

Amherst Mite Minor 'AAA' hands 99 Syracuse Stars first loss

The Amherst Mite Minor "AAA" travel hockey team handed the '99 Syracuse Stars their first loss of the season last Saturday.

The two teams faced off at the Amherst Pepsi Center for their second doubleheader pairing of the 06-07 season.

Amherst 3, Syracuse 2

Nate Berke put Amherst on the board first with a nice wrist shot that went in on the Syracuse netminder's right-hand side. With only six seconds remaining in the first period, Syracuse's Zach Taylor scored on an unstoppable high slot shot off the crossbar.

In the second period, Carson Briere scored a short-handed goal on an assist from Adam Batz. Less than a minute later, Syracuse profited from its two-man advantage

and were able to capitalize on a shot off a deflection to tie the game at 2-2.

Forwards Berke and Camden Lock worked together on a short-handed two-man rush against Syracuse's goalie, with Lock earning Amherst's game-winning goal.

Throughout the game, Amherst displayed its ability to play a fast-paced game.

Despite playing short-handed, Amherst was able to maintain pressure on the Syracuse Stars. Forwards Blake Flanders, Ryan Sidorski, Frankie Sciolino, and Colton McKenna each contributed to Amherst's success.

Defensive standouts included Devin Kasperek, Jordan Martin, Matt Slick, Jack Kelly and Mark Gilbert. Caleb Hannon's

goaltending skills proved

key to Amherst's victory. The loss to Amherst was Syracuse's first loss of the 06-07 season.

Amherst 3, Syracuse 6

The Stars came into the second game still stinging from their morning loss and eager to split the day.

Syracuse earned its first goal only 2:23 into the first period. However, Amherst was quick to rally as Adam Batz skated in on a breakaway from center ice to tie the game 1-1.

Amherst was short-handed when Caleb Hannon made the initial save on a shot by Syracuse's Matthew Kirwan, but Zach Taylor was there to bang in the rebound.

During a scrum in front of the net, Amherst's Blake Flanders assisted Jack

Kelly to tie the game at 2-2 at the end of the first period.

During the second period, Syracuse benefited from several power play opportunities. Syracuse's Ben Daly earned two successive goals, one while Syracuse enjoyed a two-man advantage. Joel Farabee earned another Syracuse tally off a deflection. Camden Lock scored off a rebound from a shot by Nate Berke to give Amherst its third goal of the contest.

Zach Taylor earned his second goal of the game on yet another Syracuse power play.

During the third period, Amherst regrouped and controlled the play of the game. Strong backchecking efforts and smart plays aided Amherst in its quest to deny Syracuse any additional goals.

Christ The King

Cross country teams open seventh season

A damp, cool 25-mile per hour day on Monday, Sept. 25 opened the seventh season of Christ The King runners taking part in the Catholic Cross Country Association.

This year's CTK boys team returns only two veterans, eighth grade runners Chris Walter and Henry Edwards, both who have run with the team since its inception when they were in second grade. They look to defend a six-year run as the League Champions.

The team finished third at the first meet of the 2006 season, scoring place runners Walter (ninth, 10:12), Gordon Lyons (11th, 10:30), Kevin Schmitt (15th, 10:51), and Edwards (26th, 11:30) for a score of 61.

Queen of Heaven runners placed first with finishers at 3, 5, 8 and 20 scoring 36. Notre Dame placed runners 2, 7, 22, 24 to score 55 points for second.

Andrew Hayes of SS. Peter and Paul Hamburg finished first overall for the boys in a time of 9:34 while the team placed fourth with runners 1, 16, 21, 25 scoring 63.

Our Lady of Victory placed fifth (74) and St. Gregory the Great placed sixth (76). Also running for CTK were Patrick Hurtubise (28th), Andrew MacPherson (30th), Zack Zenger (31st), Ben Yee (46th), Ben Georger (47th), Jack Murray (48th), Pat Murray (52nd), and Joe Foster (55th) in a field of 96 runners.

CTK girls

Christ the King Girls team returns six runners to defend their two consecutive league titles. The fastest time for the day was clocked by Anne Pyrak, running the mile and half course in 9:29, which set a new CTK girls record. CTK won with a score of 14, Pyrak (first, 9:29), Chloe Wingerter (second, 10:28), Kate Edwards (fifth, 11:14), and Tori Kreuz (sixth, 11:21).

SSPP finished second overall with 52 points and the third, eighth, eighteenth and twenty-third place. Notre Dame placed third overall with 75 points with the tenth, thirteenth, nineteenth and thirty-third finishers.

Queen of Heaven (86), St. John Vianney placed (88), and St. Greg's (90) placed fourth through sixth. Twelve schools fielded runners with two of the teams running incomplete teams.

Also running for CTK were Alise Jarmusz (41st), Chelsea Zanghi who ran with new young team member, Tia Piotrowski (76th) in a field of 96 runners.

