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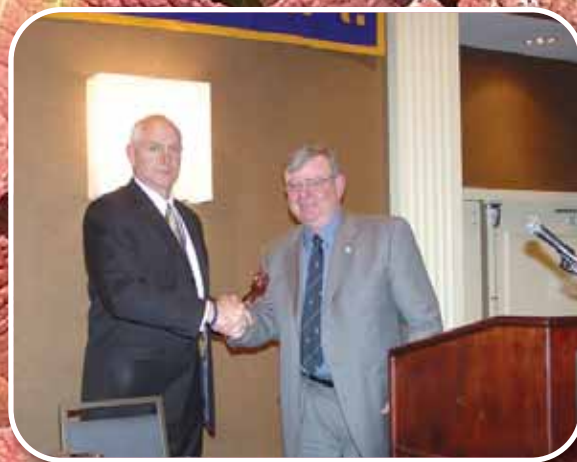
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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTEPAD

Alan Mallanda

Welcome Back!! - All of us with the NYSAAA want to welcome you all back to another school year. We hope you are all refreshed and relaxed from the summer months. We want to wish you the best in all you do this year and hope you will call on us for anything you might need in the way of professional development and helping you become more effective as a leader within your school and community.

Congratulations to the conference planning team of Janet Carey, Dave Coates, Harold Fried, CAA, Adam Kless, John Landro, Chris Mayo, Jim Osborne, Bob Siracuse, CAA, Toni Woody and Ken Garry, CAA (President) for putting together a most impressive and outstanding 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference last March. Thanks for all you did to make it a total success.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Executive Committee announced at the Annual Meeting of the NYSAAA in March. Vice President elected by the board is Harold Fried, CAA from Chapter 9. Re-elected to another two year term as Secretary was Roger Brown of Chapter 4.

Board Action At its Representative Board meeting in January, the Representative Board of the NYSAAA unanimously approved a motion that authorizes Executive Director, Alan Mallanda, to sign a new contract with the Saratoga Hotel & Conference Center that extends the NYSAAA Annual Conference to be held there through the year 2011.

New Partnerships Announced The association has entered into two new partnerships beginning in January 2007. NYSAAA, Inc. and MaxPreps, Inc. have signed a three year contract as a corporate partner. MaxPreps, Inc. will be contributing \$5,000 each year to the NYSAAA for the next three years. MaxPreps is a free stat management program, for high school student athletes, teams and leagues. It takes raw data submitted by coaches and calculates the totals and averages for the teams and each player on the roster. It allows you to report game summaries and stats to the news media, along with schedules, scores, photos, rankings, stories and video highlights. MaxPreps brings high school sports all under one roof. Every team, every game, every player, and it's free. For more information visit [www.maxpreps.com](http://www.maxpreps.com). Coaches are encouraged to check it out and support this new and exciting program. Athletic Administrators are encouraged to get their coaches involved and participating.

Congratulations to Ken Garry for an outstanding year as President of the NYSAAA. Ken will be acting as Past President for one more year on the Executive Committee, but rumor has it that he will be retiring this year from Monticello. We wish Ken the best in his future and I want to thank him personally for all his help and support throughout this past year.

The 25th Anniversary Conference was certainly a conference to remember. Many Past Presidents and special guests from the last 25 years were able to attend. Special commemorative gifts were given at the conference to all who attended. A special Commemorative Issue of the NYSAAA Newsletter was produced for the conference (copies still available from this office), and a very special awards banquet was highlighted by a commemorative DVD which is now available to anyone who would like one sent to them (free). It's a walk down memory lane over the past 25 years of building this association. Thanks to everyone who made this a very special conference, one that will be long remembered. Remember, "the best is yet to come."

Reminder to all Chapter Reps are asked to submit names to Vice President, Wayne Bertrand, CAA of persons from each chapter who will serve on various state committees, but especially the newly formed Certification and Leadership Training Committees.

A special thanks again to all our very special conference volunteers. Without their help we could not have the great conferences that we have. They are: Karen & Bob Goldberg, Jeannie & Chuck Goehring, Judy Grastorf, Heather Mallanda and Denise Herman. Thanks for all your help!!

