



**The Clarence Mustangs Squirt Minor hockey team** won the Patriot's Day Tournament at Niagara University over Presidents Day weekend by defeating Monroe from Rochester, 2-0, in the title game. Members of the team are, from left: front row - Alex Camarre; middle row - Griffin LoVullo, Zach DeVore, Jordan Brown, J.T.

Buchbinder, Sam Kinerk (Amherst), Nick Amodio, Thomas Kazmierczak; back row - Joshua Pajek (West Seneca), Erich Thur, Matt Tobias, Jake Pavicich, Mike Faso, Michael Adonnino; coaches row - head coach John Thur, Paul Camarre (behind John Thur), Scott Kinerk, Paul Pavicich and Art Conner.

## Squirt Minor Mustangs win Patriot's Day Tournament

The Clarence Mustangs Squirt Minor hockey team won the Patriot's Day tournament at Niagara University over President's Day weekend.

Clarence's first win was a 6-0 shutout over Milton (Canada). Erich Thur and Griffin LoVullo each netted two goals for the victors, while Jordan Brown and J.T. Buchbinder each added one. Thur and Zach DeVore each had two assists, while Matt Tobias, Jake Pavicich and Amherst resident Sam Kinerk each had one assist.

The Mustangs' second matchup was against Mon Valley out of Pennsylvania. Clarence recorded a second consecutive 6-0 shutout behind goals from LoVullo (two), Thur, DeVore, Buchbinder and Nick Ammodio. Assists were dished out by Tobias,

Brown and Thur.

The Mustangs' third game, against the North Buffalo Bisons, proved to be a tighter matchup as Clarence posted a 1-1 tie thanks to Thur's goal off a pass from LoVullo.

The Mustangs' championship game saw them face Monroe (Rochester). Pavicich tallied his first goal of the tournament in the first period off assists from Thur and Buchbinder, while Clarence's second goal came in the second period from Buchbinder, with assists from Pavicich and Thur.

Mustangs' goalie Alex Camarre played well throughout the entire tournament, as he recorded three shutouts and allowed just one goal over the course of the tournament.

## Girls U-10 travel soccer Fire scorch Dolphins

The Amherst Girls U-10 Fire indoor travel soccer team turned up the flame on the Dolphins, winning 3-2, at the Epic Center on Sunday.

Attacker Shannon Gilbert

scored first with a pretty goal to the corner of the net. Sara Scolnick tied it up for Amherst off a nice feed from Gilbert.

Alea Manzella had the game winner after getting through two

Dolphin defenders and getting the ball past the Dolphin Keeper.

Emma Poveromo and Kelsey Kramer split the game in goal with each making some great saves.

## Bisons U10 girls drop Kitchener in first round of playoffs

The Buffalo Bisons' girls U10 team beat Kitchener, Ont., 8-2, and 1-0, in a best-of-three series to advance to the second round of the playoffs in the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League.

### Bisons 8, Kitchener 2

The Bisons scored twice in the first six minutes and Kitchener

tied the game before the first period ended.

The Bisons went ahead for good in the beginning of the second and scored six unanswered goals.

Abby Cleary led with four goals and two assists. Rachel DePerio and Michelle Robillard (goal, two

assists each) of Amherst, Jillian Koop (goal, assist), Bridgette Prentiss and Grace Page (two assists each), Coaty Ostendorf (goal) and Amherst's Abby Welch and Claire Werynski (assist each) also contributed.

### Bisons 1, Kitchener 0

Bridgette Prentiss netted the lone goal unassisted on a nice wraparound play with four minutes left in the third. Amber DuBill of Clarence recorded her 11th shutout of the year.

Next up is a best-of-three series with a team from Niagara Falls, Ont. starting on Wednesday.

### Christmas Tournament

The Bisons lost in the finals of the Mississauga Christmas Tournament, 6-5, in double overtime to North Halton. The team won all three preliminary round games.

The Bisons have compiled an overall record of 27-7. They are second in the league with a 19-5 record.

The Bisons' 10U team will be holding tryouts for the next travel season from 7 to 7:50 p.m. on March 10-11 at Lafayette Rink, 152 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo.

For more information, call Scott Welch at 741-0080.



**The Buffalo Bisons' girls 10U team** lost in the finals of the Mississauga Christmas Tournament, 6-5, in double overtime to North Halton. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: kneeling - Grace Page, Cody Ostendorf, Kailyn Burke (Kenmore), Rachel diPerio (Clarence), Amber DuBill (Clarence), Jillian Koop, Claire Werynski (Williamsville), Michele Robillard; kneeling down, second row - Megan Pofi, Sara Armstrong (East Amherst), Abby Cleary, Bridgette Prentiss, Jessica Phillips; standing - Bob Armstrong (East Amherst), Jim Suppa (Kenmore), Scott Welch (East Amherst), Abby Welch (East Amherst), and Bill Page.

## Buffalo In-Line Hockey Group Knights vault into top spot

The Junior division saw a new leader and the Major division saw more of the same last Saturday in Buffalo In-line Hockey League Group.

The Blackhawks have been on top of the Major division since opening week and the only thing that changed for them was that they had to go to a shootout in order to beat the Crush.

