

Aker scores twice

Amherst eleven stay unbeaten, trip Flyers

By Mark McCready

Before Maryvale's first football game, the school built a bonfire reportedly three stories high. Now after a 25-12 setback at the hands of Amherst, the fire is only a flickering flame.

"We put it out pretty well, didn't we?" asked quarterback Tom Murray, after the game.

This victory was strictly a team effort as everybody played well with many players emerging as possible stars: Jack (Ace) Aker, who gained 150 yards in 23 carries; Curt Steinhart, who had an interception, 85 yd. kick-off return for a touchdown, and a productive day at running back; Scott Davis, Bob Heinith (fumble recovery) and the rest of the line for opening gaping holes.

In fact, the efficiency at which the team operated was slightly surprising due to a mysterious illness which placed virtually every player on the sidelines for at least one day during the week. At one point, the starting backfield was out altogether, being struck down by the "phantom flu."

The outcome of the game was never in doubt, as the Tigers scored two quick touchdowns in the first quarter giving them a lead they never lost. The first came as a result of a 49-yd. romp by Aker, on the third play after the opening kick-off. It eventually set up Eric Schmidt for his first TD of the season, a two yard plunge culminating a 70 yard, nine play drive. The extra point was no good.

Amherst widened its lead to

12-0 the next time it got the ball. Tom Murray ended a 65-yd march with a screen pass to Aker that went 53 yards for the score.

Maryvale threatened at the end of the quarter with two passes that carried them to the two, only to be stopped by the Amherst line.

Finally, the Flyers broke through for a score early in the second quarter. Following a 65-yd. punt by Murray, Maryvale's Ken Kreuzer raced in from the three, capping the march. The drive was kept alive by a fourth down pass, a 15 yd. penalty and then by a 37 yd. pass to Mark Hansen that bounced off his hands off defender Bob Schneegold and back to the receiver before the play ended.

STEINHART SCORES

However the comeback was short-lived as Curt Steinhart took the ensuing kick-off back 85 yards for a touchdown. He took the ball at his 15, broke a tackle at the 25 and two more at the 35, then he burst through the wedge, leaving three players chasing behind him. Aker scooted in for the PAT. and Amherst led 19-6 at halftime.

It appeared for a time, that Amherst would rather earn its scores than have them dished out. The first chance to widen its lead came just before the half

when Bert Bugbee recovered a fumble at the Flyer 33. But time ran out with the ball on the two. Amherst scoffed at another opportunity at the outset of the third quarter. Bob Heinith recovered the second loose ball at the Maryvale 35, only to have a fourth down pass intercepted in the end zone.

From the twenty, Maryvale engineered another TD. Paced by 50 and 15 yd. passes to Rick Reinhart and Rick Dreschler respectively, they narrowed the margin to 19-12.

Again the Tigers lost a chance after going from their own 40 to the 15, losing the ball on downs. Then midway through the fourth quarter, using a three yards and a cloud of dust offense, Murray surprised by throwing deep to Schneegold, who was wrestled down on the two. Jim Rahill barreled over for the TD.

Jack Aker picked up three-fourths of the total ground game getting 150 of the 202 total yards gained, the scissors-right being the most successful and the most used play. Murray, meanwhile, completed 7 of 15 passes for 109 yds. and one TD for a total offense (including kick returns etc.) of 470 yards. The defense was paced by Gary Arnold's eight tackles, plus two interceptions and the two fumble recoveries.



CURT STEINHART...Returns kickoff for TD.

Amherst Bee football predictions



PARK over Pebble Hill
CLARENCE over Wmsvl. S.
LAKE SHORE over Wmsvl. N.
SWEET HOME over E. Aurora
AMHERST over Frontier
UB over Boston C.
K.C. over Buffalo
Last week - 4-2
7-4, 636

ECIC STANDINGS DIV I.

	Div.	Ovrl.	Pf	Pa
Lancaster	2-0	2-0	48	14
AMHERST	1-0	2-0	59	26
West Seneca	1-0	2-0	61	13
Lackawanna	1-0	2-0	53	20
Hamburg	0-1	1-1	46	39
Orchard Park	0-1	0-2	21	45
Maryvale	0-1	0-2	19	37
Frontier	0-2	0-2	13	43

DIV II

Clarence	1-0	2-0	54	7
Lake Shore	1-0	2-0	46	42
Iroquois	1-0	2-0	51	14
SWEET HOME	1-0	1-1	26	13
Cleveland Hill	0-1	1-1	37	33
WILLIAMSVILLE S.	0-1	0-2	28	65
East Aurora	0-1	0-2	6	60
WILLIAMSVILLE N.	0-1	0-2	6	73

AREA SCORERS

Player	Td	Pat	Tp
Aker, A.	6	1	37
DeLuca, W.S.	2	1	13
Dehn, S.H.	2	0	12
Lesniowski, W.S.	1	3	9
Murray, A.	1	2	8
Taperman, W.S.	1	0	6
Steinhart, A.	1	0	6
Jones, W.N.	1	0	6
DeLuca, S.H.	1	0	6
Schmidt, A.	1	0	6
Sheppard, S.H.	1	0	6
Spangler, S.H.	0	1	1
Gallagher, S.H.	0	1	1

Amherst wins 3 crowns

By Mark McCready

A-Day around the ECIC this year, was Tuesday, Feb. 18 as the basketball, swimming and wrestling teams clinched their league championships on that day.

For the basketball team, it was their first in four years, the longest drought in coach Robert Hettler's 24 year career, and his 18th title overall. With the clinching, the Tigers assured themselves of a Section VI AAA playoff berth against the number three team in the NFL, either LaSalle, Lockport, or Niagara Falls in the first round.

Playing their best ball of the year, the Tigers drubbed Frontier 82-41 and outlasted Lackawanna 81 - 61, Thursday.

HESS McGUIRE SHINE

Against the Steelers, Amherst found itself in a shooting match as Gary Hess and Duke McGuire paced the first half while shooting 49% from the floor.

With less than a minute left in the third quarter the Steelers closed the gap 51-47 before a three point play by John Schaefer upped it to 54 - 47 after three.

Capt. John took command at the outset of the final stanza hitting three straight jumpers. Then co-capt. Tim Johnson followed suit with two more buckets underneath and Amherst led 64-49. Gary Hess emerged with game honors totaling 25 points nabbing 11 from the line. Schaefer contributed 20 and McGuire 16 to lead the Tigers.

