**Congratulations Scholar/Athletes and State Champs!!**

*NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Awards*

*Fall 2005 State Champions*

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See pages 3-4 for S/A State Champs & all Team award winners.

**Section VI Fall Sports State Champions**

(see pages 2-5)

- Football Class D – Randolph Central
- Girls Volleyball Class D – Randolph Central
- Boys Volleyball Class A – Hamburg
- Boys Volleyball Class B – Eden
- Girls Cross Country Class B – East Aurora

**Mens Gymnastics**

Section 6 Team – State Champions for 3rd straight year (148.0)

Keith Stumpf, Williamsville South – State Champ All-Around, Floor Exercise & High Bar

**Congratulations to the Section VI Fall Scholar/Athlete State Champions**

NYSPHSAA has announced that two Section VI teams have achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Fall Sports!

- Wilson Girls Volleyball - *State Champion* with a team GPA of 96.460
- Lockport Football - *State Champion* with a team GPA of 95.775

Section VI maintains the lead in having the largest number of Scholar Athlete State Champions since the program began 15 years ago … 86 titles to date!
New NYSPHSAA Headquarters
All Association meetings scheduled to be held at the current office for the month of January will be held at our new office building 8 Airport Park Blvd., in Latham. Directions will be sent later this month. During the later part of January the Association will be moving to the following address:
8 Airport Park Blvd., Latham, NY 12110
Shortly we will be advising the membership of our new telephone number.

EZ Stream Webcasting
Schools have the opportunity to take advantage of a 3 game free trial to webcast any sport. The NYSPHSAA had great success webcasting our Field Hockey and Football championship events. For more information contact Joe Altieri 518-439-8872.

Proposed Transfer Rule Change
The representatives to the Executive Committee will be seeking input on a proposed change to the Transfer Rule. The language being considered is "Students who return from any school to the public school district of their residence shall be exempted from the Transfer Rule. Such a transfer without penalty will be only permitted once in a high school career."

Handbook Committee Meeting
The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006. Any proposals for rule changes should be submitted to Nina VanErk so they may be considered.

PSAL Tennis Boys
The PSAL has requested to continue to experiment granting participation in the Boys Tennis championship.

Classification of Schools 2006-2007
At this time the Section Executive Directors have gathered the BEDS numbers from each school. Please make sure that you have submitted your data and have reviewed the impact of your future classification.

Coaches Clinics
(Brochures have been mailed)
January 27, 2006 Lacrosse @ SUNY Cortland
February 3, 2006 Softball @ University at Binghamton
March 3, 2006 Baseball @ Cooperstown Hall of Fame
March 24, 2006 Field Hockey @ Utica Radisson

Sport Committee Progress
Track and Field - The committee is investigating three proposals:
1) To include the hammer and javelin events in the state tournament
2) Holding the state and federation championships on two separate weekends
3) Adding a second qualifier to each division.

Wrestling - The committee has proposed a process for filling the byes in the 2007 state tournament to provide for an equitable competitive opportunity for all competitors and to assure that the better wrestlers are included in the tournament. Presentations by the Section Coordinators will be made to the Sections during the next few months. The Executive Committee will be voting on the proposal at their January 2006 meeting.

Girls Tennis - The committee will be proposing the adoption of the "Commitment to Play" declaration for the state tournament.

Boys Basketball - The committee is seeking support for three person officiating for the sectional finals, regions and state tournament.

Citizenship Through Athletics
The Citizenship Through Athletics Instructors’ Certification Course will be taught on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Albany. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. There is no registration fee. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The day concludes at 4:00. For lodging contact the Holiday Inn—Turf at 518-458-7250. Please reference the NYSPHSAA to receive the discounted $96.00 rate.

NYSPHSAA Office Report
The NYSPHSAA Office Report is intended to improve lines of communication between the Association office and member schools. The report will be available monthly on our web site www.nysphsaa.org and emailed to Section offices for distribution. If you would like to be emailed a copy of the report or if you have suggestions for improvement please contact Nina VanErk, Executive Director at nvanerk@nysphsaa.org.

Eden and Hamburg – State Boys Volleyball Champs again!

Excerpted from the Buffalo News
It was a different year, but the same result for the Eden and Hamburg boys volleyball teams. Both teams successfully defended their Intersectional New York State championships on November 12, 2005 at Webster-Schroeder High School in suburban Rochester.

