

East softball improves league record

Williamsville East improved to 5-1 in ECIC Division II softball and 8-3-1 overall after beating Williamsville South, Iroquois and Amherst last week.

The Lady Flames also lost to West Seneca East and Dunkirk and tied Orchard Park.

East beat South, 7-3, last Tuesday at Transit Middle School.

The Lady Billies jumped on South pitcher Kyle Plimpton early.

Bridget Steele led off the bottom of the first inning with a single, stole second and scored on Courtney Hawkins' single when the ball got by the left fielder. Another run was added in the second when Jackquie Vujece walked, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on an Ally Kotz single.

East pitcher Karen Kingsley kept the South player off base, facing only 10 batters over three innings.

After a half-hour rain delay, East scored three more in the third. Taylor Klun walked for the second time in the game, moved to second on a wild pitch and advanced to third on a sacrifice by Rachelle Arenos. Chelsea Horne hit a long home run in the right field gap to plate three runs.

Another run was scored in the fifth when Arenos reached safely on an error, advanced to second on the overthrow and moved to third on a ground out.

Horne walked and a delayed steal allowed Arenos to score from third.

East allowed South to score a run in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Kingsley went the distance for East, allowing three hits and one earned run.

"This was a great win for us as clutch hitting and base running

made the difference in the game," said East coach Ron Schumacher.

South's hits were limited to triples from Lauren Falzone and Sam Strapason, a double by Devon Powers and a single by Emma Markley.

East beat Iroquois, 5-0, at Iroquois last Wednesday.

Iroquois scored first on an error and single in the third.

East responded with four runs in the top of the fifth. Horne singled to start the inning. Anna Stolzenburg reached safely on an error and Vujece was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Horne was forced out at the plate on a bunt by an attempted squeeze play. Kotz singled to score a run, a sacrifice fly ball scored another and Klun drove in two more with a single to center field.

Iroquois scored two unearned runs in the bottom of the fifth to draw within one run. East scored an insurance run in the top of the seventh when Steele singled to left field, stole second and third and scored on Hawkins' full count single to center.

Kingsley came in to close, striking out two batters.

Meagan Allers pitched one of her better games, allowing six hits over six innings, striking out seven and allowing one earned run.

East shut out Amherst, 4-0, last Thursday at Amherst.

Senior pitcher Kelly Rusin pitched five innings of shutout ball versus Amherst. She also struck out seven batters.

East had difficulty plating runners until the fifth inning. Leadoff batter Jessica Windnagle and Jessica Moulin walked and a passed ball put runners at second and third.

Anna Stolzenburg sacrificed in Windnagle and a single from Bridget Steele scored home Moulin. A

Hawkins single to left field was dropped to score Steele.

Another run was scored in the sixth when Horne drove a ball deep in right center for a home run.

Allers pitched two innings in relief, striking out six of the seven batters she faced.

East scored in the second inning against West Seneca East when with two outs, Kingsley and Stolzenburg singled, Vujece walked to load the bases and Steele hit a ground ball that was misplayed at third to score Kingsley. Stolzenburg attempted to steal home on a passed ball but was called out on a close call.

The Lady Trojans scored twice in the fourth on two hits and an error.

East tied the score in the fifth when Vujece singled, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on a double from Steele.

West Seneca East took the lead in the bottom of the fifth on an error on a double. East had two more opportunities in the sixth and seventh by putting leadoff batters on base, but could not move them over in scoring positions.

At the 11th annual Wildcat Softball Invitational at Walden Pond, Dunkirk scored an unearned run in the third to win 1-0.

Kingsley pitched well, throwing a three-hitter and striking out nine in the loss.

East and Orchard Park played to a 2-2 tie in seven innings in a wet raining game.

OP runs were scored in the last two innings when a steady rain hindered Allers from controlling her pitches.

East hosted West Seneca East on Tuesday at Transit Middle School but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press.



Karen Kingsley winds up against Dunkirk in the opening round of the "B" bracket of the 11th annual Wildcat Softball Invitational on Saturday at Walden Pond. East lost 1-0.

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They're at Sweet Home at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and at Lake Shore at 5 p.m. on Friday. They host Hamburg at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 12 at Transit Middle School.

Amherst almost steals league game against Starpoint

by **PATRICK J. NAGY**
Reporter

The Amherst softball team committed tons of errors, left runners on base, threw out runners at home and outhit Starpoint, yet still had a good shot of beating them last Wednesday at Starpoint.

Amherst left the tying runner on third base with the bases loaded in the seventh inning in a 6-5 loss.

Amherst trailed 5-0 going into the fifth. Out of the six runs they allowed, one was earned.

The Lady Tigers committed 11 errors in the game but in separate innings, they threw out a Starpoint runner on an attempted squeeze play at the plate and turned a double play off a bunt from first base to home.

Amherst's rally started in the fifth. Katy Tirella doubled, Eva Lankes followed with a single, Abby DeFrancis singled in Tirella

and Kara Stein singled in Lankes. The Lady Tigers added two more in the sixth. Darcy Regan singled in Rachel Schepart and Lankes singled in Dana Ruh.

After Starpoint scored a run in the bottom of the sixth, Stein, Bardak and Jessica Banning loaded the bases in the top of the

seventh. Stein was tagged out at home. Ruh knocked in Bardak on a fielder's choice. Amherst grounded out to second to end the game.

Banning tossed a seven-hitter and struck out two.

Amherst finished with 13 hits. Lankes, Stein and Bardak each

had two hits and one RBI. DeFrancis, Banning, Schepart, Ruh, Regan and Tirella each had a hit. Regan recorded an RBI.

Amherst's other game played last week was a 4-0 loss against Williamsville East last Thursday at Transit Middle School.

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Billies' catcher Austin White had a big day with a triple and a two-run home run, scoring three times. Joe Ziemecki added a single and double, and Zach Murray singled for South.

Styn and Andrew Steel had two hits each for the Flames.

East played Amherst on Tuesday, but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press.

They host Sweet Home at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Lake Shore at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and travel to Lakewood, Ohio, for a double-header at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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