

# South boys hoops plays better in Hamburg loss

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Reporter

Williamsville South played like two different teams last week.

The Billies slept-walked a 66-49 non-league loss at Depew on Dec. 5 then rebounded with a much better effort in its ECIC Division II league opener on Thursday, a 56-51 defeat at home to Hamburg.

South coach Al Monaco said his team was never in the Depew game. The Wildcats led 21-2 at the end of the first quarter and 34-11 by halftime.

"That's a tough gym to play on," said Monaco. "We're not a physical team and on that court, everything gets crammed in. But I don't think we had recovered yet from that 65-foot shot that beat us on Saturday (loss to Maryvale in triple OT). I think it hurt our confidence."

Depew led 49-28 by the end of the third quarter. Scott Steimer and Frank Pieri led South with 11 points each. Pieri also grabbed nine rebounds.

Adrian Wood was held scoreless in the first half and finished with eight points and eight rebounds. Wood only took nine shots in the game.

South had 23 turnovers in the game and shot 17-for-51 from two-point range and 2-of-14 three-pointers.

Monaco said his team got their heads on straight versus Hamburg, jumping out to a 12-6 first quarter lead.

The Billies were ahead 27-13 with three minutes left in the first half when Steimer, Spencer McIntyre and Mark Coppola each picked up two fouls. Afraid Wood would pick up his third foul, Monaco sat him and Hamburg made a run to cut the deficit to 28-22

at halftime.

"It really changed momentum, including a basket from them at the buzzer," said Monaco.

In the first four and a half minutes of the third, South scored two points from the floor but tightened its defense. Hamburg tied it at 30-30 with 3½ left in the quarter and were up 36-35 by the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter see-sawed. Pat Pidgeon came off the bench to score 11 points, including 3-of-4 three-pointers, his last giving South a 49-48 lead with 1:30 to play. After a Hamburg basket, two P.J. Coppola free throws put South ahead 51-50 with 59 seconds remaining. Twenty-one seconds later, the Bulldogs' Matt Singer hit his only basket of the game, a 10-foot jump shot, to put Hamburg up 52-51.

Wood and Pidgeon missed a layup and three-pointer, respectively, in the last 12 seconds. South then had to foul and Hamburg hit all four of its free throw attempts.

Wood led South with 16 points and scored seven in the first quarter. Pieri added 14 points and nine rebounds.

South made 13-of-38 two-point baskets and 4-of-21 three's.

South (0-4) hosted Amherst Tuesday but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They host Lake Shore at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"Other than the Depew game, we've been competitive in every game," said Monaco. "You could easily flip our record to 3-1. If we keep working hard, we'll be all right."

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quarter.

"I truly believe this was a game we got better from and I know the score may not reflect that to some," said LaRoach. "Offensively we were able to get very good looks and some of those looks just didn't fall for us unfortunately. I am happy with the fact that we were able to put up 42 points against this Jamestown team, unfortunately we are not going to

win basketball games this year if we give up 74 points. Jamestown is a good team and they showed why they are the front runner in our league this year. You can tell that their girls play year around and are fundamentally sound."

Allen scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds. Cannizzo did a great job defensively, holding Jamestown's Erinne Cunningham to two points, said

LaRoach.

Davis (six points), Burks (six points), and Nadia Durno (five points, seven rebounds) all played well, said LaRoach.

Jamestown's Nikki Fredrickson had 21 points.

Sweet Home (1-4) played at Kenmore East Tuesday but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They face Orchard Park at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCOREBOARD

### Amherst Central

**Boys Basketball** — lost to Canisius 74-59, Dick Harvey Tip-off — lost to North 62-50, consolation — def. Bishop Timon-St. Jude 46-37

**Girls Basketball** — def. Iroquois 47-45, lost to Springville 65-57

**Boys Bowling** — lost to Tonawanda 4½-2½, lost to Maryvale 6-1

**Girls Bowling** — lost to Tonawanda 7-0, lost to Maryvale 7-0

**Hockey** — lost to Bishop Timon-St. Jude 4-1

**Boys Swimming** — lost to Starpoint 69-29

**Wrestling** — def. South 40-24, lost to East 63-10, Amherst Duals — Round 1 — lost to Grand Island 48-28, Round 2 — lost to Depew 54-27, Round 3 — lost to North 54-33

