



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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Next Athletic Council Meeting

May 24, 2006 10:30 AM

New location:

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

Action items:

Appointments: Section VI President Elect
and Sportchair Positions
(see page 6 for nominees)

Discussion Items:

Section VI Transportation Policy

Current status:

Centralized Management of
Officials

Scholar/Athlete Team Awards Winter 2005-2006 State Champions

SPORT	SECTION	SCHOOL	TEAM GPA
Boys Basketball	8	Jericho High School	95.741
Girls Basketball	6	Wilson High School	97.200
Girls Bowling	8	Jericho High School	96.292
Boys Bowling	8	Jericho High School	94.614
Ice Hockey	7	Plattsburgh High School	94.741
Boys Indoor Track	1	Irvington High School	97.500
Girls Indoor Track	8	The Wheatley School	99.543
Girls Gymnastics *	6	Frontier High School	96.894
Boys Skiing	5	Brighton High School	97.281
Girls Skiing	9	Monticello High School	97.714
Boys Swimming & Diving	8	Garden City High School	96.794
Wrestling	8	Massapequa High School	96.208

*fall team

See Page 3 for the complete list of all Section VI Winter Scholar/Athlete Team Award winners.



Section VI Winter State Champions

(See pp 5-7, 10)

Wrestling - 96# Chris Conti, Fredonia
Girls Bowling - Lockport High School
Ice Hockey, Division 1 - Williamsville North
Boys Basketball Class B - Lackawanna

Rifle

Air Rifle - Rebecca Gerevics, Alden
.22 Cal & Air Rifle - Clarence High School
and Section 6 Team

Swimming and Diving

200 Freestyle - Travis Martinez, Clarence
Diving - Ian O'Rourke, Grand Island

Centralized Management of Sports Officials

Section VI member districts have been asked to respond by MAY 15, to a recent inquiry regarding participation with LeagueMinder and/or the payment-of-officials through BOCES for 2006-07. A summary of the cooperative efforts of Section VI and BOCES toward centralized management of officials for 2005-06 (see page 15) was enclosed.

For the reasons noted in this summary, Section VI encourages all districts to participate in this management system with a subscription to LeagueMinder. In addition, the option is available to each district to participate in the Payment-of-Officials by BOCES. Because this management effort complies with the SED regulations regarding Board of Cooperative Educational Services, the costs with respect to both the annual subscription and the optional payment program are BOCES aidable for the 2006-07 school year.

The payment-of-officials program has operated successfully for the piloted sports (girls soccer, boys basketball, indoor track) at 5 districts. It is currently underway for spring track at 12 districts participating for 2005-06. For the 2006-07 school year, the program which is open to all districts, will be expanded to include payment of officials in each of the following sports for all levels:

Fall:	Girls soccer, boys soccer, cross country and field hockey
Winter:	Boys basketball, girls basketball and indoor track
Spring:	Track and field, boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse

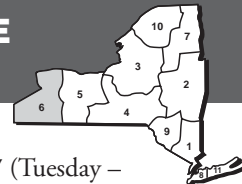
In addition, LeagueMinder recently developed an auto-assign capability for Section VI schools. This function will be reviewed and piloted in the near future.

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

NEW ADDRESS: 8 AIRPORT PARK BLVD. LATHAM, NY 12110



Structure & Policy Review Committee

President Kathy Faber will be convening an Ad Hoc Committee to review all aspects of the NYSPHSAA so that we are better equipped to provide the very best opportunities for our student athletes. Sections have been asked to provide the names of three representatives to be considered for appointment to the committee.

NFHS Sports Safety Materials

On the NFHS web site (www.nfhs.org) the following materials are available for downloading: Heat Stress and Athletic Participation, Reducing Brain and Spinal Injuries, Recommendations For Hydration To Prevent Heat Illness.

Scholar Athlete Team Award Deadline

The deadline for submitting Scholar Athlete Team forms is **Friday, May 19th**. Schools with 100% of their varsity teams as Scholar Athlete team recipients may submit for the School of Distinction Award. The deadline in June 30th.

Spring Championship Dates And Sites

Boys Tennis

June 1-3 National Tennis Center (NYC)

Boys Golf

June 3-5 Cornell University (4)

Girls Golf

June 4-5 Fox Fire Golf Club (3)

Boys Lacrosse

June 8 (Semi) USMA/Syracuse

June 10 (Finals) Stony Brook University (11)

Track & Field

June 9-10 St. Lawrence University (10)

Girls Lacrosse

June 9-10 SUNY Cortland (3)

Softball

June 10 Cicero No Syracuse (3)

Baseball

June 10 Binghamton/Endicott (4)

Federation Golf

June 11 Carvel Country Club (9)

Coaches Clinics

(Brochures have been mailed)

May 19th

Soccer @ Soccer Hall of Fame - Oneonta

June 16th

Volleyball @ SUNY Oneonta

Future Rule Changes Boys Lacrosse

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

NCAA Update

The NCAA has established an Amateurism Clearinghouse for all international and domestic prospective student athletes and transfer student athletes. One of their purposes will be to create competitive equity in the recruiting process for their Division I and II institutions. This will affect all prospects entering Division I or II institutions on or after August 1, 2007. The Amateurism Clearinghouse will begin in late May 2006 and be available on the same web site as the Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. More information is available at <http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ach/index>.

SED

Pat Kocialski is taking over for Kent Gray as the new Associate Director in Physical Education with SED. She can be reached at 518-474-5922 or pkocials@mail.nysed.gov.

NYSPHSAA Reminders

- **Dues increase for 2006-2007:**
Association dues will be increasing for the 2006-2007 school year. The base district fee will be raised by \$50 to \$700 and the per-pupil cost will rise .05 to .75 cents per student (over 300) in grades 7-12.
- **Future Meeting Dates:**
August 9-11, 2006
Holiday Inn, Grand Island
October 30, 2006
Holiday Inn Turf, Albany
January 25-26, 2007
Saratoga
May 4-5, 2007
Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle

August 7-9, 2007 (Tuesday – Thursday)
Crowne Plaza,
Lake Placid

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Action

The following items were approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee at the May 5th meeting:

Handbook Revisions - approved

- **Unsportsmanlike Conduct** – pg. 71b, line 5 Add: *The contest in which the athlete was disqualified must count in the total maximum number of contests permitted.*
- **Practice Sessions** – pg. 68b, line 4. Add: *“A practice session conducted on the same day as a game cannot be counted to meet the minimum practice requirement to be eligible for that day’s contest.”* Please note - participation in a warm up prior to a contest may not count as a required practice.
- **Code of Conduct** – *“I understand my responsibilities to my athlete(s) and expectations of my behavior.”* (For the coaches sign-off on the Code of Conduct)
- **Transfer Rule** - Exemptions to (b) Editorial change: *“For athletic eligibility a student must enroll in the public school district or in a private school within that district’s boundaries of his/her parents’ residency.”*

General

- **Price Increase** - Rule Books and scorebooks will increase in price by 25 cents and \$1.00 respectively beginning with the 2006-2007 winter season.
- **Non Sanctioned Events** - A letter of notification will be sent to schools who sponsor participation in non-sanctioned athletic events informing the Chief School Officer, Athletic Administrator and Section Executive Director of the violation.

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SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

The NYSPHSAA, Inc. believes that the athletic participation of students enhances their academic performances. To support this belief, The Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program was begun in 1991. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award. The Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. became the co-sponsor of the program in 1995.

