



## Raiders rally, score big win over Chittenango

From “here we go again” to “off we go,” that was the case for the varsity boys lacrosse team on Tuesday as the Raiders pulled through to defeat Chittenango by a score of 10-5. This outcome is a much improved score and a little bit of payback after the Bears defeated the Raiders 9-8 earlier in the season. The first game required overtime, but that was not in the cards for Tuesday night’s game. The win marked the second victory for the laxmen, a much needed moral victory with only two games remaining.

As has been the case through most of their 12 losses, the Raiders came out to a slow start yet again, falling behind 3-1 in the first quarter. But from there the Raiders soon kick started the engine and put two goals into the net before the buzzer rang out across the complex signaling the first half had come to an end. The momentum began to swing in favor of the home team, as Fulton felt relieved to take the break tied at three.

The second half proved to be nothing but Raider pride, as the game began to take hold in the eyes of many as a potential win. The third quarter yielded a mirror image of the first, as the Raiders dropped three goals behind the Bears goalie, while junior net minder Colin Blake stood tall between the pipes, only allowing one during the twelve minute frame.

The fourth quarter had similar results, as the Raiders continued to pour it on, driving the final nail into the coffin. Fulton buried four goals while only allowing one defensively during the fourth quarter, as the Raiders cruised to victory. Senior Corey Crook stated after the game, “It feels good to get our second victory. I thought the team played very well and showed heart throughout the entire game.”

Leading the offensive charge was senior captain Brett Williams, who recorded an impressive three goals and four assists in the contest. Junior Ross Maxam also recorded the hat trick, blasting three behind the Bear’s goalie. Senior captain Corey Crook also found the back of the net twice, and senior Nathan Parsons placed a bouncer past the keeper.

Junior Bryan Benton also had a goal, and registered an assist in the contest, and senior Colin Shannon also had an assist in the effort. Blake recorded 11 saves on the evening, and

played a key role in the Raider victory.

The next contest for the Raiders will be senior “night” which will actually be taking place Saturday morning at 10 a.m., the morning of Prom. The game was moved back two hours from its original time of noon. The boys will be playing Whitesboro, the source of the laxmen’s first victory of the season. The first contest was dead even until the fourth quarter, when a Raider explosion led to a final score of

15-8. Be sure to come early and support the seniors in their final home game of their high school athletic careers, as festivities will be held at a little before 9:45 a.m. if all goes according to schedule.

The Raiders are looking to improve to 3-12, and this feat is very accomplishable. The game promises to be a solid contest, and the support is greatly appreciated by all the players.

*By Colin Shannon*



Fulton’s Corey Crook watches as the ball sails into the net behind Chittenango goaltender Adam Donner during action from Tuesday’s lacrosse game. Donner made 19 saves on the day but was overwhelmed by the comeback minded Raiders, who prevailed 10-5. (Kayla Hanczyk photo)

## Mexico completes sweep over Raider tennis

It seems like the badweather that kept the varsity boys tennis team off the courts has passed and that the team will be able to finish on schedule. That is, according to the revised schedule which has to accomodate all the makeup matches and therefore prolong the season. The team played Friday and Tuesday at home, both to Mexico and both matches went to the wire in 4-3 Fulton losses.

On Friday, Kyler Gardner at first singles, Mitch Lalik at third singles and Scott Bullard and Jon Bonning at third doubles won their matches, with the other four matches ending as Mexico victories and an overall loss for

Fulton. Mexico’s first singles player had to leave the match early and although the score was one set apiece, it resulted in a Fulton victory due to forfeit.

At home Fulton looked to turn just one match around in order to take the overall Victory. Gardner won at first singles in match play without the Mexico player leaving this time around. Everything else went according to Friday except first and third doubles. Mark Bailey and Tyler Crandell at first doubles played a long three-setter, winning 7-6 through a 7-5 tiebreaker and then losing 7-5 in the second.

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## Opinion

## The Great Outdoors: Opening weekend success, second week slump

By Daniel Summerville

This past weekend provided nice weather for hunters and fishermen alike. With Turkey season in its second week and four local fishing seasons just opening, last weekend was a busy one for most outdoorsmen. It was actually sunny for once, making spending time outdoors much more enjoyable.

