

# East wrestling sends school record to state qualifier

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Reporter

The Williamsville East wrestling team continued a fantastic season by qualifying a school record eight grapplers at the Class AAA Tournament for this weekend's Section VI New York State qualifier at Kenmore West. The old school record was six.

The Class AAA Tournament was held last Friday and Saturday at Starpoint High School.

"It's been a great year and this really capped it off," said East coach Henry Fumerelle. "To have eight guys go to sectionals is a great feeling."

The top four wrestlers from each weight class at the Class AAA Tournament advance to the state qualifier.

Sam Beichner defeated Starpoint's Jimmy Whittall, 5-1, in the 96-pound finals. Beichner went 4-0 to improve to 24-9.

Sean Trabert defeated Cheektowaga's Scott Patrzyk, 3-1, in overtime, at 140. Trabert also went 4-0 to improve to 27-6.

At 130, Max Cohen won his first two matches before falling to Starpoint's Darren Whittall, 6-3, in the finals. Cohen is 25-4.

Andrew Dieckman, Jacob Beichner, Matt Callari, Jayson Dieckman and MP Joseph each took home fourth place.

Andrew Dieckman went 2-2 at 103, losing twice to Williamsville South's Luke Falzone, including the third-fourth match, 1-0. Dieckman was unseeded.

Jacob Beichner finished 2-2 at 125 and lost to West Seneca East's Rich Rutkowski, 7-0, for third. Beichner is 24-11.

Callari went 3-2 at 135, falling to Pioneer's Doug Urbino, 10-8, for third. Callari is 25-10.

Jayson Dieckman went 3-1 at 152 before getting pinned by Grand Island's Anthony

Gugino for third. Dieckman is 23-13.

Joseph won two matches and lost two at 189, ultimately falling to Cheektowaga's Matt Weigand, 9-4, for third. Joseph is 20-11.

In addition to the eight East wrestlers who moved on, Ben Mikac took fifth at 112 (lost to Pioneer's Justin Skretny, 5-3, in overtime) and Brandon Munoz placed sixth at 145. Munoz beat fourth-seed Jim Litz of Maryvale, 7-3, in the quarterfinals.

Mikac finished 24-12. Munoz is 19-11. Steve Meyer and Will Kelly each finished 1-2 at 160 and 171, respectively.

The Flames took third out of 15 teams at the tournament with 151 points.

The finish also bumped East up to eighth in the latest Section VI small school rankings.

The Flames closed out its dual meet portion of the season by thumping Pioneer, last Tuesday, 38-21.

Including JV matches, East lost only four times.

Jayson Dieckman (152, 5-3 overtime); Carlton Brock (171, forfeit); Sam Beichner (103, 6-4); Mikac (119, 13-2); Jake Beichner (125, first period pin); Cohen (130, 19-7); Callari (135, 9-4); Trabert (140, 14-3); and Munoz (145, 15-0 tech fall) won for the varsity team. Dylan Cohen (103, 12-0) and Ben Bermudez (130, pin) won for JV.

East finished its dual season 9-3 which is the second best dual meet record in school history.

## Amherst Central

Nobody from the Tigers advanced to the state qualifier.

Their best shot came from Corey Damon, who took fifth at 189. Matt Weber placed sixth at 152.

The Tigers were 15th in team scoring with 22 points.

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## Seasons for South's Falzone, Frank continue

Williamsville South's Luke Falzone (103) and Elliot Frank (215) are continuing their season after achieving their personal goals of making it to Section VI New York State qualifier.

Each took third place finishes at last weekend's Class AAA Tournament at Starpoint High School.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to the state qualifier at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Kenmore West.

Falzone, South's only eighth grader, is 29-11 going into this weekend. Frank a senior captain, improved his record to 28-14 and is looking to make it to 30 wins in a season, a first for his career.

Falzone was seeded second in his bracket but lost in the semifinals to Zack Marra from Olean, 3-0. In wrestle-

backs, Falzone beat Cody Budziszewski from Lake Shore, 21-4, to go on to the consolation finals against Williamsville East's Andrew Dieckman.

Falzone had already wrestled Dieckman in the first round of the tournament and beat him 10-5. Dieckman changed up his game plan and made Falzone go for the shots and hopefully make a mistake. Falzone was flawless, not giving up any takedowns in the first period, but neither did Dieckman. Going into the second period, the match was scoreless. Falzone got an escape on Dieckman and kept him at bay for the rest of the period.

Frank went into the tournament seeded third. His first opponent was Alec Demske from Kenmore West, whom Elliot had beaten before in previous tournaments. Frank won 4-1 and looked as if he could have a good match

against No. 1 seed Kyle Colling from Pioneer. Unfortunately, Colling caught Frank off guard and pinned him in the first period, sending Frank into wrestlebacks.

In wrestlebacks, Frank had to beat Tyson Halftown from Lake Shore to ensure his spot in sectionals. With his wrestling season on the line, Frank dug deep and produced a great match, "one of his best matches of the season," said South coach Sean Leaderstorf.

But Frank was not done. To help himself out for next week's seeding criteria, Frank wanted to get third place for sure. He beat Ethan Stack from Lew-Port with another great display of skill and strength.

