CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLAR/ATHLETES AND STATE CHAMPS!!

NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS
WINTER 2008 STATE CHAMPIONS

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SECTION VI 2008 WINTER SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS
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Teams Sports
Boys Basketball Class B – Olean
Boys Basketball Class C – Maple Grove

Individual Sports
Boys Diving: Shawn Hoffman - N. Tonawanda 498.10
Girls Shot Put: Melissa Kurzdofer - Lancaster 44-04.5’
Wrestling Division II: 112 # Rob Broda - Eden

Bowling
High Series Boys: Nick Morrissey – West Seneca East 1452
High Game Boys: Derrick Geschwender - West Seneca East 279
High Series Girls: Gina Maduri - Tonawanda 1304

All-Star Team: Section 6 Team - Savannah Zientara-Lew-Port, Jenna Geiger-Lockport, Corey Bernard-Cheektowaga, Chelsea Dustin-W.Seneca East, Ally Harvey-Frontier, Jacqueline Willy-Clarence

Ripley Receives NYSPHSAA Good Sports Award
Leo Kaminsky, Section VI Girls Basketball Chairperson, accepted the Dr. Sandra Scott Good Sports award for Ripley Central at the girls basketball state tournament this year. This is the second time in the history of the state award that a Section VI team has won. Previously, Allegany had won it in 1991. The entire Section salutes the Ripley school community in representing us well.

Pictured L to R: Jack Whelan (Officials’ Rep.), Leo Kaminsky, and Eileen Troy (State Coordinator Girls Basketball)
**NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE**

**BREAKING NEWS**

**NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting**
- NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting on September 1st.
- To permit one entry for Class AA 950-up, Class A 550-949, Class B 325-549, Class C 193-324, Class D 192.
- To announce the selection of Todd Nelson as NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. Todd is the Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at Herkimer Schools (Section III). Todd has been extensively involved in the Section III Athletic Council and NYSSAA.
- Lloyd Mott will begin his work as President beginning next school year.

**APPROVED**
- From the May 2, 2008
- NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
- Outdoor Track & Field - To permit one entry for Division I and one entry for Division II when the qualifying standard has been met.
- Boys Lacrosse - A variation of cut off numbers: Class A 1100 & up, Class B 650 – 1099, Class C 649 & below.
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee - Approval of Murphee Hayes as the coordinator.
- Sport Coordinators Appointments: Kathy Ferrari (girls bowling), Wayne Inman (boys bowling), Jim Amen (boys lacrosse assistant), Jamie Harter (girls bowling assistant).
- Boys Soccer - Overtime procedure: Regular season - two 10 min. sudden victory Periods. Sectionals & beyond—two 15 min. sudden victory then penalty kicks. If still tied in State Championship Game only co-champions will be declared after the two sudden victory periods.
- Girls Soccer - Overtime procedure: Regular season - two 10 min. periods played fully. Sectionals & beyond—two 10 min. periods played fully then two 5 min sudden victory periods, then penalty kicks. If still tied in State Championship Game only co-champions will be declared after the two sudden victory periods.
- Girls & Boys Swimming – Approval to use the 30th place preliminary time at the NYSPHSAA Championship meet to develop the qualifying time for individual events and the 15th place preliminary time for relay events.
- Girls Volleyball - The Championship Finals will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday.
- Wrestling - A wrestler may compete twice in a regular dual meet under specific situations pertaining to forfeits and exhibition matches.
- 2008-2009 Championship - Girls Swimming @ Erie Community College, Boys Swimming & Diving @ Nassau Aquatic Center, Boys and Girls Bowling @ Gates Bowl and Softball at Waterloo High School. Girls Volleyball will be November 15-16, 2008.
- 2008-2009 Classification Numbers – The cut off numbers will remain the same for next school year; Class AA 950-up, Class A 550-949, Class B 325-549, Class C 193-324, Class D 192.

**FUTURE CHANGES — BE PREPARED**

**Field Hockey** — Rule clarification—if undershirts are worn - they must be white in color for the home team and dark in color for the away team. In 2011 home uniforms will be required to be white. Away uniforms can be black or dark in color. Classification numbers will remain the same.

**ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Point Of Emphasis** - All safety related equipment required for competition should be worn in all “practice sessions”. Examples include but are not limited to: mouth guards, goggles, ear guards and shin guards. Jewelry should not be worn in practice.

**Sports Records** - Coordinators are reminded to send in any new records at the conclusion of the season.

**Permission For Special Accommodations**
- School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Permission for Special Accommodations policy to ensure all students in need of religious or physical accommodations are reviewed and approved prior to any competition. Please contact Assistant Director Lloyd Mott.

**Fueling Sports Performance DVD** – The NFHS has partnered with Gatorade to provide a free video which aims to educate high school coaches on the performance benefits of hydration, how dehydration can affect health and performance and what to do in an emergency situation. The free video is available online at www.nfhslearn.com as part of the NFHS Coaches Education Program.

**Concussion Management** - Any school interested in purchasing the ImPACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSSAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

**Risk Management DVD** - The NFHS and NCAA have joined to produce a Risk Management DVD. The two part DVD can be shown to parents & students to highlight the need to take responsibility for one’s safety. Part II targets administrators and coaches focusing on the 14 duties involved in interscholastic athletic programs. The DVD can be purchased on our online store for a cost of $34.95.

**Sanctioning** - When traveling out of state for an athletic contest please contact Lloyd Mott or Barb Hennessey in the NYSPHSAA office to give notice or to determine if the event is properly sanctioned.

**On Line Coaching Courses** - The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses online - an asynchronous web-based program. Go to www.cortland.edu/physed for registration information.
Nominations Being Accepted

Section VI President-Elect. **Principals Representative** to the Central Committee and all Winter Sport Chairperson positions are currently open for nominations. The President-Elect will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Principals Representative will serve a term of four years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Principals Representative will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The President-Elect will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Principals Representative will serve a term of four years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Principals Representative will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The President-Elect will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Principals Representative will serve a term of four years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Principals Representative will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The President-Elect will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008.

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Section VI Hosts Life of an Athlete Year 4

Erie 1 BOCES in West Seneca was the site of the Life of an Athlete Year 4: Selecting and Training Student Athlete Leaders. Athletic Directors and students numbered close to 300 on April 28 to hear the presentations by Mr. John Underwood, Founder and Director of the American Athletic Institute. The workshop was conducted in cooperation with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and the NYS Chemical Health Committee. The students who attended were selected based on their outstanding leadership qualities and will now act as a student trainer to train team leaders in their home school districts.

The Life of an Athlete program developer, John Underwood has been working on developing this phase of the program for over one year. Realizing that today’s athletes face unprecedented social and behavioral issues, we have developed a detailed process for choosing potential leaders. Additionally, significant tasks and duties are assigned for individuals who choose to serve as team leaders. Underwood stated, “We have seen a significant number of incidents involving both drug use and out of character behaviors as well as criminal acts, committed by team leaders in recent years. There seems to be a trend toward pack mentality in sport that has greatly diminished the ability of individuals to impact teams and teammates”. In light of the recent string of high level scandals in world of sport, it is important that at this developmental and impressionable level of high school athletics, we are proactive in regard to educational prevention and intervention programs. Developing leaders is a difficult task and even more difficult, is to find potential leaders among the masses. If we can find and train leaders, they can have an impact on their peers. The Life of an Athlete program has been shared with the State Public High School Athletic Association and the NYS Chemical Health Committee.

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Central Management and Assigning of Officials – TheArbiter

Section VI is nearing the end of the first year of coordinating the efforts of centralized management and assigning of sports officials through TheArbiter.

In the North, where officials are shared by multiple leagues, the following sports were successfully auto-assigned by the Section VI office: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling and Swimming, Girls Lacrosse, some Softball and Track. Reassignments were handled by league assigners.

In the South, sports assigners successfully used TheArbiter to assign Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball (Catt), Baseball and Softball. Both manual and auto-assigning techniques were used. Cross Country, Track, Basketball (Chaut), and Wrestling assigners are being trained and will be on board for the 2008-09 seasons.

The focus now is in federated sports and sectional competition. Boys Lacrosse was auto-assigned by NFLOA Assigner Mike Roberts. Football and ice hockey officials have been entered into the system and will be required to register online in the near future. All football assignments will be entered into the system by the football assigners. The Section will be reviewing loading ice hockey and indoor track schedules into the system as well as assignments. In addition, the soccer chairpersons will pilot the effort to get sectional contests and assignments into TheArbiter.

