Christopher Conti II – New York State Division II
Wrestling Champion at 96 Pounds

Christopher Conti, a sophomore at Fredonia High School, has been around the mats since he was old enough to walk. He has also been working hard at the sport for almost as long. All of his hard work, discipline and dedication paid off as he captured the NYSPHSAA Gold medal in Long Island at the Nassau Coliseum on February 25. His road to the finals wasn’t looking to be favorable as the number one and number two ranked wrestlers were in his side of the bracket. Conti knew he would have to meet one of them in the semi-finals if he were fortunate enough to get there himself.

Christopher received a bye in the opening round of the state championships. In the quarter finals he wrestled and beat Jonathan Hoeg from Mt. Sinai High School of Section 11. The score ended 8-2 and he was off to the Semi-finals against NY State’s #1 ranked Kyle Dake of Lansing High School in Section 4. The semi-final match proved to be the most challenging match of the tournament. Dake opened up the 1st period with a take-down to finish the 1st period up 2-0. The second period Dake chose down, got an escape and a take-down and the 2nd period ended 5-0 in favor of Dake. The third period started with Conti choosing the neutral position. Kyle Dake attacked and Conti hit him with a move known as the spladel. It was a move Chris Conti had worked on at the end of every practice, 25 times each practice, since his 7th grade year. It was executed perfectly and the result was a pin for the 96 pound sophomore. “I couldn’t believe he had the opportunity to hit it.” Coach, and father Alex Conti stated, “I was very happy for him, The story doesn’t always happen like that.”

In the finals Conti wrestled Brian Stevens of Holland Patent High School in Section 3. Conti opened up with a take-down in the first period and a reversal in the second to take a 4-0 lead into the third period. With Stevens loosing by four he chose down for the third and never came off the bottom. Christopher Conti won his State Championship match 4-0 and became the first Sophomore in Chautauqua County to win a Wrestling State Championship. He finished his season with a record of 35-4 with 22 pins, and a section six record of 22-1. Alex Conti, Christopher’s coach and father, was named Coach of the Year for Southern Tier I by the WNY Wrestling Coaches Association. Congratulations to both Christopher and Alex!!

Nominations Being Accepted

All Section VI Fall Sport Chairperson Positions are open for nominations. Any member in good standing of the professional staff of a member school may serve as a Sport Chairperson. The Fall Chairpersons will be appointed by the Athletic Council at the May meeting for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2009. Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224. Current nominees are:

- Cross Country-B: Mike Janisch, Cross Country-G: James Zubler
- Field Hockey: Judith Otto & Jennifer Higgins (as co-chairs)
- Football: Charles Funke, Football Asst.: Chuck Amo
- Gymnastics-B: Robert Beach, Gymnastics-G: Donna Aquino
- Soccer-B: Art Jaspe, Soccer-B Asst.: Patrick Anderson
- Soccer-G: Chris Durr, Soccer-G Asst.: Meg Thompson
- Swimming-G: Bruce Johnson, Tennis-G: A. Anne Smith
- Volleyball-B: Wält Stefani, Volleyball-G: Debby Schruefer & Sue Pernick (as co-chairs)

Other Section VI positions open for nominations are:

- President Elect Nominations: Mike Wendt, Wilson
- Superintendents Rep Nominations: Mark Ward, Olean.

Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224.
NEW NYSPHSAA Headquarters
Please note the new address and telephone numbers:
8 Airport Park Blvd, Latham, NY 12110
Phone 518-690-0771  Fax 518-690-0775
Toll Free 866-598-2816
Prior to 8:00 AM and/or after 4 rings the automated attendant will answer the phone. You will be given the opportunity to select a “dial by last name” option which is accessed by simply following the instructions as prompted. (Dial *2 and the first 3 letters of the persons last name). Or simply dial by our extensions:
11 ... Nina Van Erk Executive Director
12 ... Walter Eaton Assistant Director
13 ... Lloyd Mott Assistant Director
14 ... Joe Altieri Assistant Director
15 ... Roz Sheldon Scholar Athlete
16 ... Barbara Sacci Sanctioning
17 ... Eileen Davis Rule Books
18 ... Sandy Schanck Minutes/Meetings/etc.
19 ... Kathy Higle Treasurer

Winter Championship Dates and Sites

May 19th  Soccer
Soccer Hall of Fame - Oneonta

June 16th  Volleyball
SUNY Oneonta

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee - January 27, 2006
Approved:
• Memorial patches are to be worn in accordance with the sport specific rule book for the following sports: baseball, soccer, swimming/diving, wrestling, lacrosse, football, field hockey, boys gymnastics, basketball and girls volleyball.
• Continue with 5 classifications in cross country.
• Fill the byes in the state wrestling championship.
• Winter girls volleyball to be played in 5 classifications.