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Section VI Team Award Winners – Winter 2006

Boys Basketball

Barker HS	94.526
Frontier HS	94.281
Medina HS	92.976
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	92.857
Springville HS	92.763
Cleveland Hill HS	92.728
Williamsville East HS	92.500
Iroquois HS	92.471
Falconer HS	92.440
Ellicottville Central School	92.371
Clarence HS	92.172
Cassadaga Valley HS	91.794
Albion HS	91.755
Westfield HS	91.599
Kenmore West HS	91.564
Akron HS	91.115
Olean HS	91.043
Maryvale HS	91.004
Portville HS	90.851
Allegany-Limestone HS	90.824
North Tonawanda HS	90.600
Southwestern HS	90.453
Wilson HS	90.414
Williamsville North HS	90.349
Alden HS	90.297
Pioneer HS	90.241
Grand Island HS	90.194
Newfane HS	90.190
Fredonia HS	90.023

Girls Basketball

Wilson HS	97.200
Ellicottville Central School	96.600
Southwestern HS	96.253
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	96.143
Brocton HS	95.977
Franklinville HS	95.971
Medina HS	95.903
Portville HS	95.780
Depew HS	95.529
Orchard Park HS	95.478
Frontier HS	95.404
Pioneer HS	95.388
Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS	95.292
Sherman Central School	95.286
Hamburg HS	94.914
Albion HS	94.818
Allegany-Limestone HS	94.817
Alden HS	94.781
Williamsville East HS	94.756
West Seneca East HS	94.749
Cheektowaga HS	94.671
Barker HS	94.483
Clarence HS	94.346
Iroquois HS	94.200

East Aurora HS	94.174
Olean HS	94.114
Cassadaga Valley HS	94.036
Williamsville North HS	94.020
Akron HS	93.768
Springville HS	93.159
Westfield HS	92.962
Kenmore East HS	92.453
Cleveland Hill HS	92.229
Kenmore West HS	92.214
Newfane HS	92.004
Falconer HS	91.966
Maryvale HS	91.506
West Valley HS	91.293
Fredonia HS	91.024
Grand Island HS	90.809
Amherst Central HS	90.763
John F. Kennedy HS	90.483
Sweet Home HS	90.197
Salamanca HS	90.086

Boys Bowling

Holland HS	93.955
Clarence HS	93.855
Williamsville North HS	93.834
Frontier HS	93.295
Lancaster HS	93.166
Iroquois HS	93.130
Depew HS	93.086
West Seneca West HS	93.077
Eden HS	92.943
Alden HS	92.936
Sweet Home HS	92.525
Williamsville East HS	92.466
Kenmore West HS	91.243
North Tonawanda HS	91.134
Maryvale HS	90.657
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	90.429
West Seneca East HS	90.000

Girls Bowling

Clarence HS	95.581
Cheektowaga HS	95.229
Holland HS	94.561
Frontier HS	94.417
Maryvale HS	94.274
Eden HS	94.086
Sweet Home HS	93.480
Iroquois HS	93.443
Depew HS	93.371
Williamsville East HS	93.253
North Tonawanda HS	92.951
East Aurora HS	92.933
Williamsville North HS	92.666
West Seneca West HS	92.510
Pioneer HS	92.194

Cleveland Hill HS	91.817
Alden HS	91.783
Kenmore East HS	91.748
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	90.857
Olean HS	90.750
Kenmore West HS	90.314
Lancaster HS	90.184

Girls Gymnastics (fall teams)

Frontier Senior HS	96.894
Lancaster HS	96.73
Hamburg HS	96.586
Williamsville North HS	95.466
Clarence Senior HS	95.436
Lewiston Porter Senior HS	93.233
Williamsville East HS	93.094
Sweet Home Senior HS	92.689
Maryvale HS	91.226
Kenmore West HS	90.447

Ice Hockey

Williamsville North HS	94.280
Frontier HS	94.203
Williamsville East HS	93.665
Kenmore West HS	92.667
Sweet Home HS	90.634

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Kenmore West HS	95.021
Alden HS	92.856
Lancaster HS	92.720
Iroquois HS	90.781
Kenmore East HS	90.472

Boys Indoor Track

Clarence HS	96.385
North Tonawanda HS	95.508
Williamsville North HS	95.119
Newfane HS	94.256
Frontier HS	94.122
Iroquois HS	94.109
Lancaster HS	94.093
Hamburg HS	93.200
Williamsville East HS	92.924
Depew HS	92.383
Sweet Home HS	92.173
Maryvale HS	91.813
Pioneer HS	91.303
Amherst Central HS	91.207
Kenmore East HS	91.139

Girls Indoor Track

Frontier HS	96.380
Hamburg HS	95.925
North Tonawanda HS	95.883
Williamsville North HS	95.841
Williamsville East HS	95.683

Lancaster HS	95.421
Clarence HS	94.947
West Seneca West HS	94.590
Kenmore West HS	94.397
Sweet Home HS	94.310
Lake Shore HS	94.250
Iroquois HS	94.218
Depew HS	93.842
Maryvale HS	93.559
Pioneer HS	92.594
Springville HS	92.168
Kenmore East HS	90.983
West Seneca East HS	90.697

Boys Swimming & Diving

Williamsville East HS	95.508
Sweet Home HS	94.942
Hamburg HS	94.182
Iroquois HS	93.781
East Aurora HS	93.713
Starpoint HS	93.651
Williamsville North HS	93.588
Newfane HS	93.411
Olean HS	93.223
Clarence HS	92.488
Medina HS	91.709
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	91.545
City Honors School	91.285
Cleveland Hill HS	91.262
Cheektowaga HS	91.245
Albion HS	90.813
Fredonia HS	90.718
Grand Island HS	90.658
Alden HS	90.392
Southwestern HS	90.199
Lancaster HS	90.147

Girls Swimming & Diving

Medina HS	95.355
Akron HS	94.854
Albion HS	92.924
Barker HS	91.604
Newfane HS	90.629
City Honors School	90.021

Wrestling

Williamsville North HS	94.238
Clarence HS	94.134
Williamsville East HS	93.895
Depew HS	93.750
Falconer HS	93.076
Southwestern HS	93.049
East Aurora HS	92.617
Kenmore West HS	92.276
Orchard Park HS	92.270
Albion HS	90.718
Niagara-Wheatfield HS	90.300

CONGRATULATIONS

Section VI Winter State Scholar/Athlete Champions

Wilson Girls Basketball- State Champion with a team GPA of 97.200

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

"It makes me feel great. I think our whole school and community are very proud of this accomplishment," said Larry Lash, the head coach of the Lakewomen for the past 13 years. "This is all about the girls and their parents and teachers...they got good grades because they're good students."

The prestigious state honor was based on the combined un-weighted averages of seven of the players, who will share the award. Meagan Diez, Amy Frauen, Mary Gorman, Lauren Howe, Stephanie Reagan, Kari Seabert and Katie Wolcott boasted a combined grade point (unweighted) average of 97.2 to earn the honor. "The whole team celebrates in this award. If we took averages of all 16 players, we would still have an average above 90 percent," Lash said. The Wilson Girls Basketball team finished 5-7 this past season in the Niagara-Orleans League and was 9-13 overall.

Section VI Executive Secretary Robert Dinse presented the team and coach Lash with the award and banner at a special meeting at W.H. Stevenson Elementary School.



Front: (left to right) Meagan Diez, Katherine Wolcott, Stephanie Reagan and Amy Frauen. Back: Section VI Exec. Sec. Robert Dinse, Mary Gorman, Kari Seabert, Lauren Howe, Coach Larry Lash.

