



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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Next Athletic Council Meeting

September 21, 2005 • 10:30 a.m.

Danny's South,
4300 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park

ACTION ITEMS:

Combining Schools for winter sports
Appointments (see page 3 for nominations)

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

MEETING DATES 2005-2006

September 21, November 16, January 18,
March 22 and May 24

All Athletic Council meetings are
held at 10:30 AM
at Danny's South,

4300 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park

Mark your calendars!

SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETE STATE CHAMPIONS

NYSPHSAA Announces Section VI had two teams that achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Spring Sports! **Medina Boys Tennis and Sweet Home Baseball**. In addition, Hamburg Girls Gymnastics and Clarence Girls Bowling teams were honored as State Champions for winter sports. See Page 3.

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Clarence Achieves 2004-05 Scholar-Athlete "School of Distinction" Award

The "School of Distinction" award, in its third year of existence, is the highest award handed out in the Scholar-Athlete program. Clarence achieved the "School of Distinction" status by having 100% of its 29 interscholastic varsity sports teams earn above a 90.0% grade point average. As a result, **Clarence** will be honored and presented with the award at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting, Wed. Sept. 21 at Danny's South Restaurant. The purpose of the "School of Distinction" award is to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide honor in addition to the already established Scholar-Athlete Team Award program was initiated in 1991-1992 school year. *Congratulations to Clarence Central!*

SPRING SCHOLAR/ATHLETE STATE CHAMPIONS

SPORT	SECTION	SCHOOL	TEAM GPA
Baseball	6	Sweet Home*	93.875
Golf	8	Jericho	97.795
Lacrosse - Boys	11	Ward Melville	95.208
Lacrosse - Girls	8	Farmingdale	98.754
Softball	3	Sandy Creek	95.992
Tennis - Boys	6	Medina*	98.871
Track & Field - Boys	1	Irvington	99.000
Track & Field - Girls	8	Wheatley	99.577

* see page 3

SPRING SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

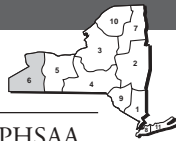
Falconer Softball • Track and Field (See articles on pp. 6-8)

Section VI had its most successful track and field seasons in history in 2005. Section VI athletes combined to win twenty (20) State Titles at the NYSPHSAA Championships at Cicero-N. Syracuse High School. They were Federation champs in six (6) events. Eight (8) Section VI Records were broken during the course of the season.

EVENT	NAME	SCHOOL	PERFORMANCE
Division I Boys			
3200m	Mike Deren	Frontier	9:09.35
High Jump	Tyrone Newsome	Albion	6'-8"
Division I Girls			
800m	Jessica Ortman	Will South	2:09.47
Long Jump	Mary Saxer	Lancaster	19'-9.25"
Pole Vault	Mary Saxer	Lancaster	13'-0"
Pentathlon	Alyissa Hasan	Will South	3614 points
Division II Boys			
100m	Dan Schichtel	Eden	11.03
800m	Geoff Lesch-Wragge	Fredonia	1:53.75
Long Jump	Mike Tabaczynski	Alden	22'-1.75"
Shot Put	Blake Eaton	All-Limestone	58'-9.75"
Discus	Blake Eaton	All-Limestone	166'-1"
4x400m Relay	Jon Ramsey, Taylor Kensy, Matt Bender, Jeremy George	Holland	3:24.87
Division II Girls			
200m	Kim Williams	L. da Vinci	25.27
800m	Sarah Mosser	E. Aurora	2:13.63
400m Hurdles	Desiree Rudloff	E. Aurora	1:03.66
Pole Vault	Janice Keppler	Medina	12'-0"
Shot Put	Emily Yonkers	Fredonia	37'-3.75"
Discus	Alisha Brink	Akron	132'-2"
Pentathlon	Brianna Steel	Newfane	2899 points
4x400m Relay	Sarah Mosser, Carly Kramer, Danielle Kelley, Desiree Rudloff	E. Aurora	3:59.66

NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

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Winter 2005-06 State Championship Changes

As of May 31, 2005, please note the following changes to the NYSPHSAA Championship schedule:

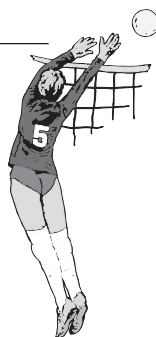
Wrestling February 24-25, 2006
Nassau Colliseum,
Uniondale (Section 8)

Indoor Track* March 4-5, 2006
Barton Hall, Cornell Univ.
Ithaca (Section 4)

*Due to the seating capacity of Barton Hall at Cornell University, the state championship will be proposed as a two-day event. More information will follow

Girls Volleyball

Volleyball will be using the following classifications for the State Championship season:



- AA 1020 up
- A 690-1019
- B 436-689
- C 270-435
- D 269-below

The State Championships for 2005-2006 school year will be at SUNY Oneonta, November 18 & 19, 2005. Regional play should be done by Saturday, November 12, 2005. Regional brackets for 2005:

Class AA, A, B, C:
Section 5 hosted by Section 6

Class D: Section 5 hosted by Section 6

Girls Gymnastics



2006 NYSPHSAA Championship Meet - Section 2 (Changed from Section 7):
Site: Shaker High School, Latham
Date: Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th

Field Hockey

New Rules & Clarifications:

- To ensure a more consistent and uniform playing surface, the grass should be cut to a maximum height not to exceed 1-1/2 inches.
- All field players shall wear tooth protectors and shin guards. Beginning with the 2006 season a tooth protector shall be of any readily visible color, other than white or clear.
- Effective 1/1/07, the players stick shall weigh no more than 23 oz., not exceed a bow of 25mm, and must pass through a 2-inch ring.
- A chest protector specifically manufactured for field hockey goalkeepers to be worn under the shirt.



Peter Scott and Bill Malican

Thank You!

