Schools of Distinction to be Honored

NYSPHSAA announced that of the thirteen schools in New York State that achieved the status of Scholar-Athlete “School of Distinction” for 2008-09, two were schools in Section VI: Clarence and Barker.

These schools achieved the “School of Distinction” status by having 100% of their interscholastic varsity sports teams earn above a 90.0% grade point average. Clarence with 30 teams, is receiving the award for the 5th time. This is the first year winning the award for Barker High School with 17 teams. The districts will be honored and presented with the award at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting, Wed. Sept. 16 at the Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus in West Seneca.

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Congratulations to Clarence and Barker!!

SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETE STATE CHAMPIONS

NYSPHSAA announced that two Section VI teams achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Spring Sports! Medina Boys Tennis and Southwestern Boys Golf. (see page 5). Other spring sport champions include:

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The list of all Section VI Scholar Athlete Team Award Winners is on page 8.

SPRING SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

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ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MEETING DATES 2009-2010
September 16, November 18, January 20, March 24, May 19
All Athletic Council meetings are held at 11:30 am – Lunch served at 11:00 am
Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, 355 Harlem Rd., W.Seneca, Building B
Mark your calendars!

355 Harlem Road • West Seneca, NY 14224 • (716)821-7299 • (716) 821-7365 • Fax (716) 821-7352
Email address: cszczesny@e1b.org
ACTION TAKEN BY NYSPHSAA at the Central Committee Meeting August 4-5, 2009

APPROVED:

• Football - For any violation of the practice readiness rule (3-2-6-4) the head coach will be suspended from the next regularly scheduled contest.

• Girls and Boys Volleyball - Timeouts will be 60 seconds.

• Girls Basketball - For the 2009-2010 season, with Section approval 16 minutes halves may be used for non-league varsity games upon mutual agreement of both schools.

• Girls Gymnastics - The use of the Technical Handbook including the changes for 2009 season.

• Cheerleading - The establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of designating competitive cheer a sport.

• Licensing Resource Group - Support of the “opt-out” choice for our member schools.

• Championship Dates and Sites Changes – Boys Tennis, USTA Complex June 3-5, 2010
Boys Golf, Cornell University June 5-7, 2010

• Wrestling - The new Skin Lesion Release Form and revisions to the seeding procedure used for the NYSPHSAA Championship.

• Code of Conduct - Procedure to be used when a coach violates the Code of Conduct at NYSPHSAA championship events.

• Interstate Contests - No member school will engage in athletic competition, scrimmage and/or practice with an out-of-state school...(page 97).

• Sportsmanship Penalty - Language to provide clarity for when a disqualification penalty occurs.

BACK TO SECTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

Postponed to December Meeting

• Dues – For 2010-2011 a dues increase of $30 per school and $.03 per student.

• Boys Basketball:
  1. To approve the use of NFHS rule 2-2-1 for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-finals and finals adopting the replay review rule if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association.
  2. Officials have to attend a clinic or work some form of a game/scrimmage to have experience in three (3) person officiating in order to work the State Tournament.

FREE ImpACT Webinar
September 15, 2009  6:30-8:00 PM
• One hour of instruction & 30 min Q & A
• Register at www.impacttest.com/workshops.php
• Suggest three topics for discussion to Lloyd Mott at Fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.com

NYSPHSAA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 2009
13  Track & Field 10:00
18  Ice Hockey 10:00

OCTOBER 2009
2  Modified Committee 9:00
5  Wrestling 10:00
6  Girls Basketball 9:30
7  Safety Committee
8  Boys Basketball 10:00
15  Championship Advisory
18  OCF 9:00
19  Life of an Athlete 10:00
21  Handbook Committee
29  Girls Golf 10:00

WRESTLING CLINIC: OCTOBER 30, 2009
RIT Clark Gymnasium

NIAAA Scholar Athletes

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) asked that each state nominate a male and a female scholar-athlete. The criteria included athletics, academics, community service and leadership. Our state recognized the importance of this great honor and asked each Section to create a process by which, names from across the Section are pushed to the state level. After much deliberation and a difficult selection process, Section VI honored Caroline Tolli from Lockport High School and Daniel Coulter from East Aurora High School as our 2009 honorees.

