

# Depth carries East swimmers over North

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Reporter

Williamsville East's boys swimming team picked up a huge 91-89 win over Williamsville North last Tuesday at Transit Middle School.

Flames coach Mike Doerfler said it was the first time in at least five years that East has beaten North in a boys swim meet.

"It was a big win and a great meet," said Doerfler. "Everyone up and down the line performed well. Even the kids who didn't place did their best times."

Doerfler said his team had more depth in the 100-yard backstroke

and 100 breaststroke events to clinch the win. East also took second and third in the last event, the 400 free relay, to gain an additional six points.

North won the 400 free relay in 3:29.91 but needed a second or third to win the meet.

Doerfler said East swimmer Neil Batta beat out a North swimmer on the last leg of the second 400 free relay.

East trailed North in the meet by as many as 14 points.

Kane Hsieh led East's winners by breaking his own school record in the 100 breast, swimming a 1:02.84. The time is also a Transit Middle School pool

record and qualified him for New York State Championships. The old record is 1:03.18 which he set last year.

Other big winners for the Flames were Michael Anderson (200 freestyle, 1:53.44); Matt Geiger (100 butterfly, 55.61; 100 back) and Batta (100 free, 51.01). The 200 free relay of Hsieh, Jeff O'Gorman, Anderson and Batta won in 1:38.53.

Batta took second in the 200 IM in a personal best 2:12.35. Thomas Mitchell swam personal best times in the 200 free (1:58.54) and 500 free (5:27.61) and took third in each event.

Batta went a personal best 2:12.35 in the 200 IM to place second.

Joe O'Gorman dove a season best score of 193.95. He took second to North's Chris Arcara, who won in 218.65.

Big winners for North were Lin (200 IM, 205.94), Kyle Siskar (50 free, 22.74), and the 200 medley relay in 1:44.43.

East's other meet was not as dramatic, winning last Friday at Frontier, 75-23.

Joe O'Gorman won diving with a score of 181.75. Batta won the 100 fly in 1:01.53. Jeff O'Gorman took home first in the 100 free in 57.26. Josh Vekhter was the best in the 100 breast, winning in 1:16.44.

Both victories improved East's record to 6-2. They swim at West Seneca East at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

The rest of the Flames' regular season schedule is home meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29 against



**Joe O'Gorman** dove a personal-best score of 193.05 to help Williamsville East beat Williamsville North, 91-89, last Tuesday at Transit Middle School. O'Gorman placed second in the event.

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**Williamsville North's Michael Lin** won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:05.94 against Williamsville East but it wasn't enough for the team to earn the victory.

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West Seneca West and Hamburg Friday, Feb. 1.

on Thursday, Jan. 31, and a road

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## Indoor track

# Sacred Heart remains unbeaten, wins six events

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Sacred Heart's girls indoor track team kept its unblemished record in tact with a first place finish last Saturday at Lancaster High School's Fieldhouse.

The Sharks improved to 14-0 lifetime in indoor track meets against Monsignor Martin Association teams with a team score of 120. Holy Angels came in second

with 86.

"I didn't know what I was going to have so it's been a real pleasant surprise," said Sacred Heart coach Rod Sarkovics. "It's a good measure of how we might be in the outdoor season."

The Sharks won six of the nine events. Junior Melissa Naab won the 50 in 7.01 and led off the Sharks' winning mixed relay team which also included Ginamarie Mule, Erin Wattengel and Brittney Gibbons. The

team won in 8:20.

Gibbons was a double winner, taking home first in the long jump in a leap of 12-10 and the 600 in 1:55. Sarkovics said Emily Tutak and Mule went 2-3 in the 600. Mule also won the triple jump in 28-0.5.

"She has given us a big boost in the jumps," said Sarkovics. "I wasn't sure who we were going to have there to pick up the slack after the Piecuchs (now the team's jumping coaches) graduated."

Kim Patterson won the 1200 in 4:40. Mary Russell came in third.

The Sharks' 4x150 relay of Christine Loftus, Alyse Madison, Lyndsay DelGrosso and Naab finished second.

Jessica Moses came in third in the shot put.

The final indoor meet is Feb. 9 at Lancaster.

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# Late goals cost Sweet Home hockey versus Lancaster

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Sweet Home's Federation hockey team posted a win and loss last week but had the Panthers not made a few mistakes in its 5-4 defeat to Lancaster on Monday they probably could have left the Pepsi Center Rink No. 2 with a victory.

Tied 2-2 with Lancaster late in the second, the Redskins got goals from Justin Hussar (Jordan McGraw) and PJ Brown (Joe Karl, Ryan Rogolski) 1:13 apart to put them ahead for good, 4-2.

Sweet Home's Ryan Marko (Rich Beaudet) made it 4-3 on the power play at 12:41 of the third but Karl answered at 2:40 from Rogolski. The Panthers pulled goalie Rob Castiglia for an extra attacker and it worked for one goal as Ryan Gutt scored at 1:04 on a scramble in front of the net from Chris Covell and Mike Campise. Sweet Home coach Dave

Gerspach said his team got some shots after Covell's goal but could not put it into the empty net.

Sweet Home trailed Lancaster 1-0 in the first before Gutt scored seven seconds later at 3:15 from Pat McMahon.

Marko made it 2-1 Sweet Home with five seconds left in the period on a slap shot between the red and blue line that went off the post and low to the stick side of the Lancaster goalie. Alex Gilmour and Beaudet assisted.

Nick Berst (Karl, Brown) hooked up once in the first period on the power play and again in the second period.

"We probably played our best first and third periods of the year," said Gerspach. "We just had some breakdowns in the last half of the second."

Sweet Home was outshot 31-19.

The Panthers opened its week with a 5-0 over Niagara Falls on Saturday on the Olympic Rink.

Covell led Sweet Home with a natural hat trick in the third period. His first goal came from Gutt and McMahon, his second was unassisted and his third came on the power play from Mike Campise and Beaudet.

Colin Cardinale (Marko, Rich Fedele) and Adam Titanic (Dominic Puntillo) scored at 13:58 of the first and 4:36 of the second,

respectively.

Castiglia made 23 saves to record the shutout. Sweet Home had 30 shots on net.

"We were the better team in each period," said Gerspach. "When they did have chances, Rob played really well in net."

Gerspach liked how in both games, his team played well in the third period.

"It wasn't as much as the goals as it was the effort the kids gave," said Gerspach. "It's nice to see the things we are working on practice in a game."

Sweet Home is off until Tuesday, Jan. 29 when they face Williamsville East at 3:30 p.m. on the Feature Rink.

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## North

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Kenmore West on Jan. 5 (North tied St. Joe's 0-0 on Jan. 12).

Liddle made it 2-1 on the power play from Mark Maraschiello and Marc Kadish at 7:29 of the second. Maraschiello passed it across to Liddle, who one-timed it into the net. OP's James Kelly tied the score at 2-2 with 1:30 left in the second.

"It was disappointing," said Rosen of not getting a win. "We outshot them 16-8 in the second period and didn't play with the same intensity in the third."

North outshot OP, 29-19, overall.

North (11-4-2) has a huge week, beginning with St. Joe's at 7 p.m. on Thursday on the Feature Rink.

"It's a huge game that we have to win," said Rosen. "We need our top players to be top players because we don't get that all of the time."

North also plays Williamsville South at 1 p.m. on Saturday on the Feature Rink and Frontier at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Buffalo State Sports Arena.

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