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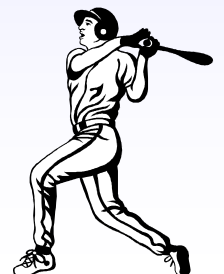
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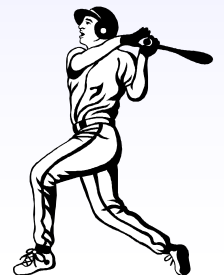
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2010 INDUCTEES

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| 1. Kevin Lynch | 1984 |
| 2. Brad Graves | 1997 |
| 3. Nicole Carey | 2002 |
| 4. Brian A. Gray | 1962 |





Kevin Lynch

Years in Wellsville: 1980-1984

Sports:

Baseball 3 years

Soccer 3 years

Volleyball 3 years





Kevin Lynch

Colleges:

St. Bonaventure University

R.I.T.



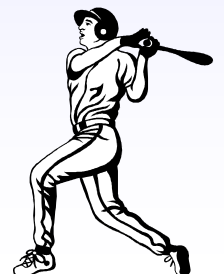


Kevin Lynch

Is recognized as one of the top 5 catchers of all time. 354 career average while having only 3 errors in 44 games.

Hit a massive home run in the 1984 semi finals vs. Mynderse that literally put Wellsville baseball on the map, 'The shot heard around the world.'

As a leader of men he was chosen team captain of his baseball and soccer teams during his senior year.

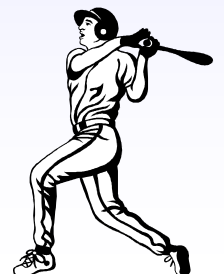




Kevin Lynch

**Went on to play college baseball at division I St.
Bonaventure for 1 year before playing 3 years at R.I.T.
where he was their starting catcher.**

**In high school soccer he was chosen as the team MVP in his
senior year.**



1983 Wellsville Lions



The 1983 Wellsville Lions will head for a pre-season training trip to Virginia Saturday. Front row, left to right: Shane Bays, Bob Cooper, Mark Keib, Steve Burrell, Jeff Swarthout, Dave Smith, Doug Insley, Doug Payne. Back row: Kevin

Lynch, Craig Kalamets, Pat Bush, Todd Streeter, Jim Wyrrough, Scott Phillips, Ian Fanton, and Chris McNinch. (Reporter Photo)

1983 Pre-Season Story

Can Lions repeat last year's success?

By BOB ROBERTS
Sports editor

So close...but yet so far.

The Wellsville Lions had battled all season, sometimes winning in a breeze and other times struggling, but they reached the pinnacle of high school baseball success: the Section Five championship game at Silver Stadium.

And as if it were a metaphor for the entire season, the Lions, trailing early in the game, battled back to tie the game before two back-to-back errors in the last inning scored the winning runs as Wellsville lost the momentum, the game...and the championship, 5-3, to Sodus.

Nine months later, the Lions are at it again. Except this is a different bunch than the talent-laden, veteran Lion squad that combined strong pitching with timely hitting to reach the finals. The Lions taking the diamond now are younger: in the words of Coach Denny Miles, "There's a lot of talent out there, but it's not proven talent."

And as the 1983 edition of the Lions prepares to depart for its second annual "spring training" trip to Virginia, courtesy of the Wellsville Baseball Boosters Club, that may be the biggest obstacle for this new club to overcome.

For the first time in quite a while under Miles' five-year reign as coach, there will be some scrutiny of the pitching; no Glenn Law, Rick Boyd, Al Davidson, or last year's lefty-righty shotgun duo of Randy Wright and Al Winans will be on the mound this year. "This, right now, is our biggest concern — the pitching," admits Miles. "This is the first year in five years that you can't look at the squad and definitely say, 'This kid is No. 1' before you get into the games."

It is no small feat to fill in the shoes of Winans and Wright. The two pitchers provided the heart and soul of last year's drive to the sectional crown, setting several team records along the way: fewest hits allowed (85), fewest earned runs allowed (23), fewest runs allowed (46 — tied with 1978 team), and lowest team ERA (1.13) as the Lions finished 17-4.

And then there is the question of hitting. Last year's squad, while not threatening the team-record mark of .332 set by the 1978 Lions, did feature seven all-stars, including Winans and Wright. Leading hitters Bob Insley and Chuck Costello, who hit .420 and .413, respectively, graduated and took their bats with them.

This year's Lions, says Miles, will run a lot to compensate for what may be a shortage of hitting.

"Looking at last year and evaluating the team, a lot of the players have been around of minimum of two years, and four had around three years. A lot of the time they coasted, they relied on their talent to win, and they did win. They didn't get up for every game, like they were holding back for the sectionals," Miles says.

Not so with the new Lions.

"This year's team has to come practice hard every day...it's like their personality is hard work and dedication. They practice a lot harder than last year's team," notes Miles, whose teams have won 89 games, lost 42 for a .679 percentage.

This year's team is composed of players who have, according to their coach, "a drive now where they want to be the best, whether it's Steuben County or the Mayor's Conference — they want to win either one of those leagues, and let sectionals take care of themselves. They've been on top the last few years, and they don't want to lose that."

As always, the Lions are in the unique position of competing in two leagues: the Steuben County, the tougher of the two, features Canisteo (last year's Class B champ at 20-1 that whipped the Lions twice last year), Addison and Bath; the Mayor's Conference, in which the Lions went 6-0 last season, boasts of Olean, Allegany, Archbishop Walsh and a new member, Portville.

A look at the Lions, by position:

PITCHERS: Miles is looking at a seven-man pitching staff and a lot of uncertainties. Whereas last year's staff was two-men deep, this year Miles figures to use four or five pitchers.

The frontrunner appears to be southpaw Craig Kalamets, who as a 15 year-old sophomore was clocked by Pittsburg Pirate officials with an 86 m.p.h. fastball. "He throws the ball extremely hard. The raw ability is there," says Miles.

Backing him up is Chris McNinch, a transfer student from Belmont. "So far he looks promising, never having seen him in live action," Miles notes. "He's got a sneaky fastball and a very good curveball. He's in the mold of Al Winans."

The rest of the pitchers — Dave Smith, Jim Wyrough, Mark Keib — are "all basically pretty much the same, pretty good fastballs, pretty good curveballs," says Miles. The other two hurlers are Bob Cooper and Todd Streeter.

CATCHER: Stepping into the all-star shoes of Chuck Costello is Kevin Lynch, who as a junior varsity player last season hit five home runs, the most ever hit by any Wellsville baseball player. "He's a very improved, tremendous worker,"

notes Miles. "He went to camp last year, which helped defensively. We had an all-star catcher in Charlie, and I don't see a drop-off in this position."

FIRST BASE: Steady Ian Fanton will begin his third varsity season at this position. "Excellent all-around on offense and defense. He'll carry a lot of the load," says Miles. Fanton hit .256 last season, with a triple and seven runs batted in. Along with Bob Cooper and Doug Payne, Fanton is one of the team's captains.

SECOND BASE: Sophomore Dave Smith has been a surprise for Miles at this position. "He's quick, he hits the ball well, and I consider him probably the best all-around athlete out of the sophomore class," says Miles. "He bunts, he runs well — he's got excellent fundamentals for baseball." Backing Smith up will be Doug Insley and Shane Bays.

SHORTSTOP: Pat Bush came up from the junior varsity during the middle of last year and performed well for the Lions, particularly on defense. But Bush tore his ankle, according to Miles, and isn't scheduled to come back until April 6 or 7. That would only be a few days before the April 11 opener at Portville.

Filling in has been Mark Keib, who hit .250 in four plate appearances last year. "He's not what you call a smooth shortstop, but he does get the job done," Miles says. He notes that he'll work Bush in slowly, "but a lot depends on how Mark does. He's wanted his chance to play, and now he's got it."

THIRD BASE: A transfer from Friendship last year, Bob Cooper steadily improved through the year, and his hitting skills will be at a premium on team whose hitting ability is uncertain.

Cooper had the fourth highest batting average in 1982, slugging .358 with four doubles and nine runs batted in. He had eight errors tagged to him, but most came early in the season.

"He's one of the best fielders I think I've ever coached," says Miles. "He's like a vacuum cleaner, very few balls get through. This year, he's looked awfully good at third base. Hitting-wise, he's definitely a college prospect."

LEFT FIELD: The competition is wide-open, according to Miles. Jeff Swarthout is "probably the leading candidate," says Miles. "He's made out of the same mold as Smith, with 28 stolen bases with the jayvees, and he hit over .300." Other contenders are Kalamets, McNinch and Wyrough.

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April 13, 1983

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opener Lynch had
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run.

Wellsville defeated
Salamanca 10 - 2.

Wellsville 'classy' in its season opening victory

By DAN SHERIDAN
Of the Reporter Staff

Wellsville opened its 1983 baseball season with a bang. That bang was the sound of bat on ball as the Lions' offense shot Salamanca down in a 10-2 victory in Wellsville on Wednesday.

The game was switched from its originally scheduled Salamanca site to Wellsville because of field conditions and the change suited the Lions just fine.

Offense wasn't the only thing that Wellsville excelled at, however.

Dave Smith, the starting pitcher, and Mark Keib in relief, held Salamanca to just three hits for the game. Smith, the winning hurler, struck out five batters and walked only one while Keib fanned three batters in the two innings he worked, walking none.

Bob Cooper on third made a couple of fine defensive plays that took Salamanca out of scoring innings. On one he dove to his right and snared the ball just as it crossed over the bag. He then scrambled to his feet and made an off balance throw to nail the runner at first.

Salamanca actually scored the first run of the game in the top of the first inning.

Jay Dry, with one out, singled then stole second. Steve Beattie walked putting runners on first and second before Smith struck out Terry Koniak.

With two out, a passed ball allowed the runner on second to advance and he scored shortly after.

That run just seemed to be the



Mark Keib of Wellsville pitches in relief of Dave Smith. Keib struck out three batters in two innings to get the save in the Wellsville opening day victory over Salamanca.

score Lynch before Wellsville had its second out.

With two down, Scott Phillips walked to put runners on the corners and Jeff Swarthout gave Wellsville a 5-1 lead with a run-scoring single.

Wellsville scored single runs in both the second and third innings as the game started to get out of reach.

In the second, Smith started with a long double to left-center field and he came home on Cooper's RBI single two outs later.

Phillips singled to start the third inning and went to second on a passed ball. Bays then singled to

Wellsville runners on first and third. Cooper took an intentional walk and Keib grounded out to score Fanton.

"I was very pleased for the season opener," said Wellsville coach Denny Miles. "I thought that the defense was excellent, especially Cooper and (Shane) Bays (at shortstop). Cooper made two major league plays.

"The pitching looked good with Smith and Keib. Overall, I thought we looked very classy."

Wellsville pounded out 11 hits and committed just a single error in the game. Miles added, however, that it is just the start of the season.

"It's always nice to get that first win. We have to realize that it's just a start. There are a lot of ballgames ahead of us — there's a long way to go."

Cooper went three for three with three RBI's while Smith, and Fanton each had two hits in four trips to the plate.

Wellsville will take on Portville in Portville on Friday.

Wellsville 10, Salamanca 2
Wellsville

	AB	R	H
Payne, cf	2	2	1
Insley, ph	1	0	0
Smith, p-2b	4	2	2
Fanton, 1b	4	2	2
Lynch, c	2	1	1
Cooper, 3b	3	1	3
Keib, 2b-p	1	0	0
Streeter, dh	3	0	0
Bays, ss	1	0	0
Phillips, lf	2	1	1
McNinch, lf	1	0	0
Swarthout, rf	2	1	1
Burrell, rf	1	0	0
Totals	27	10	11

Salamanca

	AB	R	H
Yahl, 1b	3	0	0

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Wellsville's comeback

By DAN SHERIDAN
Reporters sports editor

Wellsville came out of the weekend three wins ahead, taking a single game on Friday against Hornell and winning the Early Bird Tournament on Saturday.

In the championship game of the Saturday Tournament, Wellsville showed characteristic form by coming from behind to win it.

Caledonia-Mumford, who beat Honeoye-Falls-Lima in the second game by a 3-1 score, broke out to a 3-1 lead after the second inning but Wellsville showed no quit.

"That seems to be the early personality of this team," said Wellsville

coach Denny Miles. "We're just not going to quit."

Wellsville tied the game up in the bottom of the third with a pair of runs.

The Lions then took the lead with a run in the bottom of the fourth before Mark Keib, the starting pitcher, got into trouble. Wellsville gave up seven runs in the top of the fifth and were behind 10-4.

"We got together after that," said Miles, "and said 'if they're going to beat us, they're going to earn it.'"

Wellsville then roared back with five runs in the bottom of the fifth and won the game in the bottom of the sixth.

Kevin Lynch was the big hitter in that game for the Lions, going three for four with two doubles.

In the opening game of the tourna-

ment, a game that also counted as a Mayor's Conference game for Wellsville, the Lions came back from an early deficit to beat Allegany 8-6.

Allegany scored five in the top of the first inning and were ahead after Wellsville batted by a 5-1 count.

The Lions showed their stuff, however, in the bottom of the second with five runs.

The Blue Devils then scored the tying run in the top of the fifth.

Ian Fanton, the co-MVP along with Dave Smith, came up with two out and the count went to two and two before he drilled a single for an RBI and the winning run.

Smith was the winning pitcher in relief taking the place of starter Chris McNinch. For Smith, it was the first of two wins on the day, both in relief.

kids take three wins

Wellsville raised its record to 4-0 with the three wins.

It was a real barnburner until the Wellsville bats just outshone those from Hornell in a 15-7 Lion victory on Friday in Wellsville.

Hornell opened up the game with a two run first inning, the first on a wild pitch and the second on a fielder's choice.

Wellsville returned the favor in the bottom of the inning with four runs.

Dave Smith walked and stole second then Ian Fanton received a pass. A wild pitch moved runners to second and third and Kevin Lynch went to first on an error that scored two runs and left Lynch standing on second.

After Bob Cooper grounded out, Mark Keib ripped a home run to

center field that cleared the bases and gave Wellsville a 4-2 lead.

That was hardly the beginning, however.

Hornell reached starter Craig Kalamets in the top of the second for four runs to make it 6-4.

It stayed that way until the bottom of the third when Wellsville poured on the offense and came up with eight runs.

After Lynch grounded out, Cooper walked and Keib singled. Jim Wyrrough, in for Kalamets at pitcher, then singled in a run and runners were left on second and third on the throw in from the field.

Todd Streeter then laid into a curve ball and sent it deep to the left field corner for a triple that scored two runs. He scored on a balk from

Hornell pitcher Ted Argentieri. Jeff Swarthout followed that with a bunt single.

With two out, Smith walked. W Smith stole second, the throw to bag went into center field and Swarthout scored. Fanton then doubled run and Lynch walked to knock Argentieri out of the box. Jim Hall came in to relieve and was greeted with a double steal. Cooper walked the bases and Keib walked for RBI. Wyrrough walked for another for a 12-6 lead.

Hornell managed one run in the top of the fourth but Wellsville came back with three in the bottom of the fifth close the scoring.

Wellsville got the two run margin victory in the bottom of the sixth.

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May 10, 1983

First Steuben clash a victory for Lions

CANISTEO — It was the biggest game of the year so far for the Wellsville baseball team and the Lions did not disappoint their fans.

