



Raiders wrestle to glory with dual meet title

The long wait is over for the Red Raider wrestlers.

Forced to watch the other team celebrate the elation of a title-winning effort the past three years, the Fulton wrestling team returned to the top of the Section III Dual meet hill with a vengeance on Saturday by besting top-seed and unbeaten Indian River in a 38-27 final. Feeling somewhat slighted in the initial seedings, the second-seed Raiders delivered a convincing statement on the day while claiming the Section III crown for the 19th time in the 23-year history of the tournament and 11th time in the past 14 years. The four-win day joyously snapped a string of three consecutive runner-up finishes for Coach Connors's crew, who improved to 15-4 overall at the expense of the 27-1 Warriors.

David Hall and IR's Garrick Cook traded pins at 145 and 152 to open the match, but by the time the Warriors' Alex Tibbles grabbed six points via pin at 285, it was 25-6 for Fulton. But rather than fold, the undefeated side from Jefferson County claimed points in five of the next seven weight classes to claw to within four points at 28-24 and then within five at 32-27 heading into the final two bouts.

The ghosts of recent finals frustrations seemed armed to reappear, but instead this was Fulton's day to shine. Two seasons ago the Raiders lost by criteria following a 24-24 deadlock with Phoenix, and in the past two seasons the team had finished second best by a combined 10 points. Adam Wallace made sure that recent history remained firmly in the past when he completed an unbeaten 4-0 day with a clutch 11-6 decision over Tyler Brown at 135, and Devon Viscome finished his own unbeaten day with a 5-3 win in the 140 pound ring to send the Raider faithful into euphoria.

Wallace, Viscome and David Hall were major fixtures in the championship charge, delivering eight pins and a technical fall between them while going 12-0 and amassing 64 points for the winners. Nick Muckey (189), Anthony Toresse (160) and Thomas Hill (96) added a pair of pins apiece and Marcus Earl scored major decisions in both the 152 and 160 pound classes. Overall it was an overwhelming team effort from the champions that saw Coach Connors juggle his lineup in the early matches to send a fresh Fulton side into the finals.

Raider depth was in evidence as the team made quick work of their first three opponents by mauling Canastota 56-21, Mexico 68-11 and host Cicero-North Syracuse 67-12, for a combined 191-44 dominance that hearkened back to the feats of Fulton championship teams of old.

Fulton's day of domination began, ironically, with a loss by pin when Canastota's Anthony Finocchiaro delivered a six-point slam just 1:33 into the 130 pound match opener. It only took the Raiders 52 seconds to even the score and 29 more to take a lead that would never be headed until a 6-6 draw with Indian River in the championship match. Adam Wallace, Devon Viscome and David Hall delivered pins in

a combined 2:26 to start the rout of Canastota while Zach Race (215) and Brennan Roberge (250) thwarted any hopes of comeback with consecutive pins to make it 37-18 and counting.

The Raiders roared to a 25-0 lead against Mexico as Wallace opened the match with a technical fall that was followed by pins from Viscome, Hall and Tony Toresse (152). Nick Muckey (189) and Thomas Hill (96) also pinned their Tiger opponents to send Fulton into the final four against a surprising Cicero-North Syracuse side that topped 19-0 Holland Patent, the three seed, and then outlasted Central Square, themselves a surprising winner over sixth-seeded Hannibal.

But there was little joy for the homestanding North Stars as Viscome and Hall snared pins in 41 seconds and 1:11 respectively to jumpstart a Raider side that won seven of the first nine bouts and built a commanding 37-6 advantage. Race, Thomas Hill and Brandon Hill (119) also scored pins, and Marcus Earl powered his way to a major decision at 160 before C-NS bowed out by forfeiting four of the last five matches. This set the stage for a championship throw-down with top seed and 27-0 Indian River as the Warrior ousted defending champion and Frontier League rival South Jefferson 37-31 after besting Baldwinville 42-29 and Sandy Creek 55-20.

In other action involving local sides, fourth-seed Phoenix fell to the defending champions from South Jefferson in a 41-38 heartbreaker after opening the tournament with a 45-30 win over Adirondack. Mexico opened the tournament with a 45-27 win over Vernon-Verona-Sherill before falling to the Raiders in the quarter-final round. Six-seed Hannibal bounced back from a disappointing 41-36 loss to Central Square in the opening round by handing Holland Patent its second loss of the season and the day with a 40-33 consolation triumph.