All assigners are to be commended for their efforts and accomplishments!! Sincere thanks are extended to all parties involved in this project for their assistance, cooperation and patience as we move forward with a mutually beneficial method of Central Management of officials.

Reminder of Requirements

Officials: All Section 6 sports officials must have an email address and sign-in to the Section 6 account on TheArbiter. All assignments for Section VI sports in Section 6 will be made using ONLY the officials that are signed-in to TheArbiter. All fall officials must sign-in and update their availability on TheArbiter by May 23 in order to receive assignments!!!

Assigners: All sub-assigners for officials organizations must verify their rosters and rankings in TheArbiter and notify the Section office of any updates required for their season before assigning begins. All assigners must comply with the following timeline for 2008-09.

Athletic Directors: Comply with the following timeline for 2008-09 sport schedules:

2008-2009 SECTION 6 TIMELINE FOR SCHEDULES AND ASSIGNMENTS

NOTE: The dates for Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties are 2 weeks delayed.

* Dates in the timeline for officials are standard across the Section.

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Congratulations to the
NYSAAA 2008 AWARD WINNERS

Section VI congratulates the New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) award winners for 2008! The Chapter 6 Executive Board, an affiliate of NYSAAA, made the following selections for the 2008 awards which were presented on Friday March 14th at the 2008 NYSAAA Conference Awards Banquet in Saratoga Springs.

Athletic Administrator – Art Mohagen

Art Mohagen has been a fixture in athletics in the Allegany Country over the last four decades. He began his teaching career at Allegany Central School as an art educator in 1971. It is that subject that he has taught for the last 37 years.

Art graduated from Towson High School Maryland in 1967. He received his B.A. from the University of Maryland in 1971 and his Masters Degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1974.

Art has coached basketball at a variety of different levels for the last 34 years. He obtained the magical 100 wins plateau in 1989 as the boys varsity basketball coach. In 1991, Art assumed the duties of Director of Athletics, a position he still holds today. In 1992, he was selected as the teacher of the year. In 2004, he was inducted into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame.

As Art reflects back on his career, he can take great pride in the fact that he was intricately involved with the merger of Allegany Central Schools and Limestone Central Schools to form the new Allegany-Limestone School System in 1995. Art states “this was a very rewarding part of my career watching the two communities unite together to form one. It is truly something that I will never forget”. In 2001, Art organized and started the Allegany-Limestone Athletic Wall of Fame.

Art and his wife of 36 years Sally, have four children, Julie, Mary, Arthur and Katie. We, in Chapter VI, congratulate Art on an outstanding career and we are proud to honor him with the NYSAAA Athletic Administrator Award for 2008.

Distinguished Service - Jim Walker

Jim Walker has worked tirelessly in Section VI and the Niagara Frontier League to improve the athletic experience over the last 41 years.

As a graduate of Lewiston Porter High school, Jim returned to his alma mater to teach and coach after an award winning career as a basketball player at the University of Buffalo. During his career at Lew-Port, Jim coached basketball for 33 years, football for 8 years and baseball for 5 years. In 1990 Jim assumed the duties of Section VI Boys Basketball Chairperson, a position he still holds today. The basketball playoffs have grown immensely both in popularity and financially under his leadership.

Since his retirement at Lewiston Porter in 2003, Jim has performed the duties of Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the Niagara Frontier League. Under his leadership, the N.F.L. now is fully automated with the development of schedules and the selection of officials. His experience and guidance have proved to be invaluable to the league.

On the behalf of the many children that Jim has positively affected in his years of service, and with great pride, Chapter VI has recognized Jim Walker with the 2008 Distinguished Service Award.

Community Service – IAABO Board #121

For the past 30+ years, this organization has well served the student-athletes and schools in Section VI and in particular Cattaraugus County. A big tradition in the southern tier is the annual IAABO Holiday Boys and Girls Basketball Classic. This tournament sponsored by Board #121 is held each year at St. Bonaventure University during the Christmas holidays. It is a basketball showcase and one of the finest run tournaments in the area. Each year 8 boys teams and 4 girls teams are invited for the 2 day event held at Division I college site SBU. The organization and awards presented at the tournament are first class and make for a great experience for all involved. Proceeds from this event are used by the Board to give out many annual scholarships to college bound Cattaraugus County student-athletes.

