



**Marcus Johnson** finished with 67 rushing yards and scored on touchdown runs of seven and 20 yards during Sweet Home's 28-14 home win over Kenmore East last Saturday. Also pictured is Kenmore East's Adam Owczarzak.

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## Sweet Home improves in Ken East win

by **PATRICK J. NAGY**  
Reporter

Sweet Home is 4-0 but its 28-14 home win over Kenmore East last Saturday was the team's most complete victory.

"It was the first game where we got control and kept it," said Sweet Home coach John Faller. "But I don't think we've played our best game yet."

The Panthers scored on its first two possessions of the game, courtesy of an 11-yard pass from quarterback Casey Kacz to Noah Nwachukwu and a 7-yard run by Marcus Johnson.

Kenmore East answered in the second quarter with a 10-yard TD pass from Jon Anthony Wiltberger to Mark Wagner. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

A 20-yard TD run by Johnson late in the first half extended Sweet Home's advantage to 21-6 at halftime. The play was set up by a Deshanaro Morris interception.

The Panthers' defense forced Kenmore East to punt on the first series of the second half and the Sweet Home offense responded as Kacz hit sophomore Ibrahim Ramadan on a 36-yard playaction TD pass.

Wiltberger scored on a 2-yard run late in the fourth quarter and threw the two-point conversion to Adam Owczarzak.

The Sweet Home offense finished with 334 total yards. Kacz completed 9 of 13 passes for 157 yards. Johnson rushed 14 times for 67 yards.

Faller lauded the work of the offensive line — center Ryan Wilson, guards Carmen Morreale and Nick Christman, tackles Steve Phillips and Andrew Hopkins and substitute guard Chris Akromas.

The Panthers' defense held Kenmore East to 155 yards (105 passing, 50 rushing). Johnson and defensive end Mikal Coleman each had a sack. Strong safety John Elliott pressured Wiltberger and linebacker Joel Tillman played well, said Faller.

Sweet Home hosts Williamsville South at 2 p.m. Saturday. It's Sweet Home's homecoming game.

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### Sports brief

**Bill Truman**, Barbara Gallo and Jane Kaepfel each sank a hole in one at Audubon Golf Course.

Truman used a 5-iron on the 177-yard third hole; Gallo had an 8-iron on the 90-yard sixth hole; Kaepfel utilized a 7-iron on the 90-yard ninth hole.

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## Girls soccer

# East continues league dominance

by **PATRICK J. NAGY**  
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The biggest question for ECIC Division II league opponents facing Williamsville East this season is not if they're going to win; it's if they're going to score a goal.

The Lady Flames posted shutouts over Sweet Home, 4-0, Lake Shore, 7-0, and Hamburg, 2-0, last Monday, Wednesday and Friday to remain unbeaten in ECIC II with a 4-0 record. East, 7-0-1 overall, hasn't allowed a goal since tying Section V's Pittsford Mendon on Saturday, Sept. 8.

East junior Josephine Bochiechio didn't have to do much in goal this past week, stopping two shots against Sweet Home, five versus Lake Shore and one against Hamburg.

Senior midfielder Jenny Griffin opened the Lady Flames' scoring against Sweet Home 2:30 into the first half off an assist by senior forward Jessica Kowalski. The score remained that way until 12 minutes into the second half when Kowalski scored from Griffin and sophomore midfielder Kayla Acklin. Two and a half minutes later, Griffin scored on a direct kick from 25 yards out that sailed over the Sweet Home goalkeeper's head. Tara Kiernan closed out the scoring at the 26-minute mark from Katie Griffin and Kelly McNamara.

East could have led Lake Shore, 4-0, in the first 20 minutes of the game but only scored once, Jessica Kowalski, from Acklin and senior outside defender Kristen Saviola, because of outstanding goaltending, East coach Chris Durr said.

Kiernan made it 2-0 at the 34-minute mark on a pass by sophomore sweeper Morgan Begy.

In the second half, Katie Griffin, McNamara and Lauren Lapoint scored their first career varsity goals.

Six minutes in, Katie Griffin, a sophomore midfielder, scored on an assist from older sister, Jenny, and Kowalski.

"The ball came across seven to eight yards on a cross from Jenny and Katie stuck her foot out in mid air and it deflected into the goal on the near post," said Durr.

Seven minutes later, McNamara scored on an

assist by Jenny Griffin. Lapoint scored at the 35-minute mark from sophomore Becca Rumschik and senior forward Alex Lima.

