

# Falconer Girls Victims Of Perfect Game At States

## Lady Golden Falcons Eliminated By Eventual Champion Susquehanna Valley

By SCOTT KINDBERG

CICERO — Becca Wiggins single-handedly ended the Falconer Lady Golden Falcons' hopes of defending their state softball title Saturday.

The junior from Susquehanna Valley tossed her second consecutive perfect game and helped her own cause with a two-out, two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning, propelling the top-ranked Sabers of Section 4 to a 2-0 victory over the Lady Golden Falcons in a New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B semifinal at the Northern Onondaga Softball Complex.

On a cold, gray and windy afternoon, Wiggins was perfectly comfortable on the rubber, striking out 11 and running her consecutive scoreless innings streak to a mind-numbing 62.

She was so dominant that of the 21 outs she recorded, only two were in the air and

none were hit that hard.

"She's the best pitcher we've faced in two years," Falconer coach Ernie Strickland said. "We ran into a pitcher who was overpowering. ... It was the velocity. We weren't used to it."

Still, the Lady Golden Falcons (17-8) were locked in a scoreless battle with the top-ranked Sabers (27-2), last year's Class A champions, through 5 1/2 innings. Falconer sophomore Skylar Carlson (three hits, allowed, two walks and two strikeouts) was matching Wiggins zero for zero. Then the Lady Golden Falcons' stellar defense cracked just the slightest bit and Wiggins made them pay.

With one out in the bottom of the sixth, Meghan Shager dragged a bunt down the first-base line. Skylar Carlson fielded it and tossed to first baseman Amanda Yachetta for the apparent out, which was initially signaled by the first-

base umpire. But when Yachetta dropped the ball, the umpire conferred with the two crew members and he changed the call, putting Shager back at first.

Strickland contested the reversal mildly from the dugout, but admitted later that he believed it to be the right call.

Kara Gorgos then sacrificed Shager to second, bringing Wiggins to the plate with two outs.

With one swing of the bat, she put the game away, sending an outside pitch deep over the right-field fence for a two-run home run.

Wiggins was mobbed at home plate by her teammates, who obviously felt pretty confident about holding the lead with only three outs remaining.

In the top of the seventh, Wiggins, who tossed a perfect game in a 6-0 regional victory over Burke Catholic on Thursday, retired Fal-

coner in order, setting up a meeting with Mechanicville, a 12-0 winner over Oyster Bay in the other semifinal, for the Class B state crown.

"I was thinking if we could put a drag bunt down and try and make them field it, but we couldn't do it," Strickland said.

Fittingly, Wiggins recorded the last out when she caught a pop-up off the bat of Falconer senior Shelby Carlson.

Later, Susquehanna Valley went on to win the state title by a 2-0 margin over Mechanicville.

"They're a good team," said Strickland, who is retiring after notching six Section 6 championships and one state title in 18 years as coach. "Geez, a perfect game? We were still in it. That was two unearned runs. ... You never know? If we just put the ball in play ..."

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# D'Angelo, Keppel Take I-A Title

## Birdie Last Two Holes To Win By One Shot

By JIM RIGGS

ELLICOTTVILLE — Jeff Keppel had a 6-inch putt on the 18th hole Saturday to give he and his partner, Tim D'Angelo, the overall championship of the 36th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament at Holiday Inn Resort.

Yes, it was 6 inches. Half foot. A definite tap-in. And it was a straight-in putt.

So what did Keppel do? He read the putt for nearly 30 seconds!

The longer he studied the putt, the more there was a chance to miss it.

But Keppel didn't.

Keppel and D'Angelo shot a net best-ball 64, 8 under par, to finish with a 54-hole total of 192, 24 under, to take the title by one shot.

But why was Keppel taking so long studying a 6-inch putt?

"I can't make a one-foot putt," he said, referring to a one-footer he missed on the 14th hole. "That's why I took so long with that one. I had to."

His winning putt was for a natural par 4 and a net birdie 3.

And Keppel wasn't expecting to be putting for the win after his tee shot traveled only about 50 yards. Then D'Angelo pulled his drive to the left and their chance for a victory looked slim.

Keppel recalled his partner telling him, "I need you to get at least get a bogey here."

After his drive barely got off the tee, Keppel hit a 6-iron down the middle of the fairway and then hit a wedge from about 125 yards within 6 inches of the cup to set up his winning putt.

That completed a string of two straight birdies at the end to nail down the title. D'Angelo had a net birdie 3 at No. 17.

It was around the 14th hole that the eventual winners heard that 23 under was leading the tournament. One duo with that total was Phil Cammarata and Dick Cole, who were playing in front of D'Angelo and Keppel, and the other was Anthony Tuccio and Dan Hocking, who were in the Third Flight and had already finished with an 11-under 61.

Then at the par-3 15th it looked like a chance for the two Moon Brook Country Club members to pull out a win was gone.



Above, Tim D'Angelo reacts after sinking a putt to save par on the 11th hole during the final round of the 36th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament. Below, teammate Jeff Keppel lines up his 6-inch putt on the final hole that gave his team the overall championship by one stroke.

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"Fifteen was exciting," D'Angelo said. "No one was near the green."

No one got a stroke and they finished with a bogey, but parred No. 16 before carding the back-to-back birdies to win.

Tuccio and Hocking finished as the overall runnerup team after they defeated Cammarata and Cole in playoff of teams tied at 193.

Despite the playoff loss, Cammarata and Cole were the First Flight winners. Pete Pillitteri and Andy Sandstrom defeated Joe Sinatra and Mike Sard in a playoff for second place as they tied with 196s.

In the Second Flight, where the overall winners came from, Jon Scalise and Kurt Eimiller ended up as the winners with a 196. Two teams tied for second with 197s and John LaMancuso and Mike Roberts defeated Tony Calanni and Gregg Bender in a playoff.

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# Hale Captures Bears' First State Track Crown

CANTON — Andrew Hale became the first Frewsburg state track champion by winning the pentathlon at the New York State Track and Field Championships on Saturday at St. Lawrence University.

In Division II, Hale recorded 636 points in the 110 hurdles (15.67), 636 points in the high jump (1.81), 527 points in the shot put (10.69), 591 points in the long jump (6.02) and 705 points in the 1,500 (4:36) to give him a total of 3,234 points and the title.

Hale placed second overall in the Federation behind Cory Pixley of Pioneer, who had 3,251 points.

"It's his (Hale) second year back here and it's the first time that a Frewsburg kid has done this, which is great for him," Frewsburg Coach Jeff Collver said. "He also did a great job despite the rainy and windy weather we've been having here."



ANDREW HALE

# Fredonia Claims State Class B Baseball Title

By JOSH REILLY  
Special To The Post-Journal

ENDICOTT — One year removed from their appearance in last year's New York State Class B Final Four, the Fredonia Hillbillies returned to Union-Endicott's Pete Sylvester Park — the very site of their 2005 championship game letdown. Bringing back seven starters, the Fredonia boys had some unfinished business. As of Saturday, said business had been completed.

Riding the arm of pitcher Abe Rak, who won two games Saturday, the Hillbillies (24-5) claimed the NYSPHSAA Class B baseball championship — defeating Babylon of Section 11, 6-1, shortly after they pounded Section 7's Plattsburgh,

16-0, in the semifinals.

Rak was the winning pitcher as the Hillbillies claimed their first-ever state team championship. He pitched 5 2/3 innings — striking out eight and walking five — before he gave way to Kevin Manzella who finished the game.

"There was no way I could carry this team on my shoulders," Rak said.

"I just had to go out there and pitch my game. All I did was throw strikes, let them hit it and have my team make the plays. That's the nice thing about this team. There's nobody that's going to carry this team."

Fredonia jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first and never looked back.

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# Strickland Leaves Softball Program In Great Shape

CICERO — Their game and season finally over, the Falconer Lady Golden Falcons left their dugout at the Northern Onondaga County Softball Complex, equipment bags slung over their shoulders and eyes glued to the wet ground.