Section VI wishes to extend sincere thanks to the following sportchairs who are stepping down from their positions:

Pete Scott –
Softball Co-Chair since 1995

Tom Murphy–
Softball Co-Chair since 1992

Jon Hoover–
Wrestling Co-chair since 2002

Bill Malican –
Girls Indoor Track Chair since 1990

Our Softball, Indoor Track and Wrestling programs, have been developed and perfected, and would not be what they are today without their hard work and consistent effort! Congratulations are also extended to Pete on his retirement from Depew Schools as an English teacher for 33 years and for being selected as Depew Teachers' Organization's 2005 Educator of the Year!

The Section is also grateful to another individual dedicated to Section VI interscholastic sports. **Bill Wiggers** is stepping down from his position on the Athletic Council as the Boys Representative to the Chautauqua League which he has held since 1993. He has also served as the Executive Director of the Chautauqua County Athletic Association for the last 15 years.

These individuals have dedicated their time and energy to the athletes of Section VI and throughout New York State for many years. Section VI is extremely grateful for their commitment to our athletes and love of their sport! They have done a tremendous job!!



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

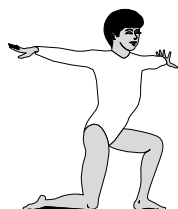
Section VI Winter and Spring State Scholar/Athlete Champions

Section VI is pleased to congratulate two teams that achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Winter Sports and two for Spring!

**Hamburg Girls Gymnastics (fall 04 team)-
State Champion with a team GPA of 96.257.**



Congratulations to the Hamburg High School girls' gymnastics' team. For the fifth time in six years they have been awarded the title of New York State Scholar Athlete Champion. Hamburg had the highest grade point average out of 67 other girl's gymnastic teams across New York State. Over half of the girls on the teams had over a 90 average during the gymnastic season. The top seven members make up the Scholar Athlete Team with a combined average of 96.25. Eleventh grader Jill Fennell and ninth grader Lauren Brechtel, had the top average of 98 for the team. Other members of the Scholar Athlete Team include: Rosalind Konikoff, Danielle



Hover, Sarah Johnson, Liz Schappert, and Allysa Jankowski. These averages were from the first quarter during the competition season this past fall.

**Clarence Girls Bowling - State
Champion with a team GPA of 96.171**

Clarence's 7 member Girls Bowling Team placed first out of 70 teams in the state with a combined average of 96.171. This is Clarence's 11th Scholar Athlete/State Championship. Ten of the eighteen members on the bowling team actually achieved a 90% or better average. Prior to this year's first place finish the team finished second in the state in 2003-2004 and 1999-2000 seasons. In addition to the team's scholastic achievements, the team earned a second place finish in the competitive ECIC Division 1 with 8 wins and 2 losses.



**Sweet Home Baseball- State Champion
with a team GPA of 93.875**

The Sweet Home varsity baseball team had a combined average of 93.875%. The average placed the team first out of 100 teams across New York State. The team was recognized for their accomplishments at the spring sports recognition on Monday, June 6 and by the Board of Education at their June 21, 2005 meeting.



**Medina Boys Tennis - State Champion
with a team GPA of 98.871**



For the second year in a row, Medina's Boys Tennis Team has claimed the Scholar-Athlete State Championship for that sport! The team of 24 varsity members placed first out of 220 teams in the state with a combined average of 98.871%. This GPA ranks highest of all past Boys Tennis S/A Champs. The 2004 team's GPA of 98.569 currently ranks 3rd overall. This is Medina's 4th S/A State Championship in the last 4 years. In addition, Medina was named a NYSPHSAA School of Distinction in 2002-03 with 100% of its 17 varsity sports achieving S/A status. In front, from left, are Eileen Horgan, Mirian Abramowski, Richa Mehta, Emily Pollard, Casey Tuohey and Rory Parker. In the second row are Rachael Huwyler, Caitlin Miller, Lauren Canham, Lizbeth Roberts and Johanna Schaefer. In back are Andrew Zelazny, Mark Fuller, Steven Lin, Brian Kaiser, Ian Pask, Ashlee Dawson, Ryan Anderson and Dan Volkosh. Absent from the photo are Abigail Oveis, Laura Cree, Katie Hartway, Heather Schrader and Bryanna Steiner.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE SCHOLAR ATHLETE CHAMPIONS !!!

Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations and welcome to the following newly appointed Section VI Sportchairs:

Israel Martinez, Niagara Falls HS – Wrestling Co-Chairperson

Pete Szymanski, JFK HS - Boys Indoor Track Chairperson

Emilio Mancini, West Seneca West HS - Girls Indoor Track Chairperson

Section VI is looking forward to sharing their energy and enthusiasm for interscholastic sports!

Also, congratulations on the following re-appointments for another term:

Pam Maryjanowski - Girls Rep to the Central Committee

Sportchairs Reappointed:

Boys Basketball - James Walker

Girls Basketball - Leo Kaminsky

Girls Bowling – John Zloty, Lockport HS

Boys Bowling Co-chairs – Lou Marcantonio & Ted Berdzik

Ice Hockey - Brett Banker, Kenton

Boys Swimming - Ron Zugelder, Lockport
Wrestling Co-Chair - Mike DeBarbieri, Portville

Open for Nominations:

The Section VI Softball Chairperson is open for nominations and will be appointed at the September 21 Athletic Council meeting. Please forward nominations to the Section 6 office at 821-7299.

Current nominations as co-chairs include:
Larry Lash - Wilson
Mark Kruzynski - Medina

2005-2006 Section VI Publications

Personnel Directory

The Section VI Personnel Directory has been distributed to Athletic Directors, sportchairs, assignors for the Officials organizations, media and colleges. If you have not received your copy, call/email 821-7299 cszczesny@e1b.org. Copies will be available to individuals at a cost of \$8.

Please mark the following changes (noted in bold) on the appropriate pages of your directory.