Kowalski, on a free kick from 35 yards out into near post, upper corner, and Lima, from Jenny Griffin, scored at the 14- and 16-minute marks.

East finished with 19 shots on goal.

The only worry for East against Hamburg was that it took longer than usual to score.

The Lady Flames didn't put a goal on the scoreboard until there was four minutes remaining in the first half. Sophomore defender Melissa Spada passed to sophomore midfielder Daniella Galante, who hit a through ball to Katie Griffin. Griffin cut back from 20 yards, moved the ball to her right foot and ripped a shot that went into the upper corner of the net near the post.

"The goalie didn't have a chance to save it because it happened so quickly," said Durr.

Durr said the goal was a big confidence booster going into halftime because his team had dominated the first half.

At the 18-minute mark of the second half, Jenny Griffin scored on a penalty kick.

Durr lauded the defensive work of junior stopper Neha Bakhai, Begy at sweeper, Saviola and Jordan Kowalski at outside defenders as well as reserve outside defenders Spada and sophomore Olivia Quenneville.

"They've been the dominating group so far this season," said Durr. "Not to say that our forwards and midfielders are not playing well but the defense has been outstanding."

East, ranked third in New York State Class A, hosted Williamsville South on Tuesday but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press. They play at 4:45 p.m., Thursday at Iroquois and host West Seneca East at 4:45 p.m. on Friday.

Jenny Griffin leads the team with eight goals and seven assists. Jessica Kowalski has six goals and four assists followed by Kiernan at four goals and four assists. Durr said nine East players have scored at least one goal and 16 have at least one point.

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## Youthful South improving

by **PATRICK J. NAGY**  
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After dropping its first two games, Williamsville South has been on a mini-roll.

The Lady Billies have won two out of three games to improve its record to 2-2 in ECIC Division II, 2-3 overall.

South's latest win was a thrilling 1-0 double overtime victory at West Seneca East last Wednesday.

"It was nice to get a win on the road," said South coach Kevin McNamara.

Junior forward Emily Novak scored with five minutes left in double OT after a scramble in front of the box.

South goalie Erin Ballou made eight saves.

Earlier in the week, South almost came back to defeat Iroquois in a home game on Sept. 17, but lost 3-2.

South opened the season on

Iroquois scored twice in the first 20 minutes before Novak scored in the first half from sophomore striker Sarah Marcus and senior attacker/midfielder Lisa Stachura tied it up on a direct kick from outside the 18-yard line with ten minutes to play in the second half. McNamara said his team outplayed Iroquois for the rest of the game; however, the Lady Chiefs scored the game-winning goal.

"We really started playing better and controlling play," said McNamara.

South's first win of the season was a 4-0 decision over Sweet Home on Friday, Sept. 14.

Marcus scored twice with assists by freshman outside/defensive midfielder Pam Guerrero and Stachura. Novak, from Ellie Fall-etta, and a direct kick by junior defender Alex Ciolko, were the team's other goal scorers.

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Friday, Sept. 7 with a 4-0 non-league loss at Williamsville North and a 3-1 loss at Hamburg on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Megan Couche scored for South, assisted by Novak.

McNamara said a team strength he's seen in games has been the ability to share the ball.

"If we share the ball, we're a better team," said McNamara. "The players know it too."

McNamara said everyone on the team is contributing. He also lauded the play of junior central defender Brianna Zangaro and senior defender Carrie Connolly.

South played at Williamsville East on Tuesday but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press. They host Lake Shore at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Hamburg at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

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## Sweet Home struggling

by **PATRICK J. NAGY**  
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It's been a rough season so far for Sweet Home girls soccer.

The team is 1-8 with its only win coming against Amherst, 2-1, on Sept. 11. Lightning forced officials to call the game with four minutes remaining.

Other scores have not been as kind. Last week, Sweet Home lost to Williamsville East, 4-0, on Monday, Sept. 17, Iroquois, 5-0, on Wednesday, Sept. 19, Lake Shore, 2-1, on Friday and Kenmore West, 5-1, on Saturday. They also lost 4-0 against

Williamsville South on Friday, Sept. 14 and 3-0 versus Williamsville North on Saturday, Sept. 15. Sweet Home opened the season with defeats to Tonawanda, 4-0, and Depew, 5-2, in the Tonawanda Tournament on Thursday, Sept. 6 and Saturday, Sept. 8.

"We've been struggling," said coach Josh Hicks. "We're playing on a lot of reaction instead of anticipation. In the last couple of games, we've started to have a couple more scoring opportunities. At times, though, we're not getting the ball out of the zone at all."

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