



Deb Matteliano, left, and Emily Rodgers placed second in the All-Catholic doubles tournament on Monday, June 4 at Amherst Hills Tennis Club. The duo earned All-Catholic first team honors.

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Sacred Heart excels at All-Catholics

Sacred Heart's girls tennis team had a good showing at the All-Catholic championships held May 30 to June 4 at Amherst Hills Tennis Club.

Deb Matteliano and Emily Rodgers, the first seed in doubles, ran through the field but was defeated by Anna Metchler and Kristen Almeter of second-seed Nardin, 4-6 6-7, to capture second place. Matteliano and Rodgers were named to the All-Catholic first team.

Kristen Fish, the Sharks' No. 1 singles and No. 4 seed in the singles draw, fought a long and hard road and finished fourth overall in the singles tournament. Fish lost her final match to Rebecca Suchy of St. Mary's of Lancaster, 2-6, 6-4, 1-6.

Kathryn Przybyla, Sacred Heart's second singles player, won a very close and exciting, 6-1 6-1, final match over Katie Bollier of Buffalo Seminary to lock up the fifth place spot.

Fish and Przybyla were named to the All-Catholic second team.

Ashley Illuzzi and Margo Casciano won a match in the doubles draw (6-2 6-4) but lost a tough match with the second doubles seed from Nardin. Courtney Conway, the No. 3 singles player from Sacred Heart, also was awarded and earned a singles spot in the main draw only to be stopped by eventual champion, Beth Bacher of Nardin.

Sacred Heart won a convincing 4-1 match over Buffalo Seminary on May 21 to lock up a first place championship.

In the home match at the Clearfield Recreation Center, Conway won a straight set 6-4, 6-2 match at third singles to complete her undefeated season. Przybyla also delivered at second singles (6-3 6-2) to earn an 11-0 undefeated record.

Matteliano and Rodgers finished the season with only one loss for the season by rolling over the Buffalo Seminary first doubles team, 6-4, 6-1. Illuzzi and Casciano also won their point, 6-2 6-2, at second doubles.

At first singles, Fish lost a highly competitive match in two close sets against one of the best players in the division.

Sacred Heart finishes 10-1.

Coach Steve Insinna thanks all reserves, parents, friends, and private coaches that trained and cheered the team to each victory. Next year's team will have to call upon Nora Balon, Kelly Mroz, Katie Ostrander, Mary Beth Pandolfino, Karen Schuster, Samantha Keyon and Tia Krantz to help continue the Sharks' winning ways, he said.

Sports briefs

Sister Maria Pares' 2007 basketball camp for girls in grades 3-8 will be held this summer at Sacred Heart Academy, 3860 Main St., Buffalo. The first session is June 25-29. The second session is July 9-13. The camp hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$150 per session and \$275 for both. For more information, call Maria Shantler at 632-6387.

Maura Fraunhofer of Williamsville has committed to run cross country for Canisius College for the 2007-08 season. Fraunhofer ran cross country for two seasons at Nardin Academy, where she was named first-team All-Catholic after her junior campaign. She's also earned four letters as a member of the school's track and field team where she's competed in the state championship meet in two separate events.

Melina (Mimi) Hong was one of five University of Rochester women's lacrosse players who have earned All-Liberty League honors.

Hong, an Amherst High School graduate, has started every game of her college career on defense — a string of 49 games. In 2007, she had 25 ground balls, caused 12 turnovers and won 11 draw controls. She scored five goals and set up two others.

Rochester was 5-9 overall in 2007. The Yellowjackets were 3-5 in the Liberty League and finished tied for fifth place with St. Lawrence.

Dana Webb, a Williamsville South High School graduate and Amherst resident, was named as a second team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West softball selection. Webb is a sophomore second baseman for Edinboro University.

Erie Community College's Kristie Schneegold, a Williamsville South graduate and Amherst resident, was named to the Western New York Athletic Conference's All-Conference softball team.

Schneegold, a freshman, was the team's starting third baseman and saw time on the mound as well.

Boys tennis

Binder wins consolation final

by PATRICK J. NAGY
Reporter

It wasn't exactly what he was looking for but Ari Binder ended his high school tennis career with a win.