Lockport’s Tolli went on to win the honor for both New York State as well as Region 1 which encompasses all of New England. She is one of eight finalists from the entire United States. Both students are tremendous athletes, students and leaders dedicated to their communities. Congratulations to both Caroline and Daniel!
Update - Central Management and Assigning of Officials in TheArbiter

Section VI is now into the third year of coordinating the efforts of centralized management and assigning of sports officials through TheArbiter, now called ArbiterSports.

To maintain compliance with Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, the Section VI Superintendents mandated in Sept. 2003 that all sports officials who work contests in Section VI must be fingerprinted. In keeping with this mandate, all sports in all leagues will be assigned in the system where the data base of fingerprinted officials is managed. Section VI is ensuring compliance with SAVE legislation by requiring that all officials are assigned by their corresponding assigner in ArbiterSports by June 2010.

The complete Football schedule with corresponding assignments can now be found in ArbiterSports. Boys & Girls Gymnastics schedules are in the system and assignments will be added by the assigners in early September. The Indoor track schedule and assignments will be entered in the near future and Southern Tier Basketball will be fully compliant this upcoming season. In spring, baseball and softball assigner for WNY Umpires Association will assign officials for Section VI member schools in the Section VI account of ArbiterSports.

Reminder of Requirements

**Officials**: All assignments for Section VI sports will be made using ONLY the officials that are signed-in to the Arbiter. All winter sports officials must sign-in and update their availability on ArbiterSports by September 25 in order to receive assignments!!! A Reminder (with instructions) will be emailed to winter officials by September 11.

**Assigners**: All individual sports assigners must verify their rosters and rankings in ArbiterSports and notify the Section office of any updates required for their season before assigning begins. Comply with the following timeline for 2009-10.

**Athletic Directors**: Comply with the following timeline for 2009-10 sport schedules:

### 2009-2010 TIMELINE for schedules and assignment of officials

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<td>Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments</td>
<td>10/29/2009*</td>
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*Updated 8/28/09

2009-2010 Section VI Directory Updates:

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

18 BASCS: New Superintendent Ismail Unlusoy unlusoy@bascs.org. Dean of Academics Linda Marszalek marszalek@bascs.org AD: Kevin Garcia garcia@bascs.org
22 Depew HS: AD Dan McGrath phone: 686-5077, Secretary Dana Mang 686-5078
24 Falconer: Athletic Director Dave Nelson cell phone correction - 397-2634
30 Lockawanna HS: Heidi Steckstor office phone and fax: 827-6733 Principal: Joseph Gentile (interim)
37 Pine Valley: New extention for the AD Mark Chase: x4472
18 Pioneer HS: Email format change from "@pion.wnyric.org" to "@pioneercsd.org"
48 Group# 7 (IAABO 39): Boys AND Girls Assigner is Bob Patterson, Secretary is Thomas Heppeler, 301 Arlington Ave., Jamestown, NY 14701 885-8213 (C) 665-5124 x272 (W)
53 Swimming Group 27: New email address for Cherril Castle cherrilw@windstream.net

Dates to Remember 2009-2010

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## Coaching Course Schedule
### Fall/Winter 2009-10

### Erie 1 BOCES

#### Coaching Courses Schedule

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### Coaches' Training Information

- **Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics**: Chris Demarco
- **Health Science Applied to Coaching**: Paul Pignataro, Tom Haney, Kurt Holme
- **Theory & Techniques of Coaching**: Ken Stoldt
- **Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics**: Chuck Amo
- **Health Science Applied to Coaching**: Chris Kaplan

### Additional Information

- **InterScholastic Coaching Certification Course Schedule**
  - **Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES**

### Contact Information

- **Phil Coyle**: (W) 821-7530  (C) 913-7120  (Fax) 821-7409  (Sect) 821-7091
- **Additional courses are posted ➔ [http://www.section6.e1b.org/](http://www.section6.e1b.org/)**

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**First Aid & C.P.R. - If needed please contact:**

1. Sharon Barley: 574-8254
2. American Red Cross: 886-7500 ask for Safety Services
3. AthletiCare: 517-3334

**Child Abuse:** Patricia Riegle, 822-3333

**Save - Violence:** Robert Carlson, 821-7550

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**Interscholastic Coaching Certification Course Schedule**