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31 Medina Athletic Director: **Jim Conley** (interim), 434-6491(H)

Fall Sports Handbooks

All the fall sport handbooks are in print and have been sent to the Athletic Directors for distribution to the head coaches. If extra copies are needed they may be printed down from the Section 6 website

www.section6.wnyric.org click on *Handbooks, Forms & Info*. Please note the following updates to the fall books:

Cross-Country: Page 6: Class D – Panama is not participating in 2005

Girls Soccer: Page 3: Class C - add Barker 253

Section VI Manual

The Section VI office is in the process of sending Section VI Manual updates to Athletic Directors, Athletic Council representatives and Sportchairs. Principals and Superintendents will receive this document upon request. The Manual includes the Section VI Constitution and By-Laws, and forms and information about Section policies and procedures. If you not have received your updates/manual, please email/call 821-7299 cszczesny@e1b.org



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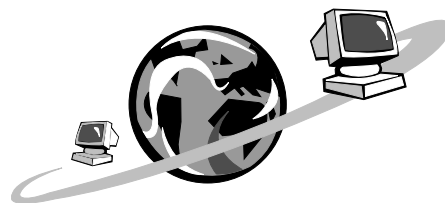
Workshop for Athletic Directors

Chapter Six of the New York State Athletic Administrators Association along with the Section office will be sponsoring a free workshop for all Athletic Directors again this fall. Speakers will include Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, Robert Dinse Section VI Executive Secretary and Dr. Ron Black, Section VI Transfer Chairman and NYSPHSAA 1st Vice President. Topics to be covered include Section VI Policies and Procedures, Eligibility Standards and Sanctioning, Transfer Rule, Officials Contract 2004-2007, Sportsmanship Program, Directors Associations and Extended Eligibility. The Workshop is scheduled as follows:

Thursday September 20, 2005 at 9:00 am

Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus
355 Harlem Road, West Seneca - Bldg. A

Contact Cindy at the Section VI office to register 821-7365 or cszczesny@e1b.org



Section VI Website Update

www.section6.wnyric.org

Don't forget to check the Section VI website for pertinent information!! 2005 classifications and approved season dates, the current post-season schedule, policies and procedures . . . all current forms and sports handbooks are posted - click on *Forms and Information*.

Review the Section VI *Bulletin Board* . . . check for positions open, posting of contests needed by schools, coaching certification courses and clinics, and current sports and fingerprinting information.

Click on *officials* to find sports officials who have been fingerprinted and are therefore eligible to work Section VI contests. The Contract with the Officials for 2004-2007 is posted in printable format along with the approved fee schedule. Officials can register with League Minder.

When was the last time YOU tuned in to your web site???



2005-2006 Dates to Remember

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| Sept. 20 | Workshop for New Athletic Directors - see page 4 |
| Sept. 20 | Spring sports post-season meeting Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca - see last page |
| Sept. 21 | Athletic Council meeting, 10:30 am at Danny's South Restaurant, Orchard Park |
| Sept. 21 | Annual Veterans' Recognition Golf Tournament/Dinner |
| Oct. 4 | Finance Committee Meeting – Section VI office |
| Oct. 6 | Wrestling Min. Weight Certification Assessor Training – UB, 160 Farber Hall 829-2070 |
| Oct. 19 | Executive Committee Meeting Distance Learning sites TBA |
| Oct. 21 | Clinic for all coaches – Holiday Inn Turf, Albany |
| Oct. 24 | State Executive Committee meeting, Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany |
| Oct. 26 | Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting |
| Nov. 2 | Section VI office open for Photo ID's until 6:00 pm by appointment only |
| Nov. 4 | Wrestling Coaches Clinic - Ithaca |
| Nov. 15 | Deadline for All-WNY Fall Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office |
| Nov. 16 | Athletic Council meeting, 10:30 am at Danny's South Restaurant, Orchard Park |
| Nov. 28-29 | NYSPHSAA Athletic Administrators & Sports Coordinator Workshop in Albany |

REMINDER: Fingerprinting of Officials



The superintendents of Section VI Member schools in April 2003 unanimously approved the following resolution: **“ALL SPORTS OFFICIALS must be fingerprinted and cleared before working any sports contests in Section VI, effective Sept. 1, 2003”** The Section VI Executive Committee approved a change to the resolution to allow officials to work Section VI contests provided they have submitted their fingerprints to OSPRA and are listed as “clearance pending” on the Section VI website. Athletic Directors and Assignors will refer to this list for eligible officials. **Only officials who have been fingerprinted are eligible to officiate Section VI contests.**

NOTE: All clearances are issued by the Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability (OSPRA) at SED. An

individual can check the status of his/her background check by calling 518-473-2998 Mon, Wed or Friday or emailing ospa@mail.nysed.gov.

SUMMARY: Prior to officiating a Section VI sport contest, an official must present to the school representative:

- a) A valid Section VI sports official photo ID
OR
- b) Drivers license and a copy of his/her clearance from OSPRA
OR
- c) Drivers license and be listed as “clearance pending” on the Section VI website

OFFICIALS' PHOTO ID

Each **cleared** sports official will be issued a Section VI Sports Official Photo ID from the Section VI office. A school representative will examine the official's photo ID prior to his/her officiating a contest in their district and record that official's assigned identification number. This Photo ID will provide appropriate confirmation that the official has been properly fingerprinted and cleared. **An official must be cleared to receive the ID.** Section VI takes photos for the required Photo ID at the Section VI office in the Erie 1 BOCES building, 355 Harlem Rd. West Seneca every Wednesday from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. One evening session is scheduled each season (by appointment only): November 2 for winter sports and March 1 for spring sports.

