182 pounds. It is just the second state wrestling title in Falconer school history. Ironically, Peru is named after Falconer's only other champion, Jake Schaus, who captured the title at 145 pounds in 1994.

Amherst - Kellen Devlin Division II, 132

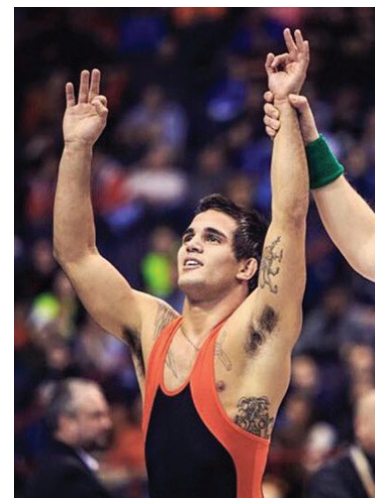
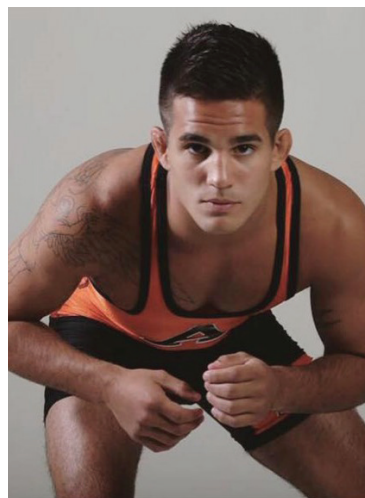
Kellen Devlin finished one of the greatest careers in Section VI wrestling history by winning his third straight NYSPHSAA title in convincing fashion, winning 9-0 over Ryan O'Rourke from Adirondack H.S. He outscored his opponents 45-2 over the course of four matches in Albany. He joins Ryan Needle of Newfane as the only three time champions from Section VI. He also had a third place finish in 2013 before beginning his championship streak as a sophomore.

Devlin finished his career with a record of 259-16. His dominance of Section VI can be seen in his five straight Section VI championships. The only loss in the post season in Section VI came as a seventh grader when he lost in the finals despite entering the match undefeated. He is also a four-time NHSCA All-American, winning a national championship as a Junior in the spring of 2015. He will continue his career at North Carolina State University.

-Dennis Bauer, Coach



Bradley pictured with Assistant Coach Micek (left) and Head Coach Tim Shrout



State Champions

Wrestling

Barker/Roy-Hart - Cameron Swick Division II, 160 lbs.



Roy-Hart Wrestler Cameron Swick (Sr.) came into the 2015-16 season for the Barker/RH Wrestling team determined to win, and Cameron did just that! Having missed his entire junior wrestling season due to a broken leg that occurred in September, which was followed by a bone infection during his recovery, one can understand where his fight and determination came from. Cameron worked extremely hard throughout the off season-waking up at 6am and working out, wrestled and trained with other NYS champions and coaches during the summer, and his pure DESIRE to compete at his highest level for his final high school year.

Cameron began his 2016 NYSPHSAA championship campaign at the Orchard Park tournament in December 2015 and at the NCCC tournament in January 2016. At these events, Cameron took home 1st place finishes and was named "Most Outstanding Wrestler" at the Orchard Park tournament. His success continued throughout the Niagara Orleans League (NO) wrestling season, where he went undefeated in all of his NO contests, NO All League Tournament, Class C Sectional Tournament, and completed the run with a NYS championship victory in Albany.

Cameron captured the "perfect season" finishing 35-0 and becoming the 3rd New York State Wrestling Champion in Roy-Hart school history, joining Lou Rosselli (1988) and Drew Hull (2013). Congratulations Cameron.....Once A Ram....Always A Ram!

-Keith Jones, Coach

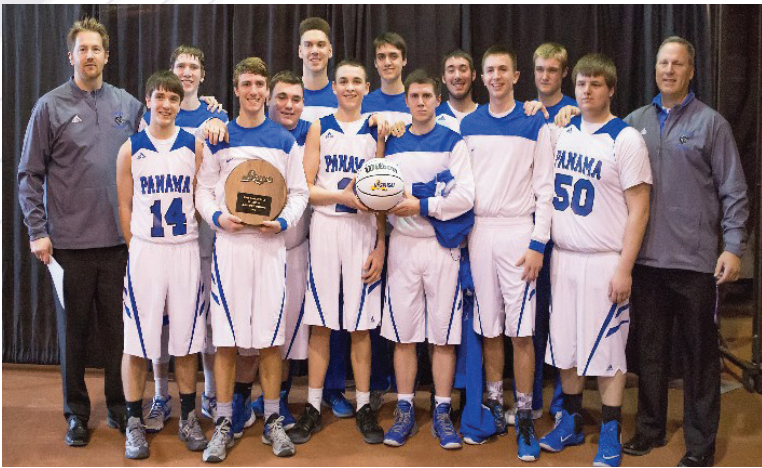
Cameron Swick with Head Coach and NO League Coach of the Year Keith Jones



Regional Champions

Boys Basketball

Panama - Class D



From left to right; Coach Ed Nelson, Lucas Golden, Chris Blose, Jack Payne, Tanner Newman, Josh Eddy, Jarett Yuchnitz, Nolan Eggleston, Josh Odell, Anthony Frangione, Dylan Marsh, Tristen Frye, Cody Hadley, Coach Chris Payne.

The Panama Panthers boys' basketball team ventured into uncharted waters in the 2015-16' season, as they participated in their first Final Four in school history and ended the season as the #3 ranked team in the state. The boys' season would eventually end at the hand of a Moriah team who was making their 3rd straight Final Four appearance and ranked #1 in the state, with a 25-0 record. Moriah ended up trimming the Panthers by a score of 62-59. Panama, who finished the year 22-3, had the lead for most of the game and was up 13 points with 4 minutes left, but went cold and surrendered the final 16 points to Moriah in a heart breaking loss at Glens Falls.

Season Recap: After starting out 1-2, the Panthers won 21 consecutive games in route to becoming the most decorated boys team in school history. The Panthers started off the year competing against some very strong non-league opponents in Randolph and Chautauqua Lake, who both had very strong showings at sectionals with Randolph reaching the semi-final game in Class C-2, and Chautauqua Lake losing to Olmsted in the Class C-1 final.

Williamsville South - Class A



During the season, the Panthers competed in and won the Prattsburg Christmas Tournament (Section V) with Senior Josh Eddy winning tournament MVP and Senior Jack Payne making the All-Tournament Team.

The Panthers were the epitome of "team basketball", having 4 seniors average nearly 15 points per game. The Panthers used balanced scoring and intense man to man defense to make their push to the Final Four. Point Guard and Senior Chris Blose scored a team high 417 points this season, making him the 3rd leading scorer for a season in Panama school history. Chris also had 240 rebounds to go with his 120 assists on the season. Shooting Guard and Senior Josh Odell was a three-point specialist. Josh scored 693 points in his career at Panama with 157 made three-pointers. Josh was a 1st Team All-League player and was recognized as a member of the All-State Tournament team, scoring 26 points in the semi-finals at Glens Falls. Jack Payne was another starting senior and guard who had the ability to dribble penetrate a defense and knock down a perimeter shot, making him a dual threat. Jack shot 45 percent from three-point range, shooting a stifling 57 out of 127 attempts from long range. Jack finished the season with 310 points and was named a First Team All-League player. Senior Josh Eddy led the Panthers with 329 rebounds to go with 341 points. Josh had the ability to control the point and caused many teams to change their offensive game plan with his ability to make them alter shots. Josh garnered First Team All-League player and will play basketball at the collegiate level next year. Lastly, Senior Jarett Yuchnitz was the last member of the starting 5. Jarett's shining moment came when he knocked down a game winning three-pointer to beat league rival Westfield after being down by 20 points with 4 minutes left in the 3rd quarter. Jarett was a key lock down defender and a vital member of the team.

Although, the Panthers were not able to cap off the season with a state championship, they were named Division Champions, Sectional Champions, and Regional Champions. The 2015-2016 Panama Boys Basketball team will go down as one of the most successful in program history.

-Ed Nelson, Coach

Spotlight...

Cincinnati Bengals Sign Joe Licata



This spring, former Williamsville South High School graduate and UB Bulls quarterback signed as a free agent with the Cincinnati Bengals.

"People get infatuated with arm strength but what makes the greats great is anticipation and accuracy, and I think that's my greatest strength on the field. People want measurables. People want the 6-5 guy who can run a 4.6 and throw the ball

through a wall. But there are not a lot of guys who can think the game too."

Section VI congratulates Joe on all of his accomplishments and wishes him the best with his football career and all of his future endeavors!



Regional Champions

Girls Basketball

Panama - Class D



The Lady Panthers finished the season with a record of 21-5, the most victories in a single season in Panama school history. The girls made history by going back-to-back to the State Final Four and upping last year's trip by reaching the Class D State Championship game. The Lady Panthers eventually lost a close game to Heuvelton 62-60. The season started by playing a challenging non-division schedule featuring many teams that ended its' season near or at the top of their division championships. Teams from Class AA through C in New York and Class AA schools from Pennsylvania helped prepare us for our tough division and eventually the Regional Championship. The first in our journey to the State Final Four was a victory versus Westfield, 71-35. Next was rival Pine Valley in the Class D semi-final at Jamestown Community College with Panama winning, 60-38. In the Section VI final, we played dominate defense holding, at the time, #10 Franklinville team at bay and winning 70-44. On the trip to the Regional final in Rochester, the Lady Panthers held on to a hard fought 56-51 over Section V's Wheatland-Chili. The magic continued at states and we proudly represented Western New York posting a 46-43 victory in the State Semi-Final over Fort Edward. In the Championship game versus Heuvelton, the Lady Panthers led in the 3rd quarter by 5 points, but could not hang on. Down by as many as 12 points in the fourth, the Lady Panthers mounted a valiant comeback with the final being 62-60.

-Jeff Angeletti, Coach

Williamsville North - Class AA



The Williamsville North girls' basketball team made a historic run to the Class AA State Basketball tournament this season. After losing their entire backcourt to graduation and moving the other two returning starters to different positions, North went on a run for a school record 24 straight wins. Their lone loss of the season came at Hudson Valley Community College to Shenendahowa High School in the state semi-finals.

Along the way, North was the ECIC Division I Champion and the Section VI Class AA Champions winning at Buffalo State College over Orchard Park. It was an important win for the Spartans who were beaten in the previous two sectional finals. That victory allowed North to play in the Far West Regionals against the #3 team in the state, Section V's Penfield. And to make it even more of a problem, the game was being played in Rochester on Section V turf. No Section VI team had ever won a Class AA regional game against Section V over the past 18 years.

