

The Line Up

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State Champions

Football



South Park - Class A

SYRACUSE - They did it.

It took nearly every single one of the 49 points they put up on the Carrier Dome scoreboard and contributions from many to achieve it, but the South Park Sparks completed their march toward history by becoming the first Buffalo Public Schools football program to win a New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association championship.

They did it by defeating Section I champion Our Lady of Lourdes, 49-46, before an estimated 3,000 in the Class A final on Friday. The Sparks used an avalanche of big plays from quarterback Tyree Brown to overcome incredible performances from Lourdes' record-setting quarterback Dean Rotger and all-world receiver Luke Timm to achieve the goal Buffalo schools could only dream of attaining when the district's teams joined the Section VI Federation in 2010.

Brown passed for touchdowns of 40 and 57 yards during a high-scoring second quarter and also rushed for scores of 63, 27, 38, and 44 yards en route to securing game most valuable player honors, and a plaque even more precious to him and his teammates.

"I didn't think it would feel this good," said Brown, who in addition to his 217 yards rushing also had 140 yards passing and two TDs along with 11 tackles. "It feels great winning a state championship.

"A lot of people don't get to do things like this. It means a lot to our community, to our players and our coaches. We worked all season. It finally paid off.

"For our high school to have such a positive story ... all the support we've received from the community has been fantastic," said Sparks coach Tim Delaney, who also played for South Park during the late 1990s before becoming an English teacher at his alma mater. "I'm almost at a loss for words. I'm so proud of our guys, there was a lot of adversity today, and there was no quit. ... The guys finished the job. They were able to do that against a really good football team."

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State Champions

Football

South Park - Class A *Continued from Page 1*

They did it against a first-time finalist like themselves in private school Our Lady of Lourdes, a program that struggled for years before turning things around four years ago under sixth-year coach Brian Walsh, who has won 240 games during his long esteemed career.

The Poughkeepsie-based school almost foiled South Park's quest as Section I's all-time passing leader Rotger lit up the Sparks defense for 408 yards with his top receiver, Timm (three touchdowns), catching 18 of his 25 completions for 277 yards. Rotger also rushed for two touchdowns and 51 yards.

The Warriors simply had no answers for Brown.

Brown and the Sparks' offense started terribly in this one, turning the ball over twice and going three-and-out during their four first-quarter possessions. But South Park's defense, led by Elijah Winston's 13 tackles, forced a pair of turnovers on downs and recovered a fumble - all inside its own 20 - to prevent Lourdes from seizing control.

Things changed in the second quarter as the teams combined for 41 points, with the Warriors (10-3) striking first on a 4-yard run by Joe Scaglione to take a 6-0 lead. South Park (12-1) replied on its next possession.

The records will show Brown's 40-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-7 to Daryl Moore was his second completion of the game but should have been his first as a play earlier a 10-yard bounce pass was incorrectly ruled a completion.

Regardless, the touchdown pass to Moore and ensuing two-point conversion pass to Tony Robinson enabled Brown and the Sparks' offense to relax and play with the confidence they've displayed throughout a playoff run in which they failed to score 40 just once in six contests.

"We just had to calm down," Brown said.

South Park never trailed after that. Another long touchdown pass to Moore, a 57-yarder, and a 63-yard scoring run by Brown with 2:39 left in the second quarter opened the door for a potential blowout.

That door slammed shut as an onside kick recovered by Lourdes turned into six points 22 seconds later on Timm's 28-yard catch. Still, South Park went into halftime up, 29-12, as Brown scored on one of his patented ankle-breaking runs, this one a 27-yarder with 1:12 left in the half.

Lourdes pulled within three on a 3-yard Rotger run and a 6-yard TD pass and PAT conversion to Timm with just 6:01 left in the third. Things looked like they would really take a turn for the worse for South Park when Brown left the game after being on the turf for a while following a 13-yard run.

What looked to be a serious injury, though proved to just be a cramp. South Park gained a key first down with him out on a hard, violent run by Austin Neal (12 rushes, 141 yards, 1 touchdown run of 49 yards). Brown missed two plays, handed off on his first one back and then showed on the next he was more than healthy when he ran around left end and broke two tackles during a 38-yard touchdown run that increased the Sparks' lead to two scores.

With South Park leading, 43-40, early in the fourth quarter, Brown scored again from 44 yards out with 9:09 left. But in a game in which both teams combined for 1,060 yards (543 on 82 plays by Lourdes and 517 on 45 for South Park), one knew this thing would come down to the onside kick after Lourdes' next score.



South Park quarterback Tyree Brown runs for a touchdown against Our Lady of Lourdes during the first half of the NYSPPHSAA Class A state championship in Syracuse. Brown finished with 217 yards on 11 carries and four rushing touchdowns.

- Courtesy of Harry Scull Jr./The Buffalo News

It did, as Robinson pounced on it with 2:51 left. With the Warriors only having one timeout, they needed to find a way to stop the Sparks and get the ball back to have a chance to win.

They didn't, as Brown completed a 7-yard pass to David Thomas on third-and-7 to pick up a first down. Three plays later, Brown took a knee sparking a party and celebrating the fact that the Sparks did it.

They finished the job a week after ending four-time defending champion Maine-Endwell's record 62-game winning streak.

"Watching the clock go to zero and we're up in the state championship at the Carrier Dome," Delaney said. "It's pretty amazing."

This is the fifth consecutive season a Section VI team has won a state championship.

-Courtesy of Miguel Rodriguez/The Buffalo News

State Champions

Girls Volleyball

Portville - Class D

For the second year in a row and the third time overall, the Portville Panthers volleyball team has earned the right to be crowned state champion.

Portville's dominance was an impressive wire-to-wire undefeated streak, as the Panthers culminated a 21-0 season by defeating last year's finals' opponent, Haldane, in a scintillating 17-25, 25-18, 32-34, 25-18, 26-24 rematch.

Portville's regular season was a portrait of dominance, as the Panthers rolled to a 16-0 record, being taken to five sets only twice. To further illustrate Portville's remarkable season, the Panthers piled up a season set record of 71-7, for a .910 win percentage.

In pool play at the state level, Portville logged a 5-1 record, vaulting them into the finals the following day. In the final, eerily reminiscent of the 2014 edition, Portville found themselves down two games to one, before rallying in the fourth, winning 25-18, to set up a thrilling, memorable fifth game. In that fifth game, Portville actually found themselves trailing 19-13 before rattling off seven consecutive points. However, Haldane recovered, and found themselves at match point, 24-22, just like last year. With their backs against the wall and their title hopes in peril, the Panthers came up with back to back blocks to knot it at 24, an ace to bring it to match point, and finally a decisive kill to deliver the final margin of victory, and the 2015 NYSPHSAA Class D title.

In a season filled with stars and wonderful individual efforts, the list of honors is long and distinguished. Alyssa Martin received the sportsmanship award at the state tournament. CCAA All-Stars include



Lydia Lukomski, Sierra Keim, Haley Unverdorben, Emily Losinger, Brooke Decker, Beth Miller, and Sydney Colligan. Lukomski and Unverdorben were also named to the NYS All-Star Teams, and Lukomski earned 1st Team All-WNY. Finally, Lydia Lukomski (MVP), Sierra Keim, and Haley Unverdorben were named to the State All-Tournament Team. And, what may be as remarkable as all of this year's accomplishments, with the exception of Lukomski and Losinger, all of the above all-stars return for next year's campaign.

State Champions

Girls Cross Country

East Aurora - Class C



- ECIC Division and Overall Team Champions
- Section 6 Class C and Overall Team Champions
- NY State Class C Team Champions
- Ranked Top 15 in the Nation

Pictured left to right: Coach Marty McLaughlin - Section VI Girls Coach of The Year; Fiona Danieau - ECIC All Star, All Western New York, 12th Grade Section VI Runner of The Year, NY State Individual Runner up; Tori Klimowicz - ECIC All Star, All Western New York; Erin Cocca - ECIC All Star, All Western New York, Section 6 Runner of The Year, NY State Individual Champion; Molly McLaughlin - ECIC All Star, All Western New York, 10th Grade Section 6 Runner of The Year; Emily Jason; Maisy Webster - ECIC All Star, All Western New York, Heather Powers; and Coach Walt McLaughlin - ECIC Girls Coach of The Year

State Champions

Boys Cross Country

East Aurora - Class C



- ECIC Division and Overall Team Champions
- Section 6 Class C and Overall Team Champions
- NY State Class C Team Champions
- Ranked 10th in the Nation

Pictured left to right: Bryan Hensen - ECIC All Star; Will Zink - ECIC All Star, All Western New York; Ian Russ - ECIC All Star, All Western New York, 10th Grade Section 6 Runner of The Year; TJ Murray - ECIC All Star, All Western New York; Kevin Murnock - ECIC All Star, All Western New York; Kenny Vasbinder - ECIC All Star, All Western New York, Section 6 Runner of The Year, NY State Individual Champion, Nike National Qualifier; Matt McLaughlin - ECIC All Star, All Western New York; Pat Murray - ECIC All Star, All Western New York; Coach Walt McLaughlin - Section 6 Boys Coach of The Year

Regional Champions

Girls Soccer

Clarence - Class AA



The Clarence girls' soccer team completed the 2015 season with an overall record of 18-3. They are 3 time defending ECIC Division I champions, 3 time Section VI Class AA champions, and 2 time Far West Regional champions. The Red Devils have not lost to a Section VI opponent in 35 straight games. The team made it all the way to the NYS Class AA semi-final game and fell to eventual NYS Champions Massapequa. This has been the most successful run for the Clarence Girls Soccer Program in its history.

-Tom Furminger, Coach

Williamsville East - Class A



The Williamsville East girls soccer team completed one of the most successful seasons in school history with a 20-2 overall record. After losing their second game of the season, the team won 19 games in a row en route to its 13th ECIC Division II title, and its 9th sectional title.

In the sectional final, Williamsville East beat Grand Island 4-2 in double overtime. Down 2-0 after 13 minutes, All-WNY Player of the Year and Junior Marissa Birzon, scored 4 goals to lead the team to victory. Her two goals in overtime came just 13 seconds apart. The win advanced them to the Far West Regionals against Brighton. Birzon again, scored both goals for the 2-0 win, advancing the team to the NYS Final Four for the second time.

At the NYS championships in Cortland, the team lost to Long Island power, Islip, 1-0. Islip's only goal came with under 2 minutes remaining in the game. Sophomore and Goalkeeper Sarah Panepento recorded, as season high, 16 saves in the game.

The team was ranked in the top 3 of the WNY coach's poll all season and was ranked 2nd in the state and 24th in the nation going into regionals. The team's leading scorer, Junior Marissa Birzon, set a single season scoring record with 50 goals and currently holds the career mark at 112. Marissa was named All-WNY Player of the Year, All-Bee Player of the Year, and was also awarded the Super 7 athlete of the week on November 6th, 2015. Juniors Tess Ford and Riley Fitzsimmons were selected to the All-WNY 2nd Team. Coach Chris Durr, in his 21st season, was named the All-WNY Co-Coach of the Year.