COACHING CERTIFICATION COURSES 2005-2006

ERIE I BOCES Coaching Certification Courses

Registration: Contact Phillip J. Coyle 821-7530 or Margaret Bochicchio, Secretary 821-7091 Fax: 821-7409

Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics –

Instructor: Chuck Amo

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, Oct. 4, 6, 11, 13, 2005

Hamburg HS, 4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg, NY 14025

Registration Deadline: September 9, 2005 Cost: \$156.00

Health Science Applied to Coaching –

Instructors: Paul Pignataro, Tom Haney, Terry Whieldon

Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Oct. 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 Nov. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 2005

Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd, W. Seneca, NY 14224 Room ATS-3

Registration Deadline: October 13, 2005 Cost: \$156.00

Theory & Techniques of Coaching -

Instructor: Ken Stoldt

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

December 6, 8, 13, 15, 2005

Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd, W. Seneca, NY 14224 Room TBD

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2005 Cost: \$156.00

Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics –

Instructor: Ken Stoldt

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Jan. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 31 Feb. 2, 7, 9 2006

Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd, W. Seneca, NY 14224 Room TBD

Registration Deadline: December 30, 2005 Cost: \$156.00

Theory & Techniques of Coaching -

Instructor: Chuck Amo

Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

March 6, 8, 13, 15, 2006

Hamburg HS, 4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg, NY 14025

Registration Deadline: March 2, 2006 Cost: \$156.00

Health Science Applied to Coaching –

Instructor: Chris Kaplan

Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

April 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 2006

1050 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga, NY

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2006 Cost: \$156.00

ERIE II Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES Coaching Certification Courses – Fall 2005

All courses are held at the LoGuidice Education Center at Fredonia

Registration: Call Linda Quinn 1-800-344-9611 X 2061 or

Lisa VerHaque: X 2062 (<http://e2ccboces.wnyric.org>)

Health Science Applied to Coaching – Instructor: Marty Hemmer

Oct. 31, Nov. 2,7,9,14,16,21,22, 2005 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education –

Instructor: John Bogardus

Sept. 22,27,29, Oct. 4,6,11,13,18,20, 2005 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Theories and Techniques of Coaching – Instructor: Marty Hemmer

December 5,6,7,8, 2005 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

CPR: October 24, 2005 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Adult/Child CPR/AED

Session A: October 5, 2005 6:00pm - 10:00 pm

Session B: November 3, 2005 6:00pm - 10:00 pm

First Aid Skills and Knowledge Update

October 17 & 19, 2005 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

First Aid Skills and Knowledge

October 24,25,26,27, 2005 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

*** Coaching Certification Courses are posted on the Section 6 Website Bulletin Board ***

Kenmore West Softball Team Recognized for Sportsmanship

The Kenmore West Softball Team was recently honored with The



James B. Berkery Sportsmanship Award in the AA Division. The award is given by the New York State Softball Officials Organization to the team that exhibits the highest level of sportsmanship at the state tournament. The Blue Devils fell in the state semi-finals. The team is coached by Matt Chimera, a teacher at Kenmore East High School.

“Coach Chimera and his staff have not only helped redefine what quality softball looks like in Section VI, but state-wide as well, commented their Athletic Director, Brett Banker. “What athletics looks like under Coach Chimera and his staff is not only impressive on the field but superlative off the field as well.” Congratulations *Lady Blue Devils!!!*

Soccer Sportsmanship Policy

Upon a review of the 3-year composite report of sportsmanship incidents in boys and girls soccer, the Section VI Soccer Committees in conjunction with the Section VI Athletic Council have developed a more stringent policy to monitor the cautions and ejections in boys and girls soccer.



This policy will be used for all levels of play. All coaches and officials will be required to submit their red and yellow cards. Officials are asked to call the Section VI Hotline **821-7094** (Please note that this number was printed incorrectly on the officials sportsmanship cards!! The correct number for the hotline is **821-7094**) Red and Yellow Cards will also be reported to each school's Athletic Director who will assist the Section office and the Soccer Chairmen in keeping track of the cards that are assessed. Varsity coaches are expected to report their red and yellow cards to their league representative on a weekly basis. Junior Varsity & Modified coaches will report the Cards to their Athletic Director.

The Soccer committees thank everyone for their cooperation with this policy intended to improve sportsmanship.

Centralized Payment of Sports Officials

In response to a request from Section VI District Superintendents and Business Officials for 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. In May 2005, two proposals were presented at a conference attended by representatives of member schools. Evaluations of both programs were reviewed by the Section VI Ad Hoc Committee for Central Management of Sports Officials. At the May meeting, the Section VI Athletic Council voted to endorse League Minder, pending certain stipulations, as the system to facilitate the BOCES shared service of payment of sports officials. This program will comply with SED regulations regarding Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

In September, a pilot program was launched by Erie I BOCES in cooperation with Section VI for centralized payment of sports officials by Erie I BOCES. The pilot is being conducted for the fall sports season with girls soccer only and involves two Section VI member districts. Girls soccer officials will receive one paycheck from Erie I BOCES for all contests worked in the pilot districts within a monthly pay period.

The pilot program will be expanded for the winter season to include additional schools and sports. When fully operational, centralized payment of sports officials through Erie I BOCES will include all sports and will be open to all Section VI member districts who wish to participate. All sports officials will then receive one monthly paycheck for all contests worked at participating member schools.

Section VI and Erie I BOCES express their gratitude to all officials and to Akron and Kenmore for their cooperation with this program, developed to ensure payment of officials in a timely, efficient and cost effective manner, and to safeguard officials social security numbers from identity theft.

