



Raiders set for sectional opener

By Colin Shannon

The Fulton varsity boys soccer team earned a playoff birth as the tenth seed after finishing the season with a record of 8-7-1. Unfortunately, having such a low rank forces the boys to play a road game at Cortland to advance to the next round. The Cortland Tigers possess a record of 8-6-2, with one additional tie being the difference between the tenth and the seventh seeds. Fulton boys defeated Cortland by a score of 3-0 on September 23, a feat the boys hope to repeat tomorrow night.

Leading the Raiders offensively was senior captain Zach Howell, with 8 goals and 2 assists through the sixteen game season. Nipping on his heels are junior Joe Sutton with 7 goals and an assist, as well as Eric Naoiti lodging 3 goals, 2 against the Cortland Tigers, and an impressive 5 assists on the season.

Tyler Crandell leads the midfield unit, recording 3 goals and two assists on the season. Solidifying the back end, junior goalkeeper Tyler French posted 74 saves, only allowing 17

goals. This gives the keeper an 81.3 save percentage on the season, a good mark to be at.

The Cortland Tigers are led by a select few on their roster. The two main offensive threats are Colby Reagan, with 5 goals and 3 assists, and Patrick Mahar with 5 goals and two assists. Once one looks past these two, the third scorer is Gregory Masler with 3 goals and a lone assist.

Standing between the pipes is keeper Chad Timmons, recording an impressive 120 saves, allowing 17 balls behind him through the season. Boasting an remarkable 87.6 save percentage, it will be tough for the Raider kickers to solve the problem for a second time in as many games.

The Raiders hope to travel to Cortland to turn the kickoff at five into a sectional title run. After the boys play Cortland, the winner plays New Hartford, who boasts a formidable record of 11-4-1 in the Tri-Valley League. New Hartford is the number two seed in the tournament, earning a first round bye that will allow the Spartans to rest up and give the opposition a

tough battle. The second round playoff game will take place Thursday night at 6 P.M.

The Raider girls varsity will also open sectional play on Tuesday, travelling to Indian River for a 6 p.m. clash. Fulton, at 7-9, is the #9 seed while the 7-7-1 Warriors are seeded just ahead of them at #8. Tuesday's winner will have a formidable task ahead as they must face #1 seeded Jamesville-Dewitt at a time and place to be determined.

Raiders fall in crossover

A difficult season came to a disappointing end for the Fulton varsity football team on Friday when the Raiders fell 55-22 at Carthage in a crossover game. Down 21-14 in the opening quarter, the game followed an all too familiar script for the 1-7 Raiders as they hung tough early, but were eventually overcome by the hard pressing Comets.

Carthage scored 27 unanswered points to put the game away as quarterback Nick Piroli hit on six of nine passing attempts for 158 yards, including six point tosses of 28 and 55 to Kyle Temple to break open an early 7-7 draw. Josh Britton hauled in a 32 yard scoring strike and Tom Grimm took a 27 yard pass play to the house as Carthage completed a 5-1 weekend for teams from the Class A National bracket.

Bryan Benton's 34 yard run provided an early Fulton highlight to tie the game, before seniors Brett Williams and Don Watson finished off standout careers with their final touchdown gallops. Williams escaped for a 51 yard run that made it 21-14 while Watson burst through from 34 yards out in the third quarter for Fulton's final points of the season.

Overall it was a tough weekend for all of the Class A American sides with the exception of #1 seed Cortland, a 22-0 winner over Camden. Elsewhere Watertown belted ES-M 58-16, Whitesboro hammered J-D 62-7 and Indian River thumped Mexico 51-14, and in the other non-playoff crossover, New Hartford blanked Oswego 41-0.

New advisor, same important message

The founding father may be gone, but the cause lives on for the Shamus Heagerty Memorial Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions. Even though S.A.D.D advisor and founder Mr. Crisafulli has retired, the group have a big year ahead of them. Ms. Sipling, a counselor for the Fulton City School District, has filled the famous shoes of Mr. C. She has lots planned for the club as she told members at the meeting last Thursday, their first of the year.

The club is noted for their Grim Reaper Day, or Survivor Day to show what can happen when people make decisions that can harm or dramatically change their life or the lives of others. S.A.D.D, however, is not what people seem to think. Many believe that it is about not drinking when going out, but in all actuality it means making responsible choices when doing something that impairs one's decisions. That means, that if they do drink that they have a designated driver or give their keys to someone who is not inebriated. Students in S.A.D.D also take a pledge to be responsible and to make actions that are proper.

The clubs first project of the school year will be the Red Ribbon campaign. The Red Ribbon campaign is a national program to encourage and increase awareness to be drug free. Members will be cutting red ribbons today after school in room 130 and passing them out during lunch bells. Anyone is welcome to join S.A.D.D. and to do something for a fantastic cause by contacting Ms. Sipling in room 130. *By Christine Proud*

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Opinion

Don't lose track of what you want in life

By Brenna Merry

Lately the weather has been cold and so have the people. With the rain and dreary days it seems as though everyone has been down in the dumps and that every side of the bed is indeed the wrong one to wake up on.

