

# The Line Up

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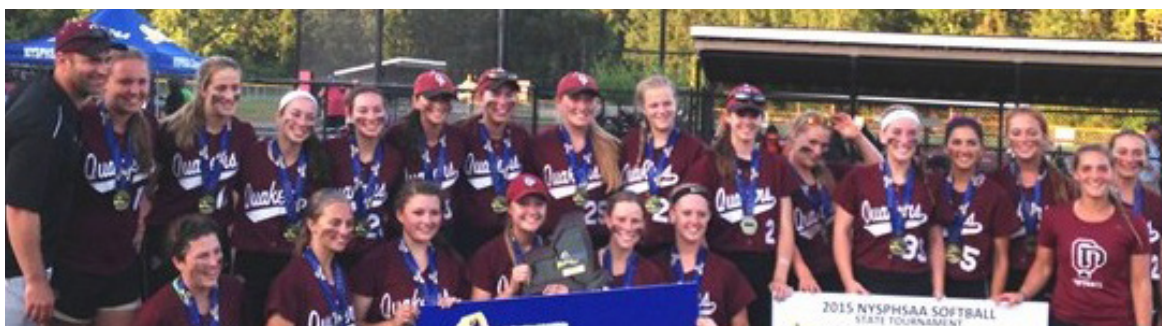
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## State Champions

### Softball



### Orchard Park - Class AA

History was made in Orchard Park athletics on June 13, 2015 as the Quakers softball team captured the NYSPHSAA Softball Class AA State Championship. This was the Orchard Park Central School District's first state title in any girls athletics competition.

With a lot of returning players and a strong JV system, we knew that we were capable of competing at a high level this season. The girls had high expectations due to the individual talent that each player displayed. After starting the season 6 and 4, the girls realized that things had to change if they intended on fulfilling their expectations. We devised a team motto, words that we lived by for the remainder of the season: "Never hope for it, more than you work for it". We discussed the emphasis on team building, working together, and supporting our fellow teammates. We also utilized our failures/losses as motivation to work harder in practice and games. We finished the regular season winning 9 of the last 11 games. This carried us into sectionals feeling motivated through both our success and our team camaraderie. This was Orchard Park's first sectional and regional titles, in softball, since 1994. The Quakers were also a NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete team.

Seeing the girls' demeanor on championship Saturday was what truly made this team special. You would never have thought that teamwork was an early season struggle. The girls did not show one sign of defeat or negativity, even when they were down early in both games. All you could see were the smiles, laughs, and cheers in the dugout and the concentration, focus, and passion on the diamond. The girls became sisters and their unbridled enthusiasm is what led us to winning 14 of our last 16 games, averaging 12 runs per playoff game, and lifting the state championship plaque.

Even though we will be losing seven exemplary seniors, our returning players have an unparalleled championship experience and team unity to propel them into next season.

-Brittany Bonetto, Coach

The team consisted of the following members:

**Seniors:** Rachel Johnson (Washington-Jefferson), Shaye Swiatek (University of Albany), Molly Hennessy (St. Bonaventure University), Katie Weimer (University of Buffalo), Sarah Kubik (St. John Fisher), Ali Darling (Stonybrook), Kaylee Jentsch (Houghton)

**Juniors:** Katie Luchowski, Lydia Petricca

**Sophomores:** Alex Sheehy, Penny Lenard, Peyton Hillis, Amber Piniewski, Alyssa Piniewski, Sam Frappa, Lauren Miller

**Freshmen** Lilly Wosniak, Madison Stewart, Elizabeth Nicomento

**Coaches:** Brittany Bonetto and Josh Dannecker

# Throwback to...1980

## Orchard Park Varsity Softball Team



*Pictured above: Coach Harris Wienke, meeting with his varsity softball team, during the 1980 season.*



- Only one league game loss that season
- 1980 Section VI champions
- Rankings, at that time, were not used
- When playing non-league games, Coach Wienke always played the non-starters for the first 5 innings
- Upstart of girls sports (mostly varsity only)

Harris retired from varsity coaching in 1984. In addition to coaching, he began his sports officiating career in 1970 with baseball. Over the years, he officiated baseball, softball, football, girls basketball, and field hockey. He currently still officiates football.

*"Ambitious goals make for outstanding achievements."*

*-Nike*



# State Champions

## Track

**Hailey Rospierski, Alden - Division 2**

**100 Meter High Hurdles - 1st Place NYSPHSAA, 6th Place Federation  
High Jump - 3rd Place NYSPHSAA**



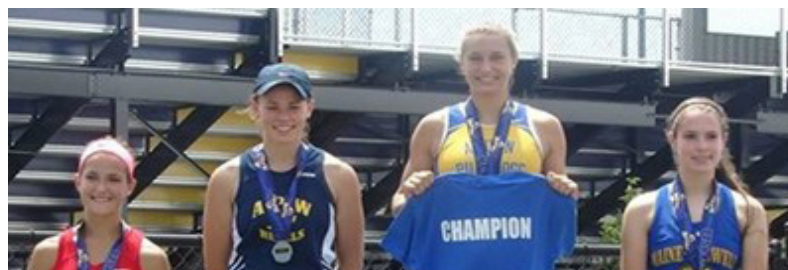
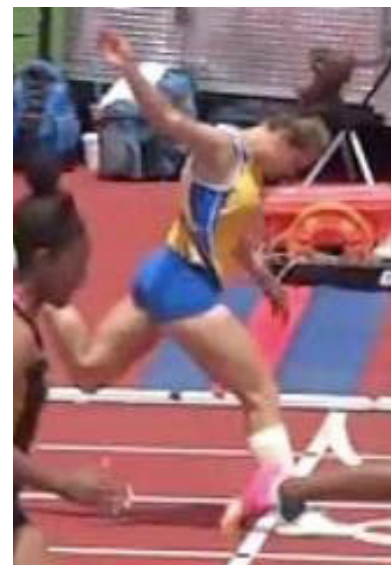
Alden High School Junior Hailey Rospierski traveled to the University of Albany for her second appearance at the New York State Track and Field Championships. Last year, she took 3rd place in the D2 100 hurdles and 1st place in the D2 high jump. In 2015, Hailey won the 100 meter hurdles for Division II by almost half a second. She broke the school record again (which belonged to her) with a time of 14.66 seconds. Her time also qualified her to compete in the Federation race a couple hours later in the day. Before running that race, she began competing in the high jump. She cleared her opening two heights but had to return to the track to run in the Federation 100m hurdles. Rospierski placed 6th. Returning to the high jump, Hailey could not clear her next height. However, the 5'2" she had cleared prior to the hurdles placed her 3rd in Division II.

Rospierski led the girls track and field team in dual meet points earned this year. She was the Letterman's Award winner. As a junior who has already competed in two state track championships AND is a two-time state champion, the expectations for Hailey going into her senior year are high.

-Ken Partell



*Photo Courtesy of The Buffalo News*



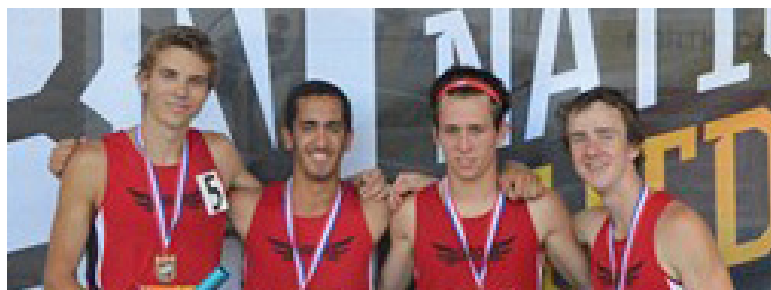
**Brianna Tutuska, Eden - Division 2**  
**Discus - 1st Place NYSPHSAA**



Brianna Tutuska, a senior from Eden, went to Albany this year for the New York State championships and took 1st place in Division 2. Brianna works and achieves at everything she does. She began this year with goals of improving her shot and disc throws, and achieved and set new goals each week. She hit the weight room hard, focused, and determined. She went into States ranked #1, and never let up once she got there. Brianna was also a member of Eden's State Championship Volleyball team this year, as well as the salutatorian of her class. There is truly nothing beyond her reach that she puts her mind to.

-Randall Perison, Coach

**Matt McLaughlin, Mike Durant,  
Mike Coatsworth, and  
Jack Zagrobelny**  
**4x400 Meter Relay Team -  
1st Place NYSPHSAA**  
**East Aurora - Division 2**



*Pictured left to right are: Matt McLaughlin, Mike Durant, Mike Coatsworth, and Jack Zagrobelny at Nationals where they won the Emerging Elite, 2 seconds faster than their state championship time of 3:22.*



# State Champions

## Track

**Sam Wray, Starpoint - Division 1**  
**Discus - 1st Place NYSPHSAA, 1st**  
**place New York State Federation;**  
**4th Place at NB Nationals**  
**(All American Honors)**



*Sam in Greensboro, NC after taking 4th overall at the NB Nationals and receiving All-American Honors*



*Sam, at the ECIC meet, where he set the Section VI record in the discus with a throw of 193' 8"*

Junior Sam Wray had an outstanding year! Sam began the season by traveling to the Penn Relays where he received Personal Best throw of 169'7", placing 7th. During the regular season, Sam continued his winning ways. At the ECIC championships, Sam took first place with a Section VI record throw of 193' 8", which was recognized by Mile Split as the fourth best throw in New York State history. Sam faced some adversity at the Section VI Track and Field Championships held at Niagara Wheatfield HS, where he took his first loss of the season to Colin Blair, a very talented thrower from Lancaster High School. His hard work, determination, and attention to detail allowed him to overcome that disappointing loss with wins in Albany at the state championship meet, where he became the New York State and Federation champion. The following week, he traveled to the New Balance Outdoor National Championship meet held in Greensboro, NC; where he placed 4th overall and earned All-American Honors.

-Steven J DeWolfe, Coach

*"The glory of sport comes from dedication, determination and desire. Achieving success and personal glory in athletics has less to do with wins and losses than it does with learning how to prepare yourself so that at the end of the day, whether on the track or in the office, you know that there was nothing more you could have done to reach your ultimate goal."*

*-Jackie Joyner-Kersey*

**Tapestry - Division 2**  
**4x100 Meter Relay - 1st Place**  
**NYSPHSAA**

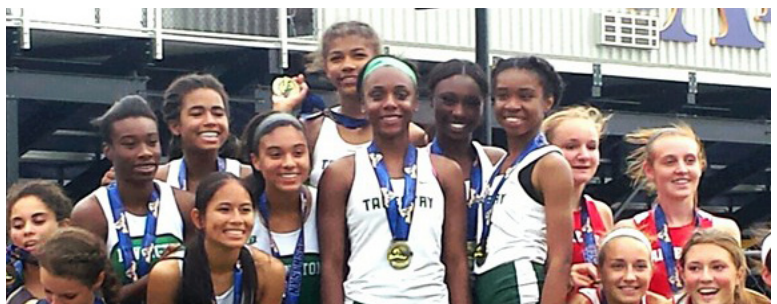


*Courtesy of The Buffalo News*

The Tapestry Charter School Girls Track and Field team had its most successful season ever and also made history along the way. Taylor Alston became the first female at Tapestry to win a sectional championship; winning the 100m. But, she was not alone. Taniya Jamison finished 2nd, Taylor Hunter finished 3rd, and 8th Grader Nia Stevens finished 4th overall in the 100m. That is believed to be the first time a school has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in an individual event. Taylor Alston went on to finish 5th overall in Division 2 at the state championship track meet in Albany. Taniya Jamison finished 14th overall.

The 4x100m relay of Nia Stevens, Taylor Alston, Taniya Jamison, and Taylor Alston continued their magical run by winning their first ever relay title at the sectional championship meet. They topped that by becoming Division 2 state champions with a new school record time of 48.39, and finished 5th overall in federation, which means they are the 5th fastest 4x100m in the state. They are the only small school in the state to make it to the federation final and did it with an 8th and a 9th grader. They were also the only Section VI school to compete in the federation championship. This is the first girls Buffalo 4x100m state championship in at least 14 years.