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## ❶ Nashville, TN to host the 38th National H.S. Directors of Athletics Conference

Music City, Nashville, Tennessee will play host to the 38th NFHS/NIAAA annual conference December 14-18, 2007. The Opryland Hotel will serve as the host. Conference registration as well as hotel information may be found on the NFHS and NIAAA websites in the near future. ([www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org) or [www.niaaa.org](http://www.niaaa.org) ).

## ❶ Future NFHS/NIAAA Conference Dates/Sites:

2007 – Nashville, TN (Dec. 14-18)  
2009 – Dallas, TX (Dec. 12-15)  
2008 – San Diego, CA (Dec. 13-16)  
2010 – Orlando, FL (Dec. 11-14)

## ❶ Fourth Summer Institute on Cape Cod Another Success

The fourth Summer Institute was held July 22-25, 2007 at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod. Fifteen Leadership Training Courses were offered by nationally recognized instructors in addition to the CAA exam being given. New York Athletic Administrators were the largest group in attendance. The Ocean's Edge Resort, one of the finest properties on the Cape, will once again be host to the fifth summer institute again in 2008 with special rates offered for the institute attendees during the conference and for those who wish to extend their stay. For more information visit the Section I Website at [www.section1niaaa.org](http://www.section1niaaa.org)

## ❶ Leadership Training Updates

Effective January 2007, all courses will be using a newly designed numbering system. Courses will be broken into three categories: 500 series courses will be considered "Foundation Courses"; 600 series courses are considered "Operations and Management Courses"; and 700 series courses are considered "Leadership Courses". A course numbered "500" or "600" may not necessarily remain with its original numbering and may be placed into a different category. A listing of the new course numbering may be found on the NIAAA website.

A change in policy now permits candidates seeking the CMAA to use coursework taken since receiving their CAA designation. Previously it only counted courses taken after the CAA was achieved.

## ❶ NIAAA Student Athlete Scholarship Program

A new student athlete scholarship program has been rolled out by the NIAAA, to be awarded next December at the national conference for the first time. One male and one female scholarship of \$2,000 each will be awarded each year. Students nominated within their state association, then move on within Section I (northeast states) where the winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and move onto the national. The NYSAAA has approved a \$500 scholarship at the state level. This year's winners for New York are: Kristin Marie Jung of Chester Academy, Chester, NY and John Mackintosh of Peru Central High School, Peru, NY. In addition, John Mackintosh has been selected by Section I of the NIAAA to represent the section at the national level and his name has been submitted to the NIAAA selection committee. Each of the New York winners will receive a \$500 scholarship from NYSAAA. In addition, John will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as Section I finalist from the NIAAA.

❶ **An Anti-Hazing DVD**, sponsored by the NIAAA entitled "Dying to Belong" is now available for purchase and use in schools throughout the country. The NIAAA and Alegro Media have developed this three part educational DVD for Athletic & Activities Directors, Coaches, Teachers, Students and Parents. Copies of this invaluable educational tool are available for purchase from the NYSAAA office @ \$30.00 each (incl. shipping) or may be ordered directly from Alegro Media, 1651 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64108 at \$24.95 plus \$5.00 shipping/handling ([www.allegromediakc.com](http://www.allegromediakc.com)) . This is a must see in every school district with all student/parent groups.

## ❶ National Survey Completed

Figures from a recent survey of high school athletic directors conducted by the NIAAA provide new information regarding high school athletics participation and sports program funding. Information on this survey and all other programs offered by the NIAAA may be found at the website [www.niaaa.org](http://www.niaaa.org) Look for "current news" as well as specific program information at the website.

# President Bill Bryant's Acceptance Speech

NYSAAA Conference / Friday, March 16, 2007



First, I would like to congratulate Ken Garry and his team of conference planners for an outstanding 25th Annual Conference of the NYSAAA. Your hard work and tireless efforts over the past year in planning this year's conference has been a role model of excellence and was certainly reflected in your theme "Take Action ! Get Results !

Again, congratulations Ken !

