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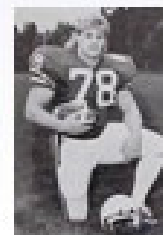
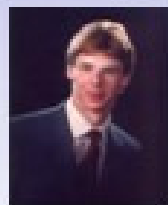
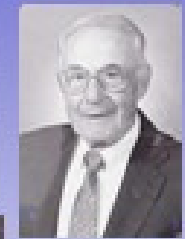
The Wellsville Athletic Hall of Fame honors the many outstanding athletes, coaches, and others who have had a significant impact on the success of athletic programs at Wellsville High School and beyond.





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WHS HALL OF FAME



2012 INDUCTEES

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| 1. Howard Underwood | 1945 |
| 2. Bob Kozlowski | 2006 |
| 3. Taylor Houseman | 2006 |
| 4. Jenn Scutt Joyce | 2000 |
| 5. Fran Houseman | 2002 |





Howard Underwood

Years in Wellsville: 1941-1945

Sports Played

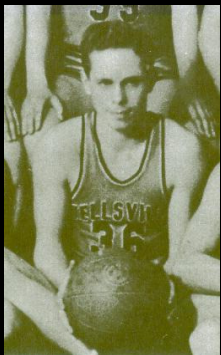
Basketball 4 Years

Baseball 3 Years

Football 4 years

Track 4 years

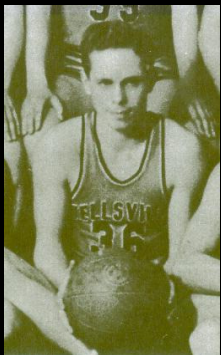




Howard Underwood

**Military:
US Army**



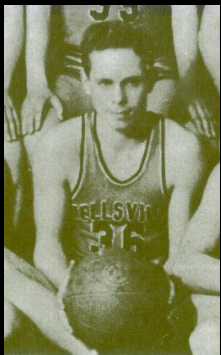


Howard Underwood

He was recognized as a three sport star in the sports of football, basketball, and track.

In 1945 he led his varsity basketball team in scoring with a total of 151 points in 17 games.





Howard Underwood

In football he will always be remembered as one of the best running backs to play at WHS during this era.

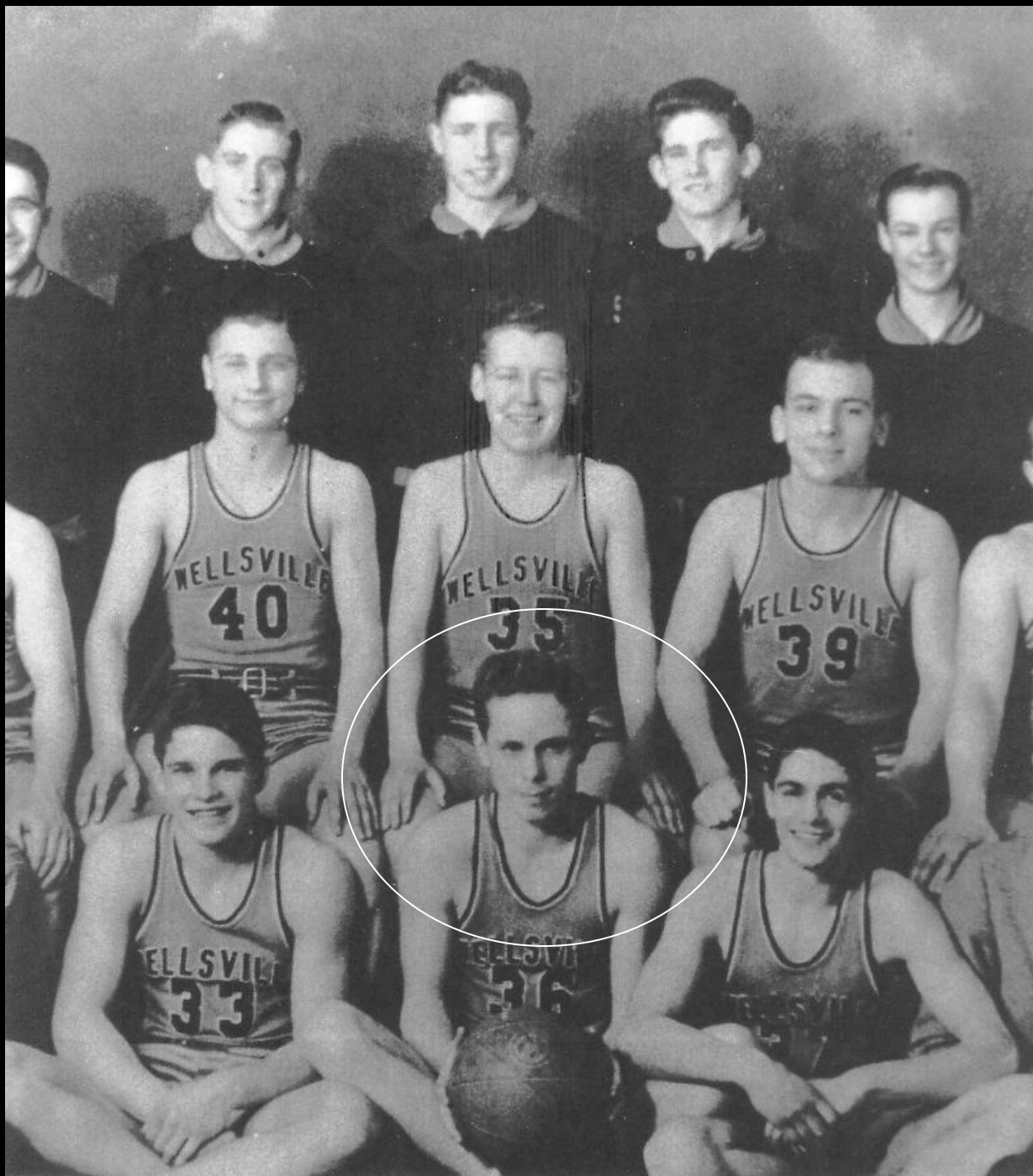
In the sport of track he seldom was beat in the events of broad jump and high jump winning three consecutive county championships in both events.



Class of 1945



Willis, Rehder, Stewart, ...



Leos Retain Track Trophy In Area Meet

Locals Score 92 Points to Cop
County Cinder Meet; Eight
Schools Participate

Swamping all opposition, the Wellsville High School Lions won the County Track Meet for the nineteenth consecutive year and for the second time in the history of the school became possessors of the County crown in four major sports. Capturing ninety-two and two-thirds points, and seven of the eleven first places, the locals completely dominated the meet which was held at Bolivar, May 29.

Eight county schools participated in the most successful contest in recent years. Andover scored second with 19 points while Fillmore was close behind the Panthers with a total of 17 points, Bolivar totaled nine, Richburg four and one-third, Whitesville two, and Friendship two.

100 yard dash—1st, Tower & Giopulos of Wellsville tied; 3rd, Winchip, Fillmore; 4th Freeley, Richburg; 5th, Mix, Bolivar. Time 10.2.

220 yard low hurdles—1st, Covill, Wellsville; 2nd, Dickinson, Wellsville; 3rd, Ellsworth, Wellsville; 4th, Wilson, Wellsville; 5th, Dunham, Andover. Time 30.1.

Mile Run—1st, Blake, Fillmore; 2nd, Gross, Andover; 3rd, Baldwin, Bolivar; 4th, Luckey, Fillmore; 5th, Haskins, Wellsville. Time 5:15.4.

440 yard run—1st, Walsh, Wellsville; 2nd, Mallery, Wellsville; 3rd, Grossman, Wellsville; 4th Wachter, Wellsville; 5th, Root, Bolivar. Time 58.9.

Broad Jump — 1st, Underwood, Wellsville; 2nd, Brown, Alfred-Almond; 3rd, Wolfer, Fillmore; 4th, Howland, Andover; 5th, Tower, Wellsville. Distance 18' 10"

High Jump — 1st, Underwood, Wellsville; 2nd, Ellsworth, Wellsville; 3rd, Flurschutz, Wellsville; 4th,

June 1, 1945

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Broad Jump — 1st Underwood
High Jump — 1st Underwood

Friday, December 21, 1945

Wellsville

Orange Five Too Powerful For Corning

Relentless Lion Courtmen
Break Undeclared CNS
Record Against Locals

Giopulos High Scorer

Plucky Forward Paces Team;
Tallies 12 Points; Under-
wood Second in Scoring

Defeating Corning Northside for the first time in the history of the two school's rivalry, a powerful Lions quintet swamped the Northsiders 36-19 in the Corning gym, Wednesday, December 18.

Quick baskets by Giopulos and Underwood put the locals ahead, but Brietwise scored two set shots for the Tigers which tied the score. Each team then dropped a foul shot and the first quarter ended 5-5.

Northside Substituted

An entirely new Northside quintet entered the game in the second frame, but the Orange offense was getting under motion and at halftime the Lions were leading 18-9.

The third quarter saw the Tigers make a comeback, but the locals kept possession of the ball most of the time. In the last frame the locals again ran wild and outscored the Northsiders 9-2.

Giopulos, Underwood Stars

Johnnie Giopulos and Howie Underwood captured scoring laurels with twelve and eleven points respectively. Spear and Stivers were leading scorers for the Tigers with five tallies each.

In the foul shooting department the locals scored ten of fifteen throws while the Northsiders scored but five out of twelve throws.

This win was the first Lions' basketball victory over a Northside quintet. The Glass towners held their own the first quarter, but the locals' attack was too much for the Tigers.

Wellsville controlled the back boards most of the game with Ray Smith, Howie Underwood and Charlie Reuning turning in a fine game. The locals also possessed the ball most of the contest and worked it in for many layup shots. The outstanding playing of Bush and Giopulos was also a leading factor in the Lions' victory.

Wellsville	G.	F.	T.
Giopulos, f	4	4	12
Haskins, f	0	0	0
Bush, f	3	1	7
Wood, f	0	0	0
Ray Smith, c	1	2	4
Dick, Smith, c	0	0	0
Underwood, g	4	3	11
Harder, g	0	0	0
Reuning, g	1	0	2
Rigas, g	0	0	0

Corning Northside	G.	F.	T.
Opelt, f	0	1	1
Thompson, f	0	0	0
Menyan, f	0	0	0
McAndless, f	0	0	0
Stivers, c	1	3	5
Griffin, c	0	0	0
Spear, g	2	0	4
Smith, g	2	0	4
Williams, g	0	1	1
Flaherty, g	2	0	4
	7	5	19

Score by quarters:				
Wellsville	5	18	29	36
Corning	5	9	17	19

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Wellsville Lions Have Successful Cage Season 1944-1945

The 1944-45 Wellsville High School Basketball team turned in a very successful season with ten wins against eight losses. The locals won the Class A title of the county for the second successful year and lost the thriller last Saturday night, in the quarter-final playoff, to Painted Post to end a fine season.

In losing their last game the Orange and Black turned in their best performance of the season and looked better losing than did Painted Post in winning the game. The game was the talk of the fans who attended the encounter and much praise was given the team and Coach Ralph Rugaber for their fine showing.