On Saturday March 5th, the Spartans headed to Rochester for what almost everyone thought would be an easy win for Penfield. North's basketball team had other thoughts. In a game that was mostly controlled by Penfield, the Spartans made every effort to keep the game within reach. They trailed by 8 at the half and by 12 after the break as Penfield scored the first 4 points of the half. A switch to a 2-3 zone helped North close the gap to 4 at the end of the 3rd quarter, thanks in part to a half court 3 pointer by Freshman Audrey Craffey at the buzzer. North continued to chip away at the lead as Ericka Taplin (30 points/16 rebounds) hit 4 of 4 from the foul line in the final 23 seconds of the game to win it for the Spartans by a score of 59-56. North was 24-0 and headed to the state tournament.

A record setting season for Williamsville North: most wins: 24, most wins in a row: 24, and Far West Regional Champions.

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Sectional Champions

Boys Basketball

Niagara Falls - Class AA



The Niagara Falls High School boys' basketball team finished their Niagara Frontier League season undefeated with a 14-0 record. After a quarter-final victory over rival Niagara Wheatfield, the team headed to Buffalo State. The team moved on after a semi-final victory over Lancaster, and then earned the Section VI Class AA Boys Basketball Championship over Jamestown. A trip to Glens Falls fell short after their season ending loss to Aquinas. The Wolverines ended the season with an overall 18-5 record.

Sectional Champions

Girls Basketball

Holland - Class C

Holland Central's Lady Dutchmen repeatedly demonstrated the offensive balance and defensive grit that lead them to the overall Section VI Class C title. Holland was able to showcase their scoring balance in the C2 semi-final game versus Randolph. Kaitlyn Bulega jump started the Holland offense as she drove to the rim on three straight plays and opened up scoring opportunities. Three players from Holland reached double digits including Alicia Massara, knocking down five three-point shots (18 points on the night), while Olivia Schmidt showed off her court sense and basketball knowledge as she finished with 14 points and 9 assists. Cassidy Slocum (14 points) and Julia Grupp limited Randolph's second chance points as they combined for 23 rebounds.

The C2 finals showcased the fast tempo of Frewsburg against the playmaking and solid defense of Holland. As Holland worked to control tempo and slow down the fast paced Frewsburg on every possession, the defensive intensity for Holland turned into offensive success. Olivia Schmidt demonstrated why she is the three-time ECIC Division IV Player of the Year as she dropped 31 points and added 10 assists in the 58-42 victory. Cassidy Slocum added 14 points for Holland and was vital as a rim protector with 3 blocks. Essential minutes from back-up Guard Kara Schmidt and Reserve Forward Kaitlyn Bulega helped ensure the win. The victory over Frewsburg earned the Lady Dutchmen the school's first ever sectional title in basketball.

Holland defeated C1 powerhouse Allegany-Limestone 64-49 in the overall Class C cross-over game. Holland showed off its balance on offense and intensity on defense. Olivia Schmidt dominated the first half scoring as the Lady Dutchmen jumped out to a 28-15 halftime lead. Defensive intensity and rebounding success helped limit the effectiveness of a well-coached Allegany-Limestone team. Allegany-Limestone made adjustments in the second half that forced the Lady



*Front row left to right: Diana Bateman, Candace Jakubowski, Olivia Schmidt, Alicia Massara, Abby King, Kara Schmidt, and Kalei Winter
Back row left to right: Coach Dan Parker, Kaitlyn Bulega, Elizabeth Izydorczak, Cassidy Slocum, Jenna Lewis, Julia Grupp, Madison Scull, Rebecca Clemons, Haley Shanahan, and Assistant Coach Lukas Gill*

Dutchmen into a more balanced attack as Alicia Massara hit five three-pointers in the third quarter. Holland had eight different girls score in the game and played great defense in the paint. Cassidy Slocum, Kaitlyn Bulega, Julia Grupp, Jenna Lewis, Elizabeth Izydorczak and Rebecca Clemons were each instrumental in the Lady Dutchmen's success. This effort and unselfish play has earned the Lady Dutchmen the school's first Sectional Title (Class C2) and overall Sectional Title (Class C Overall) and a trip to the Far West Regional Final.

Sectional Champions

Girls Basketball

Lake Shore - Class A

The Lake Shore women's varsity basketball team consisted of one senior, eight juniors, one sophomore, and four 8th graders. The young team ended their season with a remarkable, overall record of 20 - 5 and a league record of 10 - 4. The team won three tournaments during the year, The Hae Jude Tournament, The Waste Management Tournament, and The Depew Wildcats Tournament. The team had quite the playoff run this season yet again, reappearing in the A2 Championship and beating Kenmore East and also knocking off former state champions, Williamsville South in the crossover game to become the overall Class A champions in a come from behind performance. This was the first appearance the team has made in Far West Regionals since 1996.

-Andrea Conrad, Coach



Olean - Class B



Sectional Champions

Boys Ice Hockey

Williamsville North - Division I



The Williamsville North boys' hockey team won its seventh Section VI ice hockey championship this year with a 1-0 victory over Niagara Wheatfield. Junior Adam Batz scored the eventual game winning goal in the first period, while Junior and Goalkeeper Jake Zurat preserved the shutout. The Spartans completed the season with a 17-5-2 after starting the season with three straight losses. North finished the season ranked sixth in New York State in the large school division. Seniors Dereck Westbrook, Matt Terrance, Jared Cummins, Kyle Wilk, Noah Bachwitz, Nick Tracy, Zach Kurbiel, Mike Kreuz, Anthony Fiorella, Zach Surowiec, Grant Hart, Mike Paolini, and Max Tracy led the Spartans to their most successful season in years.

Sectional Champions

Girls Ice Hockey

Kenmore/Grand Island



The newly merged Kenmore/Grand Island girls' hockey team captured their first sectional title the hard way. After earning the 4th seed in the sectional playoffs, the team put together a string of great hockey to capture the Section VI crown. Kenmore had captured four consecutive sectional titles prior to this season.

After downing #5 West Seneca in the quarters, the team upset top-seeded Williamsville, 4-1, and beat back #2 seed Orchard Park/Frontier, 4-2, to earn the slot in the New York State Frozen Four. It was the 4th trip to states for some of the Kenmore girls. The squad downed Canton, 4-3, in the NYS semi-finals before losing in the championship game, 3-2, against 1000 Islands/Alexandria Bay. Goaltender Cara Klopp was named Most Valuable Player of the state final despite the loss. The overall record was 10-6-3-0-1 (the number #1 represents an overtime loss).

The team was led in scoring by Olivia Smith with seven goals and four assists in six post-season games giving her a season total of 17 goals and nine assists for 26 points in just 20 games. Emily King and Olivia Smith both recorded their 100th career point during the season. Smith and Grace Simmons both earned First Team All-WNY honors and King was selected to the Second Team All-WNY.

The merged program resulted in Grand Island (GI) having five girls contribute greatly to the success of the team. The merger provided a fantastic opportunity for the GI students who otherwise would not have experienced the exciting season.

Sectional Champions

Boys Bowling

Frewsburg - Class D



Frontier - Class A



Lewiston-Porter - Class B



Tonawanda - Class C



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Niagara Frontier League President,
Section VI Football Federation Charter Member
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NYSAAA Awards Co-Chair, Chapter 6 Rep.,
President, NIAAA LTI Instructor,
NYSAAA Apple Award & Chapter 6 Award

James Trampert,
Orchard Park CSD (Retired),
Chapter 6



Orchard Park, NY
NYS Sports Official (3 sports), ECIC Boys'
Sports Chair, League & Section Committees,
Section VI Awards Chair, Athletic Council
Representative & Hall of Fame Committee,
ECIC Athletic Council President,
NYSAAA Chapter 6 Representative,
Site Chair & President, NYSED S/C Committee,
Chapter 6 Award, NIAAA State Award of Merit

Sectional Champions

Girls Bowling

Depew - Class B



The Depew Wildcats girls' bowling team won the 2016 Class B Title on February 11, 2016 during sectional competition held at Airport Lanes. The team bowled an opening game of 915, led by Freshman Rachel Wagner's 239 and Freshman Katie Gasiewicz's 214 and never looked back on route to the title. The Lady Wildcats bowled consistently throughout the contest with all 6 girls contributing at crucial points over the 6 game tournament. The girls bowled 864 in game 2 led by Senior Sara Snyder's 200 and another fine game by Rachel Wagner (210). During the final game of the morning session, the girls rolled 861 to finish with a three game total of 2640 total pins, establishing a lead of 231 over second place Springville. The Wildcats were also in 2nd place overall and certainly in the hunt for the 2016 Section VI crown.

In the afternoon session, the team started slowly with a 686 in game 4, but rebounded nicely rolling 847 in game 5 led by Senior Sarah Godfrey's 200, Rachel Wagner's 193, and Sara Snyder's 192. Sarah Godfrey clinched the title in game 6 by rolling a 247 and securing a 209 pin victory. Freshman Cora Stoddard and Junior Samantha Szykowny subbed in and out for each other thru the 6 game tournament. Both contributed timely strikes and marks to keep the quest alive. The Lady Wildcats finished as runner ups for the overall Section VI crown to Orchard Park.

Orchard Park - Class A



Pictured left to right: Sarah Radt, Nicole Newton, Kaitlyn Bartz, Coach Ruth Brock, Assistant Coach Ed Jensen Jr., Danielle Milo, Nicole Rzepka, and Maddie Jensen.

This was The Lady Quakers 2nd sectional win in 30 years. The last time they won was in 1986. Coach Brock's (Jensen) Senior year. The Lady Quakers had a division record of 8-2, which put them in 2nd place behind Division Champions Lancaster. They won the Roy Summers Tournament February 6th, 2016 at Airport Lanes along with the Orchard Park boys' bowling team.

The team was led by Sophomore and Captain Danielle Milo. Danielle's Division average was 197.83 (3rd in the division), she bowled a high set 657 (4th in the Division), and a high game 247. Danielle's total pin fall at sectionals was 1148, 1st overall. Freshman Sarah Radt had a 185 division average, 621 series, and 247 game. Sarah placed 2nd at sectionals with a total pin of 1143. Junior Nicole Rzepka had a 172 division average, 599 series, and 255 game. Nicole was 4th at sectionals with a total pin fall of 1129. Junior Maddie Jensen had a 183 division average, 586 series, and a 256 game. Maddie was 11th at sectionals with a total pin fall of 1085. Junior Nicole Newton rounded out the team with a 177 division average, 567 series, and a 212 game.

