

Amherst gymnasts post high scores at March Madness meet

Five representatives from Amherst competed in the March Madness gymnastics meet hosted by Rines Gymnastics in West Seneca.

The girls are members of the Level 5 team at Stumpf's Gymnastics Center, where they train under Denise Wiesner and Kim Black. The girls' efforts helped Stumpf's win a third-place compulsory team award and propelled a few to individual honors in the event finals.

Lacey Woite of Snyder had a career day on the uneven bars, where she executed a stellar routine, earning a 9.700. Woite was crowned the uneven bars champion in addition to winning fourth-place ribbons on floor exercise and vault. Woite finished the day with an all-around score of 36.775 to win second place.

Teammate Rebecca Reinhardt of Getzville also had an outstanding day, earning some of her highest scores of the season.

In the event finals, Reinhardt earned a sixth-place ribbon on vault and seventh on balance beam. Reinhardt's all-around score of 35.350 was a career-high and earned fifth in the competition.

The Williamsville trio of Madeline Meyer, Jackie Schactner and Emily Schulenberg posted strong scores for their rookie season. Meyer stuck her bar routine on a



Amherst residents from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center Level 5 fared well at the March Madness meet. Pictured front row - Lacey Woite; back row - Rebecca Reinhardt, Emily Schulenberg, and Madeline Meyer.

day that saw many competitors fall and earned her highest all-around score of the season. Schactner posted her highest floor score of the season and

earned an eighth-place ribbon on vault. Schulenberg earned career-high scores on floor and uneven bars and finished with a personal-best all-around score.



Stumpf's Gymnastics Center's Level 5 and 6 teams combined for a third-place banner at the recent March Madness meet in West Seneca. Members of the Level 6 team, pictured from left, are: Kristen Kelly, Callie Flanagan (Lancaster), Shannon Martinsen, Lily Szafranski, Taylor Balser, Michaela Stumpf and Ashley Materise.

Stumpf's Level 6 competes in West Seneca

Amherst residents Taylor Balser, Kristen Kelly, Shannon Martinsen, Ashley Materise and Lily Szafranski competed for Stumpf's Gymnastics Center's Level 6 team at the March Madness meet in West Seneca.

The combined efforts of the Level 5 and 6 teams earned the gym a third-place banner in the compulsory competition. The girls were also outstanding in individual competition, with all of the Amherst gymnasts placing in the top 10 all-around, and two gymnasts winning individual event titles.

Lily Szafranski earned an incredible 37.875 all-around to capture first place in the 10- to 11-year-old division. Additionally, Szafranski won balance beam and uneven bars and placed second on vault. Teammate Shannon Martinsen earned second place all-around with a solid 37.125. Martinsen was also second on uneven bars and third on vault and was the floor exercise champion with a 9.525. Ten-year-old Balser won ribbons on vault, uneven bars and floor and earned a ninth-place trophy in the all-around with a 35.325.

Kelly and Materise competed in the 12-and-over division where they placed sixth and eighth, respectively. Kelly (33.700) earned ribbons on vault, beam and floor, while Materise (32.825) earned hers on vault and uneven bars. Michaela Stumpf was unable to compete due to an ankle injury.

Clarence Little League Football to hold registration for new year

The Clarence Little League Football Association will be holding registration for its 2007 football and cheerleading season the first weekend of May at the Clarence Town Park Pavilion, Main St.

Registration for veteran players will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, while registration for all others will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 6. There is a \$135 registration fee for all players, who must be from 6 to 13 years old.

All children wishing to participate must be present at registration. A copy of each first-time player's birth certificate must be submitted at the time of registration. For more information or registration forms, visit www.clarencefootball.com.

East softball bounces back, defeats North

Williamsville East responded from a 1-0 loss to West Seneca on April 2 with a 5-1 victory over Williamsville North on April 3 at Transit Middle School.

East's Karen Kingsley struck out 10 batters against North, allowed one walk, scattered eight hits, and one unearned run.