In looking over the season statistics Johnny Giopulos, the captain of the team, led in scoring with 133 points, with Jack Bush second with 94, Howie Underwood third with 85, Burdette Gleason in fourth with 61 and Max Grossman in fifth with 55. The season's complete record follows:

Individual Scoring

	G.	F.	T.
John Giopulos	53	27	133
Jack Bush	44	6	94
Howard Underwood	33	19	85
Burdette Gleason	22	17	61
Max Grossman	23	9	55
Chuck Reuning	10	8	28
Lawrence Mallery	6	4	16
Ray Smith	6	0	12
Dan Haskins	4	1	9
Francis Dean	3	0	6
Don Aiken	1	3	5
James Cretikos	1	1	3
Bill Harder	1	0	2
Phil Norton	0	0	0

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Season's Record

W.H.S.	Opponents
20 Whitesville	19
29 Bolivar	27
21 Cuba	14
27 Hornell	42
26 Fillmore	12
42 Canisteo	31
22 Alfred-Almond	48
23 Andover	13
38 Bolivar	18

10 wins & 8 losses

Giopulos top scorer
with 133 points, Jack
Bush with 94 points,
and Howie
Underwood with 85
points.

Canisteo Wins Over Wellsville In Rough and Tumble Contest

Eke Out 35-34 Victory With Circus Shot In Last 15 Seconds of Battle

Canisteo Central School cagers edged Wellsville High school 35-34 last night in a contest that was marked by its rough and tumble nature. At times it looked more like football with players on the floor as much as they were on their feet.

The Orange and Black outplayed their hosts all the way and lost in the last 15 second when Kernan tallied with a circus shot to win the game.

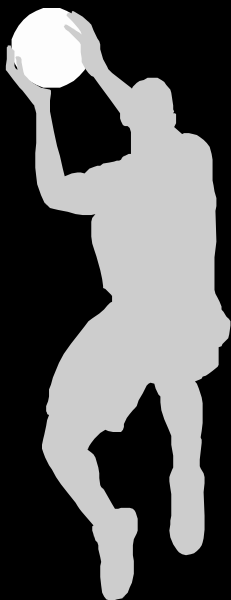
The locals held a 10-6 lead at the end of the first half on three baskets by Johnny Giopulos and single baskets by Burdette Gleason and Max Grossman and had a 16-15 lead at the end of the first half with Jack Bush scoring a basket and Gleason coming through with three points plus a foul shot by Giopulos.

The Lions got back some of their lead gained in the first quarter when Underwood hit the basket for four points, Giopulos for three, Bush for one and Grossman for a foul shot in the third quarter to give them a 26-22 lead.

The locals were outscored in the final period 13-8 as Canisteo came from behind with Giopulos getting the only basket of the quarter as the rest of the points were gathered from the foul line with Underwood scoring three, Giopulos two and Grossman one.

Johnny Giopulos took the scoring honors with 14 points with Underwood coming through with seven.

The Orange and Black will meet Friendship Central tomorrow night on the local court for the final home game of the season.



Wellsville	G.	F.	T.
Giopulos, f	5	4	14
Bush, f	2	0	4
Underwood, c	2	3	7
Gleason, g	2	1	5
Grossman, g	1	2	4
Reuning, g	0	0	0
Canisteo	12	10	34
Canisteo	G.	F.	T.
Smith, f	4	3	11
Travis, f	0	0	0
Dennis, f	3	1	7
Robinson, c	1	1	3
Ashbaugh, g	1	1	3
Wallace, g	1	0	2
Kernan, g	2	5	9
Schultz, lg	0	0	0
	12	11	35
Wellsville	10	16	26
Canisteo	6	15	22

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Underwood had 7 points...

Tired Wellsville Five Defeated 40-35 In Last Quarter of Fast Game

In one of the most exciting games ever played in the quarter-finals a fighting Wellsville high school basketball team went down to defeat in the final quarter 40-35 to the Painted Post Indians, Steuben County Class A champions before 1500 cheering fans on the Hornell Armory court Saturday night.

The Orange and Black, playing their best game of the season, set a furious first quarter pace which had the fans on their feet as they took the lead from the start and held the lead until the final quarter when their shots failed to click and they were just completely tired out.

The Lions outplayed the Indians during the first three quarters of the game and deserved to win with the majority of the huge crowd that packed the Armory pulling for Coach Ralph Rugaber's five to come through.

Jack Bush opened the Wellsville outburst with a near one handed shot and came right back to score the second basket of the game on a set shot from the side.

Kennedy scored the first point for the Indians from the 15 foot stripe and Howie Underwood made it 6-1 with a shot from under the basket. Max Grossman on a fast cut play dribbled in for a lay up.

Daily the P-P center hit the basket for the first twin counter for the Indians and Howie Underwood who was fouled made good both free throws. Johnny Giopulos came through with two baskets and Burdette Gleason and Max Grossman each added one to bring the local total to 17 with Painted Post scoring as McCarthy and Dailey came through with six more points to end the first quarter.

The second quarter was even as both teams scored seven points. Johnny Giopulos hit the nets for two

PAINTED POST BAGS 40-35 WIN

Hornell—A fourth period outburst enabled the Painted Post High School basketball team to topple Wellsville of Allegany, 40-35, in a Sectional quarterfinal tilt on the State Armory court here last night.

Painted Post will meet Palmyra in a Section 5 semifinal game Saturday night at the University of Rochester River Campus Palestra.

Trailing for almost three quarters of the contest, last night's winners rallied in the fourth quarter and outscored Wellsville 9 to 4 to earn a five-point margin. Wellsville led at the close of the first period, 17-12, and at half time, 24-19. Painted Post bagged only 8 of its 21 free throws, while Wellsville notched 7 of 13.

Kennedy, scoring 17 points on eight fielders and a free throw, stood out for the Steuben titlists. Giopulos and Bush scored nine each for Wellsville.

PAINTED POST				WELLSVILLE			
	G	F	T		G	F	T
Kennedy,lf	8	1	17	Glopolus,rf	4	1	9
Johnson,lf	0	0	0	Bush,lf	4	1	9
J. Lager,m,lf	0	0	0	Algen,lf	0	0	0
Helm,lf	1	0	2	Underwood,c	2	2	8
Dailey,c	1	4	8	Gleason,rf	2	2	6
McCarthy,rf	2	2	6	Smith,rf	0	0	0
Watkins,rf	0	0	0	Grossman,lf	2	0	4
Shauger,lf	4	1	9				
Childs,lf	0	0	0				
C. La'er,m,lf	0	0	0				

Totals 16 8 40 Totals 14 7 35
Score at half time, Wellsville 24, Painted Post 19; referee, Swartwood, Elmira; umpire, Kincaid, Cuba.

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Cuba Cagers Down Wellsville

Lions Turned Back on Big Court —Win Gives Cuba Chance at B Title

Cuba Central Cagers won their return game with the Wellsville Lions last night with a 30-15 victory to keep them in the race for the Class B title. Cuba started out strong scoring 11 points the first quarter to one for the locals and here lies the story of the ball game as that first quarter spelled doom for the Orange and Black although they came back the second quarter and scored 9 points holding Cuba to a lone basket by Micros giving Cuba a 13-10 lead at half-time.

Cuba outscored the Lions the third quarter 11-3 with Swift garnering two baskets and one each by Guild and McCaa plus three foul shots while Underwood was the only Lion to score with a basket and a foul shot.

In the final quarter Wellsville was held to two fouls with Cuba scoring one field goal and four fouls to bring their total to 30.

The victory gives Cuba a mathematical chance for the title in the event that Alfred-Almond loses two of their remaining games and Cuba wins all of theirs to give them a tie.

Howie Underwood, Johnny Giopolus and Chuck Reuning did most of the scoring for Wellsville with Swift and Guild taking the honors in scoring for Cuba.

Wellsville meets Andover in Andover Tuesday night in a return game.

Wellsville	g.	f.	t.
Giopolus, rf	1	2	4
Mallory, rf	0	0	0
Bush, lf	0	0	0
Underwood, c	2	3	7
Gleason, c	0	1	1

Reuning, rg	1	1	3
Grossman, lg	0	0	0
Cretikos, lg	0	0	0
Total	4	7	15
Cuba	g.	f.	t.
Guild, rf	4	0	8
Scutt, rf	0	1	1
McCaa, lf	0	1	1
Weaver, lf	1	1	3
Swift, c	8	4	10
Shelly, rg	0	1	1
Micros, lg	3	0	6
Total	11	8	30

Score by quarters:				
Wellsville	1	9	3	2-15
Cuba	11	2	11	6-30
Officials—Campbell and Cole.				

Orange and Black Cagers Hand Fillmore 29 to 13 Walloping

Wellsville High climbed back into the win column last night with a 29-13 victory over Fillmore Central. Coach Ralph Rugaber started a reserve combination of Dan Haskins, Lawrence Mallory, Bill Harder, Ray Smith and Don Aiken and they held Fillmore scoreless until the final seconds of the first half. The win is the last out of town league game for the Orange and Black who will close their league schedule next Thursday when they meet the County Class B champions, the undefeated Alfred-Almond five.

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the Class B Title.

Underwood — 7 points

Wellsville Cagers Beat Canisteo 42-31

Play Spotty Basketball As Both Teams Try to Use Too Much Speed

Wellsville High school cagers played spotty basketball last night in winning their fifth game out of six starts with a 42-31 victory over Canisteo Central on the local court.

The Lions took the lead and led at the quarter 11-8 and at half time had 19-17 lead in a wild first half which saw the Orange and Black miss many scoring opportunities with many passes thrown away in an effort to play too fast.

Both clubs tried a fast type of game which resulted in loose ball handling and hurried shooting.

The Lions opened the second half with two quick baskets and kept their lead over the visitors holding a 27-23 lead at the end of the third quarter.

In the final period Coach Rugaber's five put on a scoring spurt and showed their best offensive drive of the game, scoring 15 points with the reserves in part of the time. Lawrence Mallery, reserve forward, turned in a fine job coming through with two baskets.

The locals meet Alfred-Almond in Alfred-Almond school tomorrow night in a game that will decide first place with both teams being tied for the top spot. Coach Paul Powers' five is the hottest team in the county at present. It is a well balanced team with Steve Saunders, lanky center, leading the offense.

Last night's box score:

Wellsville	G.	F.	T.
Giopulos, rf	4	3	11
Bush, lf	4	1	9
Mallery, lf	2	0	4
Underwood, c	4	0	8
Norton, c	0	0	0
Gleason, rg	2	0	4
Cretokos, rg	0	0	0

Underwood
scores 8
points....this was
Wellsville's 5th
win out of six
starts.

Alfred-Almond Hands Lions 48-22 Defeat Last Night

Alfred-Almond Central School basketball team handed the Wellsville Lions a 48-22 defeat last night to knock them out of their tie for first place in the county A-B loop.

Coach Paul Power's five, playing the hottest ball in the county, just couldn't miss making shots from all over the floor and recovering the ball from the backboard when the locals threw up shot after shot that failed to hit the mark.

Alfred-Almond opened up with a fast passing attack using a quick break and had a 10-2 lead at the end of the first quarter holding Wellsville to one lone field goal. The Orange and Black came through with eight points in the second quarter to bring their total to 10 but Alfred-Almond kept up their first quarter pace holding a 26-10 lead at half time.

The home club opened up their second half keeping up the same attack and making good many long shots. Johnson and Brown came came through with three baskets each.

In the final quarter the locals scored a lone basket and two foul shots with the A-A five making good ten points to end the game 48-22.

The Lions ran into a club that was hot and couldn't miss. The zone defense of the A-A five bothered the locals who failed to pass through and resorted to long shots that either fell short or were recovered by lanky Steve Saunders who controlled most of the rebounds off the board. The victory practically gives Alfred-Almond the county class B title as they end the first round of the league with a clean slate.