East Aurora Shines at State Competition

800m	Sarah Mosser	E. Aurora	2:13.63
400m Hurdles	Desiree Rudloff	E. Aurora	1:03.66
4x400m Relay	Sarah Mosser, Carly Kramer, Danielle Kelley, Desiree Rudloff (L to R in photo)	E. Aurora	3:59.66



Desiree Rudloff



Sarah Mosser



Desiree Rudloff, a senior at East Aurora High School, successfully defended her state title in the Division II 400m hurdles at the 2005 NYSPHSAA championships. She out ran #1 ranked Jen Anderson who finished with 1:04:25, to take her third straight State Championship. Desiree will be attending University of Buffalo. **Sarah Mosser** claimed her second 800m championship in three years with her personal best time of 2:13.5. She will return as a senior captain. The **1600m relay team** won their second straight championship. Danielle Kelly will be attending SUNY Cortland and will be a member of the track team. Junior Carly Kramer and Marla Kelly, a sophomore, will be returning next season. The girls are coached by Martha McLaughlin.

photos by
Nick Campoli

Janice Keppler

Janice Keppler, a senior at Medina High School, took the Division II Girls State Championship in the Pole Vault. Her school records include 12' Pole Vault and 16.2 100HH. She also holds a Niagara Orleans League record of 12' in the Pole Vault.

Blake Eaton

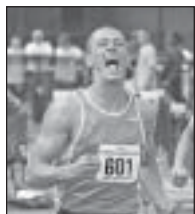
Blake Eaton, a sophomore from Allegany-Limestone CS, won the New York State Division II Championships in the Shot Put and Discus at the New York State Track & Field Championship Meet held at Cicero North Syracuse HS June 3-4, 2005. He won the shot put on his first throw of the competition with a new school record of 58' 9 3/4", his previous record being 58' 5 1/2". Blake continued his season long domination in the event going undefeated for the year in the shot put. In winning the discus, Blake again broke his own school record with a winning toss of 166' 1". His previous record was 162'9".



Blake who is coached by Mike Wilber, is a three-time section six champion. Winning the shot put and discus this year added to his victory in the shot put last year as a freshman with a winning put of 56' 9 3/4". He won All-American status last year in the discus finishing among the top eight in the nation at the national Junior Olympic track & Field Meet at the University of Oregon.

Blake is also a member of the Gator football team. The 6' 2" 300 lb. tackle is as dominant on the football field as he is in the circle having earned 2nd team all league honors as a freshman on both sides of the football.

Geoff Lesch-Wragge



At the 2005 state competition, Geoff Lesch-Wragge of Fredonia High School finished the 800 meter race in 1st place to capture the Div. II championship with a time 1:53.75. This time,

his personal best, was good enough to break a 23 year old school record by just over two seconds. He was also the 2005 Div II Section 6 champion in the 800 & 1600. Geoff, coached by Bob Ball, has been a member of the Varsity Track Team for 6 years, and received the MVP award for two of those years.

Holland



Holland Central's 4X400m boys relay team captured the Division II

New York State Championship for 2005. This relay team's time of 3:24.87 (FAT) was the fastest in all of Section VI this year, and Holland was the only Division II school in the State to qualify for the Federation Final. The boys broke their own Holland High record (3:24.98) set at the Section VI Championship the previous weekend. Holland's relay consists of freshmen **Jon Ramsey** and **Taylor Kensy**, sophomore **Matt Bender**, and senior co-captain **Jeremy George**. To claim Holland's first track and field State championship required Ramsey to lead off (51.6), Kensy to surge (51.3), Bender to weather a stumbling trip (51.6), and George to battle Oneida High School's anchor leg with a gutsy 50.2 final lap. The margin of victory was a mere .22 hundredths of a second.

Intriguing Notes...

Jon Ramsey - one of the fastest 400m freshmen in the State

Taylor Kensy - Freshmen class president, NYS Scholar Athlete, one of the fastest freshmen 400m runners in the State

Matt Bender - NYS Scholar Athlete, member of two HCS record-breaking relays (4X400 and 4X800)

Jeremy George - All-Western New York Senior All-Academic Track Team and member of four school-record holding relays at HCS (4X100/4X200/ 4X400/ 4X800)

The team is coached by John Weaver.



Section VI

Kimberly Williams

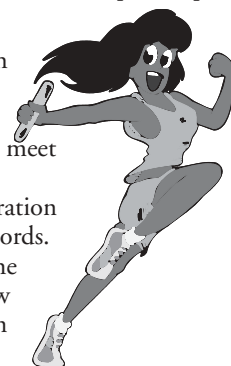
Kimberly Williams, a senior at Leonardo DaVinci High School took the 200 meter Division II title at the 2005 NYSPHSAA championships. The first three seasons of Kimberly Williams' track and field career were highly successful. The Lady Dragons won two league championships and Kimberly won several individual honors at the league, sectional, and state level. Kimberly and teammates Lakeisha Perez, Karen Lackey, and Chelsea Prophet won back to back state championships in the 4 x 100 meter relay. During her senior year, Kimberly raised her performance to an even higher level and added to her glittering record.



Kimberly set the tone early in the season winning track MVP awards at the Kenmore Invitational and the Joseph Paterniti Invitational at Jamestown. At the All High Championship Meet, Kimberly won the 100, 200, and 400 and helped teammates Whitley Kye, Karen Lackey, and Chelsea Prophet to victory in the 4 x 100 relay. She also set a Buffalo league record in the 400. The first day of the Section VI championships brought disappointment as a bad baton exchange ended da Vinci's chance to defend their state championship in the 4 x 100 relay. On day two, Kimberly responded with two outstanding efforts, holding off strong challenges from two time state champion Lisa Romano of Eden to win the 100 and 200. Teammate Chelsea Prophet won the 100 hurdles as well.

At states, Chelsea finished third in the 100 hurdles, while Kimberly was a bit disappointed with her 3rd place finish in the 100. In the 200, she got a better start and took the lead by running the curve aggressively. She held off a challenge from 100 meter champion Trisha Hawthorne to win her first individual state championship.

Kimberly finishes her career with 14 All High medals, 8 sectional patches including 6 championships, 6 state meet medals including 3 championships, 1 federation medal and 3 league records. Kimberly will attend the State University of New York at Binghamton on a track and field scholarship.





