

Tough loss for Raider laxmen

By Adam Wolford

Close, but still so far away.

That is how the boys varsity lacrosse team felt on Saturday as they watched a chance at their first win roll right out of their hands. Fulton could not hold off the determined Spartans from their comeback to earn the season's first win as New Hartford edged the Raiders 9-8.

The Raiders started out this game like no other, and it seemed like a different team had come out to play on this Saturday morning. Fulton roared out of the gates ready to play as junior Colin Shannon scored a goal on the Raiders second possession of the game to take a 1-0 lead. Fulton continued to roll as they opened up a 5-1 lead over the Spartans at the end of the first quarter as things were going their way at the start of this game.

New Hartford tried to pull even in the second quarter as they outscored the Raiders 3-2, but Fulton still had a decent lead of 7-4 at half-time. Coach Halliday's crew was playing great; and the first half was the best half of lacrosse that they had played all season. The Raiders looked like a whole new team and they were winning in all of the key aspects of the game. But then, the second half came rolling along.

As soon as the second half started, it was if though there were two different teams playing in the game. It was like Fulton had gone back to their old selves and the Spartans had arrived. New Hartford outplayed and outscored Fulton by a count of 5-0 in the third quarter, and suddenly the big lead was a 9-7 deficit.

Fulton's defense stood strong in the fourth quarter as they held the Spartans scoreless to try and put the team in a position to win, but the Raider offense managed only one goal in the fourth quarter to complete a miserable second half that saw Fulton connect just once.

It was a tale of two halves for Raider lacrosse this weekend. The win was in sight, but Fulton could not hang on for it. The first half was such an excellent display of lacrosse for the Raiders, but the play just could not continue on throughout the second half. Fulton's defensive unit played tremendously throughout the en-



Katie Vicat, left, and Ms. Crucitti display some of the numerous prom dresses available for purchase at the Affordable Prom Dress sale at the high school. Dresses and accessories will be on display all week long at GRB, offering students the opportunity to enjoy the prom without breaking the bank.

tire game as they held New Hartford below double-digit scoring, limited the Spartan's man-up opportunities when they were given the chance, and did so much more. It was a great defensive effort by the unit that featured Jake Tallents, Donnie Watson and Jim Marsh. The offense played great to open up the game and in the first half, but went dormant in the second half.

Joining junior Colin Shannon in the score book was the games leading scorer, junior Brett Williams, who had four goals. Seniors Bobby Earnshaw and Jack Howard recorded one goal

apiece. Junior Corey Crook scored one goal and had one assist on the afternoon and also dishing out an assist was sophomore Steven DeLisle. Senior goaltender Eric Belair had a great day between the pipes as he turned in a 16 save performance.

The Raiders continue their home stretch this week as they take on East Syracuse Minoa on Tuesday and Whitesboro on Thursday. Both games face-off at 5 pm. Neither of these teams are league standouts, so come support the Raiders as they try to earn their first win of the season.

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Thursday, 7 p.m.
\$3 minimum donation



Katelyn Gilbert, left, and Alicia Vann, practice Abba's classic song, "Mama Mia" in preparation for this Thursday's Bodley's Got Talent! show.

Opinion

Whatever happened to reading for pleasure?

By Ben Davis

Reading is a very important part of everyday life. People are always reading, whether it's scanning the sports page to find out how your favorite team did or just reading a sign as you drive through the city. Whatever the case, reading is a very crucial skill, but how many people actually read a book just for the pleasure and enjoyment of it.

Looking back on my school career I realized that the older I got the less and less I read for enjoyment. In elementary school I was always reading at least one book on my own time and when I finished that book I'd move on to the next. Now the only time I pick up a book is when I'm assigned to read one for a class, or when it's a textbook. Many other students share this experience, which raises the question, what exactly is it that causes so many people to stop reading for just pure enjoyment?

One reason could be the lack of motivation to read once students reach the junior high. In elementary school the accelerated reader program was very active and encouraged many students to read. For those not familiar with accelerated reader it is a program that promotes reading by awarding students with a certain amount of points for the number of books they have read. Many books in the school library are marked with an accelerated reader sticker and students who read these books can take quizzes on them once they have finished, earning points for each correct answer. Each book is worth a different amount based on the length.

