

East's Andreozzi signs with Roberts Wesleyan College

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Reporter

Roberts Wesleyan College is gaining a late-blooming basketball player.

Williamsville East senior Justin Andreozzi, who came on strong at the end of the Flames' 2006-07 season signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Raiders last Wednesday at East.

"I got good recommendations from a couple people and I had a couple of friends who went there and it seemed like a good fit," said Andreozzi. "The location was close. It was far enough where I'm away from home but close enough to come back whenever I need to."

Andreozzi, a 6-5½ shooting guard/small forward, saved his best basketball in high school for last, scoring 22 points, including four three-pointers, grabbing 11 rebounds, and blocking four shots in the team's 84-70 Section VI Class A quarterfinal loss at McKinley.

"Justin is what I call a late bloomer," said East coach Dennis Belote. "He started the year as a sixth or seventh man and worked his way up to starting the last 10 or 11 games. He had rapid growth from last year to this year, growing almost four inches and rapid improvement in his game once he recovered from a broken wrist over the summer."

Belote added that Roberts Wesleyan College coach Rob McCoy

liked Andreozzi's growth and improvement over the year.

Andreozzi, who earned nine varsity letters in four sports at East,

was also looking to play basketball at Buffalo State College and Medaille College. He is undecided but leaning towards pre-law.

Roberts Wesleyan finished

16-14 overall in 2006-07 with a 5-5 mark in the American Midwest Conference.

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gram", which involved young children in a caretaker role for Amherst parks, and the "Friends of Amherst Parks Photography Contest", where she organized an annual photo exhibit which showcased the many parks in the Town of Amherst.

Together with her husband of 34 years, Frank, the family was involved in Connie Mack Little League. Frank coached for 12 years and Maureen was able to write a grant to underwrite the construction of the instructional diamond at Sattler Field.

As director of volunteers, DeSablo coordinates volunteer beautification projects in the parks and oversees Eagle Scout projects involving the community's green areas.

She has served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and has been involved with the PTAs of the Amherst Central School District.

Track

Amherst's Jones sets school record at states

Willie Jones led all Town of Amherst entrants at last weekend's New York State Public High School Athletic Association at Dietz Memorial Stadium in Kingston, N.Y.

The Amherst Central senior leaped a school-record 6-9 to place third in the boys triple jump. Jones will run in an outdoor national Nike meet this weekend in Greensboro, N.C.

The other only Town of Amherst boy entrant was Williamsville North senior Matt Losi, who high-jumped 19-6.5 for 15th place.

Jones was not the only person from Amherst Central to attend states. Freshman Brenna Symonik finished 13th in the Division I

3000-meters in a personal-best 10:19.20 and teammate Allison Rogers, a sophomore, took 15th in the Division I 200-meter dash prelims in 26.60 and 16th in the 100-meter dash prelims in 12.85.

"I can't be up upset with anything Brenna or Allison did over the weekend because they will have an opportunity to go to states for the next few years," said Amherst coach Dan Tryon. "The way these two girls ended is proof we have a good future and a bright program in the making."

In the Division I girls' 100 hurdles, Williamsville North junior Sarah Mikulski and Williamsville South freshman Allie Van Buren took 11th (15.80) and 13th (15.88) place, respectively.



Williamsville East senior Justin Andreozzi, front row, right, signed a National Letter of Intent last Wednesday to play basketball at Roberts Wesleyan College. Also pictured is his mother, Alice, front row, left; back row – East coach Dennis Belote, East

Athletics Director Dawn M. Bak, Roberts Wesleyan Coach Rob McCoy, East principal Neal Miller, and Justin's father, Randy.

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Williamsville Junior Football to hold information sessions

Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 13 who reside in the Town of Amherst or the Williamsville, Amherst or Sweet Home school districts can try out for the Williamsville Junior Football and Cheerleading teams.

The league was founded in 1965 and is the oldest sanctioned football league in Amherst. Williamsville Junior Football is a member of the Niagara Youth Football League (NYFL). All football games are played locally against NYFL teams, with home games played at the Amherst Pepsi Center.

Girls interested in regular-season cheerleading can e-mail wjfcbeerleading@yahoo.com for more information.

Open information sessions for football and regular-season cheerleading will be taking place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 16 and 23 and July 14. The sessions are at the Bob Jones Field House at the Amherst Pepsi Center, 1615 Amherst Manor Dr. You may also register online at www.williamsvillejrfootball.com.