



Amherst Central's Eva Lankes prepares for a catch as Iroquois' Ashley Platek reaches second base during the Lady Tigers' 7-5 loss last Thursday at Amherst. The Lady Tigers lost all four of its league games last week.

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Amherst softball looks for consistency

by PATRICK J. NAGY
Reporter

If there is one word to describe how the Amherst Central softball team is playing these days, it's inconsistent.

In all four of its losses last week, the Lady Tigers (1-5, 1-3) allowed each of their opponents to score multiple runs in an inning.

Amherst gave up four runs to Depew in the fifth inning in an 8-2 loss at Depew last Monday, two runs in the sixth in a 3-1 loss against Cheektowaga last Tuesday, three runs in the fourth to Maryvale in a 7-2 road loss last Wednesday and four runs in the fourth in a 7-5 loss to Iroquois last Thursday at Amherst.

"At times, we've looked really good and in other times, we didn't play as well as we could have," said Amherst coach Mike Chatelle.

Amherst scored its runs against Depew in the top of the first (Eva Lankes scored on error) and seventh (Dana Ruh singled in Kara Stein) innings.

Kelly Dixson also singled.

Amherst's defense committed seven errors against Cheektowaga to erase a two-hit, seven-strikeout performance from pitcher Jessica Banning.

Kara Stein doubled in Katie Bardak, who reached on an error, in the seventh.

All three of Cheektowaga's runs were unearned.

Katy Tirella hit two singles. Lankes, Banning and Carolyn Trabant each had a hit.

Cheektowaga turned four double plays.

Banning led off the Amherst

fourth against Maryvale with a triple and scored on an error on the throw to third. Bardak scored on a Darcy Regan fly out to right in the fifth.

Banning and Stein had the only two hits for the Lady Tigers.

Banning threw a six-hitter and struck out two batters.

Amherst trailed Iroquois, 2-0, after two but tied the score at 2-2 in the third when Stein smacked a two-run single to drive in Ruh and Lankes.

Iroquois loaded up the bases in the fourth and Rachel Sluberski hit a grand slam. Iroquois added another run in the fifth.

"We had momentum and they took it away," said Chatelle.

Bardak and Trabant each scored on errors in the sixth. In the seventh, Abby DeFrancis led off with a double and Stein singled her in.

Stein finished with two hits and three RBIs.

Lankes, Bardak, Banning, Ruh and Rachel Schepart each had singles.

Tirella got the loss on the mound.

Amherst (1-5, 1-3) plays at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at Starpoint and Williamsville East (Transit Middle School), respectively. Their game with Pioneer from Monday has been rescheduled for 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6 at Pioneer.

Consistency is the key for the Lady Tigers to have success.

"We need to stay consistent for seven innings," said Chatelle. "It seems like we've been giving up a big inning here and there."

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Claire Mangano (three runs, two hits), Melissa Gleico (two runs, hit), and Lara Macdonald (run, hit) contributed on offense.

Arianna Nasca, Lisa Harb, Alisa Vacanti, Maria Patnella, and Kelly Farrell combined to score nine runs.

St. Greg's 11, St. Dominic's of Niagara Falls 1 (5 innings)

Starting pitcher Hannah O'Sullivan struck out seven in four innings and had two hits. Closing pitcher Siohban Dwyer struck out two in the fifth and had two hits, including a triple hit deep to left center, and scored one run.

Emily Ludwig smacked two hits and scored a run. Kelly Farrell and Maria Patnella each had a hit and Patnella scored a run.

Lisa Harb, Mary Kate Comer, Lara MacDonald, Arianna Nasca, Claire Mangano, and Maria Giangreco scored a combined eight runs. Melisa Gleico and Alisa Vacanti (two hits each) played exceptional defense to limit St. Dominic's scoring opportunities.

Short-handed Lady Billies place third at Kenmore invite

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Despite only having 12 girls available, Williamsville South was able to place third at the Kenmore Track Invitational on Saturday at Crosby Field.

The Lady Billies scored 60 points.

Allie VanBuren won the 100 hurdles (15.94) and 400 hurdles (Western New York best 1:06.84).

Kailyn Arcury took third in the 100 hurdles (16.43), third in the high jump (4-9), sixth in the 100 dash (13.73) and a good time for her in the 200 (29.34, did not place).

Amanda Breyemeier won the high jump (5-1) and was third in the 800 (2:30.75).

Jennifer Lopez threw the shot put 34-3.25 for second.

Cassiana Hyppolite ran a personal best 1:15.26 in the 400 hurdles for fifth.

Colleen Hurtubise went 12:22.99 in the 3000 for fifth.

The 4x800 relay of Hurtubise, Jenny Mooney, Breyemeier and Meagan Munroe finished fifth in the 4x800 (10:44.44). Monroe's leg of 2:51.4 is a personal best.

Charlie Palletta ran a 30.33 in the 200. Bridget Dix threw a personal best 88-4 in the discus.

South opened the week by defeating Williamsville East, 87-46, last Thursday at South.

Breyemeier was a triple winner in the long jump (14-8), high jump (5-0) and 800 (2:30.6) and was second in the open 400 (1:02.9).

