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be here...It's a shame it's my last time playing high school basketball but it's an experience I'll remember for the rest of my life."

Billups, the ECIC I-III sportsmanship winner, led ECIC I-III with 19 points.

West Seneca West's Chris Wiltse fought through a twisted right ankle around the 12-minute mark of the second half to score 11 points.

"I wasn't going to sit out," said Wiltse. "I had to come back in and play. There was no way I was coming out, not in a game like this."

Stevens poured in nine points.

"One of the kids on my high school team played in this game last year so it was nice to carry on the tradition," said Stevens.

Some others from ECIC I-III who contributed were Cheektowaga's Marqus Redmond (six points), Maryvale's Jake Nowak and Cheektowaga's Terrance McCullough (five points each), Depew's Steve Karnyski (four points) and Kevin Dudkowski (one point). Amherst's Kurt Ebsary played but did not score.

ECIC II-IV had five players close to double digits. Besides Walkow's eight, East Aurora's Sam Arnold and Holland's Bob Makin each had nine points and

Hamburg's Dorian Myles and Ryan Brunner each scored seven. Makin won the ECIC II-IV sportsmanship award.

Some other players from ECIC II-IV who scored were Iroquois' Paul Evans (six points), Sweet Home's Brian Pappagallo (three points) and Sweet Home's Marcus Johnson and Iroquois' Tom Lewis (two points each).

ECIC II-IV was coached by East Aurora's Gary Schutrum and Lake Shore's Dan Gerkin.

John Bellanti Memorial

In "the O'Bryan Bowl", ECIC coach Archie O'Bryan of Iroquois bested Niagara-Frontier League coach Erik O'Bryan of North Tonawanda in the final coaching battle between father and son.

Archie O'Bryan is retiring after a 34-year coaching career.

To cap off the game, Archie's other son, Michael, served as one of two officials.

"It's a win-win situation," said Archie O'Bryan, who was assisted by Maryvale's Mark Kensy and Pioneer's Mike Haskell. "Erik's happy for me. I'm happy for him. But this game should not be about the coaches but rather exposing the kids to good basketball."

The NFL all-stars, led by Kenmore West's Edvin Ramulic, held a 41-33 lead at halftime but could not hold off a second half flurry by the ECIC all-stars.

Ramulic single-handedly put the NFL on his back, scoring the first 10 points for his team in the first half and 10 of the team's final 17 points in the second half, including one of his four three-pointers in the game to tie the game at 78-78 with under a minute remaining.

Ramulic finished with a game-high 34 points and earned team MVP honors.

"I wanted to come out and have fun," said Ramulic. "I thought we had a really good team. It would have been nice to have gotten the win."

ECIC Sportsmanship award winner Jake Fladd (12 points) of Frontier broke the tie with 31.1 seconds. Sweet Home's Ali Ramadan (12 points) then stole the ball and Hamburg's Blake McLimans (seven points) made 1 of 2 free throws to secure the win for the ECIC.

Williamsville East's Brian Walden scored 15 of his team-high 21 points in the second half to earn team MVP honors.

"I think our team definitely picked it up in the second half," said Walden, who will attend Penn State University in the fall. "We were real unselfish. No one player on our team was a ball hog. It was a team effort."

Sweet Home's Jamel Werts (nine points), Depew's Greg Osika (six points), and Williamsville North's Josh Barrett (two points) were among players who scored for ECIC. Cheektowaga's Donte Parker played but did not score.

Kenmore East's Anthony Johnson (four points) won the NFL sportsmanship award. Kenmore West's Tim Cammarata (10 points) and Kenmore East's J.R. Brown (four points) and Jemere Daniels (three points) were among those who also scored for the NFL.

Paul R. Missana Memorial

The Monsignor Martin Association all-stars were 0-10 lifetime



Sweet Home's Ali Ramadan scored 12 points for the ECIC all-stars. Ramadan was one of four Sweet Home players participating.

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Anthony Durno of Sweet Home deadlifts 220 pounds during the 37th annual New York State Championships last Saturday at Sweet Home High School. Durno finished 13th in the 200-pound division with 865 points.

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against the Buffalo Public Schools all-stars but the MMA tried their best to cause an upset.

The MMA trailed by as many as 13, 36-23, in the first half before going on a 17-4 run to head into halftime tied at 40-40.

In the second half, Buffalo Public was down by as many as nine and chipped away at the deficit to take a 73-72 lead after a basket by Lafayette's Charles Tubbins.

The lead changed hands three more times before McKinley's Chandler Williams hit a layup to put Buffalo Public ahead, 77-76. Williams extended the lead to three with a put back layup. Cardinal O'Hara's James Ewing swished two free throws with 35 seconds remaining but Lafayette's Jeff Curry made an unbelievable scoop layup to seal the win.

"They made some shots, a few unbelievable ones, and we got some open looks at the end that didn't drop," said Cardinal O'Hara coach and MMA all-star coach Sil Dan. "I don't think anyone expected us to compete with them as well as we did. We showed what the Catholic league can do. Everyone who paid three dollars admission got their money's worth."

The game meant a lot to Dan. When he got back into coaching, four of the MMA players, St. Joe's Matt Spitler and Phil Maiarana and Canisius' Andrew Wingerter and Justin Volk, he coached during AAU travel.

One reason why the MMA *e-mail: pnagy@beenews.com*

all-stars came close to pulling off the upset was Dan put players from the same team on the court at the same time.

"When I picked the team, I looked for kids that played hard together," said Dan. "We practiced a couple of times and I really think it helped our camaraderie."

St. Joe's Phil Scaffidi, who played with high school teammates, Maiarana and Spitler, said felt playing with familiar faces helped team chemistry.

"I was excited all three of us could do it and represent our school the best we could," said Scaffidi, who finished with nine points.

Young earned MMA MVP game honors with 14 points. Niagara Catholic's A.J. Roberts (nine points) won the MMA sportsmanship award.

Maiarana and Ewing (11 points each), Spitler (seven points), Nichols' Jim Regan and St. Francis' John Schichtel (five points each), Nichols' Matt Donahoe (three points), Wingerter and Cardinal O'Hara's Matt Brady (two each) also added points. St. Mary's of Lancaster's Mike Brown competed but did not score.

Performing Arts' Jerome Hunter led all Buffalo Public Schools scorers with 12 points and earned team MVP honors. City Honors' Abram Miller scored 10 points and picked up the sportsmanship award.

Devils come back, beat Flyers for Mite crown

The Amherst Mite Division Championship was decided in thrilling fashion as the Devils overcame a 3-0 deficit and roared back to defeat the Flyers, 6-4.

The win capped off an undefeated season for the Devils.

The Flyers got out to great start as goals by Jack Smith and Daniel Wagner put the team up 3-0 at the end of the first. A second period goal by Bryce Baker narrowed the margin to 3-1 going into the third.

Third period goals by Daniel Mosher, Cameron Trejchel, Jake Conover (two), and Greg Koutsomitis put the Devils up for good.