It is with great pleasure and honor that I accept the Presidency of this great organization, the NYSAAA. I would like to pay tribute and thank the many people whose vision and strong work ethic has made this organization possible. Mr. Roy O'Neil, Mr. Dave Martens, Mr. Paul Munley, Mr. Tom Skidmore, Mr. Al Mallanda, and Mr. Dennis Fries to name a few. I would like to thank you for your support over the years that has helped me become the athletic administrator I am today. Their dream 25 years ago has become a dream for all of us as athletic administrators. I would like to send my heart felt gratitude to my family, especially my wife Jane, for their unending love and support. My family has embraced my commitment to the job, knowing it meant time away from them. Without their sacrifice and understanding, I would not have been able to do the job I have done serving so many student/athlete and their families over the years.

Next year's conference theme is "WE ARE FAMILY". I would like to recognize and thank my conference planners for their time and effort they have already put into next year's conference. My conference planners are Al Brunetti (Union-Endicott), Mike Johnston (Horseheads), Tom Bryant (Owego Free Academy), David Garbarino (Binghamton) and John Goodson (Johnson City). As athletic administrators we are like fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters to our coaches and to other people we come in contact with each and everyday of our job. For our student/athletes we are often the father or mother figure that they do not have in their own lives. Family is the base from which we all learn and grow as we travel through life.

One of the definitions of family is a "group of people living in the same house". In our house, each day, we deal with members of our family as it relates to pride, commitment, work ethic, responsibility, trustworthiness and team work. The walls of our house represent the tenets of our profession; support, guidance, work ethic, and trust. These four walls hold up the roof which is our student/athletes. Without these four tenets our student/athletes will not find success in what they choose. We serve as role models, substitute parents and academic counselors and sometimes just someone who listens. We continually strive for excellence and expect our student/athletes to do the same. Our leadership and guidance will provide the foundation for our student/athletes as they continue in their journey through life.

As we all leave this years conference and return to our families, remind yourselves what a strong impact we all have in the development of our young people. I wish you all a safe journey home.

**"WE ARE FAMILY" !!!!!**

*Thank you,  
Bill Bryant*

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# Athletic Event Security: How to Avoid a “Basketbrawl”

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Coordinator of Risk  
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Security and planning for school athletic events is essential to protect overly enthusiastic athletes, marching bands, cheerleaders, coaches, booster clubs, alumni and fans. While most school staff members are drilled in emergency procedures, out-of-district coaches or facility users, as well as evening and weekend security and custodial staff, aren't always familiar with policies and may require training.

Statistically, violent incidents and other emergencies related to school athletic events may not necessarily be on the rise, but high-profile incidents involving professional sporting venues have raised the level of awareness, generating interest in district policies and procedures that can help to reduce the risk associated with violent incidents, inclement weather, medical emergencies and fires.

Most school athletic events are relatively low-risk, attracting only small crowds of spectators and involving limited emotional rivalries. However, some highly competitive athletic events such as high school football, hockey and basketball games can draw large crowds and require increased attention to security issues.

Problems at athletic events may arise for several reasons, but the most common include:

- **Large crowds** – Crowds can include students from participating and rival schools, former students, parents and community members. Recent graduates pose a unique problem, since they may feel they are no longer under school control.
- **Crowd psychology** – A “mob mentality” can result from heightened levels of excitement and a perceived sense of anonymity that comes with a large crowd.
- **Lower levels of adult supervision** – Adult supervisors may be less mobile and visible than they are during a traditional school day, or the event may be understaffed due to budget constraints.
- **Increased emotions** – Intense rivalries between playing teams may fuel spectator reactions, especially during playoffs and championships.
- **Larger physical plant areas** – Fights may break out in parking lots, in concession stand lines or in locker rooms. The sheer size of stadiums, athletic fields, parking lots, gyms and locker rooms can dictate against effective control.
- **Drug and alcohol consumption** – There is a potentially higher risk for drug and alcohol consumption before, during and after games. Pep rallies, homecoming parades and group loitering offer additional opportunities for drinking and drug use.
- **Accessibility by gangs** – A higher risk for gang activity also exists, based simply on open public access to the event.

Anticipating and counteracting those triggers takes planning and coordination, tasks that can be made easier by following a few guidelines to evaluate and improve athletic event security in your district. Remember: Strategies must be tailored for each school, since no single plan fits everyone.