- **Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES**

**Fall/Winter 2009-10**

- 716-672-4371 ext. 2062
- Additional information is posted ➔ [http://e2ccboces.wnyric.org/programs/intercoach.html](http://e2ccboces.wnyric.org/programs/intercoach.html)

**Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics**

- **Health Science Applied to Coaching**
  - Sept. 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, Oct. 5, 6, 7, 2009
  - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
  - Instructor: John Bogardus

- **Theory and Techniques of Coaching**
  - Nov. 2, 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 2009
  - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
  - Instructor: Marty Hemmer

**Adult CPR/AED**

- Session A: October 8, 2009  or  Oct. 26, 2009
- 6:00pm - 10:00 pm

**Sed CPR**

- October 14, 2009: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**First Aid Skills and Knowledge Update**

- October 13 & 15, 2009
  - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Online Courses**

- Theory & Technique of Coaching Online: September 15, 2009 - December 31, 2009
- Health Science Applied to Coaching Online: September 15, 2009 - December 31, 2009
- Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics in Education Online: September 17, 2009 - December 31, 2009
Search for Section VI Executive Director Nearing Closure

For several years the Section VI Athletic Council has been addressing the need for a full-time Section Executive Director to manage the increasing needs of members schools and subsequent services provided by the Section office.

In September 2008, an Ad Hoc Committee was created to develop the job description of an Executive Director for Section VI in conjunction with a review of the general structure of the Section VI office and the current office positions. The goal of the position is to provide consistent and visionary leadership in carrying out the mission and administering the policies, rules, and expectations of Section VI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The Executive Director will serve as ambassador and liaison with school district administrators, while providing support to athletic directors, leagues, coaches, officials, and the public in all matters related to Section VI Athletics.

The position was posted in June 2009 with interviews conducted in July and August. Final approval of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Executive Committee's recommendation for the appointment is scheduled for mid-September. Stay tuned for an update in the November Newsletter!

Section VI Hosts Athletic Director Workshop

In May 2007, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the requirement that all school district Athletic Directors attend an annual MANDATORY NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. The rationale supporting this recommendation was to ensure compliance with all NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations and to minimize student athletes from being deemed ineligible.

Erie 1 BOCES was the site of the 2009 Section VI Workshop on August 31. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director NYSPHSAA and Bob Stulmaker, Assistant Executive Director conducted a very informative and interactive session on Eligibility and Standards in the morning for over 80 Athletic Directors in Section VI, as well as a more in-depth review for the new Athletic Directors afterwards.

Thank you Nina and Bob for sharing your time and wisdom!!!
Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express sincere gratitude to the following people who have stepped down from their respective positions within the Section this past June. We are truly grateful to have benefited from their passion and enthusiasm for their sport!

Art Jasper has served as the Section VI Boys Soccer Sportchair since 2000. He coached soccer for a number of years at Williamsville North and North Tonawanda High Schools. Art, who is a Social Worker at North Tonawanda, remains quite active in the sport as a National Assessor of Referees in youth and collegiate soccer as well as at the professional level.

Paul Bona has been on the Section VI Athletic Council as a Superintendents’ Representative for the Niagara Orleans League since 2003. He retired from his position as Superintendent at Royalton-Hartland this past June.

Art and Paul, as well as Larry Lash past Softball Co-Chairman, Pat Anderson past Assistant Boys Soccer Sportchair and David Coates, past Girls Tennis Chairperson were presented plaques of appreciation at the Section VI Recognition Dinner in August.

Additional thanks are extended to two members of the Section VI Athletic Council who are stepping down from their positions due to the merger of the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Leagues into Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association (CCAA).

Mel Swanson served as the Boys Rep for the Chautauqua League since 2005. He also held the position of Girls Basketball Sportchair from 1993 to 1998 and was presented a plaque for that service in 1998. Paul Ksionzky has served as the Girls Rep for the Cattaraugus League since 1990 as well as the league rep on the Sectional Intersectional committee for many years. He is still active in his dedication to Section VI athletics as the Boys Track Sportchair.

These individuals have each given immeasurable time and energy in service to the Section for interscholastic athletics. We thank each of them for their tireless efforts, and endless dedication to high school sports and Section VI athletes and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors!

