

Greater Buffalo's boys reign at Buffalo Challenge gymnastics

The boys competitive team from The Greater Buffalo Gymnastic and Fitness Center recently competed in the 2007 annual Buffalo Challenge Gymnastics Meet hosted by Greater Buffalo Gymnastics.

The Western New York Region of The Junior Olympic teams were represented by several area gyms, in-

cluding Niagara Frontier, Gymnastics Unlimited, GTC- Rochester, GC2, Buffalo Turners and Greater Buffalo Gymnastics Center. The competitors ranged in ages from 6-18 years old with skill levels ranging from Level 4-10.

Level 10 all around first place honors were awarded to Michael Morse

(Clarence) from Greater Buffalo Gymnastics Center with a high score of 8.9 on the floor and 8.8 on the vault. Morse placed second on pommel horse and took first place on all other events.

Jarred Foreman (Getzville), also from Greater Buffalo Gymnastics, followed close behind to capture the second place all around. Foreman scored a 8.0 on the high bar event and took second place on rings. He also added three third-place finishes to his meet on the floor, vault and parallel bars.

Michael Maizel (Amherst) from Greater Buffalo, also competing in level 10, finished in fourth place all-around. Maizel achieved his all-around finish by placing third on pommel horse and rings, and fourth on floor, vault and parallel bars.

The team consisting of Morse, Foreman, Maizel and Gage Greiner (Lockport) took home the first place

banner in team competition for levels 7-10.

In the level 6 category, Alex Wittenberg (Tonawanda) took first place overall with an all-around score of 52.30. Wittenberg finished first on both rings (8.9) and on parallel bars (9.1), placed second on high bar and took third on both pommel horse and vault.

Spencer Keiffer (East Amherst), also from Greater Buffalo, made a strong showing on pommel horse where he placed fourth with a score of 8.8. Keiffer placed in the top 10 on several other events and finished seventh with a final score of 44.00.

Dallin Wright (Clarence Center), the last member making up Greater Buffalo's level 6 team, added to the stellar performances by contributing a ninth place overall finish. Wright excelled on floor, pommel horse and high bars as his combined total of events landed him a 40.40 all-around score.

The Greater Buffalo level 5's fared well against the strong competition as Elliot Wittenberg (Tonawanda) scored a 9.3 on vault and an 8.5 on rings to help his all-around score of 48.00. Joey Chearmonte (Amherst) captured seventh place on vault with a score of 9.2 and finished with an overall score of 47.80.

Justin Sullivan (Tonawanda) helped his teammates by contributing a 9.0 on vault, an 8.2 on parallel bars and an 8.0 on floor.

The level 4 team, brand new to competition, also demonstrated solid performances at their first ever gymnastics meet. Daniel Hedges (Williamsville) scored a 9.1 on the vault and his all-around score of 50.50 was backed up with an 8.9 on both the rings and parallel bars.

Tyler Will (Amherst) had a strong meet with his scores on vault (8.9) and rings (8.4) helping him contribute to the team's overall finish.



Bram Houston, far left, Hunter Sullivan and Josh Menengaux from Stumpf's Gymnastics were champions in all-around in a recent meet in Rochester.

Stumpf boys compete in Rochester

The Level 4, 5 and 6 teams from Stumpf's Gymnastics recently competed at an upstate local meet in Rochester. The teams fielded four all-around champions and saw several others reach the podium.

Hunter Sullivan, of the Level 4 team, was the all-around champion of the 6-7 year old age group. He was also first on floor exercise, pommel horse, rings, and parallel bars. Teammate Anthony Gallo was second all-around and on floor. Gallo was also high bar champion with a score of 8.80. Elliot Gengo earned fourth place all-around. Gengo's performance was highlighted by a 9.50 vault, which earned first place.

Mitch Perlstein was second place all-around in the 8-9 age group. He was also second on high bar and third on rings. Andrew Seams was fourth all-around and third on high bar. Seams also executed a solid floor routine, which earned first place. Austin Martin was seventh all-around. Additionally, Martin had a pair of second place finishes on rings and parallel bars. Brandon Cooley placed ninth all-around and on rings and Blake Lang was 15th overall.

Nine-year old Joshua Menegaux led the Level 5 team, earning 54.85 all-around and first place in the 7-9 division. Menegaux was also champion of the pommel horse, high bar and parallel bars with a stellar 9.40. Stephen Frost, in his first meet since returning to Buffalo, turned in a third place performance. Frost also had a 9.35 on the rings, which earned first place. Spencer Henley was fourth all around. Henley's performance was highlighted by a third place on rings and second on floor exercise. Nicholas Rey was seventh all-around with a pair of sixth place finishes on floor and parallel bars. Griffin Ingerson was eighth all-around and sixth on rings and Dylan Arena was 13th overall and seventh on floor.

Bram Houston, of the 10-11 division, finished the day with a first place performance of 53.75 all-around. Houston was also first on floor and second on pommel horse and rings. Matthew Salvati was a close second with a 53.50. Additionally, Salvati was the rings and pommel horse champion and earned second on parallel bars. Luke Penner, who finished 14th overall, tied Frost with a team-high 9.5 on vault that earned fifth place in the division.

Level 6 champion Mack Lasker competed in the 8-9 age group. Lasker was second on floor and high bar, third on vault and parallel bars and was the pommel horse champion with a 9.10. Teammate Brian Shepard finished fourth in the 12 and over group. Shepard was second on parallel bars and third on pommel horse, vault and high bar.