Wellsville came up with two runs in extra innings then held off Canisteo for a 5-4 victory on the road in a nine inning game on Monday.

With the score tied at 3-3 in the ninth, Bob Cooper took a free pass and stole second. With first base open, Mark Keib was intentionally walked and Kevin Lynch delivered both with a two run double with two outs.

Canisteo came back with Scott McKibben walking and going to third on Bob Dietrich's double. Bob Drake was intentionally passed to load the bases and a run scored when Bryce Griswold walked. With the bases still full, Mark Ahearn popped up to second base and the game was over.

"It was a total team effort," said Wellsville coach Denny Miles. "The defense was there, like it has been all year."

Wellsville scored the first run of the game in the first inning.

Cooper was safe on an error and came home on Keib's double to give Wellsville the 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, Canisteo took the lead. McKibben walked, as did Dietrich. Both runners advanced on a double steal and both scored on a single by Drake.

The Lions tied it up with a run in the next inning. Scott Phillips singled and Jeff Swarthout bunted. Dave Smith

sacrificed to advance both runners and Cooper laid down a squeeze bunt to bring Phillips home.

In the top of the seventh, Wellsville took the advantage when, with two out, Ian Fanton walked and stole second, scoring on an error.

Canisteo sent the game into extra inning in the bottom of the seventh. Jim Davis walked and stole second. He went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on a passed ball.

Canisteo, 20-1 last year, dropped to 4-2 on the season. Ahearn started the game, never having lost in three years, but was replaced by Dietrich in the ninth after striking out 13 batters.

Smith pitched for Wellsville, raising his record to 4-1, before giving way to Keib.

Wellsville went to 7-1 on the season and it was the Steuben County League opener for both squads.

Keib had two hits for Wellsville.

Wellsville				Canisteo			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
Smith,p	4	0	0	Smith,ss	4	0	0
Cooper,3b	3	2	0	Davis,cf	4	1	1
Fanton,1b	3	1	0	McKibben,2b	3	2	1
Keib,2b-p	2	1	2	Dietrich,3b-p	3	1	1
Lynch,c	5	0	1	Drake,c	4	0	1
Wyrrough,dh	4	0	0	Griswold,rf	4	0	1
Bays,ss	0	0	0	Ahearn,p-3b	3	0	0
Payne,cf	3	0	0	Flint,1b	3	0	1
McNinch,ph	1	0	0	Martin,lf	2	0	0
Phillips,lf	3	1	1	Stuart,lf	1	0	0
Swarthout,rf	4	0	1				
Totals	35	5	5	Totals	31	4	5

Wellsville 100 010 102-5 5 0
Canisteo 000 200 101-4 6 2
Smith, Keib (9) and Lynch; Ahearn, Dietrich (9) and Drake.

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Wellsville defeated
Canisteo 5-4.

May 13, 1983

Swarthout grand slam ignites Lions

By DAN SHERIDAN
Reportersports editor

The first inning gave Wellsville all the runs it needed in an 11-5 baseball victory over Haverling in Wellsville on Thursday.

The Lions racked up seven runs in that stanza to shoot out to an early lead which they never were in trouble of relinquishing.

After Dave Smith lined a shot right at the center fielder for the first out, Bob Cooper was safe on an error and stole second.

Ian Fanton then walked, Mark Keib followed suit and Kevin Lynch drew a free pass for the first run. Jim Wyrrough fanned for the second out but Craig Kalamets kept the inning alive with a walk. Scott Phillips walked and, with the bases loaded, Jeff Swarthout struck the game's big blow, sending a pitch over the 350 marker in dead center field for a grand slam and a seven run lead.

The Rams scored once in the second. Jeff Jones singled and Jim Robbins walked. Dan Nichols struck out but Dave Loucks walked to fill the bags.

After pitcher Craig Kalamets fanned Pat Costa, he walked Stacy Putnam to make the score 7-1.

Wellsville put two more runs in the books in the bottom of the third inning.

Wyrrough drew a walk to start the inning and Kalamets drilled a single to move Wyrrough to third. Scott Phillips

lofted a sacrifice fly to left field and Kalamets stole second afterwards.

Swarthout was safe on a bunt and an error put him on second as Kalamets scored.

Haverling got another run in the fourth. Costa, with one out, walked and Putnam walked. A double steal put runners on second and third. The run scored when Bill Crowe hit a ground ball out.

In the fifth inning, Haverling scored when Kevin Paterson led off with a fly ball that was misplayed into a triple, scoring when Robbins walked and the Rams executed a double steal.

Wellsville went up 11-2 as it scored twice in the last of the sixth.

Keib, with one out, doubled and a passed ball sent him to third. Lynch bunted safely and Keib scored with Lynch coming home on Chris McNinch's pinch hit double.

Haverling scored three times in the

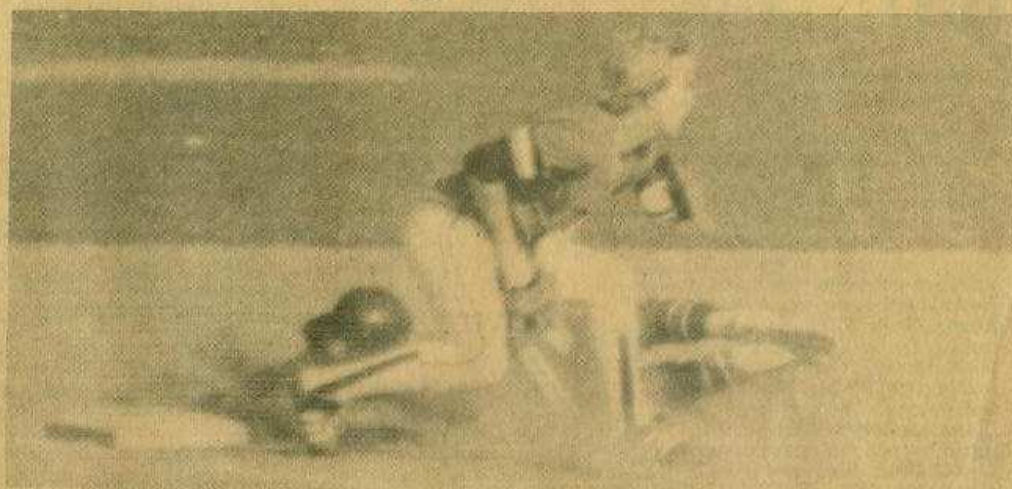


Photo by Associated Press

Bob Cooper is just late with the tag as Stacy Putnam of Haverling steals third base.

Wellsville eventually got out of the inning and the game with a victory.

Haverling				Wellsville			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
Putnam,lf	2	0	1	Smith,2b	3	0	0
Crowe,cf	5	0	0	Bush,2b	1	0	1
Warren,3b	3	0	0	Cooper,3b	4	1	0
Clark,3b	1	0	0	Fanton,1b	3	1	1
Paterson,ss	4	0	1	Keib,lf	2	2	2
Fowler,p,2b	0	0	0	Lynch,c	3	2	2
Jones,dh	2	1	1	Wyrrough,dh	2	1	0
Robbins,rf	1	0	0	Baynes	0	0	0
Nichols,lb	3	1	0	McNinch,ph	1	0	1
Tobin,pr	0	0	0	Kalamets,p	2	2	1
Loucks,3b-p	2	0	0	Streeter,ph	1	0	0
Costa,c	2	1	1	Phillips,cf	1	1	0
Totals	25	6	4	Swarthout,rf	4	3	2
				Totals	23	11	10

Score by innings:

Haverling	010	110	3-6	4-2
Wellsville	702	002	x-11	10-1

Fowler, Loucks (4) and Costa; Kalamets and Lynch.

top of the last inning. Jones walked, as did Nichols and Loucks. Costa hit a single to score two runs and an error allowed the third run in.

Said Wellsville coach Denny Miles after the game, "I was not totally pleased with the performance. We scored seven runs in the first inning and it seemed like we just went through the motions after that.

"For the second time in a row, Craig (Kalamets) struggled at the

end. That's the most he's worked this year. I'd like to give him more work but it's difficult when you don't throw strikes."

Kalamets finished the game with 10 strikeouts but walked 12 batters. He improved his record to 2-0 on the season.

Swarthout was two of four with the homer and five RBI's while Keib had two hits in two at bats and lifted his season average to .522.

"I was pleased with the defense and with the hitting," said Miles. "The defense is still there — we only had one error — and we're still hitting the ball. We just need more pitching."

Wellsville lifted its mark for the year to 8-1 overall and 2-0 in the Steuben County League.

On Saturday, the Lions will play a doubleheader, taking on Portville at 11 a.m. and Archbishop Walsh of Olean at 3 p.m.

Lynch had 2 hits and 2 runs as Wellsville defeats Bath 11-5.

May 22, 1983

Lions hand Ahearn first loss in high school.

Wellsville did something that no one else in three years of trying could do on Friday in Wellsville. The Lions took a victory from Canisteo pitcher Mark Ahearn.

It was the first loss that Ahearn has suffered in his varsity career and the final score was 6-2 in a Steuben County League contest.

Wellsville drew first blood in the bottom of the second inning. Mark Keib walked, stole second and a passed ball allowed him to go to third base. Doug Payne squeezed him home and Wellsville led 1-0.

In the third inning, the Lions were at it again. Jim Wyrrough doubled and Jeff Swarthout was safe on a bunt for runners at first and third.

Dave Smith singled to bring home a run and Keib made it 3-0 with a sacrifice fly. Kevin Lynch then singled to bring home the third run of the inning and make it a 4-0 ballgame.

In the fourth inning, Payne was safe on a bunt that cleared the pitcher in the air and made it to second on an error. Scott Phillips then bunted and Payne was thrown out at third.

Canisteo					Wellsville				
AB	R	H	E		AB	R	H	E	
Smith,ss	4	0	0		Swarthout,rf	4	1	2	
Ahearn,p-2b	3	0	0		Smith,p	2	1	1	
McKibben,2b	2	1	0		McNinch,ph	1	0	0	
Dietrich,3b-p	3	1	0		Cooper,3b	3	1	1	
Drake,c	2	1	0		Keib,2b	1	1	0	
Griswold,cf	2	0	2		Bush,2b	0	0	0	
Martin,lf	3	0	1		Lynch,c	8	0	2	
Flint,lf	3	0	0		Kalamets,dh	1	0	0	
Dams,cf	3	0	0		Payne,cf	2	0	1	
Totals	27	2	3		Phillips,lf	5	1	0	
					Wyrrough,1b	3	1	1	
					Totals	23	6	8	

Score by Innings:
Canisteo 000 011 R-2 3 2
Wellsville 012 110 X-6 8 2
Ahearn, McKibben (5) and Drake; Smith and Lynch.

Two stolen bases left Phillips on third and, after Wyrrough popped out, Jeff Swarthout singled to drive in a run.

Canisteo got on the board in the top of the fifth but Wellsville matched that in the bottom of the frame.

Bob Cooper led off the fifth with a double and went to third on Keib's sacrifice fly. Lynch then doubled for the run.

Canisteo finished the scoring in the sixth with a single run and the game was history when the team went down in order in the seventh inning.

Lynch led the team with two hits in three at bats and two RBI's while Swarthout had two hits in four at bats.

Wellsville					Archbishop Walsh				
AB	R	H	E		AB	R	H	E	
Swarthout,rf	4	1	2		Barnett,2b	4	1	1	
Barrell,ph	1	0	0		Cavona,3b	4	1	1	
Smith,2b	1	1	1		Main Veno,ss	5	0	0	
Inesley,ph	1	0	1		Padlo,c	3	0	2	
Cooper,3b	4	1	2		Mike Veno,cf	3	0	0	
Streeter,ph	1	0	0		Simms,p	1	0	0	
Keib,lf	2	1	1		Butler,p	1	0	0	
Lynch,c	4	2	1		Crank,ph	0	1	0	
Wyrrough,1b	2	1	1		Ranage,lf	2	1	0	
Payne,cf	1	0	0		Garrison,rf	3	0	0	
Bush,dh	3	1	1		Barefield,ph	1	0	0	
Bays,ss	0	0	0		Walton,rf	2	0	0	
Phillips,cf	3	1	1		Mahar,1b	2	1	1	
McNinch,p	3	0	1		Totals	30	5	5	
Kalamets,p	1	0	0						
Totals	33	11	11						

Score by Innings:
Wellsville 207 110 0-11 11 4
Archbishop Walsh 002 200 1-5 5 5

Archbishop Walsh (Jv) 000 004 0-4 4 4
Wellsville (Jv) 1 11 3 261 X-23 13 1
D'Arcy, Riley (3) and Barnett; Austin and Inesley.

Wellsville (Jv) 412 210 1-11 8 5
Archbishop Walsh (Jv) 030 220 0-7 4 1
Castle, Austin (4) and Inesley; Williamson and Barnett.

Smith pitched the distance in getting the win and the sophomore is now 6-1 on the season.

"Smith continually gets better and better," said Wellsville coach Denny Miles. "This was probably his best performance of the year. He's a gutsy performer — he handles himself so well and he positions himself well. Overall, I was totally pleased. We looked like a well oiled machine."

Wellsville 11, Archbishop Walsh 5

The machine rolled on Saturday, taking the decision over Archbishop Walsh in Olean.

Wellsville took a 2-0 lead in the first and won the game effectively with seven runs in the third inning.

Swarthout led off the inning by reaching first on an error. Smith sacrificed him to second and he scored on an error that allowed Cooper to get to first.

Keib doubled to bring Cooper in and Lynch reached on another error that allowed Keib to score. Wyrrough then started a hitting spree with a single that brought home another run.

Pat Bush singled to put runners on second and third and Phillips drilled the third straight single to bring home the sixth run in the inning. Chris McNinch helped himself out with another hit that brought in the final run of the inning and made it 9-0.

Walsh got two of those back in the bottom of the third and outscored Wellsville 2-1 in the fourth.

Wellsville wound up with 11 hits but committed four errors.

McNinch was the winning pitcher as Craig Kalamets got the save, coming



Doug Payne slides after an attempted steal of third base for Wellsville. Payne apparently didn't slide early enough for the umpire called him out on the play. Wellsville went on to win

the game and Steuben County Ahearn's first loss

in during the fifth inning. Wellsville (Jv) 23, Archbishop

Lynch led the team with two hits in three at bats and two RBI's while Swarthout had two hits in four at bats.

June 5, 1983

Wellsville starts the trek to Silver Stadium

DUNDEE — The long trek begins. The Wellsville baseball team made that trek before and it wound up a second-place finish in the Section V Class A finals in Silver Stadium. This year, the journey started with a second-round 11-8 victory over the team and the pitcher who beat them last year, Sodus.

Sodus began like they had fond memories of last year's game and scored three runs in the first inning.

Wellsville is not the same team as a year ago, however, and proved it by coming from behind to surge in front with a seven-run third inning.

"We have the capability," said Wellsville coach Denny Miles, "and the kids know that we have the ability to come from behind. When you get a lot of offense, you can come back."

Come back the Lions did.

Jeff Swarhout started the inning with a walk and a stolen base. Swarhout was to get two stolen bases on the day and now has 22 for the season.

Dave Smith followed with an RBI single and he scored when Bob Cooper belted a home run to knot the game at 3-3.