By Len Senecal

(statistical sources: www.cnywrestling.com and www.fultonredraiderwrestling.com)

Championship match

Fulton 38 Indian River 27

145 David Hall (Fulton) pin Jordan Berry (Indian River) 2:34

152 Garrick Cook (Indian River) pin Marcus Earl (Fulton) 1:45

160 Tony Torrese (Fulton) pin Timothy Lynch (Indian River) 1:42

171 Nick Woodworth (Fulton) maj dec Matt Simpson (Indian River) 12-4

189 Nick Muckey (Fulton) pin Thomas Gitlin (Indian River) 3:32

215 Zach Race (Fulton) dec Derrek Dalton (Indian River) 8-2

285 Alex Tibbles (Indian River) pin Brennan Roberge (Fulton) 0:49

096 Nicholas Toutant (Indian River) dec Thomas Hill (Fulton) 2-0

103 Mitchell Woodworth (Fulton) dec Jody Brown (Indian River) 4-0

112 Derrick Gray (Indian River) pin Greg Jodway (Fulton) 0:53

119 Michael Mullins (Indian River) dec Brandon Hill (Fulton) 5-2

125 Derek Harris (Fulton) maj dec Sonny McPherson (Indian River) 12-2

130 Dylan Crowder (Indian River) dec Johann Ambach (Fulton) 5-4

135 Adam Wallace (Fulton) dec Tyler Brown (Indian River) 11-6

140 Devon Viscome (Fulton) dec Cody Kiechle (Indian River) 5-3



Opinion

Class size: how much does it matter?

By Kaitlyn Lauber

At G. Ray Bodley High School, there are a wide variety of class sizes, with some classes reaching twenty-five students in a regular sized classroom and others as small as two. The question may come up as to which is more conducive to the student's learning.

Here at GRB, teachers almost always make themselves available after school, during free bells, and some even give up their lunches for students to come in and get extra class help. But does it really matter which class size the student is in, compared to



then I feel like the teachers don't feel pressured." And a majority of students feel the same way as Emily. A smaller class provides a smoother atmosphere as well as a greater amount of personal attention from the teacher.

In theory, a perfect world would have every student in a personalized classroom, with a teacher who cares about their success and pays attention to each and every student. This, however, is not a perfect world. Don't get me wrong, most teachers care and it is definitely hard to cater to every student, especially those who have a good average, but doing so would be easier with a small class that required more personal attention. It is hard for a teacher to focus on every student's personal success when there is a class of thirty and every student is on a different page, or has their own individual problem. With the current budget, having small classes is nearly impossible, but hopefully the future generations will be able to have that luxury.

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Bizarre News of the Day

Everyone has probably heard of strange cures and remedies from their mother or grandmother. Here are some unusual cures that are sworn by many to really work.

1. For centuries it was believed that Copper could cure rheumatism, and even today copper bracelets are commonly worn to ward off arthritis.
2. According to The Big Doctors Book of Home Remedies rubbing vodka on your feet can keep away any unwanted smell.
3. Other odor related cures include yogurt. Apparently the live bacteria suppresses bad breath.
4. Believe it or not, studies have found licorice cures calluses. Apparently licorice contains estrogen-like substances which soften the skin.
5. Standing on your head and drinking cups of water are common suggestions for curing hiccups, but did you know that a teaspoon of sugar can stop them in just minutes?
6. Forget about freezing warts. Many people have reported that covering them in duct tape eliminates them.
7. Lemon balm tea is meant to be good for clearing cold sores. Boil it, let it cool, add to a cotton ball and then dab on the sore several times a day.
8. Suck on a lemon if feeling nauseous. It has been known to help motion sickness.
9. Goats' blood has been used by doctors to treat hamstring injuries on footballers. Apparently the injections help loosen the muscle.

By Morgan Firenze

how much extra help they need?

Often, in smaller classes, talking and fooling around interrupt learning. This is most likely because students are comfortable with teachers on a personal level and try to test the teacher's boundaries. However larger classes are harder to control when they go off track. "It depends on the class," says Mr. Nami, music teacher. "For theory, I like smaller classes because it's easier, but for Chorus, I like larger classes. But I just wish that I could have both chorus classes at once." This situation is precisely why sometimes, larger classes are more difficult to deal with.

