

## Lamm Post baseball to hold tryout

A tryout for the 2007 Lamm Post baseball team will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14 at Erie Community College's North Campus, 6205 Main Street. Players born in 1988 or later are eligible. Anyone interested but who cannot attend the tryout should send their name, telephone number, and e-mail address to Lamm Post General Manager Fenton Harrison at 741-1242 or Fennosirah@aol.com so they can be notified of a future tryout next spring.

# North Tonawanda marches over North NT scores 30 straight points, eliminates Spartans from playoffs

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Reporter

North Tonawanda ran over Williamsville North last Saturday and in the process knocked the Spartans out of postseason contention.

The Lumberjacks (3-2, 3-3) rushed for 323 yards for a 36-24 comeback road victory, spoiling the Spartans' homecoming. NT clinched a playoff spot because Niagara-Wheatfield (4-2, 3-0) defeated Kenmore West, 28-21.

The big reason for the Lumberjacks' win came down to North's inability to tackle NT fullbacks. Sophomore Karl Booth dragged several would-be Spartan tacklers for a 10-yard first quarter TD. Travis Mawhir bulldozed through the middle of the North defense for an 18-yard tally in the fourth.

"It was all because of the blocking from the wide receivers, and the offensive line had good blocks," said Mawhir of his run. "I just ran where they had the holes."

"We didn't want to try and get on the perimeter with the speed they have at the linebacker level so we wanted to try and get the fullbacks going," said North Tonawanda coach Eric Jantzi.

"The fullbacks did a lot of damage and we didn't tackle," said North coach Mike Mammoliti. "How many times did we have them and then they broke for another 10, 12 and a couple longer yards? Unfortunately at the point of attack, we didn't do a very good job tackling them at all."

Ryan Hawkins led the NT rushers with 89 yards, including a 4-yard TD for the team's second score of the second quarter. NT quarterback Scott Gregson had a running and throwing touchdown. He finished with 83 yards rushing and was 7-of-10 passing for 87 yards.

Things looked great early for the Spartans. They scored on the first offensive play of the game, a 70-yard pass from Eric Dahlman (12-of-23, 189 yards) to a wide-open Joe Aquilino, and a 38-yard TD run from T.J. McDuffie on the team's fourth offensive play set up by a Jerome Fields pancake block. Aquilino caught five receptions for 132 yards unofficially. McDuffie rushed 14 times for 104 yards unofficially. But North's remaining first half drives resulted in 16 total yards.

Mammoliti cites an incomplete pass on his team's third offensive series that led to a turnover on downs as a turning point.

"(If we had scored) now it's a three score game and I think that changes the mentality a little bit," he said. "Unfortunately we didn't get it. But I thought we did a good job the whole game. The kids battled like warriors the whole time. I'm extremely proud of them."

Williamsville North added a 10-yard McDuffie run through the middle of the NT defense with 4:42 left in the third quarter followed by a Dahlman to Phil Constantino two-point conversion that cut the Lumberjack lead to 30-24. However after Williamsville North forced NT to punt, they fumbled the ball early in the fourth which resulted in Mawhir's TD.

Aquilino recovered an NT fumble with a little over two minutes to play but Dahlman threw an interception. North caused four turnovers (McDuffie and Rob Wilcox had fumble recoveries, Evan Bryant caught interception).

North Tonawanda hosts West Seneca West at 7 p.m. Friday in the Lumberjacks' homecoming. Williamsville North plays at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kenmore West.

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Williamsville North's Joe Aquilino breaks away from North Tonawanda's Shannon Carr during first half homecoming action Saturday. North Tonawanda prevailed 36-24.

Photo by Joe Eberle

## Boys Volleyball

# North dominates South tournament, Parisi named MVP

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Williamsville North has owned the Williamsville South Tournament in recent years and the trend continued last Saturday.

The Spartans won the tournament for the fourth time in six years, defeating host team Williamsville South, 25-19, 26-24, in the finals. North defeated Williamsville East, 25-21, 25-12 while South beat Maryvale, 19-25, 25-12, 28-26, in the semifinals. North and South each went 5-1 in pool play but the Spartans were the top seed because they beat South. South has never won its own tournament, now in its fifteenth year.

"It was great," said North coach Paul O'Connor. "It seems like Williamsville South and us are, if not meeting in the finals, meeting in the semifinals. For some reason, my kids really get up for that tournament."

O'Connor thought the difference for his team was the play of outside hitters Matt Parisi and Josh Siva, who played poorly in league losses earlier in the week to Sweet Home (23-25, 20-25) and Frontier (22-25, 21-25). Parisi was named tournament MVP; Siva made the all-tournament team.

"Those two really put us over the edge with their hitting on the outside," said O'Connor. "In crunch time in the semifinals and



Williamsville North's varsity boys volleyball team won the Williamsville South Tournament last Saturday for the fourth time in six years. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: first row - Elliot Hoy, coach Paul O'Connor, Josh Siva, Alex Stoler, Matt Parisi, Ryan Regal, Mike Burns; second row - Joe Greenwald, Drew Moscoto, Ryan Young, Justin Miller, Matt Antalek, Nick Hereth, and Jack Kajdasz.

finals but especially in the finals, Matt and Josh got points on kills that we really needed. They really set up our middles, Justin Miller and Kevin Hughes, who also had a good day."

North's ability to kill the ball also helped in the finals.

"South strives on defense but

doesn't strive to put the ball down," said O'Connor. "They do have some outside hitters, like lefty Frank Pieri but they don't always kill it. I teach my kids you have to be able to put the ball down."

South coach Thom Knab said North's passing was the difference.

"We performed well but towards the end we struggled a little bit with our passing," said Knab. "I'm not sure why but it's one of those things we need to work on and get it back to where it needs to be."

South's Spencer McIntyre and Scott Steimer were named to the

all-tournament team.

"Scott brought great setting as well as his great hitting on the outside for us," said Knab. "Even when we were struggling with our passing, he did a really good job of getting the sets where they needed to be. Spencer was motivated out there and kept the team going."

Knab also lauded the play of right outside hitter Frank Pieri.

North played Orchard Park Tuesday but results were not available before The Bee went to press. They travel to Lancaster on Thursday.

"We really have to play defense and block," said O'Connor. "If our outside hitters can hit like they did Saturday, I feel like we have a chance. We weren't that far behind in both matches the last time."

North also hosts Niagara-Wheatfield on Wednesday.

South is 9-3 overall. Its league wins have come over Williamsville East and Iroquois twice, West Seneca East, and Amherst as well as a huge 27-25, 26-24 road victory last Wednesday over No. 6 Lake Shore. Lake Shore won the earlier meeting. Knab said his team trailed 23-18 in the first game before coming back to win.

"We displayed good court coverage and defense," said Knab. "We hadn't beaten Lake Shore in

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