Mark Keib walked and Ian Fanton followed suit to put runners on first and second. Kevin Lynch hit into a fielder's choice and Scott Phillips lifted a fly ball out for the second out of the frame.

Jim Wyrrough then singled to score Keib and Doug Payne broke out of his batting slump with a two run triple. Payne then scored the seventh run of the inning when Swarhout came to bat again and drilled a single.

Sodus made it 7-5 with two runs in the bottom of the inning but Wellsville

was hardly done with the offensive barrage.

In the fourth, Keib reached on an error and came around to score on a double by Fanton.

Sodus matched that in the bottom of the fifth but the Lions put three runs on the board in the sixth.

With one out, Lynch walked and Phillips made the second out. Wyrrough, Payne and Swarhout all drew walks, then, with Swarhout driving in a run with his free pass. Smith closed out the scoring for Wellsville with a two-run single. Sodus managed to score twice in the bottom of the inning.

"The thing that's unique about this ballclub," expounded Miles, "is the ability to score a lot of runs. In previous years, the most we've ever scored in the playoffs is five runs. We

faced the same pitcher last year in the finals and only got five hits. This year we hit him around pretty good and the relief pitchers just weren't of the same caliber."

Smith was the winning pitcher and he now owns a record of 8-2 on the season. Mark Keib came in to get the save in his school record eighth appearance of the year.

"Smitty wasn't as sharp as usual," said Miles. "He just wasn't throwing as well as in the past. Mark Keib came in and shut the door on them."

"It was just a good win. We hit the ball and we played very good defense. We made some tough plays in the field. The kids want to see how far they can go."

Wellsville was led by Cooper who finished with two hits including the homer while Smith, Swarhout and

Fanton all had two hits each.

The Lions will go again on Tuesday tentatively in Hornell against Wayland at 4 p.m. Wayland reached the third round with a 14-7 victory over East Rochester.

Wellsville is now 16-2 on the season.

Wellsville				Sodus			
AB	R	F		AB	R	H	
Swarhout,rf	3	2		Bodine,p-cf	4	2	2
Smith,p-2b	1	2		D. Jackson,2b	3	2	1
Cooper,3b	3	2		R. Jackson,cf-p	4	0	3
Keib,2b-p	4	1	0	Wiatgins,dh	3	1	1
Fanton,dh	3	1	2	Farris,p	0	0	0
Bays,ss	0	0	0	Norris,ss	0	0	0
Lynch,c	2	1	0	Hollebrandt,rf	4	1	1
Phillips,lf	4	0	0	Wentz,c	3	0	0
Kalamets,ph	1	0	0	Garrett,lf	3	0	0
Wyrrough,1b	4	2	1	Edlemann,ph	1	0	0
Payne,cf	2	2	1	Sergeant,1b	2	1	0
Totals:	31	11	10	Wright,3b	1	1	0
				Totals:	28	8	8

Score by Innings:
Wellsville 007 103 0-11 10 1
Sodus 202 012 0-8 # 3
Smith, Keib (6) and Lynch; Bodine, Farris (3);
R. Jackson (4) and Wentz.

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Wellsville is now 16 -2 on the season.

June 8, 1983

Wellsville comes up gold on a hunt for Silver

Baseball team routs Wayland, 14-5, in semis

By DAN SHERIDAN
Reporter sports editor

HORNELL — The chant of "Silver, Silver," could be heard throughout the Hornell-Wellsville area as Wellsville won its way to Silver Stadium with a 14-5 thrashing of Wayland in the semi-finals of the Section V Class C baseball tournament in Hornell on Tuesday.

Before the game, Wellsville coach Denny Miles exhorted his team to display offense against what was supposed to be a tough Wayland pitching staff.

The Lions came through with some impressive numbers, rolling up 10 hits and Jeff Swarthout stole two more bases to break the school record. The old record was 23 for a season and Swarthout's two thefts leaves him with 24.

Craig Kalamets was the winning pitcher, overpowering Wayland batters for the first three innings. At one point, Kalamets struck out five straight batters.

The control problem surfaced in the

Keib started the inning off with a walk and, after a fly ball out, stole second. He went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Kevin Lynch's RBI single.

Lynch stole second and Kalamets reached on an error as the right fielder dropped a fly ball. Kalamets stole second to put runners on second and third and Scott Phillips brought Lynch in with a sacrifice fly to left field.

With Kalamets on third, Doug Payne singled for the third run of the inning. Swarthout singled and Dave Smith drove Payne in with a single. The inning ended with Swarthout caught stealing second.

Wellsville was right back in the scoring column in the third inning.

Keib, with one out, tripled and Ian Fanton walked before Lynch drilled a triple for two runs and a 6-0 lead.

Wayland finally got its first run of the game in the top of the fourth. Ted Didas walked, as did Chuck St. George. After a pop up, a wild pitch put runners on first and third. A balk call then allowed the run to score.

bases. Lynch then drew a walk to bring in the second run.

In the fifth, Kevin Graham walked for Wayland and Fitzpatrick followed with a free pass. After the second out was made, Tim Gilman got an infield single. An error on the throw to first allowed a run to score. A wild pitch then let the second run of the frame in to make it 8-3.

With one out in the bottom of the inning, Swarthout walked and stole second and third. Smith walked and a wild pitch scored Swarthout, leaving Smith at second. Cooper came through with an infield single and stole second and Keib reached on an error by the first baseman that put Wellsville on the scoreboard again.

Wayland managed to get two more in the sixth as Greg Ott brought both runners home on a double.

In the bottom of the inning, Wellsville iced the cake. With on out, Payne and Swarthout both drew walks and Smith belted the Lions' third triple of the contest for two runs. He scored on an error.

The game ended as St. George rapped a ground ball to Smith at second.



Mark Keib of Wellsville slides safely into second base on a steal attempt. It was just a preview of to advance

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(TH Photo by Mike Abd)

BASEBALL ALL-STARS. The Mayor's Conference all-stars for the recent baseball season has 15 on the first team. Front, from left: Kevin Lynch (Wellsville), Bob Forness (Allegany), Tim Butler (Olean Walsh), Ian Fanton (Wellsville), Bob Cooper (Wellsville). Back, from left: Craig Polson (Olean High), Bill Blessing (Allegany),

Mark Keib (Wellsville), Brian Saglimben (Allegany), Matt Milne (Portville). Missing: Mike Gabler (Allegany), Matt Veno (Walsh), Mike Threehouse (Olean High), Jeff Flores (Olean High) and Greg Putzke (Olean High). The all-star's Most Valuable Player is Fanton and he was recipient of the John V. Sheahan Memorial award.

Wellsville Leads Mayors' All-Stars

Wellsville Central School, with four players, leads the Mayors' Conference's all-star team for the recent baseball season, but it's Allegany's Bill Blessing as the only repeat selection.

In fact, for Blessing, the talented, all-around athlete, it is a third trip to the Mayors' all-star elite.

Wellsville won the conference title with its 7-1 record, while the conference's JV league saw Olean High the winner with its 8-0 record.

Wellsville's Ian Fanton is the conference's Most Valuable Player and the recipient of the John V. Sheahan Memorial Award. The award in memory of Sheahan, honors the Olean baseball star before World War I.

The Mayors' Conference all-star team:

C — Kevin Lynch (Wellsville), junior, .231 avg
C — Bob Forness (Allegany), senior, .167 avg

C — Matt Milne (Portville), sophomore, .385 avg
P — Tim Butler (Olean Walsh), junior, 2-2 record, 2.00 ERA
P — Jeff Flores (Olean High), senior, 3-1 record, 0.75 ERA
1B — Ian Fanton (Wellsville), senior, .576 avg
2B — Mike Gabler (Allegany), senior, .330 avg
SS — Matt Veno (Olean Walsh), junior, .422 avg
SS — Brian Saglimben (Allegany), junior, .423 avg
3B — Mike Threehouse (Olean High), junior, .409 avg
3B — Bob Cooper (Wellsville), senior, .430 avg
OF — Craig Polson (Olean High), senior, .364 avg
OF — x-Bill Blessing (Allegany), senior, .333 avg
OF — Mark Keib (Wellsville), senior, .404 avg
OF — Greg Putzke (Olean High), senior, .385
x-made all-stars three years

SECOND TEAM

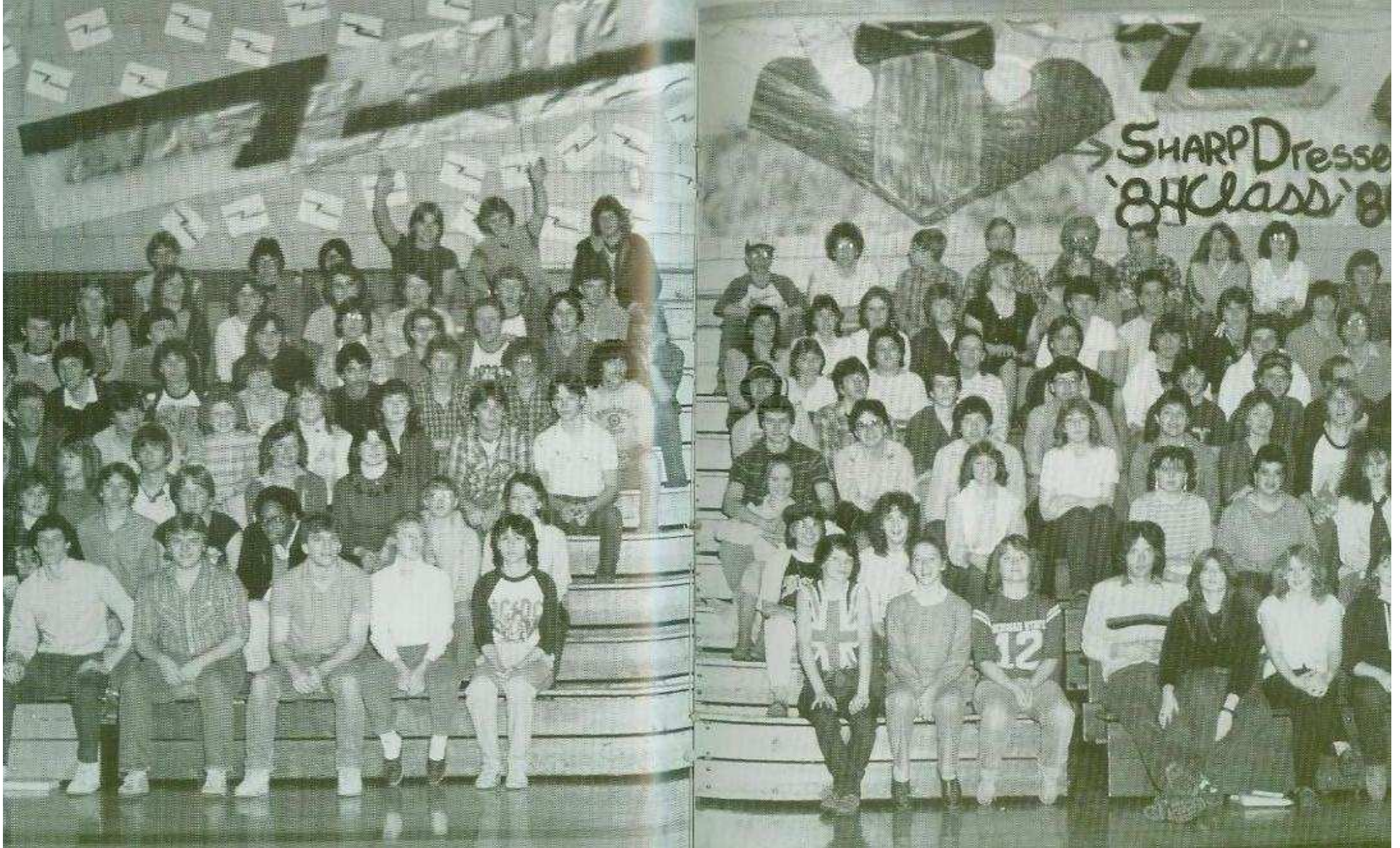
John Gardner (Portville), Kris Holcomb (Portville), Greg Simms (Olean Walsh), Joe Cavana (Olean Walsh), Chris DeCerbe (Olean High), Todd Clark (Allegany), Henry Wu (Allegany), Craig Kalamets (Wellsville), Scott Phillips (Wellsville), Ron Isaman (Olean High)

**Kevin Lynch
made the
Mayors'
Conference
All-Star
Team as a
Junior.**



1984
Senior
Picture

Senior Class Picture







Row 1: D. Smith, M. Pamukcoglu, B. Wonderling, B. Harris, J. Swarthout
Row 2: D. Haskins, R. Stebbins, S. Miller, J. Erwin, K. Lynch
Row 3: J. Darr, B. Garfield, D. Brownell, H. Potter, J. Dygent, D. Streeter, J. Wyrrough



Coach Lombard, Kevin Lynch, Jeff Swarthout receiving awards.

“Kevin was a very steady player with great skill and a quality leader.”
He added “ I am surprised it has taken this long for Kevin to be recognized for the type of athlete and person he was. ” Coach Lombard

YEARBOOK PICS



C. Enke, K. Lynch, K. Maier.



Jennifer has sheer energy.

It's Academic Team



Deidrah Shutt, Kevin Lynch, Paul Stockman, & Mary Vossler

Kevin Lynch



A large, light-colored granite gravestone with a curved top and a decorative border of stylized flowers and leaves. The name "KEVIN J. LYNCH" is carved in large, bold, capital letters. Below it, the years "1966 - 1995" are carved. The bottom half of the stone features a multi-line inscription in smaller capital letters.

KEVIN J. LYNCH

1966 - 1995

TO SOME, KEVIN WAS AN ATHLETE—POWERFUL, STRONG & VERSATILE.
TO OTHERS HE WAS A PRANKSTER—A MAN OF IMMENSE SARCASM, WIT AND FUN.
STILL TO OTHERS HE WAS A DEDICATED WORKER—HE GAVE 100% AND DEMANDED NO
LESS OF OTHERS.
FROM A DISTANCE YOU COULD SEE HIS ZEST FOR LIFE, HIS AMBITION, AND HIS SENSE
OF HUMOR.
HE MADE FRIENDS QUICKLY AND THEY BECAME FRIENDS FOR LIFE—HE'D DO ANYTHING
AND ASK NOTHING IN RETURN. HE'D FORGIVE AT THE DROP OF A HAT.
THOSE WHO MET HIM BRIEFLY REMEMBER HIM WELL—HE MADE AN IMPRESSION
THAT LASTED FOREVER.

OWL STAFF



Kevin was the photographic editor of the Owl.

