

Spikers hope to get back on track at Cortland

With two losses in a row against Homer and Chittenango, the Raider volleyball players are ready to redeem themselves tonight in their game at Cortland. To return to a winning record, the Raiders need this win in order to become 5-4. However Cortland, with a winning record of 5-4, should prove to be tough competition, and the Raiders will need to play their best.

Kelly Knauerhase is leading the Purple Tigers in kills with 107 as well as blocks with

17. Their best defensive player is Amanda Shelley with 157 digs and close behind her is Kaylee Gebhardt with 137.

In the lead for the most kills for the Fulton Raiders are Erika Johnson with 77 and Kirsten Francis with 42. Assisting the two are Kali Kearns with 58 assists and Emily Ervin with 52. Middle, Kayla Jones, is in the lead with 17 blocks and Erika Johnson is right behind her with 16.

The defense is run by Kassy McCann with

68 digs, Kirsten Francis with 57 and Sara Campolieta with 42. The toughest Raider servers include Sara Campolieta with 10 aces and both Jordan Rizzo and Kassy McCann with 8.

Although the Fulton volleyball team is young this year, there is a lot of talent on the team. Come support them tomorrow night at 7 p.m. when the Raiders play host to Solvay at Fairgrieve Elementary. *By Kirsten Francis*



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Tuesday heartbreaks for Fulton squads

There was disappointment all-around for Fulton sports teams on Tuesday night as the basketball and hockey sides failed to sample the sweet taste of victory.

Oswego thwarted Fulton's upset bid in hockey with a 2-1 triumph while Chittenango did the same to both the girls and boys basketball teams, the girls rallying to a 41-35 win over Fulton while the Bears bested the boys in a 64-46 final.

It proved to be a tale of two halves for the Raider girls basketball team on Tuesday, and unfortunately for Fulton, the decisive second half did not go their way.

The game opened in great style for the girls, as they breezed to a 14-2 first quarter lead. But from that point on the Raiders managed just seven points in each of the next three quarters, while Chittenango overcame a sluggish first half and a 12 point deficit to outscore the home side 32-14 after the intermission.

Kaitlin Antelmi, Slanna Haynes and Sierra Shafer fueled the Chittenango comeback with 10 points apiece as the Bears improved to 1-4 in league play and 3-6 overall. Ashlynn Palmitesso answered with 16 and Anna McKay had six for the Raiders, who dipped to 0-3 in the league and 1-7 overall.

Slow starting Raiders fall at home

It was another tough loss for the varsity boys basketball team as they fell to the Chittenango Bears 64-46 last night. A slow start in both the first and third quarters proved to be the difference as the Bears owned a nine point edge in each frame en route to their 18 point victory.

The Bears were led by Brendan Galek with 21 points and their star center Michael Scott

with 13 points. Although Senior guard/forward Zach Loura had 3 threes and 9 other points to combine for a career high 18, the Bears proved too much for the young Raider squad.

Coach Kimpland remained upbeat despite his side's 0-7 start, saying, "I am not giving up on this team, I will fight for that first win until the very last game!" The varsity boys will be going to Cortland on Thursday to take on the Purple Tigers still seeking their first victory.

By Hunter Gorton

Bucs prevail in thriller

The Raider icemen encountered a tough defeat against rival Oswego by a score of 2-1 last night, although the contest was a close match. The puck dropped, and high-flying action took place with both teams participating, but both goaltenders stood tall and had flawless first periods.

Shortly after the puck dropped in the second period, the Bucs found a way to sneak the biscuit behind senior keeper Kevin Niver just over thirty seconds into the frame. The Raiders tied up the match with a shot by Dylan Holden, who picked the top corner with a play assisted by Jason King. The second period ended with

the score knotted up at one.

The third period was deemed a shortcoming by Fulton, as the Bucs were the only team to find the net. Scoring minutes into the third, the Bucs possessed a 2-1 lead, and didn't surrender a goal in the frame. The Raiders had many opportunities to tie the match, but just couldn't find a handle on the puck to whack one home. Niver recorded 35 saves on the night, and put up a 94.6 save percentage on the evening.

The next game for the Raiders is a home contest against the Skaneateles Lakers on Friday night at 5:30.

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This week in Raider Sports

Today: Bowling vs. Cortland @ Mattydale (3:30); Vball @ Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Wrestling vs. Homer (6 p.m.); Swim vs. Mexico (5 p.m.).

Thursday, Jan. 13: Girls Bball @ CBA (5:30/7 p.m.); Boys Bball @ Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Bowling vs. Chittenango @ Mattydale (3:30); Vball vs. Solvay (5:30/7 p.m.).

Friday, Jan. 14: Girls Bball vs. Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Hockey vs. Skaneateles (5:30); Wrestling @ Bradshaw Tourney (Canandaigua).

Saturday, Dec. 15: Varsity Vball @ Marcellus Tourney (9 a.m.); Swim @ OHSL Meet (Mexico-TBA).

Opinion

There is no excuse for winter road rage

By Daniel Summerville

Anyone who has ever driven in the winter knows that it can be a hard thing to do. At night, it becomes even more dangerous. The roads are slippery from the melt-water refreezing on the road, making it easy for a car to spin out of control. There is also the fact that there are other drivers on the road, some friendlier than others.