-Mark DiFilippo, Athletic Director

Regional Champions

Girls Soccer

Wilson - Class B

The Wilson girls' varsity soccer team completed the best season in its proud history with a 20-1-2 record. The team won its fourth consecutive league title, the Section VI Class B title, and the Far West Regional title, before falling in the state final game versus an impressive undefeated Schalmont team.

The girls dedicated the season to their friend, Sarah Johnson, who they lost over 3 years ago, and who would have been a senior this year. Sarah would have been a huge presence on this team, but instead it was her spirit that lived inside each of the girls and inspired them to push to their limits.

Wilson was led on the field by their senior captain trio of Zipporah Barrett, Leah Herman, and Lauren Couturier. These girls provided outstanding leadership that helped facilitate this "dream season". With a great season comes many individual awards. Zipporah, Emily Kelly, Kayla Neumann, and Emily Paterson were selected First Team All-League. Kayla and Zipporah were selected to the All-Western New York Team and the All-State Team, while Emily Kelly was selected best goalie in Class B at the state tournament.

The girls were proud to represent their school and community. They were overwhelmed when the student body and teachers surprised them with an



inspirational send off. When they returned home it was the Niagara County Sheriff, 10 fire trucks, and over 200 community members that created a memory that will last a lifetime.

Section VI Hall of Fame

Class of 2015

On Friday, December 4th, 2015, the candidates selected for the Section VI Hall of Fame charter class were celebrated with a dinner and induction ceremony at The Columns Banquets in Elma, NY.

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

The candidates are the premier performers in their respective areas. Their commitment to athletics has contributed to the promotion, continuation, and improvement of programs within the member schools of Section VI.

Inductees:

Martha Altmire, *Coach, Olean High School*

Bob Dinse, *Administrator, Wilson High School & Section VI*

Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Fund, *Contributor*

Lou Foy, *Administrator, Salamanca High School & Section VI*

Chuck Funke, *Administrator, Iroquois High School & Section VI*

Gerry Gentner, *Coach, Williamsville South High School*

Brian Hull, *Athlete, Southwestern High School*

Paul Hutzler, *Contributor*

Walt Stefani, *Coach, Orchard Park High School*

Jim Walker, *Administrator, Lewiston-Porter High School & Section VI*



Standing from left to right: Bob Dinse, Paul Hutzler, Jim Walker, Jud Foy (representing Lou Foy), Jane Funke & Sara Maniscalco (representing Chuck Funke), Walt Stefani, and Dennis DiPaolo (representing the Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Fund). Sitting left to right: Sally Gentner (representing Gerry Gentner), Brian Hull, and Martha Altmire

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Regional Champions

Girls Volleyball

Clarence - Class AA



The Clarence girls' volleyball team repeated as undefeated ECIC Division I League Champions and as Section VI champions. Clarence won the sectional title by defeating Jamestown in the semi-finals, 3-0, and Lancaster in the finals, 3-0. In the regionals, Clarence found itself down by a game against Webster Schroeder, before storming back to take the next two. However, the match went to five games with a thrilling 25-23 finish. This was the first regional victory in team history, sending the team to its first ever state tournament. Though the team did not advance to the finals, the team was recognized by state officials with the NYS Tournament Team Sportsmanship Award. In addition to these achievements, the team also won the Clarence and Eden tournaments.

With the team's success came many individual honors. Melissa Ratzel and Maddie Christopher were First Team All ECIC Division I. Jaide Cummings was Second Team All-Section VI and Second Team All-WNY. Karley King was First Team All-Section VI, First Team All-WNY, and Second Team All-State. Meghan Neelon was First Team All-Section VI, First Team All-WNY, and First Team All-State.

-Michael Meyer, Coach

Williamsville East - Class A



The Williamsville East girls' varsity volleyball team earned the program's first berth into the state final four with a thrilling five set victory versus two-time defending State Champion Pittsford-Sutherland. The historic victory avenged a tough four set loss in last year's Far West Regional against the same team. The Flames also repeated as Section VI Class A Champions by winning a highly competitive straight set match against an upset minded Sweet Home

team. The team compiled a 20-0 match play record and an overall record of 37-2-2 including tournaments and state pool play.

The Williamsville East team was led by a talented trio of captains that kept the team focused on the hard work needed for the team to reach its goals. The captains all achieved single season and or career records on the road to the state final four. Four year starting Outside Hitter, Senior, and Captain Carly Shifflet will graduate as the career leader in kills and digs as well as the single season leader in kills (501). Three year starting Defensive Specialist, Senior, and Captain Samantha Mendelsohn set the single season record with 575 digs, increasing her previous record by more than one hundred. Three year starting Outside Hitter, Junior, and Captain Lexi Novak set both the single season and career records in aces (season-85 and career-155). She also had an impressive total of 479 kills. The offense was quarterbacked by Sophomore Makayla Greenfield who dished out a season record of 1,171 assists. The front line was bolstered by middle hitters - Junior Leah Orsini (113 kills and 71 blocks), Sophomore Ally Jozwiak (89 kills and 43 blocks), and Freshman Rachel Steffan (97 kills and 30 blocks). The team was rounded out with a deep bench that included Senior Chiara Munzi and Juniors Julianna Benz, Jess Weaver, Ann Marie Jones, Megan Weise, and Alyssa Piginowski.

*"THE STRENGTH OF THE TEAM IS EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER.
THE STRENGTH OF EACH MEMBER IS THE TEAM."*

-PHIL JACKSON

Regional Champions

Field Hockey

Williamsville North - Class A



Williamsville North Field Hockey played their last and final game together on November 14th, 2015. As Section VI and regional champions, the girls showed strength, determination, and motivation not only to come together as a team, but also to overcome many obstacles throughout the season.

With the individual skill that each the varsity and JV teams brought in during pre-season, the girls knew their potential. However, we needed to learn on many things other than skill. We needed to learn how to work together as a team, build trust, and feel comfortable performing as a team on the field. The team was able to utilize our failure as motivation to get better, and work harder throughout practices and games. The girls finished their season 16-3-1, but having a winning record was not what this team was all about, it was much more than that. The girls soon learned that I was all about family, and having one another's back.

As the girls walked onto the field in Binghamton, I felt something different; it was not about the win at that moment. The girls were having fun; they made it to States, and had the time of their lives getting there. As Mamaroneck continued to put the ball in the cage, the girls never gave up, never showing defeat or frustration. As we took our last and final time out as a team with 5 minutes left in the game, I was doing whatever I could to hold back tears. The team looked at me and said, "Coach, we are having fun". The smiles on the girls' faces showed me that they understood not only what it meant to be on a team, but also what it meant to be a family. Throughout the season, they learned what it took to look at the bright side of things, and how to make the best of it even in the face of defeat. Even though we did not win, the girls were not defeated. It was about the journey, and that, in our eyes, was a win. I am so proud of the girls and what they have accomplished; this will be a season not soon to be forgotten.

Seniors: Clare Ahern, Manhal Siddiqi, Gina Battaglia, Mary Crumlish, Mia Fournier, and Lauren Angiers

Juniors: Kaitlin Battaglia, Ally Hogan, Jenna Finton, Shannon Quinlan, Bridget O'Sullivan, and Olivia DiVencenzo

Sophomores: Samantha Haak, Catherine Angiers, Grace Glauber, Rachel Juneau, and Emily Reynolds

Freshmen: Lauren Rabinowitz and Danielle Batz

Eighth Graders: Emma Roland and Erin Roland

Coaches: Andrea Maslowski (Varsity), Jessica Rys (JV), Ali Ferenczy (Modified)

Regional Champions

Boys Soccer

East Aurora - Class B



The East Aurora Blue Devils boys' soccer team went the distance this season before losing in the New York State Class B final. This was the second trip for a Blue Devil team to a state final with the first being back in 2008. This year's team began their remarkable run with one goal- beat Rochester. Led by 4 year Starter, Senior, and Captain Noah Thompson, who despite winning 3 straight sectional titles, has felt the pain of 3 heartbreaking losses at the Far West Regionals. Thompson would have a say in their road to the STATES.

The Blue Devils defended their B1 sectional title by defeating Alden, which set up a highly anticipated game with I-Prep who captured the B2 title. Both teams were ranked #1 and #2 all season in the local polls. Coming off of his dangerous long throw, Thompson would have a hand in both goals with the game winner in overtime when Senior Sean O'Leary finished off a loose ball in the goal box to claim their 5th straight overall sectional title and a rematch against Section V's Livonia that previously beat East Aurora on penalty kicks after a scoreless 110 minutes. In a 2-0 win, with a clinching goal by Thompson, the Blue Devils broke through and earned a second trip to the state final 4.

In the state semi-final, Thompson's throw in would prove to be the difference once again. He launched a ball into the goal area that allowed Junior Josh Denz to head it back for Freshman Alex Baase to knock in for the goal. Sophomore and Goalie Dan Philips earned the shutout in a stunning 1-0 win over a very good Hastings team from Section I.

In the state final, East Aurora was matched against Plattsburgh from Section VII. After falling behind early (2-0), Thompson would get a goal off his foot to cut the lead in half. Despite many quality looks and shots, the Blue Devils could only get the equalizer before giving up a late goal resulting in the crowning of Plattsburgh as state champions. The Blue Devils finished the season with a 18-3-2 mark, and Noah Thompson was named Co-MVP of the Final 4.

-Kevin Beale, Coach

Regional Champions

Boys Soccer

Grand Island - Class A



The Grand Island boys' soccer team advanced farther than any team in the program's history losing 3-2 in the state semifinal to eventual State Champion Amityville. Along the way, the team recorded a 19-2-1 record with a 14-0 league record. They spent a majority of the season ranked #1 in New York State and ended the season as the #1 ranked large school in Western New York, a program first.

Notable Team Accomplishments Include:

- Seventh longest unbeaten streak in WNY history
- Went through all of the local sectionals without conceding a goal- defeated Williamsville East 3-0, Sweet Home 4-0, Hamburg 1-0 and Iroquois 4-0
- First team in the program's history to win the Far West Regional
- 14 shutouts, tying school record
- 97 goals for 18 against

Notable Individual Accomplishments Include:

- Troy Brady - 27 goals, 15 assists, Niagara Frontier League Player of the Year, All NFL 1st Team, All-WNY, All-State
- Andrew Carlson - defender, helped team to tie school record (14 shutouts), All NFL 1st Team, All-WNY
- Joe Kulikowski - 25 goals, 14 assists, All NFL 1st Team, All-WNY Large Schools
- Garrett Robinson - 15 goals, 4 assists, All NFL 1st Team
- Sean Pufpaff and Lucas Robinson - combined for a school tying record of 14 shutouts

The team was in every sense of the word a team. There may have been several standouts on the team, but these standouts made sure that every player knew their importance and role in the success of the team. The team had a true family atmosphere filled with players that worked hard for each other and were always there to pick each other up whenever a mistake was made or a player was having a bad day. Talented teams come around all the time, but a selfless group like this that trusted each other and believed in each other is very rare.