Mike (seated) is pictured with Coach Zubler and his parents

Mike Deren

Mike Deren, a senior athlete at Frontier High School, captured the 2005 New York State and Federation championships for the 3200M track event. Throughout Mike's high school career he has received many honors in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. Some of his accomplishments include:

Cross Country: State Championships in 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001; 5th place finish and first Section VI athlete to finish in 2004; Federation Cross Country Champion in 2004, 2003; Co-runner of the year All WNY first team selection in 2004, 2003

Indoor Track: State and Federation Championship in 2005; Section VI Indoor 3200m Champion and 4x800m relay Champion in addition to Section VI Indoor Championship meet MVP in 2005.

Outdoor Track: Section VI Outdoor 3200m Champion, State and Federation Champion in 2005; Frontier 2005 Male Athlete of the Year; Section VI Outdoor 3200m Champion in 2004. In addition in 2005 Mike broke the school record in the 3200m 3 consecutive weeks: 9:24.67 at the ECIC Championships, 9:12 at the Section VI Championships and 9:09.35 at the State Championships.

Mike who is coached by Jim Zubler, has accepted a full scholarship to East Tennessee University for both Cross County and Track.

Dan Schichtel

Dan Schichtel of Eden won the 100-meter, Division II race at the New York State Track and Field Championship, in a time of 11.03. His time in the 100 was the third fastest time of all competitors at the State Meet. Schichtel also ran to a third place finish in the 200-meter Division II finals. He had an outstanding track season, winning every race in the 100 meters and losing only once in the 200 meter, that coming at State Finals. Along the way, Schichtel was MVP of the Maroon Classic, setting records in both 100 and 200. He won the 100 and 200 at the Jamestown Invitational, the E.C.I.C.'s and Sectionals. Schichtel tied the E.C.I.C. and school 100-meter record with a time of 10.6 and set the school 200-meter record, in a time of 22.1. Only a Junior, Schichtel has his goals set for a return visit to the State Championship to defend his title.

Brianna Steel

by Coach Henri Kursten



Brianna Steel was the 2005 NYSPHSA Division II Pentathlon Champion representing Section VI and Newfane High School. She recorded 2899 points and the following performances and scored the respective points for each of the five events: 100 High Hurdles 17.00s - 596; High Jump 1.57m - 701; Shot Put 30'1" - 475; Long Jump 4.85m - 519; 800m 2:36.95 - 608. Although she was battling a touch of the flu the first day, after a good nights rest she was able to return the second day and perform well. We are all very pleased with the season she has had. She has been a pleasure to coach and a great influence on young track athletes. Here is a run down of her season. Brianna won the following events at the N-O League Championships: High Jump - 5'4" (League and School Record), 100HH - 16.4s, Long Jump 16'1". At sectionals Brianna won the pentathlon with a score of 3027pts, setting a new school and N-O league record. Through the season Brianna scored the most team points and was awarded "Most Outstanding Track Athlete" on the Newfane girls team.

Tyrone Newsome

Albion High School Senior Tyrone Newsome, took 1st place in the High Jump in the Large School Division at



the State Championship for the 2005 season. Aside from Tyrone's state title, he also is a Niagara Orleans league champion in the high jump, triple jump, long jump, and 4x100 meter relay and a sectional champion in the high jump and 4x100 meter relay.

Tyrone, coached by Wayne Wadhams, owns the school and league record in the high jump with a matching height of 6' 8.5". He also currently holds the school record for the Long Jump with a distance of 22' 11.75". In addition, Tyrone was recognized as the Most Outstanding Performer in the Joseph Paterniti Memorial Invitational (Jamestown Classic) and The Rush-Henmrietta "Royal Comet" Invitational



Falconer Varsity Softball

The 2005 Varsity Softball team out of Falconer High School beat Windsor High School 4-0 to win the Class B State Championship. The team finished their season with a winning record of 26-2. This record was good enough to land them a school record for the highest number of wins a team has ever received.

As a team these girls have accomplished a great deal. However, some of the members were able to make outstanding achievements of their own. Shelby Carlson a junior athlete, was named the all WNY player of the year and will be a key player on the 2006 team. Tabatha Senstrom, another vital player this year was named to the small school all WNY softball team. Of course these girls couldn't have won a state championship without a great leader. Falconer coach Ernie Strickland, was named 2005 WNY coach of the year.

The 2005 Falconer winning softball team was comprised of eleven outstanding players pictured in 1st row: Shelby Carlson, Alexis Carlson; 2nd row Michelle Miller, Bridget Towers, Rachelle Axelson, Amy Vincent and 3rd row Lyndsey Anderson, Jessica Thompson, Tabatha Strenstrom, Amanda Yachetta, and Gina Traniello.



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.

Section VI Results – Spring 2005

BASEBALL

Sweet Home*	93.875
Niagara-Wheatfield	93.273
Ellicottville	92.795
Medina	92.598
Clarence	91.978
Hamburg	91.573
Pioneer	91.545
Lake Shore	91.342
Kenmore West	91.303
Clymer	91.037
Barker	90.951
Lockport	90.918
Newfane	90.503
Wilson	90.432
Williamsville South	90.164
Williamsville North	90.158
East Aurora	90.084
Maryvale	90.036
Fredonia	90.033

BOYS GOLF

Brocton	96.051
Olean	94.353
Chautauqua Lake	93.093
Falconer	92.964
Westfield	90.662
Fredonia	90.635

BOYS LACROSSE

Hamburg	93.600
Sweet Home	93.129
East Aurora	92.681
Iroquois	92.536
Williamsville North	92.455
Clarence	92.121
Medina	91.860
Orchard Park	91.844
Grand Island	90.239
Lancaster	90.110