The Lady Quakers dominated the field with a total pin fall of 5545. This gave them a 461 pin lead from second place Depew and a 517 pin lead from third place Tonawanda.

Ruth Brock, Coach

"Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough."

-Og Mandino

Sectional Champions

Girls Bowling

Silver Creek - Class D



Pictured left to right: Katie Dittiger, Jamie Hehir, Gabriella Rivera, McKenna Steklasa, Andrea Olsen, and Coach Jason Mirek

Winning the Class D Sectional Title at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga was a very nice finish for a great group of girls. The girls ended up in first place for the regular season with an overall record of 26-6. Our two seniors, Katie Dittiger and Jamie Hehir, have been on the team since they were in the seventh grade, so this sectional title is a special one for them and a tremendous way to finish their bowling career as Black Knights.

Despite a challenging start, the girls rallied back in the third game of

the morning set and continued to improve in the afternoon (701-732-789-2222). It was a total team effort! The team was led by Senior Katie Dittiger (1st team all-league) and has been a catalyst for the team's success all year. She was consistent throughout the day with a 154-181-460 in the morning and 155-156-151-463 in the afternoon for a total of 923. Freshman McKenna Steklasa (2nd team all-league) rallied in the afternoon to a team high set of 160-150-208-518, which helped set the tone for the afternoon and finished the day with a 944 total for the 6 games (157 average for the day). Senior Jamie Hehir (2nd team All-League) had a strong showing with a 154-184-490 set in the morning and added a 151-164 in the afternoon to help keep us in the running. Freshman Andrea Olsen (2nd Team All-League) played a big role with 145-159-142-156-821. Andrea is extremely competitive and has been consistent all year. Sophomore Gabby Rivera has been an alternate all year. Since sectionals start 5 instead of 4, she bowled all six games. She exceeded expectations by bowling well above her average (high game 161) and was a major contributing factor to the team win.

As a coach, you cannot really ask for a better bunch of kids to work with and I could not be happier about their success. Katie and Jamie were terrific leaders and will certainly leave big shoes to fill when they graduate this year, but I look forward to the opportunity to coach McKenna, Andrea, and Gabby over the next few years as well as the other girls that will be working to earn a starting position moving forward.

-Jason Mirek, Coach

Tonawanda - Class C



All Section Team - Boys

BOWLER	SCHOOL	GRADE	TOTAL PINS
Nate Maloney	Niagara-Wheatfield	11	1250
Josh Large	Tonawanda	12	1236
Joe Scapillato	Depew	12	1231
Thomas Kowal	South Park	12	1177
Tom Klenke	Orchard Park	10	1176
Andrew Burckhalter	West Seneca West	12	1142

2015-2016 - Sectional Results

CLASS	BOYS	TOTAL PINS	GIRLS	TOTAL PINS
A	Frontier	5569	Orchard Park	5545
B	Lewiston-Porter	5263	Depew	5084
C	Tonawanda	5396	Tonawanda	5028
D	Frewsburg	5070	Silver Creek	4334

All Section Team - Girls

BOWLER	SCHOOL	GRADE	TOTAL PINS
Kayli Christ	Maryvale	12	1142
Cameron Spring	Allegany-Limestone	9	1125
Rachel Wagner	Depew	9	1125
Angela Gabriele	Niagara Falls	12	1091
Sarah Godfrey	Depew	12	1086
Brittany McAndrews	Frontier	10	1080

Sectional Champions

Boys Swimming

Williamsville East - Tim Finley 1 M Diving

Junior Timmy Finley's season got off to a good start. In December, he broke Hamburg's pool record in Williamsville East's first dual meet. His success continued as he broke the 35 year old pool record at Williamsville East, re-setting his own pool record at Transit Middle school (East's typical home pool) twice throughout the season.

He took first at ECIC Championships with a score of 451.60, qualifying him for the NYS Championship meet. Refusing to let up, he was also crowned Class A and Section VI Champion in February with a score 514.05, also a new school record for 11 dives. Timmy capped his season off with his third appearance at the NYS Championship meet in March with a career high 11th place finish.

Hamburg - 200 Yard Freestyle Relay Michael Maurer, Cody Wittmeyer, Luke Kennedy, Kyle Griffin

Only adding one new swimmer, the Bulldog 200 Free Relay team improved on time by 5 seconds from last year's second place team to place first at this year's Section VI championships. The same four swimmers that made up the winning Medley Relay swam in the 200 Free Relay (Kennedy, Wittmeyer, Maurer, Griffin). The team set the Hamburg school record, Hamburg pool record, and Sweet Home pool record this year. Along with winning the Section VI Championship, the Bulldog 200 Free Relay was undefeated all season, including big wins at the ECIC and Class A championship meets. At the NYS Championship meet, the Bulldogs placed fourth.

-Andy Godios, Coach



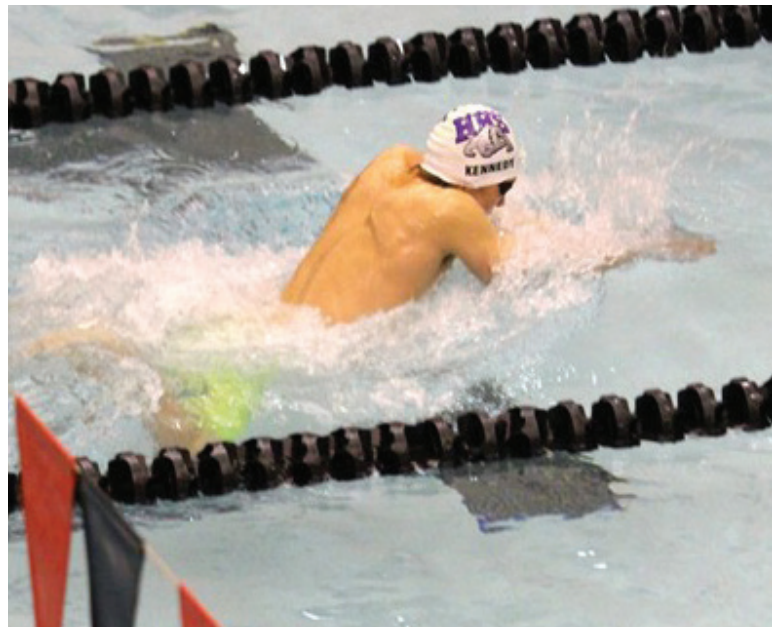
Hamburg - 200 Yard Medley Relay Michael Maurer, Cody Wittmeyer, Luke Kennedy, Kyle Griffin

Members of the Medley Relay for Hamburg in 2015-16 were Michael Maurer, Luke Kennedy, Cody Wittmeyer, and Kyle Griffin. The quartet successfully defended their ECIC Class A and Section VI titles from the 2014-2015 season. The Hamburg Medley Relay team has won 28 consecutive Section VI races dating back to last year. This year, the team recorded the second fastest time in Section VI history at the NYS championship meet. The Bulldogs placed second at the state championships by 2 tenths of a second. The team set the Hamburg school record, Hamburg pool record, Sweet Home pool record, and Frontier pool record this season. All four members qualified for states in their portion of this relay (Maurer-back, Kennedy- breast, Wittmeyer- fly, Griffin- free).

-Andy Godios, Coach



Hamburg - Luke Kennedy 100 Yard Breaststroke



Luke Kennedy

Luke Kennedy set a personal best time at sectionals by nearly 2 seconds. He swam away with the Section VI title by winning the breaststroke by about 5 seconds. His time of 57.92 was only 4 tenths of a second off the Section VI record. At the Section VI championships, Luke broke the Hamburg school record that stood for nearly 30 years. Luke also set the Hamburg and Frontier pool records during the regular season in breaststroke. Luke placed second in the breast at the ECIC and Class A championships to Matt Marsh of Jamestown. Luke was also a member of the champion Medley and 200 Free Relay teams of Hamburg.

Hamburg - Michael Maurer 200 IM

Maurer was the defending Section VI champion in the IM. He recorded a time that was 3 seconds faster than his winning time from the 2014-2015 season. At sectionals, Maurer broke the Hamburg school record that stood for nearly 30 years. Maurer dominated this event all year while winning at the ECIC and Class A championship meets. At the Section VI championship, Maurer won by about half the length of the pool. Along with the IM, Maurer competed in the Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay, and Backstroke at the NYS championship meet.

Michael Maurer also holds the school record in the Backstroke.

-Andy Godios, Coach



Michael Maurer

Sectional Champions

Boys Swimming

Orchard Park - Class A



Olean/Allegany-Limestone/
Franklinville/Portville - Seth Farrand
100 Yard Butterfly
100 Yard Backstroke



Sweet Home - Paulo Pereira 200 Yard Freestyle



Frewsburg/Southwestern/ Pine Valley - Class C



Starpoint - Class B



Paulo Pereira is a junior from Sweet Home High School. As winner of the 200 Freestyle this year at the Section VI Championships, he suffered only one loss all year in that event. Paulo served as the captain of the Panthers swim team this year, and is a 2016 scholar athlete. Paulo also helped rewrite the Sweet Home record board this year, besting the previous times in the 500 Freestyle, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay, and 400 Free Relay.