-Frank Butcher, Coach

Name	Position	Grade
Steven Pufpaff	GK, FORW	Junior
Boyko Joe	FORW, MF	Junior
Anthony Emmi	MF	Junior
Tom Stedman	D	Senior
Jason Miller	D, MF	Senior
Jake Gleave	D, MF	Junior
James Franz	D	Junior
Lou Fabiano	MF	Junior
Brady Troy (C)	FORW, MF	Senior
Simon Estenoz	MF	Junior
Cam Smith	D	Senior
Garrett Robinson	MF, FORW	Junior
Andrew Carlson (C)	D	Senior
Anthony Stolfo		Junior
Lucas Robinson	GK	Junior
Austin Blair	D, MF	Senior
Luke Ailinger	MF	Sophomore
Griffin John	FORW, MF	Sophomore
Kozlowski Justin	MF	Junior
Kulikowski Joe	FORW	Senior
Mike Mankowski	MF, D	Senior
Connor Hutton	MF	Sophomore

Regional Champions

Football

Cheektowaga - Class B

The 2015 Cheektowaga Warriors varsity football team was as determined and resilient as it was talented. The ability to bounce back and overcome adversity was first on display in week 1 when they were forced to continue a Friday night game the following morning in Fredonia due to midgame weather postponement. There was no loss of focus or energy and Cheektowaga emerged with a win. In the following weeks, the Warriors were able to rack up large point differentials on the way to racking up division wins.

However, early season big victories gave way to hard fought battles as the season wore on. Week 5 saw a tough 22-8 victory over Burgard to clinch a 5th straight division title. Two weeks later, the Warriors trailed and then scored three times in the 4th en route to a victory over rival Maryvale. The Warriors' determination was on display the next two weeks as they turned close playoff games into definitive victories to return to the sectional final to face Burgard. A quick 16-0 deficit forced Cheektowaga to battle back in order to win their second straight sectional title, 25-22 over a tough Bulldog team.

In the Far West Regional, the Warriors found themselves trailing 36-20 with about 5 minutes left in the 3rd quarter. Again, Cheektowaga refused to lose and displayed their determination in running off 3 straight scores to win 43-36. Despite falling to eventual State Champion Cazenovia the



following week, the 2015 Warriors carried on the program's signature trait of determination and relentlessness. They added a chapter they can be proud of to the ongoing story of Cheektowaga Warriors Football.

Sectional Champions

Football

Franklinville/Ellicottville - Class D



The Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans football program is only 2 years old but has gotten off to a great start with back to back trips to the "Ralph" and, this year, winning the sectional title. The 2015 season will go down as the first year the Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans won a league title and a sectional title. The Titans beat the Frewsburg Bears by a score of 34-7 for the Class D title. Leading the team for the game and the season were 4 senior captains: William Bays, Thomas Easton, Jonas Hurlburt, and Caleb Rinko. All four played key roles on both sides of the ball and on special teams.

The Titans ended their season with a tough loss to Bishop Kearney of Section V in the Far West Regional playoff game by a score of 22-12. Throughout the game, the Titans were able to keep the Kings within reach by playing tough defense and running the ball on offense. However, the Titans were unsuccessful on several trips to the red zone and could not overcome a few miscues against a tough Bishop Kearney team.

As heartbreaking a loss as it was, the Titans have a lot to be proud of including the amount they have accomplished in such a short time as a combined program.

-Chad Bartoszek, *Head Coach*

Orchard Park - Class AA



Sectional Champions

Football

Maple Grove / Chatauqua Lake - Class C



The Maple Grove-Chatauqua Lake (MGCL) Thunderdragons successfully defended their Section VI Class C south and Class C sectional title crowns this year and made it back to the Far West Regionals. The Thunderdragons completed an overall record of 9-2 this season (5-0 in Class C-south), playing competition from both New York State and Pennsylvania. Head Coach Curt Fischer, who surpassed the 200 win mark for his career, led the Thunderdragons with his Assistant Coaches: Ed Hulton, Jordan Saxton, Bob Goold, Adam Erickson, Dave Dubois, Ken Rowe, Norm Smith, and P.J. Hall.

The MGCL squad was led by Captains Michael Welsh #7 (Sr.), Mitch Sandberg #38 (Sr.), Trevor Micek #42 (Jr.), and Brody Nolan #52 (Sr.). The Thunderdragons came out on top of an exciting Section VI Class C championship game with Bennett-Olmsted finished in overtime at Ralph Wilson Stadium. The Thunderdragons prevailed with a full team effort and a successful extra point kick from Dustin McCaslin #49 (So.); advancing them to the Far West Regional for the second straight year. At the Far West Regional, the Thunderdragons played a hard fought game against Bath-Haverling out of Section V at Sahlen's Stadium in Rochester, NY. The MGCL Thunderdragons were unable to continue their hunt for a New York State title losing to Bath-Haverling 16-8.

The high powered offense for the Thunderdragons was commanded by Quarterback Michael Welsh #7 (Sr.) (1191 yds passing / 19 TDs) and moved on the legs of Running Backs: Bradley Benson #17 (Jr.) (1030 yds / 16 TDs) and Mitch Sandberg #38 (Sr.). The Thunderdragons attacked through the air with great game changing grabs from Wide Receivers: Michel Padilla #11 (Jr.), Dalton Dubois #27 (Jr.), and Pat Nelson #80 (Sr.). Defensively, the team was anchored by Defensive Linemen: Brody Nolan #52 (Sr.) (59 Tkls), Christopher Krempe #60 (Sr.); Linebackers: Trevor Micek #42 (Jr.) (135 Tkls), Mitch Sandberg #38 (Sr.) (141 Tkls), Brandon Reagle #40 (Jr.) (90 Tkls); Defensive Backs: Dalton Dubois #27 (Jr.), Bradley Benson #17 (Jr.), and Michel Padilla #11 (Jr.). The MGCL Thunderdragons look to keep moving forward next year in the hunt for a NYSPHSAA football championship title.

Throwback to...1990



Medina's JV football team with Coach Mike Wendt (current Superintendent of Wilson Central Schools and Section VI Superintendents' Representative)



Fall 2015 Football Character Award Winners

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Week 1	James Skyas	Clarence
Week 1	Kilby Parks	CSP
Week 1	Shane Parsons	CV/Fal
Week 1	Zach Rathbun	Frank/Ell/WV
Week 1	Kole Brink	Frewsburg
Week 1	Lucas Browdy	Gowanda
Week 1	Micheal Carr Johnson	Hutch-Tech
Week 1	Jordan Huber	Iroquois
Week 1	Jeremy Bush	Jamestown
Week 1	David Killian	Lake Shore
Week 1	Dan Speyer	Lancaster
Week 1	Daquan Hubbard	Niagara Falls
Week 1	Storm Hutcherson	Niagara Wheatfield
Week 1	Mike Nercessian	Nichols
Week 1	Curtis Johnson	O'Hara
Week 1	Wesley Senn	Randolph
Week 1	Nate Reynolds	Salamanca
Week 1	Ben Burk	Southwestern
Week 1	Matt Cross	Starpoint
Week 1	Joe Armenia	Sweet Home
Week 1	Dawson Broad	West Seneca West
Week 1	Mick Polina	Williamsville North
Week 1	Eric Neace	Medina
Week 1	Taylor Gibson	Lew-Port
Week 2	Jake Burns	Akron
Week 2	Matt Hanft	Catt/LV
Week 2	Nick Gamble	Cleveland Hill
Week 2	Mark Eckland	CSP
Week 2	Brandon Curtis	CV/FCS
Week 2	EJ Staniszewski	East Aurora
Week 2	William Bays	Frank/Ell/WV
Week 2	Jared Hoerner	Frontier
Week 2	Jake Cavanaugh	Grand Island
Week 2	Taylor Gribble	JFK
Week 2	Noah Banazwski	Medina/Lyn
Week 2	Ryan Paolini	Orchard Park
Week 2	JC Freeborn	Portville
Week 2	Max Bates	Westfield/Brocton
Week 2	Brian Morreale	Williamsville East
Week 2	Mikeal Bell	Wilson
Week 2	Keyon Johnson	McKinley
Week 2	Matt Elman	Iroquois

Week 3	Khyligye Newsome	Bennett
Week 3	Josh Peterson	Frewsburg
Week 3	Christian Fachko	Hamburg
Week 3	Marcel Jackson	Jamestown
Week 3	Owen Nadrowski	Kenmore East
Week 3	Tyler White	Kenmore West
Week 3	Marquez Lofton	Lackawanna
Week 3	Zack Sambromski	Lancaster
Week 3	Kesean Fisher	McKinley
Week 3	Mario Taylor	Niagara Falls
Week 3	Tyler Tanevski	Orchard Park
Week 3	Niko Pannes	Southwestern
Week 3	Ian Baker	Springville
Week 3	Jon Phillips	Sweet Home
Week 3	John Dolac	West Seneca East
Week 3	Robbie Gugino	Westfield/Brocton
Week 3	Vine Lallama	Williamsville East
Week 3	Jacob Mitchell	Wilson
Week 4	Ethan PeQueen	Akron
Week 4	Leyton Miner	Alden
Week 4	Tyron Lawson	Cheektowaga
Week 4	Adam Bauer	Depew
Week 4	David Gregory	Frewsburg
Week 4	Andrew Bronson	Lockport
Week 4	Charlie Baker	Newfane
Week 4	Richie Williams	Niagara Falls
Week 4	Derrick Morris	Riverside
Week 4	Noah Radack	Sivler Creek/Forestville
Week 4	Randy Bish	South Park
Week 4	Trajay Ahmed	Starpoint
Week 4	Moteo Ponce	Tonawanda
Week 4	Jack Myers	West Seneca West
Week 4	John Carney	Wilson
Week 5	Noah Rockein	Barker/Royhart
Week 5	Anthony Miller	Cassadaga Valley/ Falconer
Week 5	Kilian Abers	Gowanda
Week 5	Nathan Emer	Iroquois
Week 5	Michael Welsh	Ma[le Grove/Chautauqua Lake
Week 5	Jake Beaver	Randolph
Week 5	Billy Seiders	Silver Creek
Week 5	Brendan Kennedy	Southwestern
Week 5	Ray Johnson	West Seneca East

