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## South hockey picks up emotional tie with East

by PATRICK J. NAGY  
Reporter

Williamsville South hockey almost pulled off a huge upset over its biggest rival last Thursday on the Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink.

Trailing Williamsville East, 3-1, the Billies scored three third period goals in a span of five minutes to take a 4-3 lead. However, the Flames' Spencer Barrett tied the game from Kyle Smith with 5:20 left and South goalie Thomas Tysowsky (30 saves, 13 in first period) and the Billies' defense held on for a 4-4 tie.

"It was a huge emotional effort," said South coach Sean Green. "At the time, they were ranked No. 1 in the state (East is now ranked second) so for us to be in a 4-3 lead and hold on for a 4-4 tie was uplifting."

"I give them credit," added East coach Mike Torrillo. "They could have easily rolled over and said the heck with it but they didn't. They played tough and scored when they had chances. We had our chances and we didn't score and he (Thomas) made some big saves."

"We got to score more when we get 34 shots," Torrillo added. "Give their goalie and defense credit but shame on our offense."

It looked like it was going to be a good night for South when Adam Oehmler scored on the Billies' first shot of the game 34 seconds in from Greg Reed. But East responded when Chris Fabozzi scored from Eric Bogart at 10:34. The Flames added two goals in the second. Jon Toole tipped in a Jamie Turchiarelli shot and Mike DeStefano followed later

on a nice passing play from Bogart and Jordan Karnath. Before the third period, Green told his team to throw every shot on net and it paid off. Kevin Winnert scored



Kevin Winnert celebrates his third period goal that gave Williamsville South a 4-3 lead over Williamsville East on Jan. 4. Behind Winnert is East goalie Matt Bradley. The teams tied, 4-4. Photo by David F. Sherman

at 13:30 from Matt Kwarta and Joel Zangara. A minute and 15 seconds later, Reed threw a puck on East goalie Matt Bradley (eight saves) which hit his stick and went

between his legs. Winnert gave South the lead on the power play from Leo Schultz at 7:49.

East and South faced St. Francis recently. East concluded its week with a dominating 4-0 shutout on the Feature Rink on Saturday. South fell, 3-1, on Dec. 30.

Eric Charlton led the Flames with two goals and two assists. He scored the only goal of the first period on a nice breakaway pass from Anthony Clair. His second came on a nice passing play in the second from Clair and Toole. Charlton and Toole set up a Clair wraparound goal and a Fabozzi goal with Smith in the third.

Torrillo said the Charleton-Clair-Toole line has been having its chances but were finally able to bury its chances.

Jay Hall made 14 saves as East peppered 27 shots.

St. Francis' Bill Mackey scored the game-winning goal over South at 1:41 of the third. South outshot St. Francis, 11-5, in the third, but could not bury its chances.

Kwarta scored unassisted for the only goal of the first. Jamie Vona and Derek MacNeil (Mackey, Ryan Wagner) gave St. Francis a 2-1 lead.

"The bottom line is they buried a couple of their chances," said Green. "We were trying to throw everything at the net to generate opportunities but their goalie (Adrian Balogh) made some nice saves. He had three point blank breakaways."

East and South each return to the ice with one game this weekend. The Flames (10-3-2, 7-1-1) play Amherst at 9 p.m. on Thursday on the Feature Rink. South plays Bishop-Timon St. Jude at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Buffalo State College.

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## Mamon, South girls bowling enter record books

by PATRICK J. NAGY  
Reporter

Williamsville South's varsity girls bowling team is off to a record breaking first half and Jessica Mamon is leading the way.

The Lady Billies' senior captain set school and ECIC records last Wednesday with a 289 game and 770 set in a 5-2 loss to Sweet Home at Manor II Lanes. She was also part of school records for "A" team single game total (834) and team total (4,055) on Dec. 18 in a 5-2 win over Hamburg.

"It is a tremendous accomplishment and her hard work has paid off," said South coach Steve Delisanti. "The best thing is that Jessica is not only an outstanding bowler but a great leader, teammate, and person. She really deserves all the accolades that she gets."

Mamon threw 10 straight strikes in the opening game against Sweet Home, leaving a 9-pin on her eleventh shot.

"The best part of the attempt at the 300 game was when she left the 9-pin," said Delisanti. "She turned around and smiled as everyone cheered her effort. That's Jessica. She always tries her best to have fun while competing at a

high level."

Mamon said she didn't start to get nervous until after she threw the front eight. When she threw her tenth ball, everyone was yelling her name and cheering her on, she said. Even the Sweet Home girls' team was giving her high-fives.

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"I was having fun throughout the whole game," she added. "My teammates, coach and my dad (Paul) were there for me. People were saying I looked calm but I was nervous."

The 289 ties former standout Lindsay Baker of Sweet Home, who earned 2006 National Tenpin Coaches Association Player of the Year and first-team All-America honors with the University of Nebraska, and Tammy Schmidt of Maryvale. Delisanti said instead of settling for a 289, Mamon finished the Sweet Home match with a 255 and 226 for a 770 set, which he said might be a state record.

"That may be the most impressive thing of all," said Delisanti. "Jess just gathered herself and kept bowling well."

"Even though the spotlight is on me sometimes, it's all about the team," a humble Mamon said. "I can't do it without my team and the coaches. If a shoot the big

game, I shoot the big game. If I don't, they're other days when I can."

While Mamon has not shot a 300 in a sanctioned high school match, she has completed the feat twice in her career. The first came on Nov. 12, 2004 in a Friday night junior league at Transit Lanes. Her second came in a high school practice last year.

Other bowling accomplishments include a first place finish in 2005 at the Roy Summers Invitational at Thruway Lanes and qualifying for the New York State Championships the same year. Recently, she qualified seventh in the Bowling Proprietors Association fall tournament at the Tonawanda Bowling Center.

Mamon, who started bowling at age 4 at Transit Lanes, takes none of the credit for her success. She thanks Bill Truman, Jack Jurek, Michelle Sterner, Sue Nawojski, and Bruce Heim from Transit as well as her father, Mike Petrie and Delisanti for her bowling development.

"I'm very fortunate to have him as a coach," she said of Delisanti who has been her high school coach since she started with the team six years ago. "I wouldn't have anyone else be my high school coach. Del is my rock with my mental and even physical game. He keeps me on line and tells me to shake it off and to concentrate and focus but have fun."

Mamon will bowl at Erie Community College in the fall and wants to major in education. After that, she is undecided which



Williamsville South's Jessica Mamon set school and ECIC records against Sweet Home on Jan. 3 at Manor II Lanes. File photo

college she will attend. She also wants to qualify for the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Junior Gold Championships, the nation's premier competition for high-average youth bowlers, this summer. The event will be held July 7-13 at Thruway Lanes, Airport Lanes and Transit Lanes. If she doesn't qualify, she will bowl in an adult league.

Mamon, who is averaging 210, led South against Hamburg on Dec. 18 with a 689 set and 277 game. Becca Kent had a 613 for her first 600 of her career. Rachel Broadt chipped in a 542 set. Alex Rasey also bowls on "A".

The South "B" team of Liz Scimia, Katherine Wambach, Tricia Kent and Jenny Zubricky helped accomplish the total pin record with the "A" team. (Please turn to page 21)