

Kensington Lions' 32nd annual football classic set

The 32nd annual Kensington Lions All-Star High School Football Classic will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, at North Tonawanda High School, 405 Meadow Drive.

The game is usually held at Lancaster High School but an already scheduled soccer tournament forced organizers to change the venue.

Players must have graduated from high school to be eligible to play in the game.

Among the North team representatives are Amherst's Andre Hakeem; Cardinal O'Hara's Andrew Amato, Anthony Crispo and Stewart Fonville; Clarence's Michael Poss, Chris Skubis and John Syty; Kenmore West's Matt Harris; Kenmore East's Joseph Watson; Sweet Home's Allen Dou-

glas; St. Joe's Brandon Darcy and John Greer; Williamsville East's Rick Silvestri and Williamsville North's Eric Dahlman, Brian Davis and Michael Moore.

The North team is coached by Williamsville South's Kraig Kurzanski with assistants Paul Pignataro and Chris Glenn, also of Williamsville South, Tom Goddard (Clarence) and Dean Santorio and Mike Stauffer (Grand Island).

Among the South team representatives are Cheektowaga's Eric Morganstern and Zak Sucharski; Cleveland Hill's Marquis Dorsey and Robert Fay; Depew's Carlton Byrum, Mike Sanders and Eric Wild; East Aurora's Tim Bailey and Andy Wade; Iroquois' Nick Kakavand, Mike Perillo and Kyle Shevlin; John F. Kennedy's Corey Knox; Lancaster's Dan Brownson; Mary-

vale's Matt Brennan, Matt Mohr and Jeremy Mountain; Orchard Park's Jason Ladouceur, Mike Leavell and Greg Michael; St. Mary's of Lancaster's Mitch Schaefer; West Seneca East's Jake Krezmien and West Seneca West's Gavin Gaiser and Dan Simon.

The South team is coached by West Seneca East's Jim Maurino with assistants Glen Graham (Cleveland Hill), Scott Zipp (Cheektowaga), Harri Sugg (Depew), Matt Ard (Maryvale) and Mike Fatta (Cheektowaga).

The annual event was founded in 1976 by Kensington Lions Harry R. Chambers, Gene Zinni, and Milt Dickerson. Up to and including the year 2000, the benefactor of the game was the Club's Scholarship Program, with scholarship grants totaling

\$92,000 awarded to over 140 WNY students. During the last six years, the Club has given over \$55,000 to Kids Escaping Drugs. A new sponsor for the event is Ad Pro Team Sports.

A player's banquet, hosted by the Kensington Lions Club, will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew. At that time, all players will be presented with their jerseys and will be recognized, along with their coaches, for their commitment to the upcoming game.

Tickets are available at all Tops Friendly Markets and from players and coaches. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

For more information, visit www.kensingtonlions.org.

Mel Ott 'Minor' Racers double up Bandits, Heat

The Mel Ott "Minor" softball Racers were twice as better on the scoreboard than their opponents in recent games.

Racers 8, Bandits 4

The Racers started off fast with three runs in the first inning by Alyssa Orrico, Melanie Izard and Emma Burke. The Bandits came back with a run by Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick.

In the second, the pitchers were hot as neither team scored a run.

In the third, Orrico and Izard scored again, along with Alexa Archambault, for a 6-1 lead. Brianna Spence continued her great pitching to keep the Bandits at bay.

In the fourth, the Racers were held scoreless by hurler Jillian Stenzil. The Bandits came out hitting and scored three times, bringing in Jessica Pierce, Alex Nowak and Maddie Cooper to close the gap to 6-4.

In the final inning, Taylor Sinclair and Sarah Raimondi scored for the Racers. Spence, a pitching ace, completed her full game with three quick outs. During the game, great hits were provided by Spence (single, double), Burke (single, double), Archambault (thrown out at third trying to extend a hit to a triple), Izard (two singles), Sinclair (two singles), Genny Boucher (single) and Alana Zendano (single).