Fall 2015 Football Character Award Winners

Sponsored by Cross Training Football

Week 6	Kyle Smith	Albion
Week 6	Nick Foster	Amherst
Week 6	Matt Laverty	Barker/RH
Week 6	Grayson Taylor	Cleveland Hill
Week 6	Sam VanValkendurg	CPS
Week 6	Jeremiah Wilkes	Grand Island
Week 6	Brandon Yax	Iroquois
Week 6	Kyle Belcher	Lancaster
Week 6	Brandon Gross	Newfane
Week 6	Zack Woodard	North Tonawanda
Week 6	Josh Bernas	Orchard Park
Week 6	Josh Foley	Pioneer
Week 6	Chris Williams	Silver Creek/Forestville
Week 6	Bryce Szudzik	Springville
Week 6	Terry Rutland	Starpoint
Week 6	Austin Wilson	Sweethome
Week 6	Christian Miles	West/Broc
Week 6	Dominic Prince	Burgard
Week 7	Hunter Ayers	All/Lime
Week 7	Mikah Ruthledge	Cheektowaga
Week 7	Matt Eldridge	Cleveland Hill
Week 7	Jakob Grant	Depew
Week 7	Jeyden Schrantz	Dunkirk
Week 7	Eric Swoyer	Fredonia
Week 7	Jacob Coon	Frontier
Week 7	Riley Hummel	Hamburg
Week 7	Jack Breen	Jamestown
Week 7	Matt Lanzalaco	JFK

Week 7	Austin Kuznik	Lancaster
Week 7	Patrick Flaherty	Lockport
Week 7	Marcus Ford	Maryvale
Week 7	Brad Benson	MG/CL
Week 7	Omara Howard	Niagara Falls
Week 7	Chris Liberatore	Orchard Park
Week 7	Nick Pilon	Williamsville North
Week 7	Jake Fuzak	Williamsville South
Week 8	Chris Anderson	Barker/RH
Week 8	Lucas Mehmek	Olean
Week 9	Marcel Jackson	Jamestown
Week 9	Niko Mullen	Clarence
Week 9	KorDaryll Welch	Niagara Wheatfield
Week 9	Kesean Fisher	McKinley
Week 9	Preston Kelkenberg	Akron
Week 9	Kenai Jordan	JFK
Week 9	Corey Gruenthaner	Maryvale
Week 9	Austin Kossow	Pioneer
Week 10	Kai Hunter	Burgard
Week 10	Ryan Carpenter	Cheektowaga
Week 10	John Dolac	West Seneca East
Week 10	Nick Schaefer	South Park
Week 10	Kole Brink	Frewsburg
Week 10	William Bays	Frank/Ell/WV
Week 10	Brandon Brown	Bennett/Olm/Al
Week 10	Brody Nolan	Maple Grove/CL
Week 10	Xavier Balsano	Kenmore West
Week 10	Nate Burnard	Orchard Park

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GREAT TO START, BUT YOU HAVE TO START TO BE GREAT."

-ZIG ZAGLER

Sectional Champions

Girls Field Hockey

Akron - Class C



Overall Record: 15-2

League Record: 11-1

Captains: Seniors Emily Buckley, Rachel Heim & Sarah Schultz

"To the Pitch with the Mighty, Play On," is the traditional team cheer for the Akron field hockey team, and in 2015, this motto rang true for the Lady Tigers. The team captured both the Niagara-Orleans League and Section VI Class C titles. After defeating Barker with a decisive 3 to 1 win in the Class C final, Akron advanced to the regionals where they narrowly lost to a strong East Rochester team by a 2 to 1 score.

The Akron Lady Tigers had an outstanding league season earning an 11 to 1 record with all 11 victories being shutouts! The "Chicks with Sticks", as they often call themselves, scored 54 goals during league play with a mere three goals scored against them. In capturing the sectional title, the team netted ten goals in a stellar three game run against Medina, Eden, and Barker while not allowing a single goal to score against them.

The Tiger offense was led by Center Forward Sarah Schultz and Left Wing Heather Cummings. Sarah was leading scorer for both the Niagara-Orleans League and Section VI with twenty goals. She was selected to the First Team All-WNY along with sophomore teammate Abigail Stone. Abby was the hub of the team at the center midfield position. Her power and advanced stick work earned her first team honors for the second consecutive year. The "rock solid" defensive play of the team was built around the impenetrable wall created in the sweeper position by Junior Cierra Janis. Cierra was selected to the Honorable Mention All-WNY Team. Goalie Madison Krzykowski was the sole Akron goalie in net for the 13 shutouts seized by the team.

The team carried over its incredible work ethic into the classroom as well. The team earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team of Distinction Award with an overall academic average of 94.39. The Lady Tigers graduate only three seniors and are looking forward to fueling Tiger pride next season!

-Mary Borden, Coach

In addition to the three senior captains listed above, the team consisted of the following players:

Juniors: Kayleah Aldrich, Lilyanna Berghorn, Hannah Cummings, Heather Cummings, Julia Diebel, Abigail Enfield, Kaitlyn Gaik, Cierra Janis, Madison Krzykowski, and Sydney Leeds

Sophomores: Skyler Earle, Amanda Jeziorowski, Julianna Kieffer, and Abigail Stone

Freshman: Olivia Diebel

Coach: Mary Borden

Assistant Coach: Marlene Stone

Amherst - Class B



The Amherst field hockey team won its third consecutive sectional championship with a 1-0 win over Iroquois. Casey Adimey scored the game winning goal with the assist going to Jenna Sobol about 15 minutes into the game. Mckenna Rushford and Jenna were outstanding in the midfield. Goalie Kate Scaduto turned away 11 shots to earn the shutout. Elena Smith, Lindsey Hoak, Elizabeth Jacobia, and Bridget Lenahan worked well as a unit on defense throughout the game. Casey, Molly Minigell, Elise Faut, and Sam Pieri did a nice job generating attack throughout the game.

The team earned a 2-1, OT, win over Williamsville South in the semi-finals. Mckenna scored a beautiful goal to win the game. Casey scored to tie the game up about five minutes after Williamsville South tallied a goal.

The team had a 4-1 win over West Seneca West in the quarter-finals. Mckenna, Molly, Elise, and Sam scored with assists going to Jenna, Casey and Mckenna. It was a balanced team win. Six different players were involved in the scoring.

The captains and senior leadership allowed the younger players to step into starting roles and develop throughout the season. After starting 4-0, we lost our first game. This took the pressure off the younger players. The team was unbeaten in sectional play for 42 games at that point. The girls came together and realized what it would take to win challenging games. In turn, they responded with shutout wins against Williamsville East, Sweet Home, and WilliamsvilleNorth. The team did, however, have a setback, which got us back to focusing on the basics. Moving forward, the girls played well earning six wins and finishing with a tie against Iroquois. It was one of our best games of the season and the team did not allow any shots on goal.

The captains, Elise Faut, Mckenna Rushford, and Jenna Sobol, led our team on and off the field. Seniors Kate Scaduto, Elena Smith, Leannah Mastandrea, Karisa Mohamed, Anisa Ineson, and Cloey Olkowski set the examples of working hard for the younger players to learn from. Maddie Smith, Tillie Boggio, Grace Maley, and Wendy Woite all made valuable contributions during the season. Alea Tiberi was outstanding as a scorekeeper for our team.

Mckenna Rushford, the Prep Talk Field Hockey Athlete of the Year, led all of Section VI in total points. Mckenna Rushford and Jenna Sobol earned All State and First Team All WNY. Casey Adimey was Second Team All WNY. Mckenna, Jenna, and Casey were First Team ECIC Division III, Kate Scaduto and Elena Smith earned Second Team ECIC Division III. Nine different players scored during the season. Kate Scaduto had 10 shutouts.

The girls' great season was a testament to their teamwork and heart. This team added to our program's winning traditions. The seniors have amassed the strongest three year record in the history of the program. In 57 sectional games, the team had only 2 losses. The seniors have set examples to be emulated for years to come.

-Laurie LeGoff, Coach

Sectional Champions

Boys Soccer

Allegany Limestone - Class C



The Allegany-Limestone boys' soccer team won the Class C championship. The Gators finished their season with a 15-3-1 record; 8-1-1 in league play. The path to the title came with wins over Tapestry 7-0, Olmsted 6-0, and Westfield-Brocton 1-0. It was a season

to be proud of, both on and off the field. Post season honors include 5 First Team League All-Stars, 1 Second Team League All-Star, 1 All-WNY, and 1 NYS Small Team All-Star.

Ellicottville - Class D



It was one of those years that even before the last game was played, no matter what the outcome of the final game of the season, you knew it would be an emotional ending. Thirteen senior players, many who ran the sidelines of the field as ball boys and managers in the early stages of Ellicottville Boys Soccer, would eventually play their final game in the program. Their leadership was met with a strong group of underclassmen willing to work equally as hard to learn the skills, the game, and the chemistry of the team. The finale was the Far West Regional game, which truly demonstrated the heart, soul, and pride of a group of young men working together to reach heights never before seen in the history of this program.

It was a season of teamwork, brotherhood, intensity, and dedication from every member of the squad. The combined efforts of every player on the field, the years of park soccer, summer soccer, travel leagues

near and far, and most recently the acquisition of West Valley players made this season a success.

Early season wins against Maple Grove and Salamanca/Cattaraugus-Little Valley showed us what we were capable of attaining. Ties to Allegany-Limestone and Westfield-Brocton and losses to Genesee Valley made us think about and train for who we wanted to become. This team learned as much from its wins as it did from its losses. Composure, intensity, and patience brought a solid win against North Collins and a fourth Section VI championship, only the second it has not had to share with North Collins (twice losing in PK shootouts deciding advancement to Far West Regionals).

All of this led to a Far West Regional matchup with Alfred-Almond in Spencerport on November 6, 2015. It was Ellicottville's most intense display of defensive pressure and teamwork demonstrated to date. Our Eagles soared, and after 110 minutes of holding Alfred-Almond scoreless (and being the only team to do so all season), once again sent these gentlemen into a PK shootout for advancement rights. Coming up on the short end of the shootout did not take away from what these gentlemen accomplished. They brought the program a new level of excitement and pride, and their work will not go unnoticed. It was a successful season, but the positive impact this group of young men had on Ellicottville soccer goes beyond wins and losses.

-Matt Finn, *Coach*

Sectional Champions

Boys Soccer

Williamsville North - Class AA



Overall Record: 14-4-2

League Record: 9-2-1

Team Captains: Ian Harris, Andrew Looney, and Noah Bachwitz

Williamsville North boys' soccer team had an outstanding 2015 season, finishing with an overall record of 14-4-2, defeating Kenmore West, Clarence, and finally Lancaster on their way to winning the Section VI Championship for the first time since 2007 and advancing to the Far West Regionals where the season ended with a tough 3-2 loss to Hilton.

The Spartans, who finished with a final #10 New York State ranking, were led by a roster that included 10 seniors and talented group of underclassmen, which indicates a positive future for the program. On the first day of practice, the team set their goals - to win the sectional championship and compete for the state championship. They practiced and played with intensity and focus never taking an opponent for granted, which would lead them to the sectional championship. Their only losses came in overtime contests and the season was highlighted by many key games where the boys came up big when it mattered most, including non-league wins versus teams

like Canisius and Class A champions Grand Island.

