

North Tonawanda 2021 Athletic Wall of Fame Inductees



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AARON DAVIS

Football and Basketball

2010 NTHS Graduate

North Tonawanda High School Accomplishments

Football All-Time Scoring Leader with 261 Points

All-Time Touchdowns Leader with 35 TD's

2nd All-Time Leader in Interceptions with 10

Basketball All-Time Leader in Points with 1,674

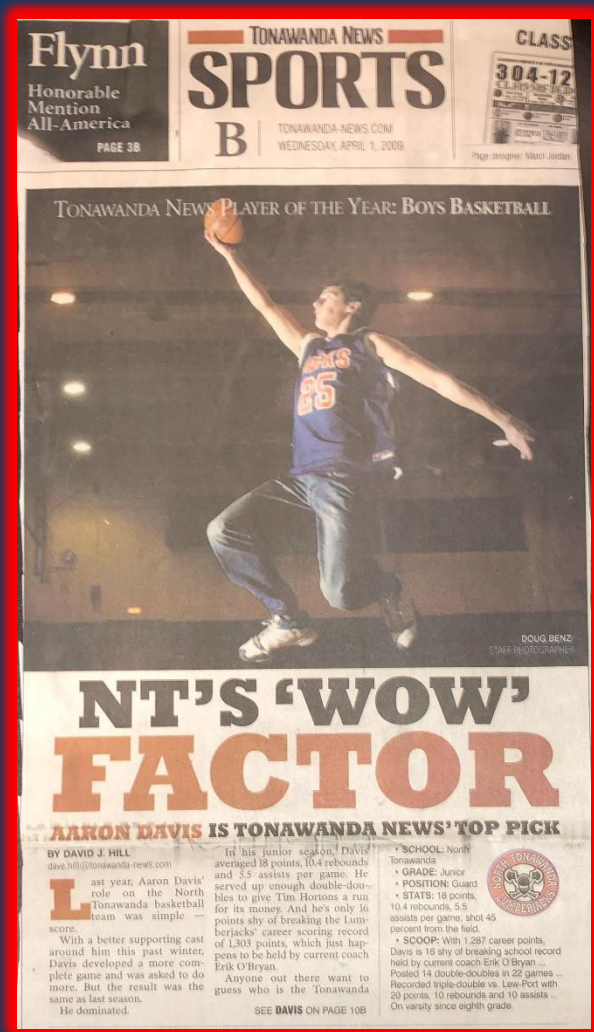
Basketball All-Time Leader in Assists with 325

2nd All-Time in Rebounds with 805

Only Athlete in NT History to Start all 4 Years on Varsity Football & Basketball



AARON DAVIS



Football and Basketball CONTINUED

2010 NTHS Graduate

North Tonawanda High School Accomplishments

Played Varsity Basketball as 8th Grader

Basketball – Three Time 1st Team All-Niagara Frontier League (NFL)

Two-Time *Tonawanda News* “Player of the Year”

Football 2008 1st Team All-WNY

Football Two-Time 2nd Team All-NY State 2007 & 2009

2009 Football State Championship Team

Post High School Accomplishments

Played NCAA Division II Basketball at Daemen College and won a national championship his senior year

MIKE EBERWEIN



Inducted into NT Wall of Fame - October 15, 2021

Nickname = "Coach Ebs"

Coached NT Freshman Baseball 1963 to 1980

NT Varsity Baseball 1981 to 2001

1989 to 1991 - Three Year Straight NFL
Champions

1994 & 2001 - Led NTHS to Baseballs - Section VI
Title

Coached NT JV Swim Team from 1964 to 1979



MIKE EBERWEIN



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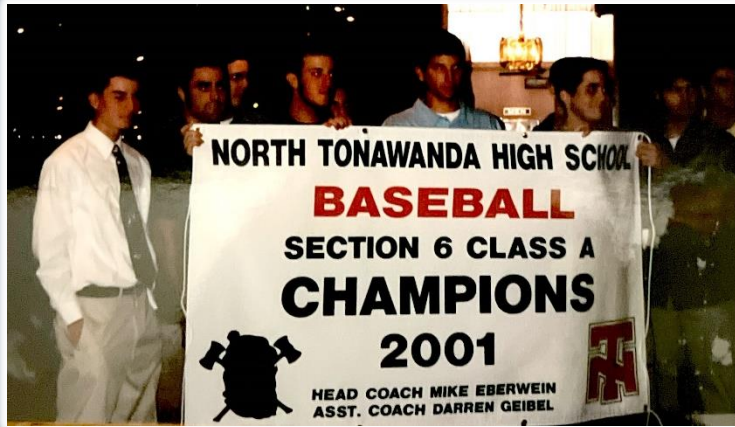
Coached Baseball for 38 Years

