

## Girls Soccer

# East places quartet on All-WNY team

Williamsville East was the best girls soccer team in Western New York and was rewarded for its effort with four selections on the All-WNY First Team.

Forward Rachel Piemonte, midfielder Jenny Griffin, defender Christa Morgante and goalie Molly Bojanek made the All-WNY First Team. Aleks Quenneville made the Second Team.

Grand Island, who East beat for the Section VI Class A title, also had four First Team picks.

Williamsville North midfielder Shannon Algoe and Jillian Piaggione earned All-WNY Second Team and Honorable

Mention honors, respectively.

Here is a list of divisional all-stars for Amherst, Sweet Home, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, Williamsville South, and Sacred Heart.

### Amherst

Defender Paula Jones and forward Abbie Gowen made the ECIC Division III First Team. Defenders Ellen Janicki and Sarah Lasker made the Second Team.

### Sweet Home

Freshman goalie Angela Williamson earned ECIC II First Team honors. Defender Kayla Lyons and midfielder Rebecca Schnirel made the Second Team.

### Williamsville East

The Lady Flames dominated ECIC III voting with seven picks. Midfielders Jenny Griffin and Aleks Quenneville, forward Rachel Piemonte, defender Christa Morgante and goalie Molly Bojanek made the First Team. Defender Neha Bakhai and forward Jessica Kowalski made the Second Team.

Griffin made the Class A All-New York State team. Bojanek was a third team selection.

### Williamsville North

Midfielders Shannon Algoe and Jill Piaggione and defender Karrie Gurbacki made

the ECIC I First Team. Defender Leanne Pinski and forward Hillary Jacobson made the Second Team.

### Williamsville South

Defenders Stephanie Lucey, Jessica Sheehan and Carrie Connolly had three of the four ECIC II First Team honors. Defender Emily Novak and forward Elizabeth Decker made the Second Team.

### Sacred Heart

Midfielder Alicia Pontello and forward Katherine Bougard earned All-Catholic First Team honors. Forward Christine Loftus and defender Natalie Coppola made the North Division First Team.

## Field Hockey

# North, Sweet Home earn several honors

Williamsville North and Sweet Home were the top two teams in Section VI Class 'A' this season, and their All-Western New York selections prove it.

North placed three on the First Team — goalie Nicole Lewis, midfielder Brianna Galli and forward Ainsley Stoll; two on the Second Team — Leslie Ahern and Kristin Stone and another as Honorable Mention, Lucy Papia.

Sweet Home had two First Team picks — midfielder Brianna Galli and goalie Leann Stiver, the only sophomore on the team - and two on the Second Team — Sara Heron and Lauren Korniczky.

Sweet Home beat North, 2-1, in penalty strokes to win its first section title since 2002.

Amherst Central, sectional runner-up in Class 'B',

placed Abble Hagle and Sara Heidinger on the Second Team and Christine Domres and Rebecca Masters as Honorable Mentions. Williamsville South attacker Rachel DiNunzio made the All-WNY First Team. Defender Claire Gerlach earned Second Team honors.

Here's a look at how each school fared in divisional all-star balloting.

### Amherst Central

Sara Heidinger, Christine Domres, Abbe Hogle, and Rebecca Masters earned ECIC Small Schools First Team honors. Alyssa Pantano and Brittany Horvath made the Second Team.

### Sweet Home

Sara Heron, Brianna Galli, Leann Stiver and Lauren

Korniczky made the ECIC Large School First Team. Katie Mazuchowski and Lauren Peczkowski earned Second Team honors.

### Williamsville East

Amy Buffomante made the ECIC Small School First Team. Bridget Steele was a Second Team selection.

### Williamsville North

Chantae Miller, Ainsley Stoll, Kristen Stone and Nicole Lewis made the ECIC Large School First Team. Leslie Ahern, Lucy Papia and Emily Curry earned Second Team honors.

### Williamsville South

Rachel DiNunzio, Claire Gerlach and Ashley Ferenczy made ECIC Small School First Team honors. Lauren Falzone and Liz Gengo were Second Team selections.

# Amherst swimmers hand Pioneer first loss, 51-50

Down 47-44, Amherst Central's boys swimming team took first and third in the last event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay, for a come from behind 51-50 road win at Pioneer last Tuesday.

Ryan Menasco overcame a three-second deficit during the last leg and lap of the Tigers' first place 400 free relay to seal the victory for the Tigers (1-2-1). Paul Timmel, Harrison Singer and Ben Swiatek also swam on the winning relay.

Pioneer fell to 3-1 with the loss.