Everyone is stuck in this bad mood and telling one another to "cheer up," is definitely not helping. The scowls one often sees in the halls have driven the need for help in any way possible.

Here are tips that have been found to indeed turn that frown upside down. First off, take a power nap. When it seems as though night time is twenty-four hours a day due to these dark days, this is a sure fire way to re-energize. You're given a chance to re-start your day in a positive way. When you get home after a long day of classes, taking a nap is a nice break to get over the stresses of the day.

Another guaranteed tip is to make time to enjoy yourself. Singing and dancing have been proven to truly change a mood around. The lyrics to various songs are of a certain get-a-way and exercise release endorphins that make you happy. Senior Elyse Cianfarano said, "I make



problems in life but the real problem is thinking that having problems is a problem. It's natural to stress but holding on to this feeling is what turns us into grouches. Move on from bad days and accept that tomorrow always brings new opportunities.

Being full of sunshine during these gloomy days is easier said than done. But just as smiles are contagious, so are your bad days. Until the majority of students decides to put their bad moods behind them it will seem as though the entire school is stuck in a state of depression. So keep in mind that there are indeed ways to follow Bob Marley's words, "Don't worry, be happy."

Bizarre news of the day

A runner clad in only a pair of swimming goggles, was hit in the posterior with a Taser by police chasing him from behind. Zak Anthony King, of West Melbourne, Florida, refused to stop running when police officers ordered him to.

When the 18-year-old began to outrun the officers, on threatened him with a Taser, which gives off an electric shock powerful enough to paralyze temporarily. Within milliseconds of delivering the Taser-shock upon King, the jogger collapsed and was arrested, while the camera inside the police car caught the whole moment. The cameras also recorded one officer saying, "I'm like, 'don't run, I'm gonna Tase you!' So what does he do? He just keeps running."

Mr. King was also suspected of being inebriated, mainly because he told the arresting officers that he had "super powers". He now faces charges of indecent exposure and resisting arrest. *By Morgan Firenze*

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sure I give myself a two-hour break between school and homework to relax, without it I would surely be stuck in a bad mood."

Another way to get out of your funk is to think about all of the good things in your life instead of the bad. If you're thankful for what you do have you will most surely forget about what you don't. Thinking of the glass half full instead of half empty is a commonly heard phrase that will genuinely help you in your life. There is also the idea of cheering someone else up to help yourself, this is a concept that is selfishly unselfish. One can find that in helping someone else one can more clearly see the problems within themselves and take their own advice. Finally, forgive, accept and move on. There are always going to be

Quote of the day:

"Life, he realized, was much like a song. In the beginning there is mystery, in the end there is confirmation, but it's the middle where all the emotion resides to make the whole thing worthwhile."

Nicholas Sparks-The Last Song

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Raiders fall in bruising regular season finale

In the last game of the varsity boys soccer season, the team traveled to league leaders, Jamesville-Dewitt. After a strong Senior Night showing, the boys looked to show their post-season intentions with a good display against J-D. The game saw the Raiders fall 3-0, but not due to lack of effort. Fulton was on the receiving end of some dodgy officiating that many would argue, contributed to the J-D victory. Further injury struck the team with players having to be taken off the field and one player leaving the game entirely to receive treatment.

The first half started out as a relatively even stalemate. Both teams made strong attacking movements but none of the moves could be finished off. After a ball was cleared by the J-D defense toward half field, junior Shaun O'Conner positioned himself underneath it to head the ball. His marker, Zander Al-Hindi, lifted his heel to flick the ball over O'Conner's head. The problem with this was that the JD player's boot went head level with O'Conner and struck him in the nose. Within seconds the referee spotted that he was bleeding and forced a Fulton substitution.

Blood continued to gush from O'Conner's nose while no trainer arrived. Finally the athletic trainer, who was at Jamesville-Dewitt's football game, came over and assessed O'Conner. He was told to go to the hospital due to a possible broken noses and nothing but a free-kick was called for Al-Hindi's foul. To Fulton's dismay, defender Mark Bailey, picked up a yellow card for a seemingly minor foul when he rushed a J-D player from behind who was shielding the ball out of bounds. The player dove on the ground and the referee made the call against Fulton.

The best Fulton moment in the first half came when J-D broke down the right hand side and delivered a low cross through the box. The ball reached a striker who looked to be firing on an open net. However when he struck the ball, Fulton keeper Brandon Sherman made a fantastic point-blank diving save to keep the net clean.

At halftime the score was leveled at 0-0 with Fulton having a slight majority of possession. Shaun O'Conner also left the game at halftime to get his nose checked out at the hospital. After a bad injury for Fulton last game, sidelining a top player, the team hopes that O'Conner will be able to recover and play with possibly a protective mask, rather than missing the rest of the season.