However, Frontier was a different story. Trailing 10-9 midway in the opening period, the Tigers ripped for 11 straight points for a 20-9 lead which was never threatened. Amherst finished shooting 49% or 35 for 72 from the field, with Duke McGuire's 19 points leading the way. Schaefer had 17, Hess 15, and Tom Murray 11.

STEINMETZ PACES MERMEN

The swimmers, who actually won their division weeks ago, closed out their regular season

with a 73-22 win over West Seneca, Tuesday.

In the ECIC Invitational meet at Cheektowaga, the stokers unofficially cleaned up as they won five of the 11 events. Captain Joe Steinmetz was voted the "outstanding swimmer" award as he won his two specialties, the 200 and 400 yd. freestyle in record times of 1:52.8 and 4:07.8 respectively.

Meanwhile, Stu Issac, who had in the preliminaries set a state 100 yd. breaststroke record of 1:00.4, was unable to

participate in the finals because of an illness, so Cam (the Sheik) Ernst took over and won the event in 1:06.

Other winners for Amherst were Brian Caldwell in the 100 butterfly at 57.9 and the 200 Medley Relay team consisting of Jay Hardy, Ernst, Caldwell and John Zaepfel. Dennis Wilcox placed third in diving as did soph Rick Moore in the 200 Individual Medley.

You'll get along with the boss if he goes his way and you go his.

TIGER TALES

An explosion of screams erupted from the far side of the gym in the girls' fifth-hour gym class on Thursday, January 20. Mrs. Ryan, with half the class behind her, rushed to the scene of the disruption. There, eyes wide and mouths agape, they beheld Lee Bergwall clinging perplexedly to the end of a gym rope which was suspended from the ceiling through a basketball hoop . . .

Apparently, willowly Lee had been swinging too high on the rope, lost her grip temporarily in mid-air, and slid down the rope through the basket. Actually, however, the class was not completely surprised. They knew that Lee always comes through at the end.

League champions



AMHERST CENTRAL BASKETBALL TEAM

1st Row: S. Goldstein, S. Kaplan, Mgr., J. Schaefer, T. Johnson, M. McCready, Mgr., T. Gural.

2nd Row: J. Trankle, T. Murray, D. McGuire, D. Huber, G. Hess, J. Gesl, M. McKendry, R. Replogle, Bob Hettler, Coach Absent, J. Brown, C. Steinhart.



AMHERST CENTRAL SWIMMING TEAM

1st Row: S. Cunat, F. Janis, J. Corbett, D. Steffan, J. Hardy, R. Moore, J. May, D. Winters, L. Hardy, S. Seubert, Coach Bugenhagen.

2nd Row: J. Steinmetz, C. Ernst, D. Jung,

G. Rustay, C. Marchetta, S. Isaac, P. Cree, Mgr., Absent J. Zapfel, B. Caldwell, F. Holender, D. Wilcox.

Amherst finished undefeated in Division I with a 12-0 record; 17-0 overall.

Division I champions



AMHERST CENTRAL WRESTLING TEAM

- 1st. — K. Spurrier, R. Guarino, D. Etengoff, P. Leone, D. Rearic, C. Weber.
 2nd. — M. Muscato, K. Laumer, B. Heinith, B. Bugbee, F. Thomas, D. Pulford, B. Gamboa, L. Henry.
 3rd. — Coach Reed, J. Richards, R. Markello, D. Brody, T. Byron, J. Rubach, D. Helfrich, E. Narotsky, B. Bulleigh, L. Plumb, Coach Foster.

The Amherst wrestling team completed their best season since 1961 by posting 12 wins and 1 loss in dual meet competition in Division I.

Their only loss was a 22-20 thriller to Maryvale. However, the Flyers were beaten later in the season by Hamburg and Sweet Home, thus giving the Tigers sole possession of first place.

Some of the highlights of the season were wins over Hamburg, Frontier and Iroquois and non-league victories over

Pittsford of Rochester and Lake Shore, winner of Division II.

It was a real team effort in winning the championship because in some matches the lightweights were responsible for the win while in other meets, the heavier weight classes came through to carry the team.

The team also competed in two tournaments during the year. They finished 4th in the Niagara Wheatfield Christmas tourney and later finished runner-up in the Amherst town tournament.

The most valuable wrestler award went this year to captain Roy Guarino, an award voted each year by the team members.

The outstanding wrestler award was won by Pete Leone, who also proved to be the team's only section VI champion.

The team was led this season by co-captains Guarino with a 17-2 record, and Dave Rulford 11-5; other outstanding records were Don Rearic, 15-2, Ken Spurrier 17-2; Pete Leone 16-1; Dale Etengoff 12-9, and Burt Bugbee 10-6.

Amherst Icers, Neumann Score

Amherst and Neumann posted victories Monday night in the opening round of the High School Club Hockey League at Amherst Recreation.

John Hunt scored twice and Pete Johnston, Cliff Cotter and Tom Marsh had singles as Amherst beat Williamsville, 5-3. John Weisenborn had a pair for Williamsville.

Jim Busch scored twice and brother Bill added another in Neumann's 5-1 victory over Sweet Home. Tom Schratz and Joe Caruso also scored for Neumann and Terry Sykes collected the Sweet Home score.

MERMEN CRUSH OPPOSITION

The Amherst swimming team, unbeaten in three years of Division I competition, won their 9th and 10th meets last week defeating Orchard Park 75-20 and West Seneca 67-28.

Paced by Joe Steinmetz in the 100 and 200 yd. freestyle and Stu Isaac in the breaststroke, 200 yd. individual medley, the team has had little difficulty getting by their opposition, as Isaac and Steinmetz as well as Brian Caldwell, Cam Ernst, Rick Moore, John Zaepfel, and Jay Hardy have set school, pool, league, and personal records along the way.

Glory Days: Freeman makes big splash

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(professionally) down the road," McGuire said. "When my father was in high school, one of his best friends, Ken Fremming, was an awesome pitcher. But he hurt his shoulder playing football in the special services and he just couldn't throw anymore."

So McGuire never went back to the football field. But he was co-captain (with Hess) of the basketball team, which was unbeaten before losing to North Tonawanda — and 6-foot-7 Varick Cutler, who played at Maryland (and LaSalle College) — by two points in the sectionals.

"It took me a while to get over that one," said Bob Hettler, the former Amherst basketball coach. "We had scrimmaged them twice and beat them pretty bad. Cutler scored 33 points (and added 18 rebounds). He was the only guy among their starters who did a damn thing."

