



The Buffalo In-Line Hockey Group Blazers beat the New York Knights, 8-0, to win the Bantam 16U "AA" championship at this weekend's Tournament of Roller Hockey Series regional qualifier. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: first row, kneeling - Ian Durgan (Clarence), Shane Irwin (Amherst); second row - Brad Owens (Tonawanda), David Campuzano (Grand Island), Ryan Okon (Lancaster),

Derek Laviolette (Cheektowaga), league director Rich Gurbacki, Jonathan Clark (Williamsville), head coach Ryan Perkins; top row - assistant coach Tom Wright, league director Rich Smith, Adam Rainey (Tonawanda), championship game MVP Pat Smith (Amherst), Jake Bass (Grand Island) and leading scorer Eric Wright (Newfane).

Buffalo In-Line Hockey Group Blazers win 16U Bantam 'AA' crown

The Buffalo In-Line Hockey Group Blazers won the Bantam 16 and under "AA" championship at this weekend's Tournament of Roller Hockey Series regional qualifier at the Amherst Pepsi Center.

The Blazers got better every game, holding the New York Knights to two shots en route to an 8-0 win in the championship game.

A strong local representation - BIHG, Buffalo Wings, Buffalo Storm, American Indoor and Niagara Sports - augmented with teams from Oakville, Ont., Detroit/Windsor, Chatam, Ont. and Burlington, Ont. provided stiff competition in all age levels.

Cheektowaga resident and Maryvale freshman Derek Laviolette played well in three separate age groups - Buffalo Storm's 18U midget team and Buffalo In-Line Hockey Group's 16 and under Bantam team and 14 and under Pee Wee teams.

Zac and A.J. Zaepfle, Cory Clark, Ryan Wendt, Chris Kendall, Jay Downing, Kyle Kozlowski, Tony Porter, Tommy Budde, Mike Irwin, Russ Rizzo, Kevin Eberth, Christian Curtola, Adam Terragnolli,

Alex Willis, Calvin Waley, Justin Swan, Josh Graser, Ricky Jacobs, Tyler Cassillo, and Zac Carlisle also played well for their local teams.

Other tournament results can be found at TORHS.com.

The 2008 TORHS Nationals will be held July 4-12 at the Amherst Pepsi Center. More than 200 teams and 2,000 players in all age groups will compete.

The Pepsi Center will dedicate three of its four rinks to the 12-day tournament. The roller hockey surface will be played on top of the ice surface in order to play the games. Special dehumidifiers will be brought in to control condensation that could appear on the roller hockey surface.

For more information about BIHG, call Rich at 773-1188 or 689-4090 or visit BIHG.org.

For more information about the Buffalo Wings' large youth summer program, call Jason at 444-2667. For more information, about a youth summer program in Cheektowaga, call Eric at 316-5393.

Amherst boys tennis faring well in ECIC Division III

Through seven ECIC Division III matches, the Amherst Central boys tennis team is 6-1 but most of their wins have been by 3-2 margins.

The Tigers' only league loss came to Pioneer, 4-1, on April 25

at Pioneer. Amherst rebounded last Thursday with a 3-2 win last Thursday at Amherst.

Freshman Craig Pruitt and senior captain Andrew Taube have won most of their matches at first and third singles.

Junior David Greetham and senior Arun Morace are starting to come into their own at first doubles. Kai Zhong and Steven Ronca are 2-1 at second doubles.

Amherst played at Williamsville South (7-0) on Tuesday in a showdown between the top two teams in ECIC III. The result was unavailable before The Bee went to press.

Fireman's Softball

Team	Wins	Losses
North Amherst	1	0
Clarence Center	1	0
Snyder	1	0
East Amherst	1	0
Getzville	1	0
Newstead	1	0
Clarence	0	1
Eggertsville	0	1
Main-Transit	0	1
Akron	0	1
Harris Hill	0	1
Bowmansville	0	1
North Bailey	0	0
Swormville	0	0
Ellicott Creek	0	0

May 9

Snyder at Getzville
Bowmansville at Newstead
Clarence at Harris Hill
North Bailey at Ellicott Creek
North Amherst at Main-Transit
East Amherst at Clarence Center

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 7

Baseball: Depew at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at East, 4:30 p.m.; North at W.S. West, 4:45 p.m.; Iroquois at South, 4:30 p.m.

Boys lacrosse: South at Amherst, 6 p.m.; Grand Island at Sweet Home, 5 p.m.; East at North Tonawanda, 5 p.m.

Girls lacrosse: Amherst at Nichols, 4:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at Hamburg, 4:30 p.m.; East at W.S. East, 4:45 p.m.; Lockport at North, 5 p.m.

