

PRECIOUS MEDALS WESTERN REGION FINDS A SILVER LINING IN EMPIRE STATE GAMES

Rugby

This sport made its Games debut this year and the Western Region came away with a pair of medals as the open men's team took the silver and the open women's squad garnered the bronze.

The men finished with a 3-3 record, falling to undefeated Long Island, 38-14, in the gold-medal game on Saturday. Bob Bogdanowicz of Jamestown had a try for Western in that game.

In an opening 24-19 win over Central, Bogdanowicz had a try and Buffalo's Alex Nadiak made the second of his two conversion kicks to complete a 12-0 run that carried Western to the victory. Bogdanowicz's two tries later accounted for all Western's scoring in a 24-10 loss to Long Island in the round-robin round.

Ian Martin of Buffalo had a try in a 19-10 loss to New York City, before Nadiak scored nine points on a try and two conversion kicks in a 19-12 verdict over Adirondack that put Western into the title match.