



Long wait is over with first home track meet

By Don Wilmot

Friday's Oswego county meet brought more light on to the Red Raider track team. Although there were no first place finishes, everyone was proud of their times and performances.

Senior Justin Armour finished fifth in the 100 meter dash, with a time of 12.1 seconds. In the 4x100 meter relay, the team of Justin Armour, Connor Aldasch, Mark Aldasch, and Don Wilmot took six seconds off of their personal best, and placed sixth overall.

Eighth grader Bailey Lutz ran a 5:21 in the novice 1600, placing fourth. A senior, Nick Morse, threw a 38-foot-3 in shot put to place third. In the long and triple jump Wilmot placed third, with season lows 18-foot-one-half inch, and a 36-foot-11. Casey Holden also placed third in the high jump, with a leap of 5-foot-4. Josh Drake placed fourth in the pole vault, matching his career best of 8-foot-6. Fulton's 4x400 relay team placed fourth, with a team of Justin Armour, Jim Ireland, Don Wilmot, and Casey Holden. In the freshman sprint medley relay, the Raiders placed third with a 4:32, while in the 4x800 meter relay, Fulton placed fourth, running a 9:49.

The Raiders have been hard at work this week preparing for the defending league champions Jamesville-Dewitt, and new to the league, Homer this afternoon in the first ever home meet at 4:30 p.m. on the new Fulton track. Fulton has seen Homer at the ES-M invitational, and beat them in nearly every event, but has not seen J-D.

The Rams offer a great competition, as Justin Armour will have his hands full with Ira Griffin, who has run an 11.1 in the 100 meter dash. Mark Aldasch, will be squaring off

Prom ticket deadline

Time is running out to purchase tickets for the 2011 Junior Prom, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at Bayshore in Oswego. Tickets may be purchased from Class Advisor Mr. Lacey for \$35 per ticket.

Juniors are also reminded that voting for the prom king and queen is taking place this Friday, May 6, and that all prom contracts must be turned in by the end of the day on Friday.

against Will Sterikker in the 110 hurdles, as well as Eric Nuss in the 400 hurdles.

In the 4x100 J-D has run a best of 44 seconds, 7 seconds faster than Fulton. In the triple jump, Wilmot and Tallents will have to beat Sterikker, who has a best of 37-foot-9. Morse and Mat Shoults will look to beat Ryan Peters, and Brian Roth, a 40 foot thrower, and a 35 foot thrower. Drake and Craig Weaver will look to beat their personal bests, against J-D's Zach Liebmann, who has cleared 10 feet in the pole vault. Amani Jackson has jumped a 19 foot long jump; so Wilmot will look to jump his best to beat Jackson. Casey Holden and Joe Rusaw have a chance to beat the J-D high jumpers, who have both bested at 5-foot-4.

In the discus, Peters is the man to beat, and he has a season best of 114 feet. By far, the most exciting event of the night will be the 4x400 meter relay, as with the return of Zach Howell, the Raiders have a chance to take down J-D's power house team which has already run a 3:52 this season.

For Fulton and Homer things are less competitive in some events. The 100 meter dash

should be easily won by Justin Armour, as he will face Andras Tozser, who only runs a 13.9. With a 4x100 meter relay team with a best of 49.2 seconds, the Raiders have a chance at winning that too. With no discus throwers over 100 feet, Mat Shoults, who set a new personal best throw of 137 feet, Lyndon Manford and Nick Morse look to gain a sweep against the Trojans. Wilmot, Howell, and Ireland will look to go 1,2,3, as well, with Homer's best jumper only jumping a 13-foot-10.

In the shot put, none of Homer's throwers have thrown over a 35, so Shoults, Manford and Morse again look to place 1,2,and 3 in this event. The Trojans best triple jumper jumps a 36-foot-11, Wilmot, and Nick Tallents will look to place first and second.

In the pole vault, with Drake matching his personal best last Friday and the 8 foot vaulted by Homer seems like a potential win for Drake. With a 17.6 second 110 hurdles sprinter, Mark Aldasch will have his hands full when it comes time to race. Aldasch will also have his hands full with David Harris, who runs a 1:06 in the 400 hurdles.