1989 Lions Club Inner Tube Regatta



1989 Lions Club Inner Tube Regatta

In the spring of 1989, Kevin was hit by a fastball in the left forearm while playing baseball at RIT. That pitch broke his arm and ended his season for that year – just prior to the rumor that big league scouts were to be at an upcoming game. After the season and semester was over, with his arm still in a cast, he removed his own cast and entered what was to be the very last Innertube Regatta in Wellsville with Jeff Swarthout. And Won it! (Granted that the team of Koslowski and Buchholz actually came in first but were disqualified for having too much coverage on their tubes! Still a great effort by Lynch and Swarthout)





1989
R.I.T.
Baseball
Team









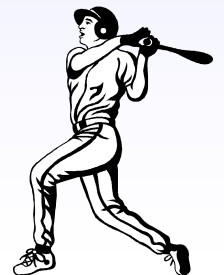








Kevin Lynch
Wellsville High School
2010 Hall of Fame Member





Brad Graves

Years in Wellsville: 1993-1997

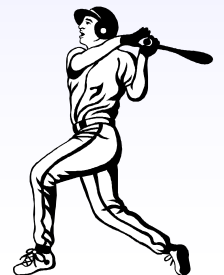
Sports Played:

Baseball

3 Years

Soccer

2 Years





Brad Graves

**College:
Quincy University**





Brad Graves

**Baseball: 1st Team All New York State Selection 1995
and 1996**

**School record batting average in 1996 of .530, 3 year
career BA .454**





Brad Graves

**Baseball: Expressway Conference All Star 1995, 1996
and 1997**

**Soccer: Scored 5 goals on Senior Day 1997, career 47
goals/47 games**





Brad Graves

Received 4 year baseball scholarship to Quincy University

**Quincy University: Voted Most Improved Player 1998
with BA of .467**



Lion J.V.'s win county championship

COHOCTON — In the Allegany-Steuben County JV soccer tournament's championship game Saturday, Wellsville defeated Addison by a score of 1-0.

The Lions, who completed the season with a record of 12-4-1, reached the championship by defeating Bath in a 2-0 shutout.

The game's only goal came off the foot of Bradley Graves in the first half.

Both teams played extremely physical soccer, as Addison was called for 27 fouls, while Wellsville was charged with 11.

Addison applied intense offensive pressure throughout the second half, but was unable to penetrate the Wellsville defensive front of Dave Leitzell, John Nye, Ryan Hand, Tom Culbert and Ryan Birmingham.

Birmingham recorded his ninth shutout of the season as he racked up 16 saves on 18 Addison shots to preserve the lead for Wellsville, who won despite managing only 8 shots on goal themselves.

Wellsville coach Rich Hartigan felt the keys to the victory were defensive teamwork and offensive ball-control.

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JV Soccer

Lions honor fall teams at awards dinner

From staff reports

WELLSVILLE — Celebrating a season record of 91-44-6, Wellsville Central School's ten fall athletic teams met Thursday night in a sports banquet.

As a result of athlete and coach polling, the following awards were presented:

Girls' Volleyball

Most Valuable Player on Defense — Jen Smith

MVP Offense — Kelly Golish

Most Improved — Andrea Vossler

Overall MVP — Tracy Richards

Girls' JV Volleyball

MVP Offense — Amy Smith

Most Dedicated — Stacy Pantuzzo

Most Improved — Kim Goliss

Fall Cheerleaders

Most Improved — Nikki Peete

Most Spirit — Nicole Brown

Overall MVP — Christy Hill

Girls' Tennis

Most Dedicated — Deb Owen

Most Improved — Morgan Shepard

Overall MVP — Leslie Rossman

Boys' JV Football

MVP Offense — Wayne Stonemetz

MVP Defense — Tony Perkins

Most Improved — Ed Shea

Most Dedicated — Brian Richardson

"Rudy" Award — Don Brundage

Boys' Football

Most Dedicated — Mike Scharlau

Most Improved — Chris Monahan

MVP Offense — Nick Viglietta

MVP Defense — Steve Childs

Boys' JV Soccer

MVP Offense — Bradley Graves

MVP Defense (tie) — Tom Culbert, Dave Leitzell

Most Improved — Ryan Hand

Most Dedicated — Brain Sweet









The Lions continued their offensive outbursts Tuesday night as they scored 16 runs. They topped 15 runs on Saturday as well, with Brad Graves here scoring one from the weekend.



Big innings cost Lions in Olean Miles: 'young team not ready for pressure'

OLEAN — The Wellsville Lions baseball team jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the middle of the second inning of their game Tuesday afternoon at Olean, but gave up 7 runs in both the third and fifth innings and fell to the Huskies by a score of 16-7.

"This certainly was not a pretty game," said Lions' coach Dennis Miles. "It was an ugly defeat."

Olean scored 16 runs despite only having eight hits. Wellsville committed three errors, their pitchers combined to walk seven batters, and two more were hit by pitches.

"We're not in a situation where we can play under pressure at this time," Miles added. "The younger kids, and the veterans, just aren't responding to those type situations."

The Lions started their ace on

the mound Tuesday night, and he did not respond. Steve Childs lasted only 2½ innings, giving up two walks, two hit batsmen, and eight runs. He struck out 4 batters.

Sophomore Ryan Birmingham came on to replace the senior in the third inning and went the rest of the way. Birmingham pitched 3½ innings, walking 5, striking out 1, and giving up 8 more runs.

The Lions did out-hit Olean, as they had 10 hits to get their 7 runs. Brad Graves led Wellsville at the plate by going 3-for-4 with 2 runs scored.

Eric Hanson and Jason Birmingham each had two hits, with Greg Felson, Childs, and freshman catcher Tony Perkins each having one hit.

"We're suffering from a severe case of Murphy's Law," Miles said.

"Anything bad that can happen probably will, and tonight, it did."

"Olean's been hitting the ball well lately," Miles added. "They simply out-played us."

The Lions are now 11-5 on the season, and their next game is at Canisteo on Wednesday. Olean is now 10-6.

Wellsville

	AB	R	H
J. Mattison-2B.....	3	1	0
D. Gordon-ph.....	1	0	0
G. Felson-SS.....	3	2	1
E. Hanson-LF.....	4	0	2
S. Childs-P/1B.....	4	1	1
J. Birmingham-DH.....	3	0	2
R. Birmingham-1B/P.....	0	0	0
N. Viglietta-CF.....	3	0	0
T. Perkins-C.....	2	1	1
J. Graves-3B.....	3	0	0
J. Wyant-ph.....	1	0	0
B. Graves-RF.....	4	2	3
TOTALS	31	7	10

Wellsville's Brad Graves scores one of the Lions' seven runs Tuesday at Olean. Graves scored once more as he led the Wellsville at the plate, going 3 for 4.



Graves scores game winning hit in 1st sectional game vs. Marcus Whitman. Brad had an RBI in the 6th to tie the game and the game winning hit in the 9th. (Sophomore Year)

Lions 'surprised' in finals

By RODNEY STEBBINS

Staff writer

ROCHESTER — The Wellsville Lions' baseball team was trying to restart their string of sectional titles, but instead were "surprised" by a 10-4 loss to East Rochester.

The loss was not the surprising thing, as the Bombers were the top seed and the Lions No.2, but how the game was played.

"Our game plan was to get two or three runs, have Steve (Childs) pitch a good game, and play solid defense," said Wellsville coach Dennis Miles. "From scouting them, I didn't think East was a very good hitting ball club."

Childs, Wellsville's ace, struck out only three batters, while walking four as he pitched the entire game.

East Rochester pounded out nine timely hits and capitalized on three untimely Wellsville errors for three big innings. The Bombers scored three runs in the first and sixth innings, and four runs in the third.

Wellsville had their chances, getting runners into scoring position in every inning but the seventh. Miles was pleasantly surprised that his team was able to get four runs.

"I honestly thought that if we got two or three, we'd win," Miles said. "He's just a dominant pitcher, definitely the real McCoy."

The "he" that Miles is talking about is East's Rialdo Venegas. Venegas, who has been clocked on a radar gun at upwards of 88 miles per hour, picked up both the win in the finals and the Class A Most Valuable Player award. He struck out 11 and had only three walks on the day.

"We just really wanted to take the game away from him, and we did that to an extent," Miles said. "But he was the difference in the game. I won't concede that

Class A baseball

they're the better team. We just didn't play well today."

"We didn't get enough timely hitting," said assistant coach Rollie Miles, "and the kids were real nervous and looked scared early on. Remember, while we won four in a row (1990-93), there's only one kid left on the team from two year's ago (Childs)."

Wellsville started five sophomores and a freshman, along with three seniors. Those youngsters did come up with four of the Lions' five hits, and their only RBI.

Sophomore Brad Graves had two bunts for base hits, and stole two bases, including home plate to end the second inning. V (1-for-3, RBI) ran the

Nick Viglietta, and senior catcher Jason Bi doubles.

One key moment in fifth, with Wellsville down on first and third with line-up coming up next.

Number three hitte one-hopper right back pitcher spun around start an inning-endin

The Lions had gotten on after falling behind their other two

Wellsville ends their chester finishes up at





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DAVE MANZELLA/Times Herald

Gibbons, Hemphill share Expressway Red Division MVP baseball award

Seniors Matt Gibbons of Olean High and Eric Hemphill of Allegany were named co-Most Valuable Players of the Expressway Conference Red Division baseball all-star team. The first-team stars, front row (from left): Brad Graves (Wellsville, OF, .435 batting average), Tony Clark (Oswayo Valley, C, .350), Brady Adams (Oswayo Valley, P, 5-2 record) and Jason Burt (Cuba-Rushford, 3B, .491). Back row: Kent Havens (Olean High, 2B, .441), Matt Gibbons (Olean High, P-1B, .516), Rob Kosinski (Olean High, SS, .321), Joey Welch (Archbishop Walsh, C, .425) and John Bean (Archbishop Walsh, 1B, .400). Missing were Allegany's Eric Hemphill (C-P, .452), Olean High's Jay Wilson (OF, .469), Wellsville's Steve Childs (P, 5-2 record) and Eric Hanson (OF, .471).

Brad Graves - .435 batting average

Early goals, late saves key Lions victory over Addison in opener

Graves has goal and assist, Birmingham big in nets

By RODNEY STEBBINS
Sports Editor

WELLSVILLE — The Wellsville Lions boy's soccer team started off their season with a grudge match against long-time rival Addison Tuesday afternoon and came away with a 2-0 win.



The Lions scored both of the goals in the first half, the first by Brad Graves and the second by Jeff Mattison. Graves also assisted on Mattison's goal.

"It was a nice way to start the season with a young team," said Wellsville coach Rich Hartigan. "We only have two senior starters on the team."

"We ran out of gas near the end," Hartigan said. "I think the sun got to us late."

The key to the game, according to Hartigan, was the goalkeeping of Wellsville's Ryan Birmingham in the final ten minutes of the game.

"Birmingham came up real big near the end, including three huge saves," Hartigan said. "I was real pleased with the way he played tonight, real pleased."

Two of the key saves Birmingham made both came within the final five minutes, and were of completely different varieties.

"On the one save, the Addison player sent in a bullet from about 30 feet out, and it was headed on a line for the top corner," the coach said. "Ryan jumped up high and flipped to knock the ball over the crossbar with his hand."

"The other one came when one of their guys got free inside the six foot mark," Hartigan continued. "The guy came in on him cleanly, and Ryan came out hard and stopped him cold."

"I thought that either one of those goals might of changed the complexion of the game completely, but Ryan came up real big. They (Addison) really piled it on to us near the end."

The first and eventually game-winning goal of the game came just past the half-way mark of the first half. Graves received a chip from David Cavanaugh (assist) and sent the ball high into the right corner of the net with his left foot.

About eight minutes later, Mattison put Wellsville up 2-0 off an assist from Graves. Mattison had a "real nice volley kick," according to Hartigan, for the score.

"Graves just seems to get better every time out," Hartigan said of his player who had a goal and an assist. "Jeff is one of our two starting senior, with Josh Marsh being the other."

"Having such a young team, the guys really look to Mattison and Marsh to set the tone," Hartigan continued. "Their attitude and desire (Mattison and Marsh), that's

the key. We run according to how they go."

Hartigan does have two other seniors on his squad, Garrett Patrick and Gregg Martin.

Back to Tuesday's game, Hartigan said that the last 10 minutes of the game were tough.

"They controlled the last 10 minutes totally," he said. "I was real nervous there for awhile, but the defense came through."

The Lions now move on to the Southern Tier Kick-Off Bowl to be played at the Wayland-Cohocton sports complex. Wellsville will play Horseheads in one of the two games, with Way-Co taking on Penn-Yan in the other match-up. Both games will be played Thursday night.

The winners and losers then move on to play each other in the championship and consolation games on Saturday.

Interestingly, the same match-ups and format will be used starting tonight for the Wellsville Lady Lions soccer team, with the second games to be played on Friday, not

"Graves just seems to get better every time out, "Hartigan said of his player who had a goal and an assist.



Photo by RODNEY STEUBINS

Brad Graves boots this ball with his left foot high into the wide open upper right corner as two Addison defenders and their goalie watch.

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Lions heat up in the sun

Wellsville pounds out 28 hits in beating Addison

By RODNEY STEBBINS

Wellsville sports editor

WELLSVILLE — In all his years of coaching, in all the many seasons where his team ended their year with a Section V title, Wellsville baseball coach Dennis Miles said that he had never seen what he saw on Saturday.

The Lions pounded out 28 hits over six innings on their home field as they won a surprisingly easy game over the Addison Knights, 25-1.

The loss was only the second of the year for Addison, who is now 12-2, while the win was Wellsville's 11th in a row as they improved to 15-2.

"We were as hot as the weather out there," Miles said. "Everything we hit fell in for base hits, whether they were hard liners and little dinkers."

But Miles was very quick to point out that this was simply "a strange game. We could play them (Addison) again tomorrow and it might be a 2-1 game. They've got a real nice team."

Addison coach Tony Fazzary agreed with Miles' assessment.

"It was just something that happens," Fazzary said. "Wellsville is a fundamentally sound team, and they can really hit the ball. But I told my team, we got beat twice in that game, once by them and once by ourselves."

Both coaches agreed that Addison's top half of the first inning set the tone for the game. The Knights loaded the bases with no outs and managed to only get one run.

"That really could have changed the complexion of the game," Miles said.

Wellsville responded with three runs in the bottom of the first inning, then added nine in the second, six in the fourth and seven in the sixth.

Five different players had at least three hits for Wellsville, led by a 5-for-6 performance from Greg Felsen. Felsen had a double, a triple and five runs batted in on the day.

Jason Kulik went 4-for-5 with a double, a triple and two RBIs, while Brad Graves was 4-for-5 with a double. Nick Viglietta and Tony Perkins each added three hits.

Ryan Birmingham picked up the win for the Lions, starting the game and going the first four innings with six strikeouts and four walks. Perkins pitched the final three innings for Wellsville, striking out three and walking four.

For Addison, Harold Clark tossed the first two innings with three strikeouts and two walks. Tim Carson pitched the final four innings and struck out and walked one batter each.

"Baseball is a strange game. I don't know my kids that they are, but they could see again in seconds."

Wellsville looks for as they play at Salan

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The Wellsville Lions burned up the field Saturday for 25 runs and 28 hits in beating Addison. ABOVE, Jeff Gordon connects with this pitch early in the game for the Lions. RIGHT, Wellsville's Tony Perkins smiles into his team's dugout after talking with coach Dennis Miles as the Addison third baseman stands near.