The accolades for this team included: 1st Team ECIC All-Star status for Andrew Looney, Noah Bachwitz, and Ian Harris; 2nd Team status for Jeff Bellinger, Sam Kinerk, and Adam Barton as well as honorable mention for Alec Ritter and Liam Baily. In addition, Seniors and Captains Andrew Looney and Noah Bachwitz were recognized with selection to the All-Western New York All-Star team. Joining them was Senior and Captain Ian Harris, who capped off an amazing 20 goal season with selection as the ECIC Section VI Player of the Year and 1st Team All-WNY.

It was an amazing season for the 2015 Spartans, sending off our exceptional senior class with a championship and memories to last a lifetime. The leadership of the seniors, both on and off the field, will be missed. However, they have passed along a work ethic and commitment that will be carried on to next year's team. Congratulations and thanks for all your hard work in making this season such a success!

-David LaMastra, Coach

Sectional Champions

Girls Soccer

Allegany Limestone - Class C



The 2015 Lady Gators captured the school's first sectional title since 2003, winning a typically hard-fought game over defending champion Holland by a score of 2-0. We have played Holland in either the semi-finals or finals each of the last 4 years, with last year's game seeing Holland advance on penalty kicks after a 3-3 tie through the overtimes. This year's edition of the Lady Gators was anchored by 4th year goalie Allison Forness and a strong defense, all of whom returned from last year. Key to this year's success was the maturity of returning players including leading scorer Danielle Spring and midfielders Hunter O'Dell, Maria Wallace, and Addie Collins. Nowhere was this maturity more evident than in the assimilation of new players into the team including 3 eighth graders, two of whom became starters with the third playing a key role as a substitute. The close bonds among all the players were prevalent throughout the campaign and became significant to their successes. The Lady Gators went 18-2 on the season with losses to a strong Pioneer team, 3-1, and in the regional game versus Caledonia-Mumford by a 1-0 score. Overall, we gave up only 7 goals, while scoring 79. Senior and Goal Keeper Allison Forness recorded 16 shutouts and was named First Team CCAA East Division, Big 30 All-Star, 2nd Team All-WNY, and 2nd Team All-State. Senior and Defender Jordan Collins was also a 1st Team CCAA East as well as Big 30 All-Star, 2nd Team All-WNY, and 3rd Team All-State.

Other Individual Honors Include:

Daniel Spring - 1st Team CCAA East; Sarah DeCapua - 1st Team CCAA East and Big 30 All-Star; Hunter O'Dell, Maria Wallace, and Molly McClelland - 2nd Team CCAA East; and Brianna Kellner, Alyssa Spring, and Ashley Foster - Honorable Mention CCAA East. The team also received the CCAA League Sportsmanship Award.

As always, we will greatly miss our departing seniors not only for their abilities on the field, but more importantly for their dedication to our program and respect for the legacy that they have now had a hand in creating. We look forward to next year for opportunities to put the lessons learned from this very successful season into action.

Dale MacArthur, Coach

Ellicottville - Class D



Front row (l to r): Shauntay Hackett, Haven Ford, Madison Swalczy, Elsa Woodarek, and Marissa Clark. Middle row: Robin Freaney, Jenna Aldrich, Madison Harris, Morgan Zlockie, Jasmine Valentine, Kaleigh Hunt, Cheyenne Maybee, Shelby Toth, Courtney Charlesworth, Cheyenne Folts, and Erin Cortez. Back row: Coach Jenn McAndrew, Abby Proctor, Brenna Cole, Sarah Sheffield, Shelby Imhoff, Evie Cortez, Karly Siperek, Kourtney Robinson, Becca Smith, Lauren Olejniczak, Alex Gentner, Coach Mary Neilon (not pictured: Marisah Croakman)

The Ellicottville Lady Eagles soccer team won the 2015 Class D Section VI championship. Playoff action began in the semi-final round against the Franklinville Panthers. Scoring 4 goals in the first half and one in the second half paved the way to a 5-0 victory. In the title game against the Pine Valley Panthers, the first goal was netted in the sixth minute of play. The second goal came just seven minutes later. These two early goals proved to make all the difference in the game as the third and final goal was scored with just under two minutes remaining in the contest. The team advanced to play a fast and skillful Wheatland-Chili (W-C) squad in the Far West Regional. The early goal did not come in our favor as W-C scored in the eighth minute. Their second goal was scored on a penalty kick just before the end of the first half. The second half was a defensive battle as we could not muster an effective attack. The 0-2 loss sadly ended our season.

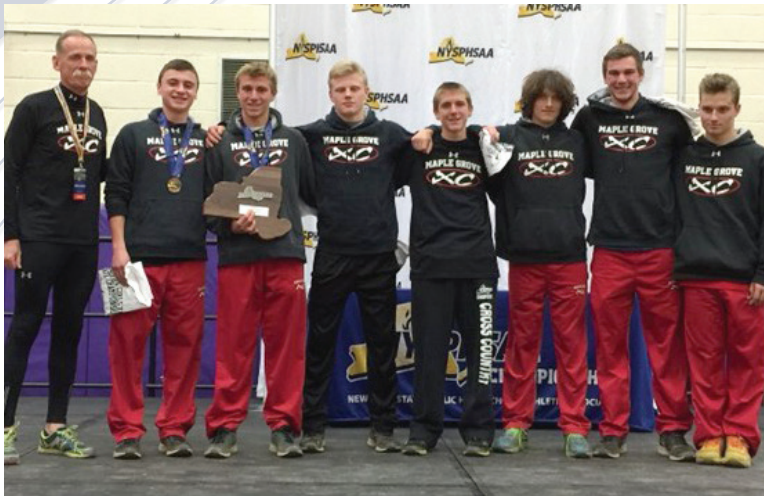
The Lady Eagles had an overall record of 14-5 and finished second in the CCAA East Division with a 10-2 record.

-Mary Neilon, Coach

Sectional Champions

Boys Cross Country

Maple Grove - Class D



Orchard Park - Class A



Throwback to...1985

Newfane's 1985 Cross Country Team
coached by Doug Ames

(current Newfane Athletic Director and
Section VI Sportsmanship Co-Chairman).



Wow. What an exciting season to recap. Over the past 20 years, 2015 finished as one of the most successful cross country seasons for Orchard Park.

With training for the season beginning in late June, the athletes took it upon themselves to get the work down as they knew their efforts would pay off in the future. Going into the season already ranked #1 in the Section 6 runs pre-season poll, we knew that we had to keep on top of our training in order to retain our position. Luckily, nothing major happened during the season to knock us out of the #1 spot. I am thankful that I had such a great group this season to work with and to make them better/faster.

One of my highlights as a coach was closing the gap between my 1st runner and my 5th runner to 35 seconds. These boys were running so fast it was fun to watch them compete!

Winning the Section VI championship, moving on to the NYSPHSAA State Championship in Monroe-Woodbury NY (finishing 7th in the state), and participating in the NY Federation Championship were the highlights of the season for the seven athletes that had the opportunity to travel and race for their school.

I am very proud of the team and cannot wait to start competing again next year!

-David Wert, Coach



Boys	Girls
Starpoint (27) vs. Newfane (28)	Starpoint (16) vs. Newfane (9)
RoyHart (22) vs. Newfane (37)	RoyHart (8) vs. Newfane (13)
Wilson (26) vs. Newfane (30)	Wilson (21) vs. Newfane (6)
Albion (23) vs. Newfane (32)	-
Medina (17) vs. Newfane (44)	Medina (8) vs. Newfane (13)
Barker (25) vs. Newfane (30)	Barker (12) vs. Newfane (9)
Akron (24) vs. Newfane (31)	Akron (15) vs. Newfane (6)

Sectional Champions

Girls Cross Country

Clarence - Class A



Pictured from left to right: Mariahn Plesh, Natalie Badding, Katrina Patterson, Liz Rott, Cristina Ray, Gillian Fedor, and Audrey Pryll

The Clarence varsity girls' cross country team had a very successful season culminating with a 10-0 league record, league title, and a sectional championship. The Section VI Championship race conditions were very tough, windy, and muddy. The girls' team persevered through all conditions and really ran a tough race. The times were not their best, but it was truly a day for an all-out effort and that is what it took to win. Katrina Patterson claimed her 1st ever Section VI Class A cross country individual title, followed by the pair of Liz Rott and Cristina Ray finishing 4th and 5th overall. That small gap really helped with our scoring. Gillian Fedor and Mariahn Plesh finished 13th and 14th, while Natalie Badding and Audrey Pryll finished 17th and 18th respectively. That overall team depth and smaller gaps between our runners is what helped seal the victory for the sectional meet as well as many others this season. They were a great group to work with and an extremely hard working bunch. I could not ask for more from them as a coach. They are proud to be Section VI Champions.

-Justin Weldon, Coach

Maple Grove - Class D



*"IF IT DOESN'T CHALLENGE YOU,
IT WON'T CHANGE YOU"*

-FRED DEVITO

Pioneer/Holland - Class B



As a team, these young ladies did amazing things together. They were 4-1 in ECIC Division III, 2nd at the Red Dragon Invite, 1st in large schools at the East Aurora Invite, 6th at McQuaid in the seeded medium girls' school race, and 1st at the Eden Raider Invite. As a team, they trained hard together and always worked to motivate each other. During races, they worked together in pairs to push each other. They were an excellent representative at the state for Section VI. Some of the girls ran in the checkers runner of the week race and our top five girls: Megan, Riley, Courtney, Caitlin and Shannon competed at the Northeast Footlocker Regional Meet on November 28, 2015. The team will miss Megan next year and wish her all the best at Grand Valley in Michigan. Megan was also the winner of the Class B Section VI Sportsmanship Award.

-Mary Doud, Coach

Pictured left to right: Shannon Flood, Caitlin Caltagirone, Megan Caltagirone, Riley Jones, Courtney Schoepflin, Elizabeth Mau, and Kerianne Alpin.

Sectional Champions

Girls Volleyball

Iroquois - Class B



After defeating #7 Kenmore East, #2 Albion, and #6 Starpoint through their playoff run, the Iroquois varsity girls' volleyball team won the first Section VI Class B championship in the program's history with a 3-0 win over the undefeated, #1 seed, Maryvale Flyers at Pioneer High School on November 9th, 2015.

Sectional Champions

Boys Volleyball

Orchard Park - Division I



Sectional Champions

Boys Volleyball

Williamsville North - Division II



Williamsville North's Cinderella run in the Section VI Division II Boys Volleyball Tournament culminated with a 25-15, 18-25, 28-26, 25-23 win over top-seeded Grand Island in the Class B final on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Lackawanna High School.

The Spartans were the 18th seed and had previously upset 2nd seed Williamsville South, 8th seed West Seneca West, and 3rd seed Eden. "We proved that we were the best team in the bracket by defeating the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd seeds. It was North's first section title in school history.