Hettler's hoop squads went 505-106 in his 33 years. He also won 329 games as a baseball coach. In 1993, he was elected to the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. He saw a lot of great athletes go through Amherst, and could make a case for several years as the best in school history.

Depth in the minor sports made '69-70 an extraordinary year at Amherst. The boys tennis, volleyball and swimming teams all won sectional titles. The girls' field hockey and basketball teams won the ECIC title, at a time when girls' high school sports were in their infancy.

The late Bea Massman, who was the first lady of Western New York racket sports, was the tennis coach. Massman is also in the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame.

There was no girls' swim team in 1970. But Patti Freeman, a freshman diver, made history by

becoming the first girl in Western New York to compete for a boys' high school sports team. Freeman broke the school record that year and finished second in the sectionals. She went on to a fine college diving career at Princeton and in national competitions.

Maureen "Mo" Curran became the first girl to compete on an Amherst boys tennis team.

But the best pure athlete in the school might have been Isaac, who was the first American high schooler ever to swim the 100-yard breaststroke in under one minute. He also shattered the national high school record in the 160-yard individual medley.

Isaac went on to star at Michigan, where he set Big Ten records and competed against such swim legends as Mark Spitz and Gary Hall. Bad knees and bronchitis kept him off the 1972 Olympic team, but he competed on numerous U.S. international squads.

At Amherst, he was also captain of the volleyball team and a top bowler. Isaac was a Yale national scholar with a 3.9 grade-point average out of 4.

"It was an exceptional group, not just athletically but academically," said Isaac, who lives in Ann Arbor, Mich. He is vice president of sales and marketing for Speedo, the world's largest swimwear manufacturer. His job brings him back home frequently for major swimming events in Buffalo.

"We were very fortunate in Amherst to have good programs all the way up," Isaac said. "We were playing on an organized basis when we were 8 years old. I think it taught us how to compete. Our strength was that the top athletes brought a lot of experience with them to high school. It allowed us to be leaders in our sports and elevated the players around us."

Thursday: Big year for a small town.



SOPHOMORE STAR Mike McGuire winds up against Lackawanna

McGuire Bats Mets To Victory in Opener

"Het's Mets" opened the 1968 baseball season in splendid style by trouncing Cleveland Hill 9 to 4 April 24. The majority of the scoring came in the 8-run second inning which saw Mike "Duke" McGuire clout a grand slam home run. Veteran Bill Ruof pitched a good game, the team played well in the field, and McGuire, whom Coach Robert Hettler has labelled "more than just a high school baseball player," hit another home run in contribution to the victory.

When the Tigers met Frontier, however, the team which Amherst had tied for the 1967 Championship before losing in the Sectionals, a comedy of errors and bad breaks turned the tables. McGuire, with his fielders playing poor supporting roles, could not halt his foes, and the promising young sophomore pitcher had to be relieved in the 6th inning by Junior Nick Farrell. By that time the team was behind 8 to 2 after holding an early lead. The cold Tiger bats could not be revived, and Frontier continued its onslaught to win 11 to 2.

The team that started the two contests consists of four sophomores, two juniors, and three seniors. The returning lettermen are Captain and shortstop Tim Frawley, catcher Paul Fiden, pitcher Bill Ruof, and the sophomore sensation, McGuire. The other first stringers are Richard Evans, Tom Murray, Bob Schneegold, Curt Steinhart and Jack Trankle. Ruof and McGuire will share the mound duties with Gary Andrews, Farrell and Frawley, the probable relievers.

It looks like a long, rough season for the "Mets," but despite the recent loss, they are by no means incapable of capturing the title again. Frontier and West Seneca, solid units as usual, are planted firmly in the way, but according to Coach Hettler, "Baseball is a funny game. In our league anything could happen."

Amherst places four

AMHERST BEE'S all area

Juniors Steinhart, Altheide on club

This year's ECIC all-star club is made up of four Amherst gridgers, three each from Sweet Home and Williamsville South and one from Williamsville North.

The Tiger quartet are Jim Aker fullback, Curt Steinhart end, Bob Heinith guard and Scott Davis tackle.

Aker (co-capt.) set four Amherst school records with 188 carries, 1005, 97 points and 16 touchdowns. Jim fell one point short of tying the ECIC scoring mark. Steinhart, a junior, was noted for his defense as a halfback, more than offensive end and should be great next year. Heinith and Davis were placed on the line and led their team in tackles.

ALTHEIDE TOP AVG.

Sweet Home's stars are junior

halfback Gary Altheide, tackle Ernie Constantino and end Ken Dehn.

Altheide gained 840 yards on 142 carries for a 5.9 avg. As a senior next season Gary should jump to the top in area scoring and ground gaining.

Constantino played middle guard on defense and Dehn at defensive end. On offense Dehn caught 13 passes for 288 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Williamsville South's trio are quarterback Tim Burns, halfback Mark Lesniowski and center Bob Fisher. Tim completed 10 of 48 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns. He also carried the ball 21 times for 125 yards, a 5.0 avg. Lesniowski just missed last year's squad, played in only 6½ games this season and still managed to gain 659 yards in 151 carries, a 4.3 avg. Fisher, a starter last season, nailed down the center slot. Bob, one of the better centers in Division II, also played interior guard on defense.

Rounding out the dream team is Williamsville North's Don Grafton who was selected at the guard position.



E — CURT STEINHART
Amherst

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1968 football team

Steinmetz, Isaac Crack League Marks As Stokers Dominate ECIC Section

Although the Amherst Mermen finished the year undefeated with a string of 29 consecutive match victories and a third straight title, the the season was not over. On February 20-22 the stokers invaded Cheektowaga High for the ECIC individual championships, and as expected, Amherst dominated the meet.

Capt. "Willie" Joe Steinmetz, who captured the meets "out-standing swimmer" award, won the 200-yd. freestyle in 1:52.8 and the 400 yd. freestyle in 4:07.8 which were league, division, and conference records. Other Tiger winners were Brian Caldwell, who caputred the 100 yd. butterfly crown in 57.9, and big Cameon (the Shiek) Ernest, who took the

100 breaststroke in 1:06 flat in place of Stu Isaac.

