



Wrestling juggernauts collide tonight

Local pride, New York State rankings, county bragging rights and the Freedom League title will be on the line tonight in Fulton when the Red Raiders meet Phoenix in a battle of New York State Wrestling powers. While there are many big matches through the course of the season, as any wrestling fan will tell you, this date has been circled on the calendar since the moment the 2010-2011 schedule was released.

Fulton, at 9-1 overall and 1-0 in the Freedom League, prevailed 36-25 in the only meeting of the two sides last season to make amends for the previous campaign, when the Firebirds became the only team to ever beat them three times in one season including a rare victory in Fulton. And even though the Raiders outpointed their Oswego County neighbors in both the Waterloo and Kenneth Haines Tournaments so far this season, Wednesday night's clash will be a whole different story in the fact that it is a one on one, dual meet tussle.

Phoenix features a bevy of talented underclassmen paced by undefeated sophomore Nick Tighe at 125 and 103 pound freshman Laken Cook. Tighe is 16-0 with 12 pins so far this season and boasts an impressive 114-17 mark through two and a half seasons at the varsity level while Cook is 14-0 with 10 pins and a 63-10 career mark. Also key to the Firebird cause is 145 pound junior Tyler Button, who has rung up a 126-26 career record and a 14-2 mark so far this season that includes a 3-2 win over Fulton standout David Hall in the finals of the Haines Tournament. Junior Austyn Hayes is 15-1 with eight pins this season and 121-27 overall, while sophomore Rowdy Prior has delivered nine pins in a 15-2 start at 135 pounds.

Fulton will pin its hopes on a collection of powerful upper-classmen led by Adam "Squirrel" Wallace at 135. Wallace is 18-0 with 10 pins this season including victories over both Prior and Ryan Pinzer at the Haines Tournament, and is closing in on the 100 victory plateau at 92-20. Senior Zach Race is 18-2 with 14 pins at 189, and in just two and a half seasons has compiled an impressive 78-13 mark with 55 six-point slams.

David Hall is chomping at the bit to avenge career setback #36 with his 113th win when

he takes to the mat against likely opponent Tyler Button. Hall has won 19 of his 20 bouts so far this season and has registered 14 pins, but reversing the form of a 3-2 loss to Button will be one of the keys to tonight's match. Other key performers for the Raiders are junior Tony Torrese (9-0/six pins), the 152 pound champion at the Haines Tournament, 160 pounder

Nick Woodworth (13-6) and freshman Thomas Hill, who picked up the 96 pound title at the Haines Tournament as part of his 10-2 start.

A packed house is expected for tonight's unofficial Oswego County championship match, so fans are urged to arrive early. Junior varsity action begins at 5 p.m., with the varsity to follow at 7.



Junior Tony Torrese, shown here in action against Phoenix at last year's Section 3 Dual Meet Championships, is one of many Raiders who will be looking for a big performance tonight. The long-awaited showdown between Fulton and Phoenix begins with JV action at 5 p.m. (RND file photo by Taylor Harvey)

Raider spikers roll past Mexico

The varsity girls volleyball team opened 2011 in style on Tuesday night by rushing past Mexico in four games. The Raiders prevailed 25-21 and 25-10, then lost the third game 25-21 before finishing off the Tigers 25-20. Upping their record to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the OHSL Freedom League, Fulton used a strong team effort to leave their guests at 2-4 overall and 2-2 in league play.

Sara Campolieta had five kills and seven digs while Erika Johnson added seven kills, three aces and five blocks to go with six kills and two aces from Kirsten Francis. Also contributing to the win with 22 assists and two aces was Kali Kearns, while Kassie McCann had eight digs and Elyse Cianfarano notched six kills for the winners.

Mexico was led by an 18 kill performance from Elizabeth Peters and 16 kills from Macy Teifke.

Opinion

This day in history

Construction begins on San Fran's Golden Gate Bridge

Today in 1933 workers began excavating dirt for the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge's gigantic anchorages. Approximately 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt was excavated in the process.