"It was an unbelievable victory," Spartans Coach Mike Minnuto said. "We got there by playing the same way we have played all year. We were competitive in every game and eliminated the easy mistakes." A confident team is very tough to beat.

"I think that was a credit to our schedule this year. Great competition pushes you to a higher level," Minnuto said. Williamsville North plays in the ECIC Division I schedule during the regular season.

Despite the height advantage, the Spartans established a presence in the middle with Senior and Middle Hitter Peter Battaglia, who finished with 8 kills.

"Once we did that, it opened up the outside for Noah [Chojnacki], Ryan [Greene] and Connor Thomas," Minnuto said. "We also served them really tough. We forced mistakes on their end just from serving them in certain rotations. They scrambled, which neutralized their big hitters because they weren't able to feed their big hitters with ideal sets because of the scramble in serve receive."

Chojnacki paced Williamsville North with 15 kills.

Thomas added 10 kills, 12 digs, and 5 blocks.

Senior and Setter Jeremy Schatz handed out 38 assists.

The Spartans' season ended with a 19-25, 23-25, 25-17, 22-25 loss against Brighton in the Division II Far West Regional at Midlakes High School in Clifton Springs.

Minnuto compared the loss to facing a knuckleball pitcher after playing against a fastball pitcher.

"We were used to a speed tempo offense and their offense was slow and awkward," Minnuto said. "In the end, it really threw our timing off. There was no doubt in my mind that we were the better team. We had a lot of balls go off our hands on blocks and miss the line by inches. Getting on the bus, I think everyone felt like we let a great opportunity slip away."

Williamsville North established itself as a top program in Western New York this year. The sectional title is huge for the program. There are a ton of great athletes in this program. Younger kids will see what this group accomplished and that should make them hungry to achieve.

Did you know?...

On February 9, 1895, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, William G. Morgan, a YMCA physical education director, created a new game called Mintonette as a pastime to be played (preferably) indoors and by any number of players. The game took some of its characteristics from tennis and handball. Mintonette was designed to be an indoor sport, less rough than basketball, for older members of the YMCA, while still requiring a bit of athletic effort.

The first rules, written down by William G Morgan, called for a net 6 ft 6 in (1.98 m) high, a 25 ft × 50 ft (7.6 m × 15.2 m) court, and any number of players. A match was composed of nine innings with three serves for each team in each inning, and no limit to the number of ball contacts for each team before

sending the ball to the opponents' court. In case of a serving error, a second try was allowed. Hitting the ball into the net was considered a foul (with loss of the point or a side-out)—except in the case of the first-try serve.

After an observer, Alfred Halstead, noticed the volleying nature of the game at its first exhibition match in 1896, played at the International YMCA Training School (now called Springfield College), the game quickly became known as VOLLEYBALL (it was originally spelled as two words: "volley ball"). Volleyball rules were slightly modified by the International YMCA Training School and the game spread around the country to various YMCAs.

Sectional Champions

Girls Swimming

Clarence - Class A



The Clarence girls' swim team responded yet again from another year of talented graduation losses to capture the Class A and overall team titles at the 2015 Section VI championship held at the Burt Flickinger Aquatic Center. Clarence outdistanced rival Orchard Park by a margin of 441.5 to 382 points to claim the Class A title. The Red Devils had a successful season leading up to sectionals, despite losing their first dual meet in seven years to a very talented Orchard Park team. Our girls had a quiet resolve after the meet. The girls stayed positive and were gracious in defeat. We focused our energies on winning the large school title at the ECIC championships a little more than a week later.

Clarence evened the score with an impressive 532 point performance at the ECIC Meet. Orchard Park followed with 350 points and Frontier with 198.5. It was our highest point total ever at the league championship. The ECIC Meet tends to favor teams with good depth in all events. We placed 3 and 4 girls in the finals of every swimming and diving event. It set the tone for another showdown with Orchard Park at sectionals.

Sectionals week kicked off with diving at Olean HS. The Clarence divers performed brilliantly. Freshman Marissa Vasatka placed second in Class A, with Ella Colson and Mallory Prelewicz capturing 4th and 6th place respectively. Diving Coach Kelly Sponhholz did a fantastic job of getting the girls ready for their 11 dive program. Anna Kottakis, Mia Fasanello, Hannah Meli, and Celia Kottakis kept the momentum going in the pool and won the first swimming event, the 200 Medley Relay, in state meet qualifying time. Sophomore Emma Colson then won the Class A title in the 200 Freestyle in a personal best and state meet qualifying of 1:56.94.

The sister combination of Anna and Celia Kottakis placed 3rd and 4th in the 50 Freestyle. Celia and Senior Tori Argentieri then teamed up for a 4th and 5th finish in the 100 Butterfly. It was such a tight meet with Orchard Park. We had to counter their wins with multiple places in every event. Emma Colson followed up her 200 Freestyle performance with a second place finish in the 500 Freestyle. Sophomore Anna Kottakis then swam an outstanding 58.71 in the 100 Backstroke to claim the Class A title. Anna, Celia, Emma along with Alex Butler teamed up to place second in the final event, the 400 Freestyle Relay, in state qualifying time. We pretty much knew we had the team title at that point. It meant a lot to Seniors and Captains Alex Butler, Tori Argentieri, Hannah Meli, and Maddy Tryjankowski to be able to lead Clarence to another Section VI title.

-Joe Zwierzchowski, Coach

Southwestern - Class C



Row 1: Chole Bryant, Rosie Hagel, and Ellie Lawton (manager), Row 2: Katja Kranzo, Ellie Krieheder, Gianna Hoose, Anna Jones, and Natalie Fosberg, Row 3: Autumn Bertges, Maddy Nelson, Evelyn Rowan, Jillian Lawton, Sydney Burk, Megan Seeley, Erin Vanderzyden, and Emily Rybicki, Row 4: Coach Shoup, Coach Bryerton, Anna O'Brien, Maggie Burns, Lyndsey Gutzmer, Katie Lawton, Xiane Smith, Kelsey Powers, and Sydney Thomas

As a team, the Lady Trojans finished sixth in the state in points. We were the only Class C school to break the top 25 in the past two years. We have won the Class C Section VI championship the last four years and the CCAA League championship along with it. We have consistently had a higher percentage of our team attend the Section VI championship meet than any other school in the Section with any class distinction.

Sydney Thomas was a double winner at the Section VI championship meet in the 200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke as well as being part of the winning 200 Medley Relay and 3rd place in the 400 Freestyle relay. She competed in all of these events at the state meet setting new records each time. Seniors Xiane Smith and Katie Lawton also competed at both the Section VI level and state level for the team. Both were on the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay and 400 Free Relay with Katie Lawton additionally competing in the 100 Butterfly. Her younger sister Jillian Lawton competed in the relays and the 50 Freestyle at the state level and her junior teammate Sydney Burk was also included.

Highlights:

- 10-0, CCAA League Champions
- 14-0, season record
- 4th consecutive Section VI Class C champions
- 3rd Section VI championships
- Class C NYSPHSAA Champions
- 6th overall, NYSPHSAA championships

-Glen Shoup, Coach

Sectional Champions

Girls Swimming

Iroquois - Class B



Front row: Sarah Mertzlufft, Shelby Slachetka, Brianna Thurn, Sam Angrignon, Larissa Gaul, and Morgan Adams, Back row: Coach Delee Croisdale, Sydney Slachetka, Lauren Willitt, Allison Lenda, Sam Wheeler, Alex Wheeler, and Head Coach Mike O'Connor.

The Iroquois girls' varsity swim team began the season with many goals. They wanted to continue to accomplish what they have in the past, but also add a few new goals. Their Coaches, Mike O'Connor and 1st year Assistant Delee Croisdale, knew they needed to swim some teams outside of the teams in the ECIC League to accomplish their goals. The Lady Chiefs went to Frewsburg to race a few of the top teams from the southern tier and they also hosted the sectional Class C champions, the Southwestern Trojans, in a dual meet. Even though the Lady Chiefs lost the match with Southwestern 56-46, it was a great learning experience and led them into a unique trifecta of championships. They won their 4th straight division championship this year by going 8-0 in Division II. Then, they began the end of the season meets by winning the ECIC 'A' meet with 444 points to 2nd place Starpoint (388) and then defended their Class B sectional championship as well. Iroquois had 370 points to Dunkirk/Fredonia's 321. Other goals the team had included having the whole team qualify for ECICs and also having half the team qualify for sectionals. They almost reached those goals too. In addition, many of the girls wanted to qualify for states individually as well as relays.

At ECICs, the Lady Chiefs had 25 girls swim or dive. One major highlight was the team's outstanding divers' 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th placement. Sixty-eight points in the meet came from the diving team alone including: Taylor Woltz, Kennedy Haberl, Marissa Volk, and Julia Patti. "Not sure if that has ever happened before in diving, or any event, that's really impressive for our girls. Our girls worked extremely hard all year and with the help of our great diving coach, Joanne Williams, they just kept improving all year," stated Coach O'Connor.

We also had ECIC Champions in the 200 and 500 freestyle with Alex Wheeler winning both of those and we won the 200 free relay with (Lenda, Slachetka, Willitt, and Gaul). The team ended up winning 4 events at the ECICs.

"At sectionals, the Iroquois team came in and just swam amazing right from the start. Our main goal every year is to win the division, but now it's to defend our titles in other things. For the most part, it's a lot easier being the hunter, chasing the teams ahead of you. It's a lot harder to stay on top and be the hunted. We are learning it's not easy; it takes work all year to continue to accomplish these great things. The girls are learning some valuable lessons for the rest of their lives," stated O'Connor.

The girls set a few pool records in other schools' pools including the 200 Medley Relay at Pioneer with the team of Allison Lenda, Brianna Thurn, Alex Wheeler and Larissa Gaul lowering the pool record from last year. Iroquois pool records set included Alex Wheeler with 2:21.04 in the 200 IM and Allison Lenda with 1:02.23 in the 100 Backstroke. The girls also set both Iroquois school Free Relay records - 200 FR (Lenda, Slachetka, Willitt, and Gaul) with 1:40.25 and 400 FR (Willitt, Wheeler, Slachetka, and Lenda) with 3:44.13. Allison Lenda also set new Iroquois records in the 50 Free (24.88) and 100 Free (55.14). "These girls had some extreme goals, and they worked hard all season to try to reach them. They are a very determined group," stated Head Coach Mike O'Connor.

A few of our goals included having swimmers/divers make the NYS meet. Even though none of our individuals made their goal of that, we still sent our 200 Free Relay. That relay made states for the 2nd year in a row and they lowered the school record. In the 2 swims at sectionals and 2 swims at states, the relay made the state cut time all 4 times. Last year, they did not do that, ending up in 38th place. This year, the relay swam so much better placing 24th. It was a great experience to go to the state meet to learn and watch some of the best. This year, the girls felt that they belonged.