Isaac, a two-time All-American, was struck down by the Hong Kong flu and could not race in the finals but provided the meet's highlight Friday, February 21, before the attack. He bettered his own New York State Schoolboy 100 yd. breaststroke record with a phenomenal time of 1:00.4 in the qualifying heat. The time was just 1.2 seconds off the national record.

A fine performance was recorded by the medley relay team of Jay Hardy, Ernst, Caldwell, and John Zaepfel, who won in 1:46.1. Dennis Wilcox and Sophomore Star Rick Moore also won medals as Wilcox placed third in the diving competition and Moore, third in the 200 yd. Individual Medley.

The squad anticipated the Sectional Meet which was held February 27-28, as Niagara Frontier League powerhouses Kenmore East, Kenmore West, Tonawanda, and North Tonawanda provided the stokers with a real challenge.

Headed by the upset of the 200 Medley Relay, which nipped Kenmore West in 1:54.1, and Stu Isaac's victories in the Breaststroke and Individual Medley, the stokers successfully defended their Sectional Crown by edging North Tonawanda 203-195.

Friday, March 7, 1969

Crohn, Popper, Wakoff Look Towards Boston Marathon Run

If you have ever been up at six a.m., no doubt you have witnessed sixty-year-old men in sweatsuits keeping physically fit through the art of jogging. Several Cross-Countrymen at Amherst have taken up the sport and are now considering competing in the Boston Marathon.

The trotting trio consists of Tad Crohn, Bruce Popper, and Mike Wakoff.

"In the beginning," states Mike, "we were running mainly to stay in shape for the track season as well as improve our times in our events. Then we got the idea of running in the Marathon as our workouts stretched past the ten-mile mark."

Both Popper, the first student in Amherst history to successfully wear a beard or what he affectionately calls his "hairy growth," and Wakoff formed their "winter track team" after the Cross Country season ended and later added (Tadpole) Crohn to their ranks.

The trio likes to workout every day, running somewhere between ten and 15 miles a day. Recently, they ran out to a wrestling match at Lancaster and then back again.

"Tad's most amazing," claims Wakoff. "He just runs for the fun of it."

rangements made to be entered and getting up there."

Finishing the race does not appear to be a major concern because the boys successfully completed a round trip past French Road and Millersport via the Ellicott Creek, and sprinted the final three miles as is their custom at all workouts.

"I was so happy to finish that one that I went home and fell into a hot bath," told Mike.

With track shoes and sweatsuits the "winter track team" heads for the snowy backwoods of Boston.

Tigers Trounce Quakers, 70-37

By Mark McCready

DIV. I

Div. Ovrl.

AMHERST		2-0	2-0
Frontier		2-0	2-0
Orchard Park		1-1	1-1
Maryvale		1-1	1-1
Lancaster		1-1	1-1
Hamburg		1-1	1-1
SWEET HOME		0-1	0-1
West Seneca		0-1	1-1
Lackawanna		0-2	0-2

Runaways seem to go hand in hand when Amherst plays Orchard Park in basketball. Last year at Amherst, the Tigers rolled up a 22-2 first quarter lead as the subs saw action in the period. When the teams played at OP, Amherst shot 70% in the first half and went on to romp.

Nothing has changed so far this season to discourage the notion as the Tigers piled it on the Quakers, Friday, 70-37 keeping pace with Frontier in Division I, both with perfect 2-0 records.

John (Jake) Schaefer, made up for his showing at Sweet Home, tossing in 20 points and shoveled several nifty passes off for scores, while Mike (Duke) McGuire gunned home 18 and grabbed off 10 rebounds.

Amherst again opened with an explosive first period jumping off to a 21-2 advantage. At one point the Tigers led by 11-0 and late in the quarter by a 19-1 count. Schaefer's hot hand opened the flood gates, as the son of assistant coach Alan Schaefer swished 8 points and set up Gary Hess and McGuire for 6 and four respectively.

After that quarter, the only thing in doubt was how much the margin of victory would be. The fast-break began to roll in the second session as Tom Murray and Schaefer completed two beautiful passing plays for easy buckets. With Orchard Park in a full court press, they managed a few "cripples" on occasion for themselves and for Amherst, as both clubs flew up and down the court. The half ended 33-17.

The onslaught continued through the third and fourth periods as coach Robert Hettler substituted freely throughout the second half. The Tigers extended their hot shooting streak to two games as they shot 43.7% for the game and have a two game cumulative average of 41.3% which is good considering it is early in the season.

JV'S WIN

boys) and numerous turnovers, the Amherst Junior Varsity triumphed over the OP JV 53-28.

The first half, the funniest seen here in years, was marked by both team's inability to complete a pass or make two consecutive dribbles without committing some kind of violation. To compliment the high scoring half, which ended 17-17, the officials added to the humor by not only stopping play for the wrong offense, but consistently miscalling which team had possession on out-of-bounds plays.

After receiving a verbal beating from coach Schaefer, which frightened both JV managers from the locker room, the team came back and played a good second half.

GRAPPLERS TAKE TWO STRAIGHT

With the lightweight classes rolling up insurmountable leads, the Amherst wrestling team has taken both of its early season matches, defeating Sweet Home 27-19 and Orchard Park 39-17.

The first five bantams, which were labeled by coach Norm Foster the "Mighty Five," won 85% of their matches last year, and this winter appear almost as strong. The loss of two through graduation might slow them down in the early going but not enough to hurt the team.

The big question lies in the success of the heavyweights. Although the majority of them were juniors last season, it is hoped they gained experience through last year's defeats. The middleweight categories appear to be in fairly good hands.

SWIMMERS READY

Ken Bugenhagen again looks like he has the team to hold on to the Section VI title he won last year.

Co-capt. Jay Hardy and Joe Steinmetz plus breaststroker and individual medley champ Stu Issac will be the principal point grabbers. The team was not really hurt by graduation so most of the squad has experience in league and Sectional competition.

Undefeated in league action last year, the mermen suffered their only setback at the hands of strong Pittsford of Rochester. They will get a chance for revenge when Pittsford comes to town on Dec. 28 for a non-league meet.

Paced by Paul Schaefer's 23 points (another of Mr. Schaefer's

As the Panthers found their shooting eyes, the Tigers found themselves in deep foul trouble with Hess and Schaefer on the bench after picking up their fourth and Murray playing cautiously with three. Between quarters, coach Robert Hettler reached into his deep bench, inserting Mike McKendry and Goldstein in the line-up and any fear of blowing the game subsided in the next three minutes.