Losses are never enjoyable. Falling a game short of having a chance to successfully defend a New York State title made the pain even more acute for the Far West Regional champions.

But I'm wondering if a few of the tears Saturday evening might have been shed for another reason. In case you didn't know, Coach Ernie Strickland — he the owner of six sectional titles and three straight state Final Four appearances — is calling it quits. After 38 years at his alma mater, including the last 18 directing the softball program, Strickland coached his last game — a 2-0 setback to top-ranked and eventual state champion Susquehanna Valley — in the cold and overcast of suburban Syracuse.

But it wasn't the brisk wind that was making his eyes tear up after he addressed his team.

"I've got emotions," he admitted.

And even the most stoic person would likely have difficulty separating himself from an association that transcends wins, losses and championships.

"I've enjoyed it," said Strickland, an industrial arts teacher. "I just felt I had a lot to offer the girls. It's not like somebody's telling them something and then just going through the paces. We always had the connection."

Maybe it's because Strickland was a very good softball player in his younger days, including a very successful stint with the Lakewood Rod & Gun team in the local fast-pitch league years ago.

"They knew I knew what I was talking about," he said. "I was always demanding. They'd get mad at me, but deep down in their hearts they knew I knew what the heck I was talking about."

So, year after year, the Lady Golden Falcons worked on their games, agreeing to commit themselves to fundamentals, which Strickland constantly harps on.

"They go nuts," he said. "They get mad at me. That's what upsets me every time a girl can't lay down a bunt. I know what they're doing. We go over and over it. ... We just preach the fundamentals. It carries over."

Ironically, Falconer wasn't able to put down any bunts against Susquehanna Valley's Becca Wiggins. In fact, the junior right-hander tossed her second straight perfect game and belted the game-winning two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning on the Sabers' way to the state championship.

But Strickland was still able to smile.

"Nobody expected us to be here," he said. "It's very gratifying."

Tom Carlson, an assistant coach and the father of two of the Lady Golden Falcons' top players, Alexis and Skylar, has known Strickland since the former was a student at the high school in the early 1970s.

"The kids respect him," Carlson said. "He gets on them at times, but they listen to him and he gets the most out of them."

"He just really cares about the kids. He's not going to hide it. If he's mad, he's mad. He'll let you know. If he gets emotional, he's going to show it, but he deeply cares about them."

That might explain why he got a little choked up as he talked to the group one final time.

"I'm sad," Strickland said, "but we played the best we could."

The record book will show the Lady Golden Falcons finished 17-8 in his final season, but here's guessing their true measure is not just their .680 winning percentage. Rather, it will be the way they picked themselves up after finishing in fourth place in Division 1 of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Athletic Conference, dusted themselves off and put together the kind of playoff run that has been characteristic of Strickland's teams through the years.

"This season meant a lot," he said, "especially after the start we got off to."

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# Battle Earns All-American Honors Again At Kansas

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sheldon Battle completed his stellar two-year track and field career at Kansas University by becoming a two-time All-American on Saturday at the NCAA Championships.

Battle placed fifth in the shot put finals with a toss of 64-feet-9 1/4 that was good

enough to give him All-American honors once again.

This was the third All-American honor for the Jamestown High School graduate in his two years at Kansas.

Battle was an All-American four times in the indoor season and twice in the outdoor season.



SCOTT KINDBERG



ERNIE STRICKLAND

SPORTS

# Black Knights Season Ends At State Semis

## Falconer

**By DAVE IBACH**  
*Special To The Post-Journal*  
BINGHAMTON — As hard as it was to digest his toughest defeat in 13 years, Silver Creek coach Mike Janisch found it easy to praise one of the best teams he's had in his 27 years with the Black Knights.  
"I'm tremendously proud of these kids," he said. "They played a helluva ballgame and they played that way all year. That's all you could ever ask of them."  
Silver Creek's standout season came to an end Saturday with a 4-2 loss to eventual state champion Watertown Immaculate Heart in the NYSPHSAA Class C semifinals at Chenango Valley High School in a pitcher's duel that came down to the final out.  
Steve Magovney — one of three Magovney brothers who

started for Watertown I.H.C. — improved to 12-1 on the season for the Cavaliers by holding Silver Creek to four hits over six innings, striking out seven, including the final two batters of the game.  
Silver Creek's Matt Johengen was equally as good. The crafty junior left-hander allowed six hits, struck out four, walked three and induced nine ground ball outs.  
An RBI single by eighth-grader Brian Magovney in the fourth inning proved to be the game-winning hit for Watertown Immaculate Heart, the Section 3 champion who beat Ticonderoga in Saturday's championship game, 3-1.  
The Black Knights, who advanced to the state final four for the second time in school history (the other was in 1993), were unglued by an inability to get a hit at the

game's crucial moments. Silver Creek stranded at least one runner in all but one inning (the fifth).  
"We just didn't get a hit when we could," Janisch said. "We needed to get one more hit or two more hits and we would have been OK."  
Silver Creek took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Cody Wicks doubled past diving right fielder Chris Lowerty to score Jordan Morrison, who walked.  
Watertown I.H.C. went ahead in the second inning on a two-run double by Steve Magovney. The hit was costly for the Black Knights, but the inning's outcome could have been worse. The Cavaliers (21-5) loaded the bases with no outs before Johengen got Brian Magovney to pop out and struck out No. 9 hitter Zack Daldo.  
Steve Magovney made sure

the Cavaliers didn't go back to the dugout empty-handed and lined a shot down the third base line.  
Silver Creek (21-7) cut the deficit to one in the fifth inning when Ryan Simmons — who led Silver Creek with two hits — singled up the middle and Johengen reached on an error, putting runners at first and third. Leadoff batter Andy Schettine grounded into a fielder's choice, scoring Simmons with one out. But Watertown I.H.C. ended the threat with a double play when Jordan Morrison followed with a ground out to first base and Johengen was thrown out trying to advance to third.  
"It was just one of those days," Janisch said.  
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Watertown IHC 020 101 x — 4 6 2  
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SO — Johengen 4, SMagovney 7, BB — Johengen 3, SMagovney 4, 2B — Wicks (SC), SMagovney (WHS), W — SMagovney, L — Johengen.

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Unfortunately for Falconer, that wasn't going to happen with Wiggins on the mound.  
For those wondering, the right-hander, who wears jersey number 00, raised her no-hit gems to six for the season.  
One observer standing behind the backstop asked why Wiggins wears No. 00.  
The answer it would seem is obvious.  
No hits, no runs.  
**NOTES:** Skylar Carlson didn't allow a hit until Gorgos led off the fourth with a dou-

ble. But Carlson didn't rattle as she retired Wiggins, Kayla Kaminski and Brittni Frantelizzi in order. ... Falconer third baseman Amy Vincent turned in two outstanding plays in the second and fifth innings, retiring Dani Pendlebury both times. ... Susquehanna Valley's only other hit was a single by Kaminski immediately after Wiggins' homer. ... The loss marked the final game for Lady Golden Falcon seniors Rafaela Aquin, Shelby Carlson, Jessica Thompson and Alexis Carlson.

## Fredonia

**From Page C-1**  
Lead-off hitter Mark Zinni walked, Chad Shaw singled and Rak walked — loading the bases and setting the stage for a five-run inning. Angelo Belliotti, Jeremy Napierala and Rich Catalano delivered RBI singles during the inning.