Eden won its eighth Intersectional title by beating Class B foe Victor of Section V, 25-20, 25-17, 25-22, at Webster-Schroeder High School in suburban Rochester. Junior Tom Kline had 23 kills and three blocks, while classmate Jake Waszak added 47 assists as Eden repeated as champions. “It feels great to be state champions again,” Waszak said. “We kind of expected it. We knew we had to play very well to beat Victor because they brought a lot to the court. We knew if we played a solid match we’d probably come away with the victory. We just had to make sure we executed the way we’re capable of doing.” Sam Beiter had six aces and nine digs, while Ed DeRosa added 10 digs.

Hamburg (31-3) won its second Class A crown by rallying to dispatch Section V’s McQuaid, 19-25, 26-24, 31-29, 25-19. Nikolaj Prychodko led the Bulldogs with 17 kills, while Patrick Abulone had 14 and Mike Jackson 10.

The successful coaches are Robert Pierce, Eden and Brian Carroll, Hamburg.
Section VI is pleased to congratulate two teams that achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Fall Sports!

Wilson Girls Volleyball - State Champion with a team GPA of 96.460

Congratulations to members of the Wilson Varsity Volleyball Team for being named the New York State Public High School Athletic Association’s Team Scholar Athlete Champions for the 2nd straight year.

The team of 9 varsity members placed first out of 229 teams in the state with a combined average of 96.460%. This GPA ranks 6th of 15 teams declared scholar athlete state champs since the program’s inception. The 2004 Wilson team ranked #2 overall.

Lockport Football - State Champion with a team GPA of 95.775

Congratulations to members of the Lockport Varsity Football Team for being named the New York State Public High School Athletic Association’s Team Scholar Athlete Champions! This is the first NYS Scholar athlete team champion title that has ever been earned by a Lockport High School team. The team’s 95.775 average was higher than the 500+ schools that play varsity football in New York State. A brief ceremony was recently held at LHS as Section VI Executive Secretary, Bob Dinse presented the championship banner to the players and coaches. The banner will be on display in the very near future in the LHS gymnasium. Pat Burke, Athletic Director at LHS said, “We are very proud of these young men and what they have accomplished both on the field and in the classroom. As a matter of fact, every LHS varsity sport team this fall (2005) had a 90+ academic average and qualified as a NYS Scholar Athlete Team.” Mike Finn, Head Football Coach at LHS added, “This award is a tremendous accomplishment for these young men. It is a tribute to the players, their parents and the Lockport City School District faculty for a job well done.”
SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

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

Section VI Team Award Winners – Fall 2005

Boys Cross Country
- Southwestern HS 97.934
- Hamburg HS 97.729
- Clarence HS 95.510
- Lockport HS 95.500
- Newfane HS 95.474
- East Aurora HS 95.344
- City Honors School 95.059
- Royalton-Hartland HS 94.370
- Lancaster HS 94.334
- Leonardo Da Vinci HS 94.310
- Frontier HS 94.139
- Williamsville East HS 94.131
- North Tonawanda HS 94.047
- Williamsville North HS 93.369
- Niagara-Westfield HS 93.143
- Sweet Home HS 93.071
- Allegany-Limestone HS 92.714
- Kenmore East HS 92.459
- Amherst Central HS 92.450
- Albion HS 92.130
- Hutchinson Tech HS 91.996
- Alden HS 91.683
- Barker HS 91.656
- Cleveland Hill HS 91.482
- Tonawanda HS 91.326
- West Seneca East HS 91.078
- Franklinville HS 90.881
- Grand Island HS 90.355
- Lewiston-Porter HS 90.336
- Wilson HS 90.126

Boys Soccer
- Ellicottville Central School 94.975
- Lockport HS 94.842
- Falconer HS 94.588
- Medina HS 94.400
- Westfield HS 94.371
- East Aurora HS 93.894
- Orchard Park HS 93.770
- Southwestern HS 93.756
- Niagara-Westfield HS 93.733
- Hamburg HS 93.218
- Springville HS 93.184
- Eden HS 93.108
- Sweet Home HS 92.898
- Clarence HS 92.845
- Williamsville North HS 92.796
- Portville HS 92.763
- Alden HS 92.538
- Cheektowaga HS 92.500
- Pine Valley Central HS 92.430
- Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS 92.314
- Chautauqua Lake HS 92.154
- Newfane HS 92.137
- Brockton HS 91.737
- Williamsville East HS 91.415
- Starpoint HS 91.329
- Wilson HS 91.292
- Pioneer HS 91.216
- Williamsville South HS 90.815
- Cassadaga Valley HS 90.713
- Kenmore West HS 90.679
- Albion HS 90.605
- Olean HS 90.483
- Holland HS 90.446
- Royalton-Hartland HS 90.428
- West Seneca East HS 90.223
- Maryvale HS 90.216
- Grand Island HS 90.144
- Allegany-Limestone HS 90.033
- Akron HS 90.018

