

# Bisons beat country's top team for tournament crown

The Buffalo Bisons 16U team compiled a 7-0 record, including a 3-1 shootout victory over defending 16U National Champion Assabet Valley U16 Red, to win the 17AA division of the Connecticut Polar Bears Tournament.

Assabet Valley is the No. 1 16U team in the country.

The Bisons opened the tournament with a hard-fought 3-0 victory over Markham-Stouffville, followed up with a dominating 6-0 win over the New Hampshire Lady Monarchs.

A 4-1 victory over the Springfield Jr. Pics and a 3-0 win over the Michigan Capitals closed out round robin play.

The Bisons opened the playoff round with a 2-0 quarterfinal win over a determined Team Prince Edward Island, setting up a semifinal game against a talented NAHA Red team.

The Bisons held leads of 1-0 and 2-1, but a late NAHA third period goal tied the score at 2-2. After nothing was decided in a five-minute overtime, it was on to a five-player shootout. The Bisons scored on their second shot while NAHA failed to score on any of their five opportunities to advance to the championship game against Assabet Valley.

After a scoreless first period, Assa-



**The Buffalo Bisons 16U hockey team** defeated 16U National Champion Assabet Valley U16 Red, 3-1, to win the 17AA division of the Connecticut Polar Bears Tournament. The Bisons went 7-0 in the tournament. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: laying, left - Kim Sass (East Amherst) and Kelly Mendola (Kenmore); kneeling - Kelsey Welch (East Amherst), Carolyn Wolcott (Syracuse), Mackenzie Lee (Caledonia), Maggie Giamo (Orchard Park), Julie

Fleming (Grand Island), Brianna Murphy (Depew); standing - Robert Sass (East Amherst), Jay Waters (Clarence), Pam Zgoda (Cheektowaga), Brigitte Cellino (West Seneca), Jacquie Greco (Clarence), Cassie Stein (Lewiston), Tenley Odenbach (Rochester), Kristina Moss (Webster), Erica Owczarczak (West Seneca), Danielle Drabin (Rochester), Abby Runyon (Fairport), Gary Moss (Webster), and Scott Welch (East Amherst).

bet Valley opened the scoring with a goal midway through the second period. The Bisons tied the score at 1-1 with a goal midway through the third period. Each team had several scoring opportunities throughout the remainder of the period but could not convert, as regulation ended with the score tied at 1-1.

As two tension-filled five-minute overtime periods could not determine the outcome, it was on to a five-player shootout. After five attempts from each team failed to produce a goal, five more shooters were selected and the shootout continued. With the Bisons scoring on their first and third shots, and Assabet Valley failing to score on each of its first three attempts, the pressure was on the fourth Assabet shooter to score. The shot was taken and the save was made, earning the Bisons their first ever Connecticut Polar Bears Tournament Championship.

The team has compiled an outstanding record of 36-2-4, including two tournament championships. With the win over Assabet Valley, they have beaten the top 16U team in the United States as well as the No. 1 17U team in Canada (the Toronto Aeros) this season.

## Girls Volleyball

# Prentice, Maving named All-WNY

Two important cogs to Sweet Home's back to back Section VI Class A girls volleyball titles has been Krista Prentice and Kelsey Maving so it's no surprise both made the All-Western New York team.

Both also made the Coaches All-WNY First Team Large School team. Both have been four-year starters although Maving, a setter, is only a sophomore. Prentice, a senior outside hitter, led Sweet Home in digs and kills.

Williamsville North senior right side hitter Krista Frieling and Williamsville South senior libero Jocelyn VanOpdorp earned Coaches All-WNY Second Team Large School honors.

Prentice, Maving and VanOpdorp also made the All-ECIC First Team. Frieling was chosen to the Second Team.

Here is a list of divisional girls volleyball all-stars for the Town of Amherst schools.

### Amherst Central

Senior outside hitter Jodi Battaglia made the ECIC III First Team. Liz Reid and Shannon McGuire

earned Second Team honors.

### Sweet Home

Senior outside hitter Victoria Henry and junior libero Carol Skoney made the ECIC II First Team. Melissa Heckathorn earned Second Team honors.

### Williamsville East

Senior middle blocker Kaitlin Roseti and junior setter Mary McDaniel were chosen to the ECIC II First team.

### Williamsville North

Senior setter Jackie Fassio made the ECIC I First Team and junior Amanda Holden and sophomore Erin Sweeney made the Second Team. Emily Hoy was a Third Team selection.

### Williamsville South

Middle blocker Nicolette Neenos was an ECIC II First Team selection.

### Sacred Heart

Senior setter Kelly Domzalski was a Monsignor Martin Association All-Catholic First Team selection. Senior Genna Van Domelen was a North Division First Team selection.