Board #121 has also sponsored the Cattaraugus County Exceptional Senior Basketball Game for 30+ years. This game is held at the end of each basketball season and showcases many of our outstanding senior boys and girls from the area. The Board provides each player with a complimentary team shirt and award trophies for both players and coaches. Proceeds from this event are also used to provide scholarship awards to college bound student-athletes.

The working relationship between the IAABO Board #121 and the Cattaraugus County member schools has been outstanding over the years. Long-time board #121 members Joe DeCerbo and Casey Jones are to be commended for their leadership and dedication to this fine organization. It is with great pleasure that Chapter Six and the NYSAAA were able to present this “community service aware” to IAABO Board #121 Cattaraugus County Basketball Officials.

Judith Maertens Award - Kristen Heckman, East Aurora Union Free School District

Kristen Heckman is completing her tenth year as secretary in the Health, Physical Education and Athletic office for the East Aurora Schools. Originally from Western NY, (she and Timm Slade, West Seneca AD, were kindergarten classmates) Kris and her family migrated out west, but she returned to NY and ended up working in the library of the Iroquois Schools. When East Aurora first established an administrative office to oversee HPE and A, Kris moved into her current position where she has served as a key figure in the operations of the department. Whether it be creating and maintaining the athletic website, overseeing the closed circuit television system or designing the power point “jumbtron” presentation used for the EA Hall of Fame induction, Kris is always willing and able to address any task regardless of its complexity. Throughout the East Aurora School District, Kris is respected by students, staff and faculty and sought out for her assistance on projects above and beyond those in the HPE and A department. Kris and her husband, Bruce, reside in West Seneca.
Congratulations Gene Masters!!!!

NYSPHSAA has informed Section VI that Gene J. Masters has been selected for induction into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. His generous contributions to high school athletics in New York State have separated him from his colleagues in the field of coaching. Gene is one of six individuals selected for induction into the 2008 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting banquet at the Rye Town Hilton in Rye Brook scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2008. Congratulations to Mr. Masters for this outstanding achievement!! Look to the September newsletter for a full report.

The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame has been made possible by the generous support from Pupil Benefits, Inc.

Section VI Bowlers Score High at State Competition

The boys bowling team from West Seneca East High School, the girls team from Tonawanda High School and 12 All Stars Bowlers listed below, traveled to White Plains New York on February 29 – March 2, 2008 to compete in the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship.

The Tonawanda girls were winners of the Bronze medals. The team coached by Jerry Frizell, included Gina Maduri, Samantha Marcaccio, Erin McDonald, Dawn Carter, Casey Leibert, Heather Shriber, and Trista Davis. Gina Maduri won the State Individual Girls Bowling Championship with a new state record 3 game series of 747 on games of 235, 269, and 243. Her winning 6 game total was 1304. Gina also won the Section VI Individual Championship with a game total of 290/781 set. She had a winning total of 1382 for a 6 game total and the high average in ECIC with 205. Gina's additional accomplishments include holding school records for High Average 208.7 and High Series of 781 and being the first female bowler in school history to have a perfect 300 game. A senior at Tonawanda High School, Gina plans on bowling for Erie Community College where she will pursue a career in sport's management. Gina was also a member of the NYS scholar athlete team for winter 2007-2008.

The boys from West Seneca East won Silver Medals and established a new state record three game total of 3481. The record they beat was 3464 set by Maryvale in 2003. Nick Morrissey led his team with a first place 6-game set of 1452 for which he received a gold medal. Derrick Geschwender won a high game medal with a 279. The West Seneca East team total for the day was 6406 placing 2nd behind East ISLIP Section 11 with a total of 6452. 3rd place was Mohonasen Div 2, with 6226.  The team members included John Truslow, Josh Broad, Derrick Geschwender, Nick Morrissey, Branden Simone and Brandon Herale coached by Justin Megenhagen.