Junior Kayla Distin, a top performer at the recent Oswego County Invitational, will lead the Fulton girls into action this afternoon against Jamesville-Dewitt and Homer in a meet that will help christen the new track and field surface at the high school. Today's 4:30 p.m. meet will mark Fulton's first home meet in almost three years.

Opinion

Sony's security problem not as bad as coverup

By Jennifer Woodruff

Over 77 million PlayStation user accounts have been corrupted in a cyber-attack against the Sony Corporation database, and everyone is up in arms trying to get straight answers from the company.

After quite a number of days of being told that a "bug" in the system was the cause, the company finally issued a message stating that it was actually a hacker. Yes, the huge hack was able to steal the majority of personal information from users. Yes, there goes all of your privacy to someone who can use it in whatever way they wish to.

One can only imagine that the large chunk of PlayStation Network passwords stolen can unlock everything from e-mail accounts to online



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banking. As with any hack, the hacker only needs you to open an e-mail or a website link while using the PlayStation Network for their plan to expand even further. So, if you've done any online banking lately, you had best monitor your bank account closely.

I don't blame Sony for a hacker's shenanigans, but I do blame Sony for lying about the issue when it first arose. Sony gave no true message to individual users about the problem with their personal accounts; they merely issued a statement insinuating that the problem would be resolved in "a day or two." With the whole PlayStation Network database hijacked, it was obviously unknown to the computer wizards at Sony how long it would take to gain full control again. I do understand that there can be a flaw in any controlled environment, but I do not agree with not informing the public about the real situation concerning users personal information.

The question is, what happens next?

Instead of falling for more gaming corporation quandaries, why not start going to used game and console stores to get some of the oldies? I would hope that at least some of the people in this world still play, or have held onto, their first Gameboy or Super Nintendo. Whether you play with the older or the newer systems, here is a tip for you; don't set up any account with Sony until everything has been sorted out, and it is safe to start playing *Mortal Kombat* again.

On a somewhat brighter note, Nintendo has just announced the retirement of the ever popular, Nintendo Wii. Yes, due to a loss in sales, even though over 86 million Wii units have been sold since its release in 2006, new Wiis will no longer be in circulation. There will, however, be a mysterious new version of the Wii console for consumers to get hyped up for!

Nintendo has failed to bring any specifics to the table, so whatever this new version is must be worth waiting for! All the company said was that the new system "could help the flagging Japanese company." It also announced that net sales dropped 29% during the fiscal year ending March 31, with net income plunging 66%. That was worse than the year before, when net sales fell 22% and net income dropped 18%.

The company also revealed its yearly financial results for 2010, marking a big drop in net profit, which was \$825 million — 66 percent less than in 2009. So, as we ponder over what the capabilities this console will have, we have the opportunity to see it during the 2011 E3 Gathering on June 7-9. A fully functional prototype for Nintendo lovers will be on display, and everyone will get to have a go at it. Will this new console have internet capabilities, or will it lag behind (and also go into an early retirement) just as Nintendo's GameCube did so many years ago?

So, as the Sony PlayStation Corporation is desperately urging users to ensure their credit card is not being used, Nintendo is pulling for their consumers to prepare to spend some more cash on yet another Internet-enabled device. Hopefully all will turn out well, and Nintendo will not be among the other corporate networks being infiltrated.

Quote of the day:

"Happiness is excitement that has found a settling down place. But there is always a little corner that keeps flapping around."

~E.L. Konigsburg

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Opinion

The Great Outdoors:

Walleye opens soon, bullheads are biting now

By Daniel Summerville

Though the past few days have given us rather miserable weather, Central New York Fishermen are still optimistic about next week's weather. Now that the local waterways are clear of ice, fishermen are itching to get out and do some fishing. With a major fishing season opening on the seventh of May, nothing will stop sportsmen from getting out to their favorite fishing spots.

