

Stu Isaac Sets Two Records in Sectional Swim

Stu Isaac, starting to reach top performance once again, set a Section VI Class AAA swim record and State record on winning two events in the State University College at Buffalo pool Friday evening.

Led by Isaac, Amherst Central joins the contenders for today's top honors, along with North Tonawanda and Kenmore West. Kenmore West has 35 points, Kenmore East 34, Amherst 26, Orchard Park 23½, Tonawanda 19, Hamburg 18½, North Tonawanda 17, LaSalle 16½, Jamestown 15½, Lockport 14, West Seneca 10 and Niagara Falls 2.

An upset occurred in the 100-yard freestyle trials, as West's Bob Kissinger led all the way over Ken Tubbs of North Tonawanda and defending-champion Gene Krathaus of West Seneca. The summary:

50-YARD FREESTYLE—Gene Krathaus (W. Seneca), Ken Tubbs (N. Tonawanda), Art Cady (NT), L. Hardy (Amherst), Dave Hosmer (Tonawanda), Dave Lindeman (Kenmore East), time, 22.6 seconds.

100-FREE—Bob Kissinger (Kenmore West), Tubbs, Krathaus, Mike Beach (Niagara Falls), G. Sackerson (Orchard Park), Ron Johnson (Jamestown), :50.8.

200-FREE—Joe Steinmetz (A), Tom Turner (NT), Greg Spradling (LaSalle), D. Warren (KW), Rick McDonald (T), Mike Burngasser (T), 1:54.7.

100-BACKSTROKE—Bob Glass (WS), Jay Hardy (A), Gary Kenline (KW), J. McAllister (LaS), B. Curtis (LaS), Blase Caruana (KE), 1:00.9.

100-BUTTERFLY—Rick Swift (KW), Mike Niemiec (NT), Brian Caldwell (A), Spradling, Warren, J. Lewis (Niagara Falls), :57.6.

100-YARD BREASTROKE—Stu Isaac (A), Doug Slater (T), Cam Ernst (A), Bob Buchwald (T), Jay Swanson (OP), Dennis Hurd (NT), :1:01.3. (Section VI, A.A.A. record).

200-INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—Isaac, Pete LeValley (KW), Rick Moore (A), Caruana, Slater, Bob Belczak (NT), 2:05.5 (state record).

DIVING—Pete Millen (KW), Mike Toth (NT), Harry Jackson (Lockport), Walt Proch (NT), Tom Burger (T), Stu Adams (Lock).

200-MEDLEY RELAY—Kenmore West, Amherst and N. Tonawanda, Kenmore East, Orchard Park, W. Seneca, 1:45.

400-FREE RELAY—Tonawanda, Kenmore West, Amherst, Jamestown, N. Tonawanda, Niagara Falls, 3:36.2.

Harriers Better Than Last Year, But League Quality Improves

At the outset of this sports season, a quick glance at the Cross Country Team's roster revealed that this year would be a building period for next. The strength of the club depends mainly on the success of juniors Brian Caldwell and Mike Wakoff and the hope that a star would emerge from an unheralded group of juniors, sophomores, or maybe even a freshman.

Now, a check slightly more than a month later show behind the 3-4 mark, an improvement over last year's third place club.

In regard to the poorer record but the better team, Coach James Beane states, "The team is definitely stronger, but the quality

of the league has improved tremendously. West Seneca is so powerful that five Caldwells could not beat them."

Both Caldwell and Wakoff have beaten the times of last year's stars Ted Batt and Glenn Munson, who were generally considered the class of the league with times of 11:13 and 11:24, respectively.

The team has now found strength in the important third, fourth, and fifth positions which Mark Stengel, Jim (Scooter) Eaton, and Captain Bruce Popper hold down.

"With the sectionals and other invitational meets ahead, this year's harriers might wind up the season on a successful note."

Hamburg Places 6 Players

Hamburg Central's soccer team, rated one of the finest ever produced in Western New York, gave every indication of being just that by dominating The Buffalo Evening News Erie County Interscholastic Confer-

ence Division I All-Star selections.