Wellsville	G.	F.	T.
Giopulos, rf	2	2	6
Bush, lf	0	0	0
Norton, lf	0	0	0
Mallery, lf	0	0	0
Gleason, c	2	2	6
Alken, c	0	0	0
Reuning, rg	1	0	2
Underwood, rg	4	0	8
Cretekos, lg	0	0	0
Grossman, lg	0	0	0

Fastest Team in County Cuts Loose on Locals – Have Fast Passing Attack

Underwood was high scorer for Wellsville with 8 points.

Second String WHS Cagers Beat Andover Central 23-13

Coach Bob Ingerson's Five Has Off Night—Bolivar Bulldogs Here On Friday

Faced with a tough Bolivar basketball team which comes here Friday night, Coach Ralph Rugaber of Wellsville high, last night gambled with a new starting lineup to beat Andover Central school 23 to 13.

Coach Bob Ingerson's five had a bad night and they were definitely off in their shooting. This was their second defeat of the season having lost but one game to Alfred-Almond earlier in the year 23-19. The Orange and Black will meet their traditional rival the Bolivar Bulldogs here on Friday night.

The locals held the Andover team to four baskets. The visitors made the other five points from the foul line. Andover had trouble with the Wellsville man for man defense and were held to a lone basket in the first quarter and another in the second quarter. Andover scored their remaining two baskets in the third quarter but failed to hit the hoop for a twin counter in the final period.

The youngsters, starting their first game, moved the ball through the Andover defense and had many scoring opportunities but failed to control the ball off their own backboard.

Wellsville led all the way having an 8-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 14-5 lead at half time. Andover's best quarter was the third when they scored five points to bring their total to 11 while Wellsville scored six to total 18 and held the visitors to two fouls in the final period while they came through with five points.

Dan Haskins, Ray Smith, Lawrence Mallery, Max Grossman and Howie Underwood started for the Lions.

Wellsville	G.	P.	T.
Grossman, rf	1	0	2
Bush, rf	0	0	0
Haskins, lf	0	0	0
Underwood, c	5	1	11
Gleason, c	0	0	0
Mallery, rg	1	0	2
Giopulos, rg	2	0	4
Smith, lg	2	0	4
Reuning, lg	0	0	0
	11	1	23
Andover	G.	P.	T.
Holt, rf	1	2	4
Ordway, rf	0	0	0
Smith, lf	2	1	5
McCormick, lf	0	0	0
Phillipson, c	0	0	0
Howland, rg	0	1	1
Baker, rg	1	1	3
Dunham, lg	0	0	0
Horan, lg	0	0	0
Behn, lg	0	0	0
	4	5	13

Score by quarters:				
Andover	2	5	11	13
Wellsville	8	14	18	23

Dan Haskins, Ray Smith, Lawrence Mallery, Max Grossman, and Howie Underwood started for the Lions.

Underwood was Wellsville's high scorer with 11 points.

Wellsville Beats Bolivar 29-27 In Thrilling Overtime Game

Howie Underwood Shoots Winning Score, Intercepts Dangerous Bolivar Pass

Wellsville High School's basketball team upset a favored Bolivar five in their annual game on the Bolivar court last night 29-27 in an overtime contest.

The game was close all the way with Bolivar leading at the end of the first quarter 5-3 but at half time the game was tied up 8-8. During that first half the Wellsville five played spotty ball missing many scoring opportunities and moving the ball poorly but when the half opened the team found themselves and began to click moving the ball and passing with more confidence. Bolivar had a five point lead during the third quarter but as it neared the end the Orange and Black crept within a point as Bolivar led 19-18.

The final quarter was a nightmare for the Lions' as they took the lead and lost it several times but as the

gun was about to go off Wellsville missed two lay up shots which would have clinched the game as it ended in a tie 27-27.

In the overtime period Howie Underwood came through with a nice shot which sewed up the game and a minute later intercepted a long Bolivar pass which might have been damaging.

Both teams made good five free throws but the locals missed 11 while the Bulldogs missed but five.

Wellsville	G	F	T
Bush, rf	4	1	9
Giopulos, lf	3	1	7
Gleason, c	1	1	3
Grossman, rg	2	0	4
Reuning, lg	0	0	0
Underwood, lg	2	2	6

	12	5	29
Bolivar	G	F	T
Cotter, rf	1	2	4
Thorwart, lf	1	1	3
Coffin, lf	2	0	4
Shaner, lf	0	0	0
Clark, c	2	1	5
Holland, rg	1	0	2
Case, rg	0	0	0
Dunn, rg	1	0	2
Morrison, lg	0	0	0
Dunlap, lg	0	0	0
Workley, lg	3	1	7
	11	5	27

Score by quarters:

Wellsville	3	8	18	27	29
Bolivar	5	8	19	27	27

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up the game and a
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Juniors Cop Interclass Cinder Event; Sophs Snare Second

'45 Trackmen Tally 69 Points,
Sweep Hurdles, Shot, Javelin;
Seniors Place Third

Sweeping the hurdles, 440, 880, shot, javelin, discus, mile, and high jump, the juniors tallied 69 points to win the annual interclass cinder contest Monday afternoon, May 8. The class of '46 brought home 41 points to place second, while the seniors rated third.

Staged before the entire student body in a special outdoor assembly, the meet featured the participation of a score of trackmen.

Summary of the meet:

100 yd. run: Johnson, Sr.; Glopulos, Soph.; Xanthos, Sr.; Mitchell, Jr. Time 11.5.

220 yd. run: Johnson, Sr.; Glopulos, Soph.; Wood, Soph.; House, Sr. Time 24.

440 yd. run: Grossman, Jr.; Mal-lory, Soph.; Underwood, Jr.; Hennessy, Sr. Time 58.5.

880 yd. run: Broadhead, Jr.; Braunschweiler, Sr.; Pelicanl, Soph.; Gleason, Jr. Time 2:21.

Hurdles: Dickinson, Jr.; House, Sr.; Covill, Jr.; McClure, Jr. Time 29.

Shot Put: Aiken, Jr.; Amadon, Jr.; Gleason, Jr.; McEnrue, Sr. Distance: 36' 7".

Javelin: Amadon, Jr.; McDowell, Soph.; Aiken, Jr.; T. McGinnis, Jr. Distance: 145' 8".

Discus: Gleason, Jr.; Bush, Jr.; Amadon, Jr.; Covill, Jr. Distance: 93' 4 1/2".

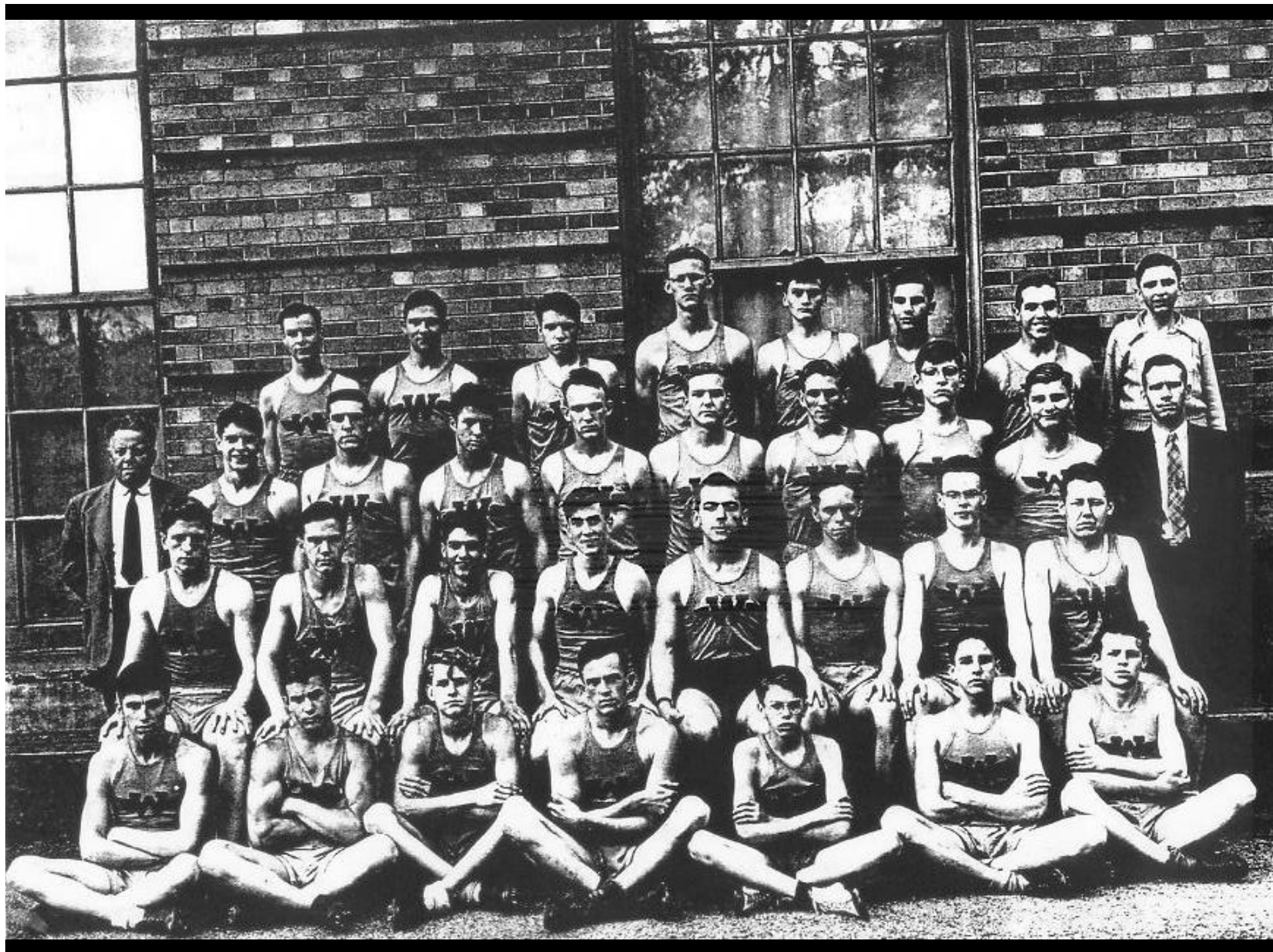
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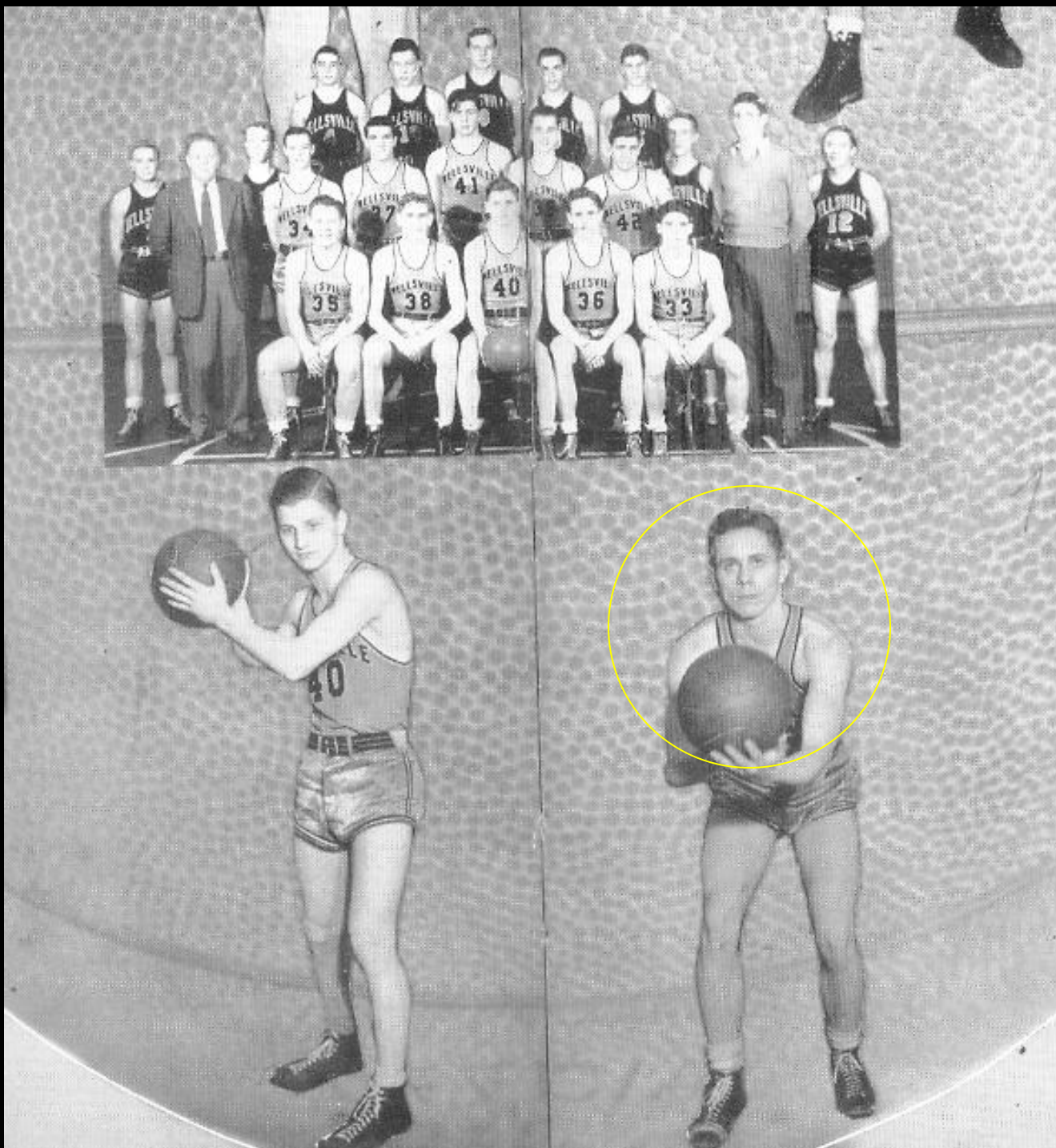
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Underwood ran in the 440 yard run, and he won the high jump at 5' 3".