Frontier Girls Gymnastics (fall team) - State Champion with a team GPA of 96.894

Congratulations to members of the Frontier Varsity Girls Gymnastics Team for being named the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Team Scholar Athlete Champions! The team's 96.894 average ranks 3rd highest of all 15 Scholar Athlete state champions in girls gymnastics since the program's inception. The team of 11 varsity members placed first out of 67 teams in the state in 2005-06. Frontier and Hamburg are the

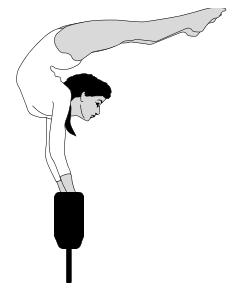


Sitting: (left to right) Coach Nicole Haberer, Kelsey Kryszak, Corinne Miller, Megan Maher, Mallory Dickman and Vicki Samborski.

Standing: Kristen Hibit, Section VI Executive Secretary Robert Dinse, Christie Jordan, Christina Stone, Rhiana Schwartzott, Riley Schwartzott, Casey Orth, Deanna Brockman, School Board Vice President Nancy Wood, Amanda Paolini, and Frontier High School Principal Michael Baumann. Not pictured: Rachel Kininger, Amy Stanley, Amber Tavakoli, and Kelly Young.

only schools in Section 6 to earn the championship in this sport. 5 of the top 8 schools in the 2005-06 final standings in girls gymnastics were from Section 6, making Section 6 the most competitive section in girls gymnastics academically.

This is Frontier's first Scholar athlete state championship in girls gymnastics and its fourth title in the past 8 years.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE SCHOLAR ATHLETE CHAMPIONS!!!

O'Rourke/Martinez Claim State/Federation Diving Titles

Excerpted from an article by Miguel Rodriguez, Buffalo News

Clarence's Travis Martinez and Grand Island's Ian O'Rourke have earned their share of state swimming and diving championship awards during their scholastic careers.

Martinez, a senior participating in his fourth state meet, became the first Clarence swimmer in 20 years to win a championship when he captured the 200-yard freestyle. It was a perfectly swam race. In the past, he had attacked the race aggressively, taken an early lead, only to fade in the end and fall back in the standings. It was the contention that if he could swim the first half of the 200 a bit more under control and remain within striking distance from the leaders that Travis would have a great chance of coming home faster than anyone in the race. This strategy paid off as Travis started to pull away from the field with 50 yards to go. He finished in an Automatic All-American time of 1:41.10. Martinez broke his own school record for the second consecutive day by swimming the fastest back half of the event for his career (52.12 seconds). He took the lead 75 yards into the race and never relinquished it. The last Red Devil to win a 200 individual medley state was Travis' current coach Eric McClaren. Martinez also set a school record and earned Automatic All-American honors during his second-place finish in the 100 free finishing in 46.35 seconds. Travis holds school records in the 100 free, 200 free, 500 free, and 400 free relay and is considering attending college at NC State and Missouri.

O'Rourke, a junior at Grand Island High School, not only defended his New York State Public High School diving championship, but earned the right to be called the undisputed champion by earning his first Federation crown. He edged Mike McDowell, of Rush-Henrietta in

Section 5 by 31.85 points. O'Rourke tallied 530.15 points for 11 dives, amassing 164.75 on his final three attempts of the competition.

O'Rourke hit all three of his dives – a back 1½ summersault with 1½ twist, front 2½ summersault pike and inward 2½ summersault tuck. The key to his success was consistently being able to hit his dives cleanly. Ian is a competitive diver in the J.O. Program as well as high school. His High School Achievements in 11 Dive Meets include:

- 1st Place at Niagara Frontier League Championships (2006, 2005, 2004, 2003)
- 1st Place Section 6 Championships, 2004, 2003)
- 1st Place State Champion at NYS Public High School State Championship (2006, 2005, Runner-up in 2004, 2003)
- 1st Place at NYS High School Federation Title (2006, runner-up in 2005)

While maintaining a 3.5 GPA, Ian has been involved in many additional activities including coordinating events for Grand Island's SADD program, working as an editor for Grand Island High School's Yearbook, coaching the Girl's and Boy's Diving Team for Grand Island's Swimming and Diving 2004-2006 Seasons and assisting with coaching Grand Island's Girls' High School Gymnastics Team. Currently, he trains at the University of Buffalo with the Wing's Diving team coached by Karla Helder.

Congratulations are extended to both Ian and Travis, the only western New Yorkers to capture championships at the state meet!

Steelers Win State Championship!! *by Coach Tim Foley*

The Lackawanna High School Boys Varsity Basketball team won the 2006 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B championship beating Somers-JFK of Section 1, 67 to 50 at the Glens Falls Civic Center. Junior swingman Marcus Rivers led the Steelers with 25 points, which included 6 three-point baskets. Forwards Lesean Braxton and Steve Kozaczka both recorded double-doubles, with Braxton scoring 20 points to go along with 10 rebounds, while Kozaczka added 14 points and 13 rebounds. Russell Holt, Leshawn Blackburn and Curtis Underwood all played extremely well for the team. Lesean Braxton was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, with Marcus Rivers also being named to the all-tournament team. Steve Kozaczka won the tournament's Sportsmanship award. This is the school's first state championship in 27 years, with the last one coming in 1979.

The Steelers advanced to the championship game by defeating Wyandanch of Long Island, 68 to 45. The semifinal game was a total team effort, with 5 players scoring in double figures, led by Lesean Braxton's 17 points. Curtis Underwood and Russell Holt both played an outstanding defensive game, holding Wyandanch's best player to only 2 field goals in the second half.



The Steelers finished the season with a school record 26 wins, with only 2 losses. The team was ranked # 1 in the Buffalo News Small School's poll the entire season, (for the 2nd consecutive year), as well as finishing ranked #3 in the New York State Sportswriters Association Class B poll. In addition to their state championship, the Steelers also won their 2nd consecutive Section VI Class B championship and their 5th consecutive ECIC Division IV championship and were the New York State Western Regional champions for the first time since 1989.

The Steelers were led this season by All-Western New York selection, Lesean Braxton. Lesean, a senior, averaged nearly 18 points to go along with 10 rebounds per game. He was also selected as ECIC Division IV Player of the Year, as well as being an ALL-ECIC 1st team selection. Also named to the All-Western New York team was junior Marcus Rivers. Marcus averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds per game, as well as being named a 1st team ECIC Division IV all-star and 2nd team ALL-ECIC. Senior Steve Kozaczka, who averaged 10 points, 10 rebounds and nearly 5 blocked shots per game was named a 1st team ECIC Division IV selection for the second year in a row. Junior Leshawn Blackburn was a 2nd ECIC Division IV selection, while fellow junior, Russell Holt was an honorable mention selection. The team was coached this year by Tim Foley, his assistants were: Mike Popek, Mike Morris, Dennis Schimpf and Kevin Shadle.

NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

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Sport Standards & Rules - approved

- Field Hockey - The following are approved overtime procedures which a Section may adopt for regular season play; two 10 minute 7v7 sudden victory, one set of 5 alternating penalty strokes, one sudden victory penalty strokes. Classification variation for 2006 - 2007 Class A 915 - up, Class B 914 - 450 and Class C 449 and below.
- Boys Volleyball - To modify the USA Libero rule to allow the libero to serve. To modify USA Substitution rule to allow a maximum of 18 substitutes per set (game).
- Girls Gymnastics - To use the modifications found in NYS High School Technical Handbook.
- Girls Swimming and Diving - continue to permit the annual review of qualifying standards.
- Girls Tennis - To require the "Commitment to Compete" form be signed.
- Wrestling - A one year waiver of the NFHS 1.5% weight loss rule. Weigh-ins for the second day of a tournament will be on the morning of the second day with a one pound allowance. Only a refractometer may be used to test hydration beginning for the 2006 - 2007 season. Replacing hand held calipers with a BIA Scale (Tanita) will be postponed for two years.

