



Raider hockey opens shop with two big wins

By Colin Shannon

Picking up where they left off at the end of the last season, the Fulton hockey team jumped-started the 2010-11 hockey campaign with a pair of big weekend wins. The Raiders are currently 2-0 after recording victories over defending State Champions New Hartford on Friday, and Fayetteville-Manlius on Saturday.

The Raiders played New Hartford in the season opener just down the road from the high school this past Friday night. The Spartans scored first early in the first period, as Joe Holmes snuck a puck past goalie Kevin Niver. This did not deter the Raiders, who fired back with goals of their own.

Finding the net for Fulton was senior Bob Bonnie, with one, and senior captain Steven Segouin, who tickled the twine twice in the first period, and the ice was resurfaced with a score of 3-1.

Play continued to excel in the second period as each team fought hard and found a way to turn on the goal light. Spartan Nick DeCrisci managed to find an area left unprotected, resulting in a 3-2 score. For Fulton, junior Dylan Holden put the puck past keeper Tyler Kraft, giving the Raiders a 4-2 lead which stood until the final buzzer rang. Senior goalie Kevin Niver posted 30 saves on the night, boasting a 93.8 save percentage.

Fayetteville-Manlius rolled into town the following day, and met a similar fate as Fulton scored early in the contest and never looked back. At the end of the first period, the Raiders had skated to a 2-0 lead, which proved more than enough to carry them on to victory. Scoring in the first period, senior Jeff King gave Fulton the lead, and freshman Seth DeLisle found the back of the net for his first career varsity goal.

The score remained the same until late in the third period, where Dylan Holden found himself on a breakaway and found a hole on F-M goalie Ben Napierala. The third period ended, and the Raiders celebrated their second win in as many days, and the Hornets got back on the bus defeated 3-0. Senior goalie Kara Pafumi performed flawlessly, recording a 29 save shut-out, the first of the season for the Raiders.

The team will be back in action on Tuesday,

as Auburn comes to town for a 5:30 p.m. face-off. The first away game for the Raiders is next Friday, as the bus is packed for a trip to Clinton. Clinton played Auburn in the first game of their

season, handing Auburn a 2-1 loss. Don't forget to dress warm as you come support the Raiders as they try to improve their record to 3-0 on the season.



The varsity hockey team got off to a flying start over the weekend with big wins over defending state champion New Hartford on Friday and a shutout against Fayetteville-Manlius on Saturday afternoon. The team faces Auburn this Wednesday in Fulton in a 5:30 p.m. start. (James Ireland photo)

Tough start for Raider spikers

The opening match of the season has been anything but pleasant for the varsity volleyball team over the past few seasons, and that was the case again on Friday when the Raiders fell to Cortland in a marathon five game match. Despite winning the opener with relative ease in a 25-12 decision, the rest of the night proved to be a struggle for the two-time defending champs.

A 26-24 second game heartbreak was followed by a 25-22 Fulton triumph, but from there the Raiders were unable to score the knockout blow as the Purple Tigers rallied to win 25-18 before capturing the deciding fifth game 25-16. Kelly Knauerhase and Kaylee Gebhardt were a thorn in Fulton's side all evening with 14 and 12 kills respectively, while setter Jenna Gregory distributed the ball well with 25 assists.

Kristen Francis notched 16 digs and Erika Johnson had 10 kills, two blocks and three digs for the Raiders, who also picked up eight kills, four digs, and two assists from Elyse Cianfarano and eight kills and seven digs from Sara Campolieta. The girls will be looking to even their mark on Tuesday when they again take to the familiar confines of the Fairgrieve gym.

Opinion

'tis the season for driving sober

By Daniel Summerville

December is here, which means two things, snow and the Holidays. As the holidays approach, people often have parties. Though these parties may be fun, they could also be deadly.

There is often alcohol involved with parties, which potentially means that there may be an adult or two leaving the party drunk. If they chose to drive, the combination of the snow and their drunkenness may be fatal to them or to innocent bystanders. Drunk driving has been a problem for years, and it is a problem that can occur during any season. Winter increases the chance of a car accident, and with the holiday parties coming up, alcohol and snow could become a fatal mixture.

Underage drinking is illegal, everyone knows that. Yet with the holidays here, some high school students might see them as an excuse to have a drink. Not only is this action illegal, it also is potentially even more dangerous than adult drunk driving. While adults are alone in their vehicles most of the time, teens may have friends with them. Inexperience can also play a role in the winter, and if a teen driver is drunk too there is little chance that they will be able to keep a straight course.

In 2009, a drunk driver crashed on my property. He snapped two trees in half, tore down a fence, destroyed a calf feeder, and flipped the car end over end six times before jumping another fence and coming to

Bizarre News of the Day

Hazel Severson, 95, of Sacramento, California, says that a friend of hers found a book that Mrs. Severson's late husband had borrowed from the Amador County library in 1936. The friend was sorting through things from Mrs. Severson's home for a yard sale, and found the old tome, named Seaplane Solo, which is about Sir Francis Chichester's 1930 solo flight across the Tasman Sea.