Holds NTHS Baseball Wins Record: 249 Wins

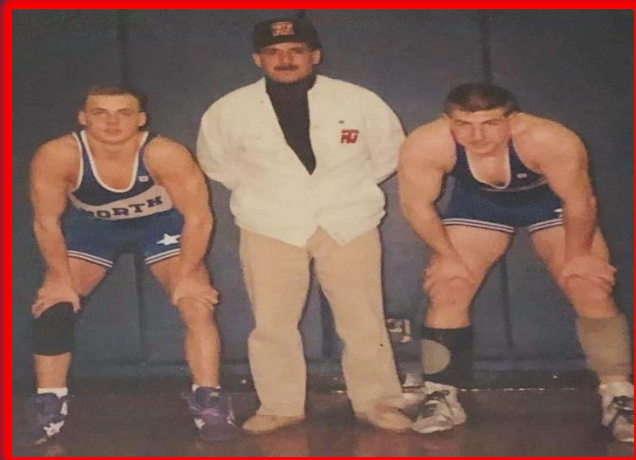
Awarded Niagara Frontier League Umpires Award - 2 times

Math Teacher – North Tonawanda Schools for 35 Years

Helped coordinate efforts to start the Buffalo State Teachers College Baseball Program and he then starred on the school's Baseball Team as the starting Second Baseman in the late 1950's



Dan Fire



Varsity Wrestling Coach 1990-1996 & 2010-2016

-United States Air Force and Vietnam Veteran (Purple Heart Recipient)

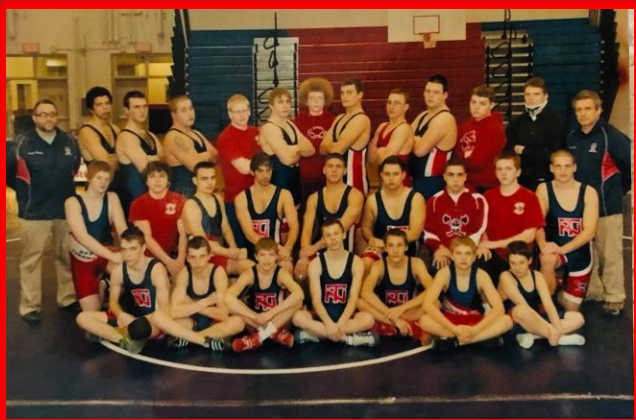
- NT Wrestling Team Captain 1966-1967

Coach of 1995 Section 6 Championship Team

- 8 Class Champions

- 3 NYS Place Finishers

Coached Section 6 North All Star Team Champions



Dan Fire



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Varsity Wrestling Coach 1990-1996 & 2010-2016

4X Scholar Athlete Team Award

111 Career Varsity Wins

42 Sectional Patches Won

6 Time Coach of the year to include:

- 1994 NFL Coach of the Year
- 1995 WNY Coaches Association Coach of the Year
- 2016 NFL Coach of the Year, NFL Officials Association Coach of the Year and Section Coaches Association Coach of the Year



KATIE SARKOVICS GABRIEL



North Tonawanda Class of 2000
Volleyball Accomplishments at NT

Five Year Varsity Player

NFL Champions 1995-1999
(Teams 5th in a row-league 5
year record 69-1)

NYS Class A Champions 1997-
1999 (Teams 3rd in a row)

KATIE SARKOVICS GABRIEL



Things continued to roll along for **NORTH TONAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL** last season as the school in Western New York won its third straight Class A state championship. The banner season also improved North Tonawanda's Niagara Frontier League record under Coach Terry Brosius to 69-1. The North Tonawanda team was comprised of, top row from left: Sarah Watroba, Stacy Green, Katie Sarkovics, Lindsay Matikosh, Coach Brosius, Lauren Whitehead and Andrea Witkowski; Bottom row: Jennifer Smith, Andrea Hutton, Breann Trapasso, Amy Prescott and Diana Connell.