Boys Volleyball
- Lancaster HS 95.195
- Sweet Home HS 94.249
- Lockport HS 93.638
- Frontier HS 93.106
- Williamsville East HS 92.934
- West Seneca East HS 92.455
- Williamsville North HS 92.311
- Eden HS 92.238
- Cheektowaga HS 92.163
- East Aurora HS 91.714
- Niagara-Westfield HS 91.625
- Kenmore East HS 90.958
- Lake Shore HS 90.901
- Clarence HS 90.765
- Kenmore West HS 90.433

Field Hockey
- Royalton-Hartland HS 96.211
- Sweet Home HS 95.608
- Kenmore East HS 95.350
- Medina HS 95.194
- Barker HS 95.037
- East Aurora HS 94.594
- Lancaster HS 94.463
- Hamburg HS 94.425
- Williamsville North HS 94.342
- Clarence HS 93.870
- Eden HS 93.750
- Williamsville East HS 93.638
- Wilson HS 93.447
- Holland HS 93.288
- Orchard Park HS 92.864
- Akron HS 91.886
- West Seneca West HS 91.540
- Williamsville South HS 90.938
- Pioneer HS 90.857
- Kenmore West HS 90.583
- Starpoint HS 90.550
- Amherst Central HS 90.251

Football
- Lockport HS 95.775
- North Tonawanda HS 94.758
- Ellicottville Central School 94.663
- Brockton HS 94.450
- Frontier HS 93.563
- Clarence HS 93.468
- Williamsville East HS 93.451
- Alden HS 93.410
- Lancaster HS 93.225
- Allegany-Limestone HS 92.925
- Williamsville North HS 92.904
- Falconer HS 92.843
- Sweet Home HS 92.672
- Kenmore West HS 92.268
- Niagra-Westfield HS 92.083
- Williamsville South HS 92.021
- Williamsville North HS 91.974
- East Aurora HS 91.961
- Lewiston-Porter HS 91.798
- Williamsville East HS 91.749
- Southwestern HS 91.732
- Tonawanda HS 91.357
- Maryvale HS 91.136
- Albion HS 91.103
- Chautauqua Lake HS 90.792
- Sweet Home HS 90.664
- West Seneca East HS 90.521
- Grand Island HS 90.473
- Akron HS 90.464
- Williamsville South HS 90.374
- Medina HS 90.323
- Fredonia HS 90.023
- Panama HS 90.006

Girls Cross Country
- Wilson HS 97.071
- Hamburg HS 96.214
- Leonardo Da Vinci HS 95.744
- City Honors School 95.712
- East Aurora HS 95.601
- Clarence HS 95.495
- Depew HS 95.286
- Williamsville East HS 95.227
- Falconer HS 95.202
- Niagara-Westfield HS 95.143
- Lockport HS 95.086
- Lake Shore HS 94.995
- North Tonawanda HS 94.631
- Franklinville HS 94.416
- Albion HS 94.279
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- West Seneca East HS 93.745
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- Southwestern HS 93.719
- Sweet Home HS 93.696
- Akron HS 93.536
- Cleveland Hill HS 93.472
- Lewiston Porter HS 93.300
- Olean HS 93.229
- Hutchinson Tech HS 93.157
- Williamsville South HS 92.922
- Newfane HS 92.865
- Lancaster HS 92.544
- Royalton-Hartland HS 92.169
- Allegany-Limestone HS 91.371
- Kenmore West HS 91.235
- Williamsville North HS 91.054
- West Seneca East HS 90.865
- Grand Island HS 90.319