The success of after-school event security often can be tied to three critical elements:

- **Adequate staffing and supervision;**
- **Advance planning of security strategies;**
- **And proper district-wide emergency preparedness planning.**

Factors to consider in determining adequate adult supervision and staffing include the anticipated size of the crowd; the size of facilities and grounds being used for the event (including parking lots); the history of incidents at similar events; and “intelligence” received about current conflicts in the school and community that could spill over into the event. Leaders or coaches should be familiar with routes of egress and proper assembly areas during an evacuation, and should remain in charge until being relieved by a higher authority or local emergency service personnel.

In terms of security strategies, staff roles and responsibilities should be clearly delineated, and security personnel should be trained in:

- crowd-monitoring techniques;
- verbal conflict de-escalation skills;
- procedures for handling fights and riots;
- emergency medical and evacuation procedures;
- and tasks related to ticket-taking, concession stand and other operations.

As always, establish written emergency guidelines, train supervisory staff in their use and test plans to make sure they'll work in an emergency.

Use your district's emergency management plan (EMP) as the basis for district-wide emergency preparedness planning. The EMP already should include communications procedures and protocols for use in case of an emergency incident at an event, including guidelines for getting in touch with media, parents, school staff and students.

The district also may wish to create policies related to event admission, limitations of items that can be carried into the event, admission point searches (metal-detectors, bag searches), exit and return passes and other security protocols. Post rules outside and inside admission gates, and enforce them in a firm, fair and consistent manner.

In addition, the district should take steps to secure perimeter doors and gate off sections of school buildings not in use; post spectator code of conduct and occupancy signs at all indoor athletic facilities; inspect athletic areas before scheduled events; post signs indicating where emergency supplies and equipment can be found, and ensure exit maps are posted in gyms and other public areas. Unlimited seating should not be allowed.

Establish a code of sportsmanlike conduct and educate your school community about it before the game. Good sportsmanship should be encouraged by physical education staff, coaches and parents throughout the district and publicized in school calendars, student handbooks and on Websites. Encourage all teams or facility users to have pre-season meetings for athletes to review rules and discuss proper sportsmanship, and send memos to parents to stress the importance proper sportsmanship.

Athletic events can be a challenge, but with adequate supervision, advance security planning and thoughtful emergency guidelines your district can prevent inadvertently hosting a ‘basketbrawl.’





## AROUND THE STATE

Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA



### STRUCTURE AND POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE:

The Ad Hoc Committee has completed its review and presented the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee with a final report. The findings and recommendations of the committee will be prioritized.

### ONLINE COACHING COURSES:

The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the NYS Coaching Certification Courses on line – an asynchronous web-based program. Go to [www.cortland.edu/phsyed](http://www.cortland.edu/phsyed) for registration information

### HALL OF FAME:

The Hall of Fame is now located within the new office in Latham. Please stop in to take a look. For the Class of 2007 new candidates have been selected. The induction ceremony will take place at the summer meeting of the NYSPHSAA in Lake Placid on August 8th, 2007

### Dues Increase for 2007-08:

The NYSPHSAA dues will be increased by \$50 per school district (\$750) and .05 cents per student (.80 cents).

### Intentional Retention:

“Intentional Retention” occurs when the educational progress of a student athlete is manipulated for the purpose of athletic participation during the child’s fifth year in high school. A few years ago this was an isolated occurrence, however, more and more there is evidence that this is an issue that needs to be resolved. Executive Director, Nina Van Erk, has requested approval to work in conjunction with the NYS Education Department to prohibit “intentional retention” from occurring so that the integrity and balance of our educationally based athletic programs be maintained.

### NYSPHSAA WEBSITE:

The website upgrade and redesign process has begun. The By Laws & Regulations along with other portions of the handbook are now available in a PDF format on the website. We encourage Athletic Administrators to download the various documents for distribution to their coaching staff. The on-line store at [www.nysphsaa.org/peachtree](http://www.nysphsaa.org/peachtree) is up and running. This has significantly reduced data entry and has eliminated the need to follow-up on open invoices from non school purchasers. The site also accommodates the sale of championship programs and clinic registrations.

