



The Squirt Bruins won both games of the home end of the Friendship Tournament. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: laying down- goalie Alex Bender; kneeling - Mark Ayala, Tyler Tiede, Pat Norris, Tyler Roberto, Paul Koestler Jr., Nick Guzdek and Brady Kyle;

standing, first row - Sean Brown, Ben Battaglia, Matt Piotrowski, Peter Masters, Cameron Czora, Garrett Darraugh; standing second row - goalie coach Kevin Czora, assistant coach George Battaglia, head coach Jason Czora and assistant coach Edward Guzdek Jr.

Squirt Bruins win home end of Friendship tourney

The Squirt Bruins pulled off two wins this past weekend to win the home end of the Amherst/Burlington Friendship Tournament.

The first game was on Saturday and the Burlington team came out strong, taking a goal lead going into the second period.

It wasn't long before the Bruins tied the game with back-to-back goals from center Ben Battaglia. Burlington took a short-lived lead back until Peter Master found the netting late into the second.

In the third, it was all Bruins as Peter Master scored on a penalty shot and center P.J. Koestler showed his star quality with a goal that clinched the fate of the People To Go Burlington team. The second win came Sunday as the Bruins took on the Burlington Play It Again Sports team.

In a nail-biter, which had the Bruins fighting till the third period, they won 9-5.

Center Brady Kyle scored a natural hat trick in the first period. Burlington scored two goals to make it a one-goal game going into the second period.

The second period saw the teams share the lead twice as the Bruins collected goals from P.J. Koestler and Ben Battaglia. But it was the third that saw the demise of Burlington as the Bruins netted four goals from P.J. Koestler, Ben Battaglia, Brady Kyle, and Tyler Roberto.

At the end of the tournament, Battaglia, Koestler and Kyle each had five points and goaltender Alex Bender saved the day, standing on his head in each game to stop the Burlington teams in their tracks.

Clarence Swim Club refines skill in all strokes

Super Bowl Sunday gave Clarence Swim Club members a different reason to celebrate outstanding performance at the TW-ST meet in Orchard Park.

Forty swimmers from Clarence Swim Club attended the meet and 33 of them swam in an individual medley event.

The IM takes skill in all four competitive strokes, butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle, and the lengths varied from 100 IM to 400 IM for this meet.

Emmanuel Rockwell, 12, challenged himself in the 400 IM and the 200 free for the first time, and achieved a personal best time in the 200 breaststroke by over five seconds.

Sydney Modeas, 11, scored a personal best time in the 100 IM and dropped over four seconds in her 50 free, as well as two and a half seconds in her 50 back.

Austin Geiger, 10, tried the 100 IM for the first time. His times in the 100 breaststroke

and 100 backstroke both improved at the meet and combined for an 18 second drop overall.

Lauren Scanio, 10, led the meet off with a 14-second drop in her 100 IM, followed by Sydney Dauost-Filiatrault, 11, with a 10-second drop in her 100 IM. Melanie Johnson, 12, dropped nine seconds in her 100 IM as well, launched by a personal best in the 50 breast earlier in the meet.

Dorotka Tou, 10, dropped time in each of

her four events, which included the 100 IM, 50 back, 100 breast, and 50 fly.

Andrew Cahalane, 11, also improved his personal best times, including a nine-second drop in the 100 IM, a 10-second improvement in the 50 fly, and just over a second in the 50 free and 50 back.

For more information on upcoming meets, contact head coach Russ Sampson at ClarenceSwimming@aol.com, or visit www.ClarenceSwimming.com.

St. Benedict's sixth-grade girls defeat St. Gregory's

Defense dominated first half play of St. Benedict's' 18-13 win over St. Gregory's sixth graders.

Both team's guards were strong and the Tigers' trio of Tracy Nasr, Amy Trabert and Kourtney Killian worked hard to get the ball inside where Brigid Ryan and Grace Garlick converted turnarounds for St. Benedict's first buckets.