McKENDRY CONNECTS

After missing his first shot, McKendry pumped in four straight including one which he horsed in with three defenders on him. Hess replaced Johnson and clicked for three while Murray and Goldstein each kicked home a pair, giving the Tigers a comfortable 20-point cushion once more. Then the "Pine Brothers" (alias reserves) entered, with the game securely placed in the Amherst win column.

Three players besides Hess hit double figures — Murray scored 12, Johnson 11 and he split 16 rebounds (8 offensive and 8 defensive), and McKendry 11. Although Duke McGuire scored only 6 points, his constant hustle resulted in nine rebounds and at least five jump balls, as the six-foot former guard shared bounds with Sweet Home players. John Penley and Doug DeLuca each netted 18 for the losers.

The game, which was never in doubt, saw Amherst grab an 18-6 first quarter edge and stretch it to 22-8 before the Panthers switched from a zone to a man-to-man. The sudden change stunned Amherst bringing Sweet Home to within 22-14 on baskets by Reding and Penley

before Schaefer went on a one man tear. Hitting five straight jumpers, two from close range, the Tigers regained their momentum and led by twenty, 39-19 at halftime on a 25 foot banker from the corner by McGuire at the buzzer.

Sweet Home roared back early in the third period with a 14-2 rip cutting the lead to 41-33, as Doug DeLuca, Vines, and Larry Zee did most of the hooping, but ran out of gas and Amherst pulled away for good.

Hamburg 54, Amherst 49

Helped by a 28% shooting night, ten turnovers by John Schaefer and his eventual fouling out, and a generally poorly played game, Ed Atwill and Co. ended Amherst's bid for an undefeated season at eight games.

"We got in a rut and nobody realized how deep it was," explained coach Robert Hettler after the game.



BILLIES' LEADING SCORER

Junior John Chalmers (25) drives for basket, but is fouled by sophomore Duke McGuire.

Gary Hess meshes 22 in Amherst victory

By Mark McCreedy

Gary Hess's 22 points, Tim Johnson's rebounding, Mike McKendry's fourth quarter antics and Duke McGuire's all around hustle were too much as Amherst outfought Sweet Home 71-55, in the season lid-lifter, Friday night.

Hess, a 6-4 junior, making his varsity debut, meshed seven of eight first half shots to crack the game wide-open and pace the Tigers to their first victory of the campaign before an overflow crowd at Sweet Home.

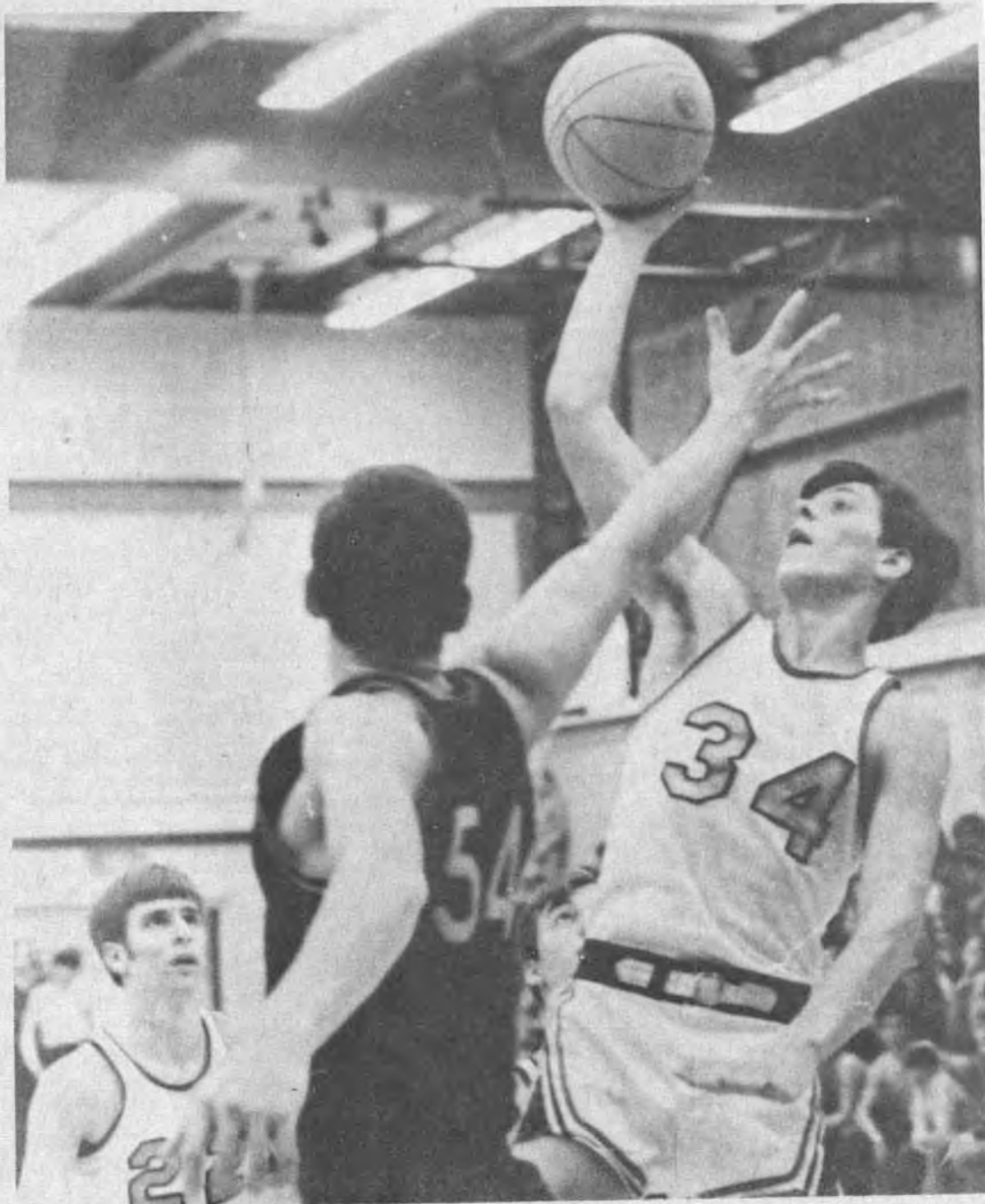
While Hess was enjoying the opening night, John (Jake) Schaefer wasn't, as he ran into early foul trouble in the first quarter which forced him to miss half the game and limited the former Neumann standout to only three points.

