

## Wisconsin defeats Iowa for sixth grade boys crown

The Wisconsin Badgers led throughout en route to defeating the Iowa Hawkeyes, 38-21, on March 10 in the sixth grade boys division of Amherst Youth Basketball.

In the first quarter, the Badgers' Hank Ransom and Kyle Zurak led the scoring with four points each. Nick Kiener was able to score two points from a tip back giving the Badgers ten points at the end of the quarter. Evan Haskins found himself more than once in the right spot by getting three defensive rebounds and good passing for Wisconsin. Hawkeye, Brett Pusateri took advantage of a shooting foul and a basket for four points. Mike Shake added one point, giving the Hawkeyes five points to close the quarter.

The second quarter was give-and-take with each team ending with six points. Ransom again sank shots for four points and Zurak laid in a jump shot for two points. Ezra Steinfeld played another strong defensive game by getting his quick hands on the ball and breaking up Hawkeye charges. Steinfeld was also credited with two defensive rebounds.

Iowa's Pusateri broke through the Badgers' defense and sank four points while Ben Morina found the basket for two points. At the end of the first-half, the Badgers led, 16-11.

Led by a strong defense and great rebounding, the Badgers started to open up the game in the second half. Kiener was able to break through and contribute five more points for the Badgers. Ransom continued to play a solid game, sinking four more points from tip backs. Evan Poole, who led



**Wisconsin** defeated Iowa, 38-21, on March 10 to win the Amherst Youth Basketball sixth grade boys division. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: front row — Matthew Shank, Todd Huber. Evan Haskins and Ezra Steinfeld; back row — coach Ron Shank, Dave Costanza, Kyle Zurak, Hank Ransom, Nick Kiener and Evan Poole.

the Badgers all season in rebounds, helped his team after sinking a shot for two points. Todd Huber is credited with four assists and getting good passes to his teammates that resulted in scoring opportunities. Huber also played a strong defensive game. The Hawkeyes continued to battle with Madison Maley leading the quarter for his team with four points. Pusateri and Shake each added a basket.

In the final quarter, the Badgers held the Hawkeyes to one Pusateri basket (12 points). The Badgers' Ran-

som, who had his best game of the season, added five more points for a game total of 17. Zurak drove into the key and sank two baskets for four more points (10 points) and Kiener sank two points (nine points). Matthew Shank was able to set up a couple of picks that opened the key for his teammates to score. Shank also played great defense with strong guarding that resulted in turnovers for fastbreak opportunities. Dave Costanza, recovering from a broken arm, cheered his team on from the bench.

## UCLA beats Oregon State, earns seventh-eighth girls title

The UCLA Bruins beat Oregon State, 41-32, on Tuesday, March 13 at First Trinity Church, to win the Amherst Youth Basketball seventh and eighth grade girls league championship.

Oregon State came out very strong, taking a 6-0 lead. With scoring spread amongst eight different players, they led into the third quarter. UCLA made a strong come back in the third quarter, scoring 15 points.

The game came down to the last four minutes with both teams tied at 32-32. UCLA's defense took over, holding Oregon State scoreless until the end of the game while their offense scored nine points.

UCLA's Kristen Scime had 13 points in the second half and ended up scoring 15 points in the game. Inbal Fischer scored in every quarter, finishing with 14 points. Lisa Harb sunk four foul shots and ended with eight points. Ivy Timlin rounded out UCLA's scoring with four points.

The defensive rebounding skills of Jenna Cleland and Cassidy Malough were imperative in the Bruins' come-back, along with the tenacious perimeter defense displayed by UCLA guards, Allison Leonard, Jeanette Kats and Allison Leet. Oregon State was led by Marci



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Tirone (seven points) and Aisha Vance (six points). Scoring four points each were Angelica Tan, Lauren Stall and Kirstin Sciandra. Dana

Romeo's scoring came from a three-point shot. Jessica Prater and Jamie Cohen scored two points each.

## Louisville wins rematch with Seton Hall

Louisville avenged a 35-34 first round playoff loss a week ago against Seton Hall with a 24-17 victory in Amherst Youth Basketball's "C" division losers' bracket semifinals.