Bryan Bongiovanni also drove in a run.  
The Hillbillies added an insurance run in the fourth on a ground ball by Shaw. Tom Malikowski led off with a single and was moved station-to-station before ending up on third and then beating a throw to the plate by Babylon second baseman Frank Deesing.  
The Panthers scored their only run on an RBI double by Chris Murray in the sixth. With two outs and two on, Gullo pulled Rak and called on Manzella to record the final four outs.  
Manzella finished the sixth with a bang — freezing the only hitter he faced with called-strike-three.

bought into it. It was a great effort on both (Rak and Manzella) their parts."  
Against Plattsburgh, Rak struck out five and walked none in four innings before Gullo lifted his ace with a 12-0 lead.  
Gullo had originally hoped to coax two or three innings out of Rak's arm for the championship game. Little did Gullo know, Rak would pitch a gem.  
"I wanted him to go one time through the Babylon order," Gullo said of his starter. "Babylon's hitters are tough. They're good hitters."  
Gullo's decision to pull Rak in the semifinal was made a lot easier after the Hillbillies scored two in the first and seven in the second. Napierala and Shaw connected for two-run singles during the seven-run frame.  
"The first game (vs. Plattsburgh) should not have been that easy," Gullo said. "When we got up by so many runs, the other team kind of stopped playing. So then, we got to save a pitcher."  
"We were hitting the heck out of the ball. We just came out smokin'. We were focused and ready."  
Fredonia added three more in the third — highlighted by Will Bobseine's two-run single.  
Gabe Carnrite added a pinch-hit, two-run single during Fredonia's three-run sixth.  
Bongiovanni had three hits

during the Hillbillies' win over Plattsburgh. Bobseine and Napierala finished with two hits and three RBIs apiece.  
Tom Lutz pitched the final three innings for Fredonia in relief of Rak. He struck out two and walked one.  
Nine members of the Hillbillies will graduate on top as state champs.  
"We've been playing together for years now," Manzella said of himself and the other eight seniors. "This is what we've been working for. I would've been disappointed if we didn't win. This was the way we wanted it to end."  
While Gullo credits his seniors as being leaders, he feels the underclassmen pushed his team to the next level.  
"We had seven returning starters," he said. "They all came back better."  
We had some incoming juniors that fought for positions and they worked hard and they pushed us. It was a great year."

## Kindberg

**From Page C-1**  
Now, Strickland turns the page on a new beginning, leaving the program — which has a stable of fine players returning — in great shape.  
And once next season rolls around, I'm guessing that Strickland will occasionally find his way to the high school softball field to see how they're doing.  
"We'll be around a few games, I'm sure," said Strickland's wife, Heidi, who is an assistant coach.  
Here's a thought: Falconer has been fortunate to have some outstanding coaches through the years, including Bill Race and Denny Meszaros. Race's name adorns the football field, which he presided over for more than three decades. Meszaros' name is found on the backstop of the baseball diamond where he also spent more than 30 years.  
Maybe, at the appropriate time, the softball team will play its games on Strickland Field.  
That has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

## HORSESHOES

Mel's Place (53-31) moved into a tie for first place in the Chautauqua Lake Horseshoe League on Wednesday by beating vonKleist Construction, 16 1/2 - 4 1/2, at the AMVETS.  
Mel's is tied with Classic Catering, which prevailed over Honey-Dew Farms, 15-6.  
Rick's Place (46- 1/2 - 16 1/2) improved its Monday night first place lead by trimming Whittier Farms, 20-1.  
Second place AMVETS topped College Inn, 12-9.  
Jim Spunaugle delivered the high game (95) and the top series (351).  
Bob Ortendahl tossed a 94-343, Randy Hopkins a 92-333, Bob Boyce a 87-333, Red Payne a 87-327 and Clayt Willis a 92-326.  
Spunaugle, Hopkins, Payne and Boyce along with Weldon Barden and Bob Shaffer won all four games.  
Boyce has the top record (10 1/2 - 1 1/2) followed by Payne (10-2), Ken Hopkins (11-5), Randy Hopkins (11-5) and Ortendahl (11-5).

In the seventh, Manzella struck out two more Babylon hitters — catching the last one looking with the final out of the season and triggering the creation of a Hillbilly pile of humanity next to the pitcher's mound.  
Shaw and Belliotti (double) led Fredonia's attack with two hits each.  
"I'm so impressed with my guys," Fredonia coach Vince Gullo said. "We were focused all weekend. You could see it in their (the players') eyes. You could see it on the bus ride up."  
Gullo was also impressed with Manzella's acceptance of the decision to start Rak.  
"Kevin's a helluva pitcher," Gullo said. "He deserved the start, but he understood what we were doing. He

NOTES: Babylon beat previously-unbeaten Section I champion Hastings-on-Hudson in Saturday's other semifinal, 4-1.  
Plattsburgh 000 000 0 — 0 3 2  
Fredonia 273 013 X — 16 16 2  
Christian, Shaughnessy (2), J. Bouyea (5), Cross (6) and Elliott, Goodell (5), Rak, Lutz (5) and Napierala. SO — Christian 1, Shaughnessy 2, J. Bouyea 0, Cross 1, Rak 5, Lutz 2. BB — Christian 2, Shaughnessy 1, J. Bouyea 0, Cross 1, Rak 0, Lutz 1, 2B — Shaughnessy (P), Napierala (F), W — Rak, L — Christian.  
Babylon 000 001 0 — 1 4 1  
Fredonia 500 100 X — 6 7 0  
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## I-A

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After the overall champions came out of the Third Flight, Sebby Baggiano and Gary Yager took that title with a 195 while Sam Galbato and Sam LaMancuso were second with 200. Taking third were Sam LaMancuso and Matt Hartweg with a 201.  
There was a playoff to determine the Fourth Flight winners and Tom Calalesina and Rhoe Henderson topped Mike Cappa and Peter Sullivan. Each team had shot a 205. Jack Munella and Jack Twinam took third with a 206.  
The Fifth Flight had plenty of playoffs. Joe Bellitto and Greg Smith defeated Tony Triscari and Barry Minsker for first place after the teams tied for the lead with 204s. There was also a tie for third among teams with 207s and George Panebianco and John O'Mara defeated Pat Smeraldo and Richie Joslyn.  
Carl Pillittieri and Dave Bogdan shot a 202 to win the Sixth Flight and Todd Frangione and Mark Tarbrake were second with a 204. Tied for third with 208 were John Lisciandro and Marv Eimiller, and Tom D'Angelo and Steve Johnson. Lisciandro and Eimiller won the playoff to take third.  
The Seventh Flight winners were Jim Giunta and Mack Maguire with a 209 while Ang Volpe and Bill Emerson took second with a 213. Third with a 218 were Joe Ribaud and Scott Crist with a 218.