## Boehm earns athlete of the week honors

Sacred Heart Academy graduate and Cheektowaga resident Allison Boehm of the St. John Fisher College women's basketball team was named the College's Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending January 7. She was also named Empire 8 Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

In a 2-0 week for the Cardinals, the junior captain led the team, averaging 18 points and five assists per game. Boehm also grabbed 18 rebounds in the two-game span. The Cardinals rallied from double-digit, second-half deficits in both games to improve to a 7-3 overall record, while earning their first two victories in their Empire 8 Conference schedule.

In the win over host Rochester Institute of Technology on Friday, Boehm tallied 16 points, eight rebounds and five assists in the

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# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

## Wednesday, Jan. 10

**Girls Basketball:** Amherst at Lake Shore, 7:30 p.m.

**Boys Bowling:** Amherst at Springville, 4:30 p.m. (Airport), Sweet Home at W.S. East, 4 p.m. (Wimbleton), Hamburg at East, 4:30 p.m. (Transit), South at Iroquois, 4 p.m. (Lancaster)

**Girls Bowling:** Amherst at Springville, 4:30 p.m. (Airport), Sweet Home at W.S. East, 4 p.m. (Wimbleton), Hamburg at East, 4:30 p.m. (Transit), South at Iroquois, 4 p.m. (Lancaster)

**Wrestling:** W.S. East at Amherst, 7 p.m., Sweet Home at Frontier, 6 p.m., Iroquois at East, 6 p.m., Lake Shore at South, 6 p.m.

## Thursday, Jan. 11

**Boys Basketball:** Sweet Home at Lancaster, 7:30 p.m., Orchard Park at North, 7:30 p.m., South at Iroquois, 6:30 p.m.

**Boys Bowling:** North at W.S. West, 3:30 p.m. (Wimbleton)

**Girls Bowling:** Sacred Heart vs. Holy Angels, 3:45 p.m. (Thruway), North at W.S. West, 3:30 p.m. (Wimbleton)

**Hockey:** Sweet Home vs. Bishop Timon-St. Jude, 7 p.m. (Feature), Amherst vs. East, 9 p.m. (Feature)

## Friday, Jan. 12

**Boys Basketball:** Amherst at Lake Shore, 7:30 p.m., St. Joe's at East, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball:** East at Amherst, 7:30 p.m., Sweet Home at Clarence, 7:30 p.m.

**Boys Swimming:** Amherst at East Aurora, 7 p.m., W.S. East at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m., East at North, 5 p.m., South at Cheektowaga, 4:30 p.m.

**Wrestling:** Amherst at Lockport Tourn., 5 p.m., Frontier at North, 6 p.m., Pioneer at South, 6 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 13

**Hockey:** North vs. Ken. West, 1 p.m. (Feature), Sweet Home vs. Ken. East, 3 p.m. (Olympic)

**Indoor Track:** Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Fredonia State College (7th-10th grade championship), 9 a.m.

**Wrestling:** Amherst at Lockport Tourn., 9 a.m., East, North, South at North Tourn., TBA

## Sunday, Jan. 14

**Hockey:** South vs. Bishop Timon-St. Jude, 1 p.m. (Buffalo State College), Sweet Home vs. St. Francis, 5 p.m. (Buffalo State College)

## Monday, Jan. 15

**Indoor Track:** Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at WNY Relays (University at Buffalo), 9 a.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 16

**Boys Basketball:** Amherst at East, 7:30 p.m., Sweet Home at Frontier, 7:30 p.m., North at Lancaster, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball:** Sacred Heart at Starpoint, 7 p.m.

**Boys Bowling:** South at Iroquois, 4:30 p.m. (Lancaster), Frontier at North, 3:30 p.m. (Transit)

**Girls Bowling:** South at Iroquois, 4:30 p.m. (Lancaster), Frontier at North, 3:30 p.m. (Transit)

**Boys Swimming:** South at Amherst, 5 p.m. (Sweet Home), Sweet Home at East, 6 p.m. (Transit Middle), North at Clarence, 5 p.m.

# HISTORY

## IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING....

### AT AMHERST MUSEUM IN JANUARY

**EVENTS**

January 3	Victorian Dance Society Meeting, 7 pm
January 10	Reading Between the Lines, 7 p.m.
January 18	Amherst Museum Quilters Guild Meeting 7 pm
January 18	Weaver's Guild of Buffalo Meeting 6:30 pm
January 18	Amherst Museum Lace Guild Meeting 7 p.m.

**EXHIBITS**

*Bodice to Bed: The Fabric of Clothing and Quilts*

*Wedding Belles: The Fashionable Bride - Closes January 12*

*What's Cooking: Women in the Kitchen*

Williamsville Central School District Student Exhibit -  
Opens February 13

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