### IMPORTANT:

A mandate requiring all schools to have their athletic director attend the NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. Failure to comply with the mandate will result in the school being ineligible for post season competition.

### Coaching Certification Committee:

The committee has completed the update of the Theory and Techniques Course Outline and Trish Kocalski has distributed the new outlines to certified instructors. A workshop is scheduled at the NYSAAA Conference in March to introduce the changes and the rationale for change along with attempting to encourage new people to become certified to teach the courses. The committee intends to have the Health Sciences Course Outline updated within the next 12 months.

### Clarification of:

*Transfer Rule: Students who transfer from any school to the public school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) or a private school within that district’s boundaries, shall be exempt from the Transfer Rule.*

*College Rule: A student is no longer eligible to represent the school in that sport in that season, if the student participates in practice or competition with or against any individual or team(s) representing a college in that season.*

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Chapter Representative Report –

Bob Stulmake, CAAr for Roger Brown, CMAA – Thursday, March 15, 2007

### Chapter 1 (Rich Beckley)

Greg Ransom, Executive Director of Section I, has announced his retirement effective July 2008. They have started a search for an Assistant Executive Director for next year with the plan for the individual to take over as Executive Director in July 2008.

They had their Safety Workshop in February. Topic was Concussion Management.

### Chapter 2 (Scott Stuart)

Their Concussion Management Workshop will be held May 10, 2007.

First Aid/CPR update will be held at Cohoes High School on June 21, 2007.

They continue to recruit “new blood” for committee representation.

They will hold a membership drive to promote the Association.

### Chapter 3 (Todd Nelson)

Just completed the 2007 football schedule. Very difficult to fill all schedules.

They are in the process of reclassifying non-public schools for winter season.

They are trying to spearhead new facility for athletics at New York State Fairgrounds.

### Chapter 4 (John Goodson)

Concussion Management will be presented at meeting on March 21, 2007.

John Underwood will be presenting “Life of An Athlete”.

There are currently six athletic director positions that will be open: Moravia, Owego Free Academy, Union-Endicott, Windsor, Chenango Valley and Norwich.

### Chapter 5 (Mike Giruzzi, CAA)

They had a meeting in February on professional development.

A LTC and Certification Chair has been added to their chapter.

Their next section meeting will be held in May.

This years athletic director being honored at the Awards Banquet is Rich Kaplan.

John Pelin is receiving the NIAAA State Award of Merit.

### Chapter 6 (Timm Slade, no report)

### Chapter 7 (Cathy Phillips)

Planning a sportsmanship summit on April 24, 2007 at Lake Placid Olympic Training Center. Bill Beanie, Middleburg Hockey Coach, will be the lead presenter. Plans are in the works for additional college leaders to be guest speakers. The audience that will be included will be coaches, parents and athletes from each school district.

### Chapter 8 (Igor Bishko)

They have 10-12 schools participating in the New Orleans uniform project. Five schools have sent uniforms (approx. 25 cartons).

Chapter golf outing will be held in late June.

### Chapter 9 (Harold Fried, CAA)

The following will be held in April: Concussion Management, Chemical Health workshops and the Scholar-Athlete Breakfast.

Everything else is good!

### Chapter 10 (Eileen Kilcullen, CAA)

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### Chapter 11

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Polonski was inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. George is from Chaminade High School. He has taught physical education and coached for 34 years. He is also the NYSCHSAA Wrestling Coach.

**Report – Wayne Bertrand, CAA – Thursday,**

odd Heimer: Membership is excellent. Please direct all inquiries to Chris Rozek at [rozekc@binghamton.edu](mailto:rozekc@binghamton.edu). Please let Chris know if anyone on your list is interested.

Herman, CAA: Anyone who is presenting the winners of their chapters are asked to keep the report short and just highlight bio of recipient.

Harper: Concussion Management Workshop.

Development – Don Webster: Provided his report as above.

Wilcox: She wanted to thank Alan Malachuk for his hard work in putting everything together for the conference.