-Dan McCarthy, Coach

Sectional Champions

Cheerleading

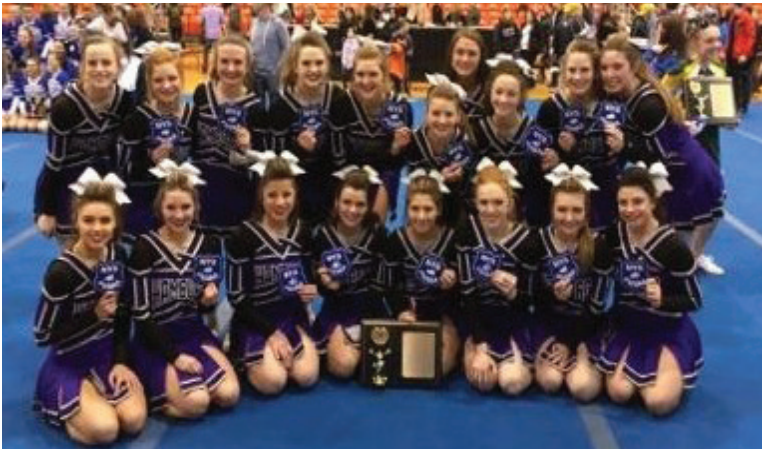
2016 Section 6 Cheerleading Championship

Division	Size	Count	Team	Performance Time	Final Score	PLACEMENT
D2	Small	15	Williamsville South	10:00am	72.45	7
D2	Small	13	Pioneer	10:05am	60.8	10
D2	Small	16	Depew	10:10am	63.8	8
D2	Small	14	Lake Shore	10:15am	93.25	3
D2	Small	15	Eden	10:20am	86.45	4
D2	Small	15	Lewiston-Porter	10:25am	96.8	1
D2	Small	12	Medina	10:30am	56	11
D2	Small	11	Randolph	10:40am	49.8	13
D2	Small	8	Health Sciences	10:45am	49.75	14
D2	Small	16	Albion	10:50am	63.75	9
D2	Small	16	Maryvale	10:55am	95.2	2
D2	Small	14	Tonawanda	11:00am	79.1	6
D2	Small	10	Iroquois	11:05am	80.2	5
D2	Small	15	Wilson	11:10am	54.6	12
D1	Small	14	Niagara Falls	11:25am	69.6	6
D1	Small	15	Grand Island	11:30am	68.05	7
D1	Small	16	Williamsville North	11:35am	75.6	5
D1	Small	16	North Tonawanda	11:40am	89.45	3
D1	Small	12	Kenmore West	11:45am	79.25	4
D1	Small	16	Hamburg	11:50am	107.65	1
D1	Small	12	Lancaster	11:55am	95.3	2
D2	Large	18	West Seneca East	12:10pm	103.2	1
D2	Large	22	Newfane	12:15pm	66.5	4
D2	Large	23	Kenmore East	12:20pm	99.75	2
D2	Large	23	Starpoint	12:25pm	68.6	3
D1	Large	26	Niagara Wheatfield	12:40pm	67.6	7
D1	Large	21	Williamsville East	12:45pm	89.45	4
D1	Large	25	Frontier	12:50pm	102.1	2
D1	Large	22	Clarence	12:55pm	85.4	6
D1	Large	25	West Seneca West	1:00pm	111.25	1
D1	Large	18	Lockport	1:05pm	89.1	5
D1	Large	20	Orchard Park	1:10pm	95.65	3
Co-ed		15	Silver Creek	1:25pm	90	1
Co-ed		14	JFK	1:30pm	53.3	4
Co-ed		15	Cheektowaga	1:35pm	65.7	3
Co-ed		11	Cleveland Hill	1:40pm	66.8	2

Sectional Champions

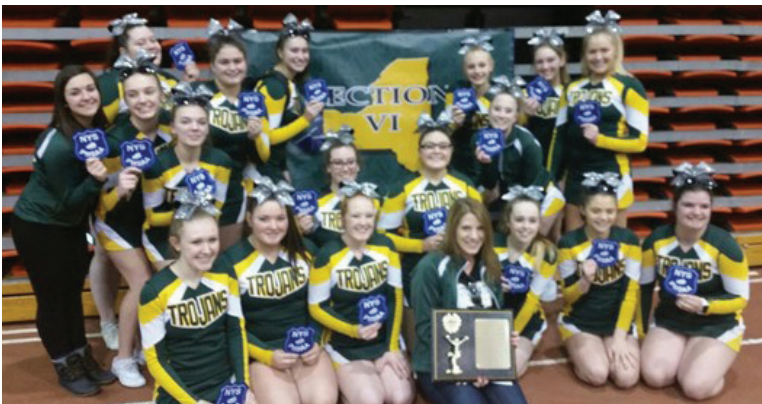
Cheerleading

Hamburg - Division I Small Schools



The girls had a very impressive season. They won first place at Fall and Winter Erie County Interscholastic Conference Championships. They won first place and grand champions at the Fredonia Cheerleading competition. They placed 3rd overall at Nationals in Disney World. They placed 8th overall at the first ever NYS cheerleading championship. Erica Giannicchi won the leadership award at the state championship. We are all very proud of all of their hard work and dedication.

West Seneca East Division II Large Schools

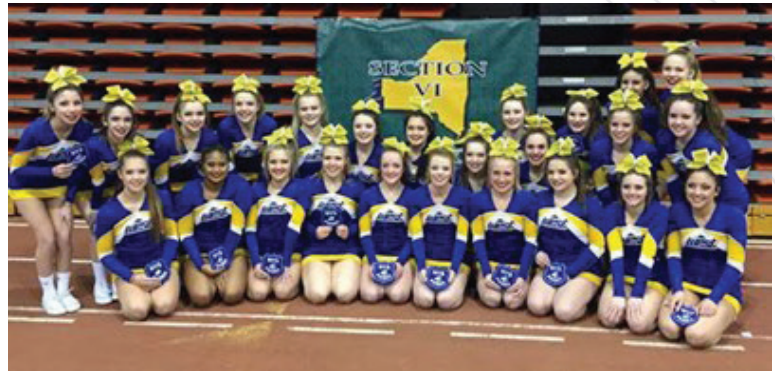


This season was the beginning of a new era for Cheerleading in New York State. Teams compete in competitions throughout each season in order to showcase their talents and be awarded trophies and other awards. This season, each Varsity team needed to compete in 2 events in order to participate in the Section VI Championship. The West Seneca East team was able to achieve their ultimate goal by being named the Division 2 (Small School) Large (Large Team) Sectional Champions. This title afforded them the opportunity to compete at the very first NY State Cheerleading Championship in Syracuse where they competed against teams from the entire state. I am so proud of them for their hard work and dedication to the sport this season.

-Kristin Staychock, Coach

Team Members: Alexi Berst, Megan Cloen, Baylee DiCioccio, Caroline Damian, Kaitlyn Dudziak, Amanda Fenger, Gabby Gajewski, Erin Gatta, Alyssa Hulings, Emily Jordan, Jenna Loomis, Hannah Maciejewski, Dinelle Miller, Kelsey O'Brien, Lexi Okun, Jessica Prendergast, Courtney Schiersing, and Courtney Sniderhan

West Seneca West Division I Large Schools



West Seneca West's (WSW) varsity cheerleading team made history by winning the school's first ever Section VI cheerleading championship. The team scored a 111.75 out of a possible 120. Out of all D1 and D2 schools, across all divisions, large, small, and coed; the WSW team earned the highest score of the entire Section VI championship. West Seneca West's varsity cheerleaders represented both West Seneca and Section VI extremely well at the NYSPHSAA state championship on March 5th, 2016 when they were one of two Section VI teams that had advanced to finals, ultimately taking fourth place overall in the D1 large division. The team had an incredible season earning an ECIC title, a Section VI title, taking fourth place at the state level, and placing second at the national level. West Seneca West's cheerleading team consisted of 25 incredibly talented athletes of which, the coaches; myself, Stephanie Babcock, and Erika Murphy, would like to congratulate on an outstanding season.

Seniors: Brandi Bauer*, Riley Chavanne*, Morgan Flury, Jada Johnson, Madeline MacDonald*, Brittney Rabbitt, Paige Sandel*, Kaylin Silvestri, Kalei Standish*, and Shaunna Stanley

Juniors: Alexis Blake, Rachel Maracle, and Melissa Pawlik

Sophomores: Julia Flowers, Elizabeth Harm, Samantha Iwankow, Andrea MacDonald, Katie Manka, Madison Oshei, and Grace Paolini

Freshmen: Cassidy Blake, Mariah Carriero, Mya Doyle, and Madison Milligan

8th Grader: Raeleigh McNulty

*Indicates Team Captain

"If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards."

- Paul Bryant

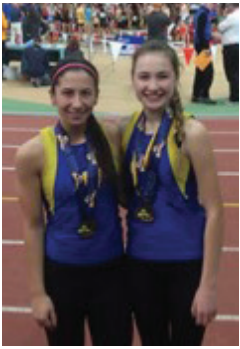
Sectional Champions

Girls Indoor Track

Lancaster - Brianna McKenzie Weight Throw

Brianna finished 1st in sectionals on the Weight Throw and 3rd at the state championships with a throw of over 51 feet.

West Seneca West - Emily Marchitte Long Jump & Triple Jump



Emily Marchitte placed 6th in the NYSPHSAA and 7th in the NYS Federation in the Girls Triple Jump out of 32 total female competitors at the NYSPHSAA/Federation Girls Indoor Track and Field State Championships earning herself her first set of State Championship medals and podium appearance after also competing at this Championship in this event as a freshman and a sophomore. She tripled to her second best effort of her high school career recording a distance of 36' 10". She placed higher than her seeded and predicted order of finish at these Championships maximizing her opportunities and was also the top Section VI finisher in this event at these Championships.

Emily Marchitte (left)

Emily earned the top Super 7 Athlete of the Week Award from WKBW Channel 7 for her performances at Section VI Girls Indoor Track and Field State Championships Qualifier from her efforts in becoming the Girls Long Jump and Girls Triple Jump Champion. Emily won the Girls Long Jump first with her personal best effort ever at 17' 7-3/4" and qualified to compete in the NYSPHSAA/Federation Girls Indoor Track and Field State Championships in this event for the first time in her high school athletics career. She also won the Triple Jump and eclipsed Morgan Billi's 2007 SCHOOL RECORD in the process by 4-1/2" with her 36' 11-1/2" effort. This Triple Jump effort not only qualified Emily for the NYSPHSAA/Federation Girls Indoor Track and Field State Championships in this event for the third consecutive winter season, but also qualified Emily for the New Balance Indoor National Track and Field Championships held at the New Balance Track and Field Center in Manhattan, NYC on Friday evening, March 11th for the first time in her high school athletic career. Emily is the first multiple individual event State Championship's qualifier in our school's indoor track and field history and the one female to do so at the Section VI Girls Indoor Track and Field State Championships Qualifier from any Section VI program.

-Emilio Mancino, Coach

Williamsville North - Gabrielle Gaygen Pole Vault

Gabrielle Gaygen came into her first year of indoor track with an outdoor personal best of 8'-00" in the Pole Vault event. With minimal resources available to her to properly train, she found herself excelling very quickly. By a third of the way into the start of the indoor season, she had set her first personal best clearing 8'-06". From there, she gradually improved setting new personal bests almost every meet. She came into the sectional meet with a 10'-06," a new personal best and a two and a half foot improvement from the start of the indoor season. She went on to win the sectional title and make her first ever appearance at an indoor track state meet.

