

**Flag football league slated**

The Greater Buffalo Flag Football League is currently holding registration for its 18-and-over 4-on-4 flag football league that will begin Sunday, June 29. There will be men's and women's divisions. Registration can be done online at [www.gbffl.com](http://www.gbffl.com), and for more information, send e-mail to [contact@GBFFL.com](mailto:contact@GBFFL.com).

# Class A champs

## East softball clinches first section title since 1996

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*Reporter*

For the first time since 1996, a Section VI softball championship has come to Paradise Road.

Williamsville East defeated rival Williamsville South, 2-0, for the Section VI Class A championship on Saturday at Niagara Falls High School.

The Lady Flames (19-5-1) faced Section V's Aquinas on Tuesday in a Class A regional, but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press.

"Most of the eight seniors have played for me for three or four years," said East coach Ron Schumacher. "It was great to see them work hard to get to this point and win. They are a close-knit group that has fun together. They picked up their game when our top hitter (Chelsea Horne, .440, four home runs) went down with a dislocated elbow. Team chemistry was strong and had much to do about their success this season."

Schumacher said he wasn't sure how his team was going to respond in the section finals after beating West Seneca East, 5-4, in the semifinals on Thursday at Transi Middle School.

"We had heard South beat Iroquois in extra innings," said Schumacher. "The girls did not seem concerned and looked forward to face them in the final. The team was focused and looked sharp during the pregame warmup."

Schumacher said Courtney Hawkins won the toss and selected to be home.

"Somehow that seemed a victory and



The Williamsville East softball team defeated Williamsville South, 2-0, on Saturday at Niagara Falls High School to win the Section VI Class A title. It's East's first section title in softball since 1996. Members of the team, from left, are: first row - Karen Kingsley, Courtney Hawkins, Taylor Klun, Kelly Rusin; second row - Jenna

assurance that we would win the game," said Schumacher.

Lauren Falzone led off the first for South and took a third strike looking. East pitcher Karen Kingsley looked comfortable and in control as she retired the next two batters, said Schumacher.

In the bottom of the first, Bridget Steele struck out but Jessica Windnagle took a walk on a 3-1 count. A Courtney Hawkins' ground ball forced Windnagle to second. Catcher Taylor Klun followed with a

Larkin, Ally Kotz, Bridget Steele, Jackie Vujcec, Jessica Windnagle, Rachele Arenos; third row - Melissa Mason, coach Allison Beebe, Jessica Moulin, Brittany Rung, Meagan Allers, coach Ron Schumacher, Chelsea Horne, Anna Stolzenberg and coach Jean Kobis.

ground ball up the middle to put two runners on base. Consecutive singles to right field by Rachele Arenos and Ally Kotz drove in two runs to give East their two runs.

South rallied in the top of the second. Sam Strapason singled to start the inning, was sacrificed over to second and moved to third on an Emma Markley single. Nikki Karchensky hit a hard ground ball to third. Arenos played the ball and caught Strapason between third and home. A tag by first

baseman Kelly Rusin at the plate on Strapason was the second out but left runners at second and third. Kingsley struck out Danielle Giancarlo for the third out.

After that inning, Kingsley retired the next 13 South batters. South managed a one-out single in the seventh before Kingsley struck out the last two batters. Kingsley finished with a four-hit

East did not get any more runners until the sixth but made good contact on the ball, said Schumacher.

South had two more hits in the game. Devon Powers singled in the fourth and Strapason led off the seventh with a single.

South (11-13) was making their sixth straight appearance in the section finals after winning the previous five times. In the past 12 years, South had made nine sectional final appearances with eight championships.

Pitcher Kyle Plimpton limited East to two runs on four hits. She also threw six strikeouts to give her 40 strikeouts in four playoff games. She retired 12 batters in a row before a South error broke the streak. She finished the game retiring the final 15 of 16 batters.

The Williamsville East-West Seneca East semifinal game lived up to expectations.

West Seneca East jumped out early by scoring an unearned run on two infield fielding errors.

East answered with three runs. Steele led off with a single and moved to second

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# Lady Tigers dominate track sectionals

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The Amherst Central girls track team put together a dominating performance at last weekend's Section VI Championships at Strider Field in Jamestown.

Sprinters Allison Rogers and Ashley Fields, and distance runner Brenna Symoniak will represent Amherst at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association meet on Friday and Saturday at the University at Buffalo.

Rogers, a junior, repeated as sectional champion in the Division I 100-meter dash, winning in 12.58.

Coach Dan Tryon said Rogers flew out of the blocks so fast in the 100 that none of the other girls could catch her.

"Two girls had previously false started, but she is so confident in her abilities that she was able to use that to her advantage," said Tryon. "She has been working so

hard this year. She really deserves it."

Rogers also qualified for the state meet in the Division I 400 dash despite finishing second overall in 59.48. Williamsville East's Kala Allen won the 400 in 57.54.

"She's only really run the 400 six or seven times during the season," said Tryon. "She just works so hard from when the gun goes off until the finish, fighting through all the pain."

Fields, a freshman, won the Division I 200 dash in 25.19.

"Watching her get ready for the 200, you knew she wasn't going to get beat," said Tryon. "She was extremely focused like nothing was going to stop her and she ran with a purpose. She is so talented and so young that it really is amazing to watch her compete. What she's accomplishing as a freshman is so awesome. There's still so much more ahead."

Fields showed her maturity in



Allison Rogers won the 100-meter dash and took second in the 400 at last weekend's Section VI Championships at Strider Field in Jamestown. File photo

the Division I 100 dash. Fields placed second behind Rogers with a time of 12.65 but still qualified because she had the

best second place 200 time between Division I and II.

"Two girls false started and that definitely had an effect on her,"

said Tryon. "She was timid out of the block to start but still had a great race. I know she was a little

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