BOYS TENNIS

Medina*	98.871
Albion	96.333
Williamsville East	95.960
Alden	95.700
Frontier	95.226
Sweet Home	95.096
Williamsville North	94.697
Clarence	94.624
Lake Shore	94.591
East Aurora	94.490
Westfield	94.209
Barker	94.012
Lancaster	93.723
Royalton Hartland	93.717
Iroquois	93.633

Newfane	93.256
Hamburg	92.967
Clymer	92.830
Pioneer	92.630
Amherst	92.611
Tonawanda	92.258
Kenmore West	92.076
Kenmore East	91.694
Cheektowaga	91.533
Lewiston Porter	91.327
Dunkirk	90.966
Williamsville South	90.706
Grand Island	90.296
Falconer	90.282
Wilson	90.012

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Hamburg	96.017
Frontier	95.972
Newfane	95.972
Clarence	95.961
Barker	95.830
Falconer	95.683
North Tonawanda	95.550
Albion	95.464
Lancaster	95.424
Lockport	95.392
Williamsville North	95.111
Pioneer	95.083
Royalton Hartland	94.908
East Aurora	94.855
Iroquois	94.667
Williamsville East	94.514
Sweet Home	94.482
Niagara-Wheatfield	94.333
Franklinville/Ellicottville	94.154
Tonawanda	94.146
Eden	94.117
Holland	94.052
Alden	93.159
Cleveland Hill	92.763
Dunkirk	92.697
Westfield	92.621
Griffith Institute	92.543
Leonardo Da Vinci	92.355
Maryvale	91.808
Lake Shore	91.538
Hutchinson Tech	91.323
Amherst	91.218
Niagara Falls	90.749
Chautauqua Lake	90.709
Kenmore East	90.693
Fredonia	90.581
Williamsville South	90.561
Kenmore West	90.492
Grand Island	90.465
Akron	90.423
Wilson	90.028

GIRLS LACROSSE

East Aurora	96.728
Frontier	95.531
Lancaster	95.277
Williamsville North	94.922
Williamsville East	94.633
Sweet Home	94.572
Clarence	94.231
Hamburg	94.027
Orchard Park	93.390
West Seneca West	93.107
West Seneca East	91.732
Iroquois	91.509
Amherst	91.195
Williamsville South	90.501
Grand Island	90.491

GIRLS TENNIS

City Honors School	93.967
Akron	92.500

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

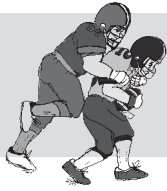
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North Tonawanda	97.267
Niagara-Wheatfield	97.167
Hamburg	97.142
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Clarence	97.006
Akron	96.714
Franklinville/Ellicottville s	96.628
Lake Shore	96.423
West Seneca West	96.268
Williamsville East	96.155
Lancaster	96.153
Iroquois	96.043
Clymer	95.869
Royalton Hartland	95.864
Griffith Institute	95.847
Williamsville North	95.790
Lockport	95.750
Albion	95.740
Holland	95.459
Portville	95.358
Lewiston Porter	95.234
Medina	95.090
Alden	94.903
Cleveland Hill	94.883
Frontier	94.860
Kenmore West	94.793
Sweet Home	94.678
Cassadaga Valley	94.671
Falconer	94.508
Pioneer	94.333
Newfane	94.152
Leonardo Da Vinci	94.133
Olean	93.596
Cheektowaga	93.283

Hutchinson Tech	93.034
Westfield	92.863
Amherst	92.848
City Honors School	92.803
Dunkirk	92.802
Barker	92.634
Chautauqua Lake	92.455
West Seneca East	92.189
Maryvale	91.792
Kenmore East	91.465
Niagara Falls	90.953
Grand Island	90.913
John F. Kennedy	90.905
Williamsville South	90.891
Salamanca	90.667
Fredonia	90.468
Wilson	90.014

SOFTBALL

North Tonawanda	95.700
Ellicottville	95.047
Royalton Hartland	94.969
Alden	94.788
Wilson	94.441
Clarence	94.399
Medina	94.261
Lancaster	93.795
Frontier	93.635
Williamsville South	93.580
Cleveland Hill	93.203
Orchard Park	93.091
Kenmore West	93.036
Westfield	92.935
Brocton	92.832
Cheektowaga	92.700
Jamestown	92.497
Pine Valley	92.390
Clymer	92.379
Panama	92.195
Niagara-Wheatfield	92.091
East Aurora	91.687
Lake Shore	91.667
Tonawanda	91.524
Holland	91.521
Cassadaga Valley	91.495
Fredonia	91.399
Williamsville East	91.150
West Valley	90.950
Kenmore East	90.853
Williamsville North	90.724
Barker	90.680
Maryvale	90.591
Iroquois	90.575
Grand Island	90.415
Hamburg	90.218
Albion	90.185
West Seneca East	90.093

*State Champion



Always a winner...



by Doug Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator
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Coaches Sportsmanship Award



In recognition of exemplary sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the year as leaders and role models for our athletes, a coach was selected from each league to receive a Sportsmanship plaque and a t-shirt from the Section. Honored at the Section VI Annual Recognition dinner in August were:

(In photo L-R) ECIC: Rich Violanti, Iroquois
Chautauqua: Mike Torance, Ripley
Buffalo: Ken Hans, Leonardo da Vinci
NFL: Don Pray, Grand Island
NO: Robert Roth, Barker
Cattaraugus: Gary Swetland, Portville
Msgr Martin: Al Simmons, St. Joseph's Coll. Inst. (not pictured)

Congratulations coaches!!!

New York Good Sports Program

The program continues to expand with the number of schools reporting both locally and across the state increasing yearly. Each athletic director has a responsibility to evaluate his/her respective programs of sportsmanship. The NYS Good Sports program offers a vehicle toward that end. The reporting is a self-evaluation and gives us all a chance to reflect on the many good things we have going on as well as plan for the future. Exemplary programs are then forwarded to the state level for recognition. Four schools: Olean, Frontier, Brocton and Panama have been recognized for outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship in Section VI. All four schools and their respective AD's will be honored at the September meeting of the Athletic Council. Congratulation to all!