SECOND FLIGHT	
Scalise-Eimiller	65-65-66-196
*Lamancuso-Roberts	66-63-68-197
Calanni-Bender	65-63-69-197
Conti-Johnson	65-63-74-202
Panebianco-Larson	66-65-71-202
Paterniti-Smith	65-68-69-202
Restivo-Lockwood	66-68-69-203
Calamunci-Johnson	65-70-69-204
Mole-Ames	66-68-71-206
Morgan-Wren	65-70-72-207
Viello-Deppas	65-71-71-207
THIRD FLIGHT	
Baggiano-Yager	66-63-66-195
Galbato-Young	67-63-70-200
LaMancuso-Hartweg	66-65-70-201
Fashano-Johnson	67-66-70-203
Munella-Leathers	67-68-68-204
Pasquale-Hedberg	67-70-68-206
Bianco-Shults	67-68-71-206
Tarana-Weinberg	67-68-73-209
Ribaud-Johnson	67-70-72-209
D'Angelo-Sheffield	67-70-72-209
Panebianco-Michos	66-73-66-215
FOURTH FLIGHT	
*Calalesina-Henderson	67-70-68-205
Cappa-Sullivan	67-74-64-205
Munella-Iwinam	67-67-72-206
Barlow-Casler	68-69-70-207
DeMarco-Henderson	67-68-72-207
DeMarco-Yocum	68-65-74-208
Brigiotta-Anderson	68-68-72-210
Cusimano-Wright	68-69-68-211
Peppy-Moss	69-70-73-212
Munella-Curie	68-69-76-213
Lombardo-Johnson	67-73-78-218
Calamunci-Tane	68-76-80-225
FIFTH FLIGHT	
*Bellitto-Smith	68-68-67-204
Triscari-Minsker	71-70-68-204
*Panebianco-O'Mara	71-67-68-207
Smeraldo-Johnson	70-67-70-207
Cardinale-Benson	70-68-72-210
Certo-Dawson	70-72-68-210
Cusimano-Gronquist	71-69-71-211
Viele-Miley	70-69-73-212
Peppy-VanEvery	69-68-76-213
Phillips-Tater	70-74-73-217
Lisciandro-MacIntyre	70-74-73-217
Panebianco-Johnson	71-80-72-223
SIXTH FLIGHT	
Pillittieri-Bogdan	72-65-65-202
Frangione-Tarbrake	71-66-67-204
Lisciandro-Eimiller	72-71-65-208
D'Angelo-Johnson	71-69-68-208
Scheira-Gren	72-66-71-209
Cusimano-Bjork	71-70-69-210
Scheira-Whittemore	72-70-69-211
Delmonte-Emke	71-74-69-214
Giunta-Farrell	71-72-71-214
Pappalardo-Brunenavs	71-71-73-215
Pappalardo-Ecklund	73-72-72-217
Conti-Miller	72-74-72-218
DeAngelo-Miller	72-74-72-218
Vassallo-Szaicher	72-76-75-223
SEVENTH FLIGHT	
Giunta-Maguire	78-64-67-209
Volpe-Emerson	76-68-68-213
Ribaud-Crist	73-71-74-218
Pietrocario-Auer	73-71-75-219
Paterniti-Mead	75-70-75-220
Barlow-Nord	74-74-73-222
Paladino-Sweet	74-75-73-222
Barlow-Fitzpatrick	74-77-73-224
Sirriano-Lockwood	78-72-75-225
Baggiano-MacKenzie	75-72-73-226
Lisciandro-Peterson	75-73-80-229
Gueffi-Cross	76-78-76-229
Triscari-Noon	81-79-78-238
Paladino-Sheffield	75-80-88-243

**OVERALL**  
D'Angelo-Keppel 66-62-64-192  
\*Tuccio-Hocking 67-65-61-193

**FIRST FLIGHT**  
Cammarata-Cole 65-65-63-193  
Pillittieri-Sandstrom 65-69-62-196  
Sinatra-Sard 65-67-68-198  
Mole-Anderson 63-67-68-198  
Cusimano-Melquist 63-65-71-199  
DeMarco-Loeb 61-69-70-200  
Scheira-Moore 64-67-69-200  
Foil-Lundgren 63-68-71-202  
Trussalo-Joslyn 64-68-72-204  
Mason-Glatz 62-67-75-204  
Panebianco-Brady 65-70-77-212

\* won playoff

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Players must have an established handicap of 12 or less and must be a resident of or a member of a golf course in Chautauqua County.  
The entry fee is \$95 and includes greens fee, cart and prizes.  
The entry deadline is Wednesday.  
The gold sponsors of this year's tournament are Taco Hut, HSBC Mortgage and Peek'n Peak Resort & Conference Center.  
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# Holmberg Brings Home Title

## Falconer Senior Wins Division II Discus Crown In Canton

CANTON — For the first time in school history, Falconer Central School has a state champion in girls track and field as senior Jacquie Holmberg accomplished that feat on an overcast Friday on the first day of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association championships at St. Lawrence University.

Holmberg made her sixth and final throw one of her longest of her five-year varsity career as she tossed the discus 134 feet, 4 inches to win the Division II crown.

Holmberg, who holds the school record (135-8), will be seeded first in the discus



JACQUIE HOLMBERG

"Jacquie has been going the last three weeks to Allegany-Limestone to work out

when the Federation competition is held today.

"I want to give a great deal of the credit for Jacquie's success to Allegany-Limestone coach Mike Wilber and Blake Eaton," said Falconer coach Mike LeBaron, who has his first champion in his ninth year at the helm.

"Rosie Cooper from Falconer will compete in the 2,000 steeplechase today.

with Blake Eaton," said LeBaron. Eaton won his Division II boys title with a 185-1. Julie Griswold of Sherman finished third with a toss of 123-6 and will be competing in the Federation.

Falconer senior Jennifer Anderson finished third in the 100 hurdles in 1:03.6.

"She pretty excited about the way she performed," said LeBaron.

Anderson is seeded seventh in the 400 after running a 1:00.8 in the preliminaries.

Rosie Cooper from Falconer will compete in the 2,000 steeplechase today.

## NJCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

# CHAMPIONS



The Monroe Community College Tribunes proudly display their trophy for winning the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament. From left are Mike Colosi, Bobby McCartney, Justin Pfalzer, Brett Semple, John Altobello and Coach John Graham.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

## Monroe Sets Team Record En Route To Title

By JIM RIGGS

CHAUTAUQUA — When a team comes into the final round of the NJCAA Division III National Golf Championships with a 24-shot lead, what is its goal?

"Really my goal for today was to get them here on time," Monroe Community College coach John Graham said after his team locked up its first national golf title by a 26-stroke margin.

The Tribunes from Rochester toured the Lake Course at Chautauqua Golf Club with a 292 score on Friday to finish with a 72-hole total of 1,168, 16 over par.

That sets a new team record since the Division III Tournament has been held at Chautauqua, now for seven years. However, the second- and third-place team also broke the previous record. In second place was Louisburg College from Louisburg, N.C., with 1,194 while defending champion Central Lakes College from Brainerd, Minn. was third with 1,206.

Not only did Monroe win the team title, but it also had the tournament medalist. Mike Colosi shot an even-par 72 to go along with his rounds of 72, 71 and 69 for a 284 total, 4 under par. That was also a new tournament record.

He took the individual title by three shots over Brent Davis of Montgomery College-Rockville from Rockville, Md., who was last year's medalist.

"I just walked around with Mike pretty much the whole day just trying to help him get his goal taken care of," Graham said.

With a 24-shot lead, he wasn't concerned about his players because they had other objectives.

"A lot of the guys were trying to get into the All-American standings (top 15), so they had a lot of motivation to keep playing," Graham said. "I just told them to keep playing. We didn't have a team score in mind, they were all just playing for themselves."

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Ken Woodfield of Jamestown Community College chips on the first hole.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

## Five Teams Tied For Second-Round I-A Lead

By JIM RIGGS

ELLICOTTVILLE — Perhaps Abbott & Costello should be the tournament directors for the 36th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament. And the question they would ask wouldn't be, "Who's on First?" but, instead, "Who's in first?"

The answer is five teams because that's how many two-man squads were tied for the overall lead Friday after 36

holes of the 54-hole event at Holiday Inn Resort. Two are in the First Flight and three are in the Second Flight.

Tied for first place in the First Flight, and in the five-way tie for the overall lead, are Frank Baggiano and Jack Fulford, and Anthony Cusimano and Todd Melquist. Each team has shot 63 and 65 for a net best-ball 128, 26 under par.

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These are some of the golfers in the logjam for the overall lead after 36 holes of the 36th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament at Holiday Valley Resort. From the left are the teams of Frank Baggiano and Jack Fulford, Tony Calanni and Gregg Bender, and Ben Conti, whose teammate, Bob Johnson, was absent. Also absent were the teams of Anthony Cusimano and Todd Melquist, and Tim D'Angelo and Jeff Keppel.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs



Falconer coach Ernie Strickland and the Lady Golden Falcons packed their bags for a third straight trip to the state softball final four.

P-J photo by Valory S. Isaacson

## Falconer Would Like To Send Coach Out On Winning Note

By SCOTT KINDBERG

Ernie Strickland has taught industrial arts at Falconer Central School for 38 years.

"It's truly been, he admits, a labor of love.