Girls Gymnastics
- Frontier HS 96.894
- Lancaster HS 96.730
- Hamburg HS 96.586
- Williamsville North HS 95.466
- Clarence HS 95.436
- Lewiston Porter HS 93.233
- Williamsville East HS 93.094
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- Maryvale HS 91.226
- Kenmore West HS 90.447

Girls Soccer
- Medina HS 97.017
- Ellicottville Central School 96.325
- Albion HS 95.757
- City Honors School 95.702
- East Aurora HS 95.331
- Portville HS 95.323
- Frontier HS 95.291
- Clarence HS 95.286
- Lancaster HS 95.268
Girls Swimming

Frontier HS  97.270
Southwestern HS  97.125
Hamburg HS  96.855
Williamsville North HS  96.382
Williamsville East HS  96.026
Clarence HS  95.870
Depew HS  95.725
Cheektowaga HS  95.191
Niagara-Wheatfield HS  94.909
Alden HS  94.880
East Aurora HS  94.817
Holland HS  94.800
West Seneca West HS  94.774
Porvville HS  94.469
Lancaster HS  94.298
Lewisport Port HS  94.215
Jamestown HS  94.207
Lockport HS  94.182
North Tonawanda HS  94.182
Orchard Park HS  94.075
Kenmore East HS  93.625
Eden HS  93.582
Brocton HS  93.550
Sweet Home HS  93.511
West Seneca East HS  93.139
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Dunkirk HS  90.977
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Salamanca HS  90.100
Springville HS  90.001

Dates to Remember 2006

Jan. 18  Athletic Council & Exec Comm meetings, 10:30 am at Danny's South Restaurant, Orchard Park
Jan. 23  Post season meeting for fall sports – Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd West Seneca
Jan. 27-28  State Executive Committee Meeting, The Saratoga, Saratoga Springs
Jan. 27  Lacrosse Coaching Clinic at SUNY Cortland
Jan. 24-27  Regents Examinations
Feb. 3  Softball Coaching Clinic at Binghamton University
Feb. 7  Finance Committee Meeting – Section VI office
Feb. 8  Citizenship Through Athletics Instructors Certification Course - Albany
Feb. 12  Section VI Tennis Coaching Clinic at Southtowns Tennis Club - see p. 8
Feb. 15  Executive Committee Meeting, Distance Learning sites TBA
March 1  Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting, Distance Learning
March 1  Deadline for All-WNY Winter Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
March 1  Section VI office open for Photo ID's until 6:00 pm by appointment only
March 1  Good Sports Assessments to League
March 3  Baseball Coaching Clinic at Hall of Fame, Cooperstown
March 3  Deadline for Winter Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications
March 22  Athletic Council & Exec Comm meetings, 10:30 am at Danny's South Restaurant, Orchard Park
March 15-18  NYSSAA Annual Conference at the Saratoga Hotel
March 24-25  XC/Track & Field Coaching Clinic at Radisson Hotel, Utica
March 24  Field Hockey Coaching Clinic at Radisson Hotel, Utica
Randolph Girls Win State Volleyball Title
(excerpted from the Buffalo News 11/20/05)

Randolph figured it had the talent during the off-season to make a run at a state in girls volleyball. As it turns out, the Cardinals were right as they captured their first Class D title, beating Section 1’s Haldane, 21-25, 25-14, 25-15, 25-13, November 19, 2005 at Oneonta State. Randolph closed the season with 25 straight wins after opening with a four-game loss to Class AA school and Section VI semifinalist Jamestown.

“It’s awesome,” said senior Erica Adams, who finished with 15 kills. “We had a great team. We played awesome together. We just stuck together.” Junior Kaitlin Erdmann finished with 24 kills, while sophomore Hillary Wadsworth had 35 assists and 15 service points. The Randolph Girls Volleyball team is coached by Robin Maycock.

STATS
Randolph Pool Play Results: 6 - 0
Randolph finished 29 – 1; 14 – 0 in CCAA Division II
League MVP and 1st Team All Western NY (small school) – Kaitlin Erdmann

Section VI Gymnasts Shine at State Competition

The 2005 NY State Team had another impressive year winning yet another NY State championship at the NY State Gymnastics competition at SUNY Brockport in November. This is the third consecutive time that the Section 6 team has won the State title. Section 6 always fields a well talented and strong team, representing Western NY at the state level.