"Our Seniors, Morgan Adams, Samantha Angrignon, Larissa Gaul, Sydney Slachetka and Brianna Thurn, have really led the team this year in the water and out. With 14 of our girls in the middle school, about half of our team, there was a big learning curve. We needed to teach them how to work together, when to challenge each other, and motivate each other in order to get everyone on the same page and working towards the same goals. It took a lot of work and dedication but we did it. We did a lot of team bonding exercises, especially the day we used our schools' ropes course to learn trust and the proper ways of challenging yourself and your teammates. They became a TEAM in and out of the water and that's why they had such an amazing season. Great Job Lady Chiefs!" stated Coach O'Connor. We will continue to follow our team motto of "HIGH STANDARDS = GREAT RESULTS".

-Michael D. O'Connor, Coach

Sectional Champions

Girls Tennis

Singles - Jesse Hollins

Doubles - Kristen Zablonki & Lauren Karoglan

Orchard Park



Orchard Park's Jesse Hollins captured the Section VI Girls Tennis Singles Championship this past fall in addition to winning the ECIC Championship. As a 1st year 8th grader she went undefeated all season.

Orchard Park's Kristen Zablonki (junior) and Lauren Karoglan (sophomore) won the Section VI Girls Tennis Doubles Championship by beating last year's championship team from Southwestern. Kristen played 3rd singles and Lauren played at the 1st doubles position throughout the regular season.

All 3 players from the Orchard Park team traveled to the New York State Championships where they successfully won their first rounds yet fell to entrants from Sections XI and VIII respectfully. Section VI can be very proud of these athletes as representatives from the Western New York area.

-Sandy Trampert, Coach

L to R: Coach Sandy Trampert, Kristen Zablonki, Jesse Hollins, and Lauren Karoglan

Unified Sports

Through a special partnership with Special Olympics New York, the NYSPHSAA is pleased to offer Unified Sports programs to its membership. Unified Sports is an inclusive program that partners student-athletes who have intellectual disabilities with student-athletes who do not have intellectual disabilities on teams for training and competitions.

Unified Sports participation is rooted in the principle of meaningful involvement, which ensures that every player is given an opportunity to contribute to the success of his or her team through their unique skills

and qualities. This means that every team member demonstrates sufficient sport-specific skills and game understanding, plays a valued role on the team that emphasizes his or her personal talents, and has an opportunity to play without a heightened risk of injury.

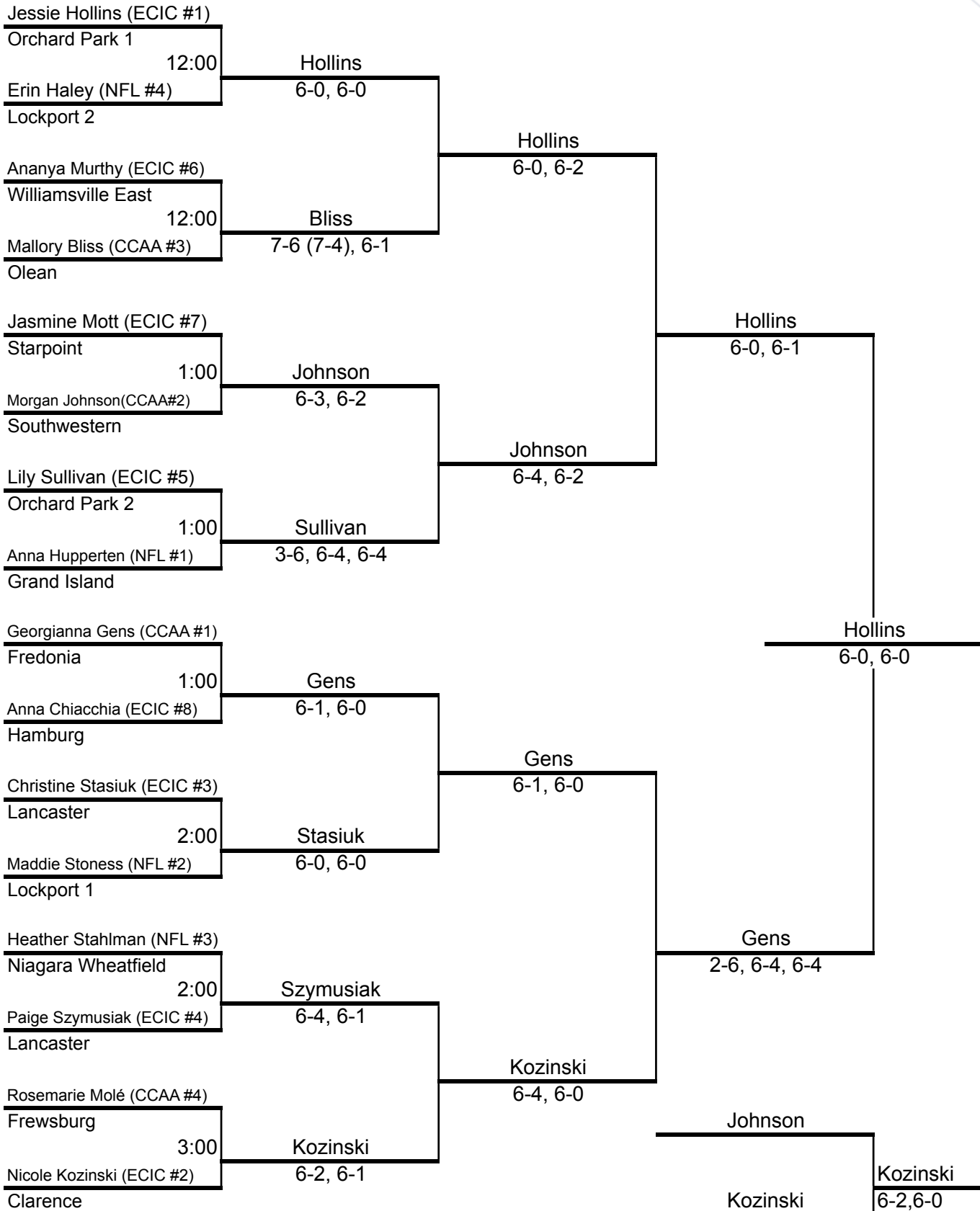
Approximately 7 Section VI member schools have committed to the Spring 2016 Unified Sports Basketball Pilot Program. Practices will begin in April with contests to follow in May.



Sectional Champions

Girls Tennis

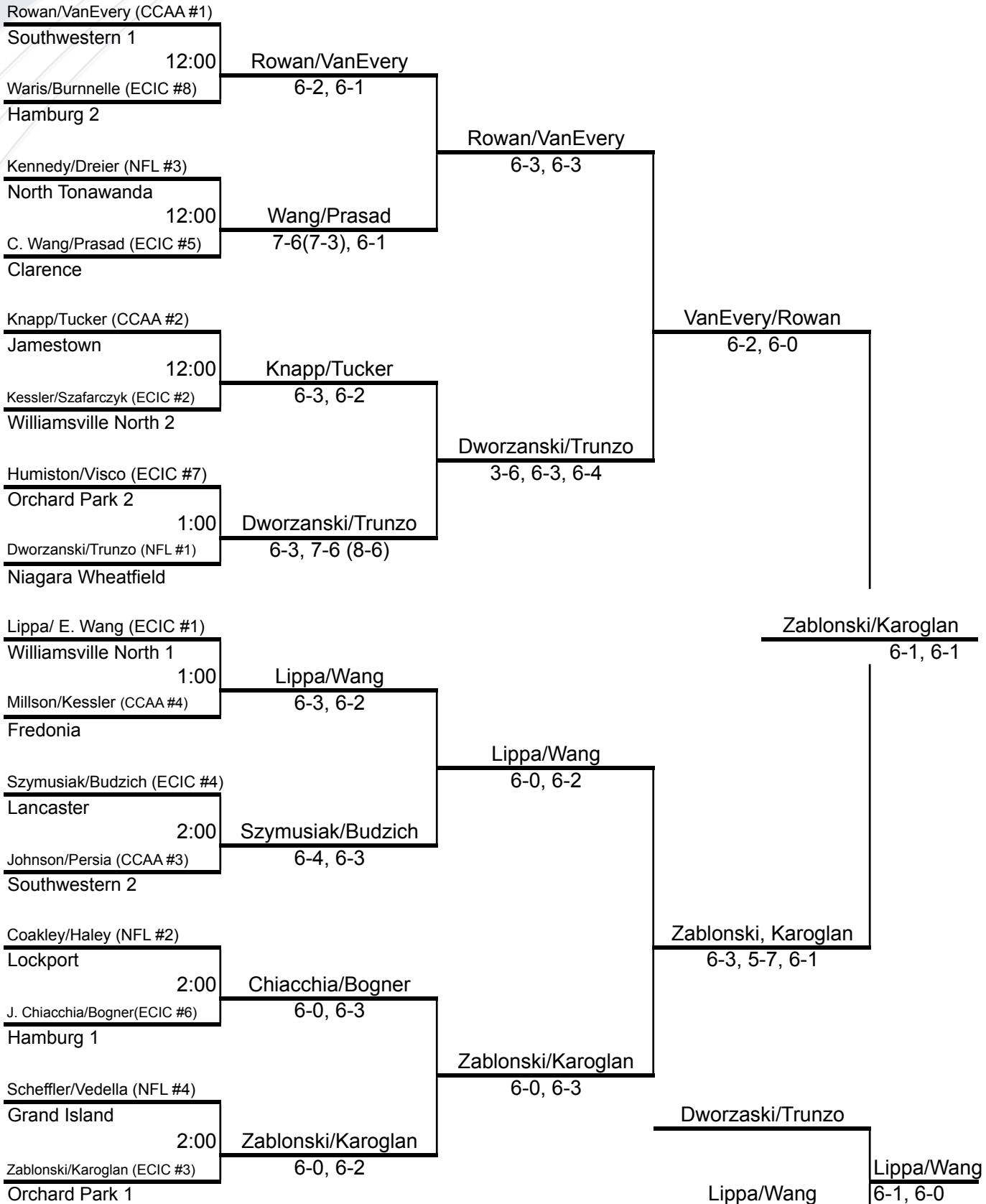
Section VI Girls Singles Tournament Results



Sectional Champions

Girls Tennis

Section VI Girls Doubles Tournament Results



Sectional Champions

Girls Tennis

Section VI State Team



Singles:

1. Jessie Hollins (Orchard Park)
2. Georgianna Gens (Fredonia)
3. Nicole Kozinski (Clarence)

Doubles:

1. Kristen Zablonksi/Lauren Karoglan (Orchard Park)
2. Victoria VanEvery/Elizabeth Rowan (Southwestern)
3. Erin Lippa/Eileen Wang (Williamsville North)

Bottom row (left to right): Nicole Kozinski (Clarence), Lauren Karoglan (Orchard Park), Kristen Zablonksi (Orchard Park), Jessie Hollins (Orchard Park), and Eileen Wang (Williamsville North), Top row (left to right): Erin Lippa (Williamsville North), Victoria VanEvery (Southwestern), Elizabeth Rowan (Southwestern), and Georgianna Gens (Fredonia)

2015 Section VI Recognition Dinner

The Section VI Recognition Dinner was held August 26, 2015 at The Columns Banquets facility in Elma, NY. The annual ceremony honors deserving coaches, sports chairmen, and other contributors who exemplify sportsmanship, integrity, dedication, and commitment to the Section's student-athletes.