Clarence - Katrina Paterson 3000 Meter Run

Katrina Patterson won her third consecutive Section VI 3,000-Meter Run indoor title by completing the race in 10:15.13. She worked very hard all year to achieve this and continues to set new goals and standards for herself.

Patterson also earned a spot at states as a member of the 4x800 Relay, as the foursome - which includes Hannah Reinhardt, Gillian Fedor, and Julia Darlak - trimmed eight seconds off their prior season-best time to win the race in 9:51.90. Reinhardt and Patterson were on Clarence's relay that won the event last year as well, but Fedor and Darlak were new members to the relay team. It was an extremely exciting race from the start, and as much of a high pressure situation as it was, they handled it like seasoned veterans.

Reinhardt started off the race for Clarence and tapped into her past experience to keep us in it right off the bat. Reinhardt handed the baton off to Fedor with Sweet Home not far behind. Gillian made an especially important push in the final straightaway to even things up again. Fedor ran the 800 of her life and with that got a personal record, which put her team in a great spot. Darlak was then able to gain about a three-second lead on the Lady Panthers during the third leg, which was crucial. Julia really did everything she could this season to make herself into more of a mid-distance runner, and all of that work came to fruition at the Sectional meet.

Katrina Patterson was the anchor leg and going up against a fellow serious competitor. Patterson responded with a strong, confident race that helped seal the win for the Lady Red Devils.

Katrina really wanted to be at states with her teammates, and when she came around the final backstretch and crossed the line we were all ecstatic. The girls were just so excited; they were congratulating each other and were all smiles for the rest of the day. They are such a great group to work with. They worked so hard for this and they did it as a team.

Katrina Patterson earned Federation and state medalist honors after breaking the 10 minute mark in the 3,000 Meter Run for the first time indoors at the New York State Championships at Cornell University. Patterson competed in the seeded heat of the event, finishing in 9:59.72. She earned a 7 second personal record. Katrina's final sprint on the last straightaway was an all-guts performance, not only allowing her to be on the podium, but break the 10-minute barrier as well. All season, she has continued to work and get better, and she is one of the most focused people you would ever meet. Katrina hovered around the 10:10 barrier throughout the season, and she really wanted to break through. She was all smiles after the race, and now she knows she's done it once and cannot only continue to break the 10-minute mark, but drop more time as her career progresses. She truly deserves this honor.

Patterson also competed at the State Championship for Clarence as part of the 4x800 Relay, along with teammates Hannah Reinhardt, Gillian Fedor, and Julia Darlak. The Lady Red Devils' foursome was ranked 12th out of 14 going into the race, but ultimately finished 10th overall in the state by posting a time within a second of their season's best. Darlak ran a 2:30 split for the first time, which was huge while Reinhardt and Fedor were both within a second of their season-best 800 time. Patterson had another great performance as the anchor, running a 2:22 split.

The girls had a great attitude all weekend and really went into it focused rather than nervous. We knew we had some teams close to us ranked within a second and we beat both of them. That was a great spot for us to be in and showed that we do not back down from a challenge.

-Justin Weldon, Coach

Sectional Champions

Girls Indoor Track

Sweet Home - Sam Peterman 1500 Meter Run



Sam Peterman won the indoor track and field 1500 Meter Section Championship. Sam, currently a junior, won her 1st 1500 Meter section title, and her 3rd individual section championship as she won the 1000 Meters her freshman and sophomore year. In the race, where Sam ran 4:43.19, she set the school record. During the race, she stayed relaxed throughout the 1st 600 meters, and then took the lead at that point. She steadily increased her margin during the rest of the race to win by 10 seconds.

Sweet Home - Tirzah Peters Shot Put

Tirzah Peters climbed the Section VI shot put rankings throughout the year. After winning the unseeded section of her first major shot put competition at Dartmouth, she set her sights on winning the Section VI title. Tirzah did not waste any time that day as her first throw was her winning throw of 36'7.25, which was also the farthest throw in Section VI this season.

NYSAAA Chapter 6

Scholarship Essay Winners

In accordance with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's (NIAAAA) purpose to promote, facilitate and increase the knowledge and understanding of the vital role of interscholastic athletics in the educational system, this scholarship program fosters

and recognizes the partnership between the NIAAAA and secondary education. The scholarships recognize the distinguished scholastic, leadership, and sportsmanship attributes of high school student-athletes, and the importance of high school athletics in each student's life.

Kate Tucker - Jamestown



Pictured: Kate Tucker and Ben Drake, Jamestown Athletic Director

John Carney III - Wilson



Pictured: John Carney III and Jeff Roth, Wilson Athletic Director

Sectional Champions

Girls Indoor Track

Lancaster - Ashley Grazen 55 Meter Dash

Ashley Grazen capped a very successful Indoor Track career with her 3rd 55 Meter Dash section title. She is a two-time NYSPHSAA champion for the 55 Meters, and is co-record holder of the Section VI 55 Meter Dash record at 7.14. Ashley is also a six-time Section champion in the 4 x 200 Meter Relay and also holds the Section record at 1:44.48 (2016).

Lancaster - 4 x 200 Meter Relay Molly Scarpello, Ashley Grazen, Olivia Gervan, & Jena Grazen

Lancaster's 4 x 200 Meter Relay team holds the Section record at 1:44.48 and placed 3rd at the NYSPHSAA championships. Lancaster's 4 x 200 Meter Relay team has made the medal stand for the last 6 years at states.

Lancaster - Olivia Gervan High Jump

Olivia Gervan is a two-time Section champion in the High Jump. She is a three-time NYSPHSAA championship competitor, medaling as a sophomore (5th) and placed 2nd this year with a personal best clearance of 5'6". She has also medaled the last two years at states in the 4 x 200 Meter Relay.

Sectional Champions

Rifle

Alden - Air Rifle



Pictured from left to right: Mike McMurtree, Maggie Arnold, Nick King, Cailyn Bennett, and Noah Fox

Lancaster - Kiersten Mucha - Prone



Sophomore Kiersten Mucha from Lancaster High School's rifle team shot a 99 and 7 centers in the prone position during sectionals helping her claim the first place title. Kiersten went on with the team to the State Championships at West Point competing in the .22 cal smallbore competition as well as shot as a Section VI alternate for air rifle.

Sectional Champions

Rifle

Lancaster Team - .22 Caliber



Top row, left to right: Justin Collins, Mason Kowalski, Alex Loewer, Eric Koeth, and Coach Johnson
Bottom row, left to right: Alex Hangen and Kiersten Mucha

Lancaster High School's varsity rifle team recently competed in the NYSPHSAA .22 caliber three position small bore rifle championship match at West Point United States Military Academy on Saturday, February 26th. The team comprised of Justin Collins (senior), Eric Koeth (junior), Kiersten Mucha (sophomore), Mason Kowalski

(sophomore), and Alex Hangen (8th grader) returned home with the second place title only falling short to Central Square from Section III.

The overall makeup of the Lancaster team is diverse among grade levels giving the Legends depth for future seasons. Solid and reliable performances from Justin Collins, Eric Koeth, and Mason Kowalski provided a firm scoring platform as new comer Alex Hangen an eighth grader at Lancaster Middle School also added valuable points for the team. Leading and providing the extra edge for the Legends was rifle dynamo Kiersten Mucha, scoring 263 out of 300.

Going to West Point was a first for the entire team including Coach Leif Johnson. It has been a number of years since the team has competed in the state championships. Determination, perseverance, and a touch of humbleness seemed to be the right ingredients for the team this year as they had to overcome powerhouses Clarence, and last year's State Champion, Alden, at the Section IV Rifle Championships.

Competing in the state championships this year was bittersweet as this was the last year New York State will host the .22 caliber competition. Due to lack of availability and increase cost of .22 caliber ammunition, schools across the state have been transforming their marksmanship sports programs from .22 caliber to air rifle, resulting in less schools participating in the small bore competition. As small bore vanishes from schools across the state, there has been an increase in interest in air rifle including local schools such as Holland (who added a team this year) as well as Pioneer (who is planning to add a team to Section VI next season).

As the Legends of three position small bore fades away into the sports history books, new Legends have risen and as we have seen this season, they are more than ready to write new stories.

Kenmore - Morgan DiMaria Air Rifle



Sharpshooter Morgan DiMaria (Kenmore East) captured the sectional title in Air Rifle and by doing so, placed herself on the state team for the second year in a row. Last season, Morgan shot her way onto the state team by virtue of her outstanding regular season score added to the results at the sectional championships. Last year's state meet culminated with her finishing in the Top Ten in New York State.

This season, DiMaria kept improving her many skills and registered the highest average on the Kenmore team. Along the way, she set school records for highest single target (standing air) and for highest aggregate score (standing air). For these accomplishments, and more, she was named the MVP of the Kenmore team.

Alden - Noah Fox Offhand, Kneeling, Aggregate



Sectional Champions

Rifle

Sectional Rifle Results - February 13, 2016 at Alden Central Schools

.22 cal	Lancaster	1054.33	Air Rifle	Alden	1094.27
TEAM	Alden	1049.21		Kenmore	1089.29
	Clarence	1045.16		Clarence	1053.22
				Lancaster	1050.14

Section VI High School Champion - Lancaster (.22) and Alden (air)

Individual Sectional Champions			
Prone:	Kiersten Mucha	Lancaster	99.07
Offhand:	Noah Fox	Alden	89.02
Kneeling:	Noah Fox	Alden	94.00
Aggregate:	Noah Fox	Alden	282.09
Air Rifle:	Morgan DiMaria	Kenmore	282.10

Individual Winners - shields were awarded to the following:					
Prone			Kneeling		
1st	Kiersten Mucha (Lanc)	99.07	1st	Noah Fox (Alden)	94.00
2nd	Noah Fox (Alden)	99.07	2nd	Matt Schaefer (Iroq)	93.02
3rd	Alex Hangen (Lanc)	98.06	3rd	Justin Collins (Lanc)	92.03
4th	Justin Collins (Lanc)	98.06	4th	Alex Raymond (Clar)	91.01
Offhand			Aggregate		
1st	Noah Fox (Alden)	89.02	1st	Noah Fox (Alden)	282.09
2nd	Matt Kirk (Clar)	87.03	2nd	Alex Hangen (Lanc)	273.09
3rd	Alex Raymond (Clar)	87.02	3rd	Alex Raymond (Clar)	273.05
4th	Alex Hangen (Lanc)	86.01	4th	Matt Kirk (Clar)	268.06
Air Rifle					
1st	Morgan DiMaria (Kenmore)		282.10		
2nd	Noah Fox (Alden)		281.07		
3rd	Kiersten Mucha (Lanc)		276.04		
4th	Justin Collins (Lanc)		274.06		

Sectional Champions

Wrestling

Falconer/Cassadaga Valley - Class C



The Falconer wrestling team capped off its 15-1 dual meet season in great fashion. The Golden Falcons were yet again crowned Class C team champions, finishing the tournament with 228 points. This tournament win marks the fourth year in a row the team has captured a class title.