-Dan Tryon, Coach



*Federation 5th Place Finish*



# Regional Champions

## Baseball

### Hamburg - Class A

Team Captains: Cameron Ringo, David Edie, Brian Bermingham

"WIN THE NEXT PITCH" was the rallying cry for a bunch of Bulldogs determined to make history. After reaching the Far West Regionals in 2008 and 2011, this year's team broke through and advanced to the state semi-finals for the first time in school history. Led by the 1-2 pitching combo of Cam Ringo & Jake Mertowski and the power hitting of David Edie; the Bulldogs took their program, school, and community on one wild ride through the regular season and playoffs!

The season began in Atlanta, GA where Hamburg practiced and scrimmaged for six days against some of the best talent in Georgia. Upon returning home, the Bulldogs went on to finish 13-1 in the ultra-competitive ECIC Division II, which is home to at least 3 Division I commits as well as several Division II and III talents. Heart is hard to measure, but there's no denying that it was plentiful as Hamburg came from behind for 6 of their wins. The theme of league play was our depth of pitching as Shawn Filas, Brian Bermingham, Justus Hoffman, Ryan Dils, Jeff Salerno, and Jason Lucarelli carried the load. Of course, no baseball season is complete without timely hitting and great defense. Walk-off excitement was supplied by Tosh Johnson and Dan Reilly who had clutch game-winning RBI's over league rivals. We also showcased our best defensive infield, anchored by First Baseman Brian Bermingham, Second Baseman Ryan Dils, Shortstop Austin O'Shei, and Third Baseman Griff DeMayo, who continuously made game-changing plays.

Our regular season highlight was a monster one as the Bulldogs defeated crosstown rival Orchard Park, 3-2, a week before the post-season. In a non-league matchup of ECIC champions, Cam Ringo took the mound for what would become a career defining performance. The Binghamton bound senior threw 5 innings of scoreless baseball with 10 strikeouts against the number one ranked AA team in the state. David Edie hit a RBI double in the third before Griff DeMayo hit a bases loaded two-out double in the fifth.

The magical playoff run began with a quarterfinal win over Sweet Home, 8-5, with Jake Mertowski picking up his first of three playoff wins on the mound. They then defeated Williamsville East in the semifinals with Cam Ringo pitching a complete game 2-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts. Jason Lucarelli wowed the fans when he hit a triple in the fifth inning and then proceeded to steal home on the very next pitch. In the A1 finals, Jake Mertowski stymied a dangerous Kenmore East lineup while David Edie hit the game-winning RBI with two outs in the 5th inning.

### Orchard Park - Class AA

Overall Record: 22-2

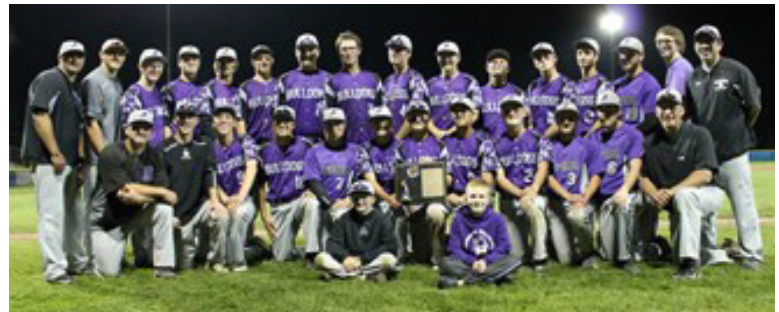
League Record: 12-0

Captains: Andy Sipowicz, Brandon Nicholson, & Jeff Palczewski

Orchard Park (OP) had an outstanding season in 2015 by capturing the ECIC Division I title with a 12-0 record. OP then went on to win the Section VI title by defeating Niagara Falls, 8-7, and advanced to the state playoffs with a 4-3 victory over McQuaid in the Far West Regionals. A tough 6 to 5 loss to Saratoga Springs in extra innings in the state semifinals left OP with a 22-2 overall record. The Quakers finished the season as the top ranked large school in Western New York. It was the Quakers first trip to the state playoffs since winning the state title in 1988.

The Quakers were led by Pitcher/First Baseman Andy Sipowicz who won 5 games on the mound and hit .447 (34-76) as he was named First Team All-WNY. Senior, Short Stop Brandon Nicholson hit .513 (41-80) as he also made First Team All-WNY. Juniors and Pitchers Ben Wereski and Jacob Lewis each won 5 games while Seniors Matt Wright and Jeff Biddle won 3 games each.

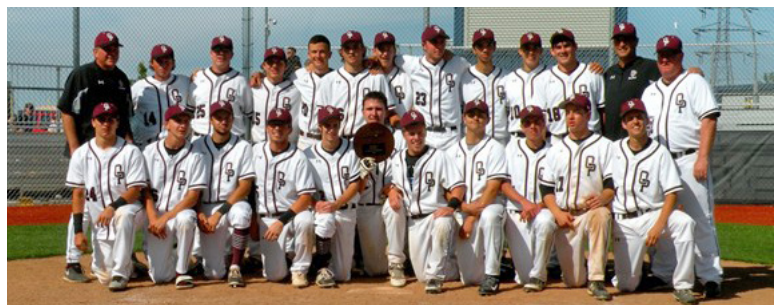
The Quakers also impressed at the plate as Junior, Third Baseman Jeff Palczewski hit .408 (31-76), Sophomore, Outfielder Troy Banks hit .448 (26-58), Senior, First Baseman/DH Jake Dogal hit .426 (23-54), Junior, Centerfielder Jake Woodrich hit .442 (23-52), and Catcher Kevin Koziol hit .444 (8-18). The Quakers also had Starters Austin Bristol (2B), Cole Hollins (RF), Luke Kuczewski (C), Marty Hackford (OF), and



*Front: Evan Chaffee, Will Chaffee. First Row: Coach Steve Chaffee, Asst Coach Tyler Shaw, Dan Reilly, Tristan Giordano, Josh Wicinski, Ian Wilson, Austin O'Shei, Ryan Dils, Jeff Salerno, Jake Storey, Trent Bell, Coach Bryan Hansen. Back Row: Asst Coach Mark Fregelette, Asst Coach Shane Raiman, Kyle Munro, Griff DeMayo, Brendan Maurer, Justus Hoffman, Shawn Filas, David Edie, Brian Bermingham, Cam Ringo, Jake Mertowski, Tosh Johnson, Jason Lucarelli, Griff Coppola, Mitch Beiter, Coach Derek Hill.*

This theme would continue in the crossover Class A finals in a showdown of the top two pitchers in Section VI as Cam Ringo took on Olean and their star pitcher, Evan Threehouse. A crowd of approximately 400 witnessed one of the greatest pitching duals in Section VI history. With the score tied, 0-0, in the bottom of the 8th, Austin O'Shei drew a walk that forced Olean to change pitchers. Three pitches later, David Edie did what every little leaguer dreams of as he hit a walk-off home run over the leftfield fence under the lights to propel Hamburg into the Far West Regionals. In the Regionals, Hamburg's bats were hot as they defeated Honeoye Falls-Lima, 7-3, and threatened to score many more. Jake Mertowski was dominant on the mound before Cam Ringo came in to get the save. Advancing to the state final four for the first time, Hamburg fell to a tough Queensbury team from Section II, but did not go down without a fight. The Bulldog hitters lined-out a season high eight times without striking out once; it simply was not meant to be. The 2015 version of Hamburg baseball wrote a very special story, built on the efforts of preceding classes, that will carry on for years to come. Their legacy is one full of heart and toughness as they filled their school and community with BULLDOG PRIDE!

-Derek Hill



Mark Lauria (LF) - all of whom hit over .300.

In the field, Second Baseman Austin Bristol stood out as he did not commit an error all season and made many spectacular plays to lead the Quakers defensively. Centerfielder Jake Woodrich also stood out as he made many great running/sliding/diving catches. Third Baseman Jeff Palczewski was also tremendous in the field as he has great range and an outstanding accurate arm.

The Quakers 22-2 record this season gave OP a two year record of 40 and 5 as the Quakers captured their second straight ECIC Division I title and their fourth in the last five years!

-Jim Gibson, Coach

# Regional Champions

## Softball

### Alden - Class B



Alden made school history by earning its first trip to the state semifinals, and it did so in memorable fashion. Alden led 3 to 1 going into the bottom of the 4th inning with key RBI's from Megan Hassenbohrer and Sara Pasternack. Bath then took the lead for the first time, 4-3, in the bottom of the 6th inning. Alden rallied with key hits in the top of the 7th inning starting with a home run from Laura Kratzke, which tied the score, 4-4. Freshman Sara Pasternack followed with a single, which was followed by a single by Sophomore Brooke Strausbaugh. Sophomore Anne Kocher worked a walk to load the bases, and Junior Morgan Rutan

was hit by a pitch to give Alden its 5 to 4 lead. In the bottom of the 7th inning, Bath had a runner on base, but Alden pulled off a tremendous defensive double play started by Second Baseman Jenna Wlostowski who threw to First Baseman Megan Hassenbohrer for the second out. Quick thinking by Megan whose throw to shortstop Alyssa Gadd allowed her to swipe her glove to the right to tag the base runner out. Pitcher Laura Kratzke, pitched a complete game, tossed an 8 hitter and struck out 7 for the win. Alden's record now stands at 20 wins and 3 losses.

- Jeffrey J Kryszczuk, Coach

### Starpoint - Class A



The Starpoint Girls Softball team had their most successful season in over 25 years with a 23-3 record and reached the state semi-finals for the first time since 1986. The team won the Grand Strand's Classic in Myrtle Beach and was the ECIC Division II Champion with a record of 13-1. For the third year in a row, the Spartans were in the sectional title game, and this year, they defeated Williamsville East by a score of 9-0. The team moved on to play Pittsford-Mendon in the Class A Far West Regional game. The Spartans defeated them, 7-0, to advance to the state tournament in South Glens Falls. The girls performed admirably in the state semi-final against Clarke High School from Long Island, but ultimately fell by a score of 3-2. The game was a hard fought contest and both teams had chances to score. Overall, it was a historic season for Starpoint!

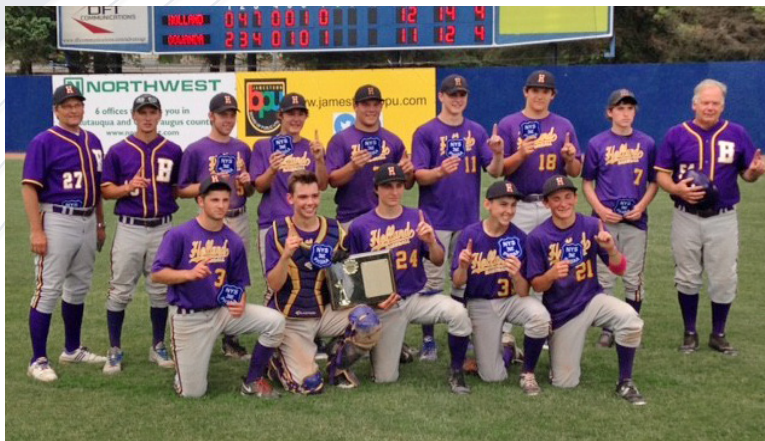
-Joe Hill, Coach



# Sectional Champions

## Baseball

### Holland - Class C



The championship game between Holland and number one seeded Gowanda was a classic. Gowanda scored 2 in the first, but Holland came right back (as they did throughout the playoffs) and scored 4 in the top of the 3rd. Jake Ratajczak singled home 1 run and Senior Cooper Rahn cleared the bases with a triple. Gowanda added 3 more runs in the bottom of the 2nd to take a 5-4 lead. However, Holland scored 7 runs in the top of the 3rd inning to lead 11-5. After 4 walks led to 1 run, Junior Neil Finley drove in 2 runs and Freshman Josh Ratajczak and Rahn each singled in 1 run. Corey Winter topped off the inning with a 2 run triple.

