



Tough draw for Raider wrestlers

Disappointment was the story of the weekend for Fulton wrestling forces at the New York State High School Tournament in Albany. Five different Raiders took to the mats in hopes of breaking the school's 15-year state championship drought, but it was not to be this time around either as all five were denied the dream of standing at the top of the podium, a feat last achieved by current Hannibal High School Coach Mike Kitts in 1996 when he ruled the roost at 167 pounds.

Junior Nick Woodworth and senior Zach Race battled the farthest for Fulton with two wins and two losses apiece. Woodworth lost in the opening round to eventual state champion Mitchell Wightman of Warwick Valley before downing Stephen Lumley of South Glens Falls 11-4 and then pinning Joe Inzana of Spencerport in 3:59. Tyler Lusht of Chenango Falls, the eventual third place winner, ended his hopes of a top six finish with a heartbreaking 3-1 decision in the 160 pound ring. The junior standout finished with a 37-10 record for the season while upping his career mark to 67-27.

Race fell 3-2 in the opening round at 189 to Niagara-Wheatfield's Jake Kelly but battled back with wins of 7-1 and 3-1 over Brighton's David Kelley and Joe Cummings of Nyack before a disappointing 3-2 loss to eventual fifth place finisher Conor Wetzel of Massapequa. The talented senior capped his final season with the Raiders with an outstanding 44-6 record and a career mark of 105-18 with 72 pins.

David Hall, Fulton's career leader in victories and pins and a four-time tournament competitor, was dealt a cruel hand in the 145 pound circle as he was forced to default in his final career match. Opening the tournament with his 86th career pin, a 1:17 demolition of Canton's Ed Foote, Hall lost 3-1 in overtime to eventual fourth place finisher Nicky Hall of Longwood before defaulting against Wayne's Tony Cain, who took fifth place on the day. But despite

the tough finish, Hall leaves as the school's all-time winningest wrestler with a career showing of 141-32 and a 48-3 mark during his senior campaign including an outstanding 32 pins.

Adam Wallace also fell victim to a tough draw at 135, losing to eventual state champion Brian Realbuto by a technical fall and then falling to sixth place finisher Connor Bass of Westhampton Beach 6-0. The opening match of the day fell 3-2 in Wallace's favor, as he bested Casey Lanave of Chenango Falls to finish the season at 44-4 and 118-24 overall heading into his senior season.

Freshman Thomas Hill lost to a pair of place-winners in the 96 pound bracket as he was pinned by third place finisher Nick Piccinni of

Ward-Melville and then lost 8-4 against Bryan Ruggeri of Fairport, the eventual sixth place finisher. The dual losses did little to diminish an outstanding freshman season for Hill, who went 28-5 as a Section 3 champion.

But despite the lack of a state champion or place-winner, it was an outstanding campaign just the same for the Raiders, who sent a school and Division I record five champions to the two-day state finals. Finishing the season at 20-4 and unbeaten against Section 3 competition, Fulton claimed first place honors in the Freedom League, Section 3 Duals, Class A Tournament and Division I Tournament as well as winning the Waterloo Invitational, Tri-Valley Tournament in Camden, and the Kenneth Haines Memorial Tournament in Oswego.

HOPE Club to "March out homelessness"

Homelessness is a growing epidemic among teens, as one in 10 teens have been homeless, a surprising 10% of the school population! Homelessness is not the conventional sense of the bum on the corner with the cardboard sign. New York State defines homelessness as, "an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence"(HUD.gov). This means that couch surfing, living with grandparents, aunts, or uncles are all considered forms of homelessness.

RaiderNet Daily's Vanessa Langdon recently sat down with Carryn Crapser a RHY (Runaway and Homeless Youth) specialist who works for Oswego County Opportunities. Ms. Crapser is positioned in our school, she specializes in helping homeless teens, getting them transportation, supplies, and a safe place to stay.

RND: What are your services?

Ms. Crapser: I assist youth in the Fulton City School District under 21 with homeless or housing issues.

RND: How many students on average do you serve a year?

Ms. Crapser: Over 100.

RND: How does someone in need of your services contact you?

Ms. Crapser: They just stop in my office (located at the old Raiders Den, in between the gym entrances) or call 806-2495.

RND: How confidential are you?

