

St. Peter and Paul girls blue varsity wins tourney

The St. Peter and Paul girls varsity blue team celebrated its holiday break by taking first place in the St. Benedict's Christmas Basketball Tournament held Dec. 26-27.

The Knights started the tourney with a 33-8 win against St. Gregory the Great. Olivia Jakson and Paige Hanley dominated the forward position, scoring eight and six points, respectively.

Samantha Basile (six points),

Christina Seitz (two points) and Jessica Lynett (four points) supported the offensive punch from the guard position.

Alexis Parry (two points), Claire Haumesser and Maury Fields prevented the Cougar centers from pulling down any offensive or defensive rebounds. Michelle Haumesser, Samantha Hathaway and Kathleen Ruggiero did a great job in relief at forward, while Haumesser added a free

throw to the point total.

Marla Calabro, Victoria Mendiola, Allyson Costanza and Hope Genco constantly kept St. Greg's from mounting any offensive rushes. Calabro and Mendiola added two points each.

The win put the Knights in the championship game against host St. Benedict's. The tone of the game was set at the opening jump ball. Hanley successfully tapped the ball to Calabro, who passed it

to Basile (seven) for the only three-pointer from the floor.

Hanley finished with a team-leading 10 points. Calabro added two of her own and was instrumental in several assists.

Claire Haumesser, Parry and Fields dominated under the basket, preventing St. Benedict's from attempting inside shots. Haumesser scored two and Parry added three.

Seitz, Costanza, Lynett and

Mendiola continued strong play at guard. Seitz added three points and multiple assists. Jakson, Hathaway, Michelle Haumesser, Genco and Ruggiero played aggressively as they kept the St. Benedict's forwards from mounting a comeback.

Haumesser and Jakson each dropped in two for a total team effort in the 31-12 win against a good St. Benedict's squad and first place for the Knights.

St. Peter and Paul earns victories

St. Peter and Paul girls varsity blue basketball team opened its season with wins on Dec. 19 and 21 against St. Benedict's, 34-12, and St. Gregory's, 25-4, respectively.

Paige Hanley and Samantha Basile teamed up to keep their opponents off the mark in both games while pouring in points from the forward and guard positions. Hanley scored nine and eight points, respectively, while Basile put in 10 and six points.

Marla Calabro, Christina Seitz and Jessica Lynett played solidly at guard while adding to the score. Calabro and Lynett each had four points while Seitz added two points against St. Benedict's.

Olivia Jakson (four points total), Samantha Hathaway (two) and Michelle Haumesser played strong at forward.

The center position was dominated by Alexis Parry, Claire Haumesser and Maury Fields. Parry scored three and one points, respectively, while Haumesser added two points against St. Greg's.

Allyson Costanza, Kathleen Ruggiero, Hope Genco and Victoria Mendiola gave solid performances in relief at guard and forward, with Costanza scoring two points versus St. Benedict's and Mendiola chipping in two against St. Greg's.

Mamon named ECC women's student-athlete for December

Williamsville South graduate Jessica Mamon, a freshman bowler at Erie Community College, won Erie Community College's women's student-athlete of the month for December.

Mamon finished off December with three top finishes in three events, two of them tier one

events, the toughest competition in collegiate bowling.

In the Shippensburg Classic Dec. 1-2, Mamon tied for fourth with an average of 180.3 with teammate Kerri Meden.

On Dec. 27-28, the team traveled to the Keystone Quaker Classic in Pennsylvania for the first of

back-to-back tier one events. Mamon finished second overall with a 209.2 average in a large field composed of a majority of four-year colleges. She followed up that finish with a 17th-place finish in the Nittany Lion Kegler Classic, hosted by Penn State University held Dec. 29-30.

Amherst Squirts knock off Cheektowaga 7-1

The Amherst Minor Squirt "AA" earned an important two points with a convincing league win on Sunday afternoon over Cheektowaga.

Jeff Browne and Nick Carbone notched first period goals with Connor Bender, Connor Wagner and Browne picking up assists.

Amherst netted three more in the second as Jordan Jenneve,

Jacob Siegel and Carbone tallied with Bender and Siegel providing helpers.

Zac Kozlin and Jenneve scored in the third to make it 7-0. Bender, Siegel and Brendan DesRosiers added assists.