Modified - approved

Boys and Girls Swimming—Waive the NFHS no re-call rule. A swimmer is permitted one false start before disqualification.

Referred to the Sections for discussion:

- Field Hockey: The use of eyewear protection which meets ASTM Standards in Field Hockey for 2006 and the mandate of such eyewear in 2007
- Wrestling: Penalizing wrestlers caught cheating on the hydration test.

Boys Basketball

The implementation of a 3-man officiating system for all Regional and State Semi-Final and Final contests was NOT approved.

Nominations Being Accepted

Section VI positions open for nominations are: **Section VI President Elect**, all **Fall Sport Chairperson** positions and **Boys Swimming** Chairperson. Any member in good standing of the professional staff of a member school may serve as a Sport Chairperson. Appointments will be made at the Athletic Council meeting May 24. The President Elect will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2006. **President Elect** Nominations: Mike Wendt, Wilson. The Fall Chairpersons will be appointed for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Current nominees are:

Cross Country-B:	Mike Janisch,
Cross Country-G:	James Zubler
Field Hockey:	Judith Otto
Football:	Charles Funke
Football Asst.:	Chuck Amo
Gymnastics-B:	Joseph Buscaglia
Gymnastics-G:	Donna Aquino
Soccer-B:	Art Jaspe
Soccer-B Asst:	Patrick Anderson
Soccer-G:	Chris Durr
Soccer-G Asst:	Meg Thompson
Swimming-G:	Bruce Johnson
Tennis-G:	A. Anne Smith
Volleyball-B:	Walt Stefani
Volleyball-G:	Debby Schruiefer & Sue Pernick (as co-chairs)

The Boys Swim Chairperson will be appointed to complete the current term expiring June 30, 2008. There are no nominations as of this printing.

Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 cszczesny@e1b.org

Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests

Athletic Directors and coaches: Please note that as of May 1, 2006, the only Senior All Star Contests that have been sanctioned by Section VI and the NYSPHSAA for spring are:

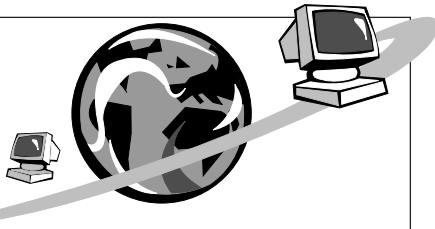
Baseball: Catt Co. Senior All-Star at Allegany-Limestone HS on 6/15/06, cosponsor Allegany-Limestone

Please call the Section office for additions to the above list throughout the season.

As per NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK 2004-2006 p.70 item 26:

- "A student who participates in any unapproved all-star contest shall be ineligible to compete in interschool athletics in all sports for a period of one year from the date of such participation."
- "A contestant may compete in no more than one approved All-Star contest in the same sport during the school year. "

NOTE: A Senior All-Star contest by NYSPHSAA standards, is one in which an athlete's participation is based solely on outstanding performance as a member of a high school team. If open-tryouts are held, the contest is NOT a NYSPHSAA All-Star contest and the regulation does not apply.



Section VI Website Update

www.section6.wnyric.org

New for Spring 2006

Section VI has partnered with PrepScores, a high school sports publishing firm, to manage scores and sports data on the internet at www.section6sports.com beginning with the current spring sports season. The key features of PrepScores include real-time scores, player statistics, standings, schedules, roster information and sectional points. All coaches have been given a pin #, username and password to manage their team's data. The home team coach must call in the score to the toll free line at 866-604-9225 after each game. This 45 second phone call captures the score and is live on the internet immediately. As the score is published, the system calculates league standings and sectional points "on the fly" and they too, are automatically published online. Within minutes after each game, you will see real-time information of all teams in Section VI. Coaches can then log into their team's control panel and add statistics on a game by game basis that will also be available immediately. Check it out!!



Section VI

Lockport Girls Bowlers Shine at State Tournament Again

The Lockport High School girls bowling team, coached by Steve Jarosch, captured their 3rd state championship in 5 consecutive State Championship Tournaments since 2002! They threw an 1123 total in game 5 to run away with the championship with a 224 average. Some highlights:

- 2006 State Champions (6036 pin total)
- Kerri Meden (11th grader) led the girls tournament with a 6 game total of 1326 (221 average).
- Marion Singleton (12th grader) was the second highest girl in the tournament with a 6-game total of 1280 (213 average).

6-Game Tournament Breakdown

	A.M. block (3 games)	P.M. block (3 games)	=	Totals	High Game
Kerri Meden	637	689	=	1326	247
Marion Singleton	604	676	=	1280	246
Alyssa Neglia	574	612	=	1186	245
Jenna Geiger	549	624	=	1173	216
Jill Kipp	543	528	=	1011	201

- Girls threw an 1123 total in game 5 to run away with the championship (224 average).
- Lockport girls' 3rd championship in 5 consecutive State Championship tournaments (2002-present).

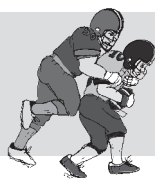
Dates to Remember

- May 15 Deadline for districts to indicate participation with LeagueMinder and/or payment-of-officials through BOCES for 2006-07
- May 15 Deadline for All-WNY Spring Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
- May 19 Deadline for **State Spring Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications**
- May 19 Soccer Coaching Clinic at Hall of Fame, Oneonta
- May 24 Athletic Council & Exec Comm meetings, 10:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca.
- May 30 **Good Sports Assessments: State & Section award winners selected**
- June 14 Executive Committee Meeting, Distance Learning sites TBA
- June 15-23 Regents Examinations
- June 16 Volleyball Coaching Clinic at SUNY Oneonta
- Aug. 9-11 State Central Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn - Grand Island



Reminder: Selection Classification Athletic Directors take note

As per the Selection Classification Guidelines and Procedures published by the State Education Department (Commissioner's Regulations 135.4) page 4 under **Director of PE/Athletics Responsibilities for Implementation** it reads: "Mail notices to all schools and Section officials announcing the students approved to participate in the Selection/Classification Program and listing their athletic performance scores." The form required is posted on the Section VI Website www.section6.wnyric.org click on *Forms and info*, scan down to Selection Classification and click on *Notification of Qualifications*. When completed, this form should be faxed to the Section office as well as all schools that you compete against in that sport.



Always a winner...



