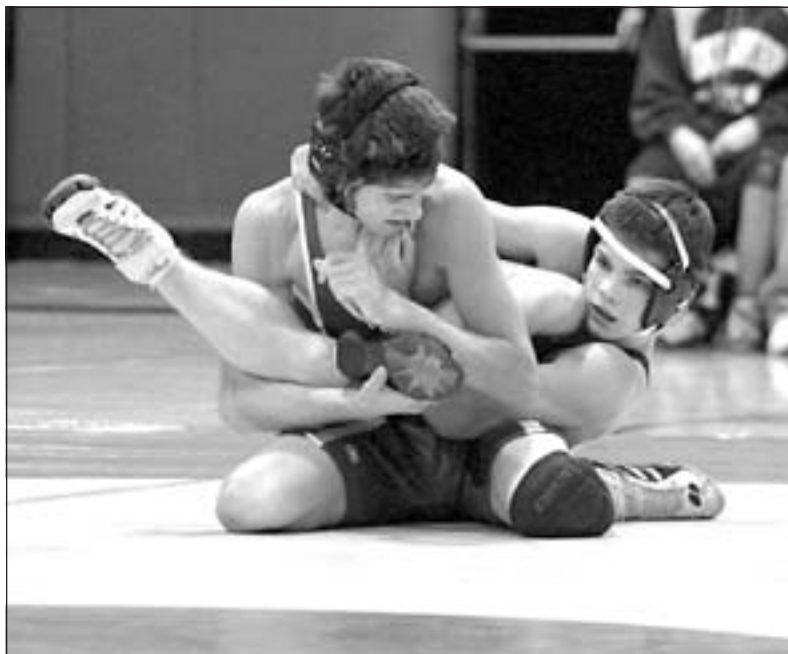




Colin Crickard, center, Williamsville East's only New York State champion, became the first Flames wrestler to be inducted into the Williamsville East Wrestling Hall of Fame. The event was held prior to East's dual match with Lake Shore last Wednesday. Also pictured is East coach Henry Fumerelle and former East coach Paul Horton.

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Williamsville East's Jacob Beichner defeated Lake Shore's Nick Ellington, 8-4, at 119 pounds. East lost the match 32-24 last Wednesday.

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Sports briefs

The Audubon Men's Golf Club is looking for new members.

Joining the club enables a golfer to compete in weekly tournaments with four major weekend events (family picnics and stags). There are script/money payoffs for every weekend tournament. A computer will keep record of scores with one's handicap for Audubon and away courses. Trophies will be awarded to winning golfers.

The club's first stag is on April 20 at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew.

For more information, call Paul Diamond at 626-5778 or e-mail Scorlione@aol.com.

Amherst Central's Willie Jones hit 6-7 in the high jump on Feb. 3 at Fredonia State College. The leap qualifies him for the Nike Indoor Nationals in March. At the team championships last Saturday at Fredonia State College, Jones won the high jump (6-6) and Brenna Symoniak placed first in the 3000 (10:51).

Freshman Katie Niblock scored the only point for the Sweet Home girls indoor track team at last Saturday's team championships at Fredonia State College by placing sixth in the 2-mile.

The Sweet Home boys scored 20 points. Jacob Hagen finished fourth in the 1600 and sixth in the 1000. Ryan Poley was sixth in the 600. Andrew Hopkins placed second in the shot put.

The boys' 4x800 relay team of Ryan Hughson, Mike Bakowski, Poley, and Hagen finished third.

East wrestling honors state champion

Colin Crickard, Williamsville East wrestling's only New York State champion, became the first inductee into the school's wrestling Hall of Fame prior to a dual match with Lake Shore last Wednesday.

Crickard won a state title at 215 pounds in 1994. He recorded a 34-1 record that year and was the sportsmanship award winner for the 1994 Section VI tournament. He finished with 98 career wins.

Crickard entered the Naval Academy in

1995 where he wrestled for four years and posted 65 collegiate wins. He was third at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships in 1998.

Crickard graduated from the medical school of the U.S. military at Bethesda, Md. and is a physician living in San Diego, Calif.

"I don't think there's a better place to start than with him," said East coach Henry Fumerelle.

Fumerelle said a Hall of Fame plaque donat-

ed from Larry Cohen and the Cohen family will be at the head table of each home future home match.

Unfortunately, East could not finish the night with a victory, losing 32-24.

Jacob Beichner (119, 8-4), Max Cohen (125, 10-5), Matt Calleri (130, 8-4), and Garrett Roetzer (135, 10-6) won by decision. Ernest Jacobs and Ryan Cravatta pinned at 171 and 112, respectively. Marc Whitlock lost at 140.

Beichner named president-elect of NWCA

The National Wrestling Coaches Association approved the motion of electing University at Buffalo wrestling head coach Jim Beichner as president-elect earlier this year at its annual general membership meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pa. Beichner was voted to succeed recently elected Ron Mirkitan of St. Louis-Meremac, who as-

sumed the role of president this year, and will begin a two-year term beginning in 2008.

The NWCA is a professional organization dedicated to serve and provide leadership for the advancement of all levels of the sport of wrestling, with primary emphasis on scholastic and collegiate pro-

grams. The membership embraces all people interested in amateur wrestling. The NWCA, through its organizational structure, promotes communication, recognizes achievement, recommends rules and regulations, sponsors events, and serves as an educational and informational source. Additionally, the NWCA strives to

foster the sportsmanship and integrity that are the cornerstones of athletic competition.