Now in its ninth season, the league has grown to include 12 schools and over 200 Catholic elementary school children.

CTK ran Tuesday at the Cazenovia Park Casino race but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press.

Williamsville Junior Football

Commandos remain undefeated

The 85-pound Williamsville Commandos were blessed with a beautiful autumn morning as they prepared to play the Diamondbacks from Niagara Falls. Williamsville brought their undefeated record to their home field and were determined to keep it unblemished. The Commandos won 12-6.

Niagara Falls won the coin toss and elected to start the game on offense. Their first play from scrimmage resulted in a 13-yard run and gave them the first down. This served as a wake-up call for the Commandos' defense as they realized they have to fight for every victory. The call was heard and the defense tightened, resulting in the Diamondbacks turning the ball over on downs.

Williamsville took over on offense. They needed only one play to score a touchdown as fullback Ryan Konotopskyj received a clean handoff from quarterback Brendan Wynia. None of this would have happened without exceptional blocking from the line which was manned by Massimo Zimmerman, Adam Mills, Max Rabovsky, Eric Seaner, Jamie Cammarre, Andrew Butler, and Mariano Baldon. Niagara Falls' defense rebounded and stopped the Commandos extra-point attempt.

The remainder of the first half was a defender's dream as both teams refused to allow another score. Williamsville took a 6-0 lead into halftime.

Williamsville began the second half on offense and started their quest for the end zone. Linemen Arjun Chima, Tyler Buell, Will Sanderson, and Terrance Thornton worked extremely hard as they opened holes for the Williamsville backfield. Fullback Justin James, tailback Nathan Gentile, and wingback Ryan Duran each contributed with

bone-crushing runs. Their hard work eventually paid off when Konotopskyj bolted around the right side and did not stop until he reached the end zone.

Again, Niagara Falls' defense hunkered down and they prevented the Commandos offense from scoring the extra point.

The Diamondbacks answered this score with one of their own but could not convert the extra point attempt. They were now trailing by six with only two-and-a-half minutes left in the game.

Williamsville's offense sputtered and they were forced to punt. Niagara Falls took over the ball and was looking to hand the Commandos their first defeat. However, the Commandos were determined to prevent any long gains and used the clock and lack of any remaining Diamondback timeouts to their advantage.

After a couple of short Niagara Falls runs, and a failed pass attempt, the clock expired with Williamsville on top.

Commandos 20,

Pendleton Predators 18

The Williamsville Commandos played host to the Pendleton Predators in their own version of Friday Night Lights. The moon was bright and full and the air was crisp as the combatants took to the field. The Commandos won 20-18.

Williamsville won the toss and elected to receive the ball. The offensive line of Williamsville was comprised of Kyle Dunn, Brian Fulford, Braedan Gillman, Max Schectman, George Bauman, Michael Woods, and Jordan Buell. They began their march from their 40-yard line and did not stop until they reached the end zone.

The opening drive included runs by fullback Ryan Konotopskyj, tailback Ben Noel, wingback Collin Hunt, and quarterback Brendan Wynia who capped off the drive with a 5-yard burst up the middle into the end zone. The extra point attempt failed and the Commandos led 6-0.

It was time for the team from Pendleton to showcase their offense. Their line blocked well as they worked their way down the field. However, the Commandos' defense bent but refused to break and eventually took the ball over

on downs.

Williamsville's offense once again revved up and drove down the field. Exceptional blocking by the line opened up numerous holes for the backfield. Fullback Konotopskyj broke a long run over the right side and galloped in for the score. The Commandos line built a solid wall for Wynia, who threw the ball for the two-point conversion to wingback, Collin Hunt. The Commandos now held a 14-point halftime lead.

The Predators received the ball to start the second half and began their drive down field. They broke a long run around the left side and were only stopped from scoring by the diving tackle of middle linebacker, Ben Noel. Unfortunately, Noel hurt his knee on the play and would sit out the remainder of the game. The Pendleton offense finally reached pay dirt with a run into the end zone. Fortunately for the Commandos, the extra point attempt failed.

After both teams mounted fruitless drives, the Predators got it right and scored again. They now trailed 14-12.

Williamsville's offense finally got back on track and moved down the field with relative ease. Wynia threw a nice 11-yard pass over the middle to tight end Jordan Buell for the Commando first down. This drive was finalized by a run around the end by Konotopskyj. He received beautiful down field blocking and was able to score. Williamsville tried for an extra point conversion in an attempt to increase their lead to nine which would have all but guaranteed their victory. The Predators breathed a sigh of relief as the attempt failed. They still had a chance to tie and possibly win the game.

Pendleton rose to the challenge and moved down the field for their third touchdown of the night. They tried for the two-point conversion but were denied by the Commando's defense.

Williamsville took over and ran the clock out, thus dashing the hopes of the Predators.

Williamsville puts their 5-0 record on the line at 4:30 p.m. Saturday as they take on the North Tonawanda Wolves at their home field.

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