TIGERS LEAD AT QUARTER

Amherst jumped off to a quick 22-9 first quarter edge as Hess, Tom Murray and McGuire paced the team that shot 50% for the quarter. Both sides could only manage one shot at the basket in that period, but the Tigers were able to get easier shots than the Panthers.

In the second period, Amherst began hitting the offensive boards with Tim Johnson leading the charge. By then Schaefer had departed to the bench with three personals and Dick Goldstein came in to replace him. With Schaefer out, Amherst lost some of its play-making ability, leaving it all up to slick-passing Murray who was closely guarded. Consequently, the scoring dropped off as only Hess stayed hot, scoring seven of Amherst's 14 points. The half ended 36-18, Amherst.

In the third quarter, Sweet Home began to make a game of it as John Penley and Doug DeLuca started to connect. The cause was helped as the Tigers shot a cool 3 for 18 from the floor or 16%. Their 42-22 lead was chopped to eleven late in the period and held steady at 48-35 at its conclusion.



BATTLE FOR REBOUND

Panther's Ken Reding (34) grabs ball from the outstretched arms of Amherst's Tim Johnson (54).

Panthers, Tigers succumb in upsets

Frontier 19 — Amherst 12

By Mark McCready

An inspired Frontier football team, an over-confident Amherst squad, plus cold miserable weather added up to a humiliating 19-12 upset at the hands of the previously winless Falcons.

Amherst, coming into the game with a 2-0 overall record and a win in divisional competition, looked as cold as the weather, as they expected to fatten up on Frontier, which dropped both of its Division I starts.

However, the fired-up Falcons were ready, and made the big plays when they counted most, including an interception to stop a last ditch effort to pull out a tie.

The Tigers started the drive on their 15, with six minutes remaining. A pass interference penalty against Frontier prevented a sure touchdown as Bob Schneegold was pulling away from his defender at the 30.

Quarterback Tom Murray then completed a series of short passes to Schneegold and Jim (Ace) Aker moved the ball to the Frontier 32 with a minute and a half to go. On fourth

down, Murray threw deep, but it was too far for the intended receiver and Frontier intercepted.

Trailing 6-0 midway through the second quarter, Schneegold blocked a punt at the two and Aker took it in for the score two plays later. On the ensuing kick-off, Bob Cooper ran 77 yards to grab the lead again 12-6.

The Tigers tied the score shortly after the start of the second half. With the ball on their own 45, Aker broke free for a 38-yd gain, followed by a 16-yd dash by soph Bob Jerge taking the ball to the one. Aker vaulted the pile at the goal line and it was a new game.

From then on the Falcons ground out the yardage. Cooper and Kevin O'Brien when not sweeping around end for fine gains, ran up the middle as the defense could not stop the Frontier running attack. O'Brien finally scored the touchdown and extra point for the final winning margin.

Amherst had a chance early in fourth quarter when Eric Schmidt recovered a fumbled punt on the Frontier 30. Curt Steinhart, last week's hero, fumbled it away on first down as the Falcons refused to quit.



CURT STEINHART

Tiger's Defensive back returns one of seven punts during 19-12 loss to Frontier. Guard Gary Arnold (73) attempts block on opponent.



TOM MURRAY

Dejected quarterback walks off field after game.

Tip W. Seneca

Amherst cagers win in hard-fought game

John (Jake) Schaefer's two free throws with 18 seconds remaining clinched a 49-45 exciting, hard-fought, but poorly played victory for Amherst.

Gary Hess had put the Tigers ahead for good with 50 seconds left on a reverse lay-up, after faking out three defenders. The Indians had a chance to tie with 33 seconds showing, but Jeff Vastola missed both shots of a two shot foul and Amherst rebounded to put the game away.

Although the Tigers' shooting eyes were off, they made up for it with alert, aggressive defense causing West Seneca into numerous turnovers, especially in the wild second half. When West Seneca shot, they took at least two, as the ball bounced into their hands or they got position underneath. A comparatively small squad, West Seneca acted like jumping-beans around the hoop.

Neither team controlled the

contest, but Amherst would open six or eight leads only to see them vanish, as the Indians never gave up.

The game opened with the Tigers grabbing a 13-5 advantage with Duke McGuire and Schaefer collecting most of the points. A cold spell set in which saw West Seneca take the lead 15-13 in the second quarter, after trailing 13-11 at the end of one.

Amherst continued to play its worst quarter of the year, taking pot shots from way out and consistently being beat out on the boards. Despite their poor play, the Indians' even poorer shooting kept the game close, 22-21 for W.S. at the half.

Momentum changed hands several times in the second half. Amherst went on a tear at the outset of the third quarter, scoring eleven points while the Indians connected for two. The fastbreak triggered the outburst as Tom Murray and Schaefer combined for two after robbing the ball.

Then Gary Hess, who was shutout in the first half, came alive hitting three straight jumpers from the corner giving Amherst its biggest lead 32-24, midway through the quarter. West Seneca got hot meshing ten, coming to within one at the conclusion of the third, 35-34.

Two quick baskets by McGuire and Schaefer gave the Tigers a 39-35 edge, only to see it fade into a 41-all tie with three minutes left. About the only thing that was keeping West Seneca alive was its free throw

shooting and the aim of Mike Moran's 20-footers. Amherst took the lead again as Tim Johnson canned a 10-footer and Murray swished two foul shots.

John Schaefer took the game's scoring honors with 20 points, 13 of which came in the second half, while Duke McGuire chipped in ten and 13 rebounds, as Amherst shot 32.7% or 20 for 61.

SCALPS LANCASTER

In a tune-up for the West Seneca encounter, Amherst shot a bristling 57.7% from the floor to hand Lancaster a 70-50 setback.

Never trailing, the Tigers outscored the Redskins by an identical 35-25 margin in each half. Duke McGuire cracked the 20 point barrier for the first time in his varsity career hittin 81% of his shots and nabbing 21 points. John Schaefer also had 21.

JV'S DROP PAIR

Coach Alan Schaefer's junior varsity squad lost two last week, losing 52-43 to Lancaster and 64-42 to West Seneca.

In the Lancaster game, a bad first quarter sealed the defeat, as the baby-tigers won the next three quarters, but the effort was not enough. Dave Trankle and John McQuiston each netted 12.

The W.S. engagement was a rout from the start, as the taller Indians limited the JV's to one shot every time on offense and batted home rebounds when they had the ball. Paul Schaefer paced Amherst with 12.

