

# Girls lacrosse

## Early HF-L goals end Amherst's regional chances

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Reporter

Amherst Central's bid to win a girls lacrosse regional game will have to wait another year.

Section V's Honeoye Falls-Lima scored five goals in less than 10 minutes in the first half to win, 12-4, in a Class C regional on Saturday night at Amherst High School's Dimp Wagner Field.

Amherst is 0-9 in regional games.

"HF-L came out strong and determined right off the first whistle," said Amherst coach Janet Battaglia. "We appeared cautious and tentative, had difficulty controlling the draw, and getting possession at all. It was difficult to get out of that early hole."

Battaglia said when her team moved the ball into their attacking end, they often forced the ball into the 8m and never really established a comfortable offensive flow.

"HF-L had our attack tagged pretty well," said Battaglia. "Defensively, we were frustrated by many calls resulting in seven free position goals by HF-L."

"It was a difficult finish to a successful season of growth for this team," said Battaglia.

Brooke Bullock, Amy Simon, Abbie Gowen and Daisy Timlin scored for Amherst. Gowen also recorded her 101st assist of the season, breaking her own state record.

Kelly Palmer scored four goals to lead HF-L. Jill Maier had two goals and two assists. Goalie Emily Stankaigas had 11 saves.

The Lady Tigers (16-5) opened the week by defeating East Aurora, 21-9, for the Section VI Class C title on June 4 at Amherst. It was Amherst's fourth straight section title (two in Class B, two in Class C) and tenth section crown in the program's 13-year history.

The game went back and forth



Amherst Central's Lily Timlin scoops up a loose ball in front of the East Aurora net during the Lady Tigers' 21-9 win in the Section VI Class C final last Wednesday at Amherst's Dimp Wagner Field. Amherst lost to Section V's Honeoye Falls-Lima, 12-4, on Saturday in the Class C regional game, also at Dimp Wagner.

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early on. East Aurora scored first and then each team traded goals to a 2-2 tie.

Amherst would break the game open with five goals to go up 7-2. East Aurora closed the gap with another goal and the Lady Tigers answered with four more tallies. Both teams would score once more in the half with Amherst

ahead, 12-4.

In the first half, Simon scored three times with an assist, Gowen had four goals and four assists, Timlin added three goals, Erin Edson chipped in a goal and assist, and Kristin Scaringi also scored once.

East Aurora scored the first goal of the second half. Amherst

answered twice but the Lady Blue Devils went on a five-goal scoring spree to bring the score to 15-9 with just over 15 minutes to play.

Amherst took a timeout and after it, scored 20 seconds later, led by Timlin's goal, from Gowen. Amherst scored five more times to close out the scoring.

Timlin scored four goals. Gowen finished with a game-high 11 points (three goals, eight assists) and broke her own state record for assists with 100 in a season. Simon turned it on in the second half with five more goals of her own.

"This was a strong sectional win for our team," said Battaglia. "We stuck to a game plan that would contain East Aurora's athleticism and speed. We knew we had to limit unforced errors and we kept that to six. We knew we had to play defense with our feet and limit the defensive calls against us, thus we were successful with free position shots. We knew we needed to take high percentage shots, control the midfield by winning the draw and

the 50/50 ball and we felt we accomplished that as well."

Amherst held its banquet on Tuesday. Simon, Timlin, Gowen and Elana Korn were named to the All-Western New York first-team. Meagan Hurley was named honorable mention.

Hurley, Korn, Gowen, Simon, and Timlin earned ECIC Division III first-team honors. Lily Timlin, Edson and Ellie Poleon made the second team. Scaringi, Bullock, and Cydney Kramer were third-team selections.

In addition, Daisy Timlin became the fifth Amherst player in school history to earn All-American honorable mention. The first recipient was Kristy Grossman in 1997.

Seniors Simon, Daisy Timlin, Korn, Hurley, Kramer, Scaringi, and Sophia Kim played in the senior game on Sunday evening at Nichols school.

"The team and coaches wish the seniors good luck and thank them for their years in the Amherst lacrosse program," said Battaglia.

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## Tigers' boys lax ousted in Class B semifinals

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For the first time since 2000 and third time in the 15-year history of the Amherst Central boys lacrosse program, the Tigers will not be appearing in a Section VI Class B final.

