

Junior Masters fundraiser slated

The International Junior Masters Ham-Am fundraising golf tournament for the International Junior Masters will be held Monday, June 25 at the East Aurora Country Club, 300 Girdle Road. The tournament's \$125 donation gets a participant golf, lunch, dinner and refreshments. For more information, visit www.internationaljuniormasters.com.

Boys lacrosse

Tigers' lead slips away versus Orchard Park

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Casey Rich of Amherst Central eludes an Orchard Park defender during the Tigers' 8-4 non-league home loss with OP on Tuesday, April 17. Rich is second on the team in points (11 goals, seven assists). Amherst is 3-4.

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Amherst's inexperience and depth came back to haunt them in their 8-4 non-league home loss against Orchard Park.

Ahead 4-2 after the first half, Amherst - which in 2005 ended OP's 11-year winning streak in Western New York - was outscored 6-0 in the second half as the Quakers came back to win on Tuesday, April 17. Amherst and OP are traditionally the two best programs in Section VI boys lacrosse.

"We're young and new in a few spots and not deep," said Amherst coach Stefan Henn. "We only have 22 kids and run five midfielders. OP has nine midfielders they can run and it wears on you, especially in a game like that."

Henn said OP could have led 8-4 after the first half had it not been for outstanding goaltending displayed by junior Matt Alwess (16 saves).

"He kept us in it," said Henn. "In the first half, they were getting a lot more chances than we were but couldn't finish on many because of Matt."

Alwess' teammates didn't help him much at times. Henn said his team had a poor day clearing the ball out of Amherst's zone (4 of 14 for 29 percent). Amherst usually clears 80 percent of clearing opportunities.

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"It was bad stick work, forcing the ball to the wrong spots and not letting plays develop," said Henn.

The Quakers started their rally with about 1:30 left in the third quarter after an Amherst turnover led to a fastbreak goal by sophomore Jeff Tundo. Kevin Lalley tied the game at 4-4. Another Tigers' turnover led to OP's go-ahead goal from Matt Ferrino around the eight-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

Greg Michael led the Quakers with three goals. Tundo had two goals and three assists.

Brent Doerflein led Amherst with a goal and two assists. Dan Lawson, Sean Smith and Casey Rich each scored a goal.

Henn lauded the defensive work of Chris Brunetto.

The Tigers bounced back from the OP loss with a 9-6 home win at Grand Island on Thursday, April

19. It was Amherst's first league game of the season and ended a three-game losing streak.

"We were ahead the whole game but could never put them away," said Henn.

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Amherst's extra man offense was poor, converting on one of six attempts. Amherst is 3 for 26 in extra man attempts for the season.

Henn felt his team was also poor in defensive transition.

Lawson and Will Africano led the Tigers with two goals. Africano also grabbed 10 ground balls.

Doerflein, Smith and Casey Rich had a goal and assist. Jimmy Luthart also scored.

Amherst (3-4, 1-0) continues a six-game stand with games against Iroquois at 5 p.m. and Bishop Timon-St. Jude at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, respectively.

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South softball wins games at NT tournament

Williamsville South won both of its softball games during Saturday's portion of the 24th annual N.T. Varsity Invitational held in North Tonawanda.

The Lady Billies (4-0) defeated Kenmore East, 7-1, and earned a hard-fought 2-0 decision over Sacred Heart.

A sacrifice bunt by Claire Gerlach and a fielder's choice for Chelsea Plimpton scored Lauren Falzone to open South's scoring against Kenmore East.

The Lady Billies added three runs in the third on a leadoff walk by Gerlach, singles by tri-captains Lisa Fronczak and Plimpton and a two-out single by sophomore first baseman Sam Strapason.

South added three runs in the fourth courtesy of a Falzone triple, a Fronczak single and Plimpton's second hit of the day. Nicolette Neenos and Strapason added additional singles to complete the three-run inning.

Elena Hozdic added two hits along with singles by Carolyn Schaus, Devon Powers, Kate Krzszanski and Kyle Plimpton.

Plimpton was her usual dominating presence on the mound, striking out 18, allowing no walks and throwing a four-hitter.

Kenmore East scored in the sixth on a base hit followed by several South errors for an unearned run.

South scored its first run against Sacred Heart in the fourth



Sacred Heart's Erica Comisso prepares to throw out a Kenmore East runner during the Sharks' 7-1 win in the 24th annual N.T. Varsity Invitational held in North Tonawanda on Saturday, April 21. Sacred Heart later fell to Williamsville South, 2-0.

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when Schaus executed a perfect suicide squeeze bunt that plated Fronczak from third. Fronczak got on base after she lined a single to left with no outs that skipped past the left fielder and advanced to third.

The Lady Billies added an insurance run in the fifth when Powers, who led off with a single, scored on a Shark throwing error.

Plimpton won her second game of the day, throwing 11 strikeouts and a three-hitter. Sacred Heart coach Mike Injaychock disagreed, saying five of his batters singled, two from Allison Pyszczynski and Lindsay Macaluso, and one from Katie Salisbury.

Sacred Heart opened its portion of the tournament with a 7-1 win over Kenmore East.

Trailing 1-0, the Sharks tied the game at 1-1 in the third after Pyszczynski doubled in Salisbury.

Sacred Heart scored the rest of its runs in the fifth. Salisbury led off with a triple and Macaluso singled her in. Pyszczynski followed with a double, plating Macaluso and Jen Martin. Pam Formoso, batting for pitcher Malory Pemberton, knocked in Pyszczynski and Erica Comisso singled home Formoso. Comisso scored on an infield out.

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