Analiase Piccillo cracked a ball to the outfield but it was caught for an out. Marisa Cieri was stellar at second and Katie Fortman made nice plays from center field and third.

Racers 16, Heat 8

The Racers beat the Heat with all of their players scoring at least one run.

Jenna Patterson of the Heat started off hot, striking out two of the Racers' first five batters and holding them scoreless. The Heat proceeded to score three times with Ashley Decker starting off the rally.

The second inning was the opposite as Analiase Piccillo and Katie Fortman both scored and the Heat were stuck on base, ending the inning with a 3-2 edge.

In the third inning, Sarah Raimondi scored for the Racers to tie the score at 3-3. However, the Heat came back with a run in the bottom of the inning as Isabella Calloway scored for the 4-3 lead.

The fourth inning brought three runs for the Racers as Melanie Izard, Alexa Archambault and Raimondi scored, giving the team a 6-4 lead.

The Heat came right back as Emily Dunne, Jenna Patterson and Maria Frascatore scored, giving the Heat a 7-6 advantage.

The Racers kept fighting back, scoring three more runs in the top of the fifth, with Piccillo, Fortman and Alana Zendano coming home to give the Racers a 9-7 edge. The Heat was held scoreless by hurler Archambault.

In the top of the sixth, the Racers unloaded for seven runs with Izard, Emma Burke, Genny Boucher, Marisa Cieri, Brianna Spence, Fortman and Zendano coming in.

The Heat loaded the bases and scored a run, but three strikeouts by Archambault ended the game.

Heat 11, Riptides 8

The Heat's Lauren Downen struck for two hits and scored a

run as the team held off a late rally by the Riptides. Downen was on base in all three at-bats and received the game ball.

Maria Frascatore, Danielle Rambuss and Abigail Frost also scored key runs to help bolster the Heat's offense. Victoria Rigler has gone 10 for 10 over the past five games and has struck out only once during the season.

'Major' softball

Brakettes 12, Sunbirds 9

Practices Kristen Milleville of the Brakettes) and Kathryn Rogemoser of the Sunbirds pitched outstanding games.

'AA' baseball

Reds 18, Red Sox 17

The Reds got three hits and three runs scored from Ryan Scero.

A.J. Marinelli had a double and single but the big blow of the game came from Anthony Crimi, who hit a bases loaded triple.

The Red Sox were led by Nick Wahler (two singles, triple, three runs scored) and Chris Kuchta (two singles, four runs scored).

'AAA' baseball

Red Sox 9, Cardinals 4

Both teams played a great game, but the Red Sox took control of a nip and tuck battle to win.

The game saw great defensive plays and hitting from both sides. The Cardinals still have a chance to advance to the championship game on Wednesday with a win on Monday. Results of the Monday game were unavailable before The Bee went to press. The Red Sox are the top seed.

'Major' baseball

'Dodgers 9, Mets 6

The Dodgers won a first round playoff game over the Mets.

Nick Beresford hit a tie-breaking two run home run in the fourth inning. Austin Vetter hit a solo homer off the foul pole.

