

Foursome wins national golf championship

Four Western New Yorkers representing the National Kidney Foundation of Western New York recently won a national golf championship.

Bowmansville's Mike Campbell, HSBC Bank, USA Inc.; Williamsville's Michael Howard, ophthalmologist with Atwal Eye Care; Clarence's John Miosi, Miosi Builders, Inc.; and Williamsville's Peter Weinstein,

Safetec of America, Inc.; won the Platinum Division of the 2008 NKF Golf Classic National Finals with a low gross of -46.

The NKF Golf Classic National Championship was held in Pebble Beach, Calif., from Jan. 17 to 21. More than 60 teams, all successful competitors at regional NKF tournaments across the United States, competed in the finals of the premier golf event for charity. The



Michael Howard, far left, Peter Weinstein, Michael Campbell and John Miosi won the Platinum Division of the 2008 National Kidney Foundation Golf Classic National Finals in Pebble Beach, Calif. They finished with a combined low gross score of -46.

NKF Golf Classic raises millions of dollars annually to fund programs and services to support patients afflicted with chronic kidney disease and their families.

"What an honor to have a team from Western New York bring home the national championship," said Darrel Lloyd of KLF Group, NKF of Western New York Golf Classic Chairman and vice president of the board of directors. "It is terrific for the NKF of Western New York to be in the national spotlight."

This was the 15th consecutive year that the NKF Classic National Championships welcomed amateur golf teams from across the country to play the fairways and holes of the Monterey Peninsula: Pebble Beach Golf Links, The Links at Spanish Bay and Del Monte, as well as the renowned Poppy Hills Golf Course, a Robert Trent Jones II design that has been voted the Public Golf Course of the Year.

The NKF is a major health organization seeking to prevent kidney and urologic diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of organs for transplantation.

For more information, visit www.nkfowny.org or call 835-1323.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Girls basketball: Tonawanda at Amherst, 7:30 p.m.; Hamburg at Sweet Home, 7:30 p.m.; Iroquois at East, 7:30 p.m.; North at Jamestown, 7:30 p.m.; Lake Shore at South, 7:30 p.m.; St. Mary's of Lancaster at Sacred Heart, 6:30 p.m. (Villa Maria College)

Boys swimming: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Section VI Championships, 5 p.m. (Erie Community College's Burt Flickinger Center)

Thursday, Feb. 14

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

Boys bowling: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Section VI Championships, 9 a.m. (Thruway Lanes)

Boys diving: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Section VI Championships, noon (Erie Community College's Burt Flickinger Center)

Boys swimming: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Section VI Championships, 5 p.m. (Erie Community College's Burt Flickinger Center)

Friday, Feb. 15

Boys basketball: Clarence at Amherst, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball: North Tonawanda at East, 7:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at North, 7:30 p.m.

Federation hockey: Section VI Western New York Varsity Hockey Federation large school playoffs — North vs. Ken. West, 9 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink)

Wrestling: Amherst, East, South at Class AAA Tournament, 4 p.m. (Starpoint High School); Sweet Home, North at Class AAAA Tournament, 4:30 p.m. (Clarence High School)

Girls bowling: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Section VI Championships, 9 a.m. (Thruway Lanes)

Saturday, Feb. 16

Indoor track: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Fredonia State College, 9 a.m. (Team Championships)

Wrestling: Amherst, East, South at Class AAA Tournament, 9 a.m. (Starpoint High School); Sweet Home, North at Class AAAA Tournament, 9 a.m. (Clarence High School)

Buffalo In-Line Hockey Group

Heavyweight battles take place in major, junior divisions

The No. 1 and 2 teams in the Major and Junior division in the Buffalo In-line Hockey League Group met this past Saturday.

The Major division match-up

between the Blackhawks and the Vikings was very much like a heavyweight fight with each team landing what seemed to be knockout blows only to have the

other team come back.

Seven lead changes occurred throughout the game until Adam Terragnoli scored with only 2:15 left to give the Blackhawks an 11-10 win and first place in the division.

Adam Rainey (Tonawanda) had an extremely strong game and Justin Swan had five tallies for the Hawks and David Campuzano scored five goals for the Vikes.

In other Major division action: **Killer Pandas 12, Firestorm 6**

The Pandas got an outstanding offensive effort from John Lyons (Amherst), Christian Curtola, Zac Carlisle (Kenmore) and Zac Robinslon to pick up this win.

Snipers 10, Mulecats 6

Eric Wright had a double hat trick to lead the Snipers to win its first game of the season.

Red Snappers 9, Crush 6

Taylor Setlock had four scores and added two assists to pace the Reds.