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North Tonawanda Class of 2000
Volleyball Accomplishments at NT

1st Team ALL-WNY 1998-1999

1st Team All-League 1997-1999

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship
Award at State Finals 1999

WNY Senior Girls All-Star Team
1999

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Lady Jacks conquer Canandaigua North Tonawanda heads to state tourney this weekend

By Pat Murray
Sports Editor
AMHERST — It was quick, but as far as the Canandaigua Braves are concerned, Saturday's Class A Post-Regional girls volleyball match was anything but routine.
The North Tonawanda Lady Jacks breezed past Canandaigua 15-1, 15-2, 15-0 in a match that lasted just 40 minutes at the University at Buffalo's Alumni Arena.
The Braves took a pounding physically as well as on the scoreboard, as they were pummeled by volleys, as well as having several hard bumps with the floor and items surrounding the court.
With the win, the Lady Jacks advanced to next week's state tournament at Victor High School. The Lady Jacks, who claimed their third straight Post-Regional championship, will be seeking their third consecutive state title.
"I told the kids to look at this as a warm-up for the state tournament," North Tonawanda coach Terry Brosius said. "I didn't know what to say during timeouts other than to stay focused. I was worried we were getting a little overconfident."
Katie Sarkovics led the Lady Jacks with six kills. One of those a solid slam that almost went through one of the Canandaigua players.
North Tonawanda not only spread its offense around, but was able to take advantage of numerous Canandaigua mistakes.
"They were weak in some of the fundamentals," Brosius said of Canandaigua. "They had a couple of good hitters, but they were struggling."
The NT players aren't worried about being overconfident.
"All of us are excited to play," middle setter Lindsey Matikosh said. "We really want to win another state title."
Canandaigua, which lost to North Tonawanda 15-1, 15-3, 15-4 in the Post-Regional two years ago,



UP AND OVER North Tonawanda's Katie Sarkovics registers one of her six kills during Saturday's victory over Canandaigua in the Post-Regional.

got five kills from Annie Gorman and four blocks from Andrea Matikosh.
"They [North Tonawanda] were a better team and they knew it," Canandaigua coach Cheryl Chinn said. "We knew we would be getting outplayed going in."
The Braves though overmatched, never gave up, even claiming lead in the first set when they refused to

finish at 10 a.m. Saturday.
"One player really worked hard," Chinn said. "But even North Tonawanda a lot of credit. They're a tremendous team."
The state tournament Friday, North Tonawanda's first match in Friday's consolation round will be at 2 p.m. NT will also play at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday. The top two teams in the first round will advance to the

semifinals at 10 a.m. Saturday.
"We're playing really well right now," middle setter Lindsey Matikosh said. "We just have to keep playing together as a team."
Other teams in the state tournament are Huron Hills, Hiram and Southwestern.
North Tonawanda, the team the Lady Jacks defeated in the state final last year, did not qualify for the state this year.

Canandaigua's Katie Brown and Andrea Matikosh are unable to come up with the block. (Mark Dye photo)

BRIANNA LARSON



Inducted October 15, 2021

Bowling, Tennis and Softball
2011 NTHS Graduate

North Tonawanda High School
Accomplishments:

Bowling

Niagara Frontier League (NFL)
Qualified for Sectionals in 2009,
2010 and 2011

BRIANNA LARSON

All the scores, all the standings

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STRIKING FOR GOLD

North Tonawanda's Brianna Larson hopes to cap off stellar career with state gold

BY BRANDON KOCH

North Tonawanda's Brianna Larson will have one last shot to capture state gold on Sunday.

The senior Lady Jack, in among six Section VI leagues who will take on top all-star teams from each section at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Bowling Championships at Strike 'n Spare Lanes in Syracuse.

Larson, who arrived in Syracuse with the rest of the Section VI participants Friday afternoon, said she hopes to cap off her stellar career with a state championship.

"I'm trying to stay relaxed. I'm not trying to think about it over and over," Larson said via phone on Friday. "I'm going to pay attention to how the lanes are (today) and go in and do my best on Sunday since I haven't won gold yet, and I want to before I graduate."

Larson captured a bronze medal last year in Poughkeepsie as a member of the Section VI squad. It was her second trip to the state tourney.

She rolled a 1,277 total for six games with a high series of 718 in the afternoon block to finish as the top bowler from Section VI.

This season, she led the Lady Jacks to a 15-1 record and their second straight Niagara Frontier League title. Larson's 221.71 season average also broke Lockport's Marion Singleton's NFL record, which stood since 2006.

But despite all the career accolades, Larson said a state title would be the ultimate achievement.

She said she hopes her experience from the past two state tournaments will help on Sunday.

"I think it will because some of the girls are really nervous because they never made states," Larson said. "I've been here before. I know now that there's nothing to be nervous about and I will just go out and do the best that I can."

Larson said she also expects to take full advantage of the six-game block.

"Last year, I came in third because I had a really good second half," she said. "This year I'm going into it a little more aggressive in the morning and then pick it up in the afternoon."

Strike 'n Spare Lanes will also sport a tougher oil pattern, similar to the one mandated at Thruway Lanes this year at sectional.

While the sport shot oil pattern provides another challenge, Larson said everyone should be ready for it.

"We bowled on it at sectionals and we practiced on it," Larson said. "We know how the lanes are going to work and how they're going to break down. Until you get there that day, you don't really know how they're going to play."