Williamsville South’s Keith Stumpf prides himself every year as being one of the best gymnasts, not only in WNY, but in the entire state. He has the tools and the experience to become a top gymnast at the state and national level. Keith is always focused and ready for new challenges that lie ahead. He has a great attitude and is considered a leader on the team. In the 2005 season Keith who is coached by Joe Buscaglia, was the Section 6 all-round champion. He also earned a sectional title in the floor exercise, setting a new section 6 event record with a score of 9.8. Proving he was one of the top gymnasts in the State, Keith won the 2005 NY State all-around title in addition to the NY State title on the floor exercise and high bar. On the floor exercise, he tied the NY State floor exercise event record with a score of 9.75. Keith has earned the right to compete at the 2005-06 High School National Gymnastics competition. Nationals will be held this upcoming May in St. Petersburg, Florida. Good Luck Keith in representing NY State at the National level!

Also turning in a strong performance was Williamsville North’s Jarred Forman, the 2004 Section 6 all-around champion. Jarred placed third in the all-around at the NY state championships, second on the pommel horse, second on rings, and second on the vault. Congratulations to the Section 6 gymnasts!!

Junior Golf Tournament

The WNYPGA and AutoZone are sponsoring a Junior Golf Tour that offers a friendly yet competitive environment for boys and girls from ages 10-18 at 12 sites throughout Western New York. Players can compete on a season-long points system or participate in only those that they choose, and AutoZone generously distributes college scholarships to qualified applicants. Golf coaches generally encourage their team members to participate in any golf events that they can in preparation for their school’s golf season, and this “tour” is surely something that they would find beneficial.

The dates are all Saturdays & Sundays beginning 4/29/06 and running through 6/11/06. Locations in Section 6 include: Sunday 5/7 Holiday Valley (Ellicottville), Saturday 5/13 Rothland GC (Akron), Saturday 5/20 Shelridge CC (Medina), Saturday 6/3 Niagara County GC (Lockport). All applicable information, including the application, complete schedule of events, and tour outline are available at westernnewyork.pga.com or by contacting Joe Bertino, WNYPGA Tournament Director at the WNYPGA Section Office, (716) 626-0603, jbertino@pgahq.com, or agary@pgahq.com (Amanda Gary, Junior Tour Administrator).
Randolph Cardinals Sweep State Football Championship

Excerpted from an article by Trae Rogers

The Randolph Central Cardinal Football team made their route to winning the New York State Class D Championship look easy. They reached a perfect record of 13-0 completing a perfect season (7-0) and perfect playoff season (6-0). During the playoffs, they dominated the scoreboard with the offense scoring 201 points and the defense holding the opponents to a total of 13 points.

At Ralph Wilson Stadium, the Cardinals were able to shut out the Ellicottville Eagles 21-0 for the Section 6 Class D crown. They overtook the Elba Lancers of Section 5 for the Far-Western regional title at St. John Fisher College stadium, where they posted a score of 28-0 after the first quarter and then beat the Lancers 42-7. The Cardinals racked up 466 total yards, all of them on the ground.

The Cardinals went on to the face the number 3 ranked team in the state, the Deposit Lumberjacks, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse for the state semi-finals. They manhandled the Lumberjacks 28-0 extending their perfect season to 12-0 and reaching the state title game.

The Randolph Cardinals proved beyond a doubt that they deserved the number one state ranking that they had for most of the year at the state finals where they faced number two ranked Cambridge. Two touchdown passes from Rogers to Blake Morrison and three running touchdowns by Jeff Durow were the offensive highlights. And again, the Cardinals were a dominating defense … they sacked Spencer Luke four times. Morrison led with none tackles, Tim McElwain added seven tackles with additional sacks by Durow, Dustin Poitras, David Everts and Mike Seiberg. The Cardinals, coached by Pat Slater, won the Class D Championship Title with a score of 35-6. Honors awarded were: Durow MVP, Pat Oyer- most valuable offensive lineman, Jackson- most valuable offensive back, Brooks Morrison – most valuable defensive back, Matt Ring – sportsmanship and special congratulations is due to Coach Pat Slater who was selected as the Buffalo Bills Coach of the year. Congratulations Randolph!!

On a final note, the Randolph offense scored 35 points in the state Championship game. Randolph’s defense allowed all 13 opponents throughout the season a total of 35 points!

