



New year, same focus for Raider wrestlers

By Colin Shannon

The names and the faces change, but the lofty expectations remain the same for the Fulton wrestlers. With the winter sports season underway, the hard working wrestlers have hit the mats in typical fashion and with familiar goals. Returning more key players than than they lost to graduation, the grapplers are looking to perform with high expectations through the season, as well as late into the post season.

Leading the Raider charge is senior David Hall, a two time Section 3 Champion who is looking to have another big season on the mats while competing at 147 lbs. Zach Race is the other wrestler on the squad with a Section 3 championship under his belt, and he plans to compete at 189 lbs this season. Senior Marcus Earl and junior Adam Wallace both were Section 3 finalists and are hungry to improve themselves to the champion level. Earl weighs in at 152 lbs, and Wallace, a two-time finalist and State Qualifier, tips the scales at 132 lbs. Nick Muckey and Derek Harris complete the list of seniors at 171 and 125 respectively.

The mat-men experienced key losses that left massive holes that the boys are hoping to fill. D.J. Ingham and Jake Tallents are both playing collegiate football, Ingham at Brown University and Tallents at St. John Fisher, while Michael Connors Jr. is wrestling at SUNY Oswego. The Raiders also miss Antonio Lebron as well as their other three senior standouts, all of whom made a large impact on the 27-4 record of last year's team.

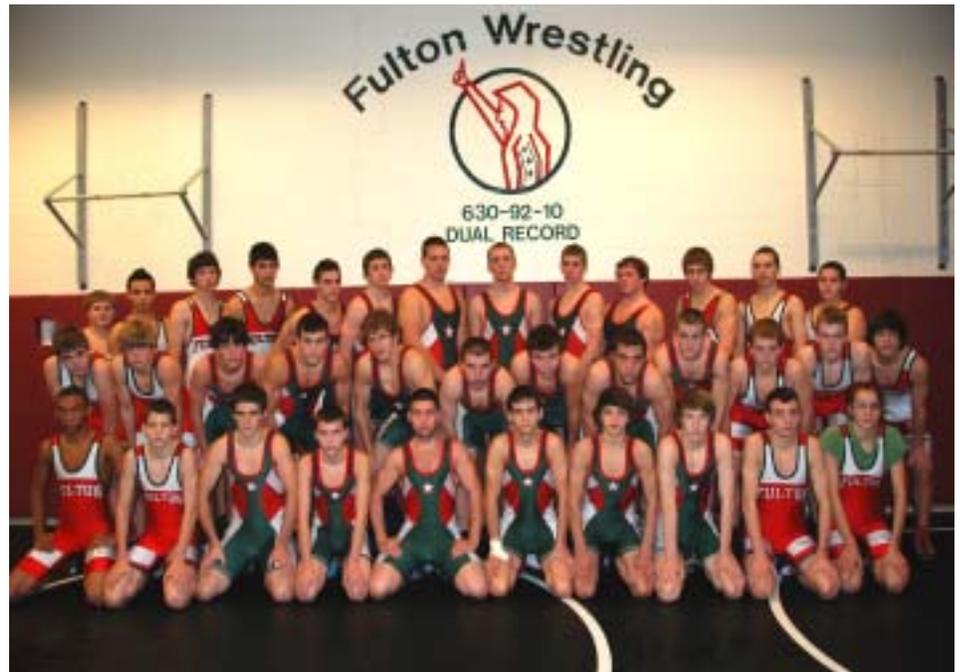
Projections for this year's wrestling team include contending for the Section 3 Dual Title, as well as the Section 3 Tournament Title. A top 10 ranking in the state is also hoped to be achieved. The strength of the team lies in the middleweights and the sole area of concern are the underclassmen stepping up and filling the lineup to the standards of the previous year.

The varsity newcomers include Thomas Hill, weighing in at 96 pounds. Hill is looking to be a Section 3 Champion at the conclusion of the season. Brandon Hill, weighing in at 112 lbs, and Cory Porter, at 130 lbs are hoping to see a lot of varsity time and hope to place at sectionals. Junior Devon Viscome, competing at 140 lbs, is planning to compete for a

Section 3 Title, and sophomore Brenman Roberge, wrestling at 285 lbs, will see a lot of varsity time this season.

Within the league, the mat men have their sights set on winning the Freedom League

Title, but they will have to face a familiar neighbor in order to do it. Wrestling fans have already circled January 5 on their calendars as the rival Firebirds will invade GRB for a 6 p.m. showdown.