Taylor Klun hit a triple in the bottom of the second inning for the team's first hit of the season and scored on a passed ball. Kingsley singled in the bottom of the third followed by back-to-back singles by Bridget Steele and Rachelle Arenos to load the bases. Jessica Windnagle's infield ground ball was dropped by the North catcher as Kelly Rusin, runner for Kingsley, scored. Courtney Rung's single to center field scored Steele.

East scored twice in the fifth. Steele led off with a single and scored on a long double from Windnagle over the left fielder's head. Klun hit a single to score Windnagle.

North got on the board in the top of the seventh on consecutive singles by Liz Dutweiler and Kerri Bubar. A fielding error on a ball hit by Amanda Maraschiello scored Dutweiler.

"We hit the ball very well, only striking out twice," said East coach Ron Schumacher. "Again Taylor Klun called and caught a good game. Karen Kingsley threw well for her first game on the mound."

North's Lauren O'Brien continued her hot streak as she had two hits in three trips. She's 4 for 7 overall.

Morgan McDowell and Tricia Kennery threw three innings apiece for the Lady Spartans.

East entered the North contest without a ton of momentum. West Seneca East pitchers Tina Schwartzmeyer and Michelle Lattner combined for a perfect game. It's the first time Schumacher could remember a team throwing a perfect game against East.

Rusin was equally tough on the mound, tossing a two-hitter over five innings, striking out seven, and walking none. Schumacher said Rusin faced nine batters over the first three innings. Kingsley threw the last inning and allowed no hits.

The only run of the game came in the bottom of the fourth. Schwartzmeyer hit a long fly ball to left field that was misplayed in a strong wind by Windnagle. With the leadoff batter on second, Lattner sacrificed Schwartzmeyer to third. Schwartzmeyer scored on a wild pitch.

Schumacher felt Klun called a good game behind the plate, keeping the West Seneca East batters off balance.

East could not muster in hits nor reach base in their seven attempts.

"For our first game, we played well, pitched well but did not hit," said Schumacher.

East (1-1) returns to action when they host Amherst at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 at Transit Middle School.

Williamsville North coach Rick Bubar's high expectations for the season received a humble awakening as

Jamestown handed the Lady Spartans a 5-1 defeat at Jamestown on Monday, April 2.

North opened the game with O'Brien leading off with a single to left field. Kaitlyn McNally followed with a sacrifice bunt but O'Brien was thrown out at third. North could only muster three other hits the rest of the game.

Jamestown answered North by scoring twice in the second as the first hitter reached on a single and the second batter pushed a bunt between first and second setting runners on first and second. The next batter sacrificed and the leadoff hitter for Jamestown singled, scoring both runners.

Jamestown added three more in the fourth inning as sloppy play contributed to two unearned runs for Jamestown. North was able to answer back with 1 run in the fifth and left two stranded to make the final 5-1.

Jamestown was vastly improved defensively and hardly felt the loss of Rebecca Zimmerman, the ace of the staff last year.

Tricia Kennery finished with eight strikeouts for North.

North (0-2) has no league games this week as many schools are on break. The Lady Spartans are traveling to Herkimer for the Mudville Softball Festival where they will play Queensbury from Section II at 2:30 and Holy Trinity at 4:30 on Saturday. North returns to league action at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 17 at Clarence.

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Wave downs Rovers, 4-1

The Akron Wave defeated the Amherst Rovers, 4-1, in a Buffalo Western New York Junior Soccer league indoor travel game on March 24.

Amherst kept the ball in Akron's end for extended periods of time and at times seemed the stronger team but Akron was able to use their speed to make good on the chances that came their way. Akron led 2-0 at halftime.

Amherst cut it to 2-1 early in the second half when Joy Thompson stole the ball from an Akron player and pushed it towards the net. When a defender closed in, the ball came out to Mia Laforneya who beat the goalie to the far corner.

Amherst continued to get pressure and generate scoring chances the rest of the game but the ball

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