The Falcons finished with 14 place finishers, along with 4 champions: Jordan Dustin (120), Dylan Ingrao (145), Jake Peru (182), and Seth Abbey (220). Taking second was Corey Keefe (182). Placing third for the Falcons were: Blaine Berg (113), Nick Saeger (120), Mike Raynor (132) and Scott Green (152). Placing fourth was Dan Torres (152). Fifth place finishers included Jacob Payne (99), Robbie Penhollow (145) and Al McElwain (285). Taking sixth place was Dexter Ormond (126).

Iroquois - Class A



Olean/Allegany Limestone - Class B



Team Accomplishments: Winners of the Southern Tier Scuffle Tournament, Jamestown Holiday Classic Tournament, Salamanca Invitational Tournament, and

Class B Section VI Tournament (first time).

- Overall record of 18 - 2 (one win shy of school record of 19 set in 2013-14)

Niagara Wheatfield - Class AA

The Niagara Wheatfield Wrestling Team won the 2015-2016 Niagara Frontier League (NFL) and sectional titles with a perfect record of 12-0.

The championships came down to the last match of the year, just like last year against returning champions, the Lockport Lions. The Falcons came out on top with a dominating 43-26 win. The Falcons dominated the NFL with a 472-81 point spread. With big team wins in Section VI tourneys, such as the Cheektowaga duals, the Lockport tournament, the Lew-Port tournament, and the prestigious Niagara Community Officials tournament. They were ranked 8th in New York State. The team qualified 14 of 15 wrestlers to go to the sectional championships, where 9 of 14 placed. The team had 3 sectional champions- 8th grader Justin McDougald (6th NYS), Senior and Co-Captain Vinnie Falvo, and Senior and Co-Captain Colin Goodrich. Also placing in the top 5 were 2nd place finishers Warren McDougald, Jake Dewolf, and Matt Cicco, 3rd place finisher David Runge, 4th place finisher Storm Hutcheson, and 5th place finisher Ryan Ploetz.

Rick Sweney, Coach



Back row, left to right: Ryan Ploetz, Josh Kelly, Henry Garis, Colin Goodrich, Elias Zinaty, and Matt Cicco
 Middle row, left to right: Vincent Falvo, Michael Ziegler, Kevin Halford, Justin Hall, David Runge, and Austin Leiber
 Front row, left to right: Jake Dewolfe, Warren McDougald, Josh Thiebault, Noah Bennett, Nick Weber, and Justin McDougald
 Not pictured: Shane Helbig and Storm Hutcheson

- 9 Class B Finalists with five champions and 13 Section VI qualifiers with 8 place finishers.

Individual Accomplishments:

Jordan Kayes, Senior, 145 lbs.

- Season Record: 40 - 4
- Career Record: 172 wins, 44 Losses (most wins in school history)
- Class B Champion
- Section VI Champion

Zach Spears, Senior, 220 lbs.

- Season Record: 35 - 8
- Class B Champion
- 3rd place, Section VI
- 6th place, NYS

Zach Bierfeldt, Senior, 152 lbs.

- Season Record: 40 - 5
- Career Record: 166 wins and 46 losses (3rd most wins in school history)
- Class B Champion
- Section VI Champion (Most Outstanding Wrestler Award)
- 4th place, NYS

*Zach Bierfeldt and Zach Spears join a very short list of individuals from Olean High (14 altogether) that have placed at the NYS Championships.

Sectional Champions

Wrestling

Maple Grove - Class D



The team and coaches after winning the Class D tournament.

The Maple Grove wrestling team had another great year as they carried momentum from last season into winning back-to-back Class D and Section VI Division II titles. The team finished 15-4 on the season, just missing out on another league championship. Maple Grove won Class D with 12 place finishers including 6 champions. At sectionals, 8 of the 9 qualifiers ended up on the podium and 4 qualified for the state tournament with AJ Putt and Shane Hetrick both qualifying to wrestle at 113 lbs, Ryan Hetrick at 120 lbs, and Bradley Bihler at 138 lbs. Ryan had an outstanding state tournament in a bracket featuring 3 returning state champions and took 4th place. Bradley had a historic tournament as he became the first Maple Grove wrestler to win a NY State championship!



Bradley Bihler after his championship win in Albany, NY.

Maple Grove wrestlers' career wins, as of the end of the 2016 season:

Athlete	Grade	Wins
Bradley Bihler	Senior	193 **
Ryan Hetrick	Senior	224
Brody Nolan	Senior	119
Trevor Micek	Junior	90
AJ Putt	Junior	128
Shane Hetrick	Sophomore	110
Zak Trim	Sophomore	90

** New Maple Grove career record- previously held by Josh Micek '09-185 wins

Team Place Finishers

Athlete	Grade	Class	Sectionals	State
AJ Putt	11	1st	1st	
Shane Hetrick	10	2nd	2nd	
Ryan Hetrick	12	1st	1st	4th
Jacob Tomlinson	8	5th		
Paul Mozzi	11	5th		
Bradley Bihler	12	1st	1st	1st
Carter Russo	10	4th		
Zak Trim	10	1st	4th	
Trevor Micek	11	1st	2nd	
Chris Krempa	12	5th		
Brody Nolan	12	1st	2nd	
Mitchell Sandberg	12	2nd	4th	

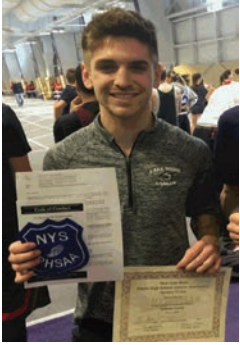


Ryan Hetrick on the podium after his fourth place finish in Albany, NY.

Sectional Champions

Boys Indoor Track

Lake Shore - Chris Beckley Pole Vault



Senior Chris Beckley, a pole vaulter for the Lake Shore indoor track team, made his first appearance at the state meet on Saturday March 5th, 2016. The meet took place at Cornell University and Chris performed very well among the rest of New York State. During the season, Chris dominated his event and hit a season best of 13'3" at Houghton College. At sectionals, Chris outperformed his competitors as he once again took first place and a ticket to the state meet. Chris is a true leader and a very well rounded young man; he worked hard in the weight room and also on his craft. He steadily improved each season and he also made it a priority to attend clinics on his off days. Chris had the state meet as his goal the entire season and the hard work paid off. Chris performed well at the state meet coming in 11th overall out of more than 28 competitors. The Lake Shore School District is very proud of his accomplishments.

Lancaster - 4x800 Relay Team

Brad Bedell, Jared Rogalski, Matt Skakal, and Steve Neumaier finished 1st in the sectional 4x800 Relay championship and 9th at the state meet. They hold Lancaster's school record in the 4x800.

Lancaster - Jake Valley Long Jump

Jake finished 1st at sectionals and 12th at the state championships in the Long Jump. Jake's personal best this season was 22'4", a Lancaster school record.

North Tonawanda - Cody Sikora 300 Meter Run

Cody Sikora recently completed one of the finest seasons in the history of North Tonawanda Indoor Track & Field. Cody was undefeated in the 300 Meter in Section VI competition for the entire indoor season. He was a part of 2 school record breaking relays; the Sprint Medley and 4x400m Relay. Cody ran a 52.9 second 400m leg of the SMR with an overall team time of 3:54.7. He ran a 51.6 lead off leg for the 4x400m Relay, shattering the school record by 5 seconds with an overall time of 3:31.41, and a 2nd place finish at the Section VI Championships.

In addition to qualifying for sectionals in the 55m dash, and 600m, Cody had an outstanding season in the 300m. Cody broke North Tonawanda's school record, and Section VI records in the 300m, running a blazing 35.21 seconds. Cody competed at the NY State Championships meet, placing 11th overall.

-Sean Kibrick, Coach

Niagara Falls



4 x 200 Relay Team: Tariq Taul (11), Rodney Barnes Staley (10), Isiah Billips (12), and Roshain Wallace (11)

- Set a sectional record at State Qualifier (1:32.51)
- Finished 9th at the NYSPHSAA Championships.
- Wallace, Taul, and Barnes Staley also competed in individual events at the State Championships.

Roshain Wallace

- Section VI Champion in the 55 Hurdles.
- Ran personal best of :7.98 to win championships and qualify for states
- Member of the record setting 4 x 200 Relay team

Tariq Taul

- Section VI Champion in the High Jump
- Won Section VI and personal best with a jump of 6'2".
- Member of the record setting 4 x 200 Relay team

-Jonathan Robins, Coach



From left to right: Sean Kibrick, Coach, Cody Sikora; members of the 4x4 Relay team: Connor Essenburg, Ed Gath, Chris Manth, and Coach Kevin Wartinger

2015 Fall

State Scholar Athlete Team Champion

Lake Shore - Boys Volleyball

Lockport - Girls Volleyball



Left to right: Al Gens, Section VI President-Elect, James Przepasniak, Lake Shore High School Superintendent, John Coyle, Coach, Bill Anderson, Coach, Jared Himes, Kyle Wishman, and Daryl Besant, Athletic Director



From left to right: Al Gens, Section VI President-Elect, Frank Movalli, Principal, and Student-Athletes Alexis Gault and Kathryn Krchniak

2015-2016 Winter

State Scholar Athlete Team Champions

Frontier - Boys Basketball & Boys Bowling



Pictured left to right: Zach Garland, Al Gens, Section VI President-Elect, Peter DePalma, Rich Gray, Frontier Athletic Director, Joe Radwan, and Nick DiFlavio

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes Winter 2015-2016

Section VI selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Award for the 2015-2016 winter sports season. Of the 530 nominations; there are 37 repeat winners, 120 winners, and 373 honorable mentions.