The Bulldogs, under two coaches during an undefeated season, placed six players on the 11-man first team. Gerry Gentner coached the team for

half the season, with Jim Henneberg taking over when Gentner was drafted into military service.

Both fullbacks belonged to Hamburg—Bill Webster and Jim Gilmour. Hamburg also placed center-halfback Rick Bley and



Duke McGuire
Amherst

Soccer All-Stars

G—Duke McGuire Amherst
 FB—Bill Webster Hamburg
 FB—Jim Gilmour Hamburg
 CHB—Rick Bley Hamburg
 HB—Jim Bates Hamburg
 HB—Doug White West Seneca
 Line—Ed Atwill Hamburg
 Line—Tom Enright Amherst
 Line—Hugo Faul Hamburg
 Line—Paul Hesse West Seneca
 Line—Mahmet Sahinoglu Orchard Park
 SECOND TEAM: Goal—Jim McRoberts, Hamburg; fullbacks—Mark Harty and Ron Ungerer, Amherst; center halfback—Joe Steinmetz, Amherst; halfbacks—Doug Hansen, Hamburg and Norm Kiesling, Maryvale; line—John Dola, Lancaster; Armando Sanchez, Sweet Home; Larry Schaeffer, Hamburg; Bill Gamboa and Jerry Yin, Amherst.

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on Division I Soccer Team

halfback Jim Bates, with West Seneca's Doug White also breaking into the defensive backfield at halfback.

The line was headed by Hamburg's Ed Atwill, the Bulldogs' leading scorer with 20 goals, the only repeater on the Division

I team. Hamburg also placed Hugo Faul on the line, an exchange-student from Germany and one of the finest individual players ever to appear in Western New York.

Tom Enright of Amherst with

28 goals in ECIC competition; Mahmet Sahinoglu of Orchard Park, 27 goals, and Paul Hesse of West Seneca, 14 goals, rounded out the line. Amherst also added junior goalie Duke McGuire.

Hamburg Surprises Amherst, 54 to 49

By JIM BAKER

Scratch Amherst from the ranks of Western New York's undefeated high school basketball teams.

Hamburg, the Tigers' jinx opponent through the last three years, handled the ECIC Division I pace setters with a man-for-man defense Tuesday night and posted the conference campaign's top upset, 54-49, on the Hamburg court.

Ed Atwill, the ECIC scoring leader who has been the target of a box-and-one most of the season, cracked a 2-3 zone, scored 24 points and had nine assists to lead the Bulldogs back to the .500 level at 4-4.

Lead Cut to Game

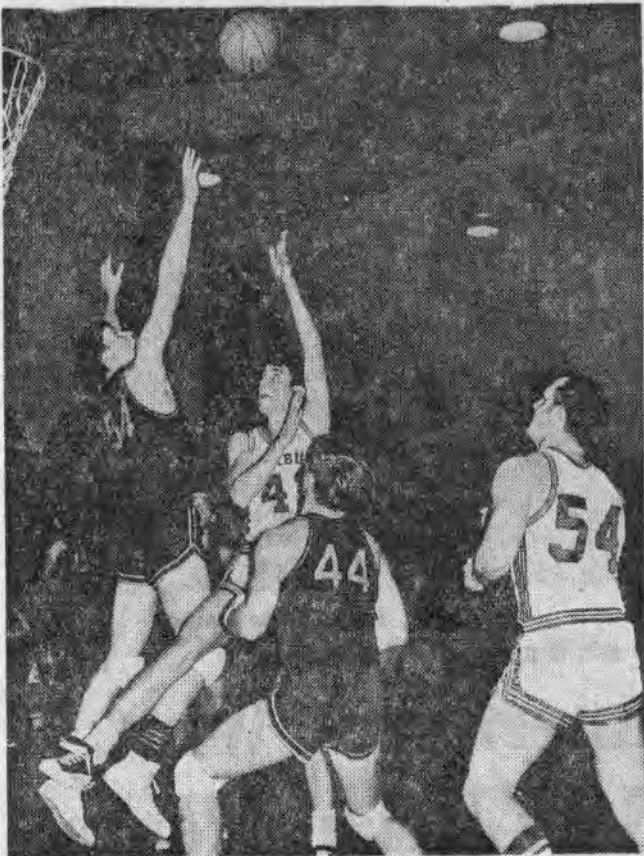
The outcome dropped Bob Hettler's squad to 7-1 and cut its lead over idle Maryvale and Frontier to one game. This round of games completed the first half of the regular season.