Larson added that she not only wants to perform well for herself, but her team as well.

"There's a little bit of pressure just knowing this is the last chance to win a gold medal," she said. "But I'm not only in it for myself. I need to pull through for my team, too."

The Section VI team includes Larson, Sam Stachura Lee (Lockport), Alexis Wade (Lew-Port), Emily Follenberg (Forestville), Amy Seybold (Fredonia) and Tricia Kent (Williamsville South).

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FILE PHOTO

ONE OF THE BEST: North Tonawanda's Brianna Larson will represent Section VI bowlers today in Syracuse at the NYSPHAA state championship today.

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Made New York State Tournament 2009, 2010 and 2011

On State All-Star Team
Team Captain

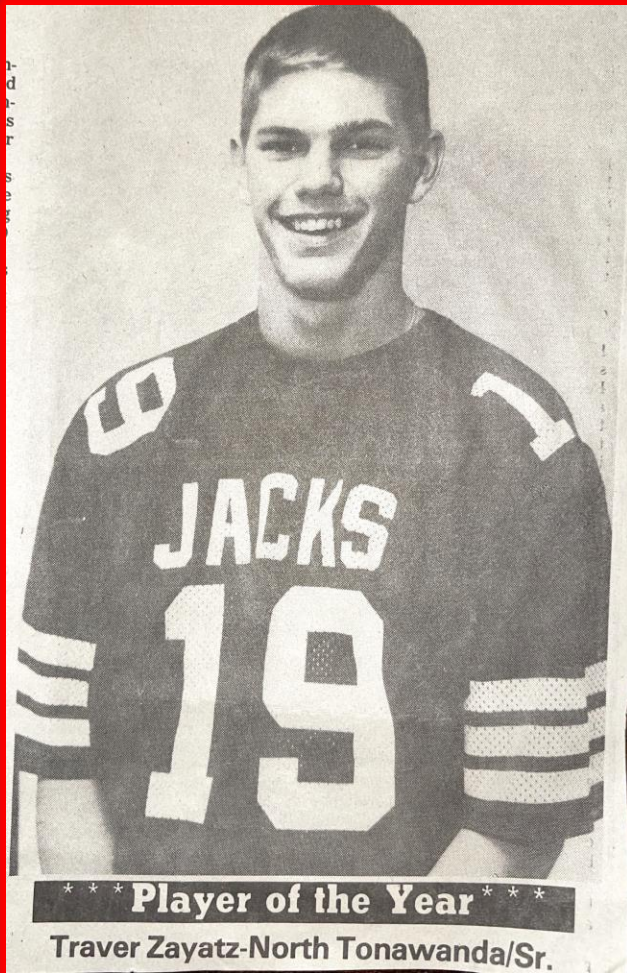
Post High School Accomplishments-
Pikeville University:
Bowling

Ranked 10th in Country 2015
College Team- Mid Southwest

Conference Champions 2015
NAIA National Champions in 2012 and 2015

NAIA 1st Team All- American

TRAVER ZAYATZ



Varsity Football- 1989-1991

All-WNY 1st Team 1991

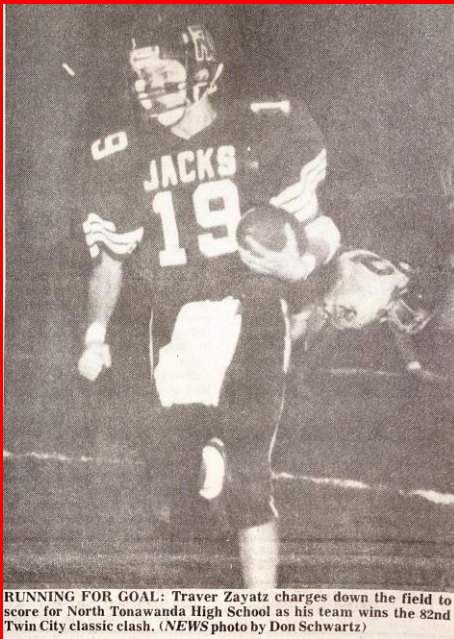
All-WNY 2nd Team 1990

Street & Smith Magazine
Honors

Tonawanda News Player of the
Year

Varsity Basketball- 1990-1991

TRAYER ZAYATZ



RUNNING FOR GOAL: Trayer Zavatz charges down the field to score for North Tonawanda High School as his team wins the 82nd Twin City classic clash. (NEWS photo by Don Schwartz)

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All-WNY 1st Team 1991-1992
season

Varsity Track and Field- 1989-
1991

NT record holder Triple Jump
48'6"

5th place NYS track meet
Triple Jump



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