The original reason for construction of the bridge was because gold rush miners realized that the value of the land north of San Francisco Bay would increase immensely if there was a direct route to the city. The strait that makes up the mouth of San Francisco Bay is 400 feet deep, making construction a challenge for technology at the time. Project planner and former engineer James Wilkins requested a suspension bridge with a center span of 3,000 feet, twice the length of any bridge in existence at the time.

Estimated construction price at the time was 100 million dollars, which would equate to \$4,140,000,000 billion in 2011. Co-cost control was handed over to San Francisco's city engineer Michael O'Shaughnessy. Both men concluded a practical cost range of 25-30 million dollars with a main span 1,000 feet longer than previous believed. But beating plans down was the great depression of 1929, limiting financial options.

Voters passed a 35 million dollar indebtedness bond. However, the bonds couldn't be sold until 1932, when San Francisco based Bank of America agreed to buy the entire project in order to help the local economy. The Golden Gate officially opened on May 27th, 1937 standing as the longest bridge span in the world at that time. The first public crossing had taken place the day before with over 200,00 people walking, running and even roller skating across the bridge. *By Andrew Pitcher*

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Quote of the day:

"It is impossible to live without failing at something unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all."

JK Rowling

Random tidbit of the week:

Radithor: Medical Miracle or Radioactive Remedy?

Inside a glass case in the Natural Museum of Nuclear Science and History in Albuquerque, New Mexico, sits an antique bottle that held the contents that was responsible for the gruesome deaths of men and women throughout the country. The label reads: Radithor; "The Greatest Therapeutic creation seen by mankind." Dr. William J. A. Bailey created this elixir in 1918, and his company, Bailey Radium Laboratories, Inc. produced it from that year until 1928.

Radithor was said to have been able to cure anything and everything from acne to cancer, so thousands of people flocked to buy it. It was so popular, that physicians even prescribed it.

Once physician in particular prescribed Radithor to a man named Eben Byers, to help with Byers' arm pain from a fall. Byers took the "medication" straight from the bottle, but many other people were ingesting it in different ways.

Radithor's main component was Radium, which is the world's heaviest earth metal, and is intensely radioactive. Radium was found in bath salts, face creams, and even toothpastes!

One key characteristic of Radium is that it glows in the dark, which is why it was used to paint clock faces. Women working in the factories in New Jersey worked hard to finish watches by painting them with Radium, so men and women could see the time in the dark. After painting many clock faces, the paint brushes would lose its point, so the factory women would use their mouth to fix them. Over time, these women ingested the poison, which would have terrible repercussions. The girls who suffered these repercussions were nicknamed the Radium Girls.

The women experienced numbness in their mouths and jaws before losing their teeth. After that, Eben Byers, who had taken a total of 1000 bottles of Radithor died, and after the autopsy, the mortician saw that Byers' skull was riddled with holes. After some investigation, scientists realized that Radium was the culprit of his death.

Radium caused the gruesome disintegration of their bones, teeth, and jaw. The bones disintegrated from the inside out, and almost literally disappeared. Radithor was taken off the market by the new and upcoming group called the Food and Drug Administration.

By Morgan Firenze

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2010: the year in sports

By Patty Morrison

The year 2010 was eventful in many ways. There were several earthquakes and landslides, as well as floods, and now, to end the year in style: six days of rain in Los Angeles, California that left half of the city with a power outage, and thousands of people evacuated.

But enough about the bad things that have to do with the environment. Let's get to the stuff that people seem to care about: Sports.

The year kicked off with the New Orleans Saints defeating the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl. The game ended with the Saints defeating the Colts by a score of 31-17. The victory was great for the city of New Orleans, because they are still recovering from Hurricane Katrina, and there wasn't very much hope among the citizens. But the victory brought a great sense of pride back to the people of New Orleans, which was exactly what they needed.