The Section extends a special 'thank you' to its sportsmanship co-chairmen, Jim Graczyk (Pioneer) and Doug Ames (Newfane) for their efforts in producing this successful event.

Coaches Award Recipients



*Ladies from left to right: Tracy Poole (Maryvale), Barbara Held (Holland), Paula Lawson (Performing Arts), Kristie Slack (Starpoint), Kelly Owens (Hamburg), Julie Kwoka (Lockport), and Kathy Stameis (Allegany Limestone)
Gentlemen from left to right: Jim Graczyk, Sportsmanship Co-Chairman, Allen Turton (Alden), Brian Carroll (Hamburg), John Jablonski (Roy-Hart), Patrick Souder (Pioneer), Jerry Pardue (Maple Grove), Ray Logan (Gowanda), Scott Palmatier (Franklinville), Shaunessy Ryan (International Preparatory), Miles Patterson (Lockport), Doug Ames, Sportsmanship Co-Chairman*

Honorees



Pictured from left to right: Mark Kruzynski, Paul Casseri, Cindy Bullis, Mike Janisch, Michael DiPaolo, and Pat Burke

Sectional Champions

Girls Gymnastics

Williamsville North



Williamsville North's Lady Spartans made school history by winning the Section VI Girls Gymnastics Championship this season at Williamsville South High School on November 5, 2015. North finished the season with a 5-0 record to clinch the Division II title.

It was exciting to return to coaching the team after 7 years. Having been a Spartan athlete along with my wife and two children, it brings special meaning to be back at North. Our team this year is young and filled with great talent. The girls set seasonal goals both individually and as a team. By seeing those goals posted on the wall each day, the reminders were constant as to what they wanted to accomplish.

We are very proud of the athletes we had competing at sectionals: Zoe Kyriakopoulos, Madison Penetrante, Mikayla Shute, Gabrielle Gaygen, Sarah Chan, Gianna Militello, and Haley Juenker. Zoe Kyriakopoulos won the All Around for the Section with a score of 37.500. Both Zoe and Madison Penetrante will be representing Williamsville North and Section VI at the state championship in March 2016.

Our coaches; myself, Torey Hirsch, and Lisa Miller, would like to congratulate all of our gymnasts on an outstanding season.

Seniors: Katie Fiorella and Rachel Kubek

Juniors: Elen-Sarrah Dolgopolskaia, Mikayla Shute*, and Erika Taylor*

Sophomores: Alexandra Contino, Gabrielle Gaygen*, Gabrielle Griffo, Gianna Militello, Brielle Santora, Hannah Schneiderman, and Kelsey Sullivan

Freshmen: Moira Antalek, Nicole Bidlack, Helen Harke, Zoe Kyriakopoulos, Amaya Mack, Madison Penetrante, and Lauren Serafini

7th & 8th Graders : Alexandra Braun, Sarah Chan, Sydney Donovan, Haley Juenker, and Talia Syracuse

*Indicates Team Captain

-Torey Hirsch, Coach

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes Fall 2015

Section VI selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Award for the 2015 fall sports season. Of the 834 nominations; there are 141 winners and 693 honorable mentions.

Akron

Girls Cross Country	Emma Chubb
Field Hockey	Rachel Heim

Albion

Girls Cross Country	Meredith Patterson
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Amherst

Field Hockey	Elise Faut
Girls Cross Country	Louisa Izydorczak
Boys Soccer	Ben Lackner
Girls Cross Country	Elizabeth Schlant

Barker

Field Hockey	Kelsie Engert
Field Hockey	Madison Greenwald
Girls Soccer	Lindsey Williams

City Honors

Girls Volleyball	Julia Panepinto
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Clarence

Girls Soccer	Madeline Hanford
Boys Volleyball	Benjamin Janzow
Football	Stephen Marzano
Girls Tennis	Cassandra Mayle
Field Hockey	Caitlin O'Brien

Cleveland Hill

Football	Gary Aquila II
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East Aurora

Girls Cross Country	Fiona Danieu
Girls Soccer	Gwendolyn Haffenden
Field Hockey	Genevieve Morrissey
Boys Cross Country	William Zink

Eden

Boys Volleyball	Calvin Nowicki
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Ellicottville

Girls Soccer	Kaleigh Hunt
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Falconer

Boys Cross Country	Walker Black
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Franklinville

Football	William Bays
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Fredonia

Girls Cross Country	Gwen Stokes
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Gowanda

Boys Cross Country	Trevor Greco
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Hamburg

Football	Dante Mastrangelo
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Holland

Girls Volleyball	Annastasia Marburger
Football	Anthony Perlino
Girls Swimming	Elizabeth Ruszyk

Hutch Tech

Girls Soccer	Naomi Nimely
Football	Anthony Rozek

Iroquois

Girls Swimming	Larissa Gaul
Girls Volleyball	Leah Krzemien
Football	Drake Meaney

Jamestown

Boys Cross Country	Matthew Elia
Girls Volleyball	Abigail Todaro

Kenmore West

Football	Sean McDonough
Field Hockey	Grace Simmons

Lake Shore

Boys Volleyball	Jared Himes
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Lancaster

Girls Soccer	Tessa Adamec
Girls Gymnastics	Mackenzie Donner
Girls Cross Country	Jenna Neumaier
Boys Cross Country	Steven Neumaier

Lewiston Porter

Girls Swimming	Grace Fiacco
Boys Soccer	Seamus McGillion

Lockport

Football	Andrew Bronson
Boys Volleyball	Magnus Cleveland

Maryvale

Boys Soccer	Eric Green
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McKinley

Boys Soccer	Be Lue
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Medina

Girls Soccer	Allison Bensley
Boys Soccer	Zach Harris
Field Hockey	Stella Russo

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes

Fall 2015

Niagara Wheatfield

Girls Tennis Heather Stahlman

North Tonawanda

Girls Volleyball Rachel Krawczyk
Boys Cross Country Matthew Slominski
Boys Cross Country Tyker Slominski

Olean

Girls Tennis Mallory Bliss
Girls Soccer Courtney Martin
Boys Soccer Jacob Weber

Orchard Park

Girls Soccer Margaret Ahern
Girls Volleyball Theresa Gossel
Football Corey McPoland
Girls Soccer Allison Regan
Boys Soccer Thomas Roder
Field Hockey Grace Ruh
Boys Soccer Joshua Sorrentino
Girls Tennis Jessica Visco
Field Hockey Grace Weist
Boys Cross Country Travis Wolf

Portville

Girls Volleyball Lydia Lukomski
Football Grant Milne
Girls Swimming Darienne Slocum

Royalton-Hartland

Boys Cross Country Avery Green

Southwestern

Girls Tennis Morgan Johnson
Boys Soccer Lucas Pryzgodzki
Girls Swimming Xiane Smith

Springville-Griffith

Girls Volleyball Emilie Loudenslager
Boys Cross Country Tyler Olrogg

Starpoint

Girls Swimming Kennedy Burns
Field Hockey Hallie Metzger
Girls Soccer Jesslyn Weber

Sweet Home

Boys Volleyball Ryan Hayter
Girls Volleyball Rachel Reusch
Field Hockey Haley Tolsma

West Seneca East

Girls Volleyball Jessica Pratt

West Seneca West

Football Adam Lampman
Girls Volleyball Olivia Levulis
Girls Soccer Isabella Mancino
Girls Swimming Nicole Miller
Girls Tennis Kate Schwartz

Williamsville East

Boys Soccer Justin Lee
Girls Tennis Shubhangi Mehra
Girls Volleyball Samantha Mendelsohn
Football Brian Morreale
Girls Swimming Ananya Nrusimha
Girls Cross Country Mirabel Reid
Girls Tennis Caroline Wang
Boys Volleyball Jacob Weissert
Girls Swimming Sarah Wie

Williamsville North

Girls Soccer Nikki Gilani
Girls Tennis Melissa Helm
Girls Soccer Kristen Koral
Boys Soccer Andrew Looney
Boys Soccer Alec Ritter
Boys Volleyball Jeremy Schatz
Field Hockey Manhal Siddiqi
Girls Volleyball Adrianna Soucy
Boys Soccer Owen Witt
Girls Cross Country Alia Zeid

Williamsville South

Boys Soccer Nicholas Bartelo
Boys Soccer Maxwell Liffiton
Girls Soccer Rebecca Meyer
Girls Soccer Elizabeth Moore
Football Ryan Philipps
Girls Volleyball Melissa Postek
Boys Cross Country Andrew Shelton

Wilson

Field Hockey Rachael Cobo
Girls Cross Country Marlowe Recht

Meet the Athletic Director

Mark Blecha, **Franklinville Central Schools**

Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association



Years of Administrative Service:
10 years

Education:
Pioneer High School, 1986
Canisius College, BS- Physical Education, 1990
St. Bonaventure University, Masters in Education, 1994

Family:
Wife: Stacy, married 21 years
Sons: Bryce, 18, Brock, 15, Bretton, 8

Favorite Food: Pizza and/or chicken

Favorite Movie: Forest Gump

Hobbies: Boating, motorcycling, helping coach all levels of sports

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

I knew from a young age that I wanted to coach and work with kids. I have always loved sports and I never wanted to grow up. Teaching PE and coaching allows me to play every day.

Vincent Dell'Oso, **West Seneca Central School District**

Erie County Interscholastic Conference



Years of Administrative Service:
16 years

Education:
SUNY Brockport, Bachelor of Science, Physical Education and Sport
Niagara University, Master of Science, Educational Administration
Niagara University, School District Leader Certification

Family:
Wife: Suzanne
Children: Joseph, 13, Carly, 11

Favorite Food: Hot dogs and pizza

Favorite Movie: Major League

Hobbies: Traveling with my family, playing golf, and coaching my son's travel baseball team

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

Experiencing athletics at many different levels including youth sports, high school, college, and the professional level has helped mold me into the person/administrator/professional that I am today. The different experiences that I was able to take part in, at each level, taught me teamwork, responsibility, hard work, and commitment. Reflecting on my time participating in athletics, I recognize the impact that each of my coaches had on me. A coach/teacher/administrator at any level can have such a positive impact on their students/athletes. Athletics affords us the opportunity to work in an area where we can get to know students in a unique setting; one in which, they enjoy being a part of and are able find a tremendous amount of success.

Additional Champions

Fall 2015

State Champions

Eden Girls Volleyball, Class C

Sectional Champions

Sweet Home Boys Cross Country, Class B

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