Second-seeded Amherst (13-5) was held scoreless for 31 minutes by fourth-seeded West Seneca East in a convincing 10-4 semifinal loss on Tuesday, June 3, at Amherst's Dimp Wagner Field.

"It's very disappointing," said Amherst coach Stefan Henn. "We expect to be there (section finals) every year. It's not a philosophy of looking past anybody. It's what we do."

West Seneca East went on to lose to top-seed Hamburg for the section title on Friday at Lewiston-Porter High School.

Amherst led West Seneca East, 3-0, after the first quarter, but West Seneca East went ahead, 4-3, at halftime. The Trojans scored nine unanswered goals in the game.

"They went from a zone to man and tore us up and down the field," said Amherst coach Stefan Henn. "Their two long poles, Evan Murphy and Greg Bensman, absolutely wreaked havoc on everyone."

West Seneca East beat Amherst in shots on goal (20-9) and ground balls (34-27). The Tigers also did a poor job on extra man offense (0 for 3) and riding (6 for 17).

Casey Rich led Amherst with a goal and two assists. Brian Lawson scored twice, Brent Doerflein tallied once, and Dan Cooper and Eric Felgemacher each contributed an assist. Goalie Matt Alwess made 10 saves.

Amherst had won section titles from 2001 to 2006. Hamburg beat the Tigers for the section crown last year.

The Tigers beat West Seneca East, 6-5, in triple overtime in a Class B semifinal last year. Amherst won this year's regular-season game, 8-6.

Amherst graduates eight seniors, including three of their top four scorers - Doerflein (38 goals, 51 points, 56 ground balls), Rich (36 goals, 30 assists) and Ebsary (23 goals, 23 assists); their two best defenders, Tim Monahan (team-high 102 ground balls) and Adrian Bylewski (46 ground balls); and starting goalie Alwess (60 save percentage).

Doerflein is headed to Geneseo State College. Rich will play at national champion Syracuse University. Ebsary is off to Denison University.

Junior Dan Cooper was second on the team in scoring with 41 goals and 27 assists.

Henn will miss the team's work ethic and camaraderie. "I loved going to practice with them," said Henn. "They worked hard and were focused. They were at 5:30 a.m. Saturday practices and gave maximum effort. They also enjoyed being with one another. All they talked about after the game was how they were going to miss each other. That's tough to swallow."

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## Adult Avenue of Athletes

### Radka, Page, Marchants to gain induction

Bruce Radka, George Page, and Peter and Susan Marchant will join 13 students in the 2008 Amherst Avenue of Athletes.

The event, which honors adults and male and female senior student-athletes who have excelled in athletics, academics and in the community, will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Classics V Restaurant, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst.

For more information, call 631-7132.

#### Bruce Radka

Radka was a physical education teacher with the Sweet Home School district for 30 years.

Radka coached girls varsity soccer at Sweet Home for 16 years, junior varsity boys soccer for 20 years and girls modified soccer for two years. He has also worked the Sweet Home Summer Camp for Kids for 16 years.

During his time with Sweet Home, Radka received the Sweet Home Heart Award for the educator who gives his heart to teaching.

Radka has also worked as a coach for 12 years with individuals with special needs in the Challenger League Baseball League.

#### George Page

Page has lived in Amherst for 50 years and worked for the Steamfitters Local 22 Unit 395 for



Radka



Page



Sue and Peter Marchant

35 years, retiring five years ago.

Page's family has been members of Mel Ott Little League since 1992, from T-ball to seniors.

Page, who is still involved with Mel Ott, has participated in every aspect from coach, manager, equipment director and vice president of operations.

Page has also been involved with a great support team on the building and grounds at Mel Ott Little League.

Page is a father of three, Joshua, 22, Don, 21 and Amanda, 18.

#### Sue and Peter Marchant

The Marchants started their involvement with Amherst Youth Hockey in 1981 through 2003.

Peter Marchant was an assistant coach on many teams at various levels, including three New York State champions and four USA Hockey National Tournament appearances. Sue Marchant served

on the Board of Directors as Town Team representative, secretary and treasurer.

Sue and Peter Marchant were inducted into the Amherst Youth Hockey Hall of Fame in 1992 and 1993, respectively.

Currently Peter Marchant serves as director and Sue is off-ice co-coordinator for the Todd Marchant Hockey School. Todd Marchant won a Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007.