Softball: Depew at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; East at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m.; W.S. West at North, 4:45 p.m.; South at Iroquois, 4:30 p.m.; Nichols at Sacred Heart (Amherst Pepsi Center), 4:15 p.m.

Boys tennis: Iroquois at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m.; W.S. East at East, 4:45 p.m.; North at Lancaster, 4:30 p.m.; South at Cheektowaga, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

Baseball: Canisius at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m.; Lake Shore at East, 4:30 p.m.

Girls lacrosse: East at South, 4:30 p.m.; North at Frontier, 5 p.m.; Sacred Heart at Mt. Mercy, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Nardin at Sacred Heart, 4 p.m.

Softball: Amherst at North, 4:30 p.m.; Clarence at Sweet Home, 4:45 p.m.

Girls outdoor track: Sacred Heart at Mt. St. Mary's (Donohue Track at Southside Elementary), 4:15 p.m.

Friday, May 9

Baseball: Maryvale at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; Iroquois at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m.; North at Lancaster, 4:45 p.m.; South at W.S. East, 4:45 p.m.

Boys lacrosse: East at Amherst, 6 p.m.; Sweet Home at South, 5 p.m.; Frontier at North, 5 p.m.

Girls lacrosse: Amherst at East Aurora, 4:30 p.m.; Lancaster at North, 4:45 p.m.

Softball: Maryvale at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at Iroquois, 4:30 p.m.; East at Lake Shore, 5 p.m.; Lancaster at North, 4:45 p.m.; W.S. East at South, 4:45 p.m.

Boys tennis: Amherst at Maryvale, 4:30 p.m.; Sweet Home at W.S. East, 4:30 p.m.; East at Lake Shore, 4:30 p.m.; Frontier at North, 4:30 p.m.; Pioneer at South, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Baseball: East vs. TBA at Lakewood, Ohio, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; North at McQuaid, TBA

Boys lacrosse: North at Canisius, 11 a.m.

Girls lacrosse: Eden at Amherst, 10 a.m. (Kings Hwy.); South at Springville, 10 a.m.

Softball: North at Aquinas and Mercy (Section V), noon and 2 p.m.; Sacred Heart vs. Iroquois, 11:30 a.m. at Immaculata Tournament (Nike Base)

Boys outdoor track: Amherst, Sweet Home, East, North at Starpoint Spartan Team Challenge (Starpoint), 9:30 a.m.; South at Holland Tulip Festival Invitational (Holland High School), TBA

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Monday, May 12

Baseball: Amherst at Cheektowaga, 4:30 p.m.; East at Hamburg, 5 p.m.; Clarence at North, 4:45 p.m.

Boys lacrosse: Amherst at Hamburg, 5 p.m.; Iroquois at Sweet Home, 5 p.m.; South at East, 5 p.m.; Lockport at North, 5 p.m.

Girls lacrosse: Sweet Home at Niagara-Wheatfield, 4:30 p.m.; Clarence at North, 4:45 p.m.; South at Lockport, 5 p.m.

Softball: Cheektowaga at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; Hamburg at East (Transit Middle), 5 p.m.; North at Clarence, 4:45 p.m.; Sacred Heart at Holy Angels (Shoshone Park), 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

Baseball: Sweet Home at Lake Shore, 4:30 p.m.; East at North, 4:30 p.m.; Lancaster at South, 4:45 p.m.

Girls lacrosse: Amherst at Iroquois, 4:30 p.m.; East at Eden, 5 p.m.; South at East Aurora, 4 p.m.; Sacred Heart at Nardin, 4 p.m.

Softball: Lake Shore at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m.

Girls tennis: Holy Angels at Sacred Heart, 4 p.m. (Cheektowaga Town Park)

Boys outdoor track: Pioneer at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; W.S. East at Sweet Home, 4:45 p.m.; Iroquois at East, 4:30 p.m.; Lancaster at North, 4:45 p.m.; Starpoint at South, 4:30 p.m.

Girls outdoor track: Pioneer at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.; W.S. East at Sweet Home, 4:45 p.m.; Iroquois at East, 4:30 p.m.; Lancaster at North, 4:45 p.m.; Starpoint at South, 4:30 p.m.; Mt. Mercy at Sacred Heart (Donohue Track at Southside Elementary), 4:15 p.m.

Wolf named ECC male student-athlete of month

Amherst resident Brian Wolf was named Erie Community College's men's student-athlete of the month for April.

Wolf, a Canisius High School graduate, claimed the men's award for his performance on the baseball team.

The 6-0 sophomore was 5-0 with an ERA of 0.92 in 29.1 innings. He allowed only three earned runs struck out 23 while walking only eight.

During the month, he picked up wins over Herkimer, Corning, Dundalk, Westmoreland, and Jefferson. He threw complete game shutouts in three of the games.

For the season, Wolf is 7-0 with a 2.15 ERA.

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