"All we do is make projects," he said. "We build so much stuff. We built the dugouts for the softball field and, in fact, last fall we built the refreshment stand for the softball boosters. "It's been a good job."

But in a couple weeks, Strickland will call it quits, retiring from his alma mater and leaving the school projects to someone else.

"It's time to go," he said.

When he does, he'll have laid a figurative blueprint of how to build a softball program, too. As the Falconer softball coach for nearly 20 years, Strickland has guided the Lady Golden Falcons to six Section 6 championships, three consecutive Far West Regional titles and three straight New York State Public High School Athletic Association final four berths.

And when Falconer (17-7), the defending

"Everybody told me I should have (retired) last year. In my heart, I felt I had a team that had a chance."

— Ernie Strickland  
Falconer softball coach

Class B state champion, takes the field at 1:30 p.m., today against top-ranked Susquehanna Valley of Section 4 (26-2) in the state semifinals at Cicero-North Syracuse, it will be attempting to send its coach off in style.

"Everybody told me I should have (retired) last year," Strickland said. "In my heart, I felt I had a team that had a chance."

Led by seniors Shelby Carlson (.345 bat-

ting average), Alexis Carlson, Jessica Thompson and Amanda Yachetta (.425), Strickland was confident the Golden Falcons had the talent and the experience to make another deep postseason run.

"At the beginning of the season, I figured offensively we would be better than last year," Strickland said. "I had six of my leading hitters back and I thought our defensive infield would be outstanding."

Getting that to come together, though, proved to be a challenge. Offensively, the Lady Golden Falcons struggled most of the regular season and ended up fourth in Division 1 of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Athletic Conference with a 7-5 record.

Before the sectional playoffs, Strickland had a little chat with his eighth-seeded team.

"The biggest thing was being more patient at the plate," Strickland said. "We'd been way too aggressive. We were always grounding out, flying out, popping up. I knew we were better."

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## ALL IN A DAY'S SPORTS

By JIM RIGGS, SPORTS EDITOR



### Nuts And Bolts

**County Weather At It's Best** — The weather during the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament at Chautauqua Golf Club this week was fantastic. The visitors bureau had to beaming as 104 golfers, plus their coaches and families, from 14 states enjoyed temperatures in the 70s with plenty of sun and no rain.

Jamestown Community College coach Bill Burk said he was asked by one coach if the weather is always this nice and he was really tempted to answer yes.

We won't mention that on May 21 Chautauqua hosted The Post-Journal Champions tournament with windchills in the 30s. And last year on May 3 a brief snowstorm arrived around 9 a.m. and covered the course with the white stuff for about 20 minutes.

The NJCAA golfers had a great week of our weather, but it's not always like this.

The tournament ended on Friday and today we were supposed to have temperatures only in the 50s.

**Modern Technology** — Years ago after we had converted from typewriters to computers, I can recall interviewing people for our part-time positions and asking if they had ever used a computer. Now there is no need to ask that because everyone uses computers.

An interesting question now would be if they have ever seen a typewriter.

I noticed a similar thing this week at the NCAA Division III National Golf Tournament. Before each group tees off, the starter fills them in on the usual instructions such as making sure each golfer has his ball marked, special rulings for the course, etc. But now a standard item on the list of instructions is a sign of the times.

That item is that no cell phones are allowed on the course.

The event is in its seventh year at Chautauqua and that's an item that wasn't on the instructions list in the early years.

**Thank You, Felipe** — Maybe it's because he's 71 years old, but San Francisco manager Felipe Alou managed a game the old-fashioned way on Tuesday night.

His Giants were leading Florida, 2-1, in the ninth inning and starting pitcher Jason Schmidt was still on the mound. But suddenly the Marlins had runners on second and third and no outs and what did Alou do?

He left Schmidt in!

That's unheard of in these days of specialized pitching. A starter pitching in the ninth inning is of course a thing of the past. But if a pitcher was still pitching in the ninth and even had a 12-0 lead, if the first batter got on base a call would go to the bullpen.

Or most managers with a 12-0 lead would simply start the ninth inning with their closer.

Alou had faith in Schmidt, who struck out the next three Marlins to nail down the win and also tied the team record of 16 strikeouts in a game.

The must-use-a-closer situation has even spread to the minor leagues. A couple of seasons ago the Jamestown Jammers would have a reliever come in and pitch a very effective eighth inning. But when the ninth inning started, he was out of the game and the closer was on the mound.

When asked, the manager said you always want to use your closer. But even after the previous reliever had work one very good inning and could have easily pitched another?

**Another Old-Fashioned Happening** — Many baseball fans argue that for an intentional walk, the batter should just be sent to first base instead of having the pitcher throw him four balls. My argument has always been that the pitcher might throw one of the intentional-walk pitches wild.

I saw it in a game at Forbes Field in the late 1960s. The Atlanta Braves were leading the Pittsburgh Pirates by a run in the bottom of the ninth, but the Pirates had a runner on second base with less than two outs. The Braves elected to intentionally walk the next batter to set up a double play, but the Atlanta pitcher threw one of his intentional-walk pitches wild and the runner moved to third and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly.

It happened again a few weeks ago and it involved Pittsburgh again.

The Pirates had a runner on second with none out the bottom of the 18th inning and the Houston Astros elected to walk the next batter. But one of the pitches was wild, the runner moved to third and scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly.

So I know of it happening twice and, yes, the incidents I mentioned were about 40 years apart, but if it helps you win a game ...

**Radio Plagiarism** — Jason Bay of the Pittsburgh was on a home run streak recently and one his homers tied a game much to the excitement of Pirates' radio broadcaster Greg Brown.

After Bay's homer, Brown kept shouting, "Bay Day, Bay Day, Bay Day!"

Hey Buffalo Sabres fans, does that sound familiar?

It was during the 1993 Stanley Cup playoffs when Brad May scored an overtime playoff goal for a win over the Bruins and Sabres radio broadcaster Rick Jeanneret let go with his famous, "May Day, May Day, May Day!" call.

Where was Greg Brown in 1993? He was in Buffalo and was part of the Buffalo Bisons and Bills broadcast teams.

So I wonder where he came up with his "Bay Day" call.

**Pretty Nice High School Site** — The Section 5 golf championships were played on a pretty good course this year — Oak Hill Country Club in Pittsford.

That's not too shabby for high school golfers to play on a course that has hosted one Ryder Cup, three U.S. Opens and two PGA Championships. And it will be the site of the 2013 PGA Championship.

What kind of scores did the Section 5 golfers shoot? The winner had a 2-under 68 and his round included five birdies on the front nine.

I guess I should mention he's a member at Oak Hill, but 68 was still an amazing score on a terrible day to play.

The second-place finisher shot a 75 and he was only an eighth-grader!

SPORTS

# Parties Across Germany As World Cup Soccer Kicks Off

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — German soccer fans partied before their team kicked off the World Cup — and then partied into Friday night after an inspired win over Costa Rica.

“We will be world champions,” sang flag-waving German fans following a 4-2 victory without injured star Michael Ballack.

After weeks of preparation, intense worry over security and efforts to ensure visitors feel welcome, the victory raised hopes that the long anticipated tournament will bring Germany international praise — trophy or not.

At one Munich beer garden, hundreds of fans packed long wooden benches under a canopy of chestnut trees. As the final whistle blew, the green of the leaves disappeared behind a sea of waving German flags.

“That is a beautiful memory,” sighed Torsten Hoentsch, gazing over the crowd.

The mood was equally euphoric at public events and private parties nationwide.

In Berlin, more than 300,000 people watched on public big screens. More than 35,000 packed Munich’s official viewing event at the Olympic Park, which two hours before kickoff was full.

In Gelsenkirchen, spectators waiting for the day’s second game between Poland and Ecuador watched on a large

screen downtown. Polish fans, clad in red and blue, marched through downtown chanting “Polska, Polska” or basked in the sun drinking beer.