Hamburg led throughout and by as many as 11 in both the first and last quarters. It was 24-17 at half-time and 34-26 after three periods. Amherst was held to just eight field goals through the first three stanzas.

Bulldog coach Jim Henneburg credited Kevin Sullivan with "a tremendous defensive job" on John Schaefer, who scored seven points, about 10 under his average. Sullivan forced Amherst into six offensive fouls, four on Schaefer, who fouled out midway through the last quarter.

Fourth in Five Games

Hamburg has had Amherst's "number" for three seasons, beating the Tigers in four of their last five meetings. This was quite a turnabout for the Bulldogs, who had dropped their last two. Mickey Fleming and Rick Bley paced Hamburg in rebounding against much taller foes. Jim Cleary scored 10 points for the winners while Gary Hess, 14, and Tim Johnson, 12, led Amherst.



Gary Hess Ed Atwill Duke McGuire Mickey Fleming

Hamburg's Atwill flips in left-handed hook

Tigers' Cage Clincher Marks 378th Victory Under Coach Hettler

Bob Hettler of Amherst, Western New York's most successful scholastic basketball coach, clinched at least a tie for his 18th Erie County Conference Division I championship Tuesday with an 82-41 victory over visiting Frontier.

It was the 378th victory against 73 losses for Hettler's teams in 23 seasons. The Tigers received honorable mention in this week's State Scholastic Writers' Association rankings and are trying to break into the top 10.

Ahead by 15 points at half-time, Amherst outscored the Falcons, 22-5, in the third period. Amherst shot 49 per cent from the field to 29 per cent for Frontier.

McGuire Has 19 Points, 19 Rebounds for Tigers

Duke McGuire had one of his top games with 19 points and as many rebounds. Despite the lopsided score, Frontier was the Tigers' closest rival. Now the Falcons are three games behind with three remaining.

West Seneca is tied with Frontier for second place and the last two playoff births following a 63-43 victory over visiting Lancaster.

AMHERST (82)				(41) FRONTIER			
	Fg	Ft	T		Fg	Ft	T
Hess	6	3	15	Dietz	6	2	14
McGuire	9	1	19	Hope	3	1	7
Johnson	3	2	8	Granger	1	0	2
Murray	4	3	11	Cooper	1	0	2
Schaefer	8	1	17	Truskowski	2	0	4
Gesi	0	2	2	Belscher	2	1	3
Huber	2	0	4	Pemberton	1	1	3
Gural	1	0	2	Just	0	1	1
Goldstein	1	0	2	Keney	1	1	3
Brown	1	0	2				
Totals	35	12	82	Totals	17	7	41
JV: Amherst 53, Frontier 46.							

Amherst Extends Streak in Golf To 12 Victories

ERIC FINAL STANDINGS									
Division I									
	W	L		W	L		W	L	
Amherst	8	0	Lancaster	1	7				
Frontier	5	3	Maryvale	1	7				
West Seneca	5	3							
Division II									
	W	L	T		W	L	T		
Sweet Home	7	1	0	Wmsvl North	1	6	1		
Orchard Pk.	6	2	0	Lackawanna	0	7	1		
Clarence	5	3	0						
Division III									
	W	L	T		W	L	T		
Wmsvl South	7	1	0	Iroquois	2	5	1		
East Aurora	6	1	1	Cle'land Hill	0	8	0		
Lake Shore	4	4	0						
(Division IV)									
	W	L			W	L			
Springville	5	1		Eden	3	3			
Grand Island	4	2		Depeu	0	6			

Chris Coovert, Amherst's No. 1 golfer for the past 2 weeks, was medalist with a two-over-par 49 for 12 holes at Park Club Monday leading the Tigers to two Erie County Interscholastic Conference Division I victories and their 12th straight over a 2-year span.

