

Amherst Soccer Association

Registration for spring session ends April 13

The Amherst Soccer Association Spring House League is forming and will run from the first weekend in May to late June.

The spring outdoor sessions will include the following age groups: U8, U10, U12 and U14 in the boys and girls divisions. They will also have a U17 Co-ed league if there are enough participants.

Registration for the spring session will end on April 13.

Registration should be done through the Amherst Soccer Association Web site (www.amherstsoccer.com/Registration/index_E.html).

Games are held on Saturday with a possible Sunday match. Practices are held throughout the week as set by coaches. No house games will be played during the Memorial Day weekend when the AIM tournament is being held. Games are played at the North French Soccer Complex.

Amherst Soccer is open to children who reside within the boundaries of Williamsville, Amherst Central and Sweet Home school districts.

You can e-mail the league at info@amherstsoccer.com or leave a message on their voice mailbox (559-3013, ext. 1).

For more information, visit www.amherstsoccer.com for other programs including summer camps and their travel soccer program.

Michigan State wins Bantam championship

The Bantam Michigan State Spartans came into the playoffs as the fourth place seed and walked away with the winners' trophy on Super Sunday.

In the finals, Michigan State beat St. Lawrence, 7-1.

Eight seconds in, Ryan Shaw (Eric Fiegel, Adam Bauerle) opened the scoring. Shaw then broke in on net and scored unassisted for a 2-1 lead.

In the second period, Michigan State kept the pressure on when Nick Carmichael (Shaw, Richie Hunter) scored

a power-play goal.

Kevin Annese poked a loose puck into the net after Carmichael tipped an Eric Gossells' shot from the point.

Steve Teplitsky finished off a solo rush up the ice with a top shelf goal.

In the third period, the defense took over as Justin Bangert, Bobbie Graczyk and Greg Slawson broke up several rushes and strong back checking from Tyler Leo helped a lockdown defense.

Brandon Hess was stellar in goal, stopping two clean breakaways to protect the

lead.

St. Lawrence' Kyle Zurak (Patrick Waldron) broke the shutout.

Shaw completed his hat trick with an unassisted goal. Megan Gramza (Carmichael) finished off the scoring with a wrist shot into the net from the left point.

In the semifinals, Michigan State beat Wisconsin, 4-1.

Michigan took a 2-0 lead on goals by Richie Schwartz (Wes Harvin, Mike Herr) and Shaw (Fiegel).

Wisconsin got on the board when Lucas Sokolowski put in a rebound of a Brandon Ketterman shot from the point.

Michigan State responded less than a minute later when Teplitsky took a Slawson pass and walked in and scored for a 3-1 lead.

Both teams exchanged chances but Michigan State's Hess and Wisconsin's Paul Roy shut them down through out the scoreless second period.

In the third period, Shaw (Bauerle) scored to seal the win.

Independent Health, Canisius to host Shoes/Shelter 5K Run

Independent Health and Canisius College will present the 10th annual Shoes for the Shelter 5K Run/Walk at noon on Sunday, April 6 at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo.

Registration for the US-ATF-sanctioned event will take place at the Canisius College Patrick Lee Center, located next to the Koessler Athletic Center at the corner of Main and Delavan,

from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The Shoes for the Shelter 5K Run will be the third race in the Triple Crown Series. The Chilly Challenge and Bengal 5K compose the first two legs of the series. Runners must participate in all three races to be eligible for the Triple Crown Series. The winners of the series will be announced after the Shoes for the Shelter 5K Run.

The entry fee for adults is \$18 preregistration and \$20 on the day of the race, while the entry fee for children (14 and under), Canisius College students and Independent Health employees is \$12 preregistration and \$15 on the day of the race. The entry fee for Canisius College faculty and staff is \$15 preregistration and \$20 on the day of the race.

Before the 5K Run/Walk is the One-Mile Fun Walk. Participants in the Fun Walk can enjoy a stroll around the Forest Lawn Cemetery beginning at 11:30 a.m. and take part in all the postrace festivities at the Patrick Lee Center.

A gift will be given to the first 400 registered participants, and

all runners are encouraged to turn in a pair of sneakers or shoes for the St. Vincent de Paul shelter on race day.