East Aurora Girls are Simply the best!
(excerpted from the Buffalo News 11/13/05)

The East Aurora girls cross country team is a perfect 10. The reward: its first state championship. The Blue Devils’ 10th invitational win of the season turned out to be their biggest triumph as they captured the New York State Class B championship On November 12, 2005 in Queensbury, edging Honeoye Falls-Lima of Section V, 53-63. The win enabled East Aurora to gain a measure of revenge against old friend Honeoye, which edged the Blue Devils, 55-56, for the state crown last year. East Aurora went 10-0 in invitational this season.

Although Honeoye’s Liz Deir won the overall race and teammate Audrey Mangan placed fourth, the Blue Devils’ depth proved to be the difference in helping head coach Walt McLaughlin win his first state title, according to girls Section 6 Chairman Jim Zubler. Sarah Moser placed 10th in 19:13.7 for EA, while teammates Kirsten Weberg (17th), Marla Kelley (20th), Jenna Hulton (21st) and Erin Crawford (31st) all ran outstanding races. The Blue Devils’ sixth and seventh runners, Ellen Duane and Tara O’Connor, finished 58th and 59th, better than HF-L’s fifth runner who came in 60th. The top five finishers for each team count toward a team’s score, and HF-L runners came in 1-4-19-33-60.

“The entire team ran awesome today, right from our first to our seventh girls,” McLaughlin said. “Everyone did their job and it was a great win. HF-L had won the previous seven years in a row, and they’re a real class act.

It was really an honor to beat a team so good. It was an honor for our kids.” Congratulations to Coach McLaughlin on being awarded the Section 6 Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year!

Pictured are (front row L-R): Erin Crawford (F), Kirsten Weberg (F), Tara O’Connor (S), (back row L-R): Jenna Hulton (S), Sarah Mosser (SR captain), Marla Kelley (JR), Ellen Duane (SR), Coach Walt McLaughlin

GIRLS TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
Undefeated Season: 6-0 dual meet and 7 invitationals
ECIC division and Overall Team Champions
Section 6 Class B and Overall Section 6 Class Champions
New York State Class B Champions
New York State Scholar Athlete Team

Lancers 42-7. The Cardinals racked up 466 total yards, all of them on the ground.
Reminder from the Transportation Committee

School districts are reminded that for the remainder of the school year, districts will need to make their own transportation arrangements to state competition for sports if their team qualifies. Districts will be reimbursed by the Section for this expense. The Section will continue to provide buses for individual sports such as track and field. This policy was approved by the Executive Committee in November due to the lack of availability of coach buses. The Transportation Committee will be meeting in the near future to review Section policies on transportation to state competition.

Centralized Payment of Sports Officials

The pilot program launched by Erie I BOCES in cooperation with Section VI for centralized payment of sports officials by Erie I BOCES was successful for girls soccer. The pilot is currently underway for winter sports. Boys Basketball and Indoor Track officials will receive one paycheck from Erie I BOCES for all contests worked in the pilot districts and all league meets worked within a monthly pay period. Track and Field will be the pilot sport for spring. The web-based software approved by the Section to facilitate this program is League Minder. The pilot districts currently include Alden, Akron, Hinsdale, Kenmore and Olean.

When fully operational, centralized payment of sports officials through Erie I BOCES will include all sports and will be open to all Section VI member districts who wish to participate. All sports officials will then receive one monthly paycheck for all contests worked at participating member schools. This program complies with SED regulations regarding Board of Cooperative Educational Services entitling districts who participate to state aid for the cost of this system for the 2005-06 school year, your district must participate in the pilot program for central payment of officials through Erie 1 BOCES for the spring sport of track and field.

If your district is interested in participating in this pilot program, Erie 1 BOCES will forward a cross-contract to your office for completion. The completed contract must be returned to BOCES and the funds to cover the costs of the officials fees must be escrowed with BOCES prior to the start of the track season on March 1. Note that there are no BOCES service charges for participation in this pilot program.

Reminder to Districts That Are Current Subscribers to Leagueminder:

Superintendents and Business Managers were reminded in a recent memo that in order to receive state aid for the cost of this system for the 2005-06 school year, your district must participate in the pilot program for central payment of officials through Erie 1 BOCES for the spring sport of track and field.

To participate in the pilot, your athletic office must have received the on-line training from LeagueMinder and be an active user of the system, all home track and field meets for your district must be scheduled in the LeagueMinder system and all the certified officials assigned to these meets must be entered by league assignor (or designee) prior to February 15.