Despite Germany’s win, fans here are realistic about their team’s chances against the tournament’s other 31 top soccer nations. Many say they’d be happy with a quarterfinals appearance.

Others dream of a repeat of the 1954 “Miracle from Bern,” when an underdog West German team catapulted a fledgling nation out of the shadows of World War II by beating Hungary for its first of three World Cup titles.

With the Nazi shadow ever present, Germans have long shied from overt displays of patriotism. But more than 15 years after East and West Germany fused and 60 years since the war, such taboos seem to be melting away.

Before Friday’s game in Munich, streets were packed with fans bedecked in Germany’s black, red and gold. Some wrapped themselves in the national flag, others wore caps, leis and painted faces. Scores more wore plastic replicas of German spiked World War I helmets painted either with the national colors or as soccer balls.

Authorities weren’t taking chances — 2,800 officers were on hand and Munich police reported making 67

arrests. Most were for what authorities described as “minor offenses” such as pick pocketing, though two men were arrested for allegedly breaking another man’s rib when they attacked him.

As fans drank and sang, helicopters occasionally buzzed overhead. Near the stadium clusters of ambulances were ready, just in case. At entrances police patted down spectators, even going through their wallets and confiscating bottles of water and video cameras.

A recent spike in racially motivated attacks in Berlin has raised concerns that neo-Nazis could sabotage the tournament. Hours before the game, Munich police removed a World Cup banner with swastikas from a highway bridge.

In a special pre-Cup service in the southern city’s famous Frauenkirche cathedral — where German-born Pope Benedict XVI once presided as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — Cardinal Friedrich Wetter prayed with hundreds of fans for a “festival of peace and friendship.”

“Only a few can play on the field, but we can all participate with our hope and joy,” he told worshippers from an altar behind a giant white soccer ball. “Only one team can be world champion, but the greatest achievement is when the games are played peacefully and joyfully.”

# Germany Knocks Off Costa Rica, 4-2

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Germany responded well to the pressure of being the World Cup’s host with a 4-2 victory over Costa Rica in the tournament opener Friday, a performance that could inspire the team the rest of the way.

Captain Michael Ballack missed the game with a calf injury, but striker Miroslav Klose scored twice on his 28th birthday, offsetting two goals by Paulo Wanchope of Costa Rica.

It was the most goals in any World Cup opener, thanks mainly to Germany staying true to its style under coach

Juergen Klinsmann: creating many chances and playing recklessly on defense.

The Germans got an immediate boost when defender Philipp Lahm, still wearing a special brace after surgery on his left elbow three weeks ago, curved in a shot from the edge of the penalty area in the sixth minute.

### Ecuador 2, Poland 0

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany (AP) — Ecuador’s Agustin Delgado set up a first-half goal and added his own score in the 80th minute to quiet the boisterous pro-Poland crowd in the World Cup open-

er for both teams.

Their credentials questioned because seven of their eight qualifying wins came more than 9,000 feet above sea level at their home stadium in Quito, the Ecuadorians got off to strong start near sea level in their second World Cup appearance.

Ecuador did a good job protecting a 1-0 lead provided by Carlos Tenorio’s goal in the 24th minute. Captain Ivan Hurtado and Neicer Reasco helped thwart the few chances the Poles got, although Poland hit the goalpost twice in the final minutes.



The Falconer Lady Golden Falcons left Friday morning for Syracuse and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B softball tournament. P-J photo by Valory S. Isaacson

# Falconer

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The girls have proven that. With strong pitching from sophomore Skylar Carlson — fellow sophomore Nicole Dean is also a talented hurler — and offensive contributions up and down the lineup, the Lady Golden Falcons enter today’s semifinals with confidence.

“I think one of the things that really helped us was we scrimmaged Cassadaga Valley and we beat them, 5-1,” Strickland said. “WehitAlicia(Morley)prettydam well. Thathelpedourconfidence.” It should have. Morley, the Lady Cougars’ ace, struck out 22 in a 1-0 loss to Bolivar-Richburg in the Class C Far West Regional earlier this week.

Falconer will have quite a challenge against Susquehanna Valley, too.

The Sabers shut out Section 9 champion Burke Catholic, 6-0, on Thursday on the strength of a perfect game by junior right-hander Becca Wiggins.

Wiggins struck out 13 and ran her streak of scoreless innings to 55. For the season, she has recorded five no-hitters.

Interestingly enough, Susquehanna Valley won the Class A state championship last year.

Strickland is impressed with the Sabers’ resume, but is thrilled with an opportunity to play for another state championship.

“Last year was so much pressure,” he said. “We were expected to get there. ... To get there this year is something special.”

With a win in the semifinals, the Lady Golden Falcons will

meet the Oyster Bay (Section 8)/Mechanicville (Section 2) winner at 5 p.m., at the same site.

That would be a fitting send-off for Strickland.

“Whatever happens, happens,” he said. “Just to get there for this year has been a real accomplishment.”

NOTES: Following is Falconer’s expected lineup against Susquehanna Valley: Amanda Yachetta, first base; freshman Sydney Yachetta, second base; Thompson, shortstop; junior Amy Vincent, third base; junior Gina Traniello, left field; Alexia Carlson, center field; and junior Rachelle Axelson, right field. Sophomore Cara D’Angelo is the designated hitter and Skylar Carlson is the pitcher.

# NJCAA

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In his three years as the Monroe coach, his team has finished fourth, second and now first. And two years before he took over, Monroe was also the runnerup. But this year’s title surprised Graham.

“Last year I knew I had a team that could win,” he said. “This year I didn’t think we were this good. Not until the weekend we played at Mercyhurst (North East) and then came here. It was both those weekends we shot under par. And both those weekends when we shot under par there were only two people on the team whose score got used both times, so I had six or seven guys who could shoot par or better, which was really surprising to me.”

Colosi’s 72 didn’t lead the Tribunes on Friday. Teammate Brett Semple shot a 2-under 70 while John Altobello had a 74 and Justin Pfaltzer a 76. Bobby McCartney’s 79 was thrown out.

But all eyes were on Colosi as he tried to lock up the medalist honors. “He had a lot to make up for last year,” Graham said. “He really felt like he disappointed himself and the team last year by not playing real well. That was his goal to come in here and win the whole thing.”

And he also came in leading NJCAA Division III in scoring average with 73.33.

“It gave me great confidence coming in, so I knew I was going to play well this week,” Colosi said about leading the nation in scoring average. “My goal was to shoot under par for the week. What anybody else shot, I have no control over that. So I’d try to shoot under par for the tournament and whatever happens, happens.”

But his main concern was the team title, which Monroe lost by one stroke last year.

“I actually spent the winter in Arizona playing golf and every practice shot, every swing I had, every putt I had, it was in the back of my mind, ‘This is for the nationals.’”

Colosi said. “It hurt so bad to lose by one shot.”

The host Jamestown CC Jayhawks were also celebrating because they shattered their team record while finishing fifth with a 1,230 total. JCC shot a 310 on Friday in extremely windy conditions.

“I thought 320 would have been a good score for us today and they just kept going,” Burk said. “So a 310, we tied our first day. It’s just another amazing day. We broke our team record by 36 strokes. A 1,266 was our record and we shot 1,230.”

Scott Oste led the way with a 75 while Ken Woodfield had a 77 and Andy Frank and Joe Vitello had 79s. Kris Waddington’s 91 was thrown out.

“It’s just remarkable and we scored four guys (Oste, Woodfield, Frank and Vitello) the whole time,” Burk said. “That’s without giving those four guys a break.”

He added, “A lot of credit to Kris Waddington for sticking with us all year and being a part of this team, but we did it with four guys, that’s amazing.”

Frank’s 79 gave him a 300 total and earned him 13th place (after a tie-breaker) and All-American honors.

“I was pleased to break 80 because I was 8 over coming into 16,” the Allegany-Limestone graduate said. “Then I birdied 16, parred 17 and then I rimmed out a birdie chance on 18. So I was happy to break 80, but my goal for the tournament was to break 300. I shot 300.”