Stealth 10, Warriors 7

The Stealth picked up their first win of the season with Josh Grant (Kenmore) and Nick Durante (Tonawanda) each scoring four times.

Junior division

The Junior division battle saw the Devils take sole possession of first place with an 8-4 win as five players scored, paced by Ryan Owarczyck (Amherst).

Ben Speyer tallied a hat trick for the Gladiators.

Sharks 7, Capitals 2

The Sharks opened up a 4-0 first period lead, got five goals from Adam Terragnoli (an underaged player who plays in both divisions) and coasted goal to the win.

Maroons 6, Penguins 2

The Maroons earned win number one of the season as Jonathan Meyers (Tonawanda) got his first BIHG hat trick, along with two assists.

Knights 6, Orangemen 5 (shootout)

Aaron Crane scored with only four seconds in regulation to tie the game. Crane and Mike Vaccaro both scored in the shootout to give the Knights the two points.

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.

For more information, including information about the upcoming winter season, call Rich at 689-4090 or 773-1188 or visit bi-hg.org.

Tigers

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outlook on things and a strong work ethic," said Crozier.

Second-year varsity players, seniors AJ DiLorenzo, Phil Cultrara, Blake Napierala and Josh Larwood have all made contributions to the Tigers in different ways.

DiLorenzo has been a mainstay for the Tigers on defense.

"AJ will be remembered for his physical play, especially his devastating hits," said Crozier. "DiLorenzo also has an incredible slap shot, one of the hardest in the league."

Cultrara, a forward, plays with great speed and work ethic.

"Phil's quiet and business-like demeanor has set the bar for the younger players on the team to follow," said Crozier. "Phil leads by example and my younger players look up to him."

Napierala, a forward, is the most physical of the group.

"Blake will be remembered for his tremendous work ethic and physical play on the ice," added Crozier. "Blake brings an intensity to games and practices like no one else."

Larwood, a utility player, has played both forward and defense for this year's Tigers team.

"Josh's hard work in practice has paid off this season, logging him more ice time during the second half of this season," said Crozier.

Larwood's senior season is highlighted by his first career goal he scored in the game against Geneseo this season.

Four years ago, Crozier recognized that the program had a shortage at the goaltending position. At the time, freshman, now seniors DJ Filer and Kevin Weber had little or no experience at goaltender.

"They both turned to me at the time and said, 'well I'm good at street hockey,'" Crozier recalled. "This program is extremely lucky that both of these young men stepped it up and were willing to play goaltender."

Crozier said Filer and Weber each made strong contributions to this year's team. Filer was the player of the game in the Geneseo game that won the Tigers' the consolation championship. Weber recently shut out league leader Kenmore East late this season.

"It's extremely difficult to say good-bye to this group," concluded Crozier. "We've been through a lot and our trial and tribulations have brought us very close as a group. I think of these boys as my own sons, and to think that in a week or two, they'll be moving on is difficult to comprehend. Our hockey program is very grateful to them and their parents for their continued support. Their presence will be missed and we wish them all the best."

Sharks bowling takes fourth

The Sacred Heart girls bowling team finished fifth out of eight teams at All-Catholics last Tues-

day at Thruway Lanes.

The Sharks knocked down 1,643 pins. Sacred Heart finished

fourth in the regular season with a 31-25 record.

Senior co-captain Katie Salisbury earned All-Catholic First Team honors for having the third-highest average in the Monsignor Martin Association with a 178 average.

Salisbury also had the third highest scratch series in the league with a 584. Her high game was 218.

Junior co-captain Natalie Wasilewski finished with a 131 average and received a special pin for a 485 set.

Senior Sarah Melzer had a 134 average. Sophomore Catherine Trzaska had a 127 average.

Sacred Heart's JV won the regular season title.

Amherst girls finish with victory

The Amherst girls bowling team (2-10) bowled its final match of the season last Thursday and beat Cheektowaga, 5-2, at Airport Lanes.

The Lady Tigers' "A" team, anchored by senior Carolyn Trabert, who averaged 172 for the match, won the first and third game and grabbed total pins, 1797 to 1731. Sophomore Kailey D. anchored the "B" team and averaged 152 and took their second and third game and total pins, 1531-1441.

The Lady Tigers will be losing four bowlers for next season as seniors Kristin Ortman, Carol Powell, Mallorie Saleh, and Trabert will be graduating this spring.

Amherst competed in ECIC Rolloffs on Tuesday but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They will compete at the Section VI Championships at 9 a.m. on Friday at Thruway Lanes.