Please contact the Section VI office at 821-7299 or cszczesny@e1b.org by January 15 if your district is interested in participating in the pilot program.

Section VI Directory 2005-06 Updates

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

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5 Softball Co-Chairs: Mark Kruzynski, Medina HS, (W) 585-798-2710 x2317, (H/C) 474-3263 and Larry Lash, Wilson HS (W) 751-9341, (H) 778-8038, (C) 998-8038
14 Allegany-Limestone: Athletic Secretary: Libby Stanton, lstanton@alli.wnyric.org
14 Barker: email address suffix changed to @barkeresd.net
21 Falconer Athletic Director Steve Penhollow: Extension is 4282, (Cell) 450-0317
26 Iroquois Senior High Principal: Dennis Kenney
28 Lake Shore Indoor Track coach (B&G): Jennifer Philaron
28 Lake Shore Superintendent: Jeffrey Rabey, jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org
29 Lewport: Athletic Directors Scott Rabey, (S) 754-8281 x2212, townsens@lew-port.com and Brian Gunby gunbyb@lew-port.com
31 Medina Athletic Director: Mark Kruzynski, 474-3263 (H/C), mkruzynski@medinacsd.org
38 South Park HS Principal: Patricia Thomas
38 Southwestern: Soccer (B) Sean Swan-Leuze, Volleyball (G) Brandy Ormond
41 Westfield High School Principal: John Peterson
43 Baseball Catt Co. Umpires: Email for G. Casey Jones: garyjones112@adelphia.net
43 Lockport Umpires new president: Tony Nemi
44 IAABO #121 Basketball Official Girls Assignor: Gary Casey Jones garyjones112@adelphia.net
48 NYSCSO James. Swimming Officials Group #27: Cherril Castle, President, 484-8101 (H), 103 Bush St., Jamestown 14701 cherril1@juno.com
Tennis Coaching Clinic Offered

Section VI will be presenting a Clinic for Tennis Coaches and Physical Education Instructors, Sunday, February 12th, 2006 from 12:30-5:00 at South Towns Tennis Club, 75 Mid County Drive, Orchard Park, New York 14127 (716-662-9396). The clinic will include warm-up and conditioning drills sports specific for tennis; skills instruction on the modern forehand, backhand, serve, and volley; singles and doubles strategy including specific drills demonstrating the strategy; and a drill exchange including cooperative and competitive drills.

This clinic will help expose coaches and instructors to new developments in the sport. A representative from USTA will be present to inform participants of free in-school programs. The cost of the clinic is $50.00 for those registering on or before February 3rd. Thereafter the fee will be $60.00. Complete the following registration form and submit with registration fee to South Towns Tennis Club as indicated. If you wish to participate in drills, please dress appropriately and bring your tennis racquet.

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SOUTH TOWNS TENNIS CLUB
75 Mid County Drive, Orchard Park, NY 14127 / 716-662-9396 / fax: 716-662-0305

Registration Form
Tennis Coaches and Physical Education Instructors Tennis Clinic
Sunday, February 12, 2006

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________ State: _________________ Zip:________
Phone No. _____________________________________________________________
E-mail Address: _________________________________________________________
School: ________________________________________________________________

Submit this registration form and checks (payable to South towns Tennis Club) to:
South Towns Tennis Club, 75 Mid County Drive, Orchard Park, NY 14127

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Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the following Section VI positions:
Superintendents Representative to the Central Committee: Mark Ward’s term ends Aug. 31, 2005.
Section VI President – Elect
Fall Sportchair positions: Terms expire June 30, 2006
All Sportchairs have the option to run for another 3-year term.

Current nominations include Mark Ward for re-appointment. Please forward nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd. West Seneca, NY 14224 or cszczesny@e1b.org. Thank you!
Models of Sportsmanship in Action - Fall

The seasonal ALL-WNY Good Sports selections (see p. 11) recognize the very best we have to offer. These athletes are members of respective teams that have been recognized for their exemplary conduct as well. Those student athletes recognized will receive a certificate and an ALL-WNY Sportsmanship patch.

Random Acts of Good Sportsmanship

Each of us at one time or another has recognized individual acts by players, coaches, and officials that we deem noteworthy. Take the time, forward information noting such to sportsmanship coordinator, Douglas Ames so that he might recognize these individuals for who they are and what they represent.