All winners are listed below. * Indicates two-season winner

Akron		Eden		Kenmore East	
Girls Swimming & Diving	Emma Chubb*	Girls Basketball	Meghan Ballou	Boys Swimming & Diving	Bailey Valint
Girls Swimming & Diving	Rachel Heim*	Forestville		Kenmore West	
Girls Swimming & Diving	Katherine Grant	Boys Basketball	Jackson Egan	Girls Ice Hockey	Grace Simmons*
Cheerleading	Anna Pisano	Franklinville		Girls Indoor Track	Jordan Sobon
Amherst		Frontier		Lake Shore	
Boys Ice Hockey	Ben Lackner*	Boys Basketball	Dawson Bielecki	Boys Swimming & Diving	Jared Himes*
Boys Ice Hockey	Nate Cole	Grand Island		Lancaster	
Girls Ice Hockey	Chloe Cottone	Boys Swimming & Diving	Adam Dryhout	Girls Indoor Track	Jenna Neumaier*
Girls Bowling	Rachel Mead	Boys Basketball	Joseph Kulikowski	Boys Indoor Track	Steven Neumaier*
Boys Swimming & Diving	Eric Niblock	Girls Ice Hockey	James Brophy	Boys Indoor Track	Walter Hoag
Girls Basketball	Amanda Roberts	Girls Indoor Track	Theresa Ernst	Girls Bowling	Ashley Len
Boys Basketball	Rory Walsh	Girls Bowling	Kaitlyn Good	Girls Indoor Track	Cassandra Rohrdanz
Barker		Girls Indoor Track	Jessica Kiss	Boys Ice Hockey	Ryan Szczecinski
Girls Basketball	Lindsey Williams*	Boys Bowling	Joseph Radwan	Boys Bowling	Kyle Thomson
Girls Swimming & Diving	Emma Jenks	Hamburg		Lewiston Porter	
City Honors		Girls Basketball	Anna Chiacchia	Cheerleading	Katie Beatty
Girls Bowling	Tatyiana Gordon	Boys Basketball	Ryan Dils	Boys Ice Hockey	Keegan Miller
Girls Bowling	Elizabeth Pasnik	Boys Indoor Track	Aaron Wojnicki	Cheerleading	Hailey Parker
Clarence		Boys Basketball	John Steven Zhu	Lockport	
Girls Indoor Track	Madeline Hanford*	Holland		Boys Indoor Track	Scott Anderson
Boys Basketball	Benjamin Janzow*	Girls Bowling	Elizabeth Ruszczyk*	Boys Swimming & Diving	Magnus Cleveland
Boys Indoor Track	Stephen Marzano*	Girls Basketball	Olivia Schmidt	Boys Swimming & Diving	Austin Hinton
Girls Ice Hockey	Karley King	Girls Indoor Track	Alana Szewczyk	Maple Grove	
Cheerleading	Madeline Klemenz	Jamestown		Wrestling	Ryan Hetrick
Rifle	Alexis Mele	Boys Basketball	Luke Kindberg	Boys Basketball	Michael Welsh
Cheerleading	Sheridan Menard	Boys Swimming & Diving	Matthew Marsh	Maryvale	
Boys Bowling	Nicholas Sehl	Girls Indoor Track	Molly Morse	Boys Basketball	Andrew Crombie
Depew		Girls Basketball	Kate Tucker		
Girls Indoor Track	Katelynn Frawley				

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes

Winter 2015-2016

Medina

Girls Basketball Allison Bensley*

Newfane

Boys Swimming & Diving Mitchell Dockery

Niagara Wheatfield

Girls Basketball Brooke DeVantier

Girls Basketball Lori Lachowski

Girls Basketball Taylor Trunzo

North Tonawanda

Cheerleading Nicole Rush

Boys Indoor Track Matthew Slominski*

Boys Indoor Track Tyler Slominski*

Boys Ice Hockey Kyle Crooks

Girls Indoor Track Lauren Fezer

Olean

Girls Basketball Courtney Martin*

Boys Swimming & Diving Nick Sanders

Orchard Park

Girls Basketball Grace Ruh*

Cheerleading Elena Kamis

Boys Swimming & Diving Maxime Legros

Boys Swimming & Diving Shaan Legros

Cheerleading Anna Swetz

Boys Basketball Daniel Freilicher

Boys Indoor Track Brady Jensen

Boys Basketball Phil Marks

Girls Indoor Track Julia Pietromicca

Girls Basketball Christie Witkowski

Portville

Wrestling Grant Milne*

Salamanca

Girls Bowling Samantha Ray

Silvercreek

Boys Indoor Track Lucas Hallick

Southwestern

Boys Basketball Ben Burk

Springville

Girls Indoor Track Emily Zebrowski

Starpoint

Girls Basketball Ali Binga

Cheerleading Anastasia Nepokroeff

Boys Swimming & Diving Brandon Smith

Sweet Home

Boys Swimming & Diving Ryan Hayter*

Boys Ice Hockey Zachary Farkas

Boys Bowling Timothy McNutt

Boys Indoor Track William Schultz

West Seneca East

Cheerleading Allison Holdsworth

Cheerleading Erin Gatta

West Seneca West

Wrestling Adam Lampman*

Boys Swimming & Diving Robert Breidenstein

Boys Indoor Track David Conrad

Williamsville East

Girls Basketball Audrey McNamara*

Wrestling Brian Morreale*

Boys Indoor Track Matthew Chmiel

Boys Indoor Track Ian Macdonald

Boys Swimming & Diving Omkar Pratapwar

Cheerleading Maxine Riter

Boys Ice Hockey Alexander Tzetzio

Williamsville North

Boys Basketball Jeremy Schatz*

Wrestling Brenden Curran

Boys Swimming & Diving Elliott Gengo

Girls Basketball Shannon Kelley

Boys Ice Hockey Zachary Surowiec

Girls Basketball Ericka Taplin

Williamsville South

Boys Basketball Ryan Philipps*

Boys Indoor Track Andrew Shelton*

Girls Bowling Kaitlyn Honer

Girls Bowling Pamela Myers

Girls Basketball Nina Ragland

Girls Basketball Kelsey Stasiak

Wilson

Girls Basketball Zipporah Barrett*

Girls Basketball Rachel Cobo*

Girls Basketball Lauren Couturier*

Boys Basketball Matthew Foster*

Girls Basketball Leah Herman*

Boys Basketball John Carney III

Spotlight

Lackawanna High School Receives Golden Football for Super Bowl 50

As part of the nationwide Super Bowl 50 celebration, the NFL started the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll program to acknowledge schools and communities that have directly influenced Super Bowl history and impacted the game for the better. More than 2,000 high schools and roughly 3,000 players and coaches were recognized this season.

Lackawanna High School was given a Wilson Golden Football for Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback Ron Jaworski who graduated from the school in 1969. Jaworski led Philadelphia to Super Bowl XV after the 1980 season, when he was honored as NFL Player of the Year by UPI, won the Bert Bell Award as the Maxwell Football Club's professional player of the year, the Dunlop Award as the professional athlete of the year, and made the Pro Bowl.

Mr. Jaworski was inducted into Lackawanna's Sports Hall of Fame with its inaugural class in 2012. The Lackawanna High School Athletic Department congratulates Ron Jaworski for his successes with NFL Football and other business venues.



Pictured from left to right: Mike Popek, Athletic Director, Jamal Cooley, KeJuan Harmon, Malik Taylor, Jacob Kowalski, and Adam Tardif, Head Football Coach

New York State Athletic Administrators Association Chapter VI Award Winners 2016

Community Service Award Dick Gallagher

Section VI would like to honor Mr. Richard J. Gallagher (Dick) as our 2016 community service recipient. We are grateful for all the years of service, time, and energy that he continues to put forward to the youth in our community.

Mr. Gallagher who is a social worker by trade has made it his mission to devote much of his life mentoring, guiding, and promoting the youth in WNY. He retired in 2010 as the Executive Director of Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc., a position he held for almost 30 years. Dick Co-founded Kids Escaping Drugs and has been heavily involved with that organization. His professional career has been well decorated with many awards and as a member of many committees. Some of the accolades are Social worker of the year, John DeLuca Award for outstanding services to alcoholic people and their families in NY, WNY Chemical Dependency Lifetime Achievement Award, FBI Director's Community Leadership award, just to name a few.

When he is not working helping people with chemical addictions, he is promoting the athletes in Section VI. Dick Gallagher has been a household name to WNY athletes since 1983 when he became editor and publisher of WNY High School Sports. Since then he has contributed to our athletes as a member of the NY State Sports Writers Association,

member of the Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Committee, member of the WNY Scholar Athlete committee, Coordinator of WNY High School Football Banquets, and member of the Buffalo News Football Polls.

Dick is the member of three Hall of Fames - UB Athletics, Buffalo News, and Greater Buffalo Sports. His charitable work has earned him numerous honors from youth leagues and various community organizations, such as Buffalo News Citizen of the year, WNY and NY State Football Coaches Associations, Amherst Avenue of Athletes, Village of Williamsville Service to youth award, Niagara PAL Sportsman of the Year, and many others.

This is just a brief synopsis of the many more accolades, honors, committees, and services that Mr. Gallagher has been a part of here in WNY over his lifetime. The gratitude and appreciation that the Athletic Directors, School Personnel, Parents and most importantly the student athletes have for Dick cannot be sufficiently done in this short write-up. On behalf of all the athletes in WNY, the Athletic Directors of Section VI thank Mr. Richard J. Gallagher for his countless hours to our programs. Congratulations as the NYSAAA Community Service recipient.

Chapter VI Award Winners 2016

Athletic Administrator of the Year

Jim Graczyk - Pioneer Central Schools

After graduating from the University of Buffalo in 1985, Jim Graczyk started his educational career teaching Physical Education at the Elmwood Franklin School in Buffalo, NY. He taught and learned there for three successful years. After earning his Master's Degree in Exceptional Education from Buffalo State College (1988), he moved to North Tonawanda High School and taught Special Education for a year before returning to his alma mater, the City of Buffalo Public Schools. In Buffalo, he spent nine years as a Physical Education teacher at Grover Cleveland High School and as Assistant Principal at Bennett High School. In 1999, he advanced to Pioneer Central Schools in Yorkshire, NY as Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics.

Pioneer is a member of the Erie County Interscholastic League (ECIC) and Section VI. Jim serves as the Athletic Directors Association President. At the league level, he has been a member of the Activity Board, Finance Committee and Anniversary Banquet Committee, he also served as President of the ECIC Athletic Council from 2012-2014.

For Section VI he has served on the Finance and Sectional/ Intersectional Committees. Currently, he co-chairs the Sportsmanship and Boys Swimming Committees, is on the chairperson nominating committee, and is a member of the Section VI Executive Committee, and Athletic Council. At the state level, he represents Section VI as the Boys Representative to the Central Committee and the Championship Philosophy Committee.