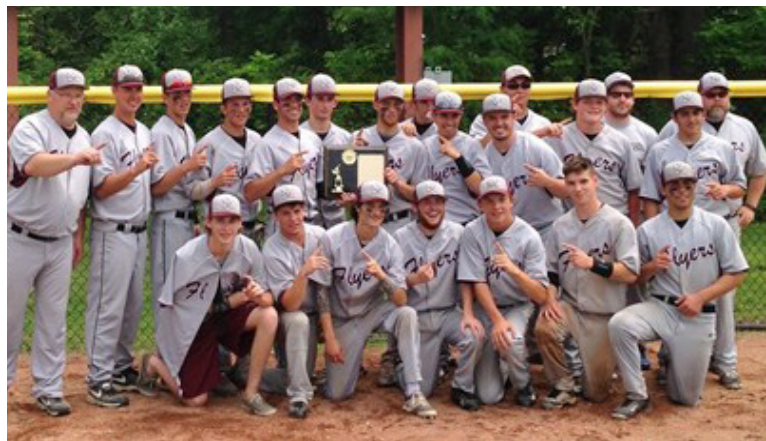
Gowanda kept coming back, scoring 4 runs against starting pitcher Pierce Gardon, cutting the lead to 11-9. Finley relieved Gardon and escaped without any further damage. Finley held Gowanda to 1 run over 3 innings. In the 6th inning, EJ Staniszewski tripled and score Holland's 12th run with a double.

In the 6th, Finley gave up a run to make it 12-10, but Staniszewski came on to end the inning. Gowanda loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the 7th. A sacrifice fly scored a run to make it 12-11 with two men on (2nd and 3rd) and one out. The next batter hit a two hopper to Staniszewski who got the runner on third in a rundown and eventually out. On the next pitch, the runner from third tried to steal home, but was tagged out by Ratajczak; ending a 52 year drought in sectional play for Holland!

*"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination."*

*-Tommy Lasorda*

### Maryvale - Class B



The 2015 Boys Varsity Baseball team finished the season with a 15 win and 8 loss record. During this year, the team won 12 of their last 14 games of the season. This record included a 5 and 1 record in the Section VI Playoffs. The team started their run with a 12 to 3 win over 10th seeded Albion at home. They then defeated #2 seeded East Aurora (6 - 5) in extra innings in the quarterfinals. The team followed that by defeating #3 seeded Springville (9 - 5) in the semifinals. The boys then defeated #8 seeded Eden (5 - 3) to capture their first B1 championship since 1990. The team went on to play Fredonia in the overall final and defeated #1 ranked Fredonia (3-2) to become the overall Section VI Class B Champions. The team lost to the state's number one seeded Livonia in the Far West Regional tournament, but not before securing a reputation of never giving up and winning the close game.

The accolades for the team include First Team Division III All-Star status for Anthony Hernandez, Nick Koscinski, and Joel Krywcun. Second Team honors went to Mike Benthien and Zach Nelson. Honorably mentioned by the coaches were Mason Frazer and Sean McCarthy.

Many Maryvale records were set by several players such as the eleventh highest batting average for a season by Anthony Hernandez with a .467. Anthony also moved into a three-way tie at sixth place with 51 strikeouts for a season. Our biggest changes to the record books came with Joel Krywcun who moved into a five-way tie for eighth on the career doubles list with 11. Joel also moved into third place in a recent category for all time stolen bases in a career with 17. Most of Joel's accomplishments came on the defensive side of the ball where he was an exceptional pitcher. He is now fourth all-time for strikeouts in a career with 165 and holds a tie for fifth place with a season high total of 72. Joel also moved into a four-way tie for most wins in a career with 8 and added another no hitter to his resume. He threw his first Maryvale no hitter last year. His record breaking season ends with moving into second place all-time for pitching appearances at 25 and innings pitched at 122 1/3. Record breaking years tend to go hand in hand with the type of season it was and both players were key in the overall success of the team.

Awards followed the trend of the key players who made a difference in the success of the team. The Most Improved Player was Sean McCarthy who improved so much that he batted .471 in the games he batted in. Pitcher of the Year was Joel Krywcun with an ERA of 1.99 and Batter of the Year was Anthony Hernandez with an average of .467. The team's Co-Most Valuable Players were Joel Krywcun and Anthony Hernandez.

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# Sectional Champions

## Boys Lacrosse

### Akron - Class C



The Akron Tiger lacrosse team successfully defended their title as Class C champions in Section VI following a 30-13 rout of the Silver Creek Knights. Although the team was defeated by Section V's Penn Yan Mustangs again in the Far West Regional, ending their bid for a berth at the state championship, they earned many individual honors as well as national recognition as a team devoted to respecting the heritage of the game of lacrosse.

Senior, attack stand-out, Larson Sundown was the team's 2015 points leader with 202 total (114 goals and 88 assists) for the season. This school record, along with 308 career assists, also puts Sundown first in the New York State lacrosse record books. He also ranks second in NYS for career points (641) and season total goals (114) and fourth for career goals with 333. Sundown earned US Lacrosse® New York - Buffalo area All-American honors for the second year and is joined by Senior and teammate Chaunce Hill for this prestigious selection. Sundown was also selected for the second year to the 1st Team All-Section VI (formerly All-WNY), 1st Team All-League Class C, and Class C Player of Year in addition to Buffalo News Prep Talk Lacrosse Player of the Year.

Long Stick Midfielder Chaunce Hill's academic record as well as his lacrosse skills earned him a \$10,000 scholarship from the Tewaaron Foundation, a national non-profit organization that honors the historical and contemporary contributions the Haudenosaunee Native Americans have made, and continue to make, to the game of lacrosse. Hill was awarded the scholarship during an expense paid trip to Washington, DC and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Hill was named to the 1st Team All-Section VI for a second year and 1st Team All-League Class C in addition to his selection as US Lacrosse®

New York-Buffalo area All-American. Chaunce was also named Honorable Mention for the Section VI spring season All-Western New York Scholar-Athlete.

Coach Bryan Bellis was honored by the Section and US Lacrosse® as "Coach of the Year" for the New York-Buffalo area. Bellis, who has been coaching the Tigers' varsity lacrosse team for seven seasons, has a 91 win - 51 loss record. He's taken his team to the Class C Sectional Championship game the last four years and has won the title the last two.

Individual accolades for the team continue. Earning Second Team All-Section VI honors are Freshman Owen Hill at midfield with a 72% win record at the face-off and Senior, Mid-fielder Geffrey Besser. Besser, Hill, and Junior Gates Abrams join Sundown and Chaunce Hill for selection to the 1st Team All-League Class C. Lee Abrams, Alex George, Aynsley Loran-Pragle, and Jarrett Trzenski earned 2nd Team All-League Class C honors and Jared Siska and Frank Uebelhoer were given Honorable Mention.

The team went undefeated this season until the loss to Penn Yan, beating Class A Clarence and Class B Niagara Wheatfield, Williamsville North, and Williamsville South, as well as St. Francis High School in non-league play, in addition to the regular Class C contests.

Seniors Larson Sundown, Chaunce Hill, and Geffrey Besser were chosen to play for the North Team of the Section VI Exceptional Seniors Showcase game held June 10th at Williamsville South. Sundown was named North Team Most Valuable Player.

-Sharon Catalano, Asst. Public Relations Director



# Sectional Champions

## Boys Lacrosse

### Hamburg - Class B



The 2015 Hamburg Boys Lacrosse team won the school district's 8th Class B championship in 9 years. We aspire to be in the local final game every year and to give our boys a chance to add to our program's legacy.

Much credit should go to my assistant coaches who selflessly dedicate their time and energy to the development of the boys. Thank you to Mark Muskopf, Caleb Severino, Pat DiMatteo, Dale Wesoloski, and Mike Moran. Their efforts do not go unappreciated. An extremely supportive HCSD Athletic Department and our off-season lacrosse club, HYL Inc. should receive just praise, as well. The Hamburg community should be proud of the families who work behind the scenes to assist in these efforts every year.

An undefeated Class B season brings Hamburg's local record to 59-0, a winning streak we constantly strive to protect. It is the willingness of our athletes to play for the Bulldogs of the past, which drives us. The sense of pride that comes from our graduates is very comforting and motivating.

Our efforts outside of our Class B schedule were not successful regarding wins, but valuable considering growth and playoff readiness.

Our annual spring trip saw us lose 2 close games to top 10 Virginia high schools (Chantilly, Westfield) by 3 goals total. The 4 day, 3 night 2015 trip was another amazing experience for the boys. Our games against Rochester teams (Canandaigua, Webster Thomas, Victor) also registered losses, but gave us challenging competition. We will continue to schedule teams of this caliber with the intention of playing the best.

End of year honors went to five deserving young men:

2nd Team All Section VI - Jordan Kuss (Goalie) and Will Agate (Defense)

1st Team All Section VI - Jim Duffy (Attack) Evan Hollfelder and Brendan Ryan (Midfield)

All American- Evan Hollfelder

Thanks for another memorable journey, boys...on to the next.

Jerry Severino, Coach

### Orchard Park - Class A



The Orchard Park (OP) Boys Varsity Lacrosse team finished with a 15 and 4 record. The Quakers won their 24th sectional championship with a 14 to 7 victory over Clarence. The Quakers defense was one of the best in New York State. They were led by 1st Team All-WNY Drew Drozdowski, All-American Billy Meyers, Long Stick d-mid Josh Dahl, Louis Nephew, and Albany bound Matt Perla. The Quakers were exciting to watch on offense averaging over 10 goals per game. OP attacked with Kevin McParlane, Jack Crowley, Pat Hykema, and Art Owens. The Quakers were stacked at midfield. Hobart bound Senior Kevin Goltz electrified the crowd with 7 goals in the Far West Regional game. Dan Kritkausk, Tyler Bonilla, and Tony McClintock supported the attack and defense with superior efforts. The team was backed up by Goaltender Travis McNichol. OP's great season was a testament to their teamwork and heart.

*"Victory is remembered for  
at most two decades; an act  
of good sportsmanship is  
remembered for a lifetime."*

*-Simon Nguyen*

# Sectional Champions

## Boys Tennis

### Jack McClaren East Aurora - Singles



Jack had a great season at first singles for East Aurora, finishing 13-0. He did not drop a set the entire season, and he never lost more than 2 games in any set. As a result, Jack was seeded #1 at the ECIC singles tournament. He had a great tournament, not losing a single game until the semifinal. He won the ECIC championship, defeating Mike Kessler of Williamsville North 6-1, 6-4 in the final.

Jack was again seeded #1 for the Section VI singles tournament the following week. He once again cruised to the final, not dropping a

set. He played Mike Kessler again for the Section championship and won 7-6, 6-2. It was a great victory for Jack, earning a spot to go the state championships at the National Tennis Center in New York City for the second straight year. His goal is to repeat as Section champion next year and earn another trip to the state championships.

-John Hycner, Coach

### Zander Korach & Dan Freilicher Orchard Park - Doubles



Last year, Senior Zander Korach and Junior Dan Freilicher, hoping to join teammates Tommy Baldinger and Kevin Zablonksi for the trip to the state championships, were painfully denied that opportunity because they placed 4th, losing in three sets to Bryce and Jack Payne from Panama. Wanting to do something better since that day, they won the ECIC title and the Section VI doubles title and that coveted seat on the plane without losing a set. CONGRATULATIONS!

-Terry McMahon, Coach

# USA Football



On June 8th 2015, Section VI sponsored a "Heads Up Player Safety Coach" Football Clinic for all area high school football programs. The clinic was held at Buffalo State College. A special thanks goes out to Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Jerry Boyes, Christian Ozolins, and Brent Ford for opening their facility to host this event.

The "Heads Up" program is a national program, which has been developed by USA Football in conjunction with the NFL, the American Football Coaches Association, Korey Stringer Foundation, and the Center for Disease Control. The focus of the program is to create a safer game by further educating coaches in the areas of concussion awareness, heat & hydration, proper equipment fitting, and the "Heads Up" tackling / blocking techniques.