Citizenship Through Athletics

The Instructor's course will be offered in early February of 2006 in Albany. Those interested in becoming a trainer should contact Lloyd Mott at the NTSPHSAA office 518-439-8873.

Parents For Good Sports

A program of partnership of parents and school athletics promoting the values of good sportsmanship has received NFHS endorsement once again.

Athletics Building Character

We have a tentative plan for implementing the "Athletics Building Character" initiative to be co-sponsored by the Action on Target Committee and the Sportsmanship Committee during the "05 - 06" school year. We will keep you posted and up to date as the plans develop.

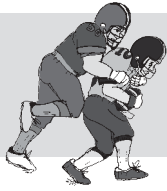
Corporate Sponsorship

NYSPHSAA is looking for a corporate sponsor for the sportsmanship endeavors we promote. If you know of a local corporation that might be interested, please forward the name to Douglas Ames; Sportsmanship Coordinator here at Newfane Elementary (716) 778 - 6376 with a contact person to follow up.

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All WNY Individual & Team Recognition for Outstanding Sportsmanship Spring 2005

DIVISION SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL

BASEBALL

Chautauqua	Silver Creek	Chris Fanale
Cattaraugus	West Valley	Jason Kearney
ECIC - 1		
ECIC - 2	Lake Shore	Matt Driscoll
ECIC - 3	Wmsvl South	Alex DiNunzio
ECIC - 4	Lackawanna	Glenn DiStefano
NFL	Niagara Wheatfield	Chris Evans
NO	Barker	Kyle Flint
Msgr Martin	St. Joes	William Schukraft

SOFTBALL

Buffalo	Hutch - Tech	Jaclyn Jakubowski
Chautauqua	Allegany Limestone	
Cattaraugus	West Valley	Kristine Doll
ECIC - 1	Wmsvl North	Sara Weisenborn
Msgr Martin	Sacred Heart	Kaitlin Andrews

BOYS TRACK

NO	Roy-Hart	Jon Willcox
Msgr Martin	St. Joes	Mark Farrugia

GIRLS TRACK

NO	Wilson	Samantha Taylor
Msgr Martin	Sacred Heart Acad.	Melissa Federice

DIVISION SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL

GOLF

CCIAC - 1	Dunkirk	Shane McCarthy
CCIAC - 2	Chautauqua Lake	Corly Hull
CCIAC - 3	Maple Grove	Scott Oste
Expressway	Portville	Brent Kreamer
ECIC - 1	Pioneer	Brennan Payne
NFL	Lockport	Pat Danna

BOYS TENNIS

Msgr Martin	St. Joes	Andrew Carlo
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BOYS LACROSSE

ECIC	Wmsvl North	Pete Barone
NO	Medina	Steve Dollinger
Msgr Martin	St. Joes	Robert Glownia

GIRLS LACROSSE

Msgr Martin	Sacred Heart Acad.	Emily Ryan
Msgr Martin	Sweet Home	Gregg Lipp

GIRLS TENNIS

Msgr Martin	Sacred Heart Acad.	Kathryn Przybyla
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BOYS CREW

Msgr Martin	St. Joes	Justin Piershalski
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Ortman, Saxer Combine to Take Four Titles

Jessica Ortman of Williamsville South, along with Mary Saxer of Lancaster, combined to win four state titles and break three Section VI records at the 2005 NYSPHSAA Championship Competition.

Ortman won the Division I 800 meters in a section record 2:09.47. She took the lead from the outside box and refused to let anyone pass her. Jenna Ortman, her twin sister, finished fifth in 2:12.43. "A girl came up with a challenge and I fought her back," said Jessica. "That was the first time this year (I've been challenged). I guess that's what makes a good runner from a great runner. At

the end I really wanted it." Ortman wasn't satisfied with one section record. She ran a spectacular anchor leg of the 4x400 relay as the team won its heat, breaking the section record in 3:59.66.

Mary Saxer was equally impressive winning two state titles. Competing in events that were going on simultaneously, she won the long jump in 19 feet, 9 inches breaking her own Section VI record and she



Mary Saxer

also won the pole vault in 13 feet. Saxer the national high school record holder at 13 feet 9 inches missed 3 attempts at 13-10

Mary's busy day also included running a leg of the Redskins' 4x800 relay. "I was fatigued, but I have to block it out," she said. "It's not like I'm going to collapse on the track. Obviously three events - even though they're not distance races, you are tired."

Section VI finished 1-2-3 in the pole vault as Tiffany Maskulinski of Iroquois was second, clearing 12 feet, and Janice Keppler of Medina was third at 12 feet on misses.



IT'S OFFICIAL...

by Tom Cowan, Section VI Officials Coordinator (821-7094)

Welcome back!

Let me take this opportunity to welcome back all who are involved in some way with interscholastic athletics. This is truly an exciting time for our aspiring athletes.

The ultimate "umbrella" for program planning and preparation lies within the Section VI Office; therefore, I would urge athletic administrators and coaches to:

- Review the sports specific handbooks that have been prepared for your use.
- Double check times and dates on all posted schedules. Make sure the official lists have proper starting times.
- Conduct pre-season meetings with athletes and parents so all involved understand the need to follow the principles of good sportsmanship.

- Make sure that transportation requests include enough time for contest preparation and warm-ups.
- Be concerned about adequate media coverage for your programs.
- Review the new boys and girls soccer sportsmanship guidelines with all athletes. The recently adopted 3-2-1 policy can be found in the 2005 handbooks and on Page 6 of this newsletter

Note that the annual spring sports post season meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 PM at Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd, West Seneca in Conference Room A-TS1. (located in Building A, the old building with the main entrance that faces the 400 expressway).



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