The Amherst Central senior lost to Bryan Roberts of Section IX Commack, 4-6, 6-1, 2-6, in the first round of the New York State High School Championships on Thursday, May 31 but won all four matches in the consolation portion of the tournament to finish 17th overall.

The tournament was held May 31-June 2 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

"Not many people can say they won four rounds at a state tournament," said Binder, who won his first Section VI singles title on May 23. "I had a pretty solid tournament after the first match. I felt my game steadily improved and I was confident at the end."

Binder, seeded fifth, wanted to at least advance to the semifinals. Instead, he lost to Roberts, a player he believed he should have beaten.

"I thought I had all momentum heading into the third set, but I got pushed around a little bit too much," said Binder, who will play at Division III Williams College this coming year. "I was also missing shots I should have been making."

Motivated to go out a winner, Binder plowed through his two consolation matches on Friday, June 1, defeating Adam Shearer of Section VII's Beekmantown Central, 6-0, 6-0, and Karthik Raghathupathy of Section V's Brockport, 6-2, 6-0. In the semifinals on Saturday, June 2, Binder defeated Mwalima Phiri of Section I's Tuckahoe, 6-3, 6-3. Later in the day, he beat Jon Raude from Cardozo of the PSAL of Section II, 7-6 (5), 3-0 (ret.) in the final.

Raude opened a quick 4-0 lead on Binder 10 minutes into the match but Binder said he relaxed, held serve to make the score 4-1 and eventually tied the set at 5-5 and went on to win. With Binder up 3-0 in the second set, Raude told Binder he was tired and didn't want to play anymore.

Binder finishes 23-1.

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Christian Central Academy baseball registered a perfect game against Nichols on May 23. Members of the team, are from left: first row - Andrew Lauto and Mark Goszewski; second row - Dave DeRose, Mitch

Narbe, Nathan Holmes, Austin Tom, Peter Kazmierczak, Jonathan Whited, coach Neal Turvey, Nate Jacobs, Cameron Tom, and Jack Ranallo.

CCA baseball records perfect game

A perfect game in baseball is hard to come by, especially in the midst of a less-than-perfect season. However, the 2-6 Christian Central Academy Crusaders did the near impossible on May 23 against the Nichols modified baseball team. Pitcher Mark

Goszewski led the team to an 11-0 victory with seven strikeouts.

Goszewski pitched six complete innings from the mound to catchers Peter Kazmierczak and Jack Ranallo. His tough infield was comprised of Mitch Narbe, Nate Holmes, and Nate Jacobs. Goszewski's confidence in his team allowed him to continue pitching as he believed they would back him up. Austin Tom, Jon Whited, Andrew Lauto and Cameron Tom remained focused in the outfield while the infield continued to be unbeatable.

CCA played perfect defense. No hits got past them and no Nichols batter was able to step on base. However, this perfect team also made the bats come alive on offense. There was a total of ten

hits during the game, including a triple and a single by Lauto and two hits by Holmes. Goszewski also contributed by adding in three singles.

Goszewski stepped onto the mound in the last inning with determination and finished off his perfect game by throwing strong. He faced three batters in the final inning, striking out two of them and allowing a fly ball to shallow centerfield which was caught by Tom. His teammates congratulated him as he had defied the odds to get a perfect game.

The CCA baseball program began in 2003 under head coach Tom Ranallo. It is seeking to develop varsity and junior varsity teams as there is growing interest among the athletes.

Fireman's Softball

Team	Wins	Losses
East Amherst	5	0
Newstead	5	0
North Bailey	3	2
Clarence	3	2
Snyder	3	2
Clarence Center	3	2
Main-Transit	2	3
Harris Hill	2	3
Akron	1	4
Bowmansville	1	4
Eggertsville	1	4
North Amherst	1	4

June 8

Bowmansville at Clarence Center

East Amherst at North Bailey
Clarence at Newstead
Akron at Eggertsville
Harris Hill at North Amherst
Snyder at Main-Transit

Sports brief

A workout camp will be held this summer at Medaille College, 18 Agassiz Circle, Buffalo. The camp will be run in small groups (no more than four campers at a time) and focus on areas the camper wants to improve. The camp will be run by Medaille College men's basketball coach Mike McDonald. For more information, call 880-2347.