Walleye season is one of the most anticipated fishing seasons in New York. Thousands of fishermen wake up early in the morning and launch their boats, hoping to find a good fishing spot. Luckily for local anglers, Oswego County borders one of the most popular Walleye fishing destinations in the state; Oneida Lake. Every year on the first Saturday of May the docks are crowded with anglers, yearning to get out onto the lake. By 5 a.m., the boat launches are filled with anxious people. By sunrise, the whole 22 mile long lake is covered by countless boats. Everyone on the lake will be hoping to catch their five fish limit, relentlessly searching for the popular but sometimes elusive fish.

Anyone who has ever seen the masses of walleye that group near the Oneida Fish Hatchery in the weeks before fishing season opens may find it hard to believe that there are people who come back to shore empty handed. In late April, the shallow creek near the hatchery is so full of fish that observers cannot see the gravelly bottom. The fish may number in the thousands, but once they get into the lake, they will disperse and become much harder to find.

Rain or shine, there is little doubt that Oneida Lake will be covered in boats when the sun rises on the seventh. Even if the fish are not biting, anglers are sure to try their hardest to catch their limit. Sportsmen must remember to be respectful out on the lake, with so many people out at once, there is sure to be a few disagreements over fishing rights. Remember, no matter what, there will be enough walleye; it only takes a little bit of skill and patience to catch them.

The rainiest April on record has continued on into May and has definitely left its mark, flooding streets and basements alike. As people recover from the harsh weather, they may be unaware that there are some creatures that actually enjoy the high water levels.

Bullheads and other fish find it easier to find food as the water is



stirred up. They often congregate in the mouths of streams and sometimes even venture up the flooded waterways. Though the brown muddy water may be an eyesore to people, it is full of food and nutrients for fish. Anywhere anglers can get near the mouth of a stream they are sure to be able to snag a few bullheads.

Bullheads are not the most beautiful of fish, as their whiskers make them less than attractive, but nevertheless, they are a popular sport fish and can be taken in any number any time of year, day or night. Bullheads are notoriously hard to clean, as they are extremely slippery and cannot be fileted. The venomous barbs on their fins make them quite difficult to hold onto without receiving a sting and a fair amount of pain. Their meat can sometimes be a bit strong, but many people still enjoy eating the common fish.

Bullheads can be quite easy to catch, as they will bite on almost anything. They are a popular fish to catch, and produce quite a bit of fight for their relatively small size. Bullhead fishing can provide an afternoon of fun for all age groups. Anglers should take advantage of the wet weather and try to catch a few Bullheads. Once the waters calm down, they will be quite a bit harder to find.

Bizarre news of the day

A farmer painted his entire flock of sheep orange to discourage thieves, after a rise in rustling. John Heard decided desperate measures were needed to stop the raids that were decimating his flocks.

And his solution to the problem has created an eye-catching sensation on his farm after he turned his sheep orange. The 48-year-old has put his flock of 250 blackface ewes through a harmless dip of orange dye making them so highly visible wary thieves are giving them a wide berth.

Mr. Heard had lost 200 sheep over the past few years but says the orange dye is working wonders. "Sheep rustling has become a big problem with ewes worth around £140 each. My flock roams around and I was getting mighty fed-up with losing so many." He explained.

"My son James suggested the orange dye and although it produces some strange looking sheep it has done the trick and I haven't lost one this year. It works because they are so easy to distinguish making it easier for me and my neighbors to keep a wary eye out for them. Plus the rustlers are obviously nervous about stealing such easily distinguished animals." The dye eventually wears off with no side effects for the animals but has caused bemused reactions from onlookers.

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How much money has the prom cost you so far?



"Between 400 and 500 dollars."



"About a thousand dollars."



"Between 200 and 300 dollars."



"Around 300 dollars."

Michaela Best

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Emma Whitmore

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Chance shower. High around 50.
Record high: 88 (2001).
Avg. high: 64.

Tonight:



A few rain showers. Low in the mid-30s.
Record low: 27 (19866).
Avg. low: 42.

Tomorrow:



Sunny with a few showers. High in the mid-50s.
Record high: 85 (1980).
Avg. high: 64.

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