

# More depth has South boys lax feeling optimistic

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Reporter

After finishing 2-14 last year, Williamsville South boys lacrosse coach John Szymendara hopes more depth results in a much better record this spring.

"A realistic goal is a 10-6 record," said Szymendara. "Last year we were 2-14 but lost a lot of close games, and that's because we did not have a lot of depth. This year we have more depth and a number of skilled players who can pass the ball around and score."

Half of the South roster returns, including several JV players who were called up later in the season. There are 25 players, including 15 juniors, on the roster.

Returning players include seniors Joe Glieco, Joe Dash, Nick Brace, Lou Cascino, Jordan Feldberg, Eric Dimarco, Drew Caya and Steve Cutting; juniors Aaron Mong and Mike Walter; and sophomores Mike Glieco and Dustin DiTallo.

Joe and Mike Glieco and sophomore Nick Frangos make up the starting attack with DiTallo rotating in. The starting midfield lines are Mong and juniors Dave Quinlan and Max Moscato; Dash, Feld-

berg, and Cascino; juniors Gabe Gonzalez, Scott Hourigan; and a yet-to-be-determined player.

Joe Glieco started the season by setting a school record for most goals in a game, with seven in the team's 10-4 victory over Lockport on April 3.

"Everything was clicking for him," said Szymendara. "It almost seemed like there wasn't a goalie in the net."

Szymendara said Feldberg takes many of the team's faceoffs and excels at scooping up ground balls. Cascino can play any position when asked.

A major strength is at long stick midfielder. Brace moves from close pole to long stick and with junior Nick Leonard should be dynamic at the position. Szymendara feels Leonard could go down as the best player to come through the program.

"They truly just dominate out there," said Szymendara. "Their athletic ability lets them be a little more aggressive and put pressure on the ball. We had a scrimmage with Orchard Park, and OP coach Gene Tundo said 'who are these two guys because they are the best two athletes on the field'."

The starting defense is com-

prised of Walter, who can use either hand and has good body positioning and awareness; junior Anthony Irbacher, who is returning from an anterior cruciate ligament tear he suffered early in the football season; and Caya, Cutting or Jerry Green. Dimarco moves from long stick midfielder to short stick defense and should be a major key for the South defense, Szymendara said.

In goal is junior Mike Quinlan, twin brother of midfielder Dave Quinlan. Quinlan is a tri-captain with Joe Glieco and Dash for good reason. As a freshman, he tore an ACL in his left knee, then shattered his left kneecap that summer, which led to his entire knee being replaced by a cadaver's. Quinlan rehabbed, came back and played the last three games last season. Now he's at

100 percent.

"The knee's not even a question," said Szymendara. "We're real happy with his recovery and impressed with his leadership role. On the field, he takes command of where the slide is coming from and is making the proper calls."

Other stats from the Lockport game were goals from Frangos, Dash and Feldberg, Walter (11), Brace (nine) and Leonard (eight) leading in ground balls, and Quinlan making 14 saves.

South's other game was a 6-3 loss at Lancaster last Wednesday. Cascino, Mong and Gonzalez scored. Leonard grabbed nine ground balls and Brace and Walter each grabbed seven. Quinlan made nine saves.

"We took a couple of penalties and they capitalized on some man-

up situations," said Szymendara. "We played our best in the fourth quarter but unfortunately, the bounces did not go our way."

South returns to action on April 17, when they host St. Francis at 5 p.m. at Gateway-Longview.

### South 2007 Schedule

4-17 St. Francis (Gateway) 5 p.m.
4-19 at Lake Shore ..... 5 p.m.
4-23 Grand Island ..... 7:30 p.m.
4-25 W.S. East ..... 7:30 p.m.
4-27 at Iroquois ..... 5 p.m.
5-1 at Hamburg ..... 5 p.m.
5-3 Amherst ..... 7:30 p.m.
5-9 at Clarence ..... 5 p.m.
5-11 North ..... 7:30 p.m.
5-14 at W.S. West ..... 7 p.m.
5-15 at Sweet Home ..... 5 p.m.
5-17 East ..... 7:30 p.m.
5-21 East Aurora ..... 7:30 p.m.
5-22 at Frontier ..... 5 p.m.

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## Sports briefs

**The Harlem Wizards** will face a team of Williamsville South students and teachers handpicked by the South class of 2008 and called the Village Warriors in a trick hoops basketball event from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 18 at the new gym at Williamsville South High School, 5950 Main St.

Tickets are \$10 students/children and \$12 adults and are available at the door.

**The Greater Buffalo Gymnastic and Fitness Center**, 1641 North French Road, Getzville, will be holding clinics on April 18 and 25 for its new all-star elite cheerleading program in preparation for a tryout at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 6. Free pizza and pop will be served to all participants after the clinics. The program is for anyone ages 6 to 18. The cheerleaders will be under the direction of choreographer and advisor Missy Alteri, head coach Rachel Crooks and tumbling coach Tom Groom.

For more information, visit [www.buffalogymcenter.com](http://www.buffalogymcenter.com) or call 639-0020.

**Open registration** is under way for the Buffalo Wings Roller Hockey League's spring/summer house season.

Registration will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday, April 16, Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 21; and 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 and Thurs-

day, April 26 at the Amherst Pepsi Center, 1615 Amherst Manor Dr. The registration deadline is April 28.