Section VI Athlete

Daryl Johnston - NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee

Daryl P. Johnston was inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame on August 5, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, NY. His significant contributions to high school athletics in New York State have made him stand out from his fellow student athletes.

Daryl, a former Lewiston-Porter High football star and All-Pro fullback of the Dallas Cowboys, led the Lancers football team to two straight Section VI titles in 1982 and 1983. Johnston, a native of Youngstown, NY, was a running back, punter, place kicker, and defensive back for Lewiston-Porter. After earning 1983 Western New York Player of the Year honors and breaking numerous records his senior year, he went on to Syracuse University where he was an All-Big East honoree in 1988 and an All-American in 1989. Following four Super Bowls in the NFL and an 11-year career with the Cowboys, Johnston is currently one of the top NFL color commentators for FOX.

Mr. Johnston was one of ten individuals inducted into the 2009 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame, made possible by the generous support from Pupil Benefits, Inc. Congratulations to Mr. Johnston for this outstanding achievement!!

East Aurora Tracksters Race to State Titles

The East Aurora Track and Field Teams showed why they are one of the best teams around as they turned in season best performances to take top honors at the New York State Track and Field Championships at Cicero North Syracuse High School in Syracuse this past June.

The track team picked up the pace from where they left off when the girls team won the ECIC and Sectional Team Titles and the boys placed third, by winning three New York State Division II Individual Championships and meddled in several other events by placing in the top six.

Leading the East Aurora charge was Scott Anderson who set a new standard for Section VI and East Aurora runners. Scott raced to a Division II State Championship in the 3200 meter run with a 9:03 which was not only broke a school record previously held by Steve Repko (9:07 in 1981), but he also broke the Section VI record held by Ron Markowitz from Williamsville North (9:05.69 set in 1985). Scott went on to win the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:13 which broke the school record of 4:17 held by Mark Hulme, Tim Dowdall, and Bill McLaughlin and just missed the Section VI mark of 4:13.1. Scott Anderson will attend Edinboro University this fall where he will compete in cross country and track and field.

Lyle O’Brien rose to the challenge as he came off a 4th place finish in the 3200 with a personal best time of 9:31 to win the 3000 meter steeplechase in a time of 9:43. Lyle easily won the first of two heat of his race and won the State Title as his time bettered two competitor in the second heat. Lyle O’Brien will compete in cross country and track and field at Lehigh University.

Catherine Phillips represented EA and Section VI in the 3000 and 1500 meter runs where she turned in outstanding times to place 3rd and 7th. Kirsten Weber placed 10th in the 3000 meter run and despite a hard fall in the steeplechase placed 7th. Kirsten joined forces with Erin Holbrook, Ashley Beyer and Marta McLaughlin in the 3200 meter relay where they won their heat and finished 3rd with a season best time of 9:21.

The boys 3200 meter relay of Ben Kolich, Alex Weber, Lyle O’Brien and Scott Anderson placed 12th at the end of two long days of competition.

Catherine Phillips, Kirsten Weber, Marta McLaughlin, Erin Holbrook, Ashley Beyer, Scott Anderson and Lyle O’Brien qualified for and participated in the Nike Outdoor National Track and Field Championships in North Carolina.

Coaches Walt and Marty McLaughlin were very pleased with the teams performances and said “It’s so exciting to see these athletes train all season to put themselves in a position to have such great successes. It is amazing how fast some of our athlete have become but it’s not surprising...they have prepared and have done what it takes to get to that level. It doesn’t just happen. They made it happen and that is what is truly great about their accomplishments.”
Jon Osucha – Two-time State Discus Champ

The Alden High School Track team is proud to announce a 2009 state champion athlete. **Jon Osucha**, a senior at Alden High School, won the Division II Discus Title on Friday, June 12, 2009. The State Meet was hosted by the North Syracuse-Cicero High School.

Osucha, who is coached by Ken Partell, was seeded first in the state going into the competition. On his first attempt, he launched a personal record throw of 176’4.” Through the finals, he had throws in the upper 160’s and low 170’s, but it was that first throw that won the state championship for Osucha. The next best competitor threw 169’11.”

