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Central wrestler Ron Vitullo is having his way with Adirondack's David Smalley during action from their match at the Carrier Dome last Saturday, August 6.

Western teams dig deep for medals

By Richard A. Kiley

The 1988 Empire State Games are now history, but the memories garnered by the 7,000 athletes who competed over the five days will linger for a long time — or at least until the 1989 games.

In addition to a slew of individual gold, silver and bronze medals won by Western and Central athletes, teams representing the Western Region came away with gold medals in scholastic men's soccer, scholastic men's ice hockey, open men's baseball, open women's volleyball, open women's softball and scholastic men's volleyball.

Aquinas goalie Mike Compisi played an integral role in the road to the gold for the scholastic men's soccer team. The Little Irish senior blanked three opponents, with his last shutout coming in a scoreless tie against New York City at Christian Brothers Academy on Sunday, August 7.

That tie, combined with Long Island's victory over Central in the game afterward, earned Western (3-1-1) the gold medal. Central could have won the gold outright with a win over Long Island.

Against New York City, Compisi was simply spectacular, turning away everything shot at him — including two out of three penalty kicks during a post-game tie-breaker. Overall, Compisi allowed just three goals in five games. Western's only loss was a 2-1 decision against Central.

It was survival of the fittest in the game between Western and New York City, as two players were ejected in the second half, forcing both teams to finish the game with 10 men on the field. Officials also issued seven yellow cards during the unusually physical contest.

The open women's soccer team finished 1-3-1 by nipping Adirondack at East Syracuse-Minoa, 2-1. Mercy's Laura Wambach scored a goal in the open women's 3-1 loss to Long Island on Friday, August 5.

IN ICE HOCKEY, the Western scholastic men's team reclaimed the gold it lost in last year's Empire State Games by routing Adirondack, 6-2, at the Onondaga War Memorial Sunday, August 7.

Batavia's Teal Fowler scored a goal in each period for the Western team, which was also bolstered by Aquinas' Chris Fess.

Western — 5-0 in this year's tournament — had won five consecutive gold medals until last year, when Adirondack posted a 4-2 upset win before winning the gold. Western was 25-0-3 during its five-year domination on the ice.

AQ's Fess played a big role in this year's quest for the gold. He scored two goals and added an assist in Western's 5-1 win over Central on Thursday, August 4. Western beat Long Island 7-2; Hudson Valley 9-0; and New York City 18-0 for its other wins.

IN BASKETBALL, the Western scholastic women's basketball team almost came within a heartbeat of coming home with the bronze medal.

The New York scholastic girls edged Western for the bronze medal at LeMoyne College, 64-63, on Sunday, August 7.

Mercy's Julie Buntich and Bernadette Fagan scored nine points each for the Western team, which narrowly missed playing in the gold-medal game. The Western girls rolled to a 73-48 win over NYC a day earlier, but they needed to win by 27 points to win a tiebreaker, or have Hudson Valley beat Adirondack. (Adirondack ended up beating Hudson Valley, 75-56).

In earlier games from the tournament, Buntich poured in 22 points during a 71-70 loss to Hudson Valley on Friday, August 5.

The scholastic men's basketball team, which included McQuaid's Drew Henderson, struggled through a tough tournament. Western won for the first time Saturday, August 6, nipping Central at Manley Field House, 82-78.

Henderson scored four points during a 108-85 thrashing against New York City on



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Our Lady of Mercy's Bernadette Fagan, shown here playing for Western during the Empire State Games, attempts to shoot between two New York City defenders.

Thursday, August 4. New York City went on to win the gold in both the scholastic men's and open men's basketball.

Long Island beat Western, 109-87, in its other game on Saturday, August 6.

The open men's basketball team went 2-1 in the tourney. McQuaid's Greg Woodard, who

is bound for Villanova University this fall, outscored Matt Roe of Syracuse University in Western's 89-84 win over Central on Saturday, August 6.

Woodard scored 22 points, including four three-pointers, to pace the Western team. Roe

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