Frank is seeded seventh at sectionals. Falzone is seeded sixth and will be looking to inch even closer to his personal goal of breaking the school record of 136 wins.

## South boys bowling finish seventh at sectionals

Williamsville South's boys bowling team finished its 2007-08 season strong with a seventh place overall finish at the Section VI Championships last Thursday at Thruway Lanes.

Alex Petrie led the Billies with a 297 and team high 1333 series which was good enough to earn him alternate status for the New York State Championships. Russ Scheiss chipped in a 267 game and 1311 series. Adam Petrie rolled a 231 game and 1210 series. Tony Cirbus had a strong performance with an 1134 series.

Earlier in the week at ECIC Roll-offs, Alex Petrie received a trophy for the highest ECIC Division II average for the year with a 210.13.

"Alex had a great year after a slow start (for him) and finished as an all-star selection for the All-ECIC team," said South coach Rick Newton.

Scheiss rolled Division II's highest series for the championships with a 728. Matt Petrie took honors in Division II "B" with a 588.

Scheiss and Justin Maggio graduate this year and will be missed, said Newton.

"Russ was a five-year bowler and captain and anchor of the "A" team this year," said Newton. "His competitiveness and spirit will be hard to replace. He always went out to win and spurred the team on to huge victories this year over division champs, Sweet Home and Section VI champions,

West Seneca East (West Seneca East is coached by Justin Mergenhagen, a former Billies standout bowler).

Maggio was a regular on the "B" team and an alternate on the sectional team.

"He was a solid performer and one of the nicest kids ever to wear Billie blue and white," said Newton.

Newton said South's future looks bright with a strong returning squad led by Alex Petrie and cousin, Adam Petrie, as well as standout freshman, Cirbus. Newcomers, sophomore Max Kahn, seventh-grader Aaron Broadart and junior Andy Diakun will help the team a lot and are expected to contribute significantly, he said.

Eighth-graders Jake Morris and Charlie

Galonte, sophomore Matt Terrana as well as first-year keglers juniors Dan Archdeacon and Brian Van ee will provide plenty of competition for starting positions on the team, said Newton.

If Matt Petrie enrolls at Williamsville East from Transit Middle School, a great two-year starter will be lost, said Newton.

"All in all, it was a very good year in a very competitive division," said Newton. "We had our best efforts against the toughest teams and at roll-offs and sectionals. With the assistance of volunteer coach Paul Mamon and the off-season travel team work of Mike Petrie, South's bowling team has a bright future."

## Sweet Home takes 13th at sectionals, Clark wins team tourney

It was by the luck of the draw that the Sweet Home boys bowling team crossed with Cheektowaga Central in the morning block of the Section VI Championships held last Thursday at Thruway Lanes.

McDonald's brother-in-law, Jerry Carroll coaches for the Warriors. Cheektowaga placed second after the morning block and Sweet Home was seventh.

Captain Aaron Klein led the Panthers with very consistent games of 228-225-205 for a 658 morning block. In the afternoon, Klein had games of 236-232 but struggled with a 144 in his final game. Klein had a 612 for the afternoon, totaling 1270 for the day.

Senior Shaun Louis had games of 204-206-237 for a 647 morning

block. He totaled 1177 for the day.

Ryan Clark had games of 226 and 225, and Ryan Kaminski shot games of 207 and 222.

The Panthers finished 13th in team scoring.

A day earlier, Clark defeated Ryan Kaminski, 205-147, to win the annual King of the Hill tournament held at Manor Lanes II.

Sweet Home girls coach Jim Russo presented Clark with a trophy.

Clark defeated Ryan Kaminski in the very first match, but Kaminski was the highest of the losers with a game of 217 to move on.

Clark next met captain Aaron Klein and defeated him 235-166. Alex Von Langen was Clark's next opponent and Clark won 190-153.

Meanwhile, Kaminski made it through the field by defeating Steve Daniels-Robinson, 214-163

and Klein, 188-166. That set up the final match of the two Ryans.

Clark started off the week with

games of 181-216 and 218 for a 615 series at ECIC Roll-offs last

Monday at Thruway Lanes.

### Sports briefs

**Double T Archery Club** will hold the fourth annual traditional Archery Cabin Fever Shoot starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 and/or Sunday, March 2 at 1110 North French Rd. Amherst.

The trophy shoot-off will be at 4 p.m. The cost is \$8 per day. The event is for recurves and long bow only. Recurve bows will be available from the youth archery program for those who would like to participate but don't have a recurve bow.

For more information, call Mark at 693-0331.

**The Buffalo Defenders AAU girls basketball organization** will be holding open tryouts for the 16U basketball team from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 at St. Mary's School of the Deaf, 2253 Main St.,

Buffalo.

For more information, call Jeanine at 289-3088 or visit [www.buffalodefenders.com](http://www.buffalodefenders.com).

**Team New Era Baseball** will hold tryouts for boys ages 10-18 for its fall travel elite teams and for boys ages 10-11 to be part of the Disney Experience team to travel to Walt Disney World in 2009.

These teams will be region-wide teams, encompassing qualified players from Western and Central New York and Southern Ontario.

Tryouts will be held during February and March. For information on tryout dates, times and locations, visit [www.teamnewerabaseball.com](http://www.teamnewerabaseball.com) or contact Rich Wozniak at 681-3001.