



ES-M + J-D = long, long day for Raider sides

There was not a lot for Fulton fans to cheer about when all was said and done on Wednesday. East Syracuse-Minoa and Jamesville-Dewitt made sure of that by sending the Raider cross country, tennis and golf teams to lopsided defeats.

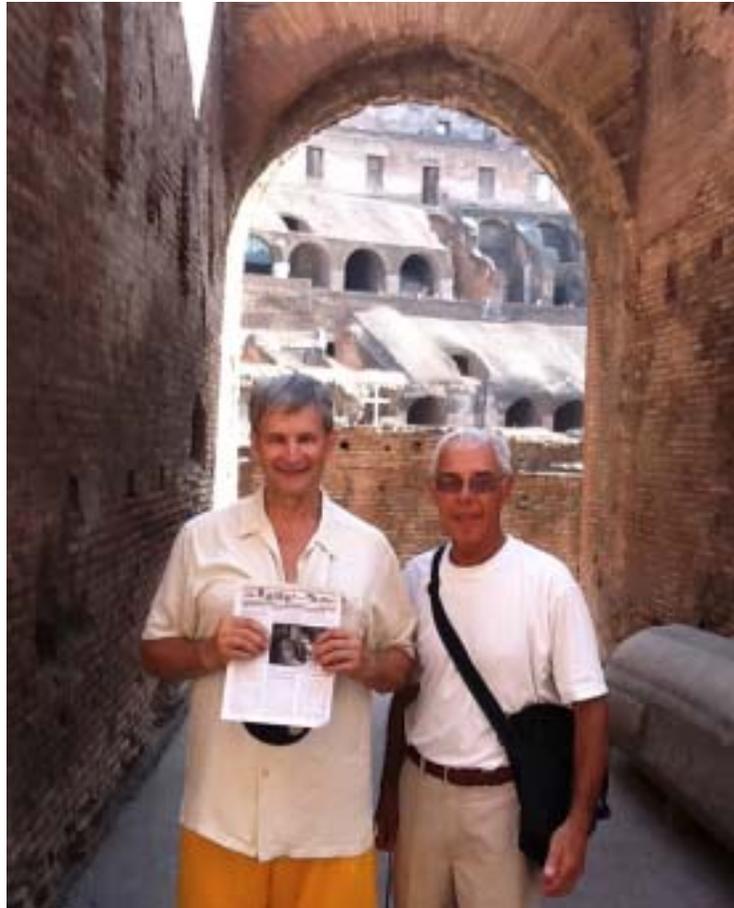
The Spartans ran past their Fulton counterparts 15-46 and 15-49 in cross country while J-D charged to a 7-0 win in girls tennis and registered a 190-228 victory in golf.

The ES-M boys had their way of things in a 15-46 final by grouping their top five runners within a 17 second span on Wednesday. Joe and Mike Coogan set the pace at 18:31.1 and 18:31.3 respectively to leave the Raiders on the long side of the finish line. Kyle Loftus topped the Fulton charge by placing sixth in 18:51 with Bailey Lutz eighth overall at 19:07 followed by Dylan Holden at 19:12.

The Spartan girls were even more dominant, grabbing the top seven places paced by Gabby Palotta's 21:15.1 finish. Mary West was the lone Raider to break the ES-M domination that saw them take nine of the top 10 places as she finished seventh in 22:45.1.

Jamesville-Dewitt made quick work of the Raiders on the tennis court, improving to 7-1 on the season at the expense of an 0-7 Fulton side. The Rams never lost a set and game up just 13 games with the exception of second doubles, where Fulton's Anna Guernsey and Caitlin Lavoie battled well before falling 7-5, 6-3 to J-D's Mary Miller and Karley Platenik.

It was a similar story on the links as J-D cruised to 7-1 on the season by leaving Fulton winless in nine starts. Erik Davis fired a medalist round of 34 for the winners with Fulton's Connor Goss finishing tied for third at 38. Alex Bateman carded a 44 and C.J. Barbera finished at 48 for Fulton.



All roads lead to The Raider student newspaper. Recently retired GRB English teacher Mr. Molinari, right, and former Bodley Latin teacher Mr. Crisafulli display the school paper at the famed Coliseum in Rome, Italy earlier this week. Readers are urged to submit their photos of RaiderNet Daily and The Raider for this feature.

Environmental Club is off and recycling

Last Thursday The G. Ray Bodley High School Environmental Club had its first meeting of this school year. There was a very good turn out for the meeting, with a wide variety in the grades of the students who attended. The meeting discussions consisted of signing up for recycling stations, talk of projects, and what trips will be taken.

Last year's environmental trip to Beaver Lake was a success, so it is planned to go there again this year and snowshoe. On Friday in the halls one could see the Environmental Club recycling. Madeleine Clark, an active member of the club, commented that, "this year we are a lot more organized, and I look forward to all the weird things found in the recycling bins."

At the next meeting, the clubs officers will be discussed. When asked for a comment, advisor Mr. Mainville said, "As always the Environmental Club promotes sustainability through double-sided copies." If anyone is interested, the Environmental Club has a meeting the first Monday of the month, also known as "Movie Monday," because there will always be an environmental themed movie shown. If there is a change in the meeting day there will be an announcement. New members are welcome to join for the fun and experiences shared.

By Siera Maher

Opinion

Don't be so quick to judge others

By Tony Torrese

Last Wednesday the Syracuse Newspapers published an article involving a concerned parent accusing Fulton football and wrestling head coach Michael Conners of not allowing his son to try out for the varsity football team. Apparently it was such big news that they decided to highlight it on the first page of that day's newspaper.