VanBuren ran a Western New York best 14.4 in the 100 hurdles.

She also won the 400 hurdles (1:08.6) and placed second in the 200 (26.0).

Kailyn Arcury came in second in the high jump (4-8) and third in the 100 hurdles (15.6), 100 dash (13.0) and 200 dash (27.8).

Kailyn's older sister, Kristina, took second in the 100 hurdles (15.0) and 100 dash (12.5).

Hurtubise won the 3000 (12:03.80) and placed second in the 1500 (5:31.9). She also ran a 2:49.4 in the 800 but did not place.

Cassiana Hyppolite took second in the 400 hurdles (1:17.1), third in the long jump (13-9.5) and fourth in the 100 dash (13.9). She also ran a 17.0 in the 100 hurdles.

Lindsey Porter took second in the long jump (14-1), triple jump (29-11.5), shot put (24-8) and finished third in the open 400 (1:07.2).

Lopez won the shot put (33-10.5) and discus (94-1). Sarah Buch came in third in the discus (60-7).

Monroe ran a personal best 13:28.9 in the 3000 and came in second. She also posted a personal best time in the 800 (2:53) and ran the 1500 (6:01.9).

Mooney took third in the 1500 (5:43.5) and ran a 2:42.4 in the 800.

Laura Johnston came in third in the 3000 (13:34.3). She also ran the 1500 (6:03.1).

Alex Ciolko took fifth in the 200 dash (28.9).

Rachael DiVita ran a 1:23.3 in the 400 hurdles.

Erin Moore dropped 14 seconds off a previous time in the 1500 (6:45.4) and a minute off her time in the 3000 (14:34.3).

South ran at Iroquois on Tuesday but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press. They will compete at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Depew Wildcat Relays at John F. Kennedy High School.

South boys

Dan Polis and Huron Hill scored all of the Billies' points at the Kenmore Track Invitational.

Polis and Hill finished second (1:02.37) and third (1:03.51) in the 400 hurdles, respectively.

Tim Krempa took seventh in the 110 hurdles (17.10) but ran a faster time in preliminaries (16.55).

John Stark finished eighth in the 3200 (personal best time of 10:49.60). Other personal bests were posted by Jamale Vaughn (long jump, 14-8), Yabs Williams (shot put, 33-8.5) and Alex Boch (400, 4x800, 4x400) and Graham Taylor (400, triple jump).

Nick Hoffman triple jumped 35-1.75 but it was not a personal best.

South finished tied with Newfane for 13th place with 14 points.

South lost to Williamsville East, 100-37, on Thursday at South.

Polis won the 400 hurdles and took third in the long jump. Williams won the shot put and took second in the discus and 100 dash. Krempa took first in the pole vault and placed second in the 110 hurdles.

South coach Dan Syracuse was pleased with his team's performance as he only had 16 of the 30 students available for the meet.

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Sweet Home's Blango wins

Josh Blango won the 110-meter hurdles at the Kenmore Track Invitational on Saturday at Crosby Field. Blango won in 15.34.

Blango also took third in the triple jump in 39-5.24 and fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5-6.

Blango also helped the team's 4x400-meter relay to a first-place finish in 3:39.57.

Other members of the team were Matt Cross, Dan Miranda and Michael Bakowski.

Ryan Wilson threw the shot put 42-1.75.

Kyeonta Williams ran a 24.6 in the 200 for sixth place and helped the 4x100 relay team of Denzel Kirkland, Jordan Milton and Cross take sixth in 46.60.

Williamsville East

Colin Begy won the 800 in 2:04.84.

Oreg French long-jumped 20-0.5 for third, triple-jumped 37-7.25 for fifth and recorded 16.93 in the 110 hurdles for fifth. Andy MacDonald placed fifth in the 3200 in 10:40.53.

East took 10th with 22 points.

Amherst Central

Jamie Schwartz won the freshman 1600 in a time of 5:08.18. Schwartz led off the freshmen sprint medley to a second-place time of 4:08.57.

Steve Klementowski, Cameron Matthews and Quinlan McNeal also ran on the relay.

Roland Cook high-jumped 5-8 for third place.

Bert Smith took seventh in the

100 dash in 12.32.

Dave Szymkowiak came in fifth in the 800 in 2:09.22 and fifth in

the 1600 in 4:48.08.

Amherst took 15th with 12 points.

Central Amherst 'AAA' Marlins edge Mets

Central Amherst "AAA" Marlins pitcher Matthew Boccio struck out six in the first two innings as they beat the Mets, 12-10.

The Marlins' Joe Sobol doubled in the fourth, scoring Joe Montalbano. Connor Larson, Anthony Maisano, Jordan Nwora and Adam Merkle also scored.

The Mets scored six in the fourth, highlighted by a double from Nicholas Bell.

In the last inning, the Marlins scored six times, including runs from Liam Comerford and Noah Reinhart. Boccio singled in two.

Madison Aston and Nathan Cole scored for the Mets in their last at-bat but the Marlins held on to preserve the win.

Sean Gibson and Michael Tenney pitched well for the Marlins.

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