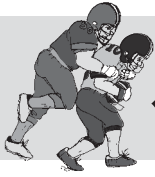
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All WNY Individual & Team Recognition For Outstanding Sportsmanship Winter 2005 – 2006

DIVISION	SCHOOL	INDIVIDUAL	DIVISION	SCHOOL	INDIVIDUAL
Boys Basketball			Boys Indoor Track		
Buffalo	Hutch Tech	Chazmen Hooker	Division A	Lockport	John Haenle
Chaut- 1	Allegany Limestone	Dave Kolkowski	Division B	Lancaster	Josh Durkin
Chaut -2	Cassadaga Valley	Jon Martin	Division C	Frontier	Cameron Gallson
Catt-3	West Valley	Troy Smith	Division D	Pioneer	Cory Pixley
NO	Roy-Hart	Brandon Guild	Girls Indoor Track		
Msgr Martin	St. Joe's	Dominic Cook	Division A	Clarence	Gina Adornetto
Girls Basketball			Division B	Williamsville South	Katie Johnson
Buffalo	Emerson	Markita Quarles	Division C	Orchard Park	Christine Sprehe
Chaut - 1	Olean	Molly Redden	Division D	Jamestown	Kailey Harvey
Chaut - 2	Cassadaga Valley	Kari Barmore	Rifle		
Chaut - 2	Catt. Little Valley	Jenny Rutledge	ECIC	Clarence	Ryan Young
Catt	Franklinville	Brittany Barr	Boys Swimming		
Catt-3	West Valley	Aubrey Shofner	Buffalo	South Park	David America
ECIC - 1	Lancaster	Brittany Heist	Chaut	Southwestern	Kevin Barry
ECIC - 2	Amherst	Fran Holoman	ECIC	Orchard Park	Joe Callageri
ECIC - 3	Williamsville South	Kate Ostroy	NFL	Kenmore East	Ben Daigler
ECIC - 4	Cleveland Hill	Alysaa Syms	NO	Albion	Marty Stirk
NFL	Lockport	Erin Murphy	Girls Swimming		
NO	Royalton Hartland	Jessica Smith	Buffalo	South Park	Emily Hart
Msgr Martin	Sacred Heart	Elyse Monte	NO	Newfane	Shannon Strong
Boys Bowling			Wrestling		
Buffalo	Hutch Tech	Paul Ketterer	CCIAA - 1	Allegany Limestone	John Crisafulli
Chaut	Randolph	Jon Bradshaw	CCIAA - 2	Portville	Joe Holcomb
ECIC	Clarence	Tim Frenz	CCIAA - 3	Randolph	Tim McElwain
NFL	Niagara Falls	Mark Tuteski	ECIC - 1	Hamburg	Zach Shouldice
Girls Bowling			ECIC - 2	Amherst	Jake Turley
Buffalo	Hutch Tech	Ashley Dietz	ECIC - 3	Eden	Mike Bunn
Cattaraugus	Brocton	Ashley Baker	NFL	Lewiston Porter	Matt Bunce
ECIC	Frontier	Ally Harvey	NO	Wilson	Michael Carlo
NFL	Kenmore West	Sara Greck	Ice Hockey		
Ice Hockey			Federation - White	Williamsville South	Vinny Caputi
Federation - Blue	Kenmore West	Eric Kieffer	Federation - Red	Williamsville North	Pat Mulvihill

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...Good Sports Finish First



Stamp out Hazing

We have known for decades that hazing is taking place in our high schools. It has been closely connected to athletics as a ritual for team membership. Hazing is often grounded in drinking, humiliation and/or physical abuse. The best indicator of hazing is "intent." Is the primary intent to humiliate? If so, it is hazing. What can be done??

- Set clear rules and guidelines against hazing. Establish and enforce consequences for violations.
- Talk to student athletes and their parents at preseason meetings about expectations, rules, etc. regarding hazing. You may wish to have them sign a contract, witnessed by parents and coaches, agreeing to no participation in hazing activities or in any other problem behaviors such as the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- Act as a unified front against hazing...administration, faculty, athletic director and coaches.
- Make team building a priority since hazing is often erroneously viewed as a "bonding" activity. Incorporate life skills in everything you do. Learning to think for oneself and making good decisions can be one of the gifts given to young people by athletics.
- Involve parents and the community at large. They must be involved, educated, and asked to be allies against hazing.
- Own the problem for what it is "DANGEROUS" and a "LIABILITY".
- Utilize student athlete leaders to role model appropriate behavior and to take a stand against hazing. Involve them in finding solutions to the problem.

- Teach adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms of hazing and initiation rites. Give them information on how to prevent and intervene if necessary.
- Help student athletes refuse to take part in inappropriate activities. In order to save face, they often need an adult on whom to place "blame" when refusing.
- Act on hazing incidences swiftly. Invoke consequences even if it means losing players from the team.
- Give zealous attention to change the cultural traditions around hazing and initiations. Turning one's head, and minimizing the problem, only reinforces hazing and gives tacit approval to youth to continue the tradition.
- Create initiation rites and rituals that are healthy to replace hazing traditions. The power of rituals can be used for good.
- Notice what is going on with student athletes. Pay attention to what you see and hear. Don't ignore evidence that hazing is being planned or has already occurred...silence is assent.
- Give consideration to monitoring places where student athletes could get into trouble, i.e. gyms, locker rooms, playing fields, and buses.

It takes support from the community, the school and inclusion of youth to create a healthy environment for young people. Make certain your athletic program takes its rightful place in the development of youth. REMEMBER: If you're not a part of the solution, you're a part of the problem!

Time out for a sport thought....

What does it mean to be a "student of the game"? Are you a student of the game? What do you do to keep learning your game?

Do coaches have an obligation to attend coaching clinics and meetings to gain knowledge about their sport? To read the latest literature on their sport?

Are your players more knowledgeable about the game after playing for you for a season? After playing for you for several years?





Will North Hockey Team Claims State Title Again

The Williamsville North High School Boys Varsity Hockey team captured its third state championship in five years in a 1-0 victory over Aquinas (Section 5). The Spartans completed the season with a 25-3-0 record and ranked No. 1 in the New York State polls for most of the year.

Senior goalie Jordan Komm was named the tournament M.V.P. in shutting out Aquinas and defeating Canton (Section 10) 4-1 in the semi-finals. Ryan Clifford, Kenny Joseph and Ryan Geary were also named to the All-Tournament team. Head Coach Bob Rosen was named as New York State Division 1 Coach of the Year.

Season Record – Williamsville North vs.

Skaneateles	W	5	2	Baldwinsville	W	3	1	St. Joe's	W	3	1
Massena	W	5	1	Kenmore East	W	9	2	St. Francis	W	4	1
Lancaster	L	4	2	Sweet Home	W	2	1	Canisius	W	5	1
Canisius	L	4	3	Williamsville East	W	5	2	Amherst	W	5	0
Shenedehowa	W	3	2	Kenmore West	W	8	1	Williamsville South	W	4	1
LaSalle	W	4	0	Frontier	W	9	6	Seton Catholic	W	4	0
Penfield	W	12	0	Canisius	L	3	2	Canton	W	4	1
St. Joe's	W	3	1	Lancaster	W	6	2	Aquinas	W	1	0
Whitesboro	W	6	1	Frontier	W	3	2				

Section 6 and Gerevics Repeat as State Champions Clarence Wins High School Crown



Rebecca Gerevics
State Air Rifle Champion

On March 4th of this year, Section 6 again won the Sectional Competition at the Regional Rifle Match at West Point Military Academy. This was the 3rd consecutive year that the Sectional Team was #1. The 6 member Sectional Team fired a score of 1678.48. The closest competitor, Section 3 came in 2nd with a score of 1589.38. Firing on the Sectional Team were Rebecca Gerevics (Alden) - 284.11 (2nd Overall), Ken Krueger (AL) - 283.10 (3rd), Lauren Pundt (Clarence) - 280.09, (4th), Bob Belko (CL) - 278.07 (5th), Allison Lankes (CL) - 277.03 (7th), and Ryan Young (CL) - 276.08 (8th). The

Clarence High School Team of (L.Pundt, Belko, Lankes and Young) posted a score of 1111.04 to win the .22 cal High School Competition. Central Square (Sec.3) was second with a score of 1084.031. Clarence last won this title in 1976.