Ms. Crapser: Completely confidential, I'm not employed by the school, so unless I have a signed release or someone's in danger nothing leaves this room.

RND: What exactly do you provide to the students in need?

Ms. Crapser: I can help get them transportation if their semi-permanent housing is outside the school district, refer to job programs, get them in the PATH program, supply emergency supplies like food and personal hygiene products, direct them to DSS (Department of Social Services), food stamps, and medical care. The PATH program through O.C.O. is for people 16 and up that have no place to go. The program essentially sets them up in an apartment and helps them get on "the right path."

Ms. Crapser brought the alarming number of homeless teens in our school to the attention of the H.O.P.E. Club, which is going to be holding a drive to "March out Homelessness." This drive will be run through advisories to gather much needed supplies. Each advisory will receive a check list of supplies and will complete the list. The supplies collected through the completed list will be made into a kit for a homeless teens in our community. With every advisory participating the club can make 60 kits! The lists will include soap, toothpaste, socks, toiletry bags, shampoo, lotion, and various quick healthy snacks. The drive will run from March 3-31. **By Vanessa Langdon**

**Class of 2011
group picture
Thursday, March 3,
7:30 a.m. in the gym**

Opinion

Meet your match, the computerized version

By Brenna Merry

It is often said that everyone has that “special someone” somewhere in the world. Well, what if that special someone was walking the halls of G. Ray Bodley High School? Recently the senior class handed out the Valentine’s Day Love Match Surveys to figure out if that’s possible.



Valentine Surveys have graced G. Ray Bodley several times before. However, this survey was different because it didn’t just include a top 10 list of best matches. It also had a top 10 list of who the worst match would be, a list of who your best friends would be, and a list of who you would not get along with. Added bonuses were an analysis of one’s Zodiac sign, what celebrities best fit your “mojo,” and what phrases best fit your lifestyle. Senior Kirsten Francis said, “I liked this version of the survey much more than the one from my freshman year. You get much more for your money and I loved finding out which celebrity would be my best friend.”

There was a resounding welcome to the return of this event. Senior class officers were swamped before lunch bells with students anxiously waiting to discover who their best match might be. Sophomore Taylor Noel questioned, “Why didn’t we do this last year?!” while freshman Matt Nelson said, “I am so excited! We better do this every year!”

As the results were opened, the students were greeted by many emotions, including one person who was laughing at the fact that the person they sit next to in math class is supposedly their perfect match. Junior Kassy McCann said, “it was really funny because my childhood sweetheart was first on mine!” Many were also humored by the fact that ex-boyfriends were on the “Not compatible list.” For Senior Morgan Stafford it was the opposite, “My boyfriend and I were fourth on each others not compatible list, luckily we didn’t take the piece of paper to heart and found it more amusing than if we were first on each others compatible list!”

There was an untold number of, “Oh my God you’re first on my list!” comments, followed by contagious laughter. Senior Nick Tallents, who accidentally checked “Female” when filling out the survey, was especially surprised when discovering which guy is his best love match.

Although it is highly unlikely that these surveys will lead to wedding bells in the future for an unsuspecting couple, students enjoyed the results none the less. Freshman Anthony Anderson said, “It was definitely not who I was suspecting to be on the paper and I actually ended

up throwing it out, but I’ll still be first in line to buy another one next year. It was a good way to make the day fun.†

Senior class President Katelyn Holbrook said, “this event has been an easy and fun way to raise money for the class. I love watching peoples faces as they read off the names on the list. We also raised a lot of money in the process, senior dinner dance here we come. Not to mention, Nicki Minaj was compatible with me!”

Overall the event was an astounding success for the senior class and

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the student body. The line that gathered outside the cafeteria, however, made me realize how obsessed with love and fellow classmates our school really is. This characteristic was a positive toward the senior class raising money, but struck a sense of curiosity in my mind. I wondered, “what if we had the price set at five dollars, how many students would still be obsessed with finding their results?” Or “if we had paper in a hat with names on it and said whatever name you pull out is who you will marry, how many people would line up to pull a name?” As high school students, we are fascinated with those around us and will gladly pay two dollars for names. This is a trait that blows my mind as well as lining the pockets of the senior class.

Quote of the day:

“We’re all a little weird and when we find those people whose weirdness is compatible we join up with them and fall into a mutually satisfying weirdness and call them our best friends.”