Section V Champions





Wellsville Baseball 1996 Hitting Statistics

Brad's Junior Year

Name	BB	SO	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	E	BA
VIGLIETTA	8	10	98	34	35	3		1	17	27		.357
B. GRAVES	20	8	83	25	44	5	3		31	15	1	.530
FELSEN	13	9	89	20	29	7	1		21	9	22	.326
WYANT	8	15	53	15	20	2	2	4	20	7		.377
FELICINS	7	12	75	23	27	5		1	17	6		.360
J. GRAVES	2	6	37	10	10		1		2	5		.270
GORDON	4	14	80	27	32	9	2	4	27	8	2	.400
BLACK	7	9	23	13	9	4			3	3	3	.391
HEIM	1	4	8	2	1				2	2		.125
MURPHY	4	9	32	5	6				6	4		.188
MATTISON	17	13	60	22	21	8			15	10	4	.350
HAMLIN												
LOPER			4	0	4							1.000
KULLIK	11	5	54	19	19	2	1		14	10	7	.352
BIRMINGHAM	10	4	42	13	15	4			17	2		.357
NYE			1	0	0							.000
TOTAL	115	121	746	232	275	51	10	11	201	105	46	.369

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Big 30 baseball W-L records

BIG 30 BOYS' BASEBALL RECORDS

School	W	L	RF-Avg	RA-Avg
Twice-beatens				
Wellsville	22	2	234-9.8	102-4.3
Others				
Oswayo Valley	14	5	167-8.8	74-3.9
Portville	12	5	103-6.1	78-4.5
Belmont	11	5	100-6.3	59-3.7
Friendship	10	5	107-7.1	71-4.7
Bolivar-Richtburg	13	6	134-7.1	87-4.6
Whitesville	13	6	118-6.2	70-3.7
Cattaraugus	14	7	161-7.7	107-5.1
Salamanca	12	8	108-5.4	109-5.5
Belfast	9	8	103-6.1	89-5.2
Hinsdale	4	8	80-5.0	107-8.9

Fillmore	11	9	116-5.8	111-5.6
Olean High	16	10	243-9.3	150-5.8
Cuba-Rushford	9	10	137-7.2	130-6.8
Bradford	8	10	65-3.6	100-5.6
Franklinville	5	10	76-5.1	84-5.6
Scio	5	10	71-4.7	140-9.3
Andover	1	10	42-3.8	74-6.7
West Valley	4	11	88-5.9	129-8.6
Ellicottville	3	11	63-4.5	138-9.8
Angelica	1	11	31-2.3	97-8.1
Archbishop	7	12	113-5.9	138-7.3
Emporium	4	13	68-4.0	94-5.5
Pioneer	2	13	61-4.1	137-9.1
Bradford CC	2	17	57-3.0	181-9.5
Allegany-Limestone	0	19	54-3.4	192-10.1

Expressway Red Division Baseball All-Stars

June 19, 1996



BILL MUELLER/Times Herald

Wellsville lands five players on Expressway Conference Red Division All-Stars

Five players from Wellsville Central School's 22-2 squad that captured the Section 5 Class CCC title are on the Expressway Conference Red Division All-Star baseball team. Name are, front (from left): Nick Viglietta (Wellsville), Brent Slack (Cuba-Rushford), Brad Graves (Wellsville) and Greg Felson (Wellsville). Back row: Ryan Birmingham (Wellsville), Tony Perkins (Wellsville), Brian Batesky (Olean High), Josh Kinney (Oswayo Valley) and Jake Taylor (Oswayo Valley).

October 4, 1996

Two Lions named baseball All-State

By **RODNEY STEBBINS**
Sports Editor

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Graves had 11 drag-bunt base hits this season.

WELLSVILLE — With World Series not too far off, it's time to think back to the spring high school sports season as two Wellsville players were recently named to First Team All-State for Section V, Class C.

Outfielder Brad Graves and pitcher Ryan Birmingham, both juniors last spring and seniors this fall, were honored with this first-time recognition, along with three other players in Section V, Class C — Jim Marion of Kendall, Pete Seldon of Holley and Tito Varnegas of East Rochester, the school Wellsville beat to win the Class C sectional crown in May.

"Is sure is sweet to know that we'll have both of these guys back next year," said WHS baseball coach Dennis Miles.

Miles described Birmingham as a "real Division I college pitching prospect" is he can get his velocity up. "He's got a big-time college-level breaking ball already." Birmingham went 10-1 with a 2.67 earned run average last season for the Lions.

Graves set a school record with a .530 batting average, and led the team with 31 runs batted in. "Brad can completely disrupt a team's

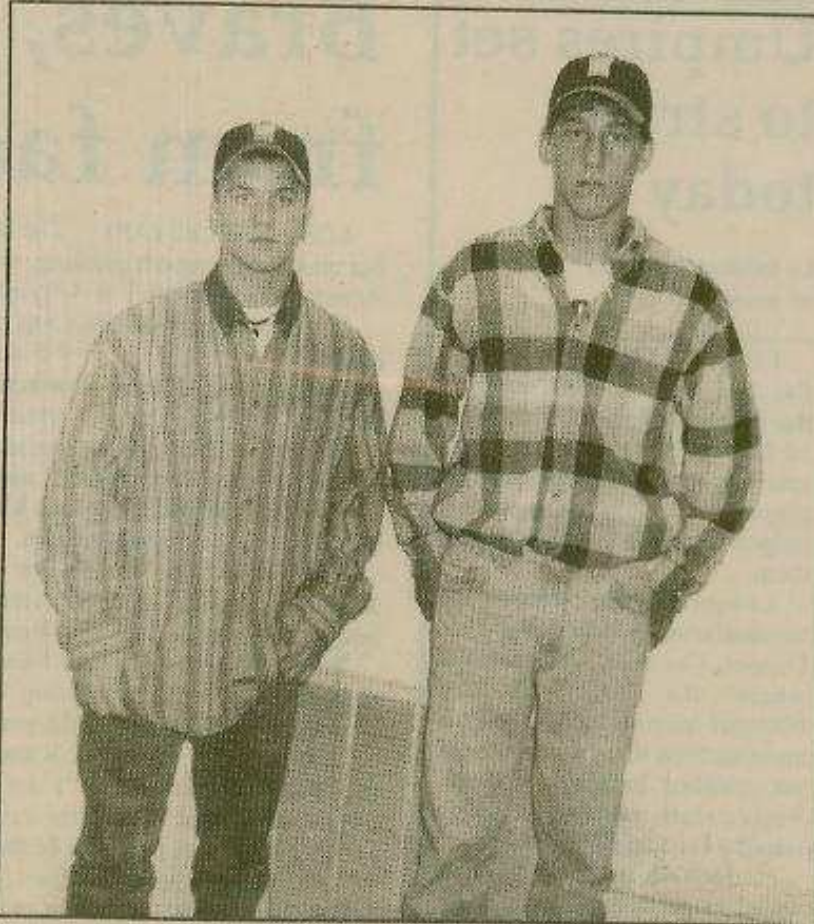


Photo by RODNEY STEBBINS

Brad Graves (left) and Ryan Birmingham were recently named as baseball All-State selections for Section V, Class C. Graves plays the outfield and Birmingham is a pitcher.

Graves set a school record with a .500 batting average, and led the team with 31 runs batted in. "Brad can completely disrupt a team's defense," Miles said. "He can do it all," he added, pointing out that Graves had 11 drag-bunt base hits this season.

Lions top B-R to go 2-0 in Expressway

By RODNEY STEBBINS

Sports Editor

WELLSVILLE — Brad Graves and Jason Kulik scored two goals apiece Monday as the Wellsville Lions defeated the Bolivar-Richburg Wolverines, 4-1, in Expressway Conference boys' soccer action.

Graves scored twice in the first half and Kulik scored two in the second half as the Lions built a 4-0 lead. B-R's only goal came just over :10 seconds after Kulik's second tally.

"I thought we played well, but we got a little complacent with the lead," said Wellsville coach Rich Hartigan.

Wellsville got on the board early as Graves scored just 2:01 into the contest, assisted by John Nye. Graves' second goal was scored with 13:50 left before halftime, this one assisted by Brian Sweet.

Kulik made it 3-0 just under ten minutes into the second half, with Chad Palmiter picking up the assist. Sweet then notched his second assist of the day on Kulik's goal with 17:57 remaining.

Right off the tip following Kulik's second goal, Bolivar-Richburg went down the field and John Feeley sent a shot towards the goal from way out on the right side that was headed into the net by Justin Fetzner.

For the game, Wellsville out-shot the Wolverines by a 14-8 margin. B-R's D.J. Dick made eight saves, while the Lions' Dave Cavanaugh had five, including one in the second half that really impressed Hartigan.

"Dave hasn't been playing goalie long (Wellsville's starting goalie, Tim McArdle, is out indefinitely with an injury), but he made a real nice diving save that was a momentum wake-up call for us in the second half," he said. "Dave came up big a couple of times tonight."

Both teams stand at 2-2 after this game, with Wellsville now at 2-0 in the Expressway Conference. The Lions play against Campbell-Savona on Thursday, at Cohocton. B-R is at home against Fillmore the same day.



Photo by RODNEY STEBBINS

Wellsville's Brad Graves takes the ball around Bolivar-Richburg defender Brent Faulkner. Wellsville's Brian Sweet follows the play with Jason Kulik (Wellsville) and John Feeley (B-R) looking on in the background.

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Graves nets two as Lions win 2-0

By RODNEY STEBBINS
Sports Editor

COHOCTON — The Wellsville Lions boys' soccer team made some formation changes heading into Thursday's game against Campbell-Savona. They worked.

The Lions had a 16-3 edge in shots on goal as they scored twice in the second half en route to a 2-0 victory over the Red Jackets.

"Our defense was simply outstanding tonight," said Wellsville coach Rich Hartigan. "We only allowed three shots. The new formation that we've been working on really clicked."

After a scoreless first half, Brad Graves scored both

goals for the Lions. The first came 10 minutes into the second half, assisted by Brian Sweet. The second came with just under 10 minutes left in the game, this time assisted by Ryan Hand.

Dave Cavanaugh had saves on all three Campbell-Savona shots. No information was available on the C-S goalie.

"I was very impressed with how the kids ran," Hartigan added. "The subs played well, too, giving us some quality minutes."

The Lions moved over the .500 mark with this win, improving their record to 3-2. They host Fillmore Monday night at 7 p.m. on the WHS football field. The Lions are 2-0 in the Expressway Conference.



Photo by RODNEY STEBBINS
Wellsville's John Nye sends this throw-in to a racing Brad Graves down the sidelines Monday night.

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Wellsville boys get big win,

Lions get 'best game of the year' to top Huskies, 2-1

By **RODNEY STEBBINS**

Sports Editor

OLEAN — Penalty kicks were the difference and the Wellsville Lions picked up what their coach called "our biggest win of the season" Monday night, winning at Olean over the Huskies, 2-1.

"This was the best game we've played all year," said Wellsville coach Rich Hartigan. "I was very pleased. We played hard for the full 80 minutes."

The Lions' two goals both came off penalty kicks in the first half, with an Olean goal off a direct kick sandwiched in between. But the pivotal play of the game came with just 2:57 left, when Olean had their own penalty kick and lost.

"Our goalie guessed the right direction and dove, but the ball rolled wide anyway," Hartigan said.

Wellsville's first goal came with 14:58 left in the first half, and Brad Graves booted home a penalty kick.

Olean tied the score when Tom Carl scored just 42 seconds later off a direct kick.

The Lions then regained the lead with 12:04 left before halftime when Tom Culbert blasted in his penalty kick.

Hartigan and his Lions have suffered from numerous injuries all season, but they are starting to get healthy at

the right time, according to their coach.

"This was the first time we've had our full starting team — except for goalkeeper Tim McArdle — play at the same time since our second game of the season," Hartigan said.

For the game, Wellsville had a 15-8 edge in shots on goal, with the Lions getting seven saves from goalie Dave Cavanaugh. Olean started with Bill DeArmitt (three saves), and Art Mohagen (six saves) played the second half.

"I was very happy with the enthusiasm my kids had coming into this game," he added. "They were excited, especially with this being the Olean (13-4) Homecoming soccer games."

Wellsville is now 5-8-1 overall, with this win ending a four-game winless streak (0-3-1). The Lions host Walsh on Thursday, and play at Portville on Friday.

"We need to win our last couple games in order to make sectionals," Hartigan said. "With us getting healthy and with the way we played tonight, I'm confident we can give that a good shot."



...Brad Graves booted home a penalty kick.

Graves nets five straight as Lions pound Walsh, 6-0

By MORGAN ELLIOTT
sports correspondent

WELLSVILLE — In the last home game of the season for the Lions, when seniors are recognized, one senior really stepped forward to be recognized.

Senior Brad Graves scored the last five of the Lions' six goals as Wellsville cruised to a 6-0 shut-out over Olean Walsh. Graves, who missed seven games with a leg injury, has scored 13 goals in the eight games he has played.

"All the seniors played well," said Wellsville coach Rich Hartigan. "The enthusiasm from the Olean

game (a 2-1 road victory on Monday) carried over. The boys came out to play and I hope we can do it again against Portville tomorrow."

The Lions go to 6-8-1 with the win. They play at Portville today.

"We pretty much have to win against Portville to make sectionals," said Hartigan. This will be quite a tough task for the Lions considering Portville's record of 16-0-1.

Just seven minutes into the game Adam Langborgh netted the first Lion goal assisted by Brian Sweet.

Then Graves scored a hat trick to round out the scoring for the first half. He was assisted by Brian

Hamlin on the first two and the Chad Palmiter on the third.

In the second half, Graves continued to find the back of the net. His first goal of the second half was assisted by Langborgh. Graves' final goal was assisted again by Palmiter.

"We totally dominated the game," said Hartigan. "I would have loved to have seen what we could've been with everybody healthy. It was just our year for bad luck."

Getting the shutout in the net for the Lions was Dave Cavanaugh. he had three saves on four Walsh shots. For Walsh Dan Shane and Jamie Kepps combined for 13 saves while facing 25 Wellsville shots.

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Graves nets five straight as Lions pound Walsh, 6-0



PHOTO BY ROBERT STEBBINS

Wellsville senior Brad Graves pulled this shot wide against Walsh goalie Dan Shane, but didn't miss much after that. Graves scored five straight goals after his team had taken a 1-0 lead en route to a big 6-0 victory in the final home game of the season for the Lions, and for the senior's career.

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Wellsville pair earn scholarships to play Division II baseball



Ryan Birmingham and
Brad Graves sign
letters of intent to
attend Quincy
University.



Photo by RODNEY STEBBING

Wellsville seniors Ryan Birmingham (left, sitting) and Brad Graves (right, sitting) get ready to sign their Letters of Intent to attend Division II college Quincy (Illinois) on baseball scholarships. Sitting between the two is WHS varsity baseball coach and athletic director Dennis Miles. Behind Ryan is his parents, Kay and Bill Birmingham, and behind Brad is his father, Neil Graves. Missing from the photo was Brad's mother, Kathy Graves. Quincy's baseball team is coached by an Andover graduate, Pat Atwell.

“This iswhat I wanted to do since I
started playing baseball.”

Lions reach another final with comeback win



PHOTO BY RODNEY STERBING

After scoring the tying run in the bottom of the sixth inning (not pictured), Wellsville's Brad Graves had the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh as the Lions defeated LeRoy, 3-2, in the Section V, Class CC semifinals. **ABOVE**, Graves (right, goggles) receives congratulations at the plate as the LeRoy catcher walks off dejectedly. **BELOW**, John Nye crosses the plate with the game-winning run after Graves' single.