Luckily for anglers, Oneida Lake was open to boaters in Oswego County, though it was still closed in Oneida County. The walleye were biting in large numbers, making it worthwhile for sportsmen to get out on the lake. The walleye tournament that was held over the weekend may not have had as many participants as normal due to the high water, but it was still successful.



### Bizarre news of the day

A deer has been standing watch for several days over a female goose nesting in a city cemetery, a scene normally reserved for a children's movie. "People always want to turn it into a Disney story and in this case it's not far off," said Gina Browning, director of the Erie County SPCA.

For at least four days, the buck stood guard near the nest of a Canada Goose as she sits on her eggs inside a large urn at Forest Lawn cemetery, home to the remains of President Millard Fillmore and rock icon Rick James.

"He does appear to be guarding the goose, as it were," Erie County SPCA Wildlife Administrator Joel Thomas said. "He's within touching distance of her — there's no doubt what's going on." The deer, which he said looks like a buck that has shed its antlers, has not strayed from his post.

"When I approached the bird with a net, the deer puts itself between me and the bird, and he's repeated that behavior for some time," he said. Typically positioning himself broadside to any car or passerby who comes near the nest, the deer stares intently until the potential aggressor moves on, Thomas said.

"From a human standpoint we can fill in a lot of blanks but it doesn't mean we're right," he said. "Does he know she's nesting? I don't know. Is he going to leave when the chicks hatch? I don't know." One thing is clear: It could go on for some time, considering the gestation period of a Canada Goose is about 31 days.

*By Morgan Firenze*

The winning 25 inch walleye was caught by a 19 year old Brewerton angler on Saturday. While not everyone managed to catch fish that big, most people did manage to catch at least a few fish, many even reaching their limit of five fish.

While anglers were out on the lake for the first time, hunters were once again in the woods, searching for turkeys. It is clear that opening weekend educated the birds; there were far fewer gunshots in my hunting area than there were on the first of May. By now, the turkeys know that they are being hunted and will go through a lot of trouble to stay hidden.

With the greenery finally starting to grow again, it will be even harder to spot turkeys in the woods, and it will not be long before the hayfields that they frequent are too overgrown to see them. Hunters must work harder than normal to call in the birds, it has been a tough year so far,

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and many turkeys are not even gobbling now. When the toms do not gobble, it makes it a lot harder to locate the elusive birds. The only thing that hunters can do is to persevere and keep trying, eventually it will pay off.

With Memorial Day weekend coming up at the end of the month, there is sure to be more people in the woods and out on the lake. Hunters still have a few weeks to bag a bird, and with the water levels going down anglers have plenty of time to get back to the lakes. Students will be able to take full advantage of the long weekend, getting one last chance to bag a turkey this spring. With the weather as nice as it is, everyone should get outside and enjoy the outdoors.

### Quote of the day:

**"No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar."**

*~Abraham Lincoln*

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In the News

**Mile run makeup today**

Last week, G Ray Bodley High School gym classes ran the mile for the bi-annual fitness evaluation. Many students were not in school on the day that their gym classes ran the mile, due to Advanced Placement tests and other reasons. The mile is a required part of gym class, so because there were so many students absent the teachers have been forced to hold a make-up mile run.

The final make-up mile will be held at 2:30 p.m. on the track today. The mile is an integral part of the fitness evaluation, as well as a good chunk of a student's gym grades. Any student who missed the mile and wants a decent gym grade this quarter should try and make it up.

Most students do not enjoy the mile run, as it can be tiring, but it really is not that bad. A mile is a mile, four laps around the track. It might be hard for some people, but it is not something to be afraid of. Besides, the mile is not graded by speed, but by effort and participation.

*By Daniel Summerville*

**Tennis team** (from page one)

In the third set Fulton upped their game and came up with a 6-2 win. At third doubles Fulton went down 6-3, 6-4 while putting up a good fight. However with first and third doubles flip-flopping, the overall score stayed 4-3 to Mexico, giving the team a second disappointing loss in five days.

The boys travel to Cortland tonight to play a rare doubleheader, with two matches in a row. With a long bus ride home and the potential to have some long matches, the team is likely in for a long night. With much of the team taking the AP Economics exam in the morning, it is likely that there will be some players sleeping on the bus. With the Mexico matches putting Fulton's record at 2-, this is their opportunity to get back to .500.