The Raiders will once again wear a bullseye on their chest as one of Section 3's teams to beat in the coming 2010-2011 season. This year's edition are, left to right, Front: K. Carver, Connor Aldasch, Mike Demauro, M.. Woodworth, Derek Harris, Greg Jodway, Tom Hill, Brandon Hill, Alex Vanderhaden, Sarah Sixberry. Middle: Kenneth Holbrook, Troy Richardson, Johann Ambach, Devon Viscome, Marcus Earl, Nick Woodworth, Adam Wallace, Zach Race, Cory Porter, Pat Fink, James Bailey, Michael Eddy. Back: Travis Kemp, Samuel Rios, Dan Hill, Solano Sanchez, Tony Torrese, David Hall, Brennan Roberge, Derek Owen, Mark Aldasch, Casey Clark, James Lobner, Ryan Hall, Nick Holden. (photo courtesy of Fulton Wrestling team)

Tough start for Raider hockey team

The Raider icemen were shut out at Thursday night's scrimmage, but showed glimpses of hope as the defending state champion West Genesee team came into the rink with a large amount of pride in the program and confidence in themselves and their teammates. West Genesee went undefeated last year at a perfect 25-0, and started the 2010 season without a blemish. The format of the scrimmage was two 22-minute halves with a break in between for the ice to be resurfaced, and when it was over the 'Cats left town with a 5-0 victory.

Starting in net for the Raiders was Kevin Niver, who posted several saves in the contest. The Raiders battled strong and competed hard against the Wildcats, but lacked the offensive gusto to find the back of the net, and the defending state champs held the Raiders scoreless. At the end of the first half, the Raiders found themselves in a 2-0 deficit, but the goals came on unsettled situations.

The second half began with a netminder change as Kara Pafumi made her season de-

(continued on page 3)

Opinion

The grumble wars are on!

By Ryann Crofoot

I see it all the time in the hallways. One friend complains about something, then their friend has to make their own tragedies seem worse, and before you know it, they're in a full fledged grumble war.

What is it about people that makes them think they're cooler if they had a worse day? It may sound mean, but sometimes people really do just need to suck it up.

I myself have friends who are like that, and it gets really annoying. If you're having a really bad day, you don't want someone who ignores you and tries to make it seem like your issues are no big deal compared to theirs. All you really want is someone to listen and sympathize, with maybe the occasional hug or nice word. Even if you're the one having the bad day, and your friend complains to you, you should try to start out with, "Well that stinks" instead of "Well, my day..." That doesn't help anyone, and it makes people feel uncared for, adding more to



their bad day.

Not only that, but if they're a good friend, they'll also start feeling bad for you, too. One of the worse things you can do is to pile more problems on someone who already had a lot to deal with in the first

"What is it about people that makes them think they're cooler if they had a worse day? It may sound mean, but sometimes people really do just need to suck it up."

place. This can cause stress; on top of making them just feel crummy.

I'm not saying it's wrong to complain. It's good once in a while, healthy even. Everyone has their bad days, and it can make you feel a lot better to get things off your chest. You just don't need to throw it in people's faces every time they stop feeling sorry for you. It's irritating to others who are listening, and does absolutely nothing to help your friends.

So the next time your friend tells you about their bad day, try to help them out and sympathize with them; don't put all your issues on them, too.

Like it or not, winter weather is here

By Kayla Distin

In the past few weeks, students of G. Ray Bodley High School have had mixed feelings about the first few snowfalls of the season. As Fulton is notorious for the amount of snow we get throughout the winter, the next few months are both dreaded and anticipated by students at GRB. Many students are already looking back on the summer weather and longing for more warm and sunny months, but there are plenty of teenagers who are excited for the snow and the opportunities that it comes with.

Personally, I cannot wait for the first major snowfall of the season. Although I admit that summer has always been my favorite season, I always get excited when I look outside and see a fresh layer of white snow in the yard. This is probably because I look forward to ski season from December to February. It is my fourth year skiing with GRB's Ski and Snowboard Club, and I look forward to each and every session. This hobby is the source of my silver lining during the winter months. It helps to consider all the fun I have skiing while considering



the frigidness of the winter wind. Junior Maggie Ryan shows her eagerness toward the snow season by saying, "I love when it snows. It's so sparkly."

However, not everyone feels this fondly about winter. There are plenty of students who would much prefer a life without the hassles of the cold and snow that come so naturally to Fulton. They would much rather be waterskiing in the sun than downhill skiing in the snow. Whether they get frustrated with the annoyance of having to wake up early in order to scrape the morning ice off of their car windows, or simply miss their dark, suntanned complexions, many teenage boys and girls would much prefer to get rid of winter completely. This opinion is definitely respected in Fulton, as we are annually pounded with record-breaking amounts of lake-effect snow.

No matter what opinion students have on the issue, there is simply no stopping the winter weather. Already it has frozen our lawns and made our roads dangerously slippery. The only thing we can do now is hold out for the next few months and see where the winter takes us. For those of you who prefer the summer, hold tight and think warm thoughts because it's bound to be a long season, and to those of you who are excited about the season and the joys it can bring, enjoy next few months while they last!

