

Village Glen expanding tennis program

The Village Glen Tennis and Fitness Club will be now known as the Village Glen Tennis Club.

The name change represents the club's new direction to expand upon its increasingly popular tennis program and become a tennis-only establishment.

The fitness aspect will be eliminated from the club on Feb. 2.

"This new direction fulfills our strategic plan to build upon Village Glen's reputation as one of the finest tennis clubs in the area," said Glen Tennis Club co-owner Maritza Ruh. "It is also an opportunity to expand upon our junior

program, which has proven to be very successful."

Village Glen, located at 162 Mill St., Williamsville, has six indoor tennis courts and four clay outdoor bubbled tennis courts.

Ruh and her husband, Jack, owners of South Towns Tennis Club, purchased Village Glen in December 2006. Former owner Tom LaPenna serves as the club's executive director. He has been leading Village Glen's tennis program for the past 25 years. LaPenna has consistently coached youngsters who have reached No. 1 in the United States Tennis Association's junior national rankings.

"Tom is a tremendous asset to the tennis community and to our club members," said Ruh. "He is an energetic leader who inspires staff and builds a passion for tennis among youngsters."

LaPenna served as head coach of the University of Buffalo men's tennis team from 1977 to 1983. He is a certified teaching professional with the United States Professional Tennis Association, and a premier advisory staff member of the Wilson Sporting Goods Company. He is an inaugural inductee into the Buffalo Tennis Hall of Fame.

Buffalo In-Line Hockey Group

Flames, Raiders win fall championships

Buffalo In-line Hockey Group held its championships for its fall 2006 season on Saturday at the EPIC Center.

In the junior division, the Blue Flames beat the Black Aces, 5-2. In the major division, the Red Raiders beat Team X, 5-3.

The Aces had won the regular season title but the Flames didn't believe the hype. They showed why they were the best team this day.

The Flames' Zac Carslyle (Tonawanda) opened the scoring with a first period goal. Carslyle tallied again early in the second only to have the Aces counter with a goal by Nick Antoniadis (Amherst).

Crowd favorite PJ Anders (Amherst) scored the game winner at 8:15 of the third period. Carslyle tallied two more and Antoniadis scored once more to bring the final tally to 5-2 for the junior division

champs, who were led by rookie coach Bill Spatzer.

The entire Flame team consisting of Adam Terragnoli (Amherst), Kevin Krawczyk (Tonawanda), Alex Spatzer (Kenmore), Zac Wieand Mike Wesolowski (Cheektowaga) and netminder Tyler Anderson (Tonawanda) deserved the victory.

The tone was set early in the major division game when Pat Smith (Amherst) opened the scoring with a goal in the first minute of play. Taylor Setlock (Tonawanda) tied it at 1-1 and later made it 2-1 but Zac Carslyle tied the game at 2-2.

Roy Wasiewicz (Cheektowaga) scored twice to give the Raiders a 4-2 lead.

Scott Sciolino (Tonawanda) narrowed the lead to 4-3 but Wasiewicz completed his hat trick to make the final score 5-3.

It was the first championship for an outstanding veteran coach, Rich Smith. Smith

was supported by Edgar Rosario (Kenmore), Kyle King (Tonawanda), Austin Newman (Tonawanda), Nick Shearer (Kenmore), Tommy Wolfe (Amherst) and goalkeeper Aaron Lambe (Tonawanda).

Fall postseason awards

David Campuzano won the league's Most Valuable Player award for the major division and Evan Dressel won MVP for the junior division.

Both players led their respective leagues in scoring and their teams to regular season championships. Campuzano is a freshman at Grand Island High School and Dressel is a seventh grader at Heim Middle school.

This was the seventh season that Campuzano has earned this highest league honor and Evans' first.

Junior division First Team All-League players are skaters Dressel, Jim Kro-

likowski, Greg Newman, Zac Carslyle and goalie Tyler Anderson. The major division selections were skaters Pat Smith, Campuzano, John Lyons and Justin Banaszak.

Tryouts

Placement (not elimination) tryouts for the winter season will be held on Saturday at the EPIC Center, 2793 Wehrle Dr., Williamsville.

Tryouts for players 13 years of age (1993) and younger will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and run until 10:20 a.m. Tryouts for players 14 years of age (1992) and older will follow at 10:30 a.m. and run until noon.

All players must register at the admin table before hitting the rink and there is a \$5 charge to try out. Standard hockey equipment is required.

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Spartan swimmers douse Flames, bury Red Devils

Williamsville North (10-0) took two big steps forward to defending its ECIC boys swimming championship by defeating Williamsville East and previously unbeaten Clarence.

In the Spartans' 60-42 victory over East on Jan. 12, Brandon Beckinghausen (200 free, 500 free) and Chris Deptula (50 free, 100 free) were both double winners. The duo also teamed up with Michael Lin and Kyle Siskar to win the 200 free relay (1:34.04).