"They are a great group of people who promote the sport of wrestling and make a difference," coach Beichner said. "I am hoping I can do a fraction of what they are doing."

Community input sought on UB athletics programs

A committee studying the future of the University at Buffalo's intercollegiate athletics programs has scheduled two meetings to obtain input from the community.

The Corrigan Committee will hold public meetings from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 at the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, 742 Delaware Ave., and from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the Center for the Arts on the

UB North (Amherst) Campus. Comments also can be submitted to the committee at corrigan.chair@buffalo.edu.

The 13-member committee, which was appointed by UB President John B. Simpson and has been meeting since last fall, is looking at a series of recommendations and issues contained in a report prepared by Gene Corrigan, an experienced and widely

respected former athletic administrator and consultant in intercollegiate athletics, which was issued in June 2005.

The committee is chaired by Nils Olsen, dean of the UB Law School, and co-chaired by John N. Walsh, III, vice chair of the UB Foundation and chairman and CEO of Walsh Duffield Companies.

Olsen noted that to date, the university's action steps in re-

sponse to recommendations in Corrigan's report have included an affirmation of its commitment to Division I-A football, the hiring of Warde J. Manuel as athletics director and the appointment of several head coaches, including Turner Gill as football coach.

Olsen said the committee has been charged by Simpson "to conduct a comprehensive review of Mr. Corrigan's report and to deliver further recommendations regarding plans to move UB's athletics program forward."

In concert with the university's UB 2020 plan for academic excellence, the Corrigan Committee seeks to refine a vision for excellence for the university's athletics program.

"Among the issues being considered by the committee," Olsen added, "are the role of the university's athletics program within the Buffalo-Niagara region, the right mix of sports to be sponsored in the intercollegiate program, and the appropriate strategies that might be implemented to transform and sustain UB's intercollegiate athletics program at the Mid-American Conference championship caliber level."

"The committee actively seeks the input of members of the local

community to inform its work," Olsen added.

In addition to Olsen and Walsh, members of the committee are: Laura J. Barnum, associate athletics director for internal operations and senior woman administrator; Charles R. Fournier, UB professor of biological sciences and faculty athletics representative; Marsha S. Henderson, UB vice president for external affairs; Christina R. Hernandez, assistant athletic director for business operations; Wesley Hicks, professor of otolaryngology and neurosurgery; Creighton H. Randall, Undergraduate Student Association corporate relations director; Marilyn E. Morris, professor of pharmaceutical sciences and associate dean for graduate and postdoctoral education in the Graduate School; Peter A. Nickerson, director of the Pathology Graduate Program in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and chair of the Faculty Senate; Barbara J. Ricotta, dean of students and associate vice president for student affairs; Barbara J. Rooney, associate director in the Office of Admissions; and Sean P. Sullivan, associate vice president for academic planning and budget.

Buffalo-Inline Hockey Group

Spring season opens with scoring explosion

One of the most prolific scorers in Western New York youth in-line hockey has been Pat Smith (Amherst).

Buffalo In-line Hockey Group opened its spring season last Saturday and Smith let everyone know that it would be more of the same. Smith earned major division Player of the Week as he scored seven times, including the game winner in a shootout, which carried the Blues to a 14-12 win over the Flyers.

Scott McLaughlin (Amherst) added four for the winners with Josh Grant (Kenmore) scoring five times and Justin Banaszak (Cheektowaga) chipping in a hat trick and four assists. In other action:

Major Division Black Aces 17, Bandits 3

Last season's MVP David Campuzano (Grand Island) had four goals and five assists, Zac Robinson (Cheektowaga) recorded a double hat trick and Calvin Waley (Cheektowaga) and Kurt Knowell (Amherst) had hat tricks for the Aces. Brett Jablonski scored a hat trick for the Bandits.

Raiders 13, Sabres 1

Taylor Setlock's (Tonawanda) three goals, five assists, Scott Sciolino's (Tonawanda) four goals and Nick Durante's (Tonawanda) hat trick led the Raiders, who had Tyler Anderson (North Tonawanda) in net.

Green Berets 12, Mean Machine 7

John Lyons (Amherst), Austin Newman (Tonawanda) and Adam Rainey (Tonawanda) each scored four times

for the Berets. John Berg (Williamsville) had three assists. Zac Carlisle (Tonawanda) had a hat trick and Roy Wasiewicz had four goals for the Machine.

Junior Division Demos 4, Gray Ghosts 3

Jesse VanDyne (Tonawanda) scored late in the third period to give the Demons the win. Kevin Eberth (Cheektowaga) scored twice for the victors. Zac Carlisle, a 12-year old who plays in the major and junior division, had two for the Ghosts.

Heat 8, Raiders 2

Junior division Player of the Week P.J. Anders (Amherst) led the Heat with a hat trick and three assists. Alex Spatzer (Kenmore) had a couple goals for the Heat and Jim Krolkowski (Clarence) had both Ghost tallies. Matt Baran (Tonawanda) got the win in net.

Blades 7, Blackhawks 5

The Blades got seven goals from six different players in a shootout win. Greg Newman (Tonawanda) scored a couple for the Blades. Christian Curtola (Amherst) had a hat trick and two assists for the Hawks.

Buffalo In-line Hockey Group is the premier youth in-line hockey league in Erie County and plays every Saturday morning at the EPIC Center on Wehrle Dr. in Amherst.

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