Graves then came up again, and promptly looped a high fly into no-man's land between second base and center field.

Lions reach another final with comeback win

By RODNEY STEBBINS

Sports Editor

WAYLAND — It was possibly more of a struggle than they expected, but the Wellsville Lions advanced to the Section V, Class CC baseball finals for the seventh time in eight years with a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over the LeRoy Knights.

The Lions will now take on No. 5 Holley (16-3) in Friday's finals at a site and time to be announced. Holley was a 10-8 winner Tuesday over No. 8 East Rochester, a team Wellsville has faced four times in sectional final play.

Wellsville, the third seed and defending champion in Class CCC, defeating East Rochester last season at Silver Stadium in Rochester, led 1-0 for most of the game before a balk call sent home the tying run for No. 7 LeRoy in the top of the fifth.

In the top of the sixth, a solo home run over the right-center field 340-foot sign gave the Knights (13-6) a short-lived lead.

Wellsville (17-5) responded in the bottom of the sixth when, with one out, senior Brad Graves tripled over the right fielder's head. After an infield pop-up, Graves scored as junior Jason Kulik lined a single up the middle to make the score 2-2.

After stranding a LeRoy runner at second in the top of the seventh, Wellsville started the bottom of the inning with a walk by junior John Nye, who then stole second base.

After a strikeout, senior Nick Viglietta was hit by a pitch to make it first-and-second with one out for Wellsville, but the next batter also struck out.

Graves then came up again, and promptly looped a high fly into no-man's land between second base and center field. Neither LeRoy defender broke for the ball immediately, the ball fell in and Nye crossed home plate for the uncontested game-winning run.

"I've been waiting for a break-through game," said Graves, who went 3-for-4 with a run scored, a triple and two RBIs. "I came up in

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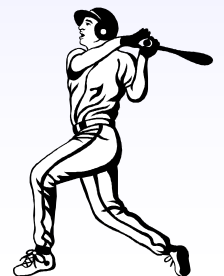


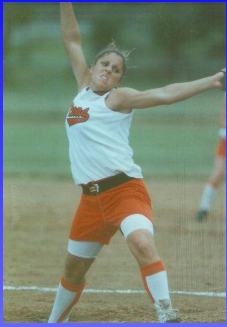
Brad Graves and Josh Kinney @ Quincy University





Brad Graves
Wellsville High School
2010 Hall of Fame Member





Nicole Whitewood Carey

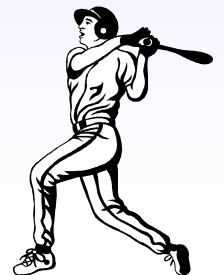
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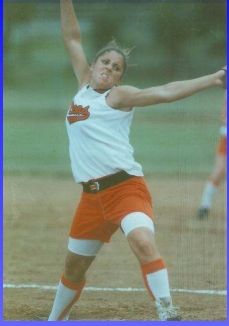
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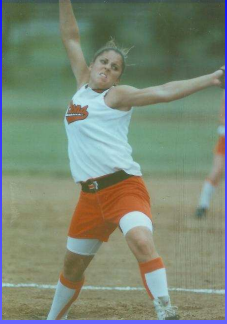
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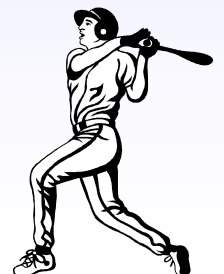


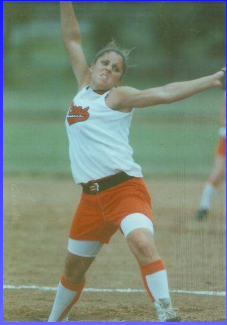
Nicole Whitewood Carey

Was named MVP of 3 consecutive Section V Class C

**Finals in 3 different sports: 2001 Softball, 2001 Soccer
(Defense), & 2002 Basketball**

2002 Sid Miles Award for WHS outstanding athlete



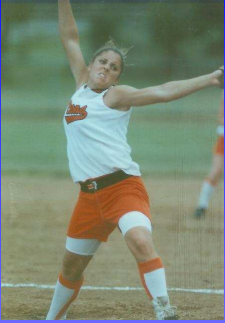


Nicole Whitewood Carey

Graduated as WHS all-time leader in assists (soccer)

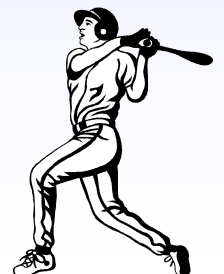
Named to multiple Expressway Conference All-Star teams in basketball, soccer & softball. Spectator Great 8 1st Team (basketball), All New York State 2nd Team (softball)





Nicole Whitewood Carey

Her combination of athletic talent and competitive spirit place her among the all-time great WHS female athletes.















Hurler cools off Bombers

□ Bloomfield can't solve Wellsville's Nicole Whitwood in the Class CC finals.

By WILLIAM S. PAXTON
Messenger Post Staff

ROCHESTER — Heather Shepard almost never strikes out.

Yesterday, the Bloomfield senior, who hasn't struck out in three or four years, did it twice in one game.

That's how good Nicole Whitwood's stuff was.

The Wellsville junior had a potent

fastball, but her change-up was almost unhittable in the Lions' 7-0 blanking of the third-seeded Bombers in the Section V Class CC championship game at McAvoy Park.

"If she had just thrown the fastball we would have been able to time that, but the change of speeds — we haven't seen that all year," Bloomfield coach Keith Shepard said.

The defending champion No. 4 Lions (14-5) — who have won seven sectional titles in the past eight years — jumped on Bloomfield early with a four-run first inning and then turned things over to their pitcher.

After missing eight games during the regular season with a torn rotator cuff in her right pitching arm, Whitwood gladly accepted the challenge.

"I started out kind of anxious, but after that first inning ... I was a little more comfortable out there and it all came together," the tournament's most valuable player said.

The Bombers (17-5) were not glad to see her back. Whitwood held them to two hits and two walks while striking out 11 over seven innings.

"The change-up is definitely my money pitch and tonight it



Bloomfield's Monica Langan watches during the Bombers' final at-bat of the season last night in the Section V Class CC title game. Wellsville ended their season with a 7-0 win at McAvoy Park.

Messenger Post photo by Jack Haley

worked for me," Whitwood said.

"I thought it was the best game she has ever thrown," said Wellsville coach Frank Cady, whose team is 8-1 since Whitwood's return.

"She was just dominant out there."

Bloomfield's best opportunity to score came in its first at-bat. Tara Vaiana and Emily Paulsen led off the bottom of the first with back-to-back walks, but the next three Bombers went down in order.

Whitwood's RBI double and an RBI single from Kim Depew ignited Wellsville's

four-run first inning. The Lions, who stole four bases in the inning, tacked on two more runs on two Bloomfield errors.

Coach Shepard had hoped the Bombers would be the team to strike first, but things didn't work out that way.

"We knew they lost a lot of seniors (six) from last year," he said. "We thought maybe if we got off to a good start they would feel a little pressure. ... But they came out and hit the ball and we had a couple of costly mistakes."

"That set the tone and I think that really relaxed them."

A home run from Nicole Fanton and an RBI single from Jamie Phillips highlighted the Lions' three-run fifth inning.

After opening the game with two walks, Whitwood retired the next nine batters she faced. Heather Shepard broke up her no-hit bid with a lead-off single in the fourth.

"We definitely were not ready for (her change-up)," she said. "We haven't really had experience against pitchers like that. ... It was kind of a shock to most of the players."

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Nicole Whitwood

Wellsville

Senior

Inch for inch and pound for pound, she's the toughest kid on the floor every night.

There aren't any quotes around that statement, because it's simply an observation that could've come from anybody who's had a chance to watch Wellsville's petite point guard mix it up with the big girls over the past two seasons.

Lady Lion senior Nicole Whitwood, all five foot one and maybe 105 pounds of her, has been "dribbling ever since I can remember." The daughter of a Wellsville

Hall of Fame cager, she laughs when she says, "I'm sure my dad had a basketball in my hands since I could hold it."

A second team selection last year, Nicole knows that, as much as anything else, it's been the success of her team that's made the difference this time around. "We really don't have one standout star player," she acknowledges. "What we have is a great mix of really decent players. It's taken everyone to get us as far as we are."

That's everyone, including the coach she calls 'goofy'. "Nicole runs the show for us," smiles the Lions' Tom Delahunt. "She handles the ball 85 percent of the time, and only turns it over fewer than one and a half times a game. That's phenomenal!"

The 2001 team Defensive MVP and Expressway

Conference first team All Star also scores at an 11 ppg clip, dishes out almost three assists a game, comes up with four steals a night and, almost miraculously, considering the soccer mentality she brings to the game, (just watch her low-

er that should and smile whenever she sees a pick coming), is only fourth on the team in personal fouls accumulated.

A top student who claims her favorite subject has been "American history, by far!", Nicole is looking ahead to a possible

career in forensic psychology. She's been accepted at the University of Kentucky, and is still waiting to hear from her co-favorite, UNC Wilmington. "I didn't want to stay in-state," she admits, "so I started looking south right away. Wilmington's a great area, and UK's right in the heart of Lexington. I'm really looking forward to either school."

A defending sectional champion pitcher on the Lions' vaunted softball team, Nicole still has that to look forward to, too, but in the meantime, there's one more goal on her horizon.

"Before every game we have a chant," she says, "and at the end we say, 'Together we can!' That's been our team motto all year, and that's the thought we're taking into sectionals. We're very team oriented, and together we can win it."



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February 23, 2001

Perry foiled Whitwood's heroics

PERRY — It was almost perfect.

The team's leader gets hurt in the first half of a playoff game, comes back in the fourth quarter and hits the shot that puts her underdog team ahead.

The script was nearly ideal for the Wellsville Central School girls' basketball team.

Except for the ending.

Jackie Dueppengiesser hit a running one-hander with nine seconds left to lift second-seeded Perry to a 49-48 win over the seventh-seeded Lions (14-8) in a Section 5 Class CCC quarterfinal game on Thursday.

The loss spoiled a gutsy performance by Wellsville's Nicole Whitwood.

Whitwood sprained ligaments in her ankle in the second quarter after hitting a layup. She didn't play the rest of the half, and Perry (17-4) closed the quarter on a 10-0 run to take a 27-21 halftime lead.

During the third quarter, Whitwood had her ankle taped and returned in the fourth quarter. Barely able to walk, Whitwood hit a three-pointer with 1:27 left to put Wellsville up, 48-47.

Section V CCC Quarter Final Game

During the third quarter Whitwood had her left ankle taped and returned in the fourth quarter. Barely able to walk, Whitwood hit a three-pointer with 1:27 left to put Wellsville up 48-47.

Perry hit a running one hander with nine seconds to go to win the game.

December 21, 2000



Whitwood's shot sparks Wellsville

■ Near full-court shot boosts Lions in win over Portville

WELLSVILLE — A shot in the first half of a high school basketball game rarely decides the outcome of a game.

Of course, three-quarters court baskets are pretty rare, too.

Nicole Whitwood hit a 79-foot shot at the end of the first half to boost the Wellsville Central School girls' team to a 49-43 win over Portville in Expressway Conference action Wednesday.

Whitwood's one-handed shot — the only three-pointer of the game — hit nothing but net and gave Wellsville (2-3) a seven-point lead at the halftime.

"Our fans were going nuts, and the girls all stormed onto the court," said Wellsville coach

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tom Delahunt. "Portville ran right into the locker room. That's a huge blow. We were just pumped up. There's a big difference between being up seven and being up four. In the second half, they played even with us, so that shot was a crushing blow to them."

Whitwood finished with 16 points, while Trisha Walker scored 14 of her game-high 20 points in the second half.

"Our offense did a nice job of breaking down their defenses and finding the open man," Delahunt said. "Between Whitwood and Walker, we

played very well tonight against a tough Portville team."

Ashley Barnes had eight points for Portville (3-4).

Franklinville 29, Bolivar-Rich. 22

BOLIVAR — The Wolverines held Franklinville (6-2) star Jacey Brooks to just nine points but struggled on offense, scoring just three points in the first half.

"We went into the game wanting to keep Jacey Brooks away from the ball and didn't pay attention to getting the ball in the hoop when we did have it," said Bolivar-Richburg coach Steve Yehl.

Lindsey Fuller had 10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2000

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Lady Lions claw Franklinville, 6-0

Whitwood ties school assist record at 35

FRANKLINVILLE — Nicole Whitwood scored on a corner kick and added three assists - equalling the school's career assist record in the process - to help Wellsville to a 6-0 win on an ugly day in Franklinville Wednesday.

The Lady Lions scored three times with the wind at their backs in the first half but, like their male

counterparts Tuesday in Portville, were just as dominant going into the gale in the second.

Tricia Walker got it started for the Lions when she converted on a Whitwood corner just three minutes in.

Whitwood's next corner, in the eighth minute, didn't need any help at all. "I thought it looked like

their goalie got a hand on it," said Lion coach Fran Houseman, "but the official said it just went straight in."

Arielle Szabo made it 3-0 just four and a half minutes later on a pass from Erica Pease, but even though they went on to outshoot their hosts 18-0 in the half, that was all the Lions could put past Lady Panther tender Melissa Isaman.

"With the wind and hail and everything else in her face, Isaman really played pretty well," Houseman said. "They changed goalies at the half, though, and the

girl who replaced her (April Thorne) was even more aggressive."

She had to be. Even into the teeth of the gale, the Lions still managed to put 15 shots on Thorne compared to the six Franklinville mustered against Nichole Fanton.

The same Whitwood to Walker combination that had started the scoring in the first half struck again in the third minute after the break to put the Lions up by four, and twenty minutes later, freshman Katie Pease made it 5-0 on a pass from Whitwood.

That assist was the 35th of the

senior center half's varsity career, tying the mark set by Tracy Culbert in 1994.

Erica Pease finished the damage when, with just over three minutes left, she scored unassisted off a Panther defender.

Wellsville's single season assist record, 15, was set by Jenn Cox back in the early '80's. Whitwood's three against the Panthers give her 12 this year, with Friday's Senior Game against Alfred-Almond - and however many games the Lions (12-5) can run through Class C sectional play - still ahead.

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March 1, 2002



Section V, Class CCC All Tournament Team

Selected to the Section V Class CCC All Tournament team after Thursday's finals at the Blue Cross Arena were, from left, Wellsville's Melanie Jackson, Nicole Whitwood (MVP) and Ashley Walker, Lauren Logsdon from Holley, Keisha Wigent from Sodus, and Letchworth's Alison Berwanger and Casey Marcy.

JIM SWEET
Daily Reporter

March 1, 2002

Lady Lions capture Section V title

MVP Whitwood leads Wellsville to 47-32 win over Letchworth

By JIM SWEET
Daily Reporter

ROCHESTER — It may not have been their best game of the year - they shot just 26 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 18 times - but Wellsville's 21-1 Lady Lions still had more than enough to handle the seventh-seeded Lady Indians of Letchworth at Blue Cross Arena here last night, beating them 47-32 to claim their first Section V Basketball Championship since 1997.

Senior Nicole Whitwood was selected Tournament MVP on the strength of both her floor general-ship throughout the tournament and the way she stepped up to handle the bulk of the scoring load for Wellsville in the finals.