The Spartans then rolled into Clarence last Tuesday and handed the Red Devils their first loss of the season and first home loss to an ECIC rival in over six years.

Never trailing, the Spartans won all but one event in the entire meet, swimming to a convincing 101-85 victory.

Double winners for the Spartans were Lin (200 IM, 100 free), Brandon Beckinghausen (200 free, 500 free) and Chris Deptula (50 free, 100 back). Big performances were also turned in by Siskar (50 free, 100 free), Mike Burns (100 breast), Sean Beckinghausen (200 IM, 100 breast), Matt Krupp (200 free, 100 fly), Robby Novak (200 free, 500 free) and Chris Han (200 IM, 100 back).

Divers Chris Arcara and Shawn Goldsmith also finished 1-2, respectively, on the board as well.

"This was a tremendous team effort, and coach Dan McLaughlin and I are very proud of the boys," stated North coach Flynn Burroughs. "Clarence is an outstanding young team. They are well-prepared, and we always get their very best meet. Had a few touches gone the other

way, there could have been a different outcome."

The Spartans' final test of the season will come on Jan. 30, when they host southtown power Orchard Park. Currently unbeaten as well, this meet will decide the ECIC AA team champion. The Spartans have beaten the Quakers each of the past three seasons; however, two of the three match-ups have been decided by less than a second in the meet's final event, the 400 free relay.

In the Spartans 51-50 victory over Frontier on Friday evening, Lin, Krupp, Deptula and Brandon Beckinghausen broke a 30-year old pool record in the 400 free when the clock stopped at 3:19.61. Their time was an automatic state qualifying time and is the top reported time in New York State this year.



BREATHE — Williamsville South's Greg Frank comes up for air while swimming the 500-yard freestyle in the Billies' 68-34 home loss against East Aurora on Friday.

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East boys even record to 4-4

Williamsville East evened its record to 4-4 with wins over Jamestown, 111-59, and West Seneca West, 71-25, last week.

Neil Batta, Matt Geiger and Mike Anderson were all double winners against Jamestown last Wednesday at Transit Middle School.

Batta won the 200-yard freestyle (155.26) and 100 back (101.20). Geiger took home first

in the 200 IM (211.69) and 100 breast (114.84). Anderson won the 50 free (25.10) and 500 free (517.00).

Kane Hsieh was tops in the 100 free (55.90).

Joe O'Gorman continues to set personal bests in diving. Against West, he swam a score of 206.90.

Other East winners against West were Thomas Mitchell (500 free,

544.29) and Brad Kim (100 breast, 116.74).

All three East relays won. The 400 free of Anderson, Batta, Hsieh and Geiger won the 400 free in 336.32.

East hosts Sweet Home on Wednesday and West Seneca East on Friday at Transit Middle School. Both meets start at 6 p.m.

Amherst beats South, Maryvale

The Amherst varsity boys swimming team improved its record to 5-4-1 with two decisive wins last week over Williamsville South (118-50) and Maryvale (69-25).

All three Tiger relays won against South. They are: 200 medley (Jacob Hofmar-Glennon, Stephen Arlington, Nathan Chau, Marshall Davis), 200 free (Ian Blochwitz, Davis, Harrison Singer, Ryan Menasco) and 400 free relay (Hofmar-Glennon, Singer, Menasco, Paul Timmel).

Menasco (50 free, 100 free) and Timmel (200 free, 500 free) were double winners. Hofmar-Glennon took first in the 100 back.

Singer (100 free, second; 200 free, three); Davis (200 free, second; 100 back, third), Blochwitz (50 free, second), Ben Swiatek (50 free, third; 100 free, third), Arlington (100 breast, second), Devin Finan (100 breast, third); Chau (100 fly, second); and Allen Dengler (100 fly, third) were other notable Amherst

swimmers who performed well.

All three Tiger relays also won against Maryvale. They are: 200 medley (Hofmar-Glennon, Menasco, Timmel, Singer), 200 free relay (Blochwitz, Davis, Singer, Menasco) and 400 free relay Timmel, Hofmar-Glennon, Davis, Blochwitz).

Menasco won the 200 free and 100 breast and Timmel took first in the 200 IM and 100 back.

Hofmar-Glennon was first in the 50 free and second in the 500 free. Dengler came in second in the 100 fly and third in the 200 IM. Singer won the 100 free and was second in the 50 free. Blochwitz was second in the 100 free. Finan came in third in the 100 breast. Chau won the 100 fly and was third in the 100 back.

Personal best times were also turned in by Ian Johnson, Justin Jenkins and Ryan Rychnowski.

Amherst hosts Lackawanna at 5 p.m. Friday at Sweet Home.

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