The Section 6 All-star girls team won Gold Medals leading the competition the entire way. Savannah Zientara led the team with a second place finish with a six-game total of 1269. The team members were Jenna Geiger- Lockport, Corey Bernard-Cheektowaga, Chelsea Dustin- West Seneca East, Ally Harvey-Frontier, Jacqueline Willy- Clarence, and Savannah Zientara- Lewiston Porter. Jenna Geiger was also awarded a medal for third high single 238. Coaches were John Zloty and Dan Kaplan-Cheektowaga, Ally Harvey and Nick Morrissey were awarded All-state sportsmanship awards.

The Section 6 All-star boys team finished in sixth place Justin Garus -Amherst, Andrew Gonciarz –Maryvale, Kevin Alajko – Depew, James Golubski- Silver Creek, Dan Darnley - Frontier, Adam Jozwiak-Lockport. Their coach was William Morrissy, West Seneca East.

112# Division 2
State Title
Claimed by Rob Broda, Eden

Accomplishments of Rob Broda, 2 year Captain of Eden High School Wrestling Team

• 40 - 3 (School Record) 134 - 33 Career
• Undefeated in League Duels
• 1st at Lew-Port and Williamsville North (Most Outstanding Wrestler)
• Undefeated at Gowanda Duels
• 3rd at STOWA
• 2nd at ECIC Championships
• 1st at AA Divisionals (Most Outstanding Wrestler)
• 1st at A/AA Sectionals
• Ilio DiPaolo’s Most Outstanding Wrestler Award
• 07/08 NYSPHAA State Champion (1st in School History)
• 06/07 - 6th in the State
• 05/06 - 5th in the State
• 07 - State Champ in Freestyle and State Champ in Greco
• 06 - 3rd in the State in Freestyle and State Champion in Greco
• 05 - 3rd in the State in both Freestyle and Greco

Rob plans on attending Alfred State University and majoring in Architectural Engineering. He also volunteers his time at the Eden's Kids Club, teaches Religion on Sundays, and enjoys playing guitar.

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(Gina Maduri)

(West Seneca East: Bottom L-R - Josh Broad, Nick Morrissey, Branden Simone; Top L-R - Mr. Mergenhagen, Brandon Herale, John Truslow and Derrick Geschwender.)

Nick Morrissey
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Olean Takes Class B Boys Basketball State Championship

Submitted by Coach Jeff Anastasia

The Olean Boys’ Varsity Basketball Team completed their season with a record of 25 wins and 3 losses. Along the way they won the 16th annual O.H.S. Tip-off Tournament, the Large School IAABO Tournament held at St. Bonaventure University, the B1 Sectional Title defeating Akron 57-51, the overall B Title defeating City Honors 66-51, the Western Regional Title defeating Charlotte 56-54, the State Semi-final game defeating Chenango Valley 50-39, and the Class B State Championship game defeating Malverne 63-53.

They won their seventh consecutive league title with an undefeated record of 12-0 and currently have a 47 game win streak in the league.

They won the most games in Boys’ Basketball history, winning 25 and won 23 games in a row tying the mark set in the 2002-2003 season.

Sam Moore was named MVP in the O.H.S. Tip-off Tournament, MVP of the IAABO Tournament, Player of the Year in our league, Super Seven Athlete of the Week, was a BCANY 1st Team Class B All-WNY selection, was the MVP of the State Class B Tournament, was an All-Western New York 2nd Team selection, and was named to the Big 30 1st Team. He is currently being recruited by St. Bonaventure, Bucknell, LeMoyne, and Rhode Island. Congratulations to the Olean Boys Basketball team and their coach Jeff Anastasia!!

Highlights of the Semi-final State Game - Olean 50 Chenango Valley 39:

• Jake Houseknecht scored 20 points, pulled down 19 rebounds, blocked 6 shots, and dished out 3 assists
• Sam Moore scored 21 points, pulled down 9 rebounds, and dished out 2 assists
• Reid Gan was selected as the Sportsmanship Honoree after the Semi-final Game

Highlights of the State Championship Game - Olean 63 Malverne 53:

• Sam Moore scored 27 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, and had 3 steals
• Joe Palumbo scored 10 points, pulled down 8 rebounds, had 5 steals, and 3 assists
• Chris Weidt scored 10 points, pulled down 3 rebounds, and had 3 assists (He made 3 three point baskets)
• Jake Houseknecht scored 5 points and pulled down 9 rebounds
• Sam Moore was named the MVP of the Class B State Tournament
• Jake Houseknecht was selected to the All-Tournament Team of the Class B State Tournament
• Chris Weidt was selected as the Sportsmanship Honoree after the Championship Game

Maple Grove -
Class C Boys Basketball Champs

Excerpted from the Buffalo News

The Maple Grove Red Dragons beat Mechanicville, 71-46 to win NYS Class C title before an estimated crowd of 2,000 fans, many in red and black from Maple Grove. The title was the Red Dragons’ first in Class C since they won in 1995 in Class D. Maple Grove coach Curt Fischer clinched his 2nd state title since 1998 for football when Maple Grove beat Lake George 39-6. The Red Dragons dominated every phase of the game. The Red Dragons shot 51.6% from the floor with 17 offensive rebounds, while holding Mechanicville to 35.1% and 9 rebounds. Senior Tom Seeky, named tournament MVP, added 12 points and had 7 assists, ending his career with 1081 points.
NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

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

Section VI Scholar Team Award Winners Winter 2007-08

BOYS BASKETBALL
- Depew: 94.514
- Southwestern: 94.319
- Frontier: 93.855
- Royalton Hartland: 93.492
- Clarence: 93.453
- Iroquois: 93.057
- East Aurora: 92.984
- North Tonawanda: 92.743
- Lockport: 92.197
- West Seneca West: 91.982
- Williamsville East: 91.809
- Williamsville North: 91.864
- Springfield: 91.660
- Maryvale: 91.311
- Medina: 91.276
- Allegany-Limestone: 90.293
- Falconer: 90.593
- Grand Island: 90.571
- Catt-Little Valley: 90.477
- Akron: 90.333
- Olean: 90.157
- Kenmore West: 90.075

BOYS INDOOR TRACK
- Depew: 95.852
- Clarence: 95.251
- Williamsville North: 95.184
- Williamsville East: 95.951
- Frontier: 95.554
- Lancaster: 95.543
- West Seneca East: 92.718
- Maryvale: 91.856
- Lake Shore: 91.426
- Amherst: 90.522
- Dunkirk: 90.478
- West Seneca West: 90.419
- Pioneer: 90.380
- Fredonia: 90.263
- Grand Island: 90.167
- Kenmore West: 90.155
- Kenmore East: 90.118
- Iroquois: 90.117

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
- Hutch Tech: 96.029
- Clarence: 95.196
- Williamsville East: 95.013
- Newfane: 94.689
- East Aurora: 94.508
- Hamburg: 94.236
- North Tonawanda: 94.200
- Southwestern: 94.121
- Niagara-Wheatfield: 94.115
- Sweet Home: 93.987
- Medina: 93.925
- Starpoint: 93.780
- Iroquois: 93.736
- Lake Shore: 93.405
- Williamsville North: 93.279
- City Honors: 93.147
- Olean: 92.991
- Royalton Hartland: 92.665
- Lancaster: 91.468
- Kenmore West: 91.291
- Lockport: 91.288
- Fredonia: 90.641
- Lewiston Porter: 90.222

GIRLS BASKETBALL
- East Aurora: 97.624
- Wilson: 97.545
- Portville: 96.609
- Hamburg: 96.271

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK
- Depew: 96.121
- Alden: 96.080
- Cassadaga Valley: 95.566
- Starpoint: 95.550
- Clarence: 95.382
- Southwestern: 94.805
- Medina: 94.691
- Williamsville East: 94.679
- Niagara-Wheatfield: 94.659
- West Seneca West: 94.626
- Lockport: 94.514
- Williamsville East: 94.493
- Lancaster: 94.429
- Pioneer: 94.333
- North Tonawanda: 94.329
- Sweet Home: 94.302
- Depew: 93.607
- Maryvale: 93.383
- Allegany-Limestone: 93.245
- Ellicottville: 93.171
- Cheektowaga: 92.759
- Springville: 92.613
- Chautauqua Lake: 92.517
- Olean: 92.471
- Barker: 92.364
- Cleveland Hill: 92.337
- Falconer: 92.116
- Grand Island: 92.000
- Kenmore East: 91.748
- Franklinville: 91.737
- Tonawanda: 91.609
- Kenmore West: 91.599
- Williamsville North: 91.597
- Frontier: 91.405
- Holland: 91.207
- West Seneca East: 91.150
- Niagara Falls: 91.143
- Lake Shore: 91.101
- Lewiston Porter: 91.006
- West Valley: 90.936
- Eden: 90.797
- Westfield: 90.623
- Cart-Little Valley: 90.351
- Salamanca: 90.300
- Fredonia: 90.126