People knew that this was going to be a big year in sports the second that the Olympics were said to be taking place in Vancouver, Canada in February. It was a great way to start off the year, and it was an eventful series of winter sports that brought out the best and worst in some teams. The United States dominated the games with powerhouse teams, bringing home 37 medals. Germany came in a close second with 30 medals, and the home country, Canada was at a distant third with 26.

After the Olympic Games in Vancouver, there was a slow period for about a week, and then March Madness began, and people from all over the country tuned in to watch college basketball's best teams play for the national title. This year was a bit of a different year though. Usually, when you fill out a bracket, as many people do, you already have an idea of who is going to win. But 2010 was a year of upsets. One of the biggest upsets however, was when a team who was ranked number one in their bracket, Syracuse, fell to lesser-known Butler, who beat them to a spot in the final four. Butler went on to lose the tournament to Duke University, by one basket.

Things were gearing up and intense in March, but they soon calmed down in April when the only thing around to watch was golf and baseball. Those two sports aren't very well advertised during their regular



seasons, until their major events come up, and then they are all over the place. Sadly, their events don't take place until later in the year, because of weather.

By June though, things were starting to heat up again with the fast approach of a highly anticipated event: the FIFA World Cup.

The FIFA World Cup is the biggest soccer tournament to take place, and like the Olympics, it is held every four years in a different country. This year, it was held in South Africa, with Spain taking the title after 90 minutes plus overtime of intense skills being brought to the surface. However, it took them a month of solid winning streaks to get to where they were. There were group stages, where four teams were placed in a tournament style play. Each team had to play the others in their groups, and the teams with the two best records in each group advanced into the knockout rounds. In the end though, Paul, Spain's psychic octopus that predicted the turn out of every game, proved everyone right when Spain took home the title, with Andres Iniesta scoring the winning goal.

2011 has no guarantees for sports yet, but there is no doubt, that it will be just as exciting as the past year has been.

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This week in Raider Sports

Today: Wrestling vs. Phoenix (6 p.m.); Bowling vs. Fowler (3:30 @ Mattydale); Swim @ New Hartford (5 p.m.)
Thursday, Jan. 6: Hockey @ Cazenovia (7 p.m.); V'ball @ Chittenango (JV-5:30/V-7 p.m.); Boys B'ball @ ES-M (JV-5/V-6:30); Girls B'ball vs. ES-M (JV-5:30/V-7 p.m.); Frosh B'ball vs. ES-M (5 @ Fairgrieve); Bowling vs. Solvay (3:30 @ Mattydale)
Saturday, Jan. 8: Hockey @ B'ville (3:30); JV V'ball @ Marcellus Tourney (9 a.m.); Girls B'ball vs. New Hartford (JV-noon/V-2 p.m.); Indoor track @ Grieve Meet (11 a.m. @ Colgate); Wrestling @ Union-Endicott Duals (all day)

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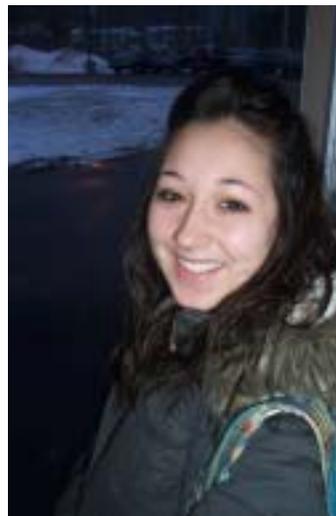
What was the biggest story of 2010?



"Jenny Watson tragedy."
Bryan Benton



"Trapped Miners."
Matt Shoults



"Justin Bieber!"
Jerrica Dishaw



"The birth of my nephew."
Lindsey Dopp

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. High in the upper-20s.
Record high-62 (2007)
Avg. high: 32

Tonight:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. Low in the upper-teens.
Record low: -15 (1996)
Avg. low: 15

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. High in the low-30s.
Record high-62 (2007)
Avg. high-32

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