

Nash, DeCicco lead Niagara Gymnastics

The Niagara Gymnastics team from Gleason's School of Gymnastics competed in the Graffiti Invitational Jan. 5-6 at the Niagara Falls Conference Center in Niagara Falls.

One of the largest meets in the area, there were teams present from New York, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

Niagara's Level 4 team earned the second place team award in the competition.

Quinn DeCicco of Amherst was a team leader. Competing in the 6-7 year old division, DeCicco scored a 9.55 on vault for seventh place. She also placed fifth on bars and floor, where she earned an 8.525 and 8.80, respectively.

On the floor, DeCicco placed seventh with an 8.80 to bring her all-around total to 35.525, which was good for fourth.

Also competing in the 6-7 year old division was Autumn Kelleher. Kelleher was a standout on vault, earning an outstanding 9.876 to capture the bronze medal. Kelleher was also strong

on beam and floor, earning fifth and seventh, respectively. Her all-around score of 34.675 was good for eighth.

Niagara's Level 5 team also had some outstanding performances.

Madison Nash was the team leader. Nash competed in the 11-year-old division, placing in all four events.

On the floor, she earned the silver medal with a 9.0. She had her high score of the day on bars, earning a 9.150 for fourth. She also placed fourth on vault with an 8.55 and in all-around with a 35.050.

Abigail DeCicco, a third grader at St. Christopher School, also represented the Niagara team. DeCicco had her strongest performance of the day on the beam, where she earned a 9.25 for ninth place.

Meghan Aronica, a sixth grader at St. Christopher, earned her high score of the day on the bars, an 8.50.



Amherst resident Quinn DeCicco displays her medals from the Graffiti Invitational on Jan. 5.



COME UP FOR AIR — Williamsville South's Nick Herr swims the butterfly portion of the 200 medley relay in the Billies' 142-37 loss at East Aurora on Friday night.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Boys basketball: Orchard Park at Sweet Home, 7:30 p.m.; Clarence at South, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball: Nichols at Sacred Heart (Villa Maria Athletic Center), 6:30 p.m.

Boys bowling: Amherst at Tonawanda, 4:30 p.m. (Tonawanda Bowling Center); South at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m. (Manor II Lanes); Iroquois at East, 4:30 p.m. (Transit Lanes)

Girls bowling: Amherst at Tonawanda, 4:30 p.m. (Tonawanda Bowling Center); South at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m. (Manor II Lanes); Iroquois at East, 4:30 p.m. (Transit Lanes)

Federation hockey: South vs. St. Francis, 7 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Olympic Rink)

Wrestling: Amherst at W.S. East, 6 p.m.; Frontier at Sweet Home, 6 p.m.; South at Lake Shore, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Girls basketball: Amherst at Tonawanda, 6:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at Hamburg, 7:30 p.m.; East at Iroquois, 6:30 p.m.; Jamestown at North, 7:30 p.m.; South at Lake Shore, 6:30 p.m.

Girls bowling: Sacred Heart vs. Mt. Mercy, 4 p.m. (Thruway Lanes)

Federation hockey: Sweet Home vs. East, 9 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink); North vs. St. Joe's, 7 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink); South vs. Bishop Timon-St. Jude, 7 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Olympic Rink)

Friday, Jan. 11

Boys basketball: Springville at Amherst, 7:30 p.m.; W.S. East at Sweet Home, 7:30 p.m.; South at East, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball: Mt. Mercy at Sacred Heart (Villa Maria Athletic Center), 6:30 p.m.

Federation hockey: Amherst at South Glens Falls (Glens Falls Civic Center), 8 p.m.; Sweet Home at Churchville-Chili (Scottsville Ice Arena), 7 p.m.; Skaneateles Tournament — South vs. Canandaigua (Skaneateles), 7:30 p.m.

Boys swimming: Amherst at Cheektowaga, 4:30 p.m.; East at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m.; Clarence at North, 5 p.m.

Wrestling: Amherst at Lockport Tournament, 5 p.m. (Lockport High School); East at Holley, 6 p.m.; Frontier at North, 6 p.m.; South at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Boys basketball: North at Niagara-Wheatfield, 1:30 p.m.