GIRLS BOWLING
- Newfane: 93.757
- Medina: 93.408
- Barker: 92.853
- Royalton Hartland: 92.167
- City Honors: 90.433
- Akron: 90.294

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
- Frontier: 98.025
- Depew: 97.721
- Clarence: 96.565
- Hamburg: 96.342
- West Seneca West: 96.339
- Lancaster: 94.899
- Williamsville North: 94.871
- Lockport: 94.585
- Williamsville East: 94.115
- Maryvale: 93.923
- Springville: 93.549
- Lake Shore: 93.546
- Allegany-Limestone: 93.031
- Pioneer: 92.795
- Iroquois: 92.221
- West Seneca East: 91.899
- Sweet Home: 91.888
- Niagara Falls: 91.403
- Grand Island: 91.264
- Cheektowaga: 91.085
- Kenmore West: 90.896
- Kenmore East: 90.549
- Dunkirk: 90.364
- Fredonia: 90.111
NIAAA Scholar Athletes

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) asked that each state nominate a male and a female scholar-athlete. Our state recognized the importance of this great honor and asked each Section to create a process by which, names from across the state are pushed to the state level. After much deliberation and a difficult selection process, Section VI honored Ashley Beamish from Niagara Wheatfield High School and Taylor Kensy from Holland HS as our winners. Both students are tremendous athletes and students while contributing much to their respective communities. The state agreed with us and selected Taylor as the New York State winner. His application now moves on to the national level. Congratulations to both Ashley and Taylor.

GO TEAM

ICE HOCKEY
Niagara Falls 95.000
Clarence 94.323
Williamsville East 94.155
Williamsville North 93.540
Frontier 90.752
Kenmore East 90.552

RIFLERY
Clarence 96.005
Alden 95.964
Kenmore East 90.840
Iroquois 90.067

WRESTLING
Williamsville North 93.810
Clarence 93.774
Lancaster 93.616
Iroquois 93.140
West Seneca West 92.693
Depew 92.574
Barker 92.458
West Seneca East 92.218
Falconer 92.059
Alden 91.781
Williamsville East 91.290
Medina 91.030
Lockport 90.938
Southwestern 90.528
Gowanda 90.523
Niagara-Wheatfield 90.489
Grand Island 90.478
Cheektowaga 90.303
Hamburg 90.290
Amherst 90.274
Kenmore West 90.020

Shawn Hoffman is Top Diver at NYSFHSAA Competition

Shawn Hoffman, the senior from North Tonawanda High School, placed first at the state diving championships this year. He had an undefeated diving season and holds the school, pool, league and Section VI record for 11 dives (606.25). Shawn, who is coached by Paul Becigneul, plans to attend Duke University on a diving scholarship in the fall. He holds a 96 final average, which is pretty impressive considering all of his extracurricular activities. Congratulations Shawn and good luck at Duke!

Melissa Kurzdorfer Takes State Shot Put Title

By Coach Chuck Friedmann

Melissa Kurzdorfer, the sophomore phenomenon from Lancaster High School, is used to undefeated seasons and doesn’t get challenged until she enters state and national competition. For the past 2 years she has been undefeated in New York State and for the second year in a row, Kurzdorfer earned the indoor shot put state title with a final throw of 44’-4 1/2”. She also holds her Section VI record at 46’-6 3/4” as well as the section weight throw record at 53’-11”.

Her throws coach George Rak says she is a four-time All-American in the shot put and the weight throw and leads the nation for her age group. “She works her talent all year long with unusual dedication for a sophomore. Of course she’s been doing that for years. That’s what makes what she is doing look so easy. She enjoys every minute of it.”
Always A Winner…

By Doug Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator
Newfane High School 778-6560 • dames@newfane.wnyric.org

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP REMINDER:

Let’s Take Sports Back from those who send the wrong message. Make citizenship an expectation in your athletic program!