Jon’s throw at states furthered the school record he already set as a junior. This is his second consecutive year winning the Division II State Championship. Prior to Osucha’s school record throw, the record of 152’9” had been held by Mike Durso since 1981. Jon served as a team captain for the past two years. He has been the boy’s letterman winner for field events for two years running. During his senior year, he earned 48 out of a possible 50 points for the team through the discus throw and the shot put.

Jon’s work ethic is second to none. He is often the last track athlete at practice. He has been an enormous aide to teaching beginning throwers. Jon plans to attend Brockport College in the fall, where he will be a member of the track team.

Cleveland Hill Boosts Four Track State Championships

The Cleveland Hill Track program had their most successful State Meet performances ever this past June at Syracuse North-Cicero High School as the Eagle athletes secured four Division II NYPHSAA Championships amongst the 21 State titles earned by Section 6 athletes.

**Taylor Eldridge** earned her fourth and fifth State Championships of her career. Just a junior, Taylor earned her first State meet appearance in the eighth grade and her first championships as a freshmen. This year she doubled in the shot put (42’ 3/4”) and discus (131’7”). Her win in the shot put avenged her loss in 2008 to Rachel Roberts from Remsen High School.

**Rhakeem Wiggins** won the 200-meter dash (22.12) and anchored the winning 4-x100 meter relay (43.08). Wiggins also took third in the 100 meters behind teammate Nick Campfield and defending Division II Champ Darnell Cummings from Millbrook High School. **Wiggins, Nick Campfield, Matt Diem and Joe Puntoriero** made up the winning 4-x100 meter relay. All except Diem are seniors.

Hamburg’s Cole 3-peat State Champion

Hamburg’s **Will Cole** finished the 2009 track season with his 3rd consecutive State Championship and 2nd consecutive Federation title in the 400 Hurdles with a Section VI record time of 52.69. Will was recognized for his achievement from Gatorade by being selected the Gatorade New York State Track athlete of the year.

The athletes are pictured left to right Rhakeem Wiggins, Nick Campfield, Joe Puntoriero and Matt Diem.
### 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 Team Award Winners – Spring 2009

#### BASEBALL
- Sweet Home: 94.872
- Lake Shore: 93.684
- Clarence: 93.673
- Niagara Falls: 93.000
- Falconer: 92.916
- Dunkirk: 92.907
- Williamsville East: 92.366
- West Seneca: 92.248
- East Aurora: 92.138
- Lockport: 92.102
- Lancaster: 92.017
- Cassadaga Valley: 91.996
- Hamburg: 91.852
- Albion: 91.440
- Southwestern: 91.286
- Niagara-Wheatfield: 91.262
- Frontier: 91.249
- Clymer: 90.587
- West Seneca West: 90.378
- Allegany-Limestone: 90.345
- Barker: 90.287

#### BOYS TENNIS
- Medina**: 97.486
- Allegany-Limestone: 95.989
- Barker: 95.960
- Albion: 95.936
- Williamson: 95.839
- West Seneca West: 95.664
- Cassadaga Valley: 95.192
- Cheektowaga: 95.086
- Depew: 95.037
- Southwestern: 94.610
- Hamburg: 94.559
- East Aurora: 94.428
- Williamson North: 94.409
- Clarence: 94.354
- Sweet Home: 94.292
- Lake Shore: 94.121
- Jamestown: 93.977
- City Honors School: 93.539
- Amherst: 93.476
- Westfield: 93.202
- Iroquois: 92.869
- Niagara Falls: 92.556
- Falconer: 92.313
- Kenmore West: 91.275
- Cleveland Hill: 91.826
- Niagara-Wheatfield: 91.593
- Chautauqua Lake: 91.424
- West Seneca East: 91.355
- Akron: 91.294
- Maryvale: 91.043
- Dunkirk: 91.014
- Grand Island: 90.174
- Fredonia: 90.074
- Olean: 90.000

#### BOYS GOLF
- Southwestern**: 97.971
- Allegany-Limestone: 92.943
- Cassadaga Valley: 92.583
- Olean: 92.293
- Falconer: 91.826
- Salamanca: 91.266
- Ellicottville: 90.889
- Pine Valley: 90.764
- Fredonia: 90.633
- Chautauqua Lake: 90.060