Supersports – “Always a Winner”

Every community has people who proudly support our local athletes. Over the past four years, Section VI has honored such individuals at a half-time presentation, community booster meeting, or end of the year banquet. Several schools that have done so include: Akron, City Honors, Jamestown, Olean, Silver Creek, Southwestern, and Williamsville East. It’s a great way to say thank you to those people for their unselfish support. If you know someone who should be recognized as a “Supersport”, please forward their name to Sportsmanship coordinator Douglas Ames at Newfane.

Time out for a sport thought…?

As a Coach, what can you do to instill the “spirit” of play in your players? Parents? Fans? Administrators?

Do you ever set aside some part of your practice for activities that are pure “fun”?

What are the most significant threats to the spirit of play in sports?

Can you distinguish between the threats that come from the very nature of competition and those that come from external sources?

New York Good Sport Program

- Assessments forms will be posted on the Association website.
- In January each sportsmanship coordinator will receive an email from Lloyd Mott at NYSPHSAA to remind us to notify schools to complete the assessment online.
- Schools believing they deserve consideration for Section or State recognition will indicate by checking a box on the form.
- Please understand that all documentation MUST be sent to Section VI Coordinator as a hard copy.
- Upon submission, the assessment will go to the Association database. Each Section Coordinator will have access to school’s entries.
- Timelines:
  - April 15th all assessments are to submitted.
  - May 10th Section Coordinators forward to the Association, along with documentation
  - June 1st Section plaques will be ordered for delivery to coordinators
  - PRIOR to May 30th the selection committee will convene to choose the banner schools.

Putting Sports in Perspective

As you have heard many times, coaches are moral educators, if not by explicit instruction then at least by the habits you instill and the examples you set. The game, however, has a power not only to uplift and encourage, it can depress and ultimately destroy if not kept in perspective. Consider the sad case of a former major league pitcher whose life spiraled downward after giving up the big homer in the playoffs, or the former pro football player whose life ended in suicide. Coaches have a tremendous responsibility in this regard “what really matters most”. As educators first, we must figure out how to do this in such a way that we never let our players forget that no pitch, no inning, no dropped pass, a missed foul shot, or no game, is…pardon the sports metaphor, “the whole ball game” or to use the standard expression, “It’s only a game.” Everyone knows it’s a game, but we need to state the obvious because it’s easy to become so absorbed in the game that we forget the obvious. We as coaches need to remind our players how lucky they are to be able to play, to be able to pursue this unique kind of excellence for at least a small part of their high school careers.
# ALL-WNY INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP
## FALL 2005

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IT’S OFFICIAL...
by Tom Cowan, Section VI, Officials Coordinator (821-7094)

- During the fall of 2005, several sections across the state experimented with policy changes concerning red and multiple yellow card violations in soccer. It’s no secret that sportsmanship issues relating to both boys and girls soccer have been a priority concern throughout the country. Section 6 adopted a much stricter policy for multiple yellow card violations. Data collected by coaches and officials is currently being evaluated to determine the impact on the game in general. The outcome of this evaluation and possible recommendations for the 2006 season will be posted in the near future.

- The National Federation of High School Officials recently unveiled a multimedia campaign addressing the growing problems of steroid use at the high school level. It contains two 12-minute videos, one directed toward coaches and the other towards parents. The NFHS is very upbeat concerning the early support of the program entitled “Making the Right Choice”. For more information, visit the website www.nfhs.org/steroids.

- The need for new scholastic level sports officials has never been more obvious. I urge coaches, athletic administrators and educators to take a moment to see how you might help … well placed classroom comments, local newspaper articles or simply posting directions to the Section website for contact information: www.section6.wnyric.org … click on officials … then click on training

- Basic negotiating guidelines set up by the State OCF indicate January 2006 as the official starting time for serious negotiations. As in the past, I need your input on contractual items that you believe need addressing. Please take some time to refresh yourself with the document. It can be found on the Section 6 website http://www.section6.wnyric.org/. Click on Officials, then on Officials Contract with Section VI, then on Contract Click on A,B,C,D,E,F or G to access those appendices. I would appreciate your comments and/or concerns prior to January 31. Contact me at the Section office 821-7094 or email cszczesny@e1b.org. I will consider a “no reply” as general satisfaction with the existing document. Thank you in advance for your assistance.