Sports brief

The public is invited to participate in a 3D shoot Sunday, Feb. 18, at the **Double T Archery Club**, 1120 North French Road, Amherst. The 15-target shoot will start at dawn and continue until 2 p.m. A map to the club can be found at doubletarchery.org.

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Sled Hockey

Cavagnaro scores first career goal in Sabres' shutout victory

The Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey team recently shut out the Niagara Thunderblades, 10-0.

Amy Cavagnaro (Getzville) started the scoring with her first sled hockey goal of her career with a low shot that beat the goalie to the left side.

Tyler Ball (Lancaster) scored the next two goals when his hard work in front of the net paid off. Assists went to Brandon Kick (Cheektowaga) and Adam Melluso (Amherst).

A perfect feed from Stefan Kothe (Getzville) sent Jared Cutler (Amherst) on a breakaway. Cutler scored to make it 4-0 after the first period.

The Sabres' added three goals in the second period. Dan Murray (Buffalo) scored from the left side from a perfect pass from Nick Walker (West Seneca). Matt Murray (Buffalo) scored the next two goals with assists from Christoph Kothe (Getzville) and Melluso.

Goalie Erich LeRoy (Hamburg) was playing a great game and the only thing the Sabres were worried about was preserving the shutout.

In the third period, the Sabres' Jeremy Fuller (Hamburg) took a perfect pass from Zach Andrews and beat the goalie with a low shot to the glove side. Cutler recorded his second goal of the game with assists from Andrews and Cavagnaro. Dan Murray picked up his second of the game with assists from Kick and Melluso.

The Sabres dedicated the game in memory of Amy's brother, John, who died in his sleep the morning of Jan. 13.

Aladdin invite

The Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey team recently traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the fourth annual Aladdin Invitational Sled Hockey Tournament.

The Sabres opened with a 2-1 loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins. Jared Cutler (Amherst) scored the Sabres' only goal on a breakaway. Cutler received a perfect pass from Adam Melluso (Amherst) and Brandon Kick (Cheektowaga). The Penguins tied it in the second and scored the game winner in the third. The Sabres had their chances in the third period but Christoph Kothe (Getzville), Dan Murray (Buffalo) and Tyler Ball (Lancaster) each hit a goal post.

The Sabres then ran into a young, fast Columbus Blue Jackets and lost the host team, 3-0. Eric LeRoy (Hamburg) played a great game in net, but the Sabres couldn't get any offense against the Blue Jackets.

The offense came to life against in a 6-1 win over the Cleveland Barons. Melluso opened the Sabres' scoring from Stefan Kothe (Getzville) and Matt Murray (Buffalo). Cutler added two goals with assists going to Christoph Kothe and Ball. Brandon Kick (Murray, Kothe) as well as Hamburg's Jeremy Fuller and Amherst's Justin Erckert rounded out the Sabres scoring.

The Sabres' last game was a 5-0 shutout over Grand Rapids. Cutler, Kothe, Dan Murray, Matt Murray and Melluso scored goals. Goalie Erich LeRoy earned the shutout.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Amherst Central

Boys Basketball — def. W.S. East 74-46, lost to Maryvale 66-58
Girls Basketball — lost to Springville 57-51, lost to South 62-52
Hockey — lost to North 8-0
Boys Swimming — def. Depew 63-31, def. Alden 104-66
Wrestling — lost to Lake Shore 71-3

Sweet Home

Boys Basketball — def. W.S. West 58-45, lost to Orchard Park 68-63 (OT), def. Hamburg 68-39
Girls Basketball — lost to Lancaster 49-33, lost to Orchard Park 43-32
Boys Bowling — def. East 7-0
Girls Bowling — def. East 6-1
Hockey — lost to St. Joe's 4-2, tied Frontier 2-2
Boys Swimming — lost to Lancaster 118-55, lost to Clarence 88-81
Wrestling — lost to W.S. West 51-19, lost to Hamburg 42-25

Williamsville East

Boys Basketball — def. Iroquois 49-43
Girls Basketball — def. Clarence 47-38, lost to Hamburg 49-30
Boys Bowling — lost to Sweet Home 7-0
Girls Bowling — lost to Sweet Home 6-1
Hockey — def. Batavia 1-0 (Section V), def. Lancaster 3-1
Boys Swimming — def. Hamburg 59-43, def. Lake Shore 103-88
Wrestling — lost to W.S. East 47-15, lost to Pioneer 36-26

Williamsville North

Boys Basketball — def. Clarence 60-55, lost to W.S. West 55-54
Girls Basketball — lost to W.S. West 60-54 (OT)
Boys Bowling — lost to Lancaster 7-0
Girls Bowling — lost to Lancaster 6-1
Federation Hockey — def. Bishop Timon-St. Jude 3-0, def. Amherst 8-0
WNY Club Large Schools Hockey — lost to Grand Island 3-0, lost to St. Joe's 2-1
Boys Swimming — def. Orchard Park 64-38
Wrestling — def. Orchard Park 40-24, def. South 59-12

Williamsville South

Boys Basketball — def. Lake Shore 66-49, def. W.S. East 83-49
Girls Basketball — def. Amherst 62-52
Boys Bowling — lost to W.S. East 7-0, second at Roy Summers Invite, 6121
Girls Bowling — def. W.S. East 6-1, 10th at Roy Summer Invite, 4978
Hockey — lost to Ken. West 2-0
Boys Swimming — lost to Alden 53-43, lost to Springville 48-46
Wrestling — lost to Starpoint 43-30, lost to North 59-12

Sacred Heart

Girls Basketball — lost to Nardin 44-38, def. Nichols 44-19
Indoor Track — first at Lancaster, 101.5