#### BOYS LACROSSE
- Lockport: 94.683
- Hamburg: 94.064
- Lancaster: 93.842
- Iroquois: 92.994
- Clarence: 92.926
- Frontier: 92.674
- Williamsville North: 92.673
- Sweet Home: 92.483
- Niagara-Wheatfield: 91.609
- Williamsville East: 91.443
- Wilson: 91.125
- East Aurora: 90.674
- West Seneca East: 90.345
- Grand Island: 90.008

#### BOYS TRACK & FIELD
- Clarence: 97.355
- Hamburg: 96.700
- Southwestern: 96.567
- Royalton Hartland: 96.563
- Williamsville East: 96.271
- Albion: 95.780
- Lancaster: 95.481
- Iroquois: 95.230
- Williamsville West: 94.972
- Frontier: 94.860
- Lake Shore: 94.796
- Olean: 94.590

#### GIRLS TENNIS
- City Honors School: 99.000

#### GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
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- West Seneca West: 98.014
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- Hamburg: 95.823
- Royalton Hartland: 95.670
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- Olean: 95.643
- Portville: 95.549
- Barker: 95.359
- Cheektowaga: 95.033
- Salamanca: 94.912
- Maryvale: 94.600
- West Seneca East: 94.539
- Lancaster: 94.477
- Medina: 94.358
- Amherst: 94.046
- Dunkirk: 93.847
- Holland: 93.776
- Tonawanda: 93.688
- Chautauqua Lake: 93.475
- Franklinville & Ellicottville: 93.054
- Niagara Falls: 92.167
- Cleveland Hill: 91.873
- Grand Island: 91.448
- Niagara-Wheatfield: 91.413
- Williamsville North: 91.005
- Akron: 90.927
- Wilson: 90.890
- Kenmore West: 90.848
- Kenmore East: 90.780
- Clymer: 90.606

** State Champion

**Congratulations!!**
### Melissa Kurzdorfer Takes 4 Titles for the 2nd year in a row

*By Coach Chuck Friedmann, Lancaster Girls Varsity Track*

For a thrower, there are only four championship titles that can be achieved at the state meet competition, NYSPHSAA shot put and discus, Federation shot put and discus. Lancaster's **Melissa Kurzdorfer** usually beams a smile when she is on the championship award stand for those titles but at last year's competition at the University at Buffalo the smile gleamed from ear to ear. It was her first success at winning all four titles.

This season's state meet at Cicero-North Syracuse High School saw Kurzdorfer repeating that achievement with a smile that was just as big. Her best shot put for the weekend was 48'-3" for the Federation title and six inches shorter for the NYSPHSAA title. That put her 14 inches away from the state title of 49'-5".

In the discus, she threw 158'-9" for the Federation title which was eight inches better than her NYSPHSAA title. She considers the unscored weight throw is probably her best event. At 57 feet and better, she leads New York State.

Kurzdorfer's work and dedication paid off again. Benching 215 pounds and squatting 465 pounds is not just talent. It's hard work. That's how she got to where she is. Her tremendous talent and top notch coaching by George Rak is not enough. She is self-motivated but when that ebbs a little, she falls on the support of her coach and parents who are with her all the way.

Leaving her junior year, she has one last year to keep her sights on the state records. Based on her performance trend since her seventh grade start, it will be a year to remember.

### Frontier’s Chris Buck Takes Shot-Put Title

**Chris Buck** became the New York State Federation champion in shot put this past June with a throw of 57’1”. This is Frontier’s first Federation Champion in the shot put. He also claimed the Section VI shot put championship title for both indoor and outdoor track and finished 3rd in the NYSPHSAA shot put competition.

Chris will be attending Lehigh College this fall studying engineering, playing football and throwing in indoor and outdoor track.

### Fields Claims Two State championships – Sets Multiple Records

**Ashley Fields**, a tenth grader from Amherst High School, claimed two state titles at the NYSPHSAA Championships in Syracuse in June. In the 100 meter dash, she was the Division I Champ with a time of 11.76 that set a Section VI and school record. She also placed first in this event at the Federation with a time of 11.85. In the 200 meter dash, her time of 23.88 secured the state championship, but she beat that time at the Federation with 23.66 taking first place and setting another Section 6 and school record.

