

# Bantam Minor Bisons ready for playoffs

The Buffalo Bisons Bantam Minors defeated the Southtown Stars, 3-2, last week, then dropped an identical score game to Tonawanda to set the stage for the playoffs this weekend.

Alex Fritz (Lucas Buscemi, Brad Mar-

tynowicz), David Arthur (Buscemi, Josh Little), Joshua Shupe (Graig Knowlton, Martynowicz) and Buscemi (Arthur, James Brand) tallied goals for the Bisons.

Two of the Tonawanda goals came on the power play, and it looks like Tonawanda

will be the opponent for the Bisons in the first round of the WNYAHL Playoffs.

Connor Naughton and Jim Basil will man the nets for the Bisons.

The Bisons finished league play with a record of 16-7-1 for 33 points, good for fifth

out of the 13 teams. League leaders Cazenovia (21-1-2, 44 points), Southtown Stars (18-5-1, 37 points), Webster (15-5-4, 34 points), Tonawanda (15-5-4, 34 points), Bisons, and Bud Bakewell (13-8-3, 29 points) round out the field.

## Pee Wee Ranger Heyden stops Red Wings

Goaltender Michael Heyden came within 27.6 seconds of registering his first career shutout in leading his Pee Wee Rangers to a 3-1 win over the Red Wings.

Lucas Kindron led the offensive charge for the Rangers with a goal and assist. John Huyler and Trevor Browning also found the back of the net while Justin Bystrak and Tyler Penberthy contributed helpers.

Helping out defensively were John Tomczak, Noah Basehart, Blake Michael, Nich Cuomo, David Hnat, Greg Sibick and Connor Koester.

The Red Wings were led by goal scorer Trevor Berninger, goaltender Theresa Meosky, Lynn Sementilli, Ryan Hillery and Jeffrey Hughes.

## Pee Wee Black Sabres beat Bruins in regular season finale

The Pee Wee Black Sabres used the stellar goaltending of Joe Picone and a hat trick from AJ Neubert as they defeated the Bruins, 6-1, in their final regular season game.

After allowing a first period goal to Adam Herr, Picone kept the Bruins off the scoreboard with outstanding saves.

On the offensive end, Neubert and Jason

Raimondi were creating problems for the Bruins. In addition to his goals, Neubert picked up an assist while Raimondi had a goal and three assists.

Brendan Mazurek and Kavon Dixon also scored.

Tyler Stanfield and Chandler Stone made some outstanding plays on defense.

## Tournament slated to raise funds for new tennis program

The Buffalo Niagara Community Tennis Association, in collaboration with Summit Educational Resources, will hold the inaugural Shining Stars Adaptive Tennis Program Leap Year Tournament from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29 at The Miller Tennis Cen-

ter, 5959 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, and The Village Glen Tennis Club, 162 Mill St., Williamsville.

Player registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with first-round tennis beginning at 7:30 p.m. and final rounds at 10 p.m.

Closing ceremonies will be held at 10:30 p.m. at the Village Glen Tennis Club.

Jimmy Arias will serve as honorary tournament chairman. Arias is a commentator for ESPN International and the Tennis Channel.

The entry fee is bronze (\$40), silver (\$60) or gold (\$100) and includes one non-tennis player guest.

The entry deadline is Feb. 15. The minimum donation is \$40 with checks made to BNCTA.

If you are unable to participate and wish to make a donation, checks can be mailed to (official tax receipts will be provided) - BNCTA, Hiler Postal Station, P.O. Box 472, Buffalo, NY 14223.

All proceeds will help fund the Shining Stars program, an adaptive tennis program geared for WNY children with autism. The program is set to begin in the spring of 2008.

For registration and information, e-mail adaptivetennis@gmail.com or call Pam Almeter (435-4356) or Shawna Macfarlane (531-5862).

For more information, visit www.bncta.com.

## Micron Black Sabres edge Gray Sabres

The Micron Black Sabres fought hard to secure a 5-4 win against the Gray Sabres on Sunday.

Aiden Hillery scored three goals for the Black Sabres.

Mason Meggo and David O'Donoghue each scored a goal. Dante Santora, Liam Wojciechowski, A.J. Ferenczy and Michael Wolf scored for the Gray Sabres.

A superb Tommy Peers was in goal for the Black Sabres. D.J. Reinard did a great job in goal for the Gray Sabres.

Credited with assists for the Black Sabres were Sammy Latorre, Mason Meggo, Maureen Meosky, Jacob Campanella and Alex Pronobis.

Gray Sabres Ricky Pezzino and Jarrett Lang had assists.

## Red Sabres rout Gold Sabres

Hunter Steward backstopped the Micron Red Sabres to a big 11-3 win over the Gold Sabres in the regular season finale.