At the end of the year students can spend their points on fun activities and games that are held throughout the school and community. This program gave students the push they needed to start reading and the extra benefits influenced many students to continue reading. This program is only active in the elementary schools which means once students reach seventh grade they no longer have that extra desire to read.

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Aries- don't fear the reaper.

Taurus- There is a fine line between spitting in the pool and into the pool

Gemini- Try a low calorie drink please.

Cancer- there are many sentences that you shouldn't end with "sort of," like "I love you..." and "It's a boy..."

Leo- don't eat lollipops because it's candy plus garbage, and you don't need to deal with that.

Virgo- If you can't tell a spoon from a ladle than you need to stop eating.



Another reason for the lack of enjoyable reading could be the increasing difficulty and amount of schoolwork as students progress through the grades. At higher grade levels many students find that they no longer have time to just sit down and read a good book. Most people are assigned some type of reading throughout the majority of the year. This means that time that would usually be spent reading for enjoyment now has to be spent reading for homework. After being forced to read something they may not find that enjoyable, students might asso-

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ciate reading with work. When this happens they are no longer inclined to read on their free time and would much rather spend it doing something else.

A final theory in the increasing lack of reading for enjoyment is the advancement in technology. Computers, television, and phones are just a few examples that could easily distract someone from sitting down in a quiet spot to read. Nowadays there are so many other things one can do besides reading, and people will usually choose the other option. In addition to these distractions from reading many students will just watch a movie based on the book rather than read the book for themselves. This is because watching the movie takes a lot less time and for most is a lot easier to do. However movies sometime take away from the actual meaning of the book.

These are a number of feasible answers to the question as to why people stop reading for enjoyment, but the culprit is most likely a combination of them all. Whatever the case, reading is very beneficial and is a good past time to have as it exercises your brain and expands your vocabulary. So the next time you get ready to watch TV, think about picking up a good book instead. In the long run, it will be time well spent.

Libra- Employee of the month is a good way you can be a winner, and a loser at the same time.

Scorpio- In order to be successful in life, you must embrace life to it's fullest.

Sagittarius - Don't have a heart attack during a game of charades.

Capricorn- if you have a pear-shaped body, you should not wear pear colored clothing or act juicy.

Aquarius- don't see-saw with an obese person, it will soon turn into a catapult.

Pisces- remember, cologne rhymes with alone. **By Noah Carroll & Andrew Kush**



School of Thought compiled by Raquel Vescio & Crystal Kimball

What are your plans for spring break?



"I am going to Georgia!"
Steven Gonzalez

"I am going to North Carolina."
Kaitlin Sivers

"I am going to California."
Cody Whelsky

"Lacrosse practice and hanging out with people."
Angie Lewchanin

Morning announcements for Monday, April 12

Sign ups are currently underway for the upcoming blood drive, which will take place this Friday, April 16. See Mr. Thurlow for more details.

The prom dress sale is here. Students may come with a pass from a teacher during study halls, advisory and lunch. No student will be admitted without a pass. Girls bring a tank top and shorts to try dresses on. Shoes, bags and jewelry are also available. Come get a beautiful dress at a bargain price. See Ms. Vicat or Crucitti with questions.

The long wait is almost over! This Thursday night the HOPE Club will sponsor Bodley's Got Talent in the GRB auditorium starting at 7 p.m. A minimum \$3 donation gets you through the door for an unbelievable night of fun. Don't miss it.

Attention juniors! Prom tickets go on sale today for \$35 per person. See Katelyn Holbrook or Mr. Reale to purchase your tickets.

The next Photo Club meeting will be held on Wednesday after school in room 118. Bring pictures! Take pictures at school events! Get published!

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf

Today: Mostly sunny skies. High in the mid-50s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low around 30.

Tomorrow: Sunny skies. High near 60.

GRB sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com ...Look for his weather forecasts on RaiderNet Daily.