Over 80 local high school coaches volunteered their time to become trained as a Player Safety Coach for their program. Each coach attended the all-day clinic and will now have the capability to train all coaches, players, and parents in their respective schools in an effort to create a better and safer game for all.

This is the second year Section VI has hosted a Player Safety Coach Clinic. The attendance has almost doubled from the first year, which demonstrates the commitment of the football programs in WNY. Congratulations go out to the Section VI Coaches for their continued dedication.

-Ken Stoldt, Section VI Football Chairman





# Sectional Champions

## Boys Tennis

## SECTION VI BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### DOUBLES

Lancaster High School

May 19-22, 2015

|    |  |                           |                              |   |                                 |                                 |
|----|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Zander Korach-Dan Freilicher<br>ECIC1-Orchard Park1        | Korach- Freilicher        |                              |   |                                 |                                 |
| 2  | Rahim Karim-Lucas Przygodski<br>CCAA4-Southwestern         | Karim- Przgodski          | Korach-Freilicher<br>6-0,6-0 |   |                                 |                                 |
| 3  | Jed Gallagher-David Khup<br>BUF2-Bennett                   | Gallagher-Khup            |                              | Korach- Freilicher<br>6-3,6-2               |                                 |                                 |
| 4  | Eric Reiderer-Colin Osborn<br>NFL2-Grand Island            | Reiderer-Osborn           | Reiderer-Osborn<br>6-1,6-0   |   |                                 |                                 |
| 5  | James Schaab-Michael Muzyk<br>ECIC3-Williamsville North    | Schaab-Muzyk              |                              |   | Korach-Freilicher<br>6-1,7-6(4) |                                 |
| 6  | Ryan Wisner-Trevor Dykstra<br>CCAA3- Falconer/Jamestown    | Wisner-Dykstra            | Schaab-Muzyk<br>6-2,6-3      |   |                                 |                                 |
| 7  | Gabe Carruth-Alec Lezama<br>ECIC5-Lake Shore               | Carruth-Lezama            |                              | Pujana-Guay<br>2-6,6-2,6-2                  |                                 |                                 |
| 8  | Ignacio Pujana-Nick Guay<br>NFL1-Lockport                  | Pujana-Guay               | Pujana-Guay<br>5-7,6-2,6-0   |   |                                 |                                 |
| 9  | Greg Curcione-Joe Hecko<br>NO1-Wilson                      | Curcione-Hecko            |                              | Pujana-Guay<br>Schmitt-Wilkinson<br>6-2,6-4 |                                 |                                 |
| 10 | Luke Earl-Logan Cross<br>CCAA2-Olean                       | Earl-Cross                | Earl-Cross<br>7-6(6),6-1     |   |                                 |                                 |
| 11 | Shahriar Ahmed-Dakharath Dhatagai<br>BUF3-Burgard          | Ahmed-Dhatagai            |                              | Schmitt-Wilkinson<br>6-2,6-2                |                                 |                                 |
| 12 | Kyle Schmitt- Colin Wilkinson<br>ECIC2- Orchard Park2      | Schmitt-Wilkinson         | Schmitt-Wilkinson<br>6-1,6-0 |   |                                 |                                 |
| 13 | Prithui Praesanna-Jason Berkun<br>ECIC4- Willimsville East | Praesanna-Berkun          |                              |   | Volz-Broadbent<br>7-6(4),6-4    |                                 |
| 14 | Aiden Connolly-Josh Rusalla<br>BUF1-City Honors            | Court<br>Connolly-Rusalla | Praesanna-Berkun<br>6-0,6-0  |   |                                 |                                 |
| 15 | Brian Bogan-Tristan Sanders<br>NO2- Medina                 | Bogan-Sanders             |                              | Volz-Broadbent<br>6-1,6-4                   |                                 |                                 |
| 16 | Jake Volz-Geoffrey Broadbent<br>CCAA1-Olean                | Court<br>Volz-Broadbent   | Volz-Broadbent<br>6-1,6-0    |   |                                 |                                 |
|    |  |                           |                              |   |                                 | Korach-Freilicher<br>6-1,7-6(3) |



# Sectional Champions

## Girls Lacrosse

### Amherst - Class C



After falling short of our goals the previous spring (2014), we were determined to reclaim the Section VI Class C Title. The girls put in a lot of time and hard work into our team in the off-season, including tournaments throughout Western and Central New York. Led by Captains McKenna Rushford, Angelina Simon, and Kathryn Yoder; this team reclaimed the Section VI Class C title, giving our program its 15th Section VI Title!

The late March wind and snow did not stop us from beating a good Frontier (Class A finalist) team in overtime, led by Brittany Perdziak's 8 saves in goal. Our next big game was a rematch with our league rival and defending Section champion Lake Shore. We cruised to an 11-3 victory, but we knew Lake Shore would continue to get better throughout the season, and we would probably face them two more times. Then we had our Friday night lights showdown with reigning Class B champion Hamburg at their place. Both teams came in highly ranked in WNY, and the action on the field lived up to the hype. There was plenty of scoring in the first half, with Amherst taking a 7-6 lead at the break. Amherst held the upper hand in the second half as well,

and we prevailed with a 9-7 win. McKenna Rushford (3 goals, 2 assists), Angelina Simon (3 goals), Chloe Cottone (2 goals, 1 assist), and Kathryn Yoder were instrumental in the win. The next game saw us on the road again, this time against reigning Class A Champ Lancaster. A slow start really put us in a hole, as we allowed Lancaster to take a 5-0 lead. However, our girls were not about to be embarrassed, and they fought back. Down 7-4 at the half, we turned the tables on Lancaster and won the second half 7-4, setting up two sessions of overtime between the top two teams in WNY. Costly mistakes were too much to overcome, and Lancaster won 13-11.

There was no time to rest, for we had a big trip to Lake Shore that week. Yet again, we got in a hole in the first half, allowing Lake Shore to build an 8-5 lead. A couple of halftime adjustments seemed to work, as we limited Lake Shore to 3 goals over the final 31 minutes of play and sent the game into overtime. This game was won (11-10) by our Captains Kathryn Yoder (3 goals), Angelina Simon (2 goals, 1 assist), and McKenna Rushford (3 goals). Kathryn Yoder had the game tying and game winning goals. We then traveled east on the thruway to take on Section V Class A Mercy. Amherst won 15-7, and five different players had 3 or more points that game, led by Senior Angelina Simon (4 goals, 1 assist) and Sophomore Camryn Sullivan (2 goals, 3 assists).

An undefeated finish in league play ensured us of the regular season league title, and we were ready for another matchup with Lake Shore for the Section VI Class C title. After trading goals throughout the first half, it was Amherst who went on the late 1st half run and held an 8-5 lead at half. It was more of the same in the second half, as we built a 13-8 lead before Lake Shore scored two late goals, but it did not matter. The Amherst Tigers reclaimed their blue patch and won the 2015 Section VI Class C title 13-10! Unfortunately, our season ended in the Far West Regionals to eventual state runner-up HFL, 19-10. We finished 17-2, 12-0 in league play, 19th in NYS Class C Rankings, top scoring offense in WNY, 2nd best goals allowed/game in WNY, 1st in Scoring Margin. US Lacrosse All American: McKenna Rushford (1st Team), Kathryn Yoder (HM). ALL WNY: Angelina Simon (2nd Team), McKenna Rushford (1st Team), Kathryn Yoder (1st Team).

-Andrew Karpinko, Coach





# Sectional Champions

## Girls Lacrosse

### Lancaster - Class A



Lancaster Girls Lacrosse became Section VI, Class A Champions for the 4th year in a row, defeating Frontier, 12-8, on Thursday, May 28th at All-High Stadium in Buffalo, New York. This is the 10th championship they have won in the past 11 years. Grace Gabriel, Lancaster's leading scorer (80 goals) had 5 goals in the championship game and 11 draw controls.

Grace is heading to Marquette University next year after being part of the Lancaster varsity team for the past 5 seasons.

Natali Ninova and Hannah Nagowski also added 3 goals each as well as 1 goal by Jenna Hagen in the victory.

Lancaster finished the season 17-2 overall and 10-0 in Division I.

-Julie Buccieri, Coach

# Sectional Champions

## Softball

### Chautauqua Lake - Class C

The Chautauqua Lake Thunderbird Softball team took home the Section VI Class C title by defeating the Franklinville Panthers, 10-7. The road to the finals was not easy, but the Thunderbirds came up with clutch hitting when needed and played superb defense. The wins to get to the title game included a 9-3 win over Cattaraugus Little Valley, a 4-2 win over Barker, and a tight win against league opponent, Cassadaga Valley, 2-1. This is the very first Section VI title for the Lady Thunderbirds. The team took on a tough opponent in the Regionals, Addison, and fell by a score of 7-1.

The team finished 7-5 in the league and 13-7 overall. The Thunderbirds played in the tough CCAA Division 1 West this season, which turned out to be quite beneficial in the playoff run. On paper, the 7-5 record doesn't look too impressive, but with the pitching and defense at this level, the Thunderbirds lost 3 of the 5 games by 2 runs or less. The Lady Thunderbirds were able to accomplish this with a strong battery and a tough middle infield. Both pitcher and catcher were returning letter winners and 8th graders. Olivia Anderson, Pitcher, finished the season with a 2.0 ERA and also had some key hits in the post-season. Chay Johnson was stellar behind the plate with only 3 passed balls all season. Ryleigh Hawkins, Short Stop, and Jade Walsh, Second Base, were the backbone of the Thunderbird defense. Ryleigh, a senior, captain, was outstanding defensively and offensively. Her batting average was .369, her OBP was .475 as the leadoff batter, and her slugging percentage was .667. Junior, Second Baseman Jade was a wall defensively and led the team in batting average with a .380. Jade's OBP was .467 and her slugging percentage was .700. Leading the team in RBI's and extra base hits was Senior, Third Baseman Melanie McCutcheon. Mel had 21 RBI's, 20 hits with 4 doubles, 5 triples, and 3 homeruns. Courtney Hewes, the



team's other senior captain, led in stolen bases with 14 and she also scored 21 runs for the Thunderbirds. Seniors and Starters, Emilee Steger (Centerfielder) and Gina Sena (First Baseman), will be greatly missed next season.

The Thunderbird Softball team is looking forward to next season and will miss 5 seniors, but will be looking forward to our all-important Senior Starters, Abigail Andriaccio, Emily Corwin, and Jade Walsh to be the leaders of the team. Along with them will be Cameryn Hawkins, Sara Corwin, Olivia Anderson, and Chay Johnson.



# Sectional Champions

## Softball

### Pine Valley - Class D



"Anytime you see a turtle up on top of a fence post, you know he had some help". This was something I had mentioned to our team near the end of our season. In order to reach our goals, it was going to take every effort from all ladies on our team and we were going to have to work together to get ourselves to the top. We were only going to be as successful as we decided to be and our success throughout the season was a result of our ladies taking every step and effort to be the best. We finished our season with a record of 16-3 overall, we won the division and the Class D championship and we were aiming to end on a win, but, unfortunately, fell short of that goal.

The season ended with a tough, 2-3, loss in the Far-West Regional game against Section V champions Andover. It was Pine Valley's 3rd trip in a row to the Far-West Regionals, which is quite an accomplishment for our ladies and the program. I could not be more proud of the growth of each of the ladies, individually and as a team.

For me, this hurt more than any other prior loss as I truly felt that our ladies had what it took to go to the state finals and win. I know for many of the girls and I, it was a devastating moment, but these ladies had a phenomenal season and should be very proud of what they accomplished. Our team was comprised of an athletic and fantastic group of young ladies: Seniors- Alexandra Bentham, Kaitlyn Hoth and Brittany Howard; Juniors- Rebecca Butcher, Lindsey Crisanti, Karah Herman, Rikki Kilburn, Brandee Pulliam-Dahl, Jamie Wilcox, and Jessica Wilcox; and Freshman- Kaylee Crisanti. Throughout the year and at the end of the season, we pulled up Sophomores Sierra McLaughlin, Zoe Nelson, Machika Nishida, and Freshman Karson Smuda.