The second half was a different story for the Raiders. It went downhill immediately when J-D scored three minutes in. A brush by a Fulton defender saw a J-D player flop to the ground toward midfield. This led to the referee who gave out the questionable yellow card, on the far side of the field, 40 yards away diagonally from the play, making the call against Fulton, while the referee 10 yards away from the incident had his whistle nowhere near his mouth. J-D scored on a defensive

breakdown for the Raiders and then took command of the game. The final score was 3-0 Jamesville-Dewitt with another Fulton player taking hard hit. Junior Ross Maxam received a concussion after a J-D midfielder elbowed him in the temple. A doctors visit that night evaluated him with not being able to play sports until next Friday. However if his symptoms clear there is a possibility of him being cleared to play today after another doctor visit.

Seeding for sectionals was Sunday and Fulton received a favorable draw. The Raiders are to play Cortland, who they beat earlier in the season 3-0, Tuesday at Cortland. Fulton looks to upset the hosts and send an early postseason message to Class A.

For the full report on Tuesday's game, see Colin Shannon's article on page 1.

By Tyler Crandell

Faculty profile:

Business teacher Mrs. House

Mrs. House is a very busy woman. Along with teaching seven different classes in the G. Ray Bodley High School Business department, Mrs. Danielle House is also the Co-Advisor of Future Business Leaders of America and Business Honor Society, as well as the Raider's Den.

She enjoys spending time with her seven-month-old daughter and her husband, as well as scrapbooking and cooking. When she was in high school, she went bungee jumping.

When asked about her favorite class to teach, she responded, "Career and Financial management is my favorite, because the students will use every topic that we cover in that class, no matter what they do after graduation." She has had a great three years at GRB.



By Kaitlyn Lauber

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The Teen Scene

Taylor Swift: new album comes out today

By Patty Morrison & Christine Proud

Taylor Swift is winning the hearts of young girls all around the world with her catchy lyrics, and her inspirational songs that were written based on her personal experiences in life, or with guys who have broken her heart.

Some of her songs are written out of pure hurt, and wondering 'why' such as the song released on her Fearless album, "Forever and Always," a song written about the short-lived relationship between her and other pop culture icon Joe Jonas. The lyrics in that song help explain the heartbreak she felt when she knew that their relationship was falling apart.

Her songs are highly autobiographical, and the lyrics are mostly personal experiences that she has gone through, dealing with relationships, or trials in her life. She was even quoted as saying "If you listen to my albums, it's like reading my diary." She also stated that her goal is to, "never write songs that her fans can't relate to."

However this talented singer/song writer presents mixed opinions when it comes to her lyrics and music. She basically has a love/hate relationship among the population of listeners.

"Taylor Swift irritates me," stated a junior who wished to remain anonymous "I wish she would stop writing songs about love."

"Every song of hers sounds the same," added senior Kaitlyn Lauber "She's like a broken record player."

What is it about her that makes her so popular among teenaged girls and boys?

"I love Taylor Swift," stated junior Joe Medico. "The mood of her songs change, and there are songs that can perfectly match emotions."

"I like that she comes up with new songs," said junior Bryan Benton. "Unlike other singers."

Others like to comment on her looks. One freshman stated that, "Taylor Swift is gorgeous, but she looks like a cat. You would think her head would be taller. But it's squished like a kitty."

"Taylor Swift is one of the most beautiful women of all time, and her singing is wonderful," stated junior Zach Mizener.

The popularity of her music certainly showed at the 2008 Grammy Awards, where her second studio album Fearless, earned her four Grammy's, including Album of the Year.

Fearless debuted at number one on the Billboard charts, selling 592,304 copies in its first weekend. In its first week, seven songs off the



Singer Taylor Swift's new album, *Speak Now*, comes out today. (Photo from www.mymusicwallpaper.com)

record were charted on the Billboard's Hot 100 list. It also helped Taylor become the youngest female artist to win Album of the Year at the ACM Awards.

Her new album, *Speak Now*, is set to drop on October 25, and three singles have already been released off the album, and each of them hit the iTunes top 100 singles within hours of their release, and the title track, "Speak Now" was number one on the iTunes charts within hours of its release. Another song off the album, "Mine," was leaked onto the internet, so her record label decided to release it earlier

than planned, and the results were amazing. The single went to number one within two hours of being released.

However, even with all of the fame, she is not like many of the snobby celebrity girls who are so common these days. She does great charity work, and has recently teamed up with the governor of Tennessee to protect kids from online predators. She also donated \$100,000 to the state of Iowa after they had major floods in 2008, and she donated \$500,000 to help with repairs after the floods in Tennessee this past year.

Going someplace cool?

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with you and get your picture taken for this year's
Fultonian Yearbook feature

"Where in the world is The Raider?"

School of Thought compiled by Kayla Hanczyk and Nick Matice

What are you doing for Halloween?



"Working at a hay ride."

Jake Erhart



"Having a party."

Kyle Kush



"Laying on my couch because I will have just gotten my wisdom teeth out."

Alexa Compson



"Dressing up as Superman and going trick-or-treating."

Sean Fink

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mainly cloudy with rain showers. High in the mid-60s.

Tonight:



Cloudy skies. Low in the low-50s.

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with a rain shower. High in the low-70s.

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