Approved new language:
• Competitor - “Any competitor must be a bona fide student in the member school district represented and is considered to be the school team or part of such team. Compliance with all NYSPHSAA regulations is required. Participation as an individual competitor counts toward the maximum number of contests permitted and meets the requirements of the Representation Standard”.
• Exhibition Competitor - “An exhibition competitor is a bona fide student in the member school district represented and is a non-scoring participant in an interschool contest or tournament. Exhibition competitors may only compete with or against other exhibition competitors and be nonscoring/non-placing in the event. Exhibition competitors may fill open lanes in the sports of swimming and track and field. The maximum number of events permitted at a meet may not be exceeded. Participation as an exhibition competitor counts toward the maximum number of contests permitted and meets the requirements of the Representation Standard. The NFHS has notified members that the number of injuries reported in cheerleading has doubled. The questions relative to cheerleading being a sport and who is responsible for setting rules and regulations for cheerleading are ongoing.

Girls Golf
The tournament will be conducted as a State Championship with Sections 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 participating. The tournament will be held June 4, 5 at Foxfire Golf Club, Baldwinsville (3).

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program
The program has completed its 41st season (15th Fall Sports Season) with an increase in participation once again:

Fall 2005  Fall 2004
Teams 2,514  2,508
Schools 548  563
Student Athletes 28,789  28,915

Participation Survey
The 2004-2005 Section 6 Girls Participation Survey Results show that there were 23,765 total female participants, with 89 schools reporting. The Boys Participation Survey results show that there were 31,505 total male participants with 89 schools reporting.

Please note the NEW address and telephone numbers:
8 Airport Park Blvd, Latham, NY 12110
Phone 518-690-0771  Fax 518-690-0775
Toll Free 866-598-2816
Coaching Certification Courses
Spring/Summer 2006

Erie II-Chautauqua Cattaraugus BOCES  http://e2ccboces.wnyric.org

All courses are held at the LoGuidice Education Center at Fredonia
Registration: Linda Finn at 1-800-344-9611 ext 2061

Health Science Applied to Coaching
July 3, 5, 6, & 7, 2006  •  8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education
June 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30, 2006 • 8:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Theories and Techniques of Coaching
June 19, 20, 26, & 27, 2006 • 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

CPR
Session: August 7, 2006 • 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Adult/Child CPR/AED
Session A: July 17, 2006  •  5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Session B: August 14, 2006 • 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

First Aid Skills and Knowledge Update
Session A: July 10 & 11 • 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. or
Session B: July 24, 2006 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

First Aid Skills and Knowledge
August 7, 8, 9, &10, 2006 • 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Erie I BOCES  www.e1b.org
Registration: Phil Coyle 821-7530 or Margaret Bochicchio 821-7091  Fax: 821-7409

Philosophy, Principles & Organization of Athletics
Tues & Thurs, 6:00pm-10:30pm, $156, Instructor: Chris DeMarco
Apr. 25,27, May 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25, 2006, Registration Deadline: Apr. 19
Sweet Home HS, 1901 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst 14228, Rm 501
Mon-Fri, 8am–4pm, $160, Instructor: Chuck Amo
July 10-14, 2006, & July 17 (8am-1pm), Registration Deadline: July 5
Hamburg HS, 4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg14075

Theory & Techniques of Coaching
Mon & Wed, 6:00pm-9:00pm, $156.00, Instructor: Chuck Amo
June 12,14,19,21, 2006, Registration Deadline: June 7
Hamburg HS, 4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg14075