RECYCLE & SAVE

Bring in your empty haircare product (any brand) and receive

20% OFF

any professional product of ours!

Reflections

-THE- Salon & More

608 South 4th Street-Fulton

Call for an appointment today!

Phone: 592-4415

*Proud 20 Year sponsor
of GRB Journalism*

In the News

Qatar and Russia receive World Cup nod over US, UK

After much anticipation (among soccer fans at least) the locations of World Cup 2018 and 2022 have been decided. Hopefuls such as USA and England missed out and may have to vie to host the event some time in the '20s or '30s. An executive committee of FIFA came to their final decision. Two nations, which are essentially inadequate for hosting this event, got the rights. Russia and the tiny Arab nation Qatar will hold the world renowned event in the years 2018 and 2022 respectively.

Russia won the 2018 choice with thirteen votes, beating Spain/Portugal, who made a combined bid, with seven, and Netherlands/Belgium, who did likewise, with two. Russian star and bid ambassador Andrei Arshavin, of Arsenal, campaigned for the vote and described the country's passion for the sport as being equal to that of the English. Whatever their level of passion is there are issues that need to be addressed. Russia does not have the transportation between the host cities and will need to construct miles of railway to take players and fans around. Russia also only has nine out of their sixteen proposed stadiums either completed, under renovation or in the process of being built. So despite the transportation and stadium problems, the FIFA committee ended up giving Russia the Cup.

The year 2022 will see the first Muslim nation to host the World Cup. Qatar, a tiny Arab country the size of Connecticut, won the FIFA vote, defeating Australia, Japan and South Korea in early rounds and the United States by fourteen to eight in the final round. Retired professional and French national team legend, Zinedine Zidane, who was an ambassador for Qatar's bid called the decision, "A victory for the Arab world." Although this is a middle-eastern country, you can throw your

preconceived notions out the window. The World Cup won't be played on sand dunes or in a militarized zone.

Qatar is extremely wealthy, boasting the world's highest GDP per capita due to their significant oil and natural gas revenues. Qatar is also noted for having comparatively liberal laws in respect to other Arab nations. However, there are problems with Qatar as well. In the summer it has an average high temperature of 96 degrees Fahrenheit and can spike up to 120 degrees. The Qatari bid committee proposed stadiums with outdoor air conditioning, but it is certain that the heat will pose all kinds of problems.

Russia and Qatar hosting the World Cup leaves England and USA to ponder what might have been. Each nation has its own problems, but still got the nod to host the event. However, one can speculate whether or not the Qatar World Cup will be a matter of which team is not passed out on the turf due to heat exhaustion, and the widespread allegations of corruption within FIFA and the voting process will not go away after two such controversial decisions. *By Tyler Crandell*

Bizarre News of the Day

A record-breaking man in England has come up with a new challenge for himself. He has decided to run seven marathons while on a giant hamster wheel. Stuart Kettell, the self-described "Human Hamster," spent four months building the eight-foot structure that he will be using.

"I have done marathons before and never wanted to run another the next day, so this is going to be tough, especially as I'll be running on an incline in the wheel," Kettell said. Now he will know how a hamster feels, except he will actually be going somewhere.

The father-of-two will spend 12 hours a day running in the wheel to complete the challenge in March. "The kids think it is great having it on the drive [way] but my wife is quite embarrassed," he said.

By Morgan Firenze

Raider hockey falls (continued from page 1)

but. Pafumi contributed many saves on the contest as West Genesee had a very strong second half. The final score of the contest was 5-0, but the score sounds worse than what was expected, playing the defending state champions in the first scrimmage of the season.

The Raiders travelled to Cicero on Friday night to scrimmage the Central Square Redhawks, looking to get their offense untracked before the start of the regular season.

**Don't miss out!
pre-order your 2011
Fultonian Yearbook today!**

online @ www.yearbookordercenter.com

order # is: 13715

click on "buy a yearbook"

Enter last name--start a new account
in school from Mr. Senecal in room 102 before
and after school

Stop in for the Holidays!

*Personalized mugs

*Embroidered Blankets

*Embroidery on Stockings

*Personalized Ornaments

And Much More!



Bring in the Coupon

for 15%Off

Select Personalized Items

Uniforms Etc.

129 Cayuga St. Fulton, NY 13069
(315) 592-4117

School of Thought compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

What is your favorite Christmas movie?



"The Grinch."
Garrit Chilson



"Christmas Vacation."
Mrs. Shortslef



"The Santa Clause."
Noah Sorbello



"How the Grinch Stole Christmas."
Tara Coyne

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with periods of heavy lake-effect snow. High in the upper-20s. Record high-72 (2007) Avg. high-39

Tonight:



Cloudy with snow showers. Low in the low-20s. Record low-6 (2007) Avg. low-24

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with snow showers. High in the mid-20s. Record high-70 (1998) Avg. 39

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.