Louisville took a 6-2 first quarter lead with its tough defense and balanced offense. In the second and third quarters, the teams played dead even with each team scoring nine points. Louisville led 15-11 after three quarters.

The Cardinals' offense exploded

for nine fourth quarter points while holding Seton Hall to six points to seal the victory.

The Cardinals' last quarter offensive charge was led by Ben Clement (four points) and Kevin Roginson (three points).

The Cardinals offense was led by Kevin Zachau with five points. Other Cardinals scoring were Clement (four points), Michael Garafalo (four points), Mickey Evans (four points), Pedro Pereira (four points), and Ro-

ginson (three points). Jake August, Matt Rosen, and Paul McKay played well defensively for Louisville.

Seton Hall was led offensively by Jason Masiewicz and Eric Ruh, who each scored six points. Other Seton Hall players scoring were Matt Macomber (three points) and Daniel Mayers (two points). Nick Flaherty, Thomas Jackson, Taylor O'Brien, Kellen Pembleton, and JP Rehak played well defensively for Seton Hall.

### Sports briefs

**The Western New York Wrestling Coaches' Association** will be hosting the third annual luncheon of champions at noon on Sunday, March 25 at Illo DiPaolo's Restaurant, 3785 South Park Ave., Blasdell.

The luncheon is to recognize and honor Section VI New York State qualifiers, coaches, Hall of Fame inductees, National Junior College Athletic Association All-Americans, and NCAA Division I qualifiers.

The 2007 Hall of Fame inductees include coach Fred Marcheson (Iroquois 1974-2002), wrestlers Jack Valentic

(Maryvale, '59) and Ethan Bosch (Iroquois, '88) and coach/wrestler Glenn Bateman (Maryvale '67, Tonawanda '75-'95, and Maryvale '96-'99).

The cost of the dinner is \$18. For reservations, contact Paul Conklin by Wednesday, March 21.

**The next meeting of the Buffalo Bills Booster Club** will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 27 at Calvary Church Scaife Hall, 20 Milton St. (at Cayuga, one block south of Main St). For more information, call 685-3247, e-mail zolny@aol.com or write PO Box 732, Kenmore, NY 14217.



**CHAMPS** — Syracuse defeated Marquette, 36-34, to win the Amherst Youth Basketball fourth-fifth-grade championship. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: front row — Jacob Schoellkopf, Quinn Keenan, David Maher, James Doyle, Colin Greenway, Jason Cohen, Patrick Kelly, Benjamin Sharf; back row — assistant coach Chris Keenan and coach Ed Greenway.

## Fencing

# Younger Licata earns first medal

Victoria Licata of Getzville couldn't wait to get home Saturday and show her father, Mike, her gold medal.

As a member of Brutus's Brutes, Victoria Licata took first place in the Ides of March Team Foil Tournament Saturday at the Fencing Center of Buffalo.

Victoria and Mike Licata both picked up the sport at the same time and have formed a sort of household rivalry. If Mike offers a suggestion, Victoria doesn't want to hear anything about it. She wants to do things on her own. And that's what made Saturday so special. This time, she was to bring home the medal, instead of the other way around.

Mike Licata took second place in his first tournament this past December, earning an "E" rating from the United States Fencing Association. He backed that up with a gold medal-winning performance at the Valentine's Massacre Tournament in February, which earned him his "D" rating.

Victoria Licata was incredibly frustrated with her own performance at the Valentine's Massacre, as she placed 15th out of 22 in the unrated foil event and 12th out of 15 in the open foil event. But the 14-year-old was all smiles after earning her first fencing medal Saturday.

Victoria Licata teamed with captain Scott Dewey of Buffalo and Kevin Utzig of Tonawanda to win all five matches. Individually, Licata was 9-3 for the day.

The tournament followed a round-robin format, in which each team faced all the others. All of the fencers from one team faced all of the fencers from another team for a maximum total of nine bouts per match. The first team to win five bouts was named the victor.

Brian Langenfeld of Snyder lost only one bout during the day to lead his team, The Soothsayers, to the silver medal. Langenfeld was teamed with captain Marty Timm of Glenwood and Anthony Laulette of Buffalo.

Liz Galbo of Williamsville teamed with Greg Cofield of Kenmore and Samantha Anthony of East Aurora to win the bronze medal.

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