Coovert took over top honors when Jim Gallery injured his left arm in gym class. He's been medalist ever since, leading the Tigers Monday to a 14-4 victory over West Seneca and a 14½-3½ decision over Maryvale. Amherst repeated as Division I champion.

Sweet Home repeated in Division II, retiring the trophy with three straight conference championships following a 14-4 decision over Clarence at Brookfield. Larry Zee was medalist with a three-over 50, while Dave Akins was a stroke off the pace. Zee and Akins defeated Clardale and Mike Hub.

Paul Porter, an eighth-grader playing No. 6 on the East Aurora varsity, tied Mike Tracy for medal honors with 60 at Transit Valley, as the Blue Devils closed their season with a 16½-1½ victory over Cleveland Hill. Porter's father was a former pro at East Aurora Country Club.

In 1969-70, **Amherst** won championships,
set records and made history

TIGER TALES



Duke McGuire, left, was a three-sport star while swimmer Stu Isaac, bottom, held a national record. Tennis coach Bea Massman and basketball coach Bob Hettler were on their way to the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame.

By **JERRY SULLIVAN**
News Sports Reporter

(This is the first of 12 stories on the top high school athletic classes of the past 50 years in Western New York. Today's installment highlights Amherst's 1969-70 teams.)

When he was a senior, Duke McGuire won the Billy Kelly Award as the best high school athlete in Western New York. But there were times, walking through the corridors of Amherst High, when he had to wonder if he was the best athlete in his own school.

Stu Isaac, the school's star swimmer, held the *national* record in the 100-yard breaststroke and had competed in an Olympic trials. Gary Hess, the basketball captain, went on to star at Fredonia State. McGuire says his own brother Kevin, who was a sophomore, had more natural ability than he did.

"We were loaded," said McGuire, a three-sport star who went on to play minor league baseball. "That was just a great year."

In 1969-70, the athletes at Amherst won championships, set records and made history. They had a remarkable breadth of talent and accomplishment, which earned the Tigers the No. 12 spot on our list of the top high school athletic classes over the past 50 years in Western New York.

McGuire was captain of the baseball team, which won the sectional title. He threw a no-hitter in the sectionals against a LaSalle team that had a sophomore named Rick Manning, who went on to play 13 years in the major leagues with Cleveland and Milwaukee. McGuire signed with the Detroit Tigers and played four years in the minor leagues, finishing as a player-manager at Niagara Falls.

He's now an attendance officer at Amherst, where he coached baseball, girls basketball and JV football for several years before quitting coaching to devote more time to his duties as the radio color man on Bisons baseball broadcasts.

McGuire was the goalie for the undefeated soccer team, which had seven first-team ECIC all-stars and won the sectional title. Which begs the question: Why didn't the best athlete in the area play football? He was certainly good enough.

The dynamic dozen

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12. 1969-70 Amherst

The Glory Days series will appear Tuesdays and Thursdays, culminating with the announcement of the No. 1 team on Sept. 23.

He played as a freshman and the coach called his house repeatedly asking him to come out for quarterback before his sophomore year.

"It's funny," McGuire said. "I had played freshman varsity baseball and I knew I was going to get a chance to sign



"During the baseball season, you were always running into the fence. Why can't you play that way now?"



"Would you believe that 7-42-28 you called on that last play happens to be my telephone number?"



"I wish, Grabowski, that you'd memorize the plays like everybody else!"



"You're always telling me to pass with pinpoint accuracy, but when I do here's what happens!"



"Can't you do something about all this moaning and groaning? It's spoiling all the school yells!"



"Think we'll get to lead a victory yell this season, Coach? It has been 3 years now!"



"It's our job to yell and scream, Coach—but will you please tell the team we'd like to get on the field first!"



"You call yourself a quarterback? You're stupid enough to be a coach!"