Throughout his career, Jim has been very active in coaching, leadership, and service, and he has always created opportunities for students to participate and be active. He coached football, cross country, swimming and tennis in both city and suburban districts. While at Grover Cleveland HS, he built a highly competitive swim program in the City of Buffalo league. It is there that he learned just how much athletics can be a positive influence, from strong connections forged in a team setting to lifelong attitudes and skills. He saw students involved in all aspects of the team -- participant, teammate, scorekeeper, manager, announcer, and cheerleader-- and all had an important role in a successful team. He experienced, too, how a person can become a truly significant influence in a student athlete's life; one honor that Jim holds dear is being asked by a former student athlete to walk her down the aisle on her wedding day. It's moments like this that we realize how lucky we are to be in our chosen profession.

The Chapter VI Athletic Administrators are proud to award Jim Graczyk the 2016 Chapter VI Athletic Administrator of the Year.



Pictured left to right: Timm Slade, Section VI Executive Director, Jim Graczyk, and Mark DiFilippo, Chapter 6 Awards Chairman

Non-Athletic Administrator of the Year

Jeffrey R. Rabey Ph.D.

Section VI would like to honor Dr. Jeffrey R. Rabey as their Non-Athletic Administrator of the Year for 2016. Dr. Rabey is currently the Superintendent of Depew Union Free School District and is the Past President of Section VI.

Jeff has 24+ years of professional experience, which includes Elementary and Special Education Teacher, Middle School Counselor, High School Assistant Principal, Middle / High School Principal, Director of Secondary Education and Superintendent of Schools. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education at Daemen College, his Master's Degree in School Counseling from St. Bonaventure University, his Master's Degree in Education Administration from the University at Buffalo and his Ph.D. in Leadership and Policy at Niagara University. In addition, he has served on many professional committees such as the Superintendent Representative to the Erie County Association of School Boards, the President of the Erie - Niagara School Superintendents Association, the President of the Western New York Education Service Council, the President for the Section VI of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association's, and is currently the Chairman of the Athletic Council for the New York State Council of School Superintendents and a Member of the House of Delegates for the New York State Council of School Superintendents.

Dr. Rabey also serves as an adjunct instructor for Niagara University in their Education Administration program. Jeff has received the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Award in 2015 and the Daemen College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013.

He was recognized as a "Friend of Prevention" by Western New York United Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse in 2009, received the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU) Independent Sector Alumni Hall of Distinction Award in 2009, recognized by Business First's Who's Who In Education since 2008, honored as the Featured Alumni by Daemen College in the publication Daemen Today in 2007, the recipient of the Walter Klein American Legion Post #514 Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2002 and recognized by Who's Who Among American Teachers in 2000 and 2005.

Jeff is an avid runner, who completed a four season half marathon challenge in 2015 in the city of Rochester. He is married to Tracy and they reside with their five children in East Aurora, New York.



Jeffrey Rabey, Ph.D., and Mark DiFilippo, NYSAAA Awards Chairman

Chapter VI Award Winners 2016

Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award of Excellence Kathie Crist

Section VI would like to recognize Kathie Crist, Grand Island Central School District Athletic Secretary, as the 2016 Athletic Administrators Secretary of the Year. This is Kathie's fifteenth year working as the athletic secretary for Athletic Director Jon Roth. Kathie has a great understanding and commitment to the athletic program and takes pride in her own performance as well as the performance of the Grand Island sports teams. Kathie is dependable, her work ethic is outstanding and she always goes above and beyond job expectations.

When Kathie started as athletic secretary, Grand Island sports programs consisted of twenty-two varsity sports and 5 modified sports and now presently consists of 29 varsity sports and 11 modified sports, increasing her workload tremendously. She is extremely flexible when program changes occur such as Schedule Star, Arbiter, purchasing, auditing, technology, transportation, and continues to attend workshops and conferences related to updating these changes.

In addition to her daily athletic duties, she is in charge of all district accident reports (K-12), updating the athletic website, athletic pictures and plaques in Viking mall, district intramural schedules, athletic supervision scheduling, Athletic Placement Process results and all physical education needs. Kathie is totally responsible for the NYSPHSAA Team Scholar Athlete Award recognition ice cream social each season awarding each athlete a T-Shirt, certificate, and pin.

Kathie has a unique ability to work with others demonstrated when she coordinates with the athletic trainer all the communication, scheduling and documentation of all middle school and high school student athletes' annual sports physicals which is a huge undertaking.

Kathie has a great rapport with our Viking coaches, administration, staff, athletic trainer, Niagara Frontier League secretaries and Athletic Directors, and is very loyal to our Viking athletes. Kathie was honored at the 2007 Niagara Frontier League banquet as Grand Island's Cornerstone Award recipient for her outstanding contribution to Viking Athletics.

Kathie is a wonderful person to work with, a tremendous asset to the entire athletic program and the athletic department is in a better place because of Kathie Crist.



Kathie Crist with Athletic Director Jon Roth

Meet the Athletic Director

Dan Hannon
WNY Maritime Charter School
Independent/Charter Schools



Years of Administrative Service:

1

Education:

BSED in Physical Education, SUNY Cortland (2010 - 2014)

MS in Sports Management, SUNY Cortland (2015 -)

Family:

I am 24 years old, single, with two brothers.

Favorite Food: My favorite dinner is chicken parmesan, but I could eat chicken wings anytime, anywhere.

Favorite Movie: My favorite sports movie is Miracle, but my favorite all-time movie is Wedding Crashers or Tommy Boy.

Hobbies: Outside of coaching, I enjoy playing pick-up sports with friends, enjoying my cottage in Crystal Beach in the summer, and trying different restaurants throughout Western New York.

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

I had amazing physical education teachers and coaches throughout my childhood. They taught me how influential athletics can be in shaping your life values and who you are as a person. I wanted a chance to teach this to others, which is why I went into the field of education. My goal is to continue to teach kids how to deal with the ups and downs of winning and losing, the value of commitment in being on a team for a whole season, and how being a member of a team is the same as being a member of society, until I cannot physically do so anymore.

Eric Valley
Medina
Niagara Orleans League



Years of Administrative Service:

1

Education:

SUNY Cortland (BFA) - SUNY Brockport - (Masters Degree)

Family:

Wife: Laura

Son: Tyler 18

Daughter: Lydia 16

Favorite Food: Steak, crab legs

Favorite Movie: Gladiator

Hobbies: woodworking, painting, basketball, softball

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

I always enjoyed athletics and working with student athletes.

Dedication

This edition of the Section VI newsletter is dedicated to Eligibility Chairman Gerald "Jerry" Baldelli



GERALD BALDELLI
Frontier Senior High School

In the winter of 1970, immediately preceding the sectional basketball playoffs, a crisis brought Gerald "Jerry" Baldelli to the doors of the Section VI Athletic Council when the President and Basketball Chairman, William "Bill" Rodiek, a goliath among sectional officials for several years, died unexpectedly. Jerry had recently handed the reigns of the Frontier Central basketball program over to his junior varsity coach and was devoting his full efforts to teaching and part-time administrative duties. His athletic director, Laurens "Joe" Dietz, a long serving sectional volunteer in various capacities was persuasive in getting him to become part of a sectional basketball committee that would

conduct the upcoming playoffs with the quality, efficiency, and success that the Section was accustomed to under Mr. Rodiek.

Jerry then became Basketball Chairman and served in that capacity for six years followed by 14 more years as Assistant Basketball Chairman. In 1975, he was chosen Principals' Representative to the Central Committee and retained that position for 10 years. In 1985, he was appointed chairman of the Extended Eligibility Committee along with representatives throughout the Section, i.e. Joe Dietz, Dan Hagen, Bob Woodard, Edmund Maroone, Mary Byrnes Foyle, Dorcas Smith, and George Johengen.

After 45 years of service to Section VI, Jerry will step down from the Extended Eligibility Chairman position as of June 30, 2016.

Section VI wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation to Jerry for his role in the successes of the Section over the years and his dedication to student athletes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Nunzio Maiorana, Medina
President-Elect	Ken Young, Iroquois
Secretary	J. Peter Dygert, BOCES No. 1
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Superintendent	Dr. Merton Haynes, Iroquois
Principal	Gerald Baldelli, Frontier
Girls Representation	Mary Byrnes, Hamburg

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<u>League</u>	<u>Supt.</u>	<u>Prin.</u>	<u>Girls Rep.</u>	<u>Boys Rep.</u>
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Cattaraugus	N. Fagnan	P. Lanper	J. Eaton	M. Conte
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Niagara Frontier	D. Healy	A. MacGamwell	R. Love	M. Lederer
City of Buffalo	Ed Maroone, [Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.]			

As one can see from the program, Jerry was the Central Committee's Principal Representative while serving on the Basketball Committee. He continued to serve as the representative until he was appointed an Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services; at which time, he was no longer eligible for the Principal's Representative position, but the Section VI President at the time (Nunzio Maiorano) from Medina appointed Jerry and several others to the Extended Eligibility Committee (30 years ago).

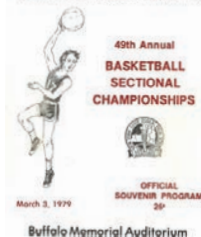
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BASKETBALL: 1962-63
JERRY BALDELLI, VARSITY COACH



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NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SECTION VI



Additional Champions

2015-2016 Winter

Sectional Champions

Cheerleading

Silver Creek, Co-ed

Lew-Port, Division II Small Schools

Boys Swimming

Williamsville South, Dan Kuznetsov,
500 Yard Freestyle

Orchard Park, Riley McLaughlin
Alec Hoch, Joe Blake, Drew Deren,
400 Yard Freestyle Relay

Girls Indoor Track & Field

Dunkirk/Silver Creek, Emma Seiders,
600 Meter Run

Williamsville South, Amberlee Robertson,
1000 Meter Run

Grand Island, Kaitlyn Tuohy,
1500 Meter Race Walk

Lancaster, Hannah Reinhardt, Julia Darlak,
Gillian Fedar, Katrina Patterson,
4x800 Meter Relay

Boys Indoor Track

Cheektowaga, Tyler Summage,
55 Meter Dash & Triple Jump

Grand Island, Joseph Frailey,
600 Meter Run

Pioneer/Allegany Limestone,
Owen Barber, 1600 Meter Run

Orchard Park, Matt Mercer,
3200 Meter Run

Dunkirk/Silver Creek, Lucas Hallick,
Chris Michalski, Julio Cheverez,
Jose Morales, 4x400 Meter Relay

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President Brett Banker, Ken-Ton

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Boys Sports Rep* Jim Graczyk, Pioneer

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*Central Committee Representatives to the State Association