*By Tyler Crandell*

**Track teams hosting ES-M, Fowler today**

This afternoon will bring the Raider track team their second home meet, and hopefully more success as the 1-3 Raiders look to beat both East Syracuse-Minoa and Fowler.

Like always Justin Armour will be running the 100 meter dash for the Raiders, but this time he is not favored to win. Instead Fowler's Jamal Reed, who has run an 11 flat, looks to take first. Junior Mark Aldasch is favored in his favorite events, the 110 hurdles, and the 400 hurdles, along with his younger brother Connor. Another exciting event will be the 400 meter dash. With Zach Howell back to full strength, and running 53 seconds, he looks to score points for the Raiders. The 200 meter dash will again pit Armour against Reed, in what should be a much closer race.

The 4x100 will be an extremely close relay, with Armour, Joe Rusaw, Mark Aldasch, and Don Wilmot looking to win it. The 4x800 relay will also be a good race, as ES-M has a very experienced distance crew, and will push the team of Kyle Loftus, Howell, Bailey Lutz, and Alan Cronk. The 4x400 relay is one the Raiders feel is a must win, and with three of the main runners healthy and ready to go, they will look to score points in this event. The team is made up of Howell, Wilmot, Casey Holden, and Armour, all of whom are sub 60 second runners.

In the field events, Mat Shoults, Lyndon Manford, Nick Morse, and Chad Carr all look to place, in what they hope will be dominating. In the discus and shot put, these four have already beaten everyone from each team. High Jump will be an exciting event, with Casey Holden and Nick Tallents both showing improvement throughout the season.

Saturday's South Jefferson Invitational brought some new personal bests to Raider track and field members, and one school



**Pole vaulter Craig Weaver and the rest of the Raider Track and Field teams will be back in action today when Fulton plays host to Fowler and East Syracuse-Minoa. Action for both the boys and girls commences at 4:45 p.m. (James Ireland photo)**

record. Justin Armour placed eighth in the 100 meter dash, running a season low 12.2. In the open 200, Joe Rusaw placed 16th overall. Rob Lagowski ran his personal best of a 1:23 in the 400, to place 13th overall.

Junior Mark Aldasch placed fifth in the 110 hurdles, running a season best of 18.05, and ninth in the 400 hurdles with a season best of 1:05. Mickey Noble placed 21st with a 1:17. In the field events Don Wilmot placed sixth in long jump with a leap of 17-feet-6 and third in triple jump with a personal record 39-feet-2. Nick Morse placed eighth in the discus throw with a season best of 110 feet.

Although he threw a season low 95 feet, senior Mat Shoults placed 16th. In the shot put, Morse and Shoults placed 10th and 11th. Kyle Loftus set a new personal record in the mile, running a 4:58. The sprint medley relay which was run by Zach Howell, Armour, Wilmot, and Loftus, was run in 4:01, placing fourth and beating the school record time of 4:24.

*By Don Wilmot*

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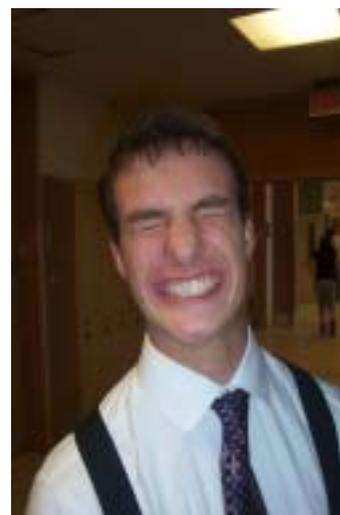
"It was entertaining."

Jeff Rusaw



"It was intriguing!"

Alisia Sciacca



"It was very interesting."

Ross Maxam

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Sun and a few clouds.  
High in the low-70s.  
Record high: 89 (1953).  
Avg. high: 67.

**Tonight:**



Mainly clear. Low in the  
mid-40s.  
Record low: 30 (1966).  
Avg. low: 44.

**Tomorrow:**



Sun and a few clouds.  
High in the low-70s.  
Record high: 84 (1993).  
Avg. high: 67.

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