The Crush got late third period goals from Dan Dziuba (Amherst) and Ryan Okon (Lancaster) to tie the game at 6-6. Kristian Knoell (Clarence) scored the game winner in the shootout.

The Knights jumped into sole possession of first place with a 9-3 win over the Capitals. Matt Dickinson (Amherst) and Josh Rankin led the Knights. It was the sixth win in a row for the new leaders. In other Major division action:

### Vikings 7, Warriors 6

David Campuzano scored twice late in the third period to give him four in the game and the Vikings the win. Chad Loughran (Amherst) was strong for the Vikings. Edgar Rosario (Kenmore) played well in the loss.

### Killer Pandas 11, Snipers 9

The Pandas got an outstanding offensive effort from John Lyons (Amherst) and Zac Carlisle to offset the play of Evan Dressel (Amherst) and Eric Wright and pick up this win. These four players were responsible for 19 of the

20 goals scored.

### Firestorm 10, Stealth 4

Brad Owns' (Tonawanda) had a double hat trick, including the first four of the game and Brett Davidson had another solid game in net.

**Red Snappers 12, Mulecats 4**  
Major division points leader Taylor Setlock (Tonawanda) led the offensive onslaught. Doug Smith (Cheektowaga) scored three for the Cats.

### Junior division

#### Gladiators 8, Sharks 7

The Gladiators got strong efforts from Nicky Antoniadis, Ben Speyer and Drew Harmon to get the win.

#### Orangemen 6, Penguins 5

The Orange got shootout goals from Jacob Schrieber and Tyler Arnot to counter four from Zac Wieand.

#### Maroons 8, Devils 7

Tristan Colby scored the game-winning goal with 5:16 left in the game. Jonathan Meyers earned player of the week for his work in helping the Maroons to victory.

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 Dr. in Lancaster.

For more information, call Rich at 689-4090 or 773-1188 or visit bihg.org.

## UBAM demonstrates its depth at ABCs

Swimmers combine for over 400 lifetime best times, win first place team plaque at ABC meet

Turning in lifetime bests and many Niagara District Silver and Gold times at the recent ABC meet were: Natalia Alexandridi, Morgan Allender, Alyssa and Lauren Anderson, Charlotte Art, Calista Athans, Val Ayrpetou, Ashley Barca, Caitlin and Sean Beckinghausen, Matt Berus, Mackenzie Blake, Samantha Bowers, Zoe Bowman, Mike Burns, Erin Cavagnaro, Alex Cerra, Shoshana Chazen, Eric & Monica Cheng, Dan and Eugene Cho, Chris Choi, Sarah Constantino, Jerry Daigler, Chris Deptula, Caroline Desidario, Alexandria Doody, Adam Dorobiala, Ryan Dutschman, Ally Dziama, Andy Shafer, Heather Falk, Kathrine and Tori Frustaci, Matt Geiger, Shaun Gendrue, Ruta and Shamika Gokhale, Huibo Guan, Steve Hill, Julie and Kane Hsieh, Joe Jabrucki, Jayman Jhattu, James Jaing, Victoria Jocko, Nicole Johnson, Amanda Kadish, Kevin Kim, Emily and Jacob Krieger, Rachel Kuechle, Sara Lagree, Mike Lin, Sarah and Therese Mastrandrea, Rob Novak, John Podvesko, Angelo Rego, Alex Rindo, Elene Ritz, Leah and Sara Rogers, Jamie Ruh, Maggie Schmidt, Emma Scumaci, David Sharogradsky, Jessica and Lauren Shine, AJ and Stephen Spoth, Greg Staebell, Caroline Terhaar, Mike Tomes, Alex Walfrand, Sara Wie, Abby Wilkes, Rebecca Winnert, Nick Wojcik, Bailey and Brenna Woodling, and Amy Xio.

"I was very pleased with our performance, stated UBAM head coach Flynn Burroughs. "It's well known that we have an elite boys team, but it was great to see our girls and young swimmers establishing themselves amongst the top teams in the district as well."

UBAM is a national goal oriented, US age-group swim club that practices at the University of Buffalo, as well as the Williamsville school pools. UBAM also offers a year-round learn-to-swim program for new and less experienced swimmers.

For more information, visit [www.UBAMswimming.com](http://www.UBAMswimming.com).

## Bantam Bisons best Knights, 5-4

The Buffalo Bisons Bantam Minors defeated the Amherst Knights, 5-4, on Sunday at the Pepsi Center. Bisons goalie Jimmy Basil stopped 16 shots.

Lucas Buscemi (Sam Romano, David Arthur) of the Bisons scored first with a wrist shot from the right slot.

In the second, Buscemi (Romano, Arthur) scored and Craig Knowlton (JC Grabenstatter) tallied for a 3-2 lead entering the third.

Buffalo's James Brand caused a turnover at the blue line, and the puck found Marc Bezbatchesko,

and he scored unassisted. Late in the third, Bezbatchesko stole the puck and scored an empty-net goal while the Bisons were short-handed.

### Sports brief

**Williamsville East graduate and Williamsville native Dave Convertini**, a sophomore at St. John Fisher College, started in three games for the school's baseball team and batted .267, while singling in the game-winning run in a 9-8 win over John Carroll University.