



Williamsville North's Joel Little throws the discus in the Spartans' 86-55 loss to Clarence last Wednesday at Clarence.

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Clarence boys track downs Williamsville North

The Williamsville North boys opened the season with an 86-55 loss to Clarence last Wednesday at Clarence.

Sean Felton was a triple winner, taking first in the long jump, triple jump and 200 dash. Felton also took home second in the 100.

Steve Oehler won the 110 hurdles and 400 intermediate hurdles. Colin Preston placed first in the 100 dash and third in the triple jump. James Gaines won the high jump.

The 4x100 relay of Sinclair Johnson, Gaines, Evan Hughes and Colin Preston took home first.

Geoff Hurley placed third in the 800 and 1600.

The boys took ninth with 30 points at the Kenmore Track Invitational on Saturday at Crosby Field. Combined with the girls team, North placed second overall with 110 points.

The Spartans were strong in the field events. Felton won the long jump with a leap of 20-08. He took second in the triple jump at 41-5.25. Brian Corretore took sixth in the discus throw at 107-8.

In the pole vault, Kyle Siskar came in third in 11-6 and Tom Calandra went 10-6 for sixth.

Oehler placed fourth in the 110 high hurdles.

Hurley placed fifth in the 1600 in a time of 4:49.03.

Allen shines for East girls

Kala Allen was chosen as female track athlete MVP at the Kenmore Track Invitational on Saturday at Crosby Field.

Allen was the meet's only triple winner, taking home first in the 100 dash (12.78), 200 dash (26.94) and open 400 (1:01.29).

Other Lady Flames' highlights were personal- and season-best times for sophomores Caroline Steele in the 800 meters and Jill Cutspec in the 3,000 meters.

East took eighth overall with 30 points.

The next outings for the Lady Flames began with a meet at Pioneer on Tuesday and continues on at the Depew Wildcat Relays on Saturday at John F. Kennedy High School.

Amherst Central

Brenna Symoniak won the 1,500 in 5:02.2 and placed second in the 800 with a time of 2:28.50.

In the 100 dash, Ashley Fields took second in 12.89 and Allison Rogers came in fourth in 13.23.

Alex Pace took sixth in the 1500 in 5:31.8.

Amherst took seventh overall with 37 points.

Sweet Home

Katie Niblock won the 800 in 2:25.25. Niblock also took second in the 1,500 in 5:09.1.

Elyse Cramer took first in the 3,000 in 12:00.56 and placed sixth in the 800 in 2:34.79.

Colleen Kozlowski came in second in the 3,000 in 12:05.40 and placed fifth in the 1,500 in 5:30.

Bianca Smiley triple-jumped 32-2.75 for sixth. She also went 14-1.75 for ninth.

Sweet Home tied with Grand Island for fourth in team points with 44.

Tigers win three of four opening league games

by PATRICK J. NAGY
Reporter

The Amherst Central baseball team showed they could be one of the better teams in ECIC Division III by winning three of its first four league games of the season.

The Tigers (4-3, 3-1) won road games at Depew, 5-2, and Tonawanda, 6-0, on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22, and came back to beat Cheektowaga, 5-4, in the bottom of the seventh last Thursday at Amherst. The Tigers were winning its other league game at Maryvale last Wednesday but fell 9-5. Amherst is a half game behind Maryvale and Pioneer for first place in ECIC III.

"To come out 3-1 with the first three games on the road, I couldn't ask any more of them," said Amherst coach Brian Davis.

The Cheektowaga win was the most significant as the Warriors are the defending division champions.

Trailing, 4-2, in the bottom of the seventh, Amherst scored three times to rally for the victory. Brandon Jeffords hit a ground ball to third base that went through the third baseman's legs and into left field, scoring Geoff Gallson and Alex Dusenberry. Two batters later, designated hitter Mike Gruttaduria (2 for 3) hit a 2-2 pitch back to the Cheektowaga pitcher, who overthrew the first baseman, and allowed Jeffords to score from second for the game-winning run.

Dusenberry went 3 for 4 and scored twice. Derek Duke hit 2 for 3, including a triple, and scored a run.

Andrew Hays pitched a complete game six-hitter, allowed four earned runs, and walked three to earn the win.

Amherst was in control against Depew and Tonawanda.

The Tigers went up 3-0 on Depew in the third and added two more runs in the fifth. James Gould singled in Hays and Phil Cultrara and Jeffords grounded out to the shortstop on back to back plays to score Gallson and Gould, respectively. In the fifth, Gallson led off with a single and scored on a wild pitch and Gould singled, got to second on a wild pitch, to third on a passed ball and scored on

an RBI double by Jeffords. Gould and Gallson each hit 2 for 3.

Hays threw a complete game five-hitter, allowed two runs, one earned run, struck out four and walked four for his first win of the season.

Mike Yanity almost threw a no-hitter against Tonawanda, going 7.1 innings before allowing a hit. He finished with a two-hitter, six strikeouts, and a walk.