In the Air Rifle competition. Section 6 won the sectional crown. The 6 member Team of Gerevics - 284.13 (11th), L. Pundt - 279.09 (3rd), Young-279.09 (8th), Krueger - 271.08 (12th), Lankes - 269.08 (14th), and Krista Pundt - 268.05, posted a score of 1648.052. Their closest competitor, Section 8 fired a score of 1588.46. **Rebecca Gerevics**

(Alden) was declared the STATE CHAMPION in Air Rifle. Beca set a state record when she fired the 284.13 in Air Rifle. In 2005, Gerevics was the state kneeling champion. **Clarence** won the high school competition with a score of 1093.031 (State Record). Their closes competitor was Middletown (Sec. 9) with a score of 1085.

In summary, Section 6 won both sectional titles - .22 cal. Rifle and air rifle while Clarence High School won both High School Titles.



Sectional Rifle Team: L - R: Krista Pundt, Aaron Koss, Allison Lankes, Ken Krueger, Rebecca Gerevics, Ryan Young, Lauren Pundt and Bob Belko. All athletes attend Clarence HS except Gerevics who attends Alden.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Buffalo News/Section VI All-Western New York Academic Winter Sports Teams 2006

The criteria for being nominated for this prestigious award include being a senior, a starter or important reserve and an overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters.

Boys Basketball

Ramon Andino, Albion
Angelo Belliotti, Fredonia
Jordan Blair, Orchard Park
Greg Blette, Frontier
Daren Card, Falconer
Patrick Covert, Eden
Taylor Ebsary, Amherst
Don Gleason, Frontier
Joe Haskell, Pioneer
Patrick Hines, Williamsville East
Joseph Kephart, Niagara Wheatfield
Alex Koss, Clarence
Mike Lawless, St. Francis
Kevin Manzella, Fredonia
Ben Spitler, St. Joe's

Girls Basketball

Mallory Bousher, Lewiston-Porter
Meagan Diez, Wilson
Riley Eckert, Brocton
Jessica Fay, Holland
Natalie Hojnacki, Nardin
Melissa Kanalley, Cardinal O'Hara
Alanna Klose, Fredonia
Molly McKeown, Olean
Laura Mullane, Mt. St. Mary
Jocelyn O'Steen, East
Jennifer Reed, Cardinal O'Hara
Lauren Shermet, Frontier
Lisa Skrypnik, Albion
Dana Szczepaniak, Grand Island
Kari Tarnowski, Brocton

Boys Bowling

Chris Fecio, Sweet Home
Brandon Kipp, Lockport
Tim Langhans, Frontier
Shawn Larson, North Tonawanda
Anthony Nelson, City Honors
Jeremy Shapero, Sweet Home
Ryan Townsell, St. Joes

Girls Bowling

Alexandra Best, Nichols
Kristyn Gergelis, Williamsville East
Gillian Grobe, Clarence
Courtney Jackson, McKinley
Colleen Kelly, Olean
Rebecca Klahn, West Valley
Christine Lundquist, Nichols
Sarah Poley, Sweet Home
Ashley Takacs, Nichols

Boys Ice Hockey

Patrick Beyer, Canisius
Andrew Creighton, Canisius
Rob Eimer, Williamsville North
Ken Joseph, Williamsville North
Steve Lang, Timon/St. Jude
Alex Poniatowski, Williamsville North
Steve Shchurovsky, St. Joe's
Alan Wynia, Timon/St. Jude

Girls Indoor Track

Alexandra Galbo, Williamsville South
Rory Keane, Lockport
Ann Kenna, Williamsville South
Jessica Lemmon, Williamsville North
Brooke Leone, Nardin
Chelsea Nichter, Clarence
Emma Walsh, Mt. St. Mary's
Kristin Willson, Sweet Home
Christine Yankelunas, Sweet Home

Boys Indoor Track

Bradley Bogdan, Canisius
Joshua Boss, Frontier
Ian Clark, Grand Island
Mike Dobmeier, Williamsville North
Mike Fennell, Frontier
Adam Fernbach, Canisius
David Gerard, St. Francis
Lukas Hoffmann, St. Joe's
Sean Lindaman, St. Francis
Robert Papelian, Frontier
Stephen Walter, St. Joe's
Nathan Washburn, Frontier

Rifle

Omobola Babarinsa, Kenmore East
Andrea Marlinski, Alden
Stacia Wegst, Alden

Boys Swimming

Ben Daigler, Kenmore East
Dan Keller, Sweet Home
David LeValley, Iroquois
Pat Quast, Lockport
Steve Rois, Amherst
Jason Scheff, Williamsville East
Jonathan Soh, Williamsville East
Scott Tucker, Holland
Brett Van Groenewoud, Clarence
Guli Zhu, Williamsville East

Wrestling

Nicholas Bacon, Tonawanda
Anthony Black, Kenmore West
Jeremy Hoffman, Nichols
Jamie Ott, East Aurora
Jeff Same, Williamsville East
Alex Siedlecki, Clarence
Nathan Winkelstein, Canisius



2005-2006 WINTER SPORTS RESULTS

TEAM SPORTS SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

* Regional Champion

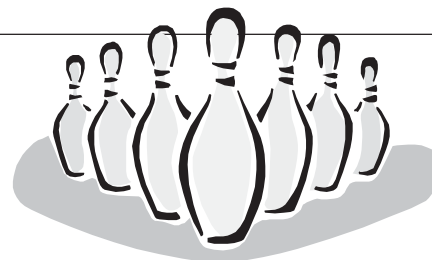
** State Champion

SPORT/CLASS	AA	A	B	C	D
Boys Basketball	Niagara Falls*	Sweet Home*	Lackawanna*	Randolph	Clymer
Girls Basketball	Jamestown	Olean	East Aurora	Portville	Sherman
	Division I	Division II			
Ice Hockey	Williamsville North**	Williamsville East			

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

Bowling

Class	Boys	Total pins	Girls	Total pins
A	Niagara Falls	6086	Lockport	5389
B	Lew-Port	5845	Grand Island	5032
C	Allegany-Limestone	5346	Cleveland Hill	4508
D	Forestville	5076	Forestville	4030



Indoor Track

	Boys/school	Time	Girls/School	Time
55M Hurdles	Jamal Norward, Hamburg	:08.07 - FAT	Reya Russell, N. Tonawanda	:08.63 FAT
55M Dash	Terell Hutchenson, Amherst	:06.77 - FAT	Morgan Billi, West Seneca West	:07.42 FAT
300M Run	Dan Zuch, North Tonawanda	:36.96 - FAT	Anna Holmes, Pioneer	:42.44 FAT
600M Run	John Bauman, Williamsville North	1:23.53 - FAT	Jacquelyn Burns, N. Tonawanda	1:39.11 FAT
1000M Run	Josh Zubler, Frontier	2:36.00	Christine Sprehe, Orchard Park	3:02.72 FAT
1600/1500M Run	John Haenle, Lockport	4:22.69 - FAT **	Sarah Veith, Lakeshore	4:55.9h
3200/3000M Run	Patrick Russell, Lockport	9:26.80 - FAT **	Mia Symoniak, Amherst	10:39.3h
Long Jump	Trey Monaco, Frontier	21' 0"	Morgan Billi, West Seneca West	17' 9"
Triple Jump	Richard Wong, Williamsville North	41' 11"	Sarah Strobino, Sweet Home	35' 5"
High Jump	Cory Pixley, Pioneer	6' 4"	Brianna Steel, Newfane	5' 6"
Shot Put	Drew Graziadei, Sweet Home	53' 8"	Alyssa Pirinelli, N. Tonawanda	40' 2"
Pole Vault	Jim Townsend, Lancaster	14' 7"	Rachel Nemoyer, Orchard Park	11' 9"
4x200M Relay	Lancaster	1:37.70 - FAT	West Seneca West	1:50.15 FAT
4x400M Relay	St. Francis	3:38.31 - FAT	Williamsville South	4:11.61 FAT
4x800M Relay	St. Francis	8:29.89 - FAT	Clarence	9:55.49 FAT
1500M Racewalk	N/A		Krystal Yernye, Lakeshore	7:58.7h