Neumann wins 16th straight, Panthers upset Amherst, 4-3



Panther's Greg Marshall (27) nets winning goal in final 18 seconds of game. Flat on his back is Amherst's Goalie Butch Davies.

SOCCER

Paced by Tom Enright's four goals (one short of the school record) the Amherst soccer team trounced Frontier 5-1 Friday, to run their season record 7-1. Enright, who has 16 goals thus far in eight games has an excellent opportunity to break the school mark of 28 set by Gerry Saltarelli in 1965.

The only loss sustained by the booters this year was to undefeated Hamburg 4-2. Exchange student Hugo Faul did the damage scoring two goals and setting up another with his dazzling footwork.

Defensively the story has been goaltender Mike (Duke) McGuire, who is playing organized soccer for the first time this season. So far he has allowed only nine goals in the eight games. McGuire refuses to take all the credit stating that the defense has helped him greatly.

RESERVE FORWARD LEADS AMHERST SOCCER VICTORY

His teammates shouted, "Let Freddie kick it," but reserve forward Fred Rosenberg had to be content with his career-high of two goals as Amherst defeated visiting Sweet Home, 7-0, in Erie County Interscholastic Conference Division I soccer Monday.

Rosenberg's chance for a hat trick came late in the game, when the Tigers were awarded a penalty kick. His shot was stopped. Bill Gamboa had two goals, Tom Enright, Joe Steinmetz and Yusuf Shiekdon one each while three goalies combined for the shutout.

Remain unbeaten

Amherst whips Billies 72-52; invade Frontier Friday

Schaefer, Hess score 19 apiece

By Mark McCready

In previous years, Amherst-Williamsville basketball games were the source of much school spirit at Amherst. Orange and Black days, decorated hallways of orange and black crepe-paper, banners, and slogans advocating an Amherst victory, plus the player's names covering the locker room walls set the stage for the big game.

Somehow, now that Williamsville has divided into two schools, and gaining a new arch-rival, as well as a different divisional rating, the game does not seem the same. Although it still means a lot to the players, the rivalry appears to be developing into just another game.

Friday's contest was no exception as both teams played tenaciously with the Tigers landing on top, 72-52. At the outset, the affair looked to be shaping up to a battle, as Williamsville was leading 9-8 midway through the opening quarter, when Amherst broke the game wide open with a 17-4 tear.

The rip, which spanned two quarters, was lead by a tough Tiger defense. Four quick steals by Jake Schaefer and Tom Murray resulted in four fast breaks, which netted eight points and a 16-9 first period lead.

Continuing into the next frame, the Tigers moved ahead 20-9 before John Chalmers meshed a long jumper. Follow up shots by Gary Hess, and Tim Johnson, and Schaefer's technical toss, upped the count to 25-11, where the teams traded buckets until halftime with the score 33-18.

The second half soon developed into a shooting match as the teams loosened up. Schaefer and Duke McGuire started it off canning three and two baskets respectively, while Chalmers and Tim Burns were hooping for the Billies. Despite the improved marksmanship, the Billies were unable to close the gap. With time running out in the game, the only question left unsettled was whether Amherst could notch its fourth 70 point game in five outings. Tom Gural answered it with 18 seconds to go when his soft 13-footer touched nothing but cotton as it fell through the cylinder.

The Tigers finished the game with a 44.6% (29 for 65) from the field as they shot 50% in the second half. High for Amherst were Hess and Schaefer with 19 apiece, McGuire 11, and Murray

with 10. Game honors went to Chalmers who netted 20, slightly below his 25 point average.

Next Friday, Amherst journeys to Frontier where the only two undefeated teams in Division I will battle for undisputed possession of first place.

TIGER JV'S WIN

In the preliminary game, the Amherst J.V. completed the doubleheader sweep downing Williamsville 48-37. Dave Trankle had 11 points for Amherst while Don McQuistor got 10 and 16 rebounds.



TIGERS - BILLIES BATTLE FOR BALL

John Chalmers (13), Tim Sweeney (23)....hands on ball is Duke McGuire....in foreground is Gary Hess.

Wrestlers grab first spot; 'Het' wins 375th

By Mark McCready

DIV. I

	Div.	Ovrl.
AMHERST	10-1	11-1
Frontier	8-2	9-3
West Seneca	7-3	9-3
Maryvale	7-4	8-5
Hamburg	5-6	6-6
Lackawanna	4-7	5-8
SWEET HOME	3-7	4-8
Lancaster	2-9	3-9
Orchard Park	2-9	2-10

DIV. II

	Div.	Ovrl.
Clarence	9-1	9-3
Springville	9-3	10-3
Cleveland Hill	7-4	8-4
WMS. S.	6-5	6-6
East Aurora	6-5	6-6
WMS. N.	4-6	4-8
Grand Island	4-7	6-7
Lake Shore	3-8	3-9
Iroquois	1-10	1-11

Despite two victories which lengthened the basketball team's lead to a game and a half, the spotlight falls upon the Amherst wrestling squad.

Supported by more than 700 fans, the largest in Amherst wrestling history, the grapplers gained sole possession of first place by defeating Iroquois, a powerhouse in area wrestling circles.

Entering the match, the Tigers had been tied for first with Maryvale and Hamburg, but the team received news before the

meet that the Flyers had lost to Sweet Home thus adding to an already psyched group of athletes.

"We'll be either too high or just high enough," noted assistant coach Richard (Breezy) Reed before the match.

As it turned out, the grapplers were "just high enough" as the first seven weight classes were all victorious sealing the win with the meet only half over, 27-19. Don Rearic started it by pinning his man in 43 seconds. Ken Spurrier followed with a decision along with Roy Guarino, Kevin, Laumer, and Mike Muscato, while Pete Leone and Dale Etengoff pinned their opponents.

"I've never seen guys work harder and sacrifice more than these guys," claimed coach Reed.

Meanwhile, coach Norm Foster, who fashioned a 126 match winning streak while coaching at Iroquois has mixed emotions about the win.

"I wanted to beat them, yet I was sorry to see them lose," said Mr. Foster, whose team now has virtually clinched first place with two league match to go, both of which are against the tailenders.

"HET" WINS 375TH

Last week, the cagers had a comparatively easy time of it as they played Orchard Park and Lancaster, who are currently tied for last place in Division I.