Mrs Severson told The Sacramento Bee newspaper that she and her husband Howard were newly-weds back when he checked out the hardback. The book, being late for 74 years, faced a late return fee of \$2700.

Luckily for Mrs Severson, the library did not charge her the fee, though it did accept a small donation when she finally returned the book. Librarian Laura Einstadter says the library was just happy to get the book back.

By Morgan Firenze



a halt almost five hundred feet from where he left the road. His body was found two hours later by the firemen, one hundred feet from where

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the car stopped. This crash was without the added danger of snow and ice, it is hard to imagine the damage a drunk driver could do in the winter. So this holiday, make the right choice. If you know that you are going to have to drive, lay off the drinking, especially if you are underage.

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In the News

Oregon to meet Auburn in BCS

Ladies and Gentlemen, with the results of last week's college football games in the books we have our BCS National Championship Game of 2010. The number two seeded Oregon Ducks will match up against the number one team in the nation, the Auburn Tigers.

The Oregon Ducks are looking at the perfect ending to the perfect season this year with a National Championship title over Auburn. With a strong strength of schedule, undefeated record and 9-0 division record, first in the Pac-10 conference, the Ducks will not be cooling down any time soon. Running back LaMichael James has been the most important part to the dominance of Oregon this season. James, a sophomore, finished his 2010 season with an incredible 1,682 total yards with 21 touchdowns. The Oregon Ducks have something to prove as the number two seed, holding a stat such as the highest total in points per game this season, along with what seems to be one of the fastest rushing teams that college football has ever seen.

The Tigers have also set the bar, finishing a historical season for Auburn University by finishing the regular season atop the nation at 13-0 and first in the SEC going 8-0 in their own division. Leading the Tiger offense this season, is the odds-on favorite to win the Heisman trophy, quarterback Cam Newton. Newton, only a junior, has gone for over 2,500 yards with 28 touchdowns in just 13 games. Auburn has an overall #6 rank in both rush offense as well as points scored per game. The "Ducky Defense" needs to get big in order to stop the fierce Tiger attack.

That's what it is, the defense. With machines such as Newton and James on different sides of the ball there is no doubt that there will be points on the board. The question is how many points each team can put up before defense becomes the show stopper.

Their hard work has paid off; both teams have the chance of a lifetime, to win the BCS National Championship. When these two powerful offensive powers collide look for an intense, fast-paced, high scoring game. Kickoff is scheduled for Monday, January 10, at 8:30 pm, with the #2 Oregon Ducks vs. the #1 Auburn Tigers, battling it out in Arizona.

By Max Fobes

Quote of the day:

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

John Lennon

The Great Outdoors: Ice fishing season is coming

Winter means that the waterways of Central New York are starting to freeze over. This means that the fishing season is over for many people. But for others, the ice is good thing. Once the lakes and ponds get enough ice to hold a man, hundreds of people will head out ice fishing.

Ice fishing is different from other fishing in many ways. A hole is drilled through the ice and a line is fed through it. Some Fishermen have special rigs that they leave over the hole for hours, until a flag is tipped up to show that there is a fish on the end of the line. Because fish are slower in the winter, Ice fishing is not as action packed as summer fishing. Fishermen may sit for hours on end in the cold, waiting for a bite and still get nothing. Despite constant failures involved, ice fishing is a hobby that many people enjoy throughout the world.

Of course, the cold water makes ice fishing more dangerous than fishing during the summer. Fishermen must make sure that the ice will hold their weight so that they do not fall through. Also, the cold weather could potentially cause trouble. If you plan on spending a day on the ice, take a moment to think about the clothes you need to keep warm, then double that amount. There is nothing worse than being cold when you still have a whole day of fishing ahead of you.

Today and tomorrow at the Syracuse Oncenter Convention Center, avid ice fishermen will get a chance to attend the Syracuse Ice Fishing show. At the show, everything that an ice fisherman needs will be displayed, including new equipment. Fish houses, underwater cameras, augers, rods, reels, and more will be available at the show. Fishermen who are interested in new gear and places to fish should enjoy the event. The show is also a perfect chance for someone who wants to start ice fishing to learn the basics. The cost is \$6 a person, and discounted tickets can be bought online.

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"Thirteen."

Jared Hyde



"Three."

Mitch Towsley



"One."

Mrs. Kells



"Three."

Jake Strauss

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Turning colder with snow showers. Highs dropping though the 20s. Record high-59 (1991) Avg. high-37

Tonight:



Snow showers. Low in the mid-teens. Record low: -5 (1982) Avg. low-22

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with more snow showers. High around 20. Record high-60 (1975) Avg. high-37

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