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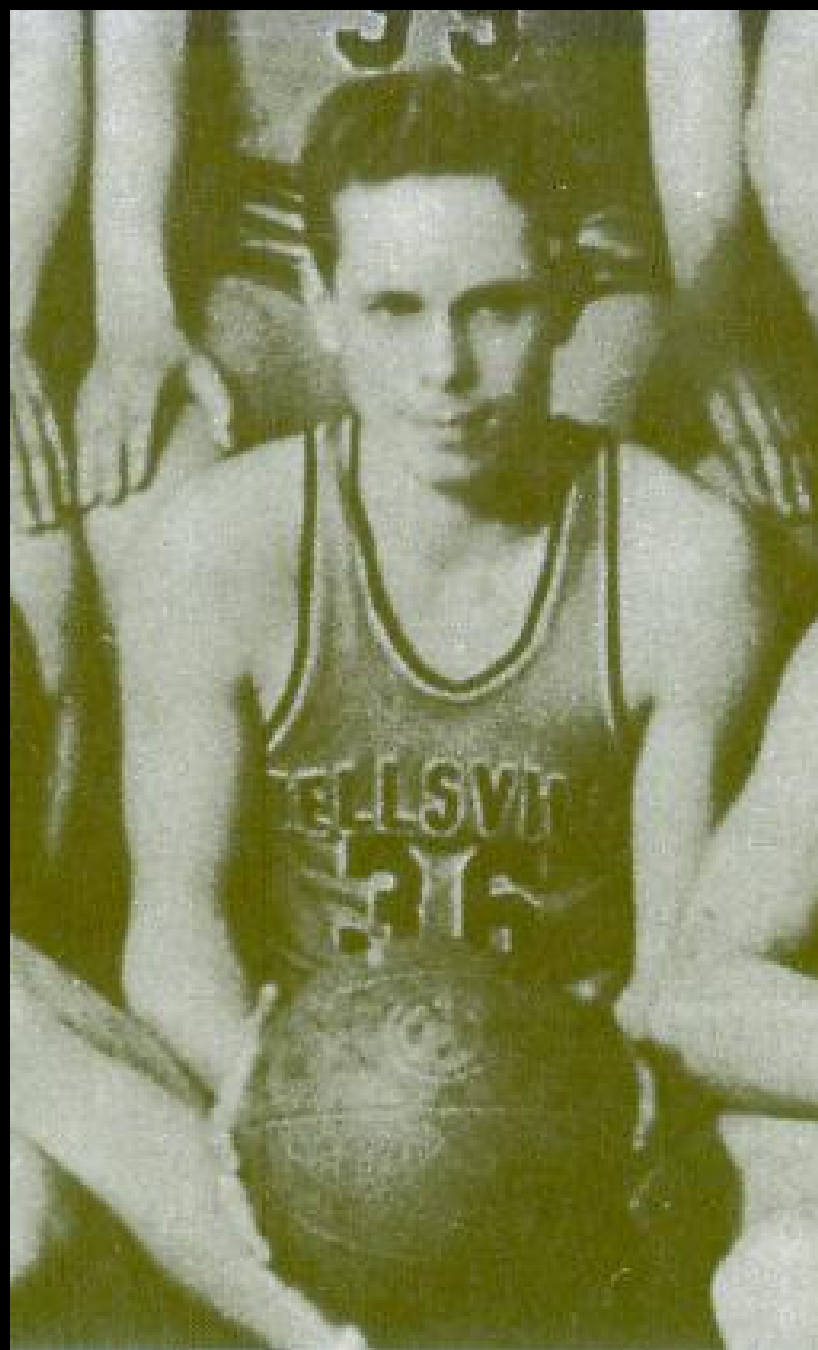


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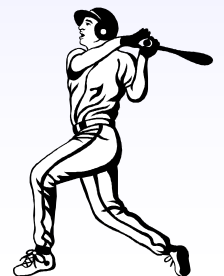


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Howard Underwood
Wellsville High School
2012 Hall of Fame Member







Bob Kazlauski

Coaching Years: 1981-2006

Sports:

Girls Volleyball

Boys Volleyball





Bob Kazlauski

College: Buffalo State College

Military: US Army



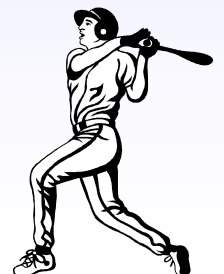


Bob Kazlauski

He is recognized as the greatest volleyball coach in the history of Wellsville sports.

In girls volleyball during a 26 year career he had a record of 403 wins against 131 loses.

His girls volleyball teams won 11 Section V titles which places him in the top five of all time.

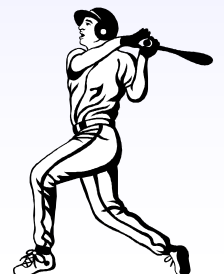




Bob Kazlowski

In 1994 his girls volleyball team achieved the ultimate mark of excellence by winning the New York State title.

In 16 years of coaching boys volleyball his coaching record was an amazing 229 wins with only 39 loses winning a Section V title in 1986.



February 4, 1997

Lions sweep Rebels to finish perfect season

Wellsville hosts Belfast as Expressway Conference quarterfinals start tonight

By RODNEY STEBBINS
Sports Editor

WELLSVILLE — When coach Bob Kozlowski and his Wellsville Lions boys' volleyball team finished play in the Expressway Conference playoffs last year, he knew he would have a good team this season.

"We didn't lose anybody from last year, and (we knew) everybody else was losing some key players," Kozlowski said. "So I knew we'd be good, but I just don't think we expected this."

With their 16th three-set sweep of the season, the Lions finished their regular season with a perfect 18-0 record Monday night with a 15-3, 15-7, 15-12 victory over the two-time defending Expressway

Conference champion Cuba-Rushford Rebels, who were undefeated in both of those seasons.

The Lions start the post-season at home tonight (5 p.m.) with a quarterfinals match-up against the Belfast Bulldogs (4-13), who defeated Genesee Valley Monday in straight sets in a qualifying match (see related story).

"We were looking to win coming into the season, and we've done pretty well," Kozlowski said of his Wellsville team that has dropped just three of 57 sets this season. "We don't want to get too confident heading into the playoffs, though."

Cuba-Rushford coach Tammy Keesler, who coached the Rebels to the Expressway championship last season in her first year, is happy

with the progress of her team this season after they returned only two experience players from last year's squad.

"I'm very happy with where we are," Keesler said. "We came in with a real lack of experience, but right now we're playing real well as a team."

"Our goal is to reach the finals again."

In Monday's match, Wellsville's hitting was just too much for the Rebels (12-5), especially in the first set.

Cuba-Rushford settled down and played much better in the second and third sets, but the Lions were just too consistent.

"I thought we played alright," Kozlowski said. "We only missed two serves, and out of 74 chances, that's pretty good."

"Wellsville's a tough, well-rounded team," Keesler said. "They pass very well, and when you pass well, everything else just seems to fall into place ... and they do everything else well, anyway."

Chris Platania led the Lions with nine kills, most of them in the first set, while adding two aces. Chad Palmiter had six kills and three aces for Wellsville, with Roger Osborn adding five kills and one ace.

For C-R, Justin Bunk had six kills and six blocks, and James Westfall totaled six blocks.

"We were just happy to end the season with a win," Kozlowski said.

"(Wellsville) is going to be very tough to beat in the playoffs," Keesler added. "Nobody's really challenged them."

While the Lions come in as the top seed in the playoffs, the Rebels finished in second place overall. They will host Fillmore (3-13) tonight in their quarterfinal match.

The semifinals will take place Thursday, with the higher seeded



Photo by RODNEY STEBBINS

Wellsville's Chad Palmiter (left, 10) spikes the ball past the block attempt of Cuba-Rushford's Brian Kinkade Monday during their match in Wellsville. The Lions won in straight sets to finish the regular season with a perfect 18-0 record. They start Expressway Conference playoffs tonight at home against Belfast (5 p.m.), while C-R hosts Fillmore (6 p.m.).

'Lucky' Bulldogs trip Jags to advance in Expressway qualifier

By RODNEY STEBBINS
Sports Editor

BELFAST — Belfast boys' volleyball coach Tom McCumiskey called his team "lucky" after they defeated Genesee Valley Monday night in the Expressway Conference prequarterfinals qualifier.

With his team's next match tonight at Wellsville, the 18-0 top seed, how "lucky" his team was is debatable.

The Bulldogs eliminated Genesee Valley in straight

"It was just a point here, a point there," he said. "We pulled away a bit and won it, but it was tight. The last two (sets) were close, too."

Nate Thompson led the Bulldogs (4-13) with nine service points, which included five aces, as well as three blocks. Ryan Sisson added nine points, two aces and two kills, with Josh Frame finishing with five kills and two blocks.

For Genesee Valley (0-18), Aaron Newark had four kills and four aces, and Joe Staffieri had two kills and four aces.