"He forced Tonawanda into a lot of fly outs and did a good job of changing up speeds and getting them out on their front foot to pop up balls or hit to ground balls," said Davis. "The defense also played good behind him."

Amherst scored a run in the first, second and sixth and three in the fourth. In the fourth, Gould singled in Cultrara and Dusenberry singled in Ben Gaughan and Gould.

Dusenberry finished 4 for 4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Jeffords hit 2 for 3, including a sacrifice bunt late in the game that led to Amherst's final run. Gaughan went 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Amherst didn't play its best against Maryvale and almost snuck out with a win. The Tigers extended a 1-0 lead in the fourth after Jeffords, on a 2-2 count, doubled home Gaughan, Gallson and Gould.

However, Maryvale tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom half of the fourth and after Hays scored on a passed ball in the fifth, the Flyers scored five times in the bottom of the fifth to put the game away.

"The better team won," said Davis. "They swung away and their pitchers threw strikes."

Gaughan went 2 for 3 with a RBI and a run scored.

During spring recess, Amherst lost at Grand Island, 11-3.

Duke, Jeffords and Zach Willett each scored a run. Willett went 2 for 2. Amherst finished with eight hits.

Amherst played at Pioneer on Tuesday but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press. They play at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Starpoint and host Grand Island at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and Williamsville East at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Amherst Central

Baseball — def. Tonawanda 6-0; lost to Maryvale 9-5; def. Cheektowaga 5-4

Boys Lacrosse — def. Grand Island 15-4

Girls Lacrosse — def. Eden 18-1; def. Iroquois 20-8

Softball — lost to Cheektowaga 3-1; lost to Maryvale 7-2; lost to Iroquois 7-5

Boys Tennis — def. Cheektowaga 4-1; def. Maryvale 3-2; lost to Pioneer 4-1

Boys Outdoor Track — 15th at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 12

Girls Outdoor Track — seventh at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 37

Sweet Home

Baseball — def. Iroquois 14-8; def. South 3-1; lost to Lake Shore 8-4

Boys Lacrosse — def. East 8-7; def. Nichols 8-3

Girls Lacrosse — lost to Hamburg 21-8; lost to Niagara-Wheatfield 17-9; lost to W.S. East 13-2

Softball — def. South 5-4; lost to Iroquois 4-1; def. Lake Shore 8-2

Boys Tennis — lost to East 3-2; lost to Iroquois 3-2; lost to W.S. East 3-2

Boys Outdoor Track — def. W.S. West 90-51; eighth at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 35

Girls Outdoor Track — lost to W.S. West 98-39; tied for fourth at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 44

Williamsville East

Baseball — lost to Lake Shore 9-3; def. W.S. West 8-7; lost to Hamburg 6-2

Boys Lacrosse — lost to Sweet Home 8-7; def. Lake Shore 16-2; def. W.S. West 8-2

Girls Lacrosse — def. Springville 21-4; def. Eden 15-6; lost to North 12-5

Softball — def. Lake Shore 7-2; def. Tonawanda 3-2; def. Hamburg 3-2

Boys Tennis — def. Nichols 3-2; def. Sweet Home 3-2; def. Hamburg 4-1; def. W.S. East 4-1

Boys Outdoor Track — def. South 100-37; 10th at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 22

Girls Outdoor Track — lost to South 87-50; eighth at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 30

Williamsville North

Baseball — lost to Lancaster 8-5; def. Clarence 8-7

Boys Lacrosse — lost to Orchard Park 13-1; def. South 7-5

Girls Lacrosse — def. Lockport 16-14; lost to Lancaster 12-0; def. East 12-5

Softball — def. W.S. West 9-0; lost to Lancaster 10-5; 25th N.T. Varsity Softball Invitational Tournament — quarterfinals — lost to Frontier 5-4; semifinals — def. W.S. East 2-0; finals — def. Frontier 5-2

Boys Tennis — lost to Orchard Park 5-0; def. Lancaster 3-2

Boys Outdoor Track — lost to Clarence 86-55; ninth at Kenmore Invitational, 30

Girls Outdoor Track — def. Clarence 89-51; first at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 80.5

Williamsville South

Baseball — lost to W.S. East 9-5; lost to Sweet Home 3-1

Boys Lacrosse — def. Lake Shore 12-1; lost to Grand Island 10-3; lost to North 7-5

Girls Lacrosse — lost to East Aurora 11-2

Softball — lost to Sweet Home 5-4; lost to W.S. East 6-2

Boys Tennis — def. Starpoint 3-2; def. Pioneer 4-1

Boys Outdoor Track — lost to East 100-37; tied for 13th at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 14

Girls Outdoor Track — def. East 87-50; third at 10th Kenmore Invitational, 60

Sacred Heart

Softball — def. Mount St. Mary's 2-1; lost to Immaculata 2-1

Girls Tennis — def. Mt. Mercy 3-2; lost to Nardin 4-1