Cory Matthews, Boy Meets World

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Learning to ski: back on track at last!

By Tyler Crandell

After a two-week hiatus I wasn't really sure if I would even remember how to ski. With cancellations due to a snowday on February 1 and after school activities being canceled on the 8th, the remaining two Ski/Snowboard club trips were rescheduled for Tuesday and Thursday of this week. The last time I had been to the mountain I was hitting some of the challenging runs with ease and feeling pretty comfortable and confident. However due to the long break I lost some of that confidence and felt that this trip would be pretty much a refresher

Bizarre News of the Day

A new alarm clock has been created which cooks you bacon when it goes off. The clock, called the Wake n' Bacon, turns on 10 minutes before it's set to go off and slowly starts to cook frozen bacon beneath two halogen light bulbs.

A built-in fan then helps disperse the smell of bacon around the room to wake a person up. New York designer Matty Sallin came up with the invention and says the clock, "creates a mouthwatering smell just strong enough to wake you up." Sallin adds he's used to clock, "many times and it's great." He is now looking for a sponsor so he can make more of the clocks.

By Morgan Firenze

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run.

On the last trip I was able to experience the bus ride and appreciate just how long it was. This was due to the fact that I had forgotten my headphones for my iPod and wasn't able to just sit back and listen to music. I did have my headphones this time and the bus ride seemed much shorter with the music playing. That may partly be due to the fact that I fell asleep on the way there. Anyway, I had a "lunch" packed and was good to go, except I forgot to print out any equipment registration forms.

That meant that I just had to fill one out at the mountain so it wasn't really a big deal. What was a big deal was that it was extremely cold outside. This set me back the whole night as I ended up coming back to the lodge a bunch of times, compared to my usual single time just to eat. The frigid night began with my right boot being extremely tight and uncomfortable. So I tried to fix it on a bench outside by taking it off and putting it back on, and then I continued to the lift to see how it felt. It still felt terrible. I ended up going down the slope at about half speed because my foot was killing me when I put even a miniscule amount of extra pressure on it. So I had to head to the lodge after only one run because my boot was trying to kill me.

After a few more runs, I ended up eating pretty early and sitting around the lodge just to stay warm for a bit. Usually its hard to believe that people would just relax inside the lodge when the mountain is right there begging to be skied on. But this time it was understandable due to the temperature. After a bit I ended up heading over to the triple lift and stayed over there the rest of the night, going down the different slopes.

I've been keeping my run of not falling going ever since the second week, even though I've experienced some rough moments. I've been pretty off balance a few times and nearly fallen, only to catch myself at the last second. Tuesday night I had a bit of a scare. I met up with Club Advisor Mrs. Downing at the bottom of the lift and rode up with her. She wanted to see how I was progressing so said she wanted to see my turns. I started skiing down and I went to turn once and something went wrong. I managed to catch myself again somehow, but one ski ended up coming off, luckily not sliding down the mountain. That left me standing at the top of the run on one ski and one boot. I don't know how I pulled that off.

After skiing 16 runs the last trip, it would have been a major challenge to reach that number. With the temperature forcing me inside every now and then I ended up skiing about 11 or 12 runs.

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School of Thought compiled by James McKay & Colin Shannon

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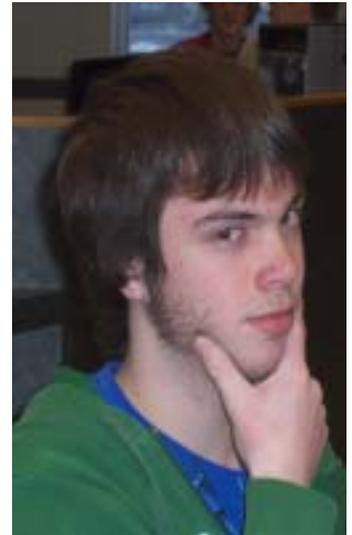
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Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



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Cloudy with rain showers. High around 40.
Record high: 66 (1954)
Avg. high: 37

Tonight:



Cloudy skies. Low in the low-20s.
Record low: -2 (1993);
Avg. low: 19

Tomorrow:



Mainly sunny. High in the mid-30s.
Record high: 63 (1954)
Avg. high: 37

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