February 1997

Undefeated Expressway Champs



The Wellsville High School boys' volleyball team displays the trophy they won Saturday night in the Expressway Conference Championship game after sweeping Cuba-Rushford. The Lions finished the season with a perfect 21-0 record.

Photo provided

Chris Platania led the Lions with nine kills and two aces to wrap up a perfect season. Chad Palmiter had six kills and three aces.

March 1993

Wellsville takes the title! Lions defeat Scio in four games



Scio's DCug Dillon can't dig this powerful Wellsville spike.



The Scio fans were out in full force, battling cheers with the Wellsville crowd all night.



By JOHN ANDERSON
Sports editor

ANDOVER — The Wellsville Lions boys volleyball team captured their fourth straight Southern Tier Volleyball League title, and sixth in seven years with a hard-fought 15-15, 15-10, 15-6, 16-14 win over Scio Monday night.

Scio came out on fire with enthusiasm, winning the first game 15-10 thanks to the huge Scio crowd, and Wellsville mistakes.

But the Lions have been here before, and settled down to take the next two 15-10 and 15-6.

In the fourth game, Wellsville went ahead 12-2 and 13-5.

But Scio's Aaron Smith came in and served five straight points to cut the deficit to 13-10.

Scio then tied the match at 14-14, but Wellsville got the serve back and won the match.

said Wellsville coach Bob Kozlowski. "We had some good roundhouse serves and jump serves, but we also had some poor choices."

Kozlowski felt his team played flat, but was impressed with Scio's hustle and determination.

"Scio moves well, a lot better than we do. They dive for every ball, even if it's too far away to reach," said Kozlowski. "They just don't quit."

FINALS NOTEBOOK

All season long, there has been paltry crowds, featuring five or six parents at each game.

But not in the finals. School spirit finally came through, as Scio brought a spectator bus, and Wellsville filled the parking lot.

It wasn't just parents and students though.

There were superintendent's, athletic directors, other sport's



Team members: Jason Synakowski, Doug Cinque, Greg Bump, Joe Hainey, Trey Sherwood, James Fisher, & Brian Decker

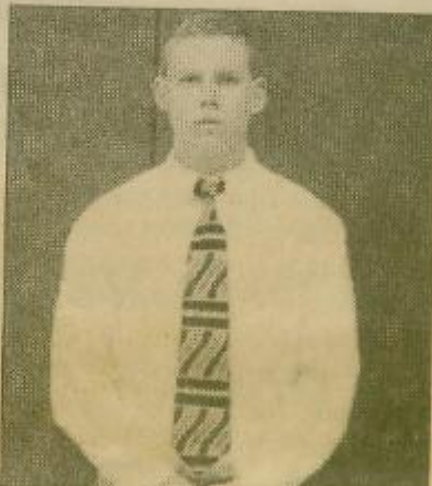
February 15, 1998

Wellsville boys finish unbeaten, win second straight Expressway volleyball title

By **RODNEY STEBBINS**
WELLSVILLE SPORTS EDITOR

CUBA — Were they as dominant? No. Were they beatable? Yes. But could anyone knock them off in the end? No.

Saturday, the Wellsville Lions boys' volleyball team swept Scio in the semifinals, then, after dropping the first set, took three straight from Cuba-Rushford in the finals to win their second straight Expressway Conference championship.



John Nye was named MVP of the Expressway Conference with 35 kills over the semifinals and finals.

May 2, 1997

Wellsville boys' volleyball ranked co-No.1 in State

Cuba-Rushford boys ranked ninth in Top 10 poll; Wellsville's Platania, Palmiter named to All-State Team

By RODNEY STEBBINS
Sports Editor

The season may have ended a couple of months ago, but the honors are just now coming out for boys' volleyball.

The Wellsville High School boys' volleyball team went a perfect 21-0 this past season, winning not only the Expressway Conference regular season title but also the in-season, and more importantly, the playoff tournament.

This week, it was announced that the Lions were also named the co-No.1 team in New York State class B-C-D by the Herkimer Telegram. Wellsville shared the top honor with Section III champion Mount Markham, who went 16-0. Section III is the Syracuse-Utica

area of New York state.

Cuba-Rushford, the Expressway Conference team Wellsville defeated in the finals, and also the two-time defending Expressway champions before this season, was ranked ninth in the same poll.

Section V holds its boys' volleyball season and championships in the fall.

Also, Wellsville's two leading seniors — Chris Platania and Chad Palmiter — were part of an 11-player list named to the All-State Team.

"Chris and Chad certainly were deserving of any awards they could get," said Wellsville coach Bob Kozlowski. As for the team ranking, Kozlowski could only wonder what might have been.

"We were scheduled to go to a tournament down there at Mount Markham, but it was a couple of weeks after our season had ended and we couldn't get there," he said. "I at least would have loved to go and see how we compared, especially if we could play like we did at times during the season."

Perry Novak, sports editor of the Herkimer Telegram, is in charge of the New York State Sportswriters & Coaches Organization for Girls' Sports (NYSSCOGS), which names All-State teams for girls' sports, including girls' volleyball.

Last fall, Novak and several other writers and coaches named an All-State baseball team, which Wellsville senior Ryan Birmingham and Brad Graves were named to, and after six years of naming All-State teams for girls' volleyball, "I just felt it was time to give boys' volleyball equal recognition," Novak said.

According to Novak, while Class A schools, four sections of the state (including V and VI, the Buffalo area) and a handful of Class B schools all play boys' volleyball in the fall, "about 75 percent of all boys' volleyball

teams in the state" play in the winter, like the Expressway Conference.

Rounding out the top ten schools were No.3 Coxsackie-Athens (18-2, Section II); No.4 Berlin (18-2, Section II); No.5 Vernon-Verona-Sherrill (16-3, Section III); No.6 Chittenango (14-4, Section III); No.7 Living Word Academy (7-3, Section III); No.8 Canastota (13-4, Section III) and No.10 Herkimer (10-6, Section III).

Joining Platania and Palmiter on the All-State team were Jeff Emrich (Victor, senior); Shawn LaTorre (Ichabod Crane, senior); Doug Limbach (Coxsackie-Athens, senior); Matt Williams (Mt. Markham, senior); Joe DiNigro (Mt. Markham, junior); Jake Barron (Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, senior); Travis Frenay (Canastota, senior); Tom Carroll (Chittenango, senior) and Dan Plewak (Living Word Academy, senior).

For more information on NYSSCOGS and baseball and boys' volleyball All-State selections, contact Perry Novak at the Herkimer Telegram at (315) 866-2220; or FAX to (315) 866-5913.

2004

Lions volleyball champions again

By JIM SWEET
Daily Reporter

WELLSVILLE — One team was loaded with seniors who'd gone undefeated on the way to the title the year before. The other team, boasting seven juniors at the top of their depth chart, came in with a 14-1 record and the number one seed.

It figured, therefore, to be a heck of a battle when the defending champion Wolverines of Bolivar-Richburg showed up at the Elementary School gym last night to take on Coach Bob Kozlowski's Lions

for the Expressway Conference championship. It wasn't.

Oh, there was some excellent volleyball played on both sides of the net, with dozens of solid rallies featuring spectacular slams, bruising blocks and all out, diving digs, but the scoreboard doesn't lie.

And what the scoreboard said was that the Lions dominated, winning by scores of 25-14, 25-12 and 25-17.

"Obviously," said Dave Evans, whose Wolverines had dealt Wellsville its only defeat of the season

when they'd met for the third time two weeks ago, "we didn't play our best game tonight. I kind of thought this would go four or maybe five games, but I wasn't surprised when it went three. We just weren't in it from the first game, and it's real hard to build momentum when the other team's gaining momentum."

And that's pretty much what the Lions were doing. After a fairly even start in game one, the home kids ran off 12 of 16 points to win it by 11. They turned a 9-6 second game advantage into an even bigger margin of victory, and then led 20-5 in the third before Kozlowski cycled in some of his bench depth.

"Bolivar-Richburg was missing one of their front line blockers tonight," acknowledged the Lion coach, "but we did okay. I think we started turning it around over in Arkport. They made mistakes that night, but I could see they were starting to cover spots and be where they were supposed to be. Today, they kind of continued that same thing, picking up balls that they hadn't been getting earlier."

Steve Ross led the Lions with 12 kills and A.J. Fay, an All-Star in his first season after switching from basketball, added eight. League MVP Kyle Goetschius had five kills and eight points and Chad Baker served ten points. Sophomore Doug Graham was announced as the team's third and final All-Star selection. For the Wolverines, Jeff Glenn and Ray Smith recorded four kills apiece, Keith Pierce had four blocks, Josh Sexton two and Mark Collins added five points.

"It was another good season," concluded Evans, whose club finishes at 13-4. "I'm real pleased finishing second in the Expressway and first in Allegany County. Wellsville had a good, quality team this year. They certainly deserved to win tonight, because they outplayed us by a long shot.



JIM SWEET/Daily Reporter

Wellsville's Kyle Goetschius winds up t

Team members: Chad Baker, Tim Flurschutz, Doug Graham, Greg Flurschutz, Dan Brown, Johannes Klriner, Steve Ross, Kyle Goetschius, Josh Robarts, & A.J. Fay. (15-1 Record)

March 11, 1986

**Section V Class B
Boys Volleyball
Title**

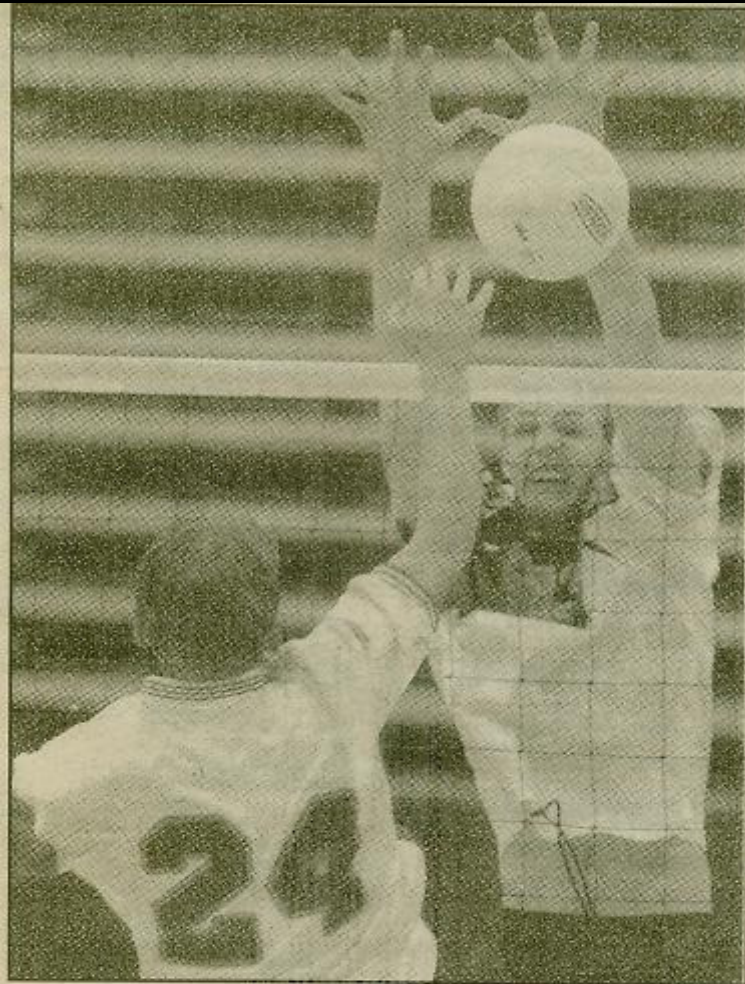
**Huntley Hedrick
Gary Lentz
Ron Good
Chris Moyer
Jay Phillips
Jeff Wesche
Vinney John
Atte Lansisalmi
Andy Hetzel
Scott Miller
Mike Alvord**



Lion champs

Recent Section V champs were cited at a special assembly at Wellsville High School, Monday. Those cited included in top left photo, Sea Lion Matt Sweet for his Section V win in the 50-meter free style race. In top right photo, Lion spikers, named to the all-tourney squad after the Lions won the Section V Class B boys' volleyball title, Saturday in Rochester were from left, Andy Hetzel, MVP Scott Miller, Jay Phillips. In lower photo the Section V Champion Lion volleyball team is from front row left, Huntley Hedrick, Gary Lentz, Ron Good; second row, Chris Moyer, Jay Phillips, Coach Bob Kozlowski, Jeff Wesche; third row, Vinney John, Atte Lansisalmi, Andy Hetzel, Scott Miller, Mike Alvord.