Friday against Lancaster, the Tigers got off to a running start as they opened a 12-0 lead in the 1st quarter and coasted to a 68-40 triumph, presenting coach

Robert Hettler with his 275th career victory. At the outset, it looked as though the Tigers might crack the century barrier with a 21 point first quarter, but cooler shooting prevailed (35%) and the Tigers had to settle for 68.

Duke McGuire led the way with 20 and 16 rebounds, while John Schaefer netted 19 and Gary Hess 10 and also 16 bounds. The Pine Brothers entered with four minutes left in the game but were unable to give the team their seventh 70 point effort.

CAGERS WHIP OP, 70-51

In Orchard Park Tuesday, the much smaller Quakers kept pace with Amherst for a period, but the height advantage was too much as the team won 70-51.

Tim Johnson achieved his career high with 17 points as Gary Hess netted 16, and Duke McGuire 15.

After Friday's game with non-league Williamsville, the team will begin to play the toughest part of its schedule, meeting second place Frontier and third place Maryvale on successive Tuesdays and always tough Lackawanna and Hamburg on following Fridays before the season ends.

'We're number one' chant the Amherst Cage fans

By Mark McCready

Urged on by chants of "We're number one," from the fans, and "Pine is fine" by their teammates, the Amherst basketball team notched their fifth straight division I victory and sixth overall with a 59-46 win over Frontier.

By losing, Frontier dropped to third place, 1½ games back of Amherst.

Gary Hess led the Tigers again by sinking 20 points, 14 of which came in the second half, and grabbing 20 rebounds. John Schaefer scored 12 of his 15 points in the opening half of action, as Amherst shot 39.7%, 25-63, from the floor.

Amherst never trailed in the contest, jumping off to an early 9-6 lead on a beautiful reverse lay-up by Schaefer giving them their smallest margin of the game and stretched it to 14-9 at the quarter. The hotheaded Schaefer then tore the Frontier zone apart hitting four jumpers from 20 feet out giving Amherst a 24-15 edge with Tom Murray's 15 footer. From that point, Frontier closed the gap to 26-21 at halftime.

The third stanza was all

Amherst as they outscored the Falcons 19-9, Duke McGuire collecting 8 of his 13 points in the period. With Hess and McGuire controlling the defensive and offensive boards respectively, the Tigers raced to a 41-28 lead when Frontier threw on the press with less than a minute to play.

The element of surprise got Frontier a basket immediately, but the Tigers cracked it the following two times, as Hess was all alone underneath to collect the cripples. At the rest between periods, the partisan Tiger crowd gave the team a standing ovation.

In the final quarter, Amherst led by as much as 18, 54-36, as the press was generally ineffective. Hess and Tim Johnson were on the receiving end of the press-breaking passes for easy baskets. Late in the game, McGuire bruised his hip while driving for the basket between two players. One cut his legs out from him as Duke hooked in an 8 footer, then all three hit the deck, with McGuire on the bottom.

J.V. WIN 33-28

In the preliminary game, the baby Tigers evened their record at 3-3 by dealing the Falcon JV a 33-28 defeat. Paul Schaefer led the way for Amherst netting 10, in a defensive battle dominated by 6-6 Don McQuiston's seven blocked shots.

WRESTLERS GRAB 6TH WIN

Psyched to the emotional peak by this writer's failure to include the grapplers in last week's article, the wrestlers recorded a 27-19 triumph over Frontier extending their winning streak to six matches without defeat.

A decision by Frank Thomas and a pin by Bert Bugbee broke a 19 all tie, after Dave Pulford had pinned his opponent

bringing the grapplers back from a 19-14 pit.

Ken Spurrier, Don Rearick, Pete Leone, Roy Guarino, and Kevin Laumer had provided the Tigers with a commanding lead, but the unpredictable middleweights could not hold it.

Golfers Pummel Falcons, End Jinx

Despite two consecutive division I titles, it can be said that the Amherst Golf Team has been playing under the "Frontier Jinx." Both years the linksters had a chance at a perfect season only to have their hopes dashed by the then powerful Frontier Falcons.

"We should go undefeated this year," states the ever-conservative Bob Lindemann. "This is definitely one of the strongest line-ups we've had in years."

The golfers got their chance for revenge September 19 and took full advantage of it, by walloping Frontier 17-1 at Audubon golf course.

Thus far this season the golf team has waltzed through their schedule posting a 3-0 record, with their toughest match being 13½-4½ against Orchard Park.

The best word to describe it is "balance." Three seniors, a junior, and two sophomores, the starting six, combine youth and experience in both league and individual competition.

Seniors Lindeman and Jim Gallery, who got the All-League nod last year, are starting their third year while Chris Coovert and Nels



FLOWER POWER: Golf team poses before its match against Frontier. Bottom left, Nels Nicholin, Russ Hanny, Kim Hackspacker. Top left, Chris Coovert, Jim Gallery, Bob Lindemann.

Nicholin will be returning for their second. Gallery and Lindemann won Junior Club Championships; Coovert was flight runner-up in the Junior District tourney.

Filling the remaining spots are sophs stars Kim Hackspacker (Boys' District Champ and Boys' Runner-up in state) and Russ Hanny.

Stu Isaac Bowls High 641 Series

Stu Isaac's 641 in the North League and Darrell Miller's 611 in the South circuit paced Sunday's bowling in the Pepsi Junior Traveling League.

Isaac had games of 222 and 216 in his big set at Transit Lanes. Kerm Burley and Mike Kieta each rolled 214-586, Bill Truman had a 211-583 set and Randy Law rolled a 230 single.

Miller's high game was 206. Other good scores in the Bowl-Inn portion of the schedule were Bob Metzger 203-576, Bob Krajnik 202-570 and John Nawojski 235.

Kathy Coburn paced the Crush League at Corpus Christi Lanes with a 183-522 series. Pam Wilczynski rolled 189-500 and Maricia Barnard had a 219 single.

AMHERST GUNNERS POST 9TH VICTORY

Keith Price's 272 of a possible 300 in prone, kneeling and standing positions Thursday paced the undefeated Amherst Central High School .22-caliber rifle team to its ninth victory at Tonawanda High. It was a non-league match.

Tonawanda is won-2, lost-3 while Amherst is tied for the lead 5-0 in the Erie County Interscholastic Conference. Other top scorers:

AMHERST—Bruce Upton and John Kress, 265; John Kohn, 262; Wayne Busch, 254. TONAWANDA—Stu Grainik, 268; Don Mileham, 255.

Scouts play Mexican holi day