Pizzarelli: It is up to four members at the

Leon – Wayne Bertrand: There is an activity chapter should have three or four people attend-



## NYSPHSAA/NYSAAA to Promote Statewide Scholastic Concussion Management Program

Albany, NY (May , 2007) – The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and the New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) today announced a strategic partnership with ImPACT Applications, Inc. (ImPACT) to launch a formal statewide Concussion Management Program that will promote testing, education, awareness, and state-of-the-art standards of care to schools throughout New York. The partnership with ImPACT compliments NYSPHSAA' and NYSAAs current concussion management initiatives which include hosting regional training workshops and educational seminars for athletic directors, athletic trainers, team physicians, and coaches.

New online resources will provide a wealth of concussion management information, clinical resources, and access to the ImPACT™ Baseline Testing Program, a computerized series of neurocognitive tests that help clinicians determine the extent and severity of concussions.

Concussion is any change in mental status caused by a sudden violent rocking back and forth of the brain inside of the skull due to a blow to head or upper body. Symptoms can include headache, amnesia, dizziness, confusion, lack of hand-eye coordination, and in some cases, loss of consciousness. Generally, an athlete can safely recover from an initial concussion as long as the brain has had time to heal. If a second concussion occurs prior to full recovery from the first, an athlete may experience long-term symptoms in the form of chronic headaches, sleep difficulties, personality changes or memory problems. In rare cases, a second concussion may even result in death from 'second impact syndrome.'

"ImPACT was designed to provide a comprehensive head injury management system that provides valuable information to players, their parents, and to clinicians," says Michael Collins, PhD, Chief Clinical Officer of ImPACT.

"Proper assessment of the injury and the determination of existing symptoms that may indicate incomplete recovery is critical to the safe management of an athlete suffering from a concussion," said Brian Rieger, PhD, co-founder of the Central New York Sports Concussion Center at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. "Imaging techniques such as CT scans or MRIs identify anatomic changes in the brain but are not helpful in measuring the effects of concussion, which are functional and not anatomic alterations in the brain. A thorough medical examination is vital and use of neurocognitive tests such as ImPACT™ are incredibly useful in assessing brain function."

"The State of New York seeks to implement a new standard of care in connection with concussions and effectuate meaningful change in how our athletes are returned to play following an injury," says Nina Van Erk, Executive Director of NYSPHSAA. "This program will place New York at the forefront of the management around one of the most significant injuries in sports today. NYSPHSAA and NYSAAs are proud to participate in this innovative program and looks forward to working with ImPACT™ and our colleagues throughout the state as we strive to create a safer environment for our athletes through this robust campaign of education, awareness, and clinical care."

Research suggests that approximately 1.6 to 3.8 million sports-related concussions occur each year, according to researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Sports Medicine Concussion Program. Concussions have become recognized as one of the leading sports-related injuries. Research also suggested that kids may be at higher risk for neurocognitive decline following concussion than older professional athletes.

### About NYSPHSAA

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. is a non-profit, voluntary, educational service organization composed of public, parochial, and private

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## 25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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*Chapter Award Winners*

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- Chapter 11 – Larry Gallagher, Smithtown
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- Lloyd Mott (2) NYSPHSAA
- Wayne Bertrand (2) Awards
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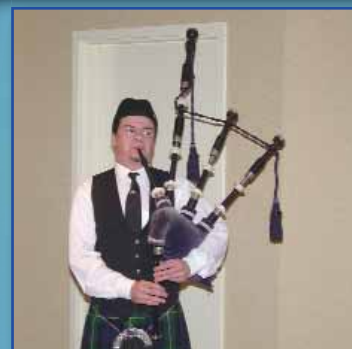
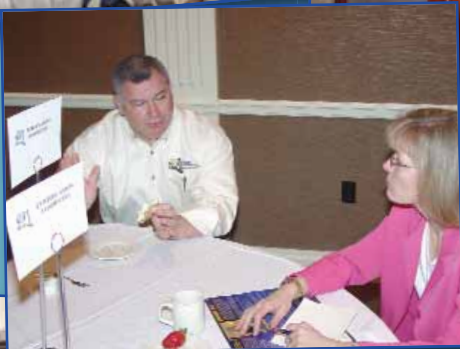
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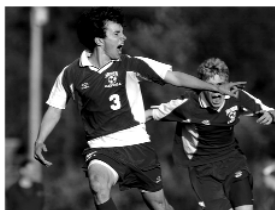


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