The league has divisions at the 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U, and Adult Copper, Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

The cost is \$1,250 per youth team, which includes jerseys, and \$1,195 per adult team.

For more information, contact Wings General Manager Eric Haak (903-2658) and Jason Flowers (444-2667).

**Williamsville South baseball coach Brian Hansen** will throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the University at Buffalo baseball team's May 5 game against Miami (Ohio).

Hansen, inducted into the UB Hall of Fame in 1983, was a member of the Bulls from 1966 to 1968, where he was twice a first-team All-American.

In 1967, Hansen led the nation in batting with a .533 average. Over his three years, Hansen averaged .506, landing him a spot in the Philadelphia Phillies organization, where he played for four years. Hansen was also given the UB Scholar-Athlete Award.

**Flotilla 33, Buffalo**, is offering America's Boating Course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 21 at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 1395 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga.

This general boating course meets New York State education require-

ments for jet-ski operation and qualifies youth ages 10 to 18 to legally operate a conventional vessel alone on NYS waters. Anyone who successfully completes the course is eligible to receive a discount on their boat insurance.

For more information, call 681-5436.

## Fireman's Bowling

Team	Wins	Losses
Harris Hill	133	77
North Bailey	129.5	80.5
Ellicott Creek	119	91
Swornville	116	94
North Amherst	115	95
Main-Transit B	113	97
Main-Transit C	102	108
Snyder	94	116
Main-Transit A	93	117
East Amherst	90.5	119.5
Getzville	84	126
Eggettville	71	139

### 200 Games/550 Sets

A.J. Swannie 279, 259, 215 — 753; M. Gaiser 248, 227, 222 — 697; J. Maine 256, 225 — 674; J. Blatz 248, 225 — 650; M. Cassiol 225, 211 — 624; D. Chmielewski 232, 200 — 617; R. Bieger 246, 202 — 615; T. Ratzel 224, 213 — 616; R. Cumpston 223 — 614; M. Stafford 236, 215 — 606; G. Wright 257 — 603; T. Vanderlinden 237 — 551; R. Schrader 236 — 590; D. Hutchinson 216 — 575; J. Rusin 212, 200 — 585; C. Stephan 212 — 574; T. Oliver 204 — 563; S. DiPasquale 202 — 540; D. Henning 202; S. Saxer 200 — 552; secret score winners - Mel Spoth, Germaine Krafft, Justin DiPasquale, Willie Loomis, 133



**Mike Walter (25)** will be one of Williamsville South's keys on defense this spring. Also pictured is Aaron Mong (No. 2) who will start at midfield.

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# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

### Wednesday, April 11

**Baseball:** North at Bishop Timon-St. Jude, 4:30 p.m.  
**Boys Tennis:** Tonawanda at Sweet Home, 10 a.m.

North, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball:** Amherst at East, 4:30 p.m. (Transit Middle School); South at Iroquois, 4:30 p.m.  
**Boys Tennis:** East at W.S. East, 5 p.m.; Hamburg at South, 4 p.m.; Sacred Heart vs. Immaculata, 4:15 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center)  
**Girls Tennis:** Holy Angels at Sacred Heart, 4 p.m. (Clearfield Recreation Center)

### Thursday, April 12

**Baseball:** Wilson at Amherst, noon  
**Girls Lacrosse:** Fairport (Section V) at Amherst, 1 p.m.

### Saturday, April 14

**Baseball:** Baldwinsville at Sweet Home, 11 a.m.  
**Softball:** North at Herkimer Tourn. — Queensbury, 2:30 p.m. (Section II); Holy Trinity 4:30 p.m. (New York City)  
**Boys Outdoor Track:** Amherst, Sweet Home, East at Early Bird Invite, 10 a.m. (John F. Kennedy)  
**Girls Outdoor Track:** Sweet Home at Early Bird Invite, 10 a.m. (John F. Kennedy)

### Tuesday, April 17

**Baseball:** Maryvale at South, 4:30 p.m.  
**Boys Lacrosse:** Amherst at Orchard Park, 5 p.m.; Frontier at Sweet Home, 5 p.m.; Clarence at East, 5 p.m.; St. Francis at South, 5 p.m. (Gateway)  
**Girls Lacrosse:** East at South, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball:** W.S. West at Sweet Home, 5 p.m.; North at Clarence, 4:45 p.m.  
**Boys Tennis:** Amherst at Starpoint, 4 p.m.; East at Cheektowaga, 4 p.m.  
**Boys Outdoor Track:** Iroquois at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at W.S. West, 4:30 p.m.; Clarence at North, 4:45 p.m.  
**Girls Outdoor Track:** Iroquois at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at W.S. West, 4:30 p.m.; Clarence at North, 4:45 p.m.

### Monday, April 16

**Baseball:** Amherst at East, 4:30 p.m. (Pepsi Center); W.S. West at Sweet Home, 5 p.m.; North at Clarence, 4:45 p.m.; South at Hamburg, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls Lacrosse:** Amherst at Honeoye Falls-Lima, 5:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at Hamburg, 4:30 p.m.; Lockport at