Rifle

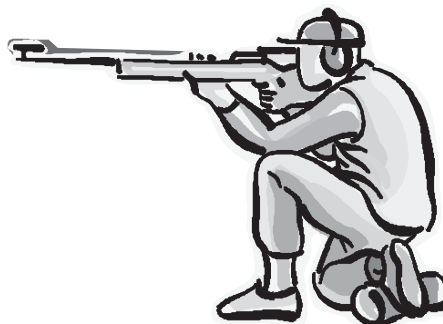
High School Champions:

22 cal: Clarence-1090-28C**Air Rifle:** Clarence - 1097*

Individual Sectional Champions:

	Athlete/School	Score
Prone:	Vicki Brown, Kenmore East	100-4C
Offhand:	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden	90-2C
Kneeling:	Lauren Pundt, Clarence	95-4C
Aggregate:	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden	282-12C
Air Rifle:	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden	282*

*Sectional Record



Boys Swimming

	Athlete(s), School	Time
200 Relay Medley	Williamsville North	1:41.00
200 Freestyle	Travis Martinez, Clarence	1:45.00
200 Indiv. Medley	Mike Dansa, Orchard Park	2:01.32
50 Freestyle	Eric Tafelski, Depew	21:91
100 Butterfly	Jeff Moessinger, Iroquois	53.41
100 Freestyle	Travis Martinez, Clarence	47.56
500 Freestyle	Steve Rois, Amherst	4:55.17
200 Free Relay	Clarence	1:29.07
100 Backstroke	Matthew Geiger, Williamsville North	55:45
100 Breast Stroke	Andy Gorcica, Eden	1:02.87
400 Freestyle Relay	Williamsville North	3:16.51

* School record



Wrestling

	CLASS A	CLASS AA	CLASS AAA	CLASS AAAA	Section VI Champs/Div. I	Section VI Champs/Div. II
	Ripley	Fredonia	Starpoint	Lancaster	Starpoint	Fredonia
96	C. Howard, Chautauqua	B. Burg, Roy-Hart	A. Bagne, Maryvale	C. Schaefer, Lancaster	C. Schaefer, Lancaster	C. Conti, Fredonia**
103	A. Rowe, Ripley	R. Broda, Eden	J. Messina, Cheektowaga	D. Miller, Lancaster	J. Messina, Cheektowaga	R. Broda, Eden
112	M. Metzler, Salamanca	J. Lemke, Alden	C. Voak, Maryvale	D. Welch, Lancaster	D. Welch, Lancaster	J. Lemke, Alden
119	J. Micek, Maple Grove	K. Betts, Fredonia	M. Mariacher*, Iroquois	R. Bruce, N.Tonawanda	M. Mariacher, Iroquois	K. Betts, Fredonia
125	L. Collins, Ripley	M. Bunn, Eden	J. Turley, Amherst	Z. Lange, Nia. Wheatfield	Z. Lange, Nia. Wheatfield	M. Bunn, Eden
130	M. Aris, Barker	G. Dickerson, Falconer	B. Marmo, Starpoint	D. Audy, Clarence	D. Audy, Clarence	M. Aris, Barker
135	C. Sanfilippo, Silver Creek	B. Strandburg*, Fredonia	L. Mariacher, Iroquois	N. Stella, Sherman	L. Mariacher, Iroquois	D. Adams, Medina
140	V. Aris, Bar	F. Rivas, Fredonia	R. Mariacher, Iroquois	M. Weber, Clarence	R. Mariacher, Iroquois	V. Aris, Barker
145	M. Gresh, Ripley	N. Czapla, E. Aurora	M. Cutter, Starpoint	M. Cinelli, Lockport	M. Cinelli, Lockport	M. Gresh, Ripley
152	T. McElwain*, Randolph	B. Orcutt, Olean	C. Chappius, Albion	A. Sidlecki*, Clarence	A. Siedlecki, Clarence	S. Farrell, Roy-Hart
160	M. Herman, Pine Valley	M. Bushel, Southwestern	S. Becker, Starpoint	Z. Shouldice, Hamburg	S. Becker, Starpoint	M. Bush, Southwestern
171	B. Roosa, Salamanca	B. Gunnell, Falconer	J. Plyler, Towawanda	J. Koshinski, Nia. Wheatfield	J. Koshinski, Nia. Wheatfield	B. Gunnell, Falconer
189	R. Pike, Panama	J. Maybee, Gowanda	K. Gibas, Starpoint	T. Sunderville, Kenmore East	K. Gibas, Starpoint	J. Maybee, Gowanda
215	J. Benson, Frewsburg	A. Lilga, Eden	R. Colling, Pioneer	J. Gessey, Jamestown	R. Colling, Pioneer	R. Dahn, Fredonia
275	D. Tyma, Pine Valley	S. Montestanti, Medina	K. Wild, Amherst	W. Turk, Niagara Falls	C. Mentel, WS West	D. Bruning, Akron

* Outstanding Wrestlers ** STATE CHAMPION

WINTER STATE RESULTS

Bowling

	Boys	Girls
Section VI Team	High Single: David Zajac, Niagara Falls, 297	High Single: Kerri Meden, Lockport, 247
School Competition	5 th , 6,309	3 rd , 5,823
Sportsmanship Award	2 nd , Niagara Falls – 6,086	1st, Lockport – 6,036
	Mike Jackson, Southwestern	Marion Singleton, Lockport

Girls Gymnastics

1st: Section 1-184.650, 2nd: Section 11-183.050, 3rd: Section 5- 182.925. Section 6 placed 4th with 181.125 points.

Individual Placements within the top 10:

Place	Athlete, school	Event	Score
3	Danielle Hover, Hamburg	Balance Beam	9.450
3	Kristina Arcury, Williamsville South	Vault	9.425
4	Danielle Hover, Hamburg	Uneven Bars	9.575
5	Danielle Hover, Hamburg	All-around	31.175
6	Danielle Hover, Hamburg	Vault	9.275
7	Christine DelPrince, Lancaster	Balance Beam	9.175
8	Sarah Nadrowski, Kenmore East	Vault	9.225
9	Kristina Arcury, Williamsville South	All-around	36.325
10	Taylor Wierzba, Hamburg	Floor Exercise	9.350



Indoor Track

Section VI: Girls Team 8th - 21 points Boys Team - 8th 25 points

Placements within the top 10:

Place	Athlete, school	Event	Score
2	John Bauman, Williamsville North	600m	1:23.87
3	Drew Graziadei, Sweet Home	Shot Put	52-73/4
3	Melissa Kurzdorfer, Lancaster	Shot Put	40-2
3	Brianna Steel, Newfane	High Jump	5-5
4	Cory Pixley, Pioneer	High Jump	6-2
4	Jamal Norward, Hamburg	55m Hurdles	7.78
4	Rachel NeMoyer, Orchard Park	Pole Vault	10-6
4	Anna Holmes, Pioneer	300m	41.39
4	West Seneca West (Morgan Billi, Nicole Castilloux, Kristina Wright, Kelsey Randall)	4x200m	1:49.09*
5	John Haenle, Lockport	1600m	4:23.61
6	Lockport (John Haenle, Lyle Tolli, Patrick Russell, Brandon Milkes)	4x800m	8:17.77
6	Clarence (Becca Nungesser, Gina Adornetto, Keri Pretorios, Keelan Walsh)	4x800m	9:48.19
7	Alyssa Pirinelli, North Tonawanda	Shot Put	38-71/2
8	Morgan Billi, West Seneca West	Long Jump	17-21/4
9	Allyssa Rogers, Lancaster	Pole Vault	10-0
9	Williamsville South (Allie Van Buren, Katie Johnson, Alex Galbo, Natalie Gregorski)	4x400m	4:09.99
9	Iroquois (Jason Anderson, Justin Handley, Allen Stier, Brandon Muire)	4x400m	3:37.41
10	Richard Wong, Williamsville North	High Jump	6-2

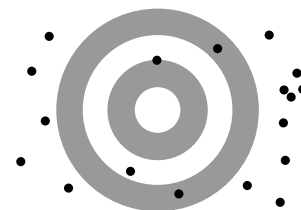
*School Record

Rifle

	.22 cal	Air Rifle
Section VI**	1st 1678	1st 1645*
State Champion HS	Clarence, Section 6 - 1,111	Clarence, Section 6 - 1,090
State Champion Section	Section 6 - 1,678	Section 6 - 1,645*
*State Record		

Section VI Placements within the top 5:

Place	Athlete, school	Points	Event
1st	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden	284.13	Air Rifle*
3 rd	Lauren Pundt, Clarence	279.9	Air Rifle
2 nd	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden	98.6	Prone
2 nd	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden	91.1	Offhand
3 rd	Lauren Pundt, Clarence	91.1	Offhand
4 th	Allison Lankes, Clarence	91.0	Offhand
2 nd	Rebecca Gerevics, Alden	284.11	Aggregate
5 th	Bob Belko, Clarence	278.7	Aggregate



*State Record

Boys Swimming

Placements within the top 10:

Place	Swimmer, School	Time	Event
1	Travis Martinez, Clarence	1:41.10	200 Free
1	Ian O'Rourke, Grand Island	530.15	Diving
2	Travis Martinez, Clarence	46.35	100 free
3	Nate Geary, Lancaster	484.45	Diving
3	Clarence (Brett van Groenewoud, Burns, Martinez, Paul Herberger)	1:28.18	
4	Shawn Hoffman, North Tonawanda	463.30	Diving
4	Williamsville North (Beckinghausen, Deptual, Krupp, Lin)	3:18.29	4x400 free
5	Canisius, (Dan Donnarumma, Stephen Dally, Jake Kwapiszeski, Dan Carver)	1:40.77	200 Medley Relay
8	Jeff Moessinger, Iroquois	53.19	100 butterfly
10	Ryan O'Laughlin, Lew—Port	52.91	100 butterfly

Wrestling

Sect. VI Div. I finished 9th out of 12. Div. II finished 4th out of 12. Placements within the top 6:

DIVISION I - Large Schools

Place	Wrestler/school	Weight
2	Jake Koshinski, Niag-Wheat	171#
4	Kyle Gibas, Starpoint	189#
5	Dan Audy, Clarence	130#
5	Reece Mariacher, Iroquois	140#
6	Randy Colling, Pioneer	215#
6	Lucas Mariacher, Iroquois	135#

DIVISION II - Small Schools

Place	Wrestler/school	Weight
1	Chris Conti**, Fredonia	96#
2	Jared Lemke, Alden	112#
3	Mikel Bush, Southwestern	160#
3	Doug Bruning, Akron	275#
4	Rob Dahn, Fredonia	215#
4	Derrick Adams, Medina	135#\
4	Vince Aris, Barker	140#
5	Mike Bunn, Eden	125#
5	Mike Aris, Barker	130#
5	Mike Gresh, Ripley	145#
5	Brian Gunnell, Falconer	171#
5	Rob Broda, Eden	103#
6	Steve Farrell, Roy-Hart	152#

** State Champion

Congratulations to all Champions

SUMMARY

Centralized Management & Payment of Officials Cooperative Effort of Erie 1 BOCES and Section VI

Section VI presently has 55,270 athletes participating in interscholastic sports on 3089 teams as per the NYSPHSAA 2005-06 survey. Each team may play as many as 8-12 home contests with as many as 1-5 officials per contest. The total number of officials that need to be managed and consequently assigned is overwhelming. A centralized system has become a necessity within the Section.

In April 2003, as a reinforcement of S.A.V.E. legislation, the superintendents of Section VI member schools unanimously approved the resolution that all sports officials must be fingerprinted and cleared before working any sports contests in Section VI (effective Sept. 1, 2003) The fingerprinting of over 1500 officials and administration of the consequent clearance data has been a major undertaking and responsibility for the Section office. It has created an urgent need for a more efficient management system that is real-time and web-based.

In 2005, Section VI District Superintendents and Business Officials requested a BOCES service to pay sports officials. Erie I BOCES initiated a Request for Proposal for web-based athletic management systems to perform this function. Two proposals were presented at a conference attended by representatives of member schools. After reviewing evaluations of both programs, the Section VI Ad Hoc Committee for Central Management of Sports Officials recommended that League Minder be awarded

the bid. Based on this recommendation, in May 2005, the Section VI Athletic Council approved the endorsement of League Minder as the system to facilitate the BOCES shared service of payment of sports officials, a program that complies with SED regulations regarding Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

The pilot program for centralized payment of sports officials by Erie I BOCES, has been successfully operating in cooperation with Section VI since September 2005. All sports officials, in the sports that are piloted, have received one monthly paycheck for all contests worked at participating member schools. This has eliminated the need for districts to issue individual checks to these officials. When fully operational, centralized payment of sports officials through Erie I BOCES will include most sports. The program is open to all Section VI member districts who wish to participate.

The LeagueMinder technology has enabled not only league-wide management of schedules and assignments of officials for selected sports in the pilot districts, but also section-wide management and coordination of the clearance information on the officials in order to ensure compliance with S.A.V.E. legislation. It has expanded the Section's ability to service member schools through Cosered services by allowing the Section to respond to scheduling errors and resolve the issues in a timely manner.



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- Section VI and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association have stepped up their efforts to promote Sportsmanship at all athletics events. I was pleased to report to our winter sports leaders a marked improvement in the number of reported sportsmanship problems this past winter. With about 90 schools participating in several sports at multiple levels, only 17 reportable events occurred. One is actually too many. However, from a practical point of view, significant improvement is obvious. We salute the districts and coaches who have been diligent in their efforts to encourage friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship in their programs!
- Congratulations are extended to the Lackawanna, Sweet Home and Niagara Falls Boys Basketball programs and to Jim Walker, Jon Roth and the entire boys Basketball Committee for the many successes they experienced this past season.
- As we continue the spring sports season be reminded that the Section VI **Lightning policy** requires a **30 minute** lightning and "boom" free period prior to starting or resuming a contest. The text of the entire policy can be viewed at the Section VI website www.section6.wnyric.org...click on *Handbooks, Forms and Info*...scan down to *Safety Policies*.

Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express its gratitude to two Sportchairs who are stepping down from their positions. **Ron Zugelder** has given his time and energy in service to the Section as the **Boys Swimming Chairman** since 2003. **Bob Beach** has been coordinating Mens Gymnastics for 8 years. We thank you Ron and Bob for your tireless efforts, and endless dedication to your sport and Section VI athletes!



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