February 9, 2002



DARRELL GRONEMEIER/The Times Herald

Wellsville Central School's Chris Spillane(13) blocks a hit by Bolivar-Richburg's Aaron Bryant. Spillane had 13 kills and four blocks as Wellsville (23-0) swept three games to win the Southern Tier League volleyball championship on Friday night.

Wellsville (23-0) wins title

BOLIVAR — Chris Spillane had 13 kills and four blocks and four aces to lead the Wellsville Central School boys' volleyball team to the Southern

SOUTHERN TIER VOLLEYBALL

The Lions (23-0) won the

Chris Spillane had 13 kills and four blocks and four aces to lead the Lions volleyball team to the Southern Tier League championship with a win over Bolivar-Richburg.

Dan Schmidt added 12 kills and three blocks for Wellsville.

February 8, 2001

CHAMPS!

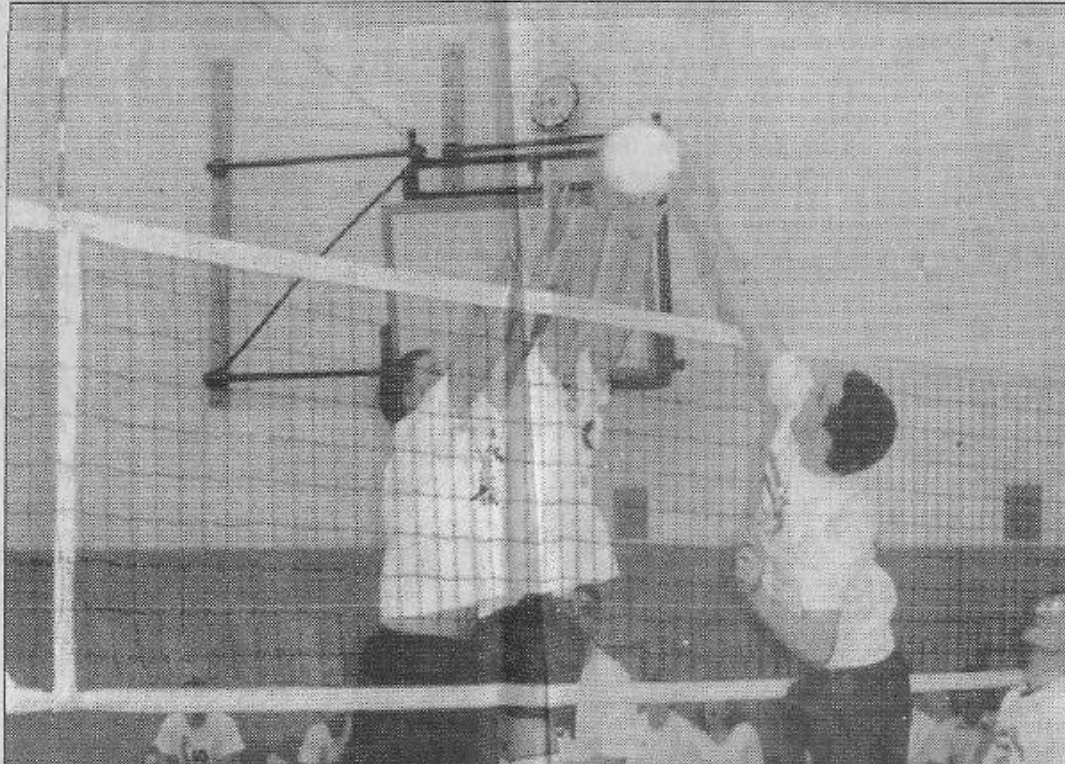
Wellsville claims Expressway Conference volleyball crown

By JIM SWEET
Daily Reporter

WELLSVILLE — After a blowout first game, the packed house at the Wellsville Elementary School Gym was treated to some truly exceptional volleyball last night, eventually seeing the home team wrestle the Expressway Conference title away from defending champion Genesee Valley in four games.

In action reminiscent of the last time the same two teams met here, the Lions threatened to run the visitors out of the building in game one, piling up a 14-0 lead before Erok VanDyke finally got the Jags on the board with three straight points. Wellsville closed it out at 15-3 after just ten minutes and five side-outs.

"We were real nervous in game one," admitted GV coach Paul Furlong. "I don't know why, but it showed. And their kids were relaxed. After that, I told them they just had to go out and fight for everything they could get, because that was the only way we were



Both coaches had plenty of compliments to pass out when it was over. Furlong started with his own team, a group that went 1-3 against Wellsville, but 12-1 against everybody else this year.

"After game one," he observed, "Pat (Ford) just took it over for us. He was all over the court. Everything that was bumped up, he was getting to as a second ball, and that's important. I thought Justin Babbitt really stepped it up for us tonight, too. He's a first year player, and this was the best game he's played. Danny Greene also had a real nice game. We just didn't have enough for Wellsville. They're a great team. They don't make many mistakes, and even when they do, they usually cover them."

Kozlowski directed most of his praise towards GV. "Erok VanDyke is something else," he allowed. "He hits the ball a ton. And their setter (Ford) is just so fast. He gets to everything and puts it right where they can hit it well. Even the kids who are not Erok are still hitting well. Our blockers never knew

Tom Crast and Dan Schmidt block the shot!

1982 - 2006

WELLSVILLE HIGH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL....Coach Robert Kozlowski

Year	Class	SEASON RECORD	SECTIONAL GAMES				Sec. Record	POST SECTIONALS			
		Win/Loss	Pre-Qtr vs.	Quarters vs.	Semis vs.	Finals vs.		c/cc v. b/bb	Regionals vs.	State Semi's vs.	State Finals vs.
2006	CC	7 - 14					-				
2005	CC	6 - 17	Mynderse				L				
2004	B	12 - 7		BishopKearney	Attica		L				
2003	C	11 - 6		Williamson	Leroy		L				
2002	C	9 - 13		ByronBergen			L				
2001	C	9 - 14				Letchworth	L				
2000	C	14 - 7				Letchworth	L				
1999	CC	18 - 6				Cuba Rush	W	Honeoye	CityHonors - Loss		
1998	B	13 - 6				Livonia	L				
1997	B	15 - 6				Livonia	L				
1996	CC	13 - 9				Pembroke	W	York			
1995	CC	16 - 7				Letchworth	W	York	Eden	Spencer - Loss	
1994	CC	25 - 0				Cuba Rushford	W	Pavilion	S Vanetten	Lake George	City Honors - Won
1993	B	22 - 2				Livonia	L				
1992	B	24 - 1				Waterloo	W	Victor - Loss			
1991	B	14 - 5		Pal-Mac			L				
1990	B	23 - 1				Waterloo	W	Victor	Newfane	Lynnbrook - Loss	
1989	B	17 - 2				Midlakes	W		Eden - Loss		
1988	B	21 - 0				Livonia	W		Eden - Won		
1987	B1	20 - 1				Livonia	W		Eden - Won		
1987	B	18 - 0				E Rochester	W				
1986	B	20 - 0				Wayland	W				
1985	B	15 - 1		HFL	E Rochester		L				
1984	B	13 - 3		Charlotte	Midlakes		L				
1983	B	13 - 2		?			L				
1982	B	13 - 1		?	?		L				

- * Won 16 League Titles
- * Won 11 Section V Titles
- * Won 5 Regional Titles
- * 3 time State Semi - Finalist
- * Won 1 State Title

November 1987



Dawn Guinnip
Helen Dixon
Julie Cady
Heather Kernan
Hillary Shear
Jenn Kozlowski
Kate Hetzel
Colleen Wesche
Denise Yager
Beth Brown

3rd-straight Section V Title

November 14, 1988

Wellsville volleyball completes undefeated season

BATAVIA — The Wellsville girls' volleyball team completed an undefeated season with a 15-7, 16-14, 15-10 win over Section 6 Class B champ Eden in regional competition Saturday.

The Lady Lions also beat Eden in last year's regionals. Wellsville lost the first game last year 15-2 and then won three straight. They didn't have their problems this year.

"They didn't play as well as I expected. They played as bad as we did against Livonia (Class B final win)," said Wellsville coach Bob Kozlowski.

Kozlowski said the big turnaround in the match came when the Lady Lions turned a 14-10 deficit into a 16-14 win in game two.

Junior Becky Kozlowski led the way with 19 serving points and three aces. Senior Beth Brown added seven points, seven kills and two aces.

Wellsville (21-0 overall) also got seven kills from sophomore Kate Hetzel, six points from senior Colleen Wesche and five kills by junior Denise Yager.

Although the Lady Lions went unbeaten this year, Kozlowski said his team could peak next year.

"I believe we'll be stronger next year. We'll have a good team with a lot of seniors (six seniors)," Kozlowski said. "Most of our major hitters are back, although we lose two good hitters (Brown and Wesche). Our best blocker (Paula Hart) and both of our setters (Becky Kozlowski and Helen Dixon) are also back."

Kozlowski will also have junior Kristin Williams back. Williams missed much of the year with injuries.

The Lady Lions could also have more games if they continue to win in the next few years.

Kozlowski said there will be a regional tournament of four sections next year (instead of Section 5 playing only Section 6).

In two years Kozlowski expects a state tournament.

FILLMORE-PANAMA

Fillmore had to go to the limit for the second time in two matches (won in Class D finals 3-2 over

Notre Dame of Batavia), but this time they fell short 3-2 in regional competition against Section 6 Panama.

The scores were 15-8, 9-15, 17-15, 13-15, 15-13.