Sarah Parish and Chelsea Brodka provided crucial rebounds and Asya Douglas' and Madeline Grisko's blocks and steals got the offense moving in the second half. Garlick and Douglas combined for ten second-half points. St. Greg's battled back, Tricia Andrews and Grisko had baskets to save the win for St. Benedict's.

St. Benedict's 16, St. Gregory's 12

St. Benedict's took the early lead as Tricia Andrews opened the scoring, Madeline Grisko and Asya Douglas added baskets in the first quarter. Grace Garlick's shots extend the lead to 10-0 at halftime.

Undaunted, St. Greg's third quarter comeback was sparked by Jackie Adolf's steals.

St. Greg's pulled ahead at the third quarter buzzer, 12-10. Fine defense and rebounding by Sarah Parish, Brigid Ryan and Chelsea Brodka and the ballhandling of Tracy Nasr, Amy Trabert and Kourtney Killigan turned the tide back in St. Benedict's favor.

Andrews and Douglas combined for fourth quarter points as St. Benedict's prevailed.

St. Benedict's hoops win tournament at St. Joe's

The St. Benedict's Tigers' boys varsity basketball team beat Nativity of Clarence, 34-24, to win the championship of the 27th annual John Barden Elementary School Basketball Tournament at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

Matt MacDonald had 19 points and Sam Insalaco scored 13 to lead St. Benedict's to the victory. Joey

Insalaco contributed two points off the bench for the Tigers.

Frankie DiVito and Brendan Tenney dominated the backboards for St. Benedict's, and Tenney was named the Phil Scaffidi Sportsmanship Award winner for the entire tournament.

St. Benedict's also got great defense off the bench from

sixth-graders Colin Tenney and Patrick MacDonald and pinpoint passing from Jimmy Croglia, who registered three assists.

Sam Insalaco was named to the All-Tournament team and Matt MacDonald was named Tournament MVP.

The win improved the Tigers' record to 20-1 on the season.

SSPP eighth-graders lose regular season finale, finish second in division

The SS. Peter and Paul girls eighth-grade basketball team (6-4) lost, 25-21, to St. Mary's of Lancaster.

The Knights finished in second place in their division.

A strong St. Mary's fourth quarter prevented a Knights' win.

Forwards Olivia Jakson (eight points) and Samantha Hathaway limited St. Mary's inside shoot-

ing. Centers Claire Haumesser (two) and Michelle Haumesser pulled down multiple rebounds.

Marla Calabro and Christina Seitz (one point each) broke St. Mary's attempts at a full court press. Guard/forward Samantha Basile scored nine points.

Playing well in relief were forwards Kathleen Ruggiero and Hope Genco and guards Victoria Mendiola, Jessica Lynett and Allyson Costanza.

Sports briefs

Anna Rubino, 10, of Williamsville, won two gold medals in the IXM Junior Olympic swim meet at the Webster Aquatic Center, improving her US Eastern Zone cut times.

Rubino swam the 10 and under 50-yard freestyle in 27.86 and the 50 backstroke in 33.17. Rubino swims for Sweet Home Aquatics and attends St. Gregory the Great

Megan Rumschik, a Williamsville East High School graduate from East Amherst, led Ithaca College with a career-high five steals in Ithaca's 68-56 recent win over Rochester Institute of Technology.

Meredith Parenti, 11, of

Williamsville and a member of the Holiday Valley Ski Race Team, placed fourth in the JIV division of the United States Ski Association sanctioned giant slalom ski race held at Holimont Ski Club on Feb. 3.

Lindsay Sutherland (198-534) and Doug Murphy (192-507) led the Williamsville East girls and

boys bowling teams at the Williamsville Cup held on Jan. 31 at Transit Lanes.

The Hilbert College athletic department recently announced the dates for its **2008 boys' and girls' summer basketball camps**.

All sessions will run Sunday through Thursday and campers

will have the option of staying overnight (resident camper) or commuting (day camper).

The girls' camps will be held from June 29-July 3 and from July 13-17, while the boys camps run from July 6-10 and July 20-24.

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