Her 14 point performance helped the Lions overcome the loss, for much of the game, of their top scorer, junior forward Tricia Walker, who was whistled for three personals in the game's first four minutes and wound up sitting out almost half the contest.

"That could have been huge for us," admitted an obviously relieved Lion coach Tom Delahunt, who also had to endure the sight of three other players, including Whitwood, in foul trouble before the third

Jackson feed, putting the favorites up 17-9 with six minutes left in the half.

Freshman Melissa Carpenter nailed a pair from the line to cut the margin back to six, but a Pease rebound, an 18 footer from Whitwood and the first of Ashley Walker's two threes - combined with six straight missed free throws by the Lady Indians - combined to give Wellsville a 24-11 lead at the half.

One of the keys to Wellsville's win was the defense that held the Indians to just those 11 first half points, and that shut down Alison Berwanger, the girl who'd scored 30 in Saturday's semifinal win over Sodas, to a single basket in that first half - and just 11 for the game.

"We wanted to make them play from the outside in," Delahunt explained. "They're a real quick team, especially with Berwanger and (Sarah) Perry out front, so we played a zone because we thought we could use our size to our advantage. And we did. Rebounding was the name of the game tonight. Both offensively and defensively, we killed them on the boards."

With Tricia and Szabo both saddled with four fouls, credit for the big rebounding numbers belonged to Jackson, who grabbed 12 of her



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April 25, 2001

Lady Lions come from behind to trip Olean Senior Jamie Phillips drives in four as girls climb to 2-0

By JIM SWEET
Daily Reporter

WELLSVILLE — After spotting Olean a pair of four-run leads with what could only be called some uncharacteristically sloppy defense, the Lady Lions came back with three runs in the fifth and three more in the bottom of the seventh to claim their first Expressway Conference win of the season Tuesday.

"Our defense had a lot of trouble getting settled in," observed Lion coach Frank Cady, whose girls are now 2-0 on the young season on the strength of their 8-7 squeaker over the Lady Huskies. "The cold probably played part in it, although I don't want to use that as an excuse. It certainly didn't seem to effect Olean. They made all the plays early on."

After shutting out a good Allegany-Limestone team Monday in a game that saw them commit just one harmless error, Cady's Lions were guilty of six costly miscues Tuesday, offenses that led to five unearned runs and almost left them looking up in the conference standings at the one team that finally broke Wellsville's six year stranglehold on the Expressway Championship last year.



Junior hurler Nicole Whitwood strains into one of her 54 mph fastballs in Tuesday's win over Olean, as second baseman Annie Peet and right fielder Nichole Fanton prepare to defend.

should've made."

Wellsville closed the gap to one in their half of the fifth, with the big blow

Lion infield in, Whitwood stepped up with two of her five strikeouts, but then watched Irving smash a one-hopper

Wellsville fans seemed to sense what was coming. Cady went to his bunt game, and Campbell laid down a beau-

Expressway Conference foe, Portville, here at Tullar Field at 4:30 this after-

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Olean JV's 11, Wellsville JV's 8

Despite outhitting their opponents by a 12-3 margin, the Lady Lion JV's were victimized by a rash of fielding errors and fell to Olean, 11-8, on Quackenbush Field yesterday.

"We hit much better than we did Monday," reported Lion coach Jamie McLaughlin, whose team is now 1-1, "and we tried to fight back, but our defense just didn't hold."

Junior hurler Nicole Whitwood strains into one of her 54 mph fastballs...

June 1, 2001

Lady Lions take Section V title

Whitwood fans 11, shuts out Bloomfield on two hits

By JIM SWEET
Daily Reporter

ROCHESTER — Wellsville's Lady Lions softball team claimed their seventh Section V Championship in the last eight years at McAvoy Park Thursday with a convincing 7-0 whitewashing of the Bloomfield Lady Bombers.

Lion junior pitcher Nicole Whitwood drove in the only run she would need with a double in the top of the first inning, and from then on held the challengers from the Finger Lakes Region to two hits - a pop fly in the fourth inning that her fielders lost in the sun, and a soft single up the middle in the seventh that never even made it out of the infield.

Whitwood, named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player, recorded a career-high 11 strikeouts against the third-seeded Lady Bombers, and walked just three.

"This was the finest game I've ever seen Nicole throw," said a jubilant coach Frank Cady after the game. "She was in complete



Above, Bloomfield first baseman Emily Paulsen swings threw this changeup by Wellsville junior Nicole Whitwood during the Lady Lion's 7-0 win in the Section V, Class CC championship game at McAvoy Park Thursday. Whitwood struck out 11 Lady Bombers in receiving MVP honors for the tournament. At right, Lady Lion Nichole Fanton rounds second base enroute to third on her stand-up homerun in the fifth inning. Fanton crossed home plate before the ball was even relayed to the infield.

Friday, June 1, 2001



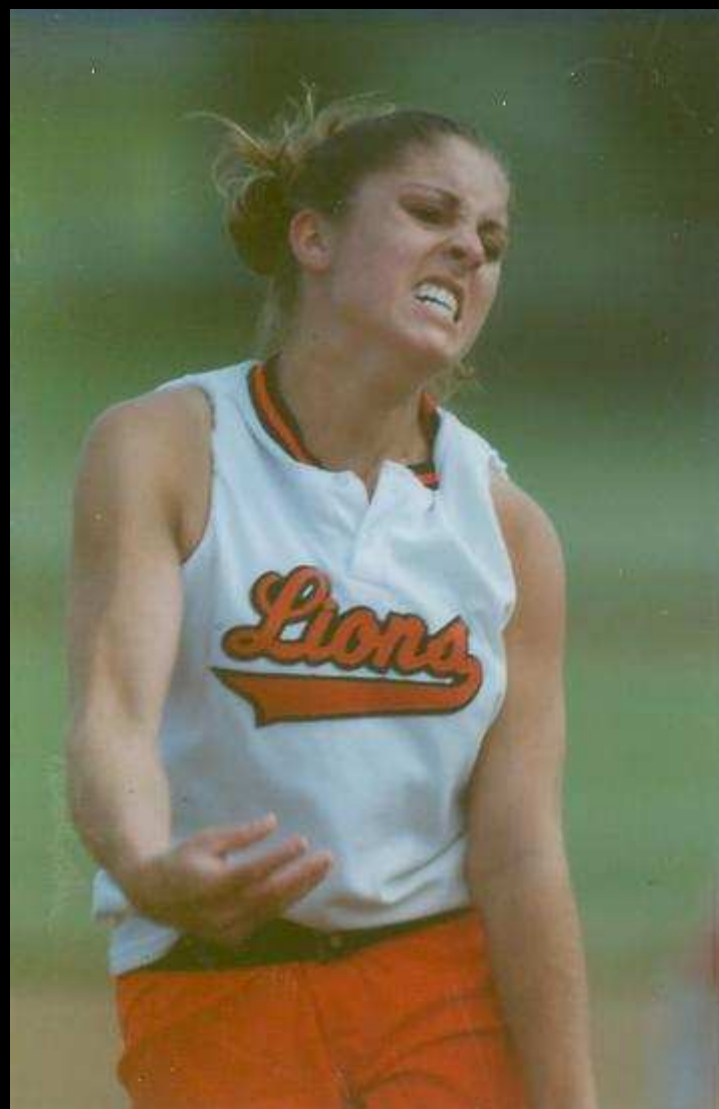






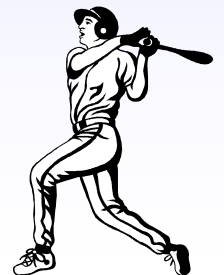








Nicole Whitewood Carey
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2010 Hall of Fame Member



Brian A. Gray

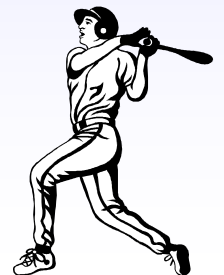
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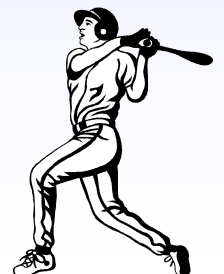
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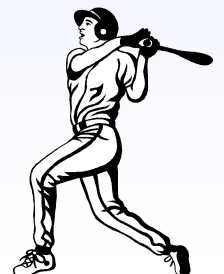
**College:
St. Cloud State College**



Brian A. Gray

**Played football and wrestling for two years at St.
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**Coached wrestling at Wellsville for 34 years, from
Youth Wrestling to Modified, J.V. and was the Varsity
coach for 14 years.**



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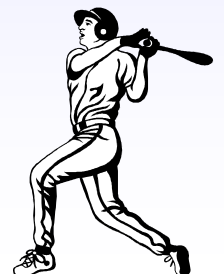
Coached several sports at the community level including: Minor League Baseball (9 yrs.), Little League Baseball (3 yrs.), Babe Ruth (6 yrs.), Cinderella Softball (6 yrs.) and Midget Football (17 yrs.)

He was one of the original members of the Old Timers Wrestling Club (6 yrs.) where he only lost one match.



Brian A. Gray

**In weight lifting from 1992-2002 he was the ADFPA
NY Champion as well as the National Masters Bench
Press Champion for seven years.**



1962 WHS YEARBOOK



Coach Shaw





WELLSVILLE FOOTBALL 1992



1959-1960 Wrestling Season

Wellsville Matmen Meet Letchworth

Coach Bruce Bouck will have his 1959-60 Wellsville Lion grapplers out on the mats seeking their first victory of the season tonight as they play host to Letchworth at 7 o'clock.

Ten veterans and two newcomers will be in tonight's lineup as the team faces the first in series of 13 contest this season.

Three exhibition matches are slated before the varsity team takes to the mats.

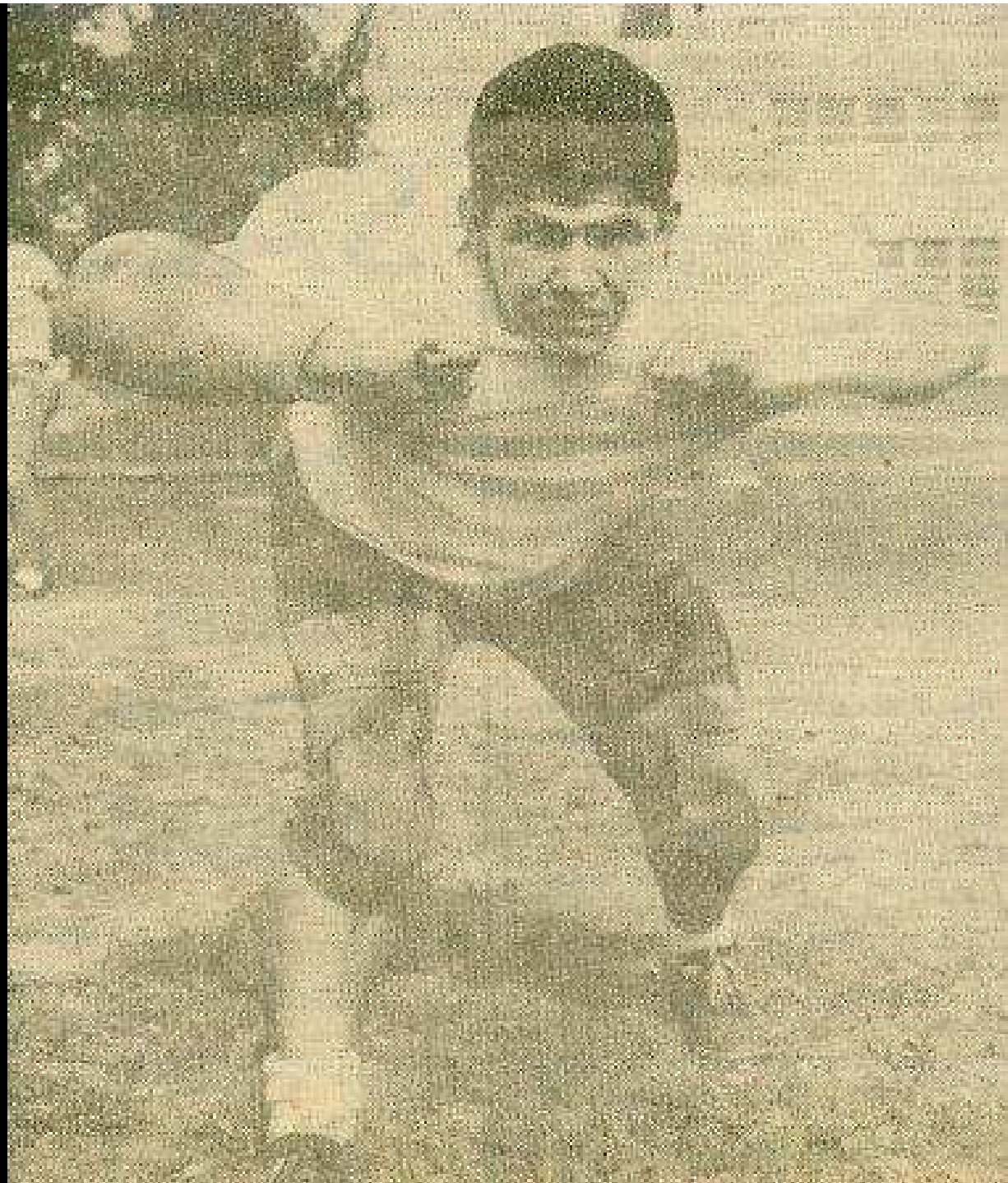
Sophomore John Holled a newcomer to the team will lead the unlimited weight division. Senior Bruce Fisher 175, Brian Gray 165, junior Ron Wesche 154 class, senior veteran Glenn Aldrich is ranked in the 145 circuit with sophomore Ted Scott in 138 class. Jun-

iors Ron Salmonson or Dwight Fanton will compete in the 133 class. Seniors Mike Jackson will wrestle in the 127 division while cousin Jerry Jackson will vie in the 120 class. Senior Bill Coval will take on the 112 pound class for the Lions and sophomore Ron Bessey the 103 division. Bob Earl or Bob Hull will be assigned in the 95 pound division.

The 175 and 95 pound classes have recently been added by the West Central Wrestling Conference. All members are veterans except in the two extreme classes.

The new wrestling coach is hoping the team will give a good account of their long practice sessions as they have worked hard since beginning of season practice.

Brian Gray – 165 lbs.



ive Plays For Friday's Contest



RAIN, DAMP FIELDS have held Wellsville's Lions team practice to a minimum this week but enough time to practice several key plays. Junior right halfback Brian Gray hands off the pigskin to 180 pound senior left halfback Dennis Suppa. Wellsville won last week's encounter with Allegany Central 33-14. (Reporter Photo).

**In the
picture...**

**Brian Gray
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Veteran Pack to Support Local Grapplers



WELLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL wrestlers get their season underway Monday when the Lions invade Alfred-Almond at 7:30 p.m. Backing this year's team is a squad of nine veterans including seven lettermen and a new varsity mat coach. First row, kneeling, left to right include coach Hank Shaw, sophomore letterman Doug Dervay, Les Marsh, junior letterman Bob Hull and junior Phil Hyer. Back row, same order, are senior lettermen Lew Chambers, Brian Gray, student coach Ron Wesche and T. Scott. Sophomore letterman Rolly Colegrove was absent when photo was taken. (Reporter photo).