### Sweet Home

**Boys Basketball** — def. W.S. West 76-34, def. Clarence 66-50

**Girls Basketball** — lost to Jamestown 74-42, def. W.S. West 64-32

**Boys Bowling** — def. South 4-3

**Girls Bowling** — def. South 4-3

**Hockey** — def. Ken. East 5-3, def. South 5-1

**Boys Swimming** — lost to North 135-40

**Wrestling** — lost to Jamestown 38-33

### Williamsville East

**Boys Basketball** — def. W.S. East 86-41

**Girls Basketball** — def. South 60-29, def. W.S. East 64-11

**Hockey** — def. South 5-1, def. St. Francis 7-1, def. Bishop Timon-St. Jude 6-1

**Wrestling** — lost to Cheektowaga 49-15, def. Amherst 63-10

### Williamsville North

**Boys Basketball** — lost to Jamestown 69-41, Dick Harvey Tip-off — def. Amherst, finals — def. Ken. West 59-45

**Girls Basketball** — def. Frontier 36-26, lost to Clarence 44-30

**Hockey** — def. Lancaster 3-1, Shenendehowa Classic — def. Shenendehowa (Section II) 5-1, finals — def. LaSalle Institute (Section II) 2-1

**Boys Swimming** — lost to Canisius 57-37, def. Sweet Home 135-40

**Wrestling** — lost to W.S. West 34-24, lost to Jamestown 29-27, Amherst Duals — Round 1 — def. Depew 49-25, Round 2 — def. Grand Island 41-33, Round 3 — def. Amherst 54-33

### Williamsville South

**Boys Basketball** — lost to Depew 66-49, lost to Hamburg 56-51

**Girls Basketball** — lost to East 60-29

**Boys Bowling** — lost to Sweet Home 4-3, def. Hamburg 4-3

**Girls Bowling** — lost to Sweet Home 4-3, lost to Hamburg 6-1

**Hockey** — lost to East 5-1, lost to Sweet Home 5-1

**Wrestling** — lost to Amherst 40-24

### Sacred Heart

**Girls Basketball** — def. Hutch-Tech, 56-25, 21st Al & Rose Pastor Tourn. — def. Niagara Falls 66-33, finals — def. Nardin 44-41

**Girls Bowling** — def. Mt. Mercy 3-1, def. Holy Angels 4-0

## Football players honored

Sweet Home had the best record of all Town of Amherst varsity football teams so its no surprise they had the most All-Western New York selections.

Lineman Nick Christman was named to the First Team offense. Quarterback Ian Goree and wide receiver Marcus Johnson were chosen to the third team.

Linebacker Paul Tagliarino earned Second Team honors.

Amherst Central running back Andre Hakeem also made the third team offense.

Williamsville East kicker Joe O'Gorman was an All-WNY Honorable Mention.

Here's a list divisional all-stars from Amherst, Sweet Home, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, and Williamsville South.

### Amherst

Hakeem was the only Tiger to make the Class A South First Team offense. Defensive backs Chris Brunetto and Bertram Smith made the defensive first team.

Tigers who earned division Second Team honors include Cordell Freeman, Scott Boyer and Pete Pete Caferelli. Nick Borek, Troy Martin and Matt Krajna were honorable mention.

### Sweet Home

The Panthers placed three players on the Class A North offensive and defensive First Teams.

Goree, running back Allen Douglas and wide receiver Eric Lawrence made it for offense; Johnson, Tagliarino and Christman were named for defense.

Goree was named Class A North Offensive Player of the Year.

Nate McConnell, Andrew Hopkins, Sean Burns, Mike Lawandus, Augie Merlino and Kyle Balcerak earned Second Team honors.

Coach John Faller earned Coach of the Year honors with Starpoint's Al Cavagnaro.

### Williamsville East

Fullback Zach Miller, wide receiver Rick Silvestri and kicker Joe O'Gorman made the Class A North First Team offense. Miller is Offensive Player of the Year.

Defensive back Joe Schriever and defensive tackle Tyler Durinka made the division's First Team defensive team.

Chris Petrucelli, Yiannis Mountziaris and Mike Alcazaren made the Second Team.

Mike Rath, Adam Kausch, Brad Demo, Dan Rizzo, J.L. Ivey, Mike Langfelder and Rocco Del Grosso earned Honorable Mention.

Mountziaris and Miller made the WNY All-Academic team.

Coach Henry Fumerelle was a finalist for All-WNY Coach of the Year.

### Williamsville North

Wide receiver Joe Aquilino and running back T.J. McDuffie made the Class AA North First Team offense.

Michael Moore, Class AA North Co-Defensive Player of the Year, made the league's defensive First Team.

Fawzi Abelhay, Brad Adkins, Eric Dahlman and Jerome Fields earned Second Team honors.

Zak Boron, Phil Constantino, Brian Davis and Andy Steinhaus were Honorable Mention.

### Williamsville South

Adrian Wood earned Second Team honors.

## Sports Brief

Williamsville's Michael Cohen had a goal and assist and Williamsville's Vincent Amigone tallied his first collegiate point, an assist, in the Canisius College men's hockey team's 5-2 win over American International Friday night.

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