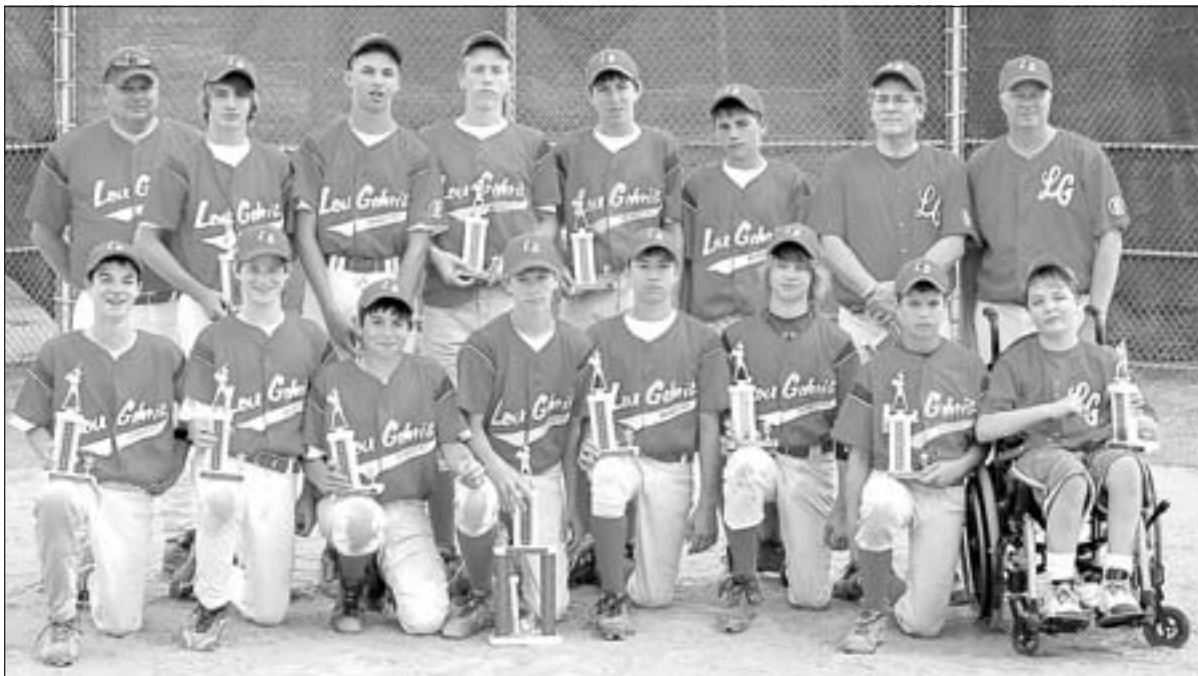
Ryan Biggane, Devon Taggart, Jack Jubert and Tommy Wisniewski each had two hits. Tim Lock had two RBIs.

Beresford picked up the win and Biggane earned the save.



DISTRICT CHAMPS - The Lou Gehrig 14A Tournament team won the Babe Ruth District 1 Championship on July 7 with a 14-2 victory over North Tonawanda. The team advances to the state regional finals in Ithaca, N.Y. July 12-15. Members of the team, pictured, from left, are: kneeling - A.J. Pellerite, Joe

Gagliano, Eric Fabozzi, Matthew Weinberg, Jamie Sperrazzo, Tony Vandette and Dylan Matijas; standing - manager Ken Fabozzi, Kevin O'Connell, Scott Zachau, Peter Elliott, Glenn Gronkowski, Matthew Bauman and coach Mike Bauman.



STATE FINAL BOUND — Lou Gehrig's 13U Bushdogs went 3-0 in winning the Babe Ruth District No. 1 Championship. The Bushdogs defeated Lancaster, 14-3, in the final. They now advance to the WNY State Finals in Jamestown, N.Y. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: first row - Mike Nowicki, Danny Soos, Jake

Rosen, Alex Heuer, Christoph Kothe, Parker Gahagen, Ryan Schmelzer, Stefan Kothe; second row - coach Dennis Gahagen, Matt Notaro, Steve Teplitsky, Eric Stolzenburg, Nico Penberthy, Nick Kowalski, coach Don Dwyer and coach Harold Kothe.

Sports briefs

Tonawanda High School will host a wrestling camp with Hofstra University coach Tom Shifflet and staff July 18-20.

Shifflet, a Sweet Home High School graduate, led the Hofstra Pride to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships in March.

The cost for the camp is \$125 at the door. For more information, call 308-4521, or visit www.thsactivities.com/wrestling.

Medaille College men's basketball coach Mike McDonald will host a **week-long basketball camp** from July 30 to August 3 for boys' ages 6 to 14 at Medaille College, 18 Agassiz Circle, Buffalo. Early drop-off and late pick-up are available each day.

The camp also includes games, contests, and instruction. All campers will receive a "Maverick Pack," which includes a reversible jersey, T-shirt, basketball, and a gym sack. The cost of the camp is \$200. Family and team discounts are available.

For more information, call 880-2347.