"During the diving competition, I took the guys in the locker room and told them that in order for us to come back in this meet, we have to get psyched up and cheer and encourage our teammates," said Amherst coach Chris Connor. "If we took

one event at a time, I felt we could claw our way back and make a meet out of it. My assistant coach Matt Koeppel and I really put our heads together and took some gambles by switching some things at the last minute in the lineup hoping they would pay off."

One of those gambles was putting Marshall Davis, a member of the team's fastest 400 free relay, on leadoff for the team's second relay. The gamble paid off as Davis created an insurmountable lead for the Pioneer second relay to make up. Ian Johnson, Ian Blochwitz and Allen Dengler also swam on the relay for Amherst.

Amherst trailed by as many as 15 points.

The Tigers won six other events-

Menasco (50 free and 100 free), Paul Timmel (200 IM, 500 free), Jacob Hofmar-Glenon (100 back, overpowered other swimmer and won by less than one second), and the 200 free relay of Menasco, Singer, Hofmar-Glenon and Timmel.

Nathan Chau and Dengler (personal best time) took second and third, respectively, in the 100 butterfly. Chau also took third in the 100 back.

Blockwitz dropped 8.5 seconds off his breaststroke for a pivotal second place finish. Breaststrokers Devin Finan and Stephen Arlington did not swim.

Davis was third in the 200 IM and 500 free as was Singer in the 100 free.

The 200 free relay of Blochwitz, Johnson, Justin Jenkins and Swiatek took third.

Connor also lauded the work of new swimmer, freshman Ryan Rychnowski.

"Ryan swam exhibition against Pioneer since he still is collecting the required number of practices to compete and swam very well," Connor said. "He is a nice addition to our team, especially in the sprint freestyle and breaststroke events... Once this team has progressed through a few more years of rebuilding, this team will prove very hard to beat with such a large number of experienced upperclassmen."

Amherst returns to the pool at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2 against Springville at Sweet Home High School. On Friday, Jan. 5, they are at Cleveland Hill for a 4:30 p.m. start.

# East hits personal best times at opening meets

by PATRICK J. NAGY  
Reporter

Williamsville East has only swum two meets so far, and they're already hitting personal best times.

In East's 103-80 season opening loss at Transit Middle School on Dec. 12, Kane Hsieh and Thomas Mitchell had personal best times in the 100-yard breaststroke (106.25, first) and 200 freestyle (205.1, third place).

Diver Joe O'Gorman followed with a personal best 164.95 points in the Flames' 98-86 win at Lancaster last Monday. Matt Geiger added a personal best 50.92 on his anchor leg of the team's first-place 400 free relay. Geiger, Neil Batta, Mike Anderson and Jean Coignet won in

343.22. Batta swam a season-best 52.08 for second in the 100 free.

Lancaster's Nate Geary broke the pool and school diving records with a 339.26.

East also won the 200 free (Ken Munroe, Hsieh, Batta and Anderson, 140.94) and 200 medley (Geiger, Hsieh, Munroe and Coignet, 152.08) relays against the Redskins. Anderson and Geiger were double winners. Anderson won the 200 and 500 free while Geiger was the best in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

Against Iroquois, a Division I-II powerhouse, Geiger won the 100 back in a school record 54.71. The old record was 55.75. Anderson took second in the 200 free with a 154.78.

Geiger, Hsieh, Munroe and Batta teamed up to win the 200 medley relay in 146.49.

The 400 free relay of Geiger, Anderson, Batta and Mitchell was second in 334.05.

"They were a tough team to beat," said East coach Mike Doerfler. "It was an outstanding effort for us. We just came up a little short."

East (1-1) returns to the pool at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Transit Middle against Orchard Park.

"They're working very hard," said Doerfler. "We've got some work to do, but our first two meets were a very good sign. Mike, Neil and Matt have swum very well up to now."

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## Amherst Girls Softball accepting registration

Amherst Girls Softball is accepting registrations for the 2006-07 season.

Girls from grades prekindergarten to 12 who reside in the Town of Amherst or in the Williamsville Central, Amherst Central or Sweet Home Central School Districts are eligible.

AGS is the largest softball program in Amherst, with more than 700 girls participating last year. AGS stresses fun and learning, especially with younger girls, with an emphasis on positive encouragement regardless of physical ability.

Roster space is limited and registration cannot be guaranteed. Girls with special abilities have the opportunity to try out for age-appropriate independent travel teams (through age 23). Last season, the Lightning travel teams distinguished themselves in state, regional and national competition.

You can register online at [www.amherstgirlssoftball.com](http://www.amherstgirlssoftball.com). For more information, call house league president Bob Andolina (639-9172), registrar Russ Moon (632-4970) and commissioner Earl Leising (626-1241).