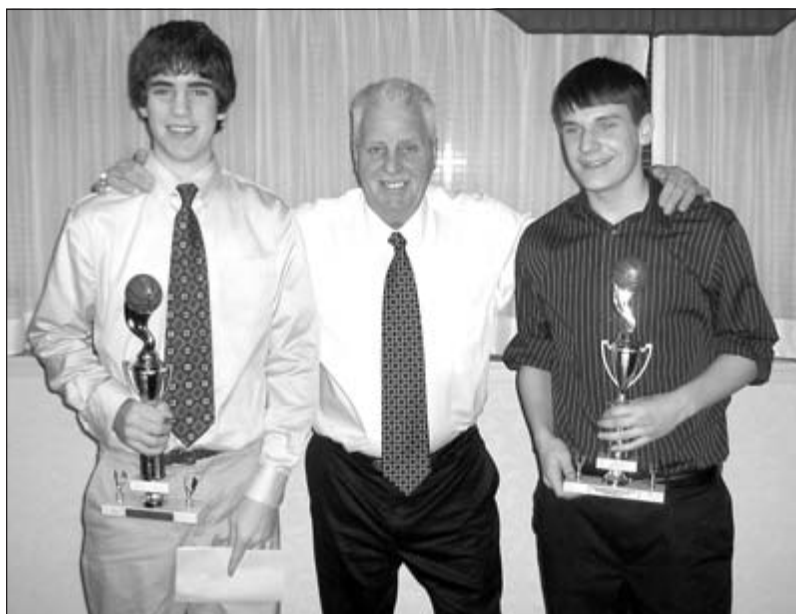
For information on preregistration, contact John Maddock in the Canisius College Athletic Department at 888-2977 or e-mail maddock@canisius.edu. Interested participants also can register online on GoGriffs.com by clicking on the Golden Griffin Online Store. Race packets can be picked up on April 4 (3 to 6 p.m.), April 5 (noon to 4 p.m.) and after 9 a.m. on the day of the race.

A runner's mass and runner's stretch will take place starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Patrick Lee Center leading up to the start of the

race at 12 noon.

Awards will be given to the first-place male and female finishers overall and for the top three finishers in all age categories. Age categories are as follows: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74 and 75 and older. There will also be special awards for the top finishers of Independent Health employees and Canisius College employees, students and alumni.

A postrace party will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Patrick Lee Center with food and refreshments, while the awards ceremony is scheduled for 1:15 p.m.



TEAM HONORS — Williamsville North eighth-graders Brett Butler, far left, and Ted Langlois, far right, were named most valuable player and most improved player, respectively, for the 2007-08 Williamsville North modified basketball team. Pictured center is coach Bob MacDonald.

Indoor youth soccer

Amherst Rangers rally late, earn win

The Amherst Rangers' hard work paid off with two goals in the second half to defeat the Middleport Rams, 2-1, in a recent 14U Epic youth indoor soccer game.

After a scoreless first half, the Rangers' Ryan Biggane scored unassisted. Alimany Radar (Nick Skibitsky) also scored.

The Rangers' McQuade Milligan and Sam Sexton

demonstrated strong defense throughout the game. Michael Bottri provided outstanding goaltending.

Austin Smith scored for the Rams.

Strong offensive effort was displayed by the Rangers' Zach Utech, Brett Librock, Brendan Barrick, Jack Mendelsohn, Derek Scolnick, Eric Steinwachs, Marc Ruszaj, Scott Zuefle, Jack Fadel, Dan Davoli and David McRoberts.

Youth football sign-ups set

The Clarence Little League Football Association will be holding registration for the 2008 football and cheerleading season at the Clarence Town Park Clubhouse, 10405 Main St.

Veteran players' registration will be held from 10 a.m. through

1 p.m. Saturday, May 3, while open registration will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

The registration fee for football is \$150, and it is \$135 for cheerleading.

Participants must be between 6

and 13 years of age, and prospective participants must be present at the time of registration. Copies of each participant's birth certificates are required.

For more information or to obtain registration forms, visit www.clarencefootball.com.

Sports briefs

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.

For a brochure or more information, including pricing and potential multiple-camper discounts, contact Director of Athletics Richard Walsh at 926-8800 or send e-mail

to rwalsh@hilbert.edu.

The **third annual Olmsted Open 18-hole golf tournament** will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Delaware Park Meadows Golf Course, 84 Parkside Ave. and Delaware Park Ring Road, Buffalo.

The tournament will have a shotgun start and be in a scramble format. The cost is \$90 per golfer.

For more information about the event or to receive a flyer and registration form, call golf operations manager Dave Hoover at 838-1249 ext. 19 or stop by one of the golf course golf houses and talk with a starter.

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