Health Science Applied to Coaching
Mon & Wed, 6:30pm-9:30pm, $156.00, Instructor: Chris Kaplan
April 24,26, May 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24, 2006, Registration Deadline: April 20
Erie 1 BOCES, 1050 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Mon,Tues,Wed, Thurs, 9:00am-4:00pm, $160, Instructor: Chris Kaplan
July 24,25,26,27, 2006, Registration Deadline: July 7
Erie 1 BOCES, 1050 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Always a winner...

by Doug Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator
Newfane Elem., 2290 Transit Road, Newfane 14108 • dames@newfane.wnyric.org • 778-6888 x2164

All WNY Good Sports Selections

Winter sports chairpersons MUST submit the All WNY Good Sport selections for their respective sport and corresponding leagues or divisions to the Sportsmanship Coordinator, Doug Ames. 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 winter season. New York State Public High School Athletic Association members 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.

See below for the Winter Good Sports winners.

NYSPHSAA Assessment for New York Good Sports Program

Each year Section VI and the NYSPHSAA recognize those districts that have made an exemplary effort in their promotion of good sportsmanship at the local level. Panama Central, Southwestern, Allegany-Limestone, Olean, Lancaster, Lockport, Brocton, Frontier, and Salamanca are Section 6 schools that have received this prestigious award in the past several years. The prospect of having someone evaluate your program or the assessment tool itself should not intimidate administrators. It truly is a vehicle by which we measure the progress we’re making in this area of sportsmanship with our current programs. The Section VI Athletic Council is looking for 100% participation from our member schools, so please take the time on behalf of your student athletes and coaches to complete the assessment today.

To submit your online assessment, go to www.nysphsaa.org to first review this document, and then select the following link: Good Sports Online Assessment. You will be prompted to enter your assigned State Education Code (SED code). The online assessment application will guide you through the process. If you have difficulties contact Doug Ames, sportsmanship coordinator at Newfane Elementary (778-6367). The timeline for this process is:

April 15th – closing date for submitting of assessment.

May 10th – Section Sportsmanship Committee reviews assessments.

May 30th – NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee reviews assessments of the schools receiving sectional recognition. Committee will choose the school(s) deserving the NY Good Sports State Banner.

Time for a sport thought…

• In what ways do you set good example for sportsmanship behavior? In what ways do you set a bad example?

• Do you allow unsportsmanlike behavior in practice that you wouldn’t in a game? What do you do in practice to help your players develop the habits of respect for others and for the game?

• Is teaching sportsmanship a part of your coaching? What are the specific ways in which you reinforce the value of sportsmanship?

Hot Topics at the State Level

As most of us are aware, bullying and “hazing” relating to athletic teams have drawn national attention. NYS and local districts have responded with committees, anti-bullying policies and related programs to address what our society has deemed unacceptable practices and behavior. At Athletic Directors, a concerned point of emphasis is placed squarely on your shoulders and your coaches, in dealing with this matter in a proactive manner. What we have termed a harmless right of passage from our own experiences is viewed much differently today. It is essential that you recognize the seriousness of this problem and take initiative to stop this practice in your programs. We are currently in the process of setting up a May workshop with NYSPHSAA Assistant Director Lloyd Mott. The Section office will send a notice when more details are available. Stay tuned for the “Hazing Workshop.”


Section VI Chemical Health Awareness Seminar

ERIE 1 BOCES in West Seneca was the site for the February 13th “Effective Codes of Conduct” workshop. 72 individuals from 34 districts including coaches, athletic directors, principals, and a few superintendents participated in the 1/2 day workshop. John Underwood, founder and director of the American Athletic Institute, in cooperation with the NYSPHSAA, the NYS Chemical Health Committee and the Section Action on Target trainers, facilitated phase two of a five-year program. This second year lays the groundwork with a major shift of emphasis from a reactive and punishment base to a proactive with character based consequences for establishing clear and consistent boundaries for our athletic codes of conduct. The schools and leagues that did not attend need to contact Douglas Ames, Chemical Health Coordinator in writing, indicating how your school or league has met this mandate.

Many thanks are extended to the members of the Action on Target committee for their time and effort for making this a big success for our section. Sincere thanks to Cindy and Bob from the section office for all the assistance.

ALL-WNY INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM RECOGNITION TO DATE

For Outstanding Sportsmanship Winter 2006

Boy’s Basketball ECIC Frontier

NO Royalton

Hartland

ECIC

NO

Girl’s Basketball ECIC Lake Shore

Alden

ECIC

Clarence

East Aurora

Jamestown

Sweet Home

Chautauqua

Salamanca

Hockey ECIC Amherst

ECIC Wilmvl N.