Federation hockey: East vs. Ken. East, 1 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink); Amherst at Glens Falls (Glens Falls Civic Center), noon; Skaneateles Tournament — Skaneateles/McQuaid at South (Skaneateles), TBA

Wrestling: Amherst at Lockport Tournament, 9 a.m. (Lockport High School); East, North at Williamsville North Tournament, 9 a.m.

Sunday Jan. 13

Federation hockey: Sweet Home vs. Ken. East, 3 p.m. (Buffalo State College)

Indoor track: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Fredonia State College, 9 a.m. (varsity select No. 1)

Monday, Jan. 14

Boys bowling: Maryvale at Amherst, 4:30 p.m. (Airport Lanes); East at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m. (Manor II Lanes); Frontier at North, 4:30 p.m. (Transit Lanes); South at W.S. East, 4:30 p.m. (Transit Lanes)

Girls bowling: Maryvale at Amherst, 4:30 p.m. (Airport Lanes); East at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m. (Manor II Lanes); Frontier at North, 4:30 p.m. (Transit Lanes); South at W.S. East, 4:30 p.m. (Transit Lanes)

Girls basketball: Orchard Park at North, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Boys basketball: Maryvale at Amherst, 7:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at Hamburg, 7:30 p.m.; Iroquois at East, 7:30 p.m.; Jamestown at North, 7:30 p.m.; Lake Shore at South, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball: Sweet Home at Lancaster, 7:30 p.m.; East at W.S. East, 7:30 p.m.

Boys bowling: East at Hamburg, 4:30 p.m. (Legion Lanes); North at Clarence, 4 p.m. (Clarence Bowling Academy)

Girls bowling: East at Hamburg, 4:30 p.m. (Legion Lanes); North at Clarence, 4 p.m. (Clarence Bowling Academy); Sacred Heart vs. Holy Angels, 4 p.m. (Thruway Lanes)

Boys swimming: East Aurora at Amherst, 6 p.m. (Amherst Middle School); Sweet Home at W.S. East, 4:30 p.m.; North at East, 6 p.m. (Transit Middle School); South at Eden, 4:30 p.m.

Buffalo In-line Hockey Group Snipers, Cougars win it all

The fall 2007 season in Buffalo In-line Hockey League Group concluded on Dec. 29 with the top-seeded Cougars winning the Junior Division and the Snipers winning the Major Division.

The Cougars, led by coach Paul Dressel, had been on top of its division from week 1 and found themselves against the Black Knights and Kevin Eberth in the championship game.

When the dust had settled, Evan Dressel, Cory Friedly, the Juhasz brothers, P.J. Anders, Ben Speyers, Jay Gilani, Joey Wegalarski and Ricky Jacobs had an 11-9 win and a Junior Division championship.

The Snipers had a different story. The seventh seed by virtue of its regular season performance, the Snipers had two upset wins before facing the David Campuzano-led Vikings in the final. Coach Tom Wright rallied his team to another stellar effort in a 9-6 victory.

Eric Wright caught fire in the playoffs, and the rest of the team, Wright, Rob Russell, Josh Vaccaro, Zac Robinson, Ben Weber, Dylan Moran and Dean Duprey, along with goaltender Tyler Anderson, were the Major Division 2007 fall season champs.

The league also announced its postseason awards. The Junior Division MVP was Evan Dressel, winning his second career MVP award. The Major Division MVP was Pat Smith. It was his first award.

The all-league performers were: Major Division: - forwards Campuzano, Smith, Taylor Setlock, Justin Swain and goalie Tyler Anderson; and Junior Division: forwards Dressel, Eberth, Nick Antoniadis, Adam Terragnolli and goalie Ricky Jacobs.

Buffalo In-line Hockey Group is the premier not-for-profit youth

in-line hockey organization in Western New York playing out of the EPIC Center on Wehrle Drive in Lancaster.

Placement tryouts for the upcoming winter 2008 season in all age groups will be held on Jan. 12 at the EPIC Center. For more information, call Rich at 689-4090 or 773-1188 or visit mysport-site.com/bihg.

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