He added, “I almost got my goal, but I didn’t even think about this goal. I broke the JCC individual record by three shots for the whole tournament, so I was pleased about that.”

Oste, a Maple Grove graduate, also broke 80 all four days and said, “I think I did very well considering I’ve never been in a tournament like this. Last night I was ranked about 23rd and I knew I had to shoot around par today to be in contention for All-American. I don’t know who’s All-American yet, but I’m just hoping a

few people blew up today and maybe I can sneak in there. To be an All-American would be just the greatest honor ever.”

However, he finished 23rd.

Woodfield, another freshman from Maple Grove who shot in the 70s every day, said, “After I got used to the pressure it was fun. I didn’t think I was going to break 80 every day. I figured I’d shoot 80 or 81 or something.”

Vitello shot his 79 despite a poor start.

“I don’t know how you bogey 2 and 3, they’re both easy holes,” the Jamestown graduate said. “I had a rough start.”

But like everyone, he battled the wind.

“The wind on the back nine was strong,” Vitello said. “On 17, the first three days I had 80 yards in and today I had 160 uphill into the wind. The wind was crazy on the back. On the front it wasn’t too bad.”

He added, “I’m pleased that I broke 80, but I’m not pleased with my score for the week (317).”

Many others were pleased with their scores for the week because during the four rounds there were 18 sub-par rounds. In the previous six years at Chautauqua there had been 36.

TEAM STANDINGS	
Monroe CC	292-297-287-292-1,168
Louisburg Junior College	308-292-300-294-1,194
Central Lakes College	297-307-300-302-1,206
Broome CC	302-304-304-314-1,224
Jamestown CC	310-309-301-310-1,230
Montgomery Coll.-Rockville	305-311-308-310-1,234
Rock Valley College	301-313-306-317-1,237
Rochester CTC	322-308-316-304-1,250
Georgia Military College	317-313-318-307-1,255
Nassau CC	318-317-305-325-1,265
Brookdale CC	322-306-325-328-1,281
Cincinnati State CC	332-326-310-321-1,289
Union County College	325-336-328-332-1,293
Southwest Mississippi CC	339-345-328-349-1,359
CC of Rhode Island	340-345-338-342-1,365
TOP 20 INDIVIDUALS	
Mike Colosi, Monroe CC	72-71-69-72-284
Brent Davis, Mont.Coll.-Rockville	72-71-70-74-287
Thomas Hackett, Broome CC	73-70-72-74-289
Lewis Taylor, Madison Area TC	74-72-73-74-293
Josue Garza, Louisburg	JC 73-75-72-79-293
Brett Semple, Monroe CC	78-75-71-70-294
Corey Brown, Louisburg JC	79-71-74-77-294
C.Chaffee, Tompkins-Cortland CC	73-72-72-74-293
Theo Frenzots, Central Lakes Coll.	73-75-71-77-296
Chris French, Rock Valley College	72-73-75-77-297
Justin Pfaltzer, Monroe CC	70-78-75-76-299
Bobby McCartney, Monroe CC	75-73-73-78-300
Andy Frank, Jamestown CC	75-73-73-78-300
Joe Morris, Cincinnati State CC	75-78-71-74-302
Oliver Hudesman, Nassau CC	75-78-75-74-302
Jesse Smith Southwest Miss. CC	72-80-71-80-303
Brian Viola, Dutches CC	75-75-75-78-303
Joe Altobello, Monroe CC	75-81-74-74-304
Matt Dahlike, Rochester CTC	79-74-74-77-304
Jack Vitello, Dutches CC	78-75-69-82-304

# Battle Qualifies Second In Shot Put At NCAAs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sheldon Battle, former Jamestown High School star, is hoping to complete his outstanding track career at Kansas University on Saturday by

becoming a two-time All-American.

On Thursday at the NCAA Track & Field Championships, Battle qualified for today’s finals by finishing second with

a toss of 63 feet, 6 1/4 inches in the shot put preliminaries.

Battle was the runnerup last year en route to All-American honors for the first time.

# I-A

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In third place in the First Flight are Sam Mason and Craig Glatz with 62-67-129.

Three teams are tied for first in the Second Flight and they complete the five-way tie for the overall lead. They are Tony Calanni and Gregg Bender with 65-63-128, Ben Conti and Bob Johnson with 65-63-128, and Tim D’Angelo and Jeff Keppel with 66-62-128.

The Third Flight leaders are Seby Baggiano and Gary Yager with 66-63-129. Second with 67-63-130 are Sam Galbato and John Young while Sam LaMancuso and Matt Hartweg are third with 66-65-131.

Tied for the Fourth Flight lead are Jack Munella and Jack Twinam with 67-67-134, and Joe DeMarco and Tom Yocum with 69-65-134. Phil DeMarco and Jim Henderson are third with 67-68-135.

Tony Triscari and Barry Minsker lead the Fifth Flight

# JCC Cheerleading Tryouts Announced

The 2006 national champion Jamestown Community College cheerleaders will be holding cheer and dance team tryouts on June 26 and 27.

Practice and tryouts will be held in the Physical Education Complex at JCC from 3-6 p.m. both days.

To be eligible to try out, a candidate must: participate both days, have a physician’s note stating that they may participate without restriction and be registered for fall classes or already be accepted at JCC at the time of tryouts.

Interested candidates may contact Coach Diane Ringer at 792-9930 or via e-mail: cheercoach502002@yahoo.com by June 22.

# Basketball Camp Dates Set In Brocton July 24-27

BROCTON — The annual Brocton Central School Basketball Camp for boys and girls (ages 9-15) is set for July 24-27.

Fundamentals and competitions will be stressed. For more information, contact Jeff Franze at 792-2117 or 386-6108.

with 70-66-136. Tied for second are Anthony Volpe and Reid VanEvery with 69-68-137, Joe Bellitto and Greg Smith with 69-68-137, and Pat Smeraldo and Richie Joslyn with 70-67-137.

Tied for the Sixth Flight lead are Todd Frangione and Mark Tarbrake with 71-67-137, and Carl Pillitteri and Dave Bogdan with 72-65-137. Scott

Scheira and Jon Gren are third with 72-66-138.

The Seventh Flight leaders are Jim Giunta and Mack McGuire with 78-64-142. Tied for second are Gregg Pietrocarlo and Hans Auer, and Joe Ribaudo and Scott Crist, each with 73-71-144.

The overall winner and runnerup will be determined today and can come out of any flight.

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## NJCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

## 'Comfortable' Monroe Leads By 24

Colosi Breaks Par Again To Pace Tribunes; Frank's 72 Highlights JCC's Banner Day



Scott Oste of Jamestown Community College rips his opening tee shot in the third round of the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament at Chautauqua Golf Club on Thursday.  
P-J photo by Jim Riggs

By JIM RIGGS  
CHAUTAUQUA — The third round of a 72-hole tournament is always called "moving day" and it definitely was for Monroe Community College on Thursday.

"This was moving day and we were able to separate ourselves a little bit," Coach John Graham said. "We moved."

His Rochester-based Tribunes, who led by five shots after the first round and 11 after the second, have taken a 24-shot lead after 54 holes of the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament on the Lake Course at Chautauqua Golf Club.

Last year his team led by five shots heading into the final round and lost by one, so he prefers the 24-stroke lead going into today's last round.

"This is getting more comfortable now," Graham said about leading by two dozen shots. "I feel pretty comfortable with that. With team golf anything can happen, but I'm pretty comfortable with that."

Monroe averages 296 per round, but shot a 287 on Thursday while the next lowest score for the day were two 300s.

Mike Colosi led Monroe with



"This was amazing. I'm still trying to digest what's going on here. ... I keep giving these guys hurdles and they keep jumping over them."