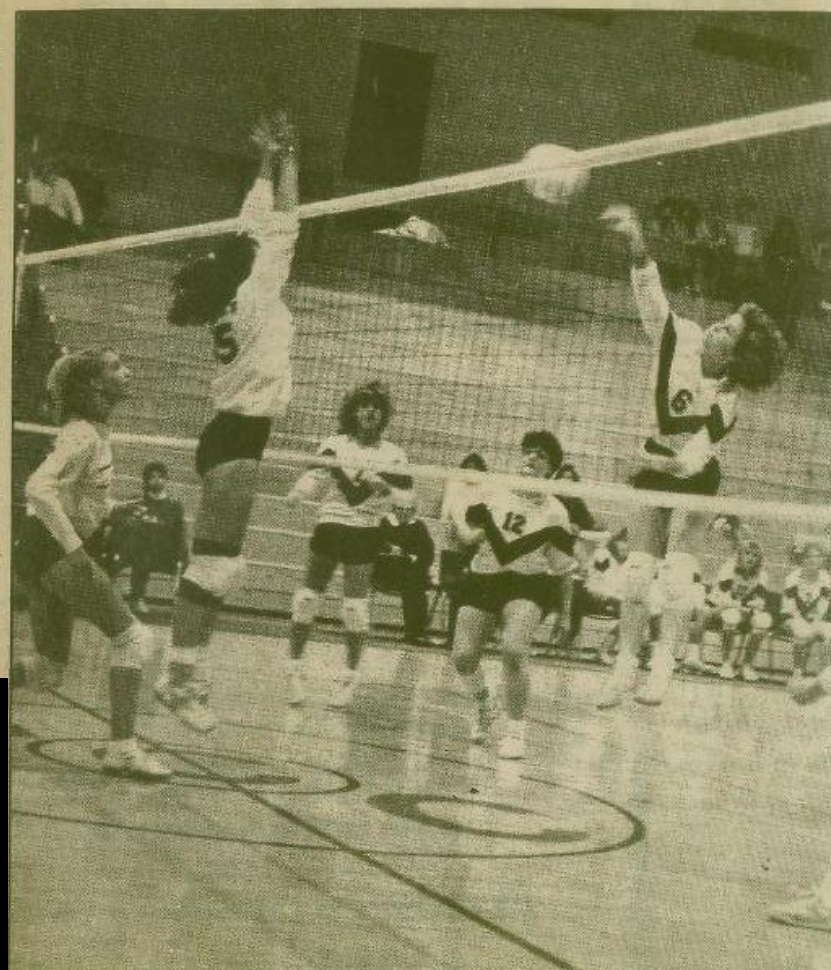
"We lost, but we had a great season. We went from our first losing year (last year) in my 12 years of coaching to champions of Section 5," said Fillmore coach Nancy Tucker.

Setter Laurie White led Fillmore with 29 assists for kills and nine points.

Senior Christelle Tucker (16 kills, 13 points, four aces, five blocks) and senior Christie Brown (18 kills) were the biggest benefactors of White's sets.

Fillmore (24-4 overall) also got 12 points and three aces from sophomore Mary Banish, while junior Stephanie Harris notched eight points and five assists.

Lois Boon scored 10 points, two aces, two kills and Lana Frazier added seven points, two aces and two kills for the Lady Eagles.



**Some of the players included:
Kate Hetzel, Becky Kozlowski,
Colleen Wesche, Denise Yager,
Paula Hart, Helen Dixon, and
Kristin Williams.**

November 30, 1989

Girls win 5 Sectional championships

By DENISE YAGER

As predicted in the last issue, the 1989 Girls' Volleyball Team has obtained their fifth straight sectional title. The title came after Wellsville defeated Midlakes 15-2, 15-2, 15-0 at Geneseo High School Nov. 8.

The championship team consists of seniors Helen Dixon, Paula Hart, Becky Kozlowski, Missy Ost and Denise Yager, juniors Kate Hetzel and Shannon Monahan, sophomores Lathana Boussa and Crystal Hall and freshmen Karena Yager and Missy Hart. Dixon has been on all five of the sectional title teams.

Victory was captured in only 32 minutes. Kate Hetzel served for 30 points and had eight assists and two kills. Seven points, two kills and one block are attributed to Denise Yager. Paula Hart contributed seven kills and one block, while Helen Dixon scored five points with one ace.

Section V Class B All-Stars include four members of the team, Hetzel, Hart, Yager, and Kozlowski, the Section V MVP.



SMILING WITH THEIR well deserved trophies are Kate Hetzel, Denise Yager, Paula Hart and Becky Kozlowski, the Section V All Stars and MVP. (Cady)

Section V Champions



Lady Lions Win No.10

Photo provided

The Wellsville girls' volleyball team defeated arch-rival Cuba-Rushford in four tough sets on Saturday at the Wayland-Cohocton Fieldhouse to win the Section V, Class CC title, which C-R had won last year. It was the 10th sectional championship for the Wellsville program, all under head coach Bob Kozlowski. The Lady Lions will take on Class C champ Honeoye on Wednesday at SUNY-Geneseo (6 p.m.) in the Regional Qualifier.

Alexis Cretekos and Lauren Schmidt travel to San Jose, California to play in the USA Volleyball Championship.

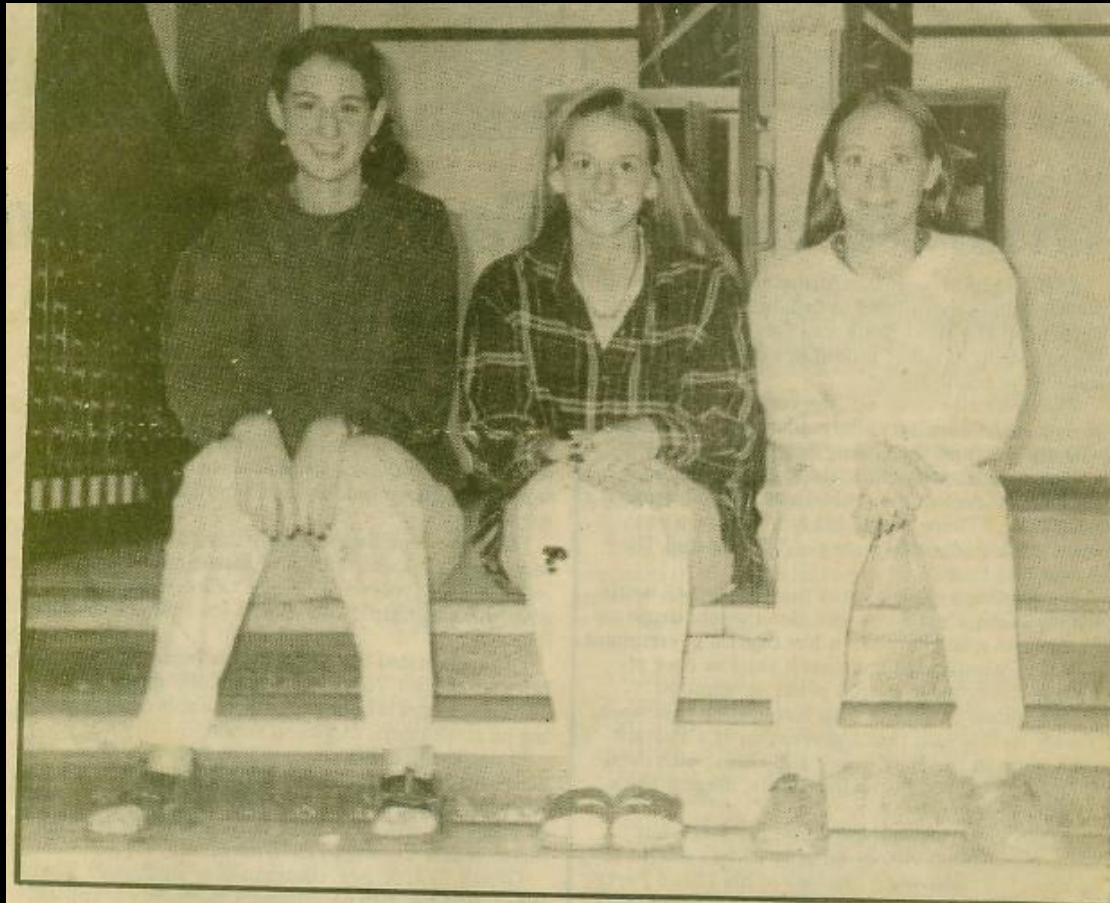


Photo by SANDY RTGAS

From left, Alexis Cretekos, Andrea Vossler and Lauren Schmidt have all played well for the Wellsville varsity volleyball team. Schmidt and Cretekos will travel to California later this month to play in a national tournament.

Meanwhile, Schmidt and Cretekos are excited about their upcoming trip. "We can't wait. It's been a lot of work, but a lot of fun," said

Schmidt.

Cretekos added, "I really had to plan my time well, with practices and all, but it's been worth it. We

knew we had a good team, and somehow just knew we'd make it to the finals. We had the determination to do it."

September 19, 1991

'The Streak' is over

Wellsville bows to Campbell; Section V win streak ends at seven years and 121 victories

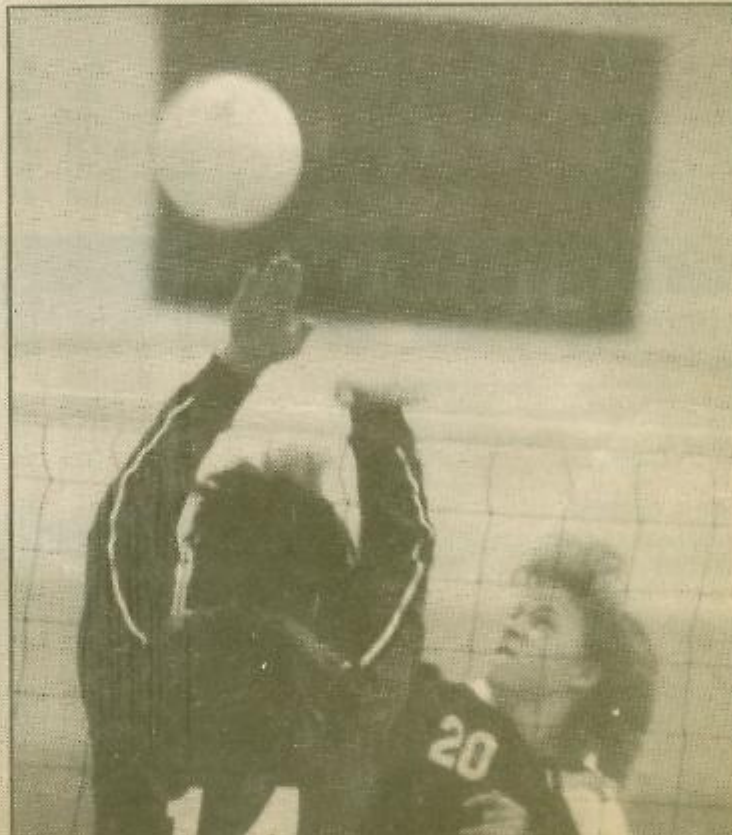
By ANDY HETZEL
Sports editor

WELLSVILLE — History was made — in a way — at the Wellsville High School boys gym Wednesday, but in some sense Lady Lions head volleyball coach Bob Kozlowski might have sacrificed that history for one yet to be completely written.

The Lady Lions, six-time defending Section V, class B champions, defending Far Western Region champions and winners of 121 consecutive matches against Section V competition coming into Wednesday's match against Campbell Central School — lost in five games to the Lady Red Jackets.

It was Wellsville's first loss to a Section V opponent — including sectional playoffs — since 1984. The winning streak is something so astounding that it can be almost positively asserted that no Section V team in any sport will ever equal it, let alone surpass it.

But, the funny thing about it



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Jessica Regan
(freshman)

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Section V champions



Class B Champions!

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Wellsville's Karena Yager dives for a save during Friday night's win over Waterloo. Sarah Synakowski, 12, has the backup, as Traci Richardson looks on.

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Wellsville wins Western Regional

Will face Section II champs Lake George in N.Y.S. Semifinals

By BILL PICKUT

Staff writer

HORSEHEADS — The Wellsville girls' volleyball team breezed past Section IV Class C champs Spencer-Van Etten Saturday afternoon, to win the 1994 New York State Western Region championship.

With the win, Wellsville improved to 23-0 on the season, continuing to punish the opposition, despite what coach Bob Kozlowski characterized as a somewhat less than inspired performance.

"We were really kind of flat today," Kozlowski said of his squads' 15-1, 15-8, 15-3 dismantling of Spencer-Van Etten.