Ashley, who is very motivated to be successful, was also part of the 400 meter relay with Katie Gross, Rebekah Larson, Alli Rogers setting a Section 6 record with 48.67 and placing fourth. She was undefeated throughout the season in the 100M and 200M events earning her status as an ECIC Champion and Section 6 Champion.

Those who know Ashley agree that she is a very personable well-rounded athlete. In addition to her many athletic skills, she maintained a GPA of 3.45 has been a team leader. Ashley is coached by Jason Cyrek.
CONGRATULATIONS to the SECTION VI All WNY Spring Scholar Athletes

Section VI has selected the winners of the All WNY Scholar Athlete award for spring sports. There were 351 total nominations for the Section VI. 105 were selected as new winners, 39 were repeat winners from fall and winter and 11 were 3 season winners for a total of 155 total winners. Congratulations to all winners and nominees!! The criteria for this award are: Overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters, starter or important reserve, seniors only. The nomination form can be found on the section website. Click on Forms and Information, then on All-WNY.

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NEW YORK GOOD SPORTS PROGRAM

The program continues to expand with the number of schools reporting both locally and across the state increasing yearly. Each athletic director has a responsibility to evaluate his/her respective programs of sportsmanship. The NYS Good Sports program offers a vehicle toward that end. The reporting is a self-evaluation and gives us all a chance to reflect on the many good things we have going on as well as plan for the future. Exemplary programs are then forwarded to the state level for recognition.

NYSPHSAA announced that Allegany-Limestone, Cleveland Hill, Frewsburg, North Tonawanda and Newfane have been recognized for outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship in Section VI. All five schools and their Athletic Directors will be honored at the September meeting of the Athletic Council. Congratulations to all!

SECTION VI COACHES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS 2008-09

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


Congratulations coaches!
IT'S OFFICIAL...

By Tom Cowan/Section VI Officials Coordinator

The month of September rekindles the spirit of interscholastic sports across America. Educators and coaches once again are given the opportunity to prove that high school sports can be excellent educational experience for our children.

A significant role of sports in the overall curriculum should be to instill a sense of determination driven by good character. Coaches who understand the true purpose of athletics will be judged by the successful use of the wealth of teachable moments offered by interscholastic sports, not just the win/loss record.

I would urge all who are involved with athletics in the high school curriculum to step back and take a moment to make sure that we never miss an opportunity to promote the basic principles of citizenship and respect for others. Another September brings a wealth of opportunity. Don't miss your chance to prove that high school sports offer an excellent educational experience for your student-athletes.

As always, on behalf of the staff at Section VI I would like to thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the student-athletes in the section.

Section VI Loses a Veteran and Good Friend (article courtesy of Lew Bartolotti and Buffalo News)

In 1952, the Detroit Lions drafted Donald K. Grundtisch. Although the Buffalo native probably wouldn't have gone to college if not for sports, he turned down a professional career, family members said because he wanted to join the Navy.

Mr. Grundtisch, retired athletic director of Lake Shore Central Schools in Evans, former president of the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce and a retired naval officer, died at the age of 78.

He graduated from Seneca Vocational High School, where he lettered in 3 sports: football, basketball and baseball and did stints on two Yale Cup championship teams. He then attended Ithaca College, where he was voted Most Valuable Player of the football team while playing two other sports. He received a bachelor's degree in physical education. Don then attended Navy officer training school and served two years on a destroyer in the Pacific. He remained in the Naval Reserve until 1971, retiring with the rank of commander.

Don may have made his biggest mark in education. After a year of coaching and teaching in Lyons, Mr. Grundtisch moved to the Lake Shore Central School District in 1955. Eventually, he was promoted to Director of Health, Physical Education, Recreation And Interscholastic Athletics. While in that position, he increased the number of varsity teams to 18 from 7 and added 8 interscholastic programs for girls. Don served on the ECIC Executive Board for many years and was also the first Section 6 chapter rep for the NYSAAA.

Mr. Grundtisch also served as president of the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the credit committee for Lake Shore Central Federal Credit Union, among various local leadership positions.

Don was an avid boater, keeping his boat Amazing Grace at his winter home in Ft. Myers Beach. He and his wife Grace were members of Tri County Country Club and have 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. The sports world has indeed lost a true pioneer in the world of high school sports. The many athletes that have been touched by him, thank him. May he rest in peace.