ECIC Wilmvl N.

Indoor Track (B) ECIC Wilmvl N.

ECIC Wilmvl S.

Swimming (B) NO Akron

NO Newfane

Swimming (G) NO Akron

NO Newfane
Centralized Payment of Sports Officials

by Tom Coun, Section VI Officials Coordinator

In response to WNYSO’s requests to encourage timely payment of officials and provide security for game day vouchers, the Section is conducting a pilot program for central payment of officials through Erie 1 BOCES. Five Section VI districts are currently participating in the pilot program developed contractually through LeagueMinder and administered by BOCES. Payments are sport specific during the pilot which means that the entire membership of specific organizations must register on-line through the Section VI website.

As anticipated, there was much cooperation from the girls soccer, boys basketball and track organizations with registering members. The pilot has expanded to 12 districts for the spring season with track and field as the pilot sport.

We are presently working with LeagueMinder toward the development of an auto-assign component and with the cooperation of BOCES encouraging the expansion of the payment phase which has been described as Phase II of the pilot through the ’06-07 school year. Phase II will require that the entire membership of the following fall organizations register on-line through the Section VI website and enter their availabilities prior to May 15, 2006.

Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls Swim, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball

This requirement and the deadline of May 15 were approved by the Section VI Athletic Council at the January 18, 2006 meeting. Please note that on-line registration will:

1. Enable central payment through Erie 1 BOCES of officials working in pilot districts for certain sports
2. Become the Section VI method for ‘collection’ of availabilities (season and post-season)
3. Facilitate assignment of officials for sectional contests in certain sports

To accomplish this goal, the leadership of each fall organization has been requested to notify their membership of the requirement and been given the details for registration. In addition, if arrangements can be made for a computer(s) to be on-hand at an organizational meeting, a Section VI representative will attend to assist members without internet access with the on-line registration process. To date, 460 officials are registered.

Be assured that our ultimate goal is to have all officials certified to work in Section VI registered on-line with current availabilities. As we move toward this goal, we will keep you informed of the progress and all new developments.

Section VI Congratulates the 2006 NYSAA Award Recipients

Brett Banker - Athletic Administrator of the Year

Brett has been the Supervisor of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics for the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District for the past 14 years. Ken-Ton is a multiple high school district with both Kenmore East and West High School’s, along with three middle schools. It’s been in that role that he has been able to accomplish what he is most proud of; increasing quality activities for students. In his tenure, Banker has added six high school sports at both Kenmore East and West and 14 modified sports at each of his three middle schools.

Since his arrival in 1992, the Springfield College graduate (‘84 BS, ‘88 Med) and native of Hanover, NH has also created an Athletic Hall of Fame at each school, an Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Outing with proceeds going to scholarships, various Scholar-Athlete and Sportsmanship programs and a sparkling gymnasiun at Kenmore West High School. He has served eight years on the Executive Board of the Kenmore Administrators Association and has negotiated four contracts.

Banker has been a leader throughout the state and Section serving in various capacities at the Section level, including stints as a council representative and Section VI president. He served two years as Chapter Rep to NYSAA where he, and Lockport’s Pat Burke co-chaired two NYSAA Conferences for President’s Ross and Trampp. He is currently the Ice Hockey Chairperson. Brett has served the Niagara Frontier League admirably over his career, including multiple terms as president.

In addition to his roles in his school district and Section, Banker finds time to coach travel ice hockey and soccer, as well as town basketball. He sits, or has sat on several Boards, including Grand Niagara Travel Hockey, Grand Island Soccer, Ken-Ton Rotary and Town of Grand Island Parks and Recreation.

Prior to arriving in Ken-Ton, Banker was an assistant to the athletic director at both Springfield College and Penn State University-Erie Campus. He coached collegiate soccer, basketball and softball at both stops and in 1994 both he and his wife, Jenepher were inducted into the Penn State-Erie Hall of Fame in the Coaching Category.

Prior to returning to his alma mater as an employee, Banker taught and coached at Thetford Academy in Vermont. He and Jenepher have two active children, Kolby (14) and Makallie (12) and live on Grand Island.