To the seniors: I am going to miss you three so very much. You all have grown into beautiful, young women and should be proud of all your accomplishments. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to have been your coach all these years and there will always be a special place in my heart for you all. Good luck next year and make us proud! To the returning players; remember our last game so that you can grow from it, and then we are in that same place next year so there will be no second guessing your abilities or talent. We have work to do and I look forward to getting the job done.

An enormous and very appreciative thank you to Mark Mansfield. We have been coaching together for the past six years, from JV to Varsity. We have such a great program and it is because of his hard work and dedication. He possesses great knowledge and experience of the game and I couldn't imagine anyone else but him giving these ladies the opportunities to improve their game. A million thank yous!!!

As always, thank you to Tara Hayes, our scorekeeper who puts up with my craziness! You are so important to us and we could not do it without you! Thank you to our manager, Madisyn Herman, for doing a great job this season! Thank you to all the parents and community members for all of your support; we always try to do our best to make you proud!

-Danielle Arnone, Coach

## Hey Student-Athletes, Sports Officiating Opportunities Await You!

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# Boys Golf

## 2015 State Qualifier Results

| Name                                      | Grade | School                    | Front | Back | Total | Back | Total |
|---|-------|---------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Ben Reichert                              | 11    | Williamsville North       | 34    | 35   | 69    | 36   | 105   |
| Nolan Ditcher                             | 11    | Randolph                  | 36    | 38   | 74    | 36   | 110   |
| Cody Latimer                              | 12    | Chautauqua Lake/Westfield | 37    | 36   | 73    | 37   | 110   |
| Bradley Belote                            | 12    | Lancaster                 | 38    | 36   | 74    | 38   | 112   |
| Chris Yustin                              | 11    | Williamsville East        | 35    | 40   | 75    | 40   | 115   |
| Ian Wilson                                | 12    | Hamburg                   | 38    | 38   | 76    | 40   | 116   |
| Mike Kessler                              | 11    | Williamsville North       | 42    | 37   | 79    | 37   | 116   |
| Mike Wells                                | 10    | Williamsville North       | 38    | 42   | 80    | 38   | 118   |
| Erich Spitz                               | 12    | Orchard Park              | 41    | 38   | 79    | 40   | 119   |
| J.P. Rehak (Alternate)                    | 12    | Williamsville South       | 40    | 38   | 78    | 42   | 120   |
| Alex Fisher                               | 11    | Ellicottville             | 40    | 39   | 79    | 41   | 120   |
| Dylan Glatz                               | 12    | Jamestown                 | 40    | 39   | 79    | 41   | 120   |
| Cam Eddy                                  | 11    | Ellicottville             | 40    | 40   | 80    | 40   | 120   |
| Anthony Miller                            | 11    | Cassadaga Valley          | 42    | 40   | 82    | 39   | 121   |
| Mitchell Smith                            | 10    | Orchard Park              | 39    | 39   | 78    | 44   | 122   |
| Derrick Hannitz                           | 10    | Lancaster                 | 43    | 39   | 82    | 41   | 123   |
| Randy Felber                              | 11    | Clarence                  | 39    | 41   | 80    | 44   | 124   |
| Tyler Edholm                              | 9     | Sweethome                 | 37    | 44   | 81    | 43   | 124   |
| Greg Cross                                | 12    | Jamestown                 | 42    | 40   | 82    | 42   | 124   |
| Nick Pagano                               | 12    | Fredonia                  | 39    | 43   | 82    | 42   | 124   |
| Alex Prise                                | 11    | Orchard Park              | 41    | 42   | 83    |      |       |
| Hunter Harris                             | 12    | Clarence                  | 41    | 42   | 83    |      |       |
| Brad Wilson                               | 11    | Barker                    | 43    | 40   | 83    |      |       |
| Ben Shotwell                              | 10    | Kenmore East              | 40    | 43   | 83    |      |       |
| Andrew Kempton<br>(2014 State Team, ECIC) | 12    | Clarence                  | 40    | 44   | 84    |      |       |
| Chuckie Panepinto                         | 12    | Kenmore West              | 40    | 44   | 84    |      |       |
| Max Eimiller                              | 12    | Southwestern              | 42    | 43   | 85    |      |       |
| Dom Morreale                              | 11    | Lockport                  | 45    | 40   | 85    |      |       |
| Bryce Morrison                            | 12    | Randolph                  | 41    | 44   | 85    |      |       |
| Mike Cardone                              | 10    | Medina                    | 42    | 43   | 85    |      |       |
| Evan Williams                             | 12    | Lockport                  | 45    | 40   | 85    |      |       |
| Richy Felber                              | 10    | Clarence                  | 41    | 44   | 85    |      |       |
| Zach Farkas (Alternate)                   | 11    | Sweethome                 | 44    | 41   | 85    |      |       |
| Tim Kreuz                                 | 12    | Williamsville North       | 45    | 41   | 86    |      |       |
| Jeffrey Coons                             | 10    | Lancaster                 | 39    | 47   | 86    |      |       |
| Curtis Petschke                           | 10    | Alden                     | 41    | 45   | 86    |      |       |
| Kole Maytum                               | 9     | Chautauqua Lake/Westfield | 46    | 40   | 86    |      |       |
| Gage Masters                              | 12    | Medina                    | 43    | 43   | 86    |      |       |
| Carson Suffoletta                         | 10    | Grand Island              | 42    | 44   | 86    |      |       |
| Aiden Herlan                              | 11    | Newfane                   | 43    | 43   | 86    |      |       |
| Lewis Markham                             | 9     | Forestville/Pine Valley   | 45    | 41   | 86    |      |       |



# Boys Golf

## 2015 State Qualifier Results

| Name                             | Grade | School                    | Front | Back | Total | Back | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Ian Wagner<br>(NO Medalist)      | 7     | Medina                    | 43    | 44   | 87    |      |       |
| Cary Ignaczak                    | 10    | Lakeshore                 | 44    | 44   | 88    |      |       |
| Joe Marszalek                    | 11    | Frontier                  | 45    | 43   | 88    |      |       |
| Kevin Rechlin                    | 12    | Clarence                  | 42    | 46   | 88    |      |       |
| Jake Szymczak                    | 12    | Fredonia                  | 47    | 42   | 89    |      |       |
| Alec Lezama                      | 12    | Lakeshore                 | 43    | 47   | 90    |      |       |
| Zach Fronkowiak                  | 11    | Pioneer                   | 46    | 44   | 90    |      |       |
| Jarod Harack                     | 11    | Clarence                  | 49    | 42   | 91    |      |       |
| Jared Yartz                      | 12    | Southwestern              | 46    | 45   | 91    |      |       |
| Jordan Willard                   | 12    | Lewiston Porter           | 48    | 44   | 92    |      |       |
| Dillan LaBarbera<br>(Alternate)  | 11    | Maple Grove               | 46    | 46   | 92    |      |       |
| Matt Fuller (Alternate)          | 12    | Salamanca                 | 46    | 46   | 92    |      |       |
| Adam Batz                        | 10    | Williamsville North       | 52    | 41   | 93    |      |       |
| Joey Yakovac (Alternate)         | 11    | CSAT                      | 47    | 46   | 93    |      |       |
| Noah Carlson (Alternate)         | 11    | Olean                     | 44    | 50   | 94    |      |       |
| Connor Seeley                    | 10    | Wilson                    | 48    | 46   | 94    |      |       |
| Devin Donoghue<br>(NFL Medalist) | 12    | North Tonawanda           | 53    | 42   | 95    |      |       |
| Carson Crist                     | 8     | Maple Grove               | 46    | 49   | 95    |      |       |
| Stephen Walczak                  | 12    | Sherman/Clymer/Panama     | 49    | 46   | 95    |      |       |
| Jonah Miller                     | 10    | Wilson                    | 47    | 49   | 96    |      |       |
| Noah Wrazin                      | 10    | Niagara Wheatfield        | 48    | 49   | 97    |      |       |
| Kyle Beaver                      | 12    | Randolph                  | 49    | 49   | 98    |      |       |
| Titus Miller                     | 9     | Cassadaga Valley          | 51    | 47   | 98    |      |       |
| Jake Pollock                     | 10    | Franklinville             | 46    | 52   | 98    |      |       |
| Brandon Seider                   | 10    | Wilson                    | 49    | 50   | 99    |      |       |
| Kase Williams                    | 12    | Cattaraugus/Little Valley | 54    | 48   | 102   |      |       |
| Wes Senn                         | 11    | Randolph                  | 53    | 50   | 103   |      |       |
| Ben Kolbe (Alternate)            | 10    | North Tonawanda           | 50    | 53   | 103   |      |       |



# NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Championships

## Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

*[On day one of the championships], weather and experience played a huge factor for our players. It didn't get out of the 40s, wind early and a period of rain. Learning to play tournaments on a course of this caliber, in these conditions, and under the kind of pressure a State Championship brings, requires a great deal of patience, determination and effort. I think all of our guys gained valuable experience today that will make them better players tomorrow and in the future.*

-Nate Leary, Section VI Boys Golf Chairman

Section VI took to heart the words of its director @OPGolfCoach Nate Leary and rebounded from a disappointing first day at the NYSPHSAA golf championships at Cornell University. Buoyed by the southern tier duo of Nolan Ditcher (Randolph) and Cody Latimer (Chautauqua Lake/Westfield), who posted scores of 71 and 74, respectively, the WNY contingent remained in 8th place overall, but did secure a 5th place, day-two finish. Ditcher qualified for his second trip to the Black course at Bethpage State Park, finishing in a tie for fourth at +7. His even-par score on Monday was tied for low round of the day. Latimer finished just shy of a spot on the Federation team at +9, but did All-State recognition for his T7 finish.

After assisting for two days with live scoring, Coach Leary spent a few minutes composing the following reminiscence on 48 hours of golf with Section VI's finest:

From my standpoint as the Section 6 Coordinator, I felt the weekend went very smoothly. The players, coaches, and their families all had a positive experience. Although some of our players did not do as well as they would have liked, I felt that they conducted themselves admirably and will use this as a learning experience. Many of these players, including Nolan Ditcher, will return next year (at least we hope they will) and I'm looking forward to another great NYSPHSAA Boys State championship in 2016.

- Courtesy of Mo'Golf posted on BuffaloGolfer.com

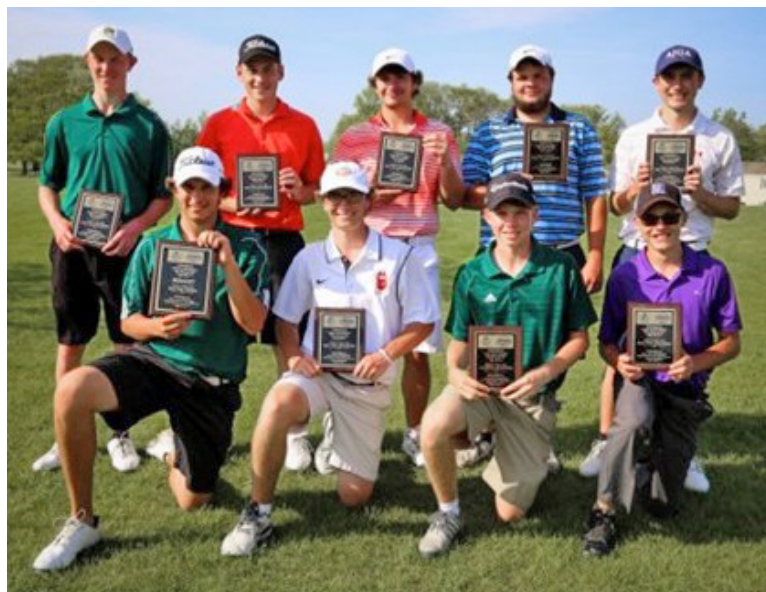
### Team Roster:

1. Ben Reichert, 11, Williamsville North (ECIC) - 2015 Section VI Champion, 2014 ECIC Ind. Champion
2. Nolan Ditcher, 11, Randolph (CCAA II East) - 2015 Section VI Runner Up, 2014 CCAA II East Ind. Champion
3. Cody Latimer, 12, Chautauqua Lake (CCAA II West) - 2015 Section VI Third Place
4. Bradley Belote, 12, Lancaster (ECIC) - 2015 Section VI 4th Place
5. Chris Yustin, 11, Williamsville East (ECIC)
6. Ian Wilson, 12, Hamburg (ECIC)
7. Mike Kessler, 11, Williamsville North (ECIC)
8. Mike Wells, 10, Williamsville North (ECIC)
9. Erich Spitz, 12, Orchard Park (ECIC)

- 4th Trip to States for Nolan Ditcher (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- 3rd Trip to States for Ben Reichert (2012, 2013, 2015)
- 2nd Trip to States for Bradley Belote (2012, 2015)
- 2nd Trip to States for Erich Spitz (2014, 2015)



Photo Courtesy of Joey Conti Photography



Back L to R: Mike Wells (Will. North), Erich Spitz (OP), Nolan Ditcher (Randolph), Cody Latimer (Chaut. Lake), Bradley Belote (Lancaster)  
Front L to R: Ben Reichert (Will. North), Chris Yustin (Will. East), Mike Kessler (Will. North), Ian Wilson (Hamburg).