"I had expected to see better competition once we got to this level, and I think the girls did, too," he continued. "It looked to me like the girls kind of let up late in the first game once they knew they were going to win."

The Lions dominated Van Etten throughout the match's first game, building a 14-0 lead before allow-

ing a single point, but then slowed considerably, as passing mistakes and poor positioning seemed to hamper their offensive production.

Kozlowski explained that although he was pleased with the win, time off before the next match would be instrumental in correcting some of Saturday's mistakes.

"I guess I'm satisfied, but if we had to play again on Monday, this wouldn't have been a good match for us at all," he said.

"Since we have about a week off, though, I think it's probably O.K."

Section V tournament MVP Kelly Golish led the way for Wellsville with 13 kills, 3 aces, 1 block and 6 points, while teammates Jenn Smith (4 kills, 2 aces, 10 points), Tonia Artlip (2 kills, 2 aces, 2 blocks, 3 points) and Kim Vossler (2 kills, 3 aces, 10 points) also contributed fine performances on the afternoon.

The Lions, who served 93 percent as a team en route to the win, will face Lake George High School, the winner of Saturday's match between Class C teams from Section II and Section IX, at 7:30 Friday morning in Schenectady.

Lake George defeated Red Hook high school by scores of 15-10, 15-10 and 15-13 in their regional final.

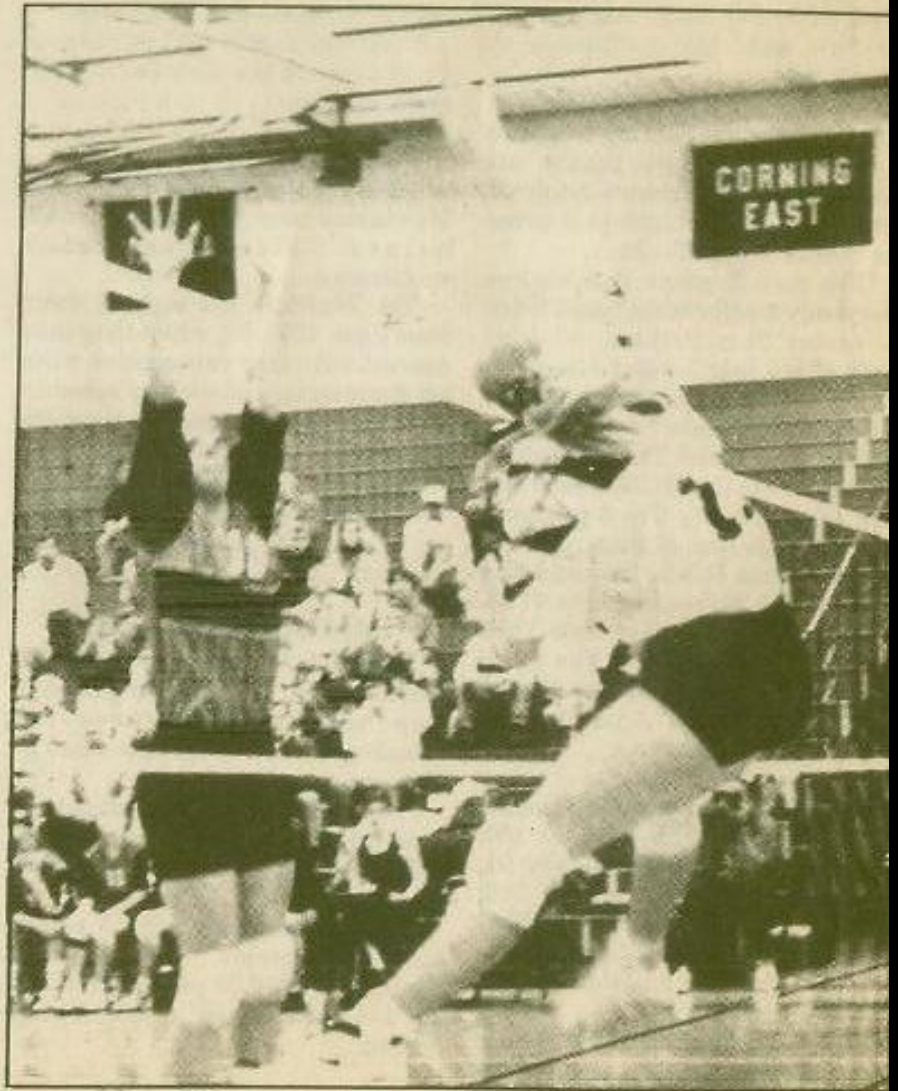


Photo by BILL PICKUT

Wellsville's Kelly Golish leads the way.

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State Champions!

Wellsville girls claim volleyball title

By BILL PICKUT
Staff Writer

SCHENECTADY — After his squad defeated the Lake George High School Warriors Friday night, in a 15-6, 15-9, 15-1 New York State semifinal walkover, head coach Bob Kozlowski felt confident about Saturday's State Championship match.

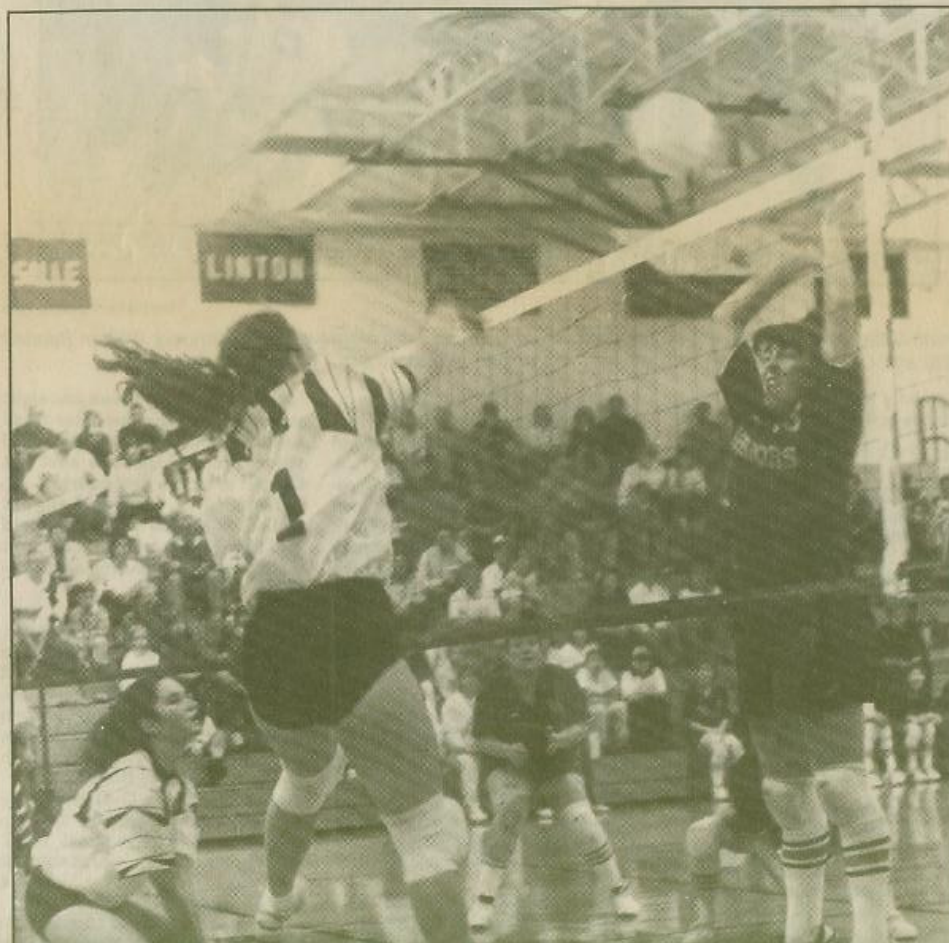
"If we serve the ball as well as we did tonight, I think we'll do real well against City Honors," he said Friday evening. "This was a perfect tune-up for the finals."

"Lake George had some good hitters, but they couldn't return service tonight. If we can keep City Honors out of their offense (Saturday afternoon), and don't let balls drop into the middle of the court, we'll be in great shape," Continued Kozlowski.

Kozlowski was right.

His Lions defeated City Honors High School by scores of 15-7, 16-14 and 16-14 Saturday, to boost their final record to 25-0 on the season, and capture the New York State Class C girls' volleyball championship by doing just as he had prescribed.

They served 90 percent on the contest and hustled to keep balls in play when City Honors



ily, we were able make some big plays and hang on."

"We were all kind of nervous in the third game," said senior Jessica Regan who finished with 1 kill, 1 ace, 1 block and 7 points, "but we always knew we could do it — this team has too many leaders to quit."

"We just wanted it too bad to lose," she concluded.

The Lions were led by senior Kelly Golish, who dominated at the net, with 13 kills and 2 blocks, while serving for 7 points with 4 aces.

"There was no all-tournament team named or anything like that," said Kozlowski, "but if I had to name an MVP, it would probably be Kelly, she played super tonight."

Golish also led Wellsville Friday night, as her 14 kills, 7 aces, 1 block and 10 points helped to polish off Lake George.

Teammates Jenn Smith (5 kills, 3 aces, 8 points) and Tonia Artlip (4 kills, 2 blocks) also contributed impressive numbers to help pace the Lions in what Kozlowski called "a great all-around team effort."

Kate Flurschutz chipped in 1 kill, 1 ace and 3 points, while Traci Richardson had 13 points

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Lady Lions roar to state 'C' title



*Wellsville
knocks off
4-time champ
City Honors*

By **CHUCK POLLOCK**

□ *The Times Herald*

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New York State volleyball tournament

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"WHAT WILL be the real test," Kozlowski mused, "is if we can come back and win it again and again like City Honors and Sweet Home."

"We were lucky enough to have some excellent players and win it this year ... but can we do it again?"

Kozlowski didn't take a lot of time to savor the triumph.

Yet, no matter what, Wellsville,

JOHN ANDERSON/Times Herald
The Wellsville Central School girls' volleyball team captured the New York State Class C title Saturday with a 15-7, 16-14, 16-14 victory over four-time defending champion Buffalo City Honors. Shown are, front row (from left): Traci Richardson, Andrea Vossler, Kim Vossler, Lauren Schmidt, Kate Flurshutz and Jennifer Smith. Back row: Katie Joy, Jessica Regan, Tonia Artlip, Sara Synakowski, Kelly Golish and Shirley Monz.

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Kelly Golish (far left) celebrates the final point of the match with teammates (from left) Jennifer Smith, Sara Synakowski (12), Traci Richardson (9) and Jessica Regan as Wellsville swept Buffalo City Honors in the New York State Class C girls' volleyball championship match Saturday outside of Albany.

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"We can't feel badly ... you always play 'what if' when you lose (two) two-point games. But we didn't lose because we didn't hit ... or didn't dig ... or didn't focus in practice."

"We lost because they beat us ... and that makes it easier to take."

And though Kozlowski was "surprised to win in three games", it wasn't without tension.

After breezing in the first game where the Wellsville coach thought

Smith added five kills and eight service points and Traci Richards served for 13 points.

It was Wellsville's first season as a 'C' school after many years as a 'B'.

"We came in with 384 students (grades 10-12) ... just under what it takes to be a 'B'," Kozkowski said.

And if the Lady lions had been a 'B' this year?

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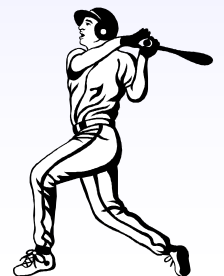
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