Both of Mr.Nami's choruses learn the same music and actually join together four times per year to perform, and that really does work well, because the whole concept of a chorus is to be a large group. If the same situation were applied to Mrs. Ferlito's accounting class, the result would be pure chaos. The CCC accounting class currently has only seven students and can be a bit chaotic at times. "I like smaller classes," states Emily Kush, a senior in CCC Accounting, "because

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Billiards + bowling = a whole new game

By Tyler Crandell

Just about everybody has given bowling and playing pool a shot. Whether they're

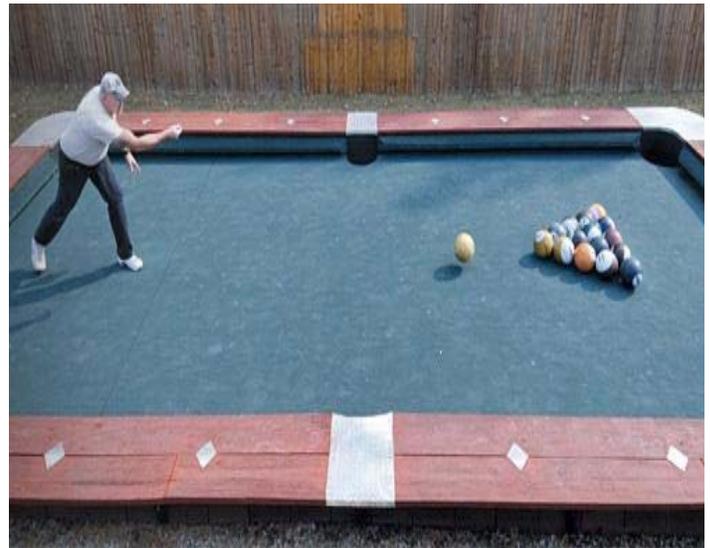
good at them or not is a different matter entirely. But what isn't in question is that people enjoy knocking over pins and playing pool.

While you can own your own pool table to play, most people don't have the luxury of installing a functional bowling alley in their home. The fact that nearly always people can be found playing pool in bars is a testament to the popularity of the game. Bowling leagues and crowded alleys every night are testament to the popularity of bowling. A former cage fighter with an appetite for both events invented a new game which is essentially a combination of both. The name? Knokkers.

The game is played on a massive, but to-scale "table." The table is flat along the ground with raised rails just like a normal billiards table and pockets in the corners and on the sides. The rules of the game are the same as eight-ball pool. The difference is that instead of using a scaled-up eight-foot long cue, you bowl your "cue ball" The balls are roughly the size of bowling balls. The game sounds like a great idea and like it could be a lot of fun.

The functionality of this comes into question on the basis of cost. The original set was a labor-intensive instillation in a Missouri backyard which likely took a lot of time and effort to create. While Steve Wienecke, former cage fighter, plans to distribute a portable version of his creation to bars, one wonders if this would actually work. Either way, the concept of people who have had one too many bowling massive balls around a court poses some possible problems. It is likely that bars may institute regulations to playing which may deny "less sober" patrons from participating. That is, if this game ever makes its way to mainstream taverns.

Plans were set to launch several sets in Southern California bars by the middle of 2010, however it seems as though this never happened. If or when this game becomes a reality, you can bet on people trying to make their mark as the pioneering professional in this new realm. You can also bet on a new type of pool hall hustler emerging.



If former cage fighter Steve Wienecke has his way, taverns around the country will be playing a new game that combines the concepts of bowling and pool.

Quote of the day:

"There's a difference between someone who's smart and someone who's thoughtful. Not everyone is smart but we can all be thoughtful."

Ashton Kutcher

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School of Thought compiled by Kayla Hanczyk & Kayla Distin

How do you feel about the second quarter coming to an end?



"I'm stressed out."

Nick Metcalf



"I don't have enough time to get my grades up."

Brendon Smith



"I feel good because I get a week off."

Matthew Nelson



"Stressed."

Kelsie VanBuren

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mainly cloudy with a few snow showers. High in the low-30s.
Record high: 70 (1967).
Avg. 31.

Tonight:



Mainly cloudy. Low in the upper-teens.
Record low: -15 (2004)
Avg. low: 13

Tomorrow:



Cloudy skies. High around 30.
Record high-68 (1950).
Avg. high: 31

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