• Be the “Protector of the Sport” never allowing your coaches, players, parents and spectators to disrespect the game.
• Be a Role Model “Walk the Talk”
• Welcome opponents as they are guest in your house!
• Inspire your coaches, players and parents to do the right thing whenever possible.
• Speak the language of sportsmanship regularly.
• Advertise Sportsmanship – banners, signs, display cases, pre-game announcements, handbooks, etc.
• Parent Meetings are a must – communicate, communicate, communicate open those lines of talk.
• Establish a Sportsmanship committee.
• Reinforce Good Sportsmanship.
• NEVER ignore an act of poor sportsmanship – even if you have nothing left at the end of the day.
• Teach how to win and how / when to celebrate.
• Encourage coaches and players to remember the “Golden Rule” – How do you want to be treated?
• Evaluation and Reflection is a must to make a real difference.
• NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT!

SECTION VI COACHES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD REMINDER

The Section VI Sportsmanship Committees is encouraging nominations for the Section VI Coaches Sportsmanship Award. Administrators, coaches, or league chairmen are encouraged to nominate a coach who illustrates or captures the spirit of “sportsmanship” and deserves recognition. Complete the nomination form on the Section VI website (click on Forms…) and fax it to Douglas Ames at Newfane Central Schools fax (716) 778-6559. Supporting information can also be emailed to dames@newfane.wnyric.org. Awards will be presented to the coaches at the Section VI Annual Recognition Dinner in the summer of 2008.

ALL WNY GOOD SPORTS SELECTIONS

***** Selections for the Winter Good Sports are incomplete at this printing *****

Winter sport chairs as well as Spring sports chairpersons MUST submit the All WNY Good Sport selections for their respective sport and corresponding leagues or divisions to the Sportsmanship Coordinator, Douglas Ames at dames@newfane.wnyric.org. Each recipient named will receive a certificate and a sportsmanship patch for their varsity school jacket. Each school named will be recognized with a letter, copied to the district superintendent, noting their accomplishment. The end result of this endeavor will be recognition across WNY of our outstanding teams and individuals in each of our interscholastic sports for the spring season. New York State Public High School Athletic Association member schools across the state make “sportsmanship” a premier concern. We can make it happen in Section 6 with a little extra effort!

The established criteria for an All-WNY Good Sport is a team or student athlete who:

• Has learned to value and practice sportsmanship behavior.
• Has displayed excellent characteristics of good citizenship, honesty, generosity, and self-discipline.
• Has a sincere concern for his or her own commitment to fair play.
• Celebrates victory or loss with respect.
• Gives the very best effort regardless of the outcome.
• Keeps it all in proper perspective.
### ALL WNY INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RECOGNITION
FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP: WINTER 2007 – 2008

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**Sportsmanship ... let the players play, let the coaches coach, let the officials officiate ... we then can enjoy the game.**

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**...Good Sports Finish First**
IT'S OFFICIAL...

By Tom Cowan/Section VI Official’s Coordinator

The transition to electronic assigning of sports officials via The Arbiter has been in place for three sports seasons section wide. With a few exceptions, almost all of the 32 organizations that provide officials for the section have participated. As we approach the 2008-09 school year we expect full cooperation from all officials boards. Some interesting numbers involving sports officials in Section VI include:

✔ There are 32 different sports officials Organizations covering contests for 7 leagues including the MMHSAA.
✔ As of 4/22/08 there are 1541 certified working officials. The number changes almost daily.
✔ The largest group is IAABO #53 Boys Basketball with 178 members. Boys Gymnastics is the smallest with 6.
✔ The Section manages and assigns officials for 20 different sports at 3 or 4 levels.
✔ It is estimated that between 15 & 20% of the registered officials work more than one sport with several at 4 and 1 at 5.
✔ There are 40 registered sub-assigners handling a variety of management duties.

The leadership team at Section VI recognizes the need to provide a sufficient number of well-qualified officials and is dedicated to providing the service necessary in attaining this goal. Please see the article on p.4 Central Management and Assigning of Officials for details on the program.