On Monday night, a car went off the road on County Route 8 and into my yard. Of course, many cars crash on my family's land every year and some have been fatal, so we were not overly bothered when the victims came into our house to catch their breath. However, it soon became apparent that this was no ordinary crash; the victims were forced off the road by another car.

While waiting for the police, the victim related the story to my family. She and her daughter had been travelling from their home in Volney

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to the Fulton Wal-Mart. On Broadway, another car pulled up alongside of them at a stop sign and began to honk the horn. When the victim started driving again, the other car put on their high beams and began to follow her. The victim decided to drive past Wal-Mart and see if she could lose her follower. She turned onto County Route 8 and onto a side road. After a short time, she drove back onto 8, where the angry driver met her. This chase ended when the victim was chased off of the road and through my pasture fence.

Winter driving is dangerous enough without being chased. Monday night's accident could have ended a lot worse than it did, as the victims very easily could have been killed. They were lucky that they hit a fencepost and not a tree or gone into a body of water. According to the victims, the assailant was laughing when she drove them off the road. There were no witnesses to the crash itself, which let the angry driver get away without any trouble. The viciousness of the attacker is shocking; the victims claim to have been minding their own business.

What could drive a person to such endanger someone else's life just so that they could get to their destination a few minutes faster? The

attacker must not have had too much of a time commitment, the chase would have taken nearly ten minutes, if they were in a hurry they would not have pursued. Was this some kind of cruel joke? We may never know; there are no clues to who chased the victims. What we do know, is that whoever did it should be ashamed of themselves. The victims did not deserve to have their night ruined by someone else's stupidity. Road Rage should never be an option, especially in winter.

Bizarre News of the Day

Darco Sangermano, 28, was hit in the temple by a .22 caliber bullet while walking with his girlfriend through Naples, a city in Italy notorious for its rowdy New Year celebrations, often involving firearms and powerful fireworks.

The bullet went through the right side of his head, behind his eye socket and lodged in his nasal passage but miraculously did no serious damage. Bleeding heavily, Darco was taken to hospital in an ambulance shortly after midnight, but while waiting to be seen by doctors he sneezed and the bullet shot out of his right nostril.

Mr. Sangermano returned to his hometown after being released from hospital. "The route of the bullet broke his temporal bone, near his temple, and this slowed down the bullet which grazed his eyeball without hitting it directly," Dr. Guglielmo Ramieri told a local magazine.

By Morgan Firenze

Quote of the day:

"People often say that 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder,' and I say that the most liberating thing about beauty is realizing that you are the beholder. This empowers us to find beauty in places where others have not dared to look, including inside ourselves.

Salma Hayek

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Sports

Orange invade MSG for St. John's showdown

By **Patty Morrison**

After a scare against Seton Hall University, the

number four ranked Syracuse Orange are ready to play against the St. John's Red Storm at 7 pm tonight. This won't be just an ordinary game for the Orange, because they will be playing at Madison Square Garden, a venue where some of the biggest moments in sports history have occurred.

The Red Storm are entering the contest after a bad loss to the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, the same team that Syracuse defeated 70-58 at the end of last week. However, both teams are coming off of disappointing games, with Syracuse defeating Seton Hall by the slim margin of six points. The Orange were expected to do very well in that game, having a very deep bench against a team with the disadvantage of losing their three top scorers, but they slipped up and had a very scary finish of what was supposed to be a blowout.

The game versus Seton Hall was Syracuse's first away game since early December, so that might have affected their play, but it is more likely that they were just off their game, and couldn't get any shots off. However, Syracuse is still the favorite when it comes to the game they are going to play tonight.

Syracuse is number one in the Big East with a still perfect record of 3-0 in the conference and 16-0 in the nation. They are also ranked number four in both the Associated Press Poll, and the ESPN/US Poll. According to statistics, Syracuse is the better team in three key areas: rebounding, steals and personal fouls. Rebounding is a key offensive stat, and the Orange average 39 rebounds per game while the Red Storm only averages 32 rebounds per game. The Orange also stand strong when it comes to steals. The team averages 9 steals per game, and the Red Storm only average 7. And last but not least, the Orange also lead in personal fouls, averaging only 14 personal fouls per game to the Red Storm's 19.

Also, when comparing the two leading scorers of the team, Kris Joseph from Syracuse has a better ability to make free throws, and has scored more points per game than Justin Brownlee, the leading scorer for St. John's. However, the team has one player who needs to be shut down. Senior guard Dwight Hardy is averaging 16 points per game, which is one more than Kris Joseph's fifteen per game. The advantage that comes for Syracuse is that they have Rick Jackson, one of the top rebounders in the country, with 190 rebounds so far this season, and, entering the game against Seton Hall, he was just 55 rebounds short of 800 career rebounds. He also averages 11 rebounds per game. D.J.

Kennedy, the lead rebounder for St. John's only averages 6 rebounds per game.

Whatever the outcome, this contest is sure to be a thriller. The game will be broadcast tonight on ESPN-U at 7 pm

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School of Thought compiled by Nick Mattice & Brett Williams

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"English class."

Desirae Abraham



"Last bell."

Shawna Perau



"School store."

Jason King



"Gym class."

Kyle Kush

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with snow showers. High in the low-20s.
Record high-54 (1995)
Avg. high: 31

Tonight:



A few snow showers. Low in the mid-teens.
Record low: -25 (1982)
Avg. low: 14

Tomorrow:



Clouds with snow showers High around 20. Record high-64 (2005). Avg. high: 31

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