# 2015 Boys Golf

## State Awards

Erich Spitz, Senior  
Orchard Park HS

Section VI Coaches Award Recipient



*"I've always made a total effort, even when the odds seemed entirely against me. I never quit trying; I never felt that I didn't have a chance to win."*

*-Arnold Palmer*

Nolan Ditcher, Junior  
Randolph

T4 finish

2015 NYSPHSAA Federation Team  
(Top 6 NYSPHSAA State Finishers)  
2015 All-State Award



Cody Latimer, Senior  
Chautauqua Lake

T7 finish

2015 All-State Award  
NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Award  
(Section VI Recipient)



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# 2015 Section VI Girls Golf

## State Qualifiers

| Name   | Grade | School             | Score         |
|--|-------|--------------------|---------------|
| Chelsea Dantonio                                   | 12    | Lancaster          | 39 - 35 = 74* |
| Marissa DelMonaco                                  | 11    | Southwestern       | 35 - 39 = 74  |
| Sarah Godfrey                                      | 11    | Depew              | 38 - 38 = 76  |
| Alexis Kim   | 10    | Clarence           | 45 - 49 = 94  |
| Emily Isaacson                                     | 11    | Jamestown          | 50 - 45 = 95  |
| Elaina Lopez                                       | 9     | Clarence           | 47 - 52 = 99  |
| Marina Kessler                                     | 11    | Fredonia           | 54 - 52 = 106 |
| Samantha Gaffney                                   | 11    | Williamsville East | 55 - 51 = 106 |
| Madison Cooper                                     | 12    | Clarence           | 55 - 51 = 106 |
| * Chelsea Dantonio wins playoff on 3rd extra hole. |       |                    |               |
| Alternate  |       |                    |               |
| Kirsta Wheelock                                    | 12    | Fredonia           | 52 - 57 = 109 |





# Girls Golf

## Sarah Godfrey-Singleton Depew



*Sarah Godfrey-Singleton and Coach Wargala*

Junior Sarah Godfrey-Singleton fired rounds of 73 and 74 to post a three over par total 147 at the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship held at the College Course at Delhi University June 13 and 14, 2015. Sarah finished the first round in 5th place after shooting a one over par 73, but was able to move ahead of two competitors with her round of 74 on Sunday's second round to claim third place. This was Sarah's fourth consecutive trip to the NYS Championship where she has finished 22nd, 16th, 8th, and now 3rd. Sarah will be a senior at Depew this coming year and plans on continuing the improvement in her state championship bid in 2016.

- Rick Wargala, Coach

*"Success in golf depends less  
on strength of body than upon  
strength of mind and character."*

*-Arnold Palmer*

## Chelsea Dantonio Lancaster



*Courtesy Mark Mulville/The Buffalo News*

Make it four Section VI girls golf championships in five years for Chelsea Dantonio. The Lancaster junior shot a 5-over-par 77 Wednesday at Gowanda Country Club to earn a four-stroke victory and continue her stretch of dominance.

Even with the past success, Dantonio showed up just as focused, ready to defend her title and meet the high expectations that existed. "I was really nervous for today because I felt like I was expected to win," she said, "but I know you can't think of that. I just came out here and I tried to do my best. I was nervous in the beginning, but I relaxed myself and I was able to win it again."

The win has Dantonio advancing to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association championship, where she finished fourth a year ago. Her fifth trip to states will be June 13-15 at SUNY Delhi.

On Wednesday, she shot a 1-over 37 on the first nine holes and followed that up with a 40 on the back nine.

Dantonio played consistently throughout, even on a day when she felt she wasn't at her best. She parred 11 holes and bogeyed six.

"Today was a little rough,," said Dantonio, who won the championship last year with a round of 81. "It was an up-and-down type of day, but I managed to pull through. I was getting a little tired at the end, but I had to get myself out of it. ... I didn't think I was hitting my clubs that solid, so all throughout the round I was trying to fix things. It was coming together a little bit at the end, so that was good."

Her only birdie was on the par-4 17th hole. She tapped in and gave a slight pump of her right fist, knowing a third straight sectional title was hers.

"That definitely helped," Dantonio said with a smile. "I was waiting for a birdie putt all day. It was getting frustrating, but I didn't get worse than a bogey so that was good.;"

The top nine in the 26-player field qualified for the state championship. Also moving on are Depew's Sarah Godfrey (81), Clarence's Alexis Kim (85), Southwestern's Leigh Yartz (87) and Marissa DelMonaco (94), Lancaster's Nicole Filipski (88), Jamestown's Kirstie Hanson (102) and Williamsville North's Jenna Stogsdill and Samantha Stanford (both 102). Godfrey, Kim, Filipski, DelMonaco, Stogsdill and Hanson are all repeat qualifiers.

Godfrey, a sophomore, overcame a slow start to finish as the runner-up after placing third the last two years.

She had a triple-bogey on the par-5, 407-yard hole No. 2 but recovered with strong drives and clutch putting.

Godfrey, playing in a group with Dantonio and DelMonaco for the second year in a row, birdied Nos. 4 and 11.

"I struggled with some shots," she said. "My drives were good but it was a little hard with the soggy grass. I thought I'd get higher than an 81, so I did better than I thought."

-Courtesy of The Buffalo News

# Track and Field

## Noteworthy Placements - Division 1

**Colin Blair, Discus**  
**2nd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**2nd Place Federation**  
**Lancaster**



- Junior
- ECIC and Section VI Champion - Shotput
  - Season best - 59'7"
  - NYS Championships - 6th place 53'10 1/2"
- Sectional Champion - Discus
  - Season best - 187'5"
  - NYS Championships - 2nd place 178'2"

**McKyla Brooks, Long Jump**  
**2nd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**1st Place Federation**  
**Frontier**



**Olivia Gervan, High Jump**  
**2nd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**3rd Place Federation**  
**Lancaster**



- Sophomore
- 2nd time participating in the Outdoor Track & Field State Championships (5th place as a freshman - 5' 5")
- Equaled or bettered the NYS standard (5'3") five times this season
- NYS Championships - 2nd place, 5'6"

**Jeffery Menyah, Grade 11**  
**Anthony Hawthorne, Grade 12**  
**Niagara Falls**



Jeffery Menyah

- Section VI champion - 110 Hurdles and 400 Hurdles
- 5th place - 110 Hurdles, NYSPHSAA meet
- 9th place - 110 Hurdles, NY Federation race

Anthony Hawthorne

- Section VI Champion in the 800 Meters
- Section VI Boys Track Sportsmanship winner
- 5th place - 800, at the NYSPHSAA championships
- 7th place - 800, in the Federation at the state track meet
- Attending Edinboro College, Fall 2015

-Jonathan Robins, Coach

**Steve Neumaier, 1600 Meter Run**  
**4th Place NYSPHSAA**  
**Lancaster**



- Junior
- Section VI Champion - 1600M Run
  - Season best - 4:13.31
  - NYS Championships - 4th Place, 4:13.31\*

\*School record; also fastest 1600M ever in WNY for a junior (TJ Hornberger (Lake Shore), 2014, holds the WNY record)



# Track and Field

## Noteworthy Placements - Division 1

**Rebecca Stiefler**  
**Shot Put - 4th Place NYSPHSAA,**  
**2nd Place Federation**  
**Discus - 2nd Place NYSPHSAA,**  
**2nd Place Federation**  
**Frontier**



**Tiana Luton, Pentathlon**  
**2nd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**2nd Place Federation**  
**Sweet Home**

Tiana placed 2nd in both the NYSPHSAA and Federation Pentathlon Championship. In winning the section title, she scored 3479 points to place her 6th all-time in NYS history. Tiana now has won section titles in addition to the indoor 55 hurdle title this past February.

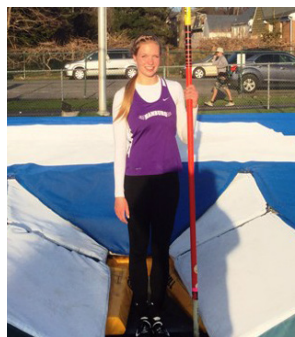
**Sadira Brown, Triple Jump**  
**2nd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**2nd Place Federation**  
**Sweet Home**

Sadira placed 2nd in both the NYSPHSAA and Federation Triple Jump Championship. She lost the NYSPHSAA title by a half inch and then was passed on the 4th and final jump in the Federation final. She won both the indoor and outdoor section title in the Triple Jump and, indoors, won the NYSPHSAA title in the Triple Jump.

**4x800 Meter Relay Team**  
**3rd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**3rd Place Federation**  
**Sweet Home**

The 4x800 team consisting of Junior Will Schultz, Sophomore Chris Nowak, Senior Josh Hammer, and Senior Mitchell Daddario placed 3rd in the Federation and NYSPHSAA championships in the 4x800. The quartet set the Section VI record running 7:47.44-eclipsing the mark of 7:51.04 set by Sweet Home in 1986. The 4x800 team from Sweet Home won both the outdoor Section VI title, along with the indoor title, where they also placed 3rd at the state meet, and set the Section VI record during the indoor season as well.

**Taylor Thurnherr, Pole Vault**  
**3rd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**3rd Place Federation**  
**Hamburg**



Taylor Thurnherr of Hamburg took 3rd place in the NYSPHSAA/Federation Pole Vault competition with a jump of 12', which broke her own school record. Taylor also took 5th place at the NYSPHSAA/Federation indoor meet. She graduated #8 in her class of 273.

-Bill Malican, Coach

**Lavette Warren, 100 Meter Dash**  
**2nd Place NYSPHSAA**  
**Lockport**



Lavette Warren is a junior, three sport athlete (Football, Basketball) at Lockport High School.

This year was his first time participating in the sport of Track and Field.

In his first year, Lavette was very successful. He won many invitational meets in the 100 Meters. He was crowned both Niagara Frontier League (NFL) and Section VI champion. He ran the second fastest time in school history. His greatest accomplishment was coming in second place at the NYSPHSAA track meet. He was also a member of the NFL and Section VI champion 4 X 100 relay team.