Matthew Jakubowski scored the lone goal for Cheektowaga, putting a rebound past Amherst goalie Cam Carney.

Bantam Bisons salvage tie

The North Buffalo Bisons Bantam Minor team came from behind for a 5-5 tie Sunday, after dropping the front end of a home and home series to Webster, 6-2, the day before.

Outshooting Buffalo, 38-24, Webster used the power play to its advantage to tally in each period. Lucas Buscemi and Eric Adolf scored for the Bisons.

In the rematch in Rochester, the Bisons came determined to stand tall, and Bradley Martynowicz (Jim Frauenhofer, Sam Romano) started things off for the Bisons.

The game see-sawed back and forth with goals by Adolf (first goal from Joshua Little and David Arthur; second goal from Ian McQuestion and Joshua Shupe) to keep the Bisons close. Romano (Little) added another.

Late in the game, Adolf scored unassisted to get the equalizer and record his first hat trick of the season.

Both teams made frantic efforts to notch the last goal.

The tie keeps the Bisons in a tie with Webster for third place in the WNYAHA.

Micron Red Sabres defeat Gold Sabres

In a well-played game Sunday morning, the Micron Red Sabres prevailed 6-2 over the Gold Sabres.

Andrew Barker scored a hat trick for the Red. Ryan Mitchell, Will Redding and Kylie Rosen

(first of year) each tallied once.

Red goalie Jacob Puckhaber had a shutout until late in the game when the Gold's Nicholas Haas scored to finally break the shut out. Matthew Maoud also scored for the Gold.

Gold goalie Ethan Ruggiero made some fine saves and Trevor Galante played a strong offensive game.

The Red's Evan Muldering was given the game puck for his strong defensive play.

White Sabres hold on, beat Gold Sabres

The Micron White Sabres took the lead early and held on for a 7-5 win on Dec. 30 over the Gold Sabres.

The White team was led with a hat trick from Ryan McGorry, two goals from Patrick Hernandez and single tallies from Zachery Grapp and Edward Militello. Michael Bunce played a great game in the White net.

The Gold team netted goals from Zachary Esch, Trevor

Galante, Trevor Kuntar, Jack Rapini and Ethan Ruggiero.

Also playing well were Ryan

Rapini and Adam Rosenthal and goalie Jackson Scinta, who made key saves.

Gray Sabres double up Black Sabres

The Micron Gray Sabres slipped past the Black Sabres, 4-2, in a Sunday morning clash. It was the teams' second meeting of the year.

After building a 4-1 lead with goals by AJ Ferenczy, Adam Willig, Alec Cicero and Michael

Wolf, the Gray team found Black Sabres goalie, Aidan Hillery, unbeatable.

Evan Czora scored his second goal of the game to pull the Black Sabres within two, but Gray goalie Michael Irish-Ryan shut the door.

12U Lady Knights impressive versus Rochester powerhouse

The 12U Lady Knights treated its fans to a gritty performance versus one of the strongest teams in New York on Saturday.

Although the score showed the veteran and powerful Rochester Edge won 2-0, the result that mattered most was how well the young, feisty Lady Knights played and how far they've come this year.

"To compete at this level, against this caliber of team, is a credit to the dedication each girl has put forth so far this season. Every girl contributed something to this game. It was a tremendous team effort," said coach Tom Ruggiero.

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Amherst girls development league Union College blanks Clarkson

Union College's offense was just too much for Clarkson, winning 9-0 on Sunday.

Two goals from Miranda Podlas (two, one assisted by Emily Beauchamp) and Emma Hubert and single tallies by Mackenzie Pautler, Paige Pautler, Sarah O'Brien, Alicia Oswald, (Mackenzie Pautler), and Rachel Farr (first of the season) scored for Union.

Union's defense (Emily Keable, Margaret Mugel, and Corinne Shanahan proved brilliant. Becca Searns, Brianna Stressinger and Amanda Burns) made plays.

Goalie Abbey Posner posted a shutout. Clarkson goalkeeper Petrina Sciandra staved off many shots and three Union breakaways. Clarkson's Emily Martin, Juliet Holme, Melissa Suzinski, and Elena Hingston played well.