Joyce Nudd (Olean High School) - Judith Martens Secretarial Award

This award is presented to a secretary of an athletic administrator who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to athletics at the local level for a minimum of five years. It is given to one secretary in each chapter per year.

Joyce Nudd has been the Athletic Department secretary for Olean High School for the past 16 years. She began with the district in 1982 as a teacher-aide and moved into the Athletic Office in the fall of 1990. It is a result of Joyce’s outstanding dedication and exemplary office management skills that Olean is recognized as having a very well organized and efficiently run Athletic Program. She is the friendly and helpful voice you always hear upon calling the OHS athletic office, or the OHS main office at the high school, as her job duties also require her to be there as well at the end of each day.

Joyce is a “giver” and consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to assist and support anyone in need, from administrators, to coaches, teachers, student-athletes, coworkers, friends, etc. Joyce Nudd is a great “fan” of all OHS teams and truly the team “MVP” for the Athletic Department. Joyce is a 1965 graduate of Olean High School and a 1967 graduate of Olean Business Institute. She and her husband Tony are lifelong members of the Olean community. They have two grown daughters, Lisa (36) and Nicole (33) as well as two precious grandchildren, Devon (6) and Quintin (2).

OHS says congratulations and thank you to Joyce Nudd on this well deserved award recognition.
Classification Numbers for 2006-2007

**Section VI Website Update**

www.section6.wnyric.org

***New for Spring 2006***

Section VI has partnered with PrepScores, a high school sports publishing firm, to manage scores and sports data on the internet at www.section6sports.com beginning with spring sports 2006. PrepScores currently operates www.buffalohoops.com, distributing boys' basketball game scores in a real-time format along with featured articles and columns. The key features of PrepScores include real-time scores, player statistics, standings, schedules, roster information and sectional points. Beginning with spring sports, all coaches will be given a pin #, username and password to manage their team's data. Complete instructions will be provided. The home team coach must call in the score to the toll free line at 866-604-9225 after each game. This 45 second phone call will capture the score and it will be live on the internet immediately. As the score is published, the system calculates league standings and sectional points “on the fly” and they too, are automatically published online. Within minutes after each game, you will see real-time information of all teams in Section VI. Coaches can then log into their team's control panel and add statistics on a game by game basis that will also be available immediately.

To ensure that PrepScores has all contact information, each spring sport coach should email joe@buffalohoops.com stating your phone-sport and school as soon as possible (if you have not already done so). Any questions or suggestions should be directed to Joe O’Mara at 866-604-9225.

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(9-11 plus prorated ungraded from 10/04 BEDS)

Classification numbers can be printed down from www.section6.wnyric.org

A: 800 & up, B: 400-799, C: 0-399

**Cut-off numbers for Team Sports:**

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## 2006 SPRING SPORTS SECTIONAL/REGIONAL/STATE DATES

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IT’S OFFICIAL…

by Tom Cowan, Section VI Officials Coordinator (821-7094)

• The spring meeting of the New York State OCF will be held in Syracuse on Sunday May 7, 2006. Please forward any questions or concerns that you would like to have addressed at this session to my office at 821-7094 or cszczesny@e1b.org.

• AD’s, Superintendents, Principals and League Presidents are asked to submit recommendations for changes to the Sports Officials contract for 2007-2010. A Superintendent Representative is still needed for the negotiating team.

• For the latest update on Centralized Payment of Officials through BOCES see page 5.

• As I visit many of the local officials organizations, one of the most often asked questions is “what do I have to do to move up the line?”. My response is often varied, but the words professionalism and patience usually dominate.

As the probationary official strives to move up the line, he/she obviously must have a solid working knowledge of the rule book and the necessary mechanics. Often times these two qualities serve to get the job done, however, promotion seldom occurs without consistent demonstration of professional behavior.

From job related pre and post season responsibilities to on-site behaviors, the ambitious young official should never overlook the need to be punctual and suitably dressed. Remember that you are part of the support cast of whatever event you are working and reliable communication with all involved parties is a must.

When those who are charged with evaluating your game-to-game performance realize that your efforts demonstrate a solid working knowledge of the rules and admirable professional characteristics, good things will happen. Be patient….be professional!