# Track and Field

## Noteworthy Placements - Division 2

### Jack Behlmaier 400 Meter Intermediate Hurdles 4th Place NYSPHSAA Cheektowaga

Jack Behlmaier has had a truly impressive track career over the past 4 years. He has been a state representative for the past 3 years as Track athlete. He has achieved sectional championships, state championship, and even a national championship in 2014 as a member of the 4x800 relay. He began the season with some high expectations and he stepped up to the challenge. Jack was a 1st Team Division All-Star in the 400 Hurdles and played a vital role in our teams success this season. Jack started his phenomenal post season at the ECIC's by taking 2nd place in 4 events (400m Dash, 110 Hurdles, 400 Hurdles, and the 4x400 relay). At sectionals, Jack focused on the 400 Intermediate Hurdles and the 4x400 Relay. Jack broke the school record in the 400 Hurdles as well as finishing 2nd in the race. His time of :55.98 qualified him for states as he met the State Double Standard. Jack then anchored the 4x400 Relay that broke the school record and placed 2nd also qualifying for states making the Double Standard as well. At the state meet, Jack finished 4th in the 400 Hurdles for Division II. The 4x400 Relay finished in 4th place for Division II. Jack finished his senior season by competing at the New Balance National Championships as a member of three relays that qualified for the meet (4x200, 800 Sprint Medley Relay, 1600 Sprint Medley Relay). In the 1600 Medley Relay, he placed 7th overall at the meet.

-Rich Bridenbaker, Coach

### Joshua Fischer, 110 Meter High Hurdles 4th Place NYSPHSAA Falconer



Joshua Fischer is a senior who has been a varsity letter winner in track the past four seasons at Falconer. He went undefeated for the season until states. He won the Olean Invitational, Falconer Invitational, Jamestown Invitational, Super 8 meet, CCAA County meet and sectional title. Josh was also a member of the 4x100 Relay team and 4x400 Relay team. He also placed second at sectionals in the Division II 200 Meter Run. Josh holds the school record in the 110 High Hurdles and 200 Meter. His fastest time of the year in the 110 High Hurdles was 14.60 FAT. He placed 4th at the state meet with a time of 14.96 FAT.

### East Aurora

4x400 Meter Boys Relay Team  
1st Place NYSPHSAA

4x800 Meter Boys Relay Team  
2nd Place NYSPHSAA

4x800 Meter Girls Relay Team  
2nd Place NYSPHSAA

Kenny Vasbinder, 3200 Meter Run  
2nd Place NYSPHSAA

Molly McLaughlin, 800 Meter Run  
3rd Place NYSPHSAA, 7th Place Federation

Jack Zagrobelny, 400 Meter Intermediate Hurdles  
3rd Place NYSPHSAA

TJ Murray, 3000 Meter Steeplechase  
4th Place NYSPHSAA

The East Aurora (EA) Varsity Boys and Girls Track and Field teams, coming off of ECIC and unofficial Section VI team Division II wins, turned in some of their best performances of the season to earn spots on the podium at the New York State Track and Field Championships held at SUNY Albany.

Leading the way for EA was the Boys 4x400 Relay Team of: Jack Zagrobelny, Mike Coatsworth, Mike Durant, and Matt McLaughlin who not only set a new school record of 3:22.49, they captured the NY State Division II Championship by more than a two second margin of victory.

Both the Boys and Girls 4x800 Relay Teams hit season best times on their way to runner-up finishes with Kenny Vasbinder, Will Zink, Pat Murray, and Matt McLaughlin representing the boys team while Molly McLaughlin, Fiona Danieue, Maisy Webster, and Sophia Tasselmyer representing the girls squad. The boys team won their heat with a 7:58.88, but had to watch Pleasantville from Section II take the title out of the second heat. The EA girls' team had the early lead, but was over taken by Bronxville from Section I in the final leg. Their time of 9:17.68 also earned a Federation medal by placing 8th overall.

Also placing in the top six and earning trips to the awards podium were: Kenny Vasbinder, 2nd in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 9:29.36; Molly McLaughlin, 3rd in the 800 Meter Run with 2:13.68, which also placed her 7th in the Federation; Jack Zagrobelny, 3rd in the 400 Hurdles in 56.12; TJ Murray, 4th in the 3000 Meter Steeplechase with a time of 9:44.37; Mike Coatsworth, 5th in the 400 with a school record time of 49.76; Sophia Tasselmyer, 5th in the 3000 Meter Run with a 10:18.07, and Morgan Palmer 6th in the Discus with a throw of 107'-09".

Several members of the East Aurora Track teams also qualified for and participated in the New Balance Track and Field Nationals that were held in Greensboro, North Carolina. The EA squad had a great weekend, breaking five school records and several Section VI records in the heat of NC. Record breaking performances were turned in by: Molly McLaughlin, Fiona Danieue, Maisy Webster, and Sophia Tasselmyer in the 4x800 (9:10.56) and 4x1600 (20:59.91); Jack Zagrobelny, Mike Coatsworth, Mike Durant, and Matt McLaughlin in the 4x400 (3:20.39) and Sprint Medley Relay (400,200,200,800) (3:34.10); and Sophia Tasselmyer in the 5000 Meter Run with her 8th place finish time of 17:16.01.

-Walt McLaughlin, Coach



L to R standing: Mike Durant, Will Zink, Mike Coatsworth, Matt McLaughlin, Pat Murray, Kenny Vasbinder, TJ Murray, Jack Zagrobelny  
L to R sitting: Morgan Palmer, Fiona Danieue, Molly McLaughlin, Sophia Tasselmyer, and Maisy Webster



# Track and Field

## Noteworthy Placements - Division 2

### Shawn Foster, Long Jump 4th Place NYSPHSAA Cheektowaga

Shawn Foster had another great season as she was on her way to breaking 3 individual records in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, and the 100 Hurdles. Shawn was a Division All-Star in Long Jump and Triple Jump. As the post season got started, Shawn had a good showing at the ECIC's as she took 3rd in the 100 Hurdles, Long Jump, and Triple Jump. Shawn then had an unbelievable day as she opened up the meet with an 18'1.75" in the Long Jump to become the Section VI Champion for Division II. She was not done there, Shawn followed up her record setting performance by jumping 37'1.75" becoming the Section VI Champion in the Triple Jump. Shawn also continued to drop time in her 100 Hurdles placing 3rd in that event with a time of :15.25. At states, Shawn took 5th place in the Triple Jump and 5th in the Long Jump. Her jumps from sectionals qualified her for the New Balance Nationals Track and Field Meet. At Nationals, Shawn made it to finals in the Long Jump and placed 8th overall.

-Rich Bridenbaker, Coach

### Zach Jones, Pentathlon Megan Caltagirone, 2000 Meter Steeplechase Holland



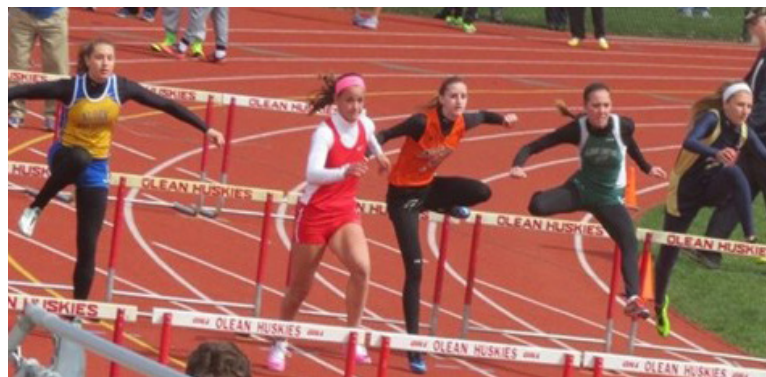
Zach Jones

- Pentathlon - 4th Place NYSPHSAA, 7th overall
- Top point scorer (all divisions) - Section VI Championship

Megan Caltagirone

- 2000 Meter Steeplechase - 2nd Place NYSPHSAA, 9th Place overall
- 2000 Meter Steeplechase - Section VI Champion

### Mckenna Maycock 400 Meter Intermediate Hurdles - 2nd Place NYSPHSAA 100 Meter High Hurdles - 4th Place NYSPHSAA Randolph



Record breaking season:

This season, McKenna obtained the following record breaking times, of which, she was also the previous record holder:

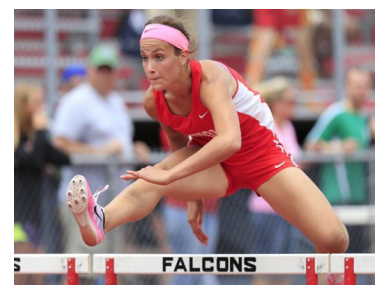
- 100h- 15.17 FAT
- 400h- 1:02.30 FAT
- 200m- 25.97 FAT
- 4x4- 4:07.95 FAT

Team: Makenzie Evans, Alexis Hinman, Halle Lienhart, and Mckenna Maycock

\*\*\*Mckenna Maycock currently holds 10 of 19 records

Other Awards this Season:

- Super 8 Most Valuable Female
- Falconer Outstanding Overall Girls Athlete
- Olean Most Outstanding Track Girls
- Section XI Sportsmanship



The girls' track season was very successful as they tied Portville and Alleghany-Limestone for the Division II championship title. At the Falconer and Olean invitationals, the girls placed second. At the Falconer Invite, Mckenna Maycock set two records in 100 Meter Hurdles and 400 Meters. At Olean, she claimed the meet record in the 400 meters as well. On top of setting these records, she broke two of her own previous school records in the 100 meter hurdles and 200 meters. The five seniors of the team, Aliah Sample, Mckenna Maycock, Makenzie Evans, Megan Steward, and Taryn Dechow, will be greatly missed next year. These girls set several records and served as strong role models during their track careers.

-Brooke Adams

# Track and Field

## Noteworthy Placements - Division 2

*Keep your thoughts positive  
because your thoughts become  
YOUR WORDS.*

*Keep your words positive  
because your words become  
YOUR BEHAVIOR.*

*Keep your behavior positive  
because your behavior becomes  
YOUR HABITS.*

*Keep your habits positive  
because your habits become  
YOUR VALUES.*

*Keep your values positive  
because your values become  
YOUR DESTINY.*

*-Mahatma Ghandi*

### Justyn Milks, Shot Put 2nd Place NYSPHSAA Pioneer



- Placed first with teammate at Franklinville relays
- Placed first at Pioneer Invite
- Champion, Falconer Invite
- 1st place - Super 8 meet in Salamanca
- 3rd place - ECIC Meet, Division 2
- 2nd place - Section VI Meet, Division 2
- 2nd place - NYSPHSAA Meet, Division 2
- PR for the season 38' 7.75
- Outstanding Senior Athlete, Pioneer
- Competed in Field Hockey, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track

-Mary Doud, Coach

### Jessica Wiede, Shot Put 3rd Place NYSPHSAA Springville



Jessica Wiede, from Springville-Griffith, represented Section VI at the New York State Track and Field Championship Meet in Albany. Jessica, a senior, was the small school Section VI champion in the Shot Put and is her school record holder with a career best throw of 39'0. Jessica will be attending Binghamton University in the fall. Jessica's throwing coach was Mark Heinrichberger, who is the head coach of the Springville Girls Track and Field team.

*Jessica and Head Coach Mark Heinrichberger*



# Team Captain Leadership Seminar

## Erie County Community College

### May 22nd, 2015

To develop the leaders for tomorrow, the Buffalo Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) partnered with Section VI, NYSPHSAA, the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB), and Erie Community College (ECC), to deliver the inaugural Captains Leadership Seminar (CLS). The purpose of the program is to establish a foundation for the leadership development of current high school student-athletes for their use today and in future collegiate and vocational endeavors. The CLS took place on Friday, May 22, 2015, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, at the Erie County Community College South Campus. Each high school was asked to select one male and female scholar-athlete, who currently demonstrates leadership qualities at school and in their community, to attend the CLS.

The CLS presented attendees with four dynamic speakers—each of whom focused on one of the following areas during their presentation:

**Courage:** To act with clear purpose and conviction

**Character:** To take personal responsibility and provide service to others

**Competence:** To achieve results to advance the mission

**Collaboration:** To engage others and enlist their best efforts in a common purpose



*Guest speaker - Olympic Champion Bruce Baumgardner*



*Section VI President Brett Banker and Buffalo Sabres Captain Brian Gionta*



# Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes Spring 2015

Section VI selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2015 spring sports season. Of the 680 nominations; there are 17 three season winners, 53 two season winners, 123 winners, and 487 honorable mentions.