The Red Sabres got goals from Ryan Curtin, Joe Signore (two), Henri Tetrault, Andrew Barker

(two), Emily Matthew (two) and Andrew Fairbrother (three).

Evan Mulderig, Jacob Puckhaber, Ryan Mitchell, Will Redding, Conner Baetzhold and Scott Currier played tight defense throughout the game.

The Gold Sabres countered with goals from Jack Gilbert, Jack Rapini and Ethan Ruggerio. Zach Esch made several great saves in goal. John Walp, Trevor Kuntar and Trevor Galante played hard.

## Amherst Skating Club youngsters fare well at Winter Games

The Chautauqua 2008 Winter Games Figure Skating Competition was hosted on Feb. 9-10 by the Jamestown Skating Club.

Amherst Skating Club's young skaters did well at the Games. Skating as "The Three Amigas", Mya Cappellino (Clarence), Colette Deppe, and Jennifer Tzetzto won the gold medal in Beginner Team Compulsory Moves.

Others from Amherst Skating Club who fared well were Tzetzto (second, Beginner Girls Freeskating "A"); Danielle Trubush (third, Beginner Girls Freeskating "A"); fifth, Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves "A"); Deppe (third, Beginner Girls Freeskating "B"); fifth, Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves "A"; and Cappellino (third, Beginner Girls Freeskating "C").

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Feb. 20

**Boys basketball:** Section VI Class A-1 prequarterfinals - Iroquois at Amherst, 7 p.m.; Hutch-Tech at South, 7 p.m.; South Park at East, 7 p.m.; Section VI Class AA prequarterfinals - Clarence at Sweet Home, 7 p.m.; Niagara-Wheatfield at North, 7 p.m.

**Federation hockey:** Large school semifinals - North vs. Lancaster, 9 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink)

### Thursday, Feb. 21

**Girls basketball:** Section VI Class AA quarterfinals - Niagara-Wheatfield/Orchard Park at Sweet Home, 7 p.m.; North/Frontier at Jamestown, 7 p.m.; Section VI Class A-1 quarterfinals - W.S. East/South at McKinley; Lake Shore/Amherst at East, 7 p.m.

**Federation hockey:** Small school semifinals - East vs.

Bishop Timon-St. Jude, 7 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink); Sweet Home vs. Ken. East, 9 p.m. (Amherst Pepsi Center Feature Rink)

### Friday, Feb. 22

**Boys basketball:** Section VI Class A-1 quarterfinals - Iroquois/Amherst at Grover Cleveland, 7 p.m.; Hutch-Tech/South vs. Bennett/Lake Shore, 7 p.m.; South Park/East vs. W.S. East/McKinley, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 23

**Indoor track:** Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Fredonia State College, 9 a.m.

**Wrestling:** Section VI New York State qualifier - Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North, South at Kenmore West, 10 a.m.

## Amherst Blizzard soccer shock Lightning

Liam Bailey scored twice and Matt Casey, Matt Cohen, and Nick Maranto also added goals as the Amherst Blizzard U10 boys' indoor soccer team defeated Lockport, 5-1, on Sunday at the Epic Center.

Maranto (Ryan Acklin) started the scoring in the game's ninth minute. Bailey (Acklin, JP Jenkins) made it 2-0 in the 21st minute.

Casey (Jenkins) scored in the 28th minute. Maranto set up Cohen in the 35th minute. Bailey scored his second in the 42nd minute off a lead pass from Alex Olczak.

Ryan Olear and Alex Pieri split goaltending duties and played well.

## Mite Flyers double up Penguins

Jack Smith scored two first period goals to help the Mite Flyers earn an 8-4 playoff victory over the Penguins.

Bryan Sokolowski scored twice with assists on both from Colin Begley.

Begley scored on a breakout pass from Jason Howard. Jude Rajakrishnan made great saves to keep the Flyers ahead.

The defense of Nick Smith, Matt Hegedus, Michael Krasinski, Daniel Brady, Max Krajacic, and Daniel Krasinski helped stop numerous Penguin scoring chances. Cameron Kiefer scored a break-away goal from Drew Elliott. Chris Stryker, on a nifty pass from Elliott, also scored. Elliott finished the scoring from Michael Floccare.

## Early scoring leads Devils to postseason victory

The Mite Devils, led by five first period goals, were able to hold off a feisty and determined Sharks team to win 10-4.

After getting off to a 5-0 first period lead on goals by Cameron Treichel (two), Timmy O'Connor, Greg Koutsomitis, and Bryce Baker, the Sharks held strong to play even hockey.

The Sharks were led by Sam Pastore, who netted two goals, along with goals by Joey Marchese and Kelly Ryan.

Jake Conover (two), Daniel Mosher (two), and Tyler Walsh rounded out the Devils' scoring.

Goaltenders Adam Higgins (Sharks) and Gabe Wittmer (Devils) had standout performances.