Coach Hank Shaw

Doug Dervay

Les Marsh

Bob Hull

Phil Hyer

Lew Chambers

Brian Gray

Ron Wesche

T. Scott

August 29, 1974

Wellsville (Ohio) football contingent due on Friday

About 80 Wellsville, Ohio, players, parents, and coaches will arrive in town tomorrow at 5 p.m. in preparation for Saturday's game against the midget football teams from Wellsvilles Ohio and New York.

According to Bob Piscitelli, the Ohio contingent will be met at the intersection of Routes 17 and 19 by fire trucks which will escort them to Tullar Field for a welcoming.

Saturday's 2 p.m. game at Tullar Field has been in the planning stages for a month and a half, largely as a result of the efforts between Piscitelli, the Wellsville, N.Y., Midget Football League president, and John Albanese, goodwill ambassador from Wellsville, Ohio. The game will pit the Wellsville, N.Y., All-Stars against the Wellsville, Ohio, Tigers.

The Tigers play in a 10-team league against teams from surrounding Ohio communities and play two games in Cleveland each year. Frank Carter, coach of the Tigers, has a brother that coaches in Cleveland so the two games are played each year.

According to Albanese, the Tigers are undefeated for the past three years. All 30 of Ohio's players are in the 110 to 130 pound category while New York's representatives have a weight limit of 150 pounds and are 11 to 13 years old.

After the Ohio delegation is met by the fire trucks, members of their team will be met by members of New York's team, with whom they will spend Friday night.

Swimming will be available at the Brooklyn School Pool from 7 to 9 p.m. that evening with the rest of the night free for the players. For the adults, a reception will be held at 6 p.m. in the

YMCA with Wellsville, N.Y., Kiwanian Bud Dash as emcee.

The Ohio people who arrive on the buses will stay overnight at Alfred in the dorms while others have made reservations at the Wellsville Motel and others are bringing camping trailers.

The Wellsville, N.Y., Chamber of Commerce is furnishing a trophy to be given to the winner of the game. The

trophy has already been inscribed with the name of the winner, which could be none other than Wellsville.

Trophies will also be given to the most valuable players on each of the Wellsville teams and the Ohio Tigers are also bringing a trophy.

During pre-game ceremonies, the players and coaches from both Wellsvilles will be introduced and a flag from the Ohio VFW will be

presented to the New York VFW. The Blue Devils will perform at halftime.

Mayor Robert Gardner will issue a proclamation tomorrow proclaiming Saturday as a special day for both cities.

There will be no admission charge to the game but a collection will be taken. Refreshments will be available during the game from a concession stand, a converted baseball batting cage.



COACHES AND CAPTAINS—Wellsville Midget Football League All-Star coaches Dave Waterman, left, and Brian Gray, right, confer with all-star captains Jerry Brandes (70) and Walter Gardner (62)

in preparation for Saturday's game with the Wellsville, N.Y., 13 year olds and the Wellsville, Ohio, Midget Football League Tigers. The game is Saturday at 2 p.m. at Tullar Field. (Reporter Photo)

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November 7, 1959

Underdog Wellsville Shocks Unbeaten Hornell 14 to 12.

Coach Bunnell's Team Winds Up Season In 4-3-1 Mark

By FRANK CADY

The Wellsville Lions buried Hornell and George Bunnell buried his hat. The underdog Lions shocked the unbeaten Red Raiders from Hornell when they fought their way to an inspiring 14-12 victory last night at Tullar Field.

It was victory number four for Coach Bunnell's team and marked the second consecutive year the Lions have turned in a winning season. Wellsville has lost three games and tied one.

In the Hornell series it was the first victory for a Wellsville squad since 1953 when a 27-13 victory was registered. Hornell now leads in the overall series 27-12.

Coach George Bunnell had high praise for his teams showing. He commented, "It was a great team effort, every boy did his part. The boys were really up for the game and had tremendous desire for victory."

He continued, "It was this tremendous desire that pulled us through and gave us a winning season. They were a great crew and they tried every step of the way. I only wish I could have the whole bunch back next year."

One of the high points of the victory was the burying of Coach Bunnell's hat on the 50 yard line. At the pep rally Thursday evening the Lion mentor told his charges that he and assistant coach Dick Scott would bury their hats on the 50 if the Lions won.

Bunnell commented, "I'll have another hat ready for next year." Wellsville opened the game by

14-0.

Babecock received Pickup's kick off and returned it to the Hornell 46. On the first play Patti turned in a fine exhibition of broken field running when he raced around right end, cut back to the middle and zig zaged his way for a 54 yard touchdown gallop. The PAT attempt failed and Wellsville led 14-6.

In the second half Hornell opened with a rush as they scored the first time they gained control of the ball. A pass interception on the Wellsville 48 set up the score.

Lefty Jim Cleveland faded back and fired a 25 yard scoring pass to end Bill O'Rourke for Hornell's second tally. The PAT try again failed and the Lions led 14-12.

Hornell continued to threaten but each time the Lion defense came up with the big play to stop the Raiders. On a fourth and two situation with the ball on the Wellsville 18, the whole line met Patti and dropped him for a loss.

In the fourth quarter Hornell's attack was halted when Dick Orman intercepted a pass on the visitors 30 yard line with four minutes of play remaining. Wellsville could not move the ball and had to kick with two minutes left in the game.

Orman again grabbed the spotlight when he made a diving interception on the Hornell 48. Three plays later the gun sounded and Wellsville had won.

Statistics:

	WCS	HCS
First Downs	9	14
First Downs Rush	8	11
First Downs Pass	1	3
Total Yards Gained	182	286
Yards Gained Rush	122	192
Yards Gained Pass	60	94
Passes Attempted	10	12
Passes Completed	5	5
Passes Intercepted	2	1
Punts	7	2

Upset of Season Is Provided by Wells



Fullback Tom Colegrove goes over for Wellsville's first touchdown early in the second quarter moving the ball up the middle from the four yard line on a straight snap from center Dick Orman as Ron Pickup No. 21 moves into block linebacker Dick Scott No. 24. Bottom photo shows hatless Coach George Bunnell receiving congratulations after his team upset Hornell 14-12. Coach Bunnell buried his hat on the 50 yard line to fulfill a promise made at Thurs-



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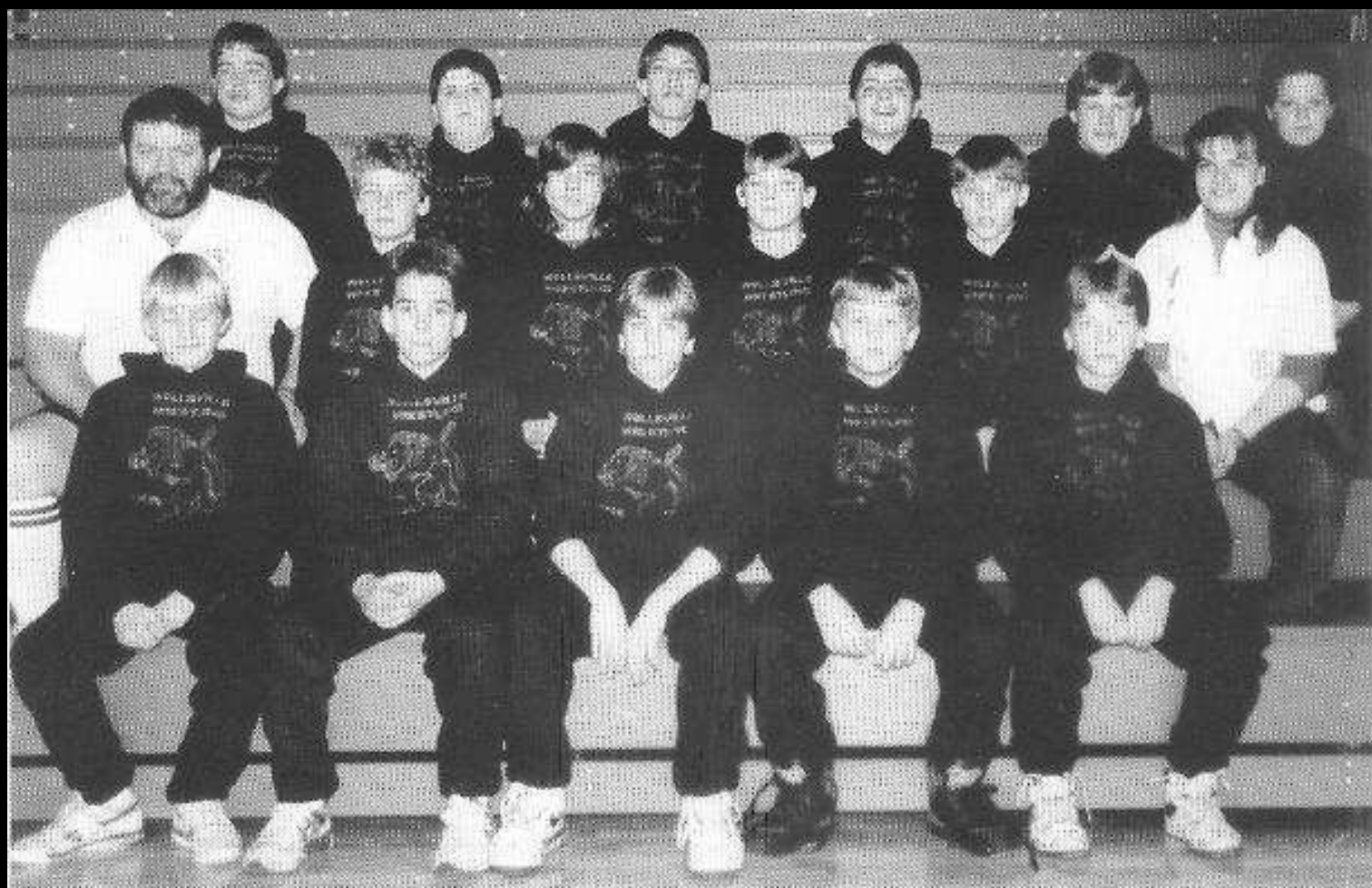














Wellsville's Gray wins National Bench Press championship for second straight year

By RODNEY STEBBINS
Sports Editor

A Wellsville man recently repeated as the U.S.A. Powerlifting Federation's National Bench Press champion, winning the title for the fourth time in the last six years.

Brian Gray, 55, benched 407 pounds at the USPF National Championships in Chicago last Sunday, taking first place in the Masters (age 55-59) Division's unlimited heavyweight class.

The 407 pounds is a national record for the Master's unlimited class. He won last year with a lift of 424 pounds.

Gray, who will begin his seventh season as the Wellsville High School wrestling coach last this year and has coached in the WHS system since 1984, won the national bench press championship last year in

Cleveland with a lift of xxx. He also won titles in both 1994 and '95.

"I was real happy," said Gray of winning his fourth title. "You kind of know what you can do and everyone else can do coming in, so it really wasn't a surprise."

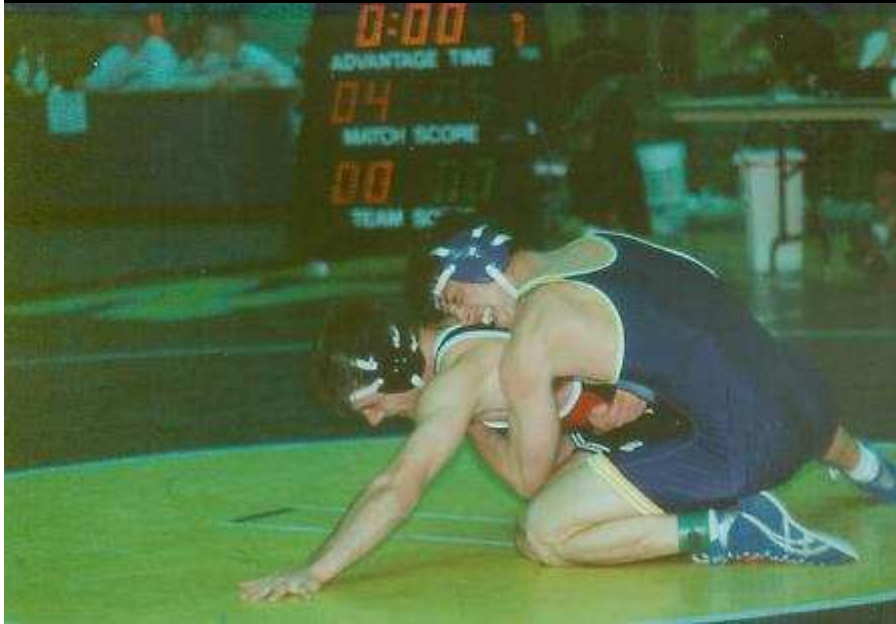
"I can't do the full meets anymore (squad and dead lift) because of arthritis, but I can still to the bench press."

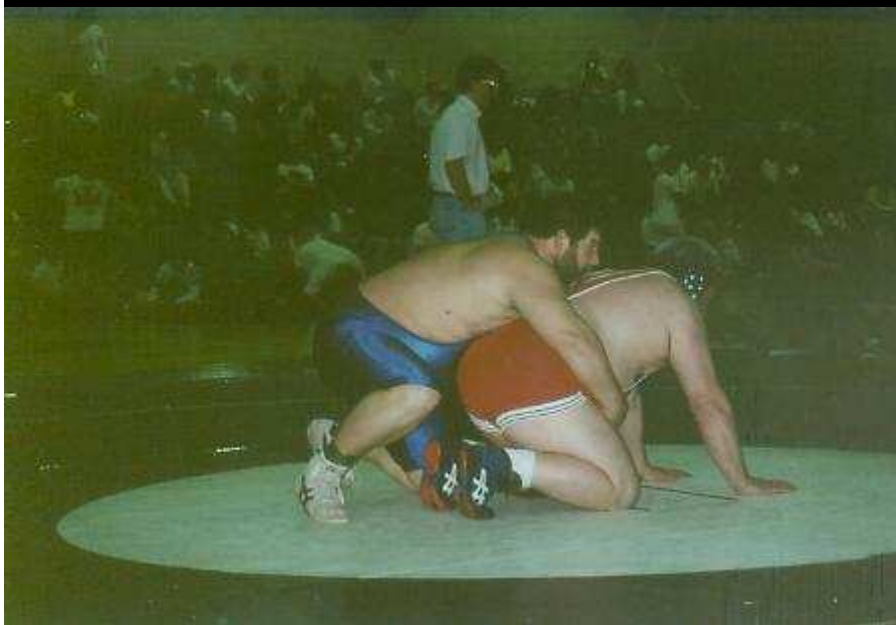
Gray wished to thank the Wellsville Elk's Lodge No. 1495 for sponsoring him, along with long-time lifting partner, Rich Iantorno, who traveled to Chicago with him.

According to Gray, there were close to 200 people competing in all the classes and divisions at this year's event. He was not sure where next year's event will be held, but does plan on attempting to go back and defend his back-to-back titles.

September 24, 1999

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Christmas 2009



**Brian “Santa” Gray
continues to give back
to his community.**



October 26, 2009

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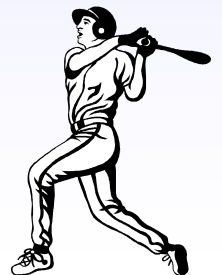


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