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

## Akron

Girls Track & Field Carrie Akin

## Alden

Boys Track & Field Dylan Servos\*\*

Boys Track & Field Jeremy DesJardins\*

Boys Tennis John Kiener\*

## Amherst

Girls Lacrosse Emma Hughes\*\*

Girls Lacrosse Megan Bessel\*

Boys Track & Field Adam Merkle\*

Boys Tennis Jonathan White\*

Boys Tennis Conor Brown

Girls Lacrosse Kathryn Yoder

## Barker

Girls Track & Field Gabriella Clare

Girls Track & Field Kamilah Robison

Boys Track & Field Christopher Sweeney

## Brocton

Softball Jessica Merle

## Cassadaga Valley

Softball Jenna Martin

Boys Track & Field Hunter Phinney

## Clarence

Boys Track & Field Zachary Kuloszewski\*\*

Boys Tennis Justin Bracci\*

Girls Lacrosse Madeleine Storr\*

Girls Track & Field Kathryn Belling

Boys Track & Field Gregory Blackburn

Boys Lacrosse Ben Harsch

Softball Alexis Krupa

Girls Lacrosse Brianna Rice

Boys Lacrosse Josh Slowinski

## Dunkirk

Boys Track & Field Ethan Francis

Boys Tennis Elisha Haase

## East Aurora

Boys Track & Field Harrison Fay\*

Girls Track & Field Hannah Weppner\*

Boys Tennis Roman DiPasquale

Girls Track & Field Elizabeth O'Brien

Softball Gabriella Sadek

## Eden

Boys Track & Field Jeremy Nyitrai

## Falconer

Boys Golf Morgan Steele

## Frontier

Boys Track & Field Markus Diehl\*

Boys Tennis Tyler Tomasik\*

Softball Courtney Courtade

Girls Lacrosse Jacquelyn Dufresne

Boys Track & Field Daniel Heavern

Baseball Michael Hughes

Boys Track & Field Nathan Szymanski

## Grand Island

Baseball Josh Barrettz

## Hamburg

Girls Track & Field Taylor Thurnherr\*\*

Girls Track & Field Elizabeth Bassini

Baseball David Edie

Girls Track & Field Rosemary Herbst

## Hutch Tech

Girls Tennis Fikirt Adella

## Iroquois

Baseball Matthew Glowny\*

Baseball Kyle Seifert\*

Girls Lacrosse Jillian Rider

## Jamestown

Boys Golf Greg Cross

Boys Golf Dylan Glatz

Boys Track & Field Ben Larson

Baseball Andrew Latona

Boys Track & Field Adam Phillips

## JFK

Softball Jaclyn Smith

## Kenmore West

Baseball Richard Deiboldt

## Lancaster

Boys Track & Field Dan Emerson\*\*

Boys Track & Field Evan Helenbrook\*\*

Baseball Joseph Preziuso\*

Softball Erin Sciortino\*

Boys Lacrosse Preston Hamill

## Lew-Port

Softball Devan Maglio\*

Girls Track & Field Brenna Donovan

## Lockport

Softball Delaney Fragale

## Maple Grove

Boys Golf Benjamin Richard

Boys Track & Field John (Ben) Soffel

## Medina

Boys Track & Field Austin Brown\*

Baseball Jason Hellwig\*

Boys Track & Field Ryan Leffler

Girls Track & Field Alex Markle

## Newfane

Baseball Trevor Noon\*

Softball Brenna Savigny

Softball Christine Schultz



# Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes

## Spring 2015

### Niagara Falls

Baseball Taylor Huntsman

### Niagara Wheatfield

Girls Track & Field Angela Coulter\*\*

Boys Track & Field Justin Adams

Boys Track & Field Dominic DiFiglia

Boys Track & Field Denver Strong

### North Tonawanda

Boys Track & Field William Alvarado\*

Boys Track & Field Adam McNeill\*

Girls Track & Field Danielle DalPorto

Girls Lacrosse Richelle Kloch

Girls Track & Field Megan Weaver

Boys Track & Field Samuel Weglarski

### Olean

Boys Tennis Geoffrey Broadbent\*\*

Softball Monica Moses\*\*

Softball Alexandra Rakus

Girls Track & Field Alexis Sova

### Orchard Park

Girls Track & Field Rami Major\*\*

Boys Lacrosse William Myers\*\*

Girls Track & Field Cayley Brege

Baseball Jacob Dogal

Girls Track & Field Madison Hunter

Boys Lacrosse Patrick Hylkema

Softball Kaylee Jentsch

Softball Rachel Johnson

Boys Tennis Alexander Korach

Baseball Andrew Sipowicz

### Portville

Girls Track & Field Galen Ziaggi

### Randolph

Softball Tyler Henderson

Boys Track & Field Wesley Sluga

Girls Track & Field Megan Steward

### Southwestern

Girls Golf Heather Hoden

Boys Tennis Rahim Karimi

Boys Tennis Quinn White

Boys Track & Field Brady Williams

### Springville

Boys Tennis Matthew Wagner

### Starpoint

Boys Track & Field Ian Emerick\*

Girls Track & Field Kara Wilcox\*

Boys Tennis Anthony Zanatian\*

Baseball Ryan Furey

Boys Golf Evan Lemma

### Sweet Home

Boys Track & Field Joseph Gerlach\*\*

Boys Track & Field Mitchell Daddario\*

Softball Melanie Izard\*

Softball Quinn Sorrentino\*

Boys Track & Field Kevin Terragnoli\*

Boys Golf Joseph Lovering

Boys Track & Field Joshua Willson

### West Seneca East

Girls Lacrosse Kelsey Beres\*

Girls Track & Field Leanne Glaub\*

Boys Lacrosse Tyler Skretny\*

Girls Lacrosse Erin Barrett

Baseball James Brnik

Boys Tennis Ethan Rayer

### West Seneca West

Boys Track & Field Joshua Nowak\*\*

Boys Track & Field John Gorman\*

Baseball Ryan Kilijanski\*

Boys Lacrosse Dennis Ulmer\*

Boys Lacrosse Adam Tobias

### Williamsville East

Baseball Patrick Irving\*

Baseball Joshua Taubman\*

Girls Lacrosse Melinda Tiao\*

Boys Golf Ryan Coombs

Girls Lacrosse Kara Marzo

Girls Track & Field Brenda Sheedy

Boys Track & Field Takayuki Suzuki

Boys Lacrosse Nicholas Vermilye

### Williamsville North

Boys Track & Field Patrick Crowley\*\*

Girls Track & Field Jennifer Feritta\*

Girls Track & Field Linnea Laux\*

Boys Track & Field Austin Oetinger\*

Boys Tennis Harley Carrol

Boys Lacrosse Mohammad Durrani

Girls Track & Field Victoria Lazarov

Softball Jessica Mucci

Boys Tennis Sibtain Mustafa

Girls Lacrosse Anne Principe

### Williamsville South

Boys Lacrosse Andrew Laudico\*

Boys Track & Field Austin Gallagher

Baseball Jacob Huber

Boys Lacrosse Matthew Laudico

Softball Rachel Whalen

### Wilson

Boys Track & Field Matthew Dispenza

# Meet the Athletic Director

## Jim Graczyk, Pioneer Central Schools

### Erie County Interscholastic Conference

**Years of Administrative Service:**  
19 years

**Education:**  
BS from SUNY at Buffalo  
MS from SUC at Buffalo  
SDA from SUC at Buffalo

**Family:**  
I am lucky to have a loving and wonderful immediate & extended family!! Very blessed!

**Favorite Food:** Not much I don't like...  
Pizza is near the top of the list!

**Favorite Movie:** The Hunt for Red October

**Hobbies:** Staying busy and helping other people

#### Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

I knew in high school that I wanted to be a teacher and have thoroughly enjoyed athletics from competing, training, building relationships, coaching, and just being a spectator. It has been very fulfilling. I am a strong advocate for being involved in some way, somehow in the athletic program. I have had many useful lifelong experiences that would not be gained without athletics. I feel very lucky to be able to have the career I have.

## Tim Mondello, Global Concepts Charter School

### Independent League

**Years of Administrative Service:**  
6 years

**Education:**  
Bachelor of Science  
Physical Education/Health  
Canisius College

Master of Science  
Adapted Physical Education  
Canisius College

Master of Science  
Educational Leadership and Supervision  
Canisius College

**Family:** Katie (Wife)

**Favorite Food:** Lobster

**Favorite Movie:** Miracle, Star Wars

**Hobbies:** Triathlon, Coaching, Lacrosse, Hockey, Exercising

#### Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

Throughout my entire life, I have been involved in sports and really enjoy being active and it feels good to be able to pass this enjoyment on to others.

I love to watch students achieve a skill for the first time, they are so proud of their accomplishment. As far as being an athletic director, my school wanted to offer athletic teams to our students as we grew from a K-3 school into a K-12 school. Therefore, I took on the challenge to start the athletic program from the ground up. It has been great to watch the program grow over the years. We started with only a few modified teams and now we offer several varsity teams. It has been great to watch the student athletes grow through our athletic program.

## Chris Payne, Panama Central School

### Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association

**Years of Administrative Service:**  
20 years

**Education:**  
Bachelor of Science  
SUNY Brockport

Master's Degree  
St. Bonaventure University

\*Inducted into the Brockport Hall of Fame in 2007 for football

**Family:**  
Shelly, Wife; Bryce, Son - Attending the University of Mount Union;

Jack, Son - High School Senior;  
Quinn, Daughter - High School Sophomore

**Favorite Food:** Chicken wings

**Favorite Movie:** Gladiator

**Hobbies:** Fishing, Boating, Coaching

#### Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

I attended both Depew Middle School and High School. One of my teachers, Dan McGrath, was also one of my football coaches. I looked up to him and he made class fun, but competitive. I always loved sports and wanted to work with kids.

## Scott Townsend, Lewiston-Porter

### Niagara Frontier League

**Years of Administrative Service:**  
10 years

**Education:**  
Bachelor of Arts  
St. Bonaventure University

Master's in Education  
St. Bonaventure University

School Administrative Certification  
Niagara University

**Family:**  
Wife - Amy; Children - Dominic (11),  
Brynn (9), James (7)

**Favorite Food:** Lasagna

**Favorite Movie:** Miracle

**Hobbies:** Playing hockey and golf, traveling with my family, coaching my children's athletic teams

#### Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

I have always had a great interest in athletics as a player, spectator, and coach. One of the draws of becoming a teacher was to have an opportunity to be a coach. I had that opportunity at Lew-Port, having coached hockey, boys volleyball, tennis, and golf. I had the opportunity to work for a number of great administrators that encouraged me to pursue certification, which I did, and was given a great opportunity to be the Athletic Director at Lew-Port. I believe that athletics is the best job in school administration. It affords us an opportunity to work in an area where we can get to know students in a unique setting that they enjoy being a part of. There is no better feeling than seeing your athletes and students succeed in what they love to do.



# Spring 2015 Additional Champions

## State Champions

### Bennett

Alex Dildy, 100 Meter Dash

## Regional Champions

### Westfield Baseball

Class D

## Sectional Champions

### Hamburg

Girls Lacrosse, Class B

## Noteworthy Placements

### Allegany Limestone

Owen Barber

800 Meter Run - 2nd Place NYSPHSAA

1600 Meter Run - 4th Place NYSPHSAA

### Allegany Limestone

Roman Greco

Shot Put - 2nd Place NYSPHSAA

### Depew

Nick Serafin

Long Jump - 4th Place NYSPHSAA High Jump - 3rd Place NYSPHSAA

### Chautauqua Lake

Trent Howard

Pole Vault - 4th Place NYSPHSAA



## Section VI Executive Committee

### President

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Al Gens, Dunkirk

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Dr. Mike Wendt, Wilson/Newfane

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Marisa Fallacaro, Eden

### Boys Sports Rep\*

Jim Graczyk, Pioneer

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### Executive Director

Timm Slade

### Treasurer

Don Scholla

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## Section VI Office Staff

### Administrative Assistant

Pauline Turski

### Administrative Assistant

Beth Fadeley