— Bill Burk  
JCC golf coach

a 3-under-par 69, his second straight sub-par round. Also breaking par was Brett Semple with a 71 while Bobby McCartney had a 73 and John Altobello a 74. Justin Pflazer's 75 was tossed out.

The Tribunes teed off on the back nine and after a few holes Graham sensed it was going to be good day.

"I could tell they were playing well," he said. "They were comfortable and relaxed. We came back and did a lot of putting last night, played a couple putting games and that helped some guys get a little more comfortable on the greens. Most of the guys were around par

for a majority of the day. They were playing well all day long."

And he would like to see his team shoot its average today.

"Shoot a 296 and it's a done deal," Graham said. "They'd (second-place Louisburg Junior College) have to shoot 272, 16 under. I don't see that happening. If we can shoot around 300 we'll be real happy with that."

Louisburg from Louisburg, N.C., shot one of the 300s for a 900 total and second place. The other 300 belonged to defending champion Central Lakes College from Brainerd, Minn., for a 904. Broome CC from Binghamton is fourth with 910.  
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Joe Poole of Louisburg Junior College reacts after missing a putt at No. 11.  
P-J photo by Jim Riggs

## NBA FINALS

## 'JET' TAKES OFF

Mavs Hitch Ride On Terry,  
Win Opener Over Heat

DALLAS (AP) - Dirk Nowitzki sputtered and struggled in his first NBA finals game, so the Dallas Mavericks hitched a ride on the Jet to claim the opener.

Jason Terry grabbed the spotlight from the three big stars in this championship series, scoring a playoff-high 32 points with a soaring grace befitting his nickname — even though he missed an open layup that nearly erased all his achievements.

A sniffing Dwyane Wade and a brick-laying Shaquille O'Neal couldn't finish a late run, and Dallas held on to beat the Miami Heat 90-80 on Thursday night.

Both franchises' first appearance on the NBA's biggest stage contained all the jitters and mistakes you might expect. Though Terry was the Mavericks' savior, scoring 20 points in the first half and 12 in the fourth quarter, he missed a fourth-quarter layup that kick-started Miami's late run.

The Mavericks went nearly 7 minutes between fourth-quarter field goals before Jerry Stackhouse clinched it on a wobbling jumper with 1:02 to play. Dallas held the Heat to two free throws over the final 5:13, escaping with a sloppy but satisfying victory — and just 16 points from Nowitzki, their superstar.

"We didn't win 60 games because of me," Nowitzki said. "We didn't get here because of me. ... We swing the ball to the open guy, and

he was hot today."

Wade finished with 28 points for the Heat, but managed just three in the fourth quarter while feeling the effects of the sinus infection that's bugged him for a week. O'Neal had 17 points and seven rebounds — and the three-time champion went 1-for-9 at the free throw line, leading Miami's abysmal 7-for-19 performance.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Sunday night in Dallas, with Game 3 in Miami on Tuesday.

Terry was the ostensible replacement for Steve Nash after the point guard left Dallas for a bigger contract in Phoenix — and proceeded to win consecutive MVP awards. Though the fans love Terry's energy and all-around game, he was inconsistent in three opening rounds highlighted by a gritty performance in a decisive Game 7 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

Terry was the first Dallas player other than Nowitzki to lead the club in scoring since Game 4 of the second round against the Spurs, when Terry had 32.

After Terry hit consecutive 3-pointers, the Mavs had a 10-point lead midway through the fourth quarter. But Terry inexplicably missed an open fast-break layup — and the Heat scored the next seven points while holding Dallas scoreless for 4 1/2 minutes.



DeSagana Diop of the Dallas Mavericks, right, blocks a shot by Miami's Dwyane Wade during Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night.  
AP photo

DeMarco, Loeb  
One Shot In  
Front After 61

ELLICOTTVILLE — After the opening round of the 36th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, the team of Pat DeMarco and Steve Loeb hold a one-shot overall lead.

DeMarco and Loeb fired a net best-ball 11-under-par 61 at Holiday Valley Resort.

One shot behind with a 62 are Sam Mason and Craig Glatz.

Tied for third place with 63s are Frank Baggiano and Jack Fulford, Rob Foti and Craig Lundgren, Paul Mole and Steve Anderson, and Anthony Cusimano and Todd Melquist.

All six of those teams are in the First Flight. The defending champions, Russ Certo and David Dawson, shot a 70.

The field has been expanded to 88 teams this year and they are in seven flights. The overall champion and runnerup can come out of any flight. Play in the 54-hole tournament continues today and concludes on Saturday.

Falconer's Opponent?  
Susquehanna Valley

The opponent for defending champion Falconer (17-7) in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B softball tournament has finally been established.

While the Golden Falcons were winning the Far West Regional title on Tuesday with a 4-1 win over Wayland-Cohocton, the East title was delayed by rain until Thursday when Susquehanna Valley of Section 4 eliminated Burke Catholic of Section 9 (19-6), 6-0.

Junior Becca Wiggins hurled a perfect game for the state's top team (25-2), which now faces the Lady Golden Falcons at 1:30 p.m., Saturday in the semifinals at the Northern Onondaga Youth Sports Complex in Cicero, near Syracuse.

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## State Track &amp; Field Meet Begins Today

By TERRY HESLINK  
CANTON — Jennifer Anderson of Falconer is hoping that her fourth and final shot at winning a state championship will be in the cards when the New York Track & Field Championships are held today at Saturday at St. Lawrence University.

Anderson, among seven Southern Tier athletes who will be competing in the North Country, will be joined by senior classmates Jacquie Holmberg and Rosie Cooper as well as senior Julie Griswold of Sherman and junior Whitney Hendershot in the Division II girls competition.

In Division II boys, senior Andrew Hale of Frewsburg and junior Ronson Mazany of

Panama are battling for top honors.

Anderson will be participating in the 400 hurdles once again as well as the 100 hurdles. She won the Section 6 100 hurdles in Division II last week with a 14.90 and placed second in the 400 hurdles with a 1:04.59.

Her time in the 100 hurdles is good enough to seed her second.

The toughest opposition in the 400 hurdles is likely to be senior Stephanie Guerriere of Sidney from Section 4, who has won the Division II state title the last two years and is seeded first with a 14.56. She is headed to James Madison University on a scholarship in the fall.

Holmberg, who has just missed going to the states the previous three years, made it this time around as the first seed after winning the discus for Falconer with a toss of 129 feet, 3 inches.

The runnerup to Holmberg is Dani Jake of Susquehanna Valley from Section 4, whose best toss was at 109-7, so, her chances for a title appears good.

Meanwhile, Cooper, who like Anderson and Holmberg, has been on the Falconer varsity the last five years, won her title in the 2,000 steeplechase with a runaway time of 7:14.6.

Griswold was the runnerup to Holmberg in the discus as the Sherman standout had a

distance of 127 feet.

Hendershot represents Salamanca in the long jump and the high jump and is coming off titles in those two events. She long jumped (16-8 1/2) and high jumped (5-3).

Hale's hopes are in the pentathlon where he won the title for Frewsburg with 3,243 points, highlighted by a victory in the hurdles with a time of 15.24.

Hale is seeded first with a slight advantage over Chris Hilliard of Southern Cayuga of Section 4 with 3,234 points.

Meanwhile, Mazany will be taking part in the high jump and the long jump after capturing those events for Panama. He won the high jump (6-0) and the long jump (20-8) at Olean last weekend.



These are the area athletes headed to the state track championship at St. Lawrence University. In the front, from left, are Blake Eaton, Allegany-Limestone; Ronson Mazany, Panama; Andrew Hale, Frewsburg; and Chris Veney, Olean. In back are Jennifer Anderson, Falconer; Rosie Cooper, Falconer; Jacquie Holmberg, Falconer; Ani Zdrojewski, Fredonia; Whitney Hendershot, Salamanca; and Julie Griswold, Sherman. The action begins today and concludes on Saturday.  
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