Immediately following the posting of the article to the internet on Syracuse.com, there were comments from users of the community gossiping about the Fulton coach, with some even going so far as to state that he is getting, "what he deserves." This, however, is unjustifiable and rude, as Americans are considered innocent until proven guilty. The added stress and drama in his life due to a decidedly one-sided article and jealous community members is totally uncalled for, as he has enough trouble at home on a daily basis.

For those of you who are unaware, on April 3, 2010 Coach Conners' son Timmy was diagnosed with leukemia at Upstate's Golisano Children's Hospital. Since the diagnosis Timmy has battled bravely and overcome the odds, returning to the high school when the doors first opened this September, despite losing his sight. However, as of right now, through the help of the community and through some of the best doctors in the country, the cancer is in a dormant state. Even so, every day is a fight for the Conners' family, and one worth fighting for. Through the help and care of the community the Conners have made life for their son a life worth living for.

And that's what puzzles me about so many of the comments.

For some members of the community who just a year ago put on a fundraising event for the Conners family at Lakeview Lanes Bowling Alley to so suddenly abandon ship and turn their heads at the sight of an article that only presents one side of the story troubles me dearly. A community is supposed to be like a brotherhood; supporting what is right and helping fellow neighbors out when times are tough.

Michael Conners has done far too much for the community in the past 25 years to receive such criticism. From developing strong minded individuals, to winning team sectional titles year after year,

he is one of the few good eggs Fulton has left to offer. The Conners family helps organize numerous team fundraisers to benefit the athletes that he so dearly cares about. He has team dinners at his house to develop a sense of unity and family among the teams he coaches. He even helps out those who are not enrolled on any sports team at all. Coach Conners goes out of his way day in and day out to benefit the well-being of the community. He is consistently giving, but

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never asks for anything in return.

As a student at G. Ray Bodley and an athlete who competes under Coach Conners, it troubles me to see someone who acts so selflessly undergo such a situation. I do not in any way hope to influence the outcome of the predicament, instead I only ask that you, the community, keep supporting a family that has done so much for our local community. The facts in this matter will eventually come out, but until then stop undermining a man who has done so much for all of us. And as always, keep tugging for Tim.

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**NFL picks
return on
Friday!**

Quote of the day:

**"All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances, And one man in his time plays many parts."
William Shakespeare, *As You Like It***

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The lighter side of life

By Madeline Clark



Premiere week for TV shows

Even though fall means the start of school, there is a silver lining to the dark cloud as the season premieres of some of our favorite shows are finally here. Shows such as *Mike & Molly*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *NCIS*, *Two and a Half Men*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *Castle*, and many more are back with all-new episodes.

The new 2011-2012 season began on Tuesday night on CBS with the season premiere of *Two and a Half Men* at 7:30 pm. The new season began with Charlie Sheen's replacement, Ashton Kutcher, taking on ownership of the famed beach house. Its sure to be an exciting and energetic season. The night continued with the hit comedy *Mike & Molly* at 9:30 pm, also on CBS. It's a show about two people who fell in love when they met in a weight-loss class. The season is set to continue every Monday at 9:30 pm on CBS. If you are a fan of comedy, you might want to check out *Mike & Molly*.

Another show you may want to check out would be *The Big Bang Theory*. This hit comedy airs every Thursday night at 8 pm on CBS and is about four physicists and their neighbor, who is a want to be actress. This season begins tonight at 8 pm., and it will be an hour long episode for what is normally a half hour show. This season premiere will be an exciting one.

ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* kicked off on Monday night with a two hour season premiere. The cast includes Chaz Bono, Rob Kardashian, Carson Kressley, Ron Artest, Nancy Grace, Ricki Lake, and a few more. The season continues next Monday, September 26, at 8 pm on ABC. CBS hit show *NCIS* kicked off with their season premiere at 8 pm. The season will continue next Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 8 pm. This year's new season premieres and new shows have kicked off to a great start. **By Michaela Best**

Bizarre News of the Day:

You'll never believe where Waldo ended up this time

A Norwich, England man has had a huge 'Where's Wally?' scene - featuring 150 characters - tattooed on his back. John Mosley's tattoo shows a view of Norwich with the city's castle and two cathedrals in the background. It took tattooist Rytch Soddy 24 hours to create the scene - helping to raise £2,000 for charity in the process. It also features some unusual characters including Darth Vader, a horse riding in a chariot pulled by two Romans and a man carrying a sabretooth tiger. Wally himself - wearing his trademark glasses, red and white striped top, bobble hat and blue trousers - is hidden behind a trio of women in bathing costumes.

Mr. Mosley, a 22-year-old music producer, said: "It will be a talking point for years to come. People will look at my back and have fun searching around for Wally."

The money raised will be donated to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London.

Where's Wally was created by British illustrator Martin Handford and features the distinctive explorer hidden in montage scenes from throughout the ages. The books have been published in 28 countries and have also been turned into a TV series comic strip and video games. While he is Wally in Britain, he is known as Waldo in the USA, Hugo in Sweden, Willy in Norway and Charlie in France.

By Morgan Firenze

Raider Sports

New season, same success for Raider volleyball

By Ross Maxam

In case some of you around G. Ray Bodley haven't already noticed, the JV and varsity girls volleyball teams have made the transition from winter to fall for their future Section 3 seasons. They also have moved to playing in the GRB gym instead of Fairgrieve Elementary's facilities, finally getting a chance to play their home games at their home school.

This makes the girls the only teams in the gymnasium at this time, which makes it much easier on practice scheduling. There is also no longer a need for transportation to the other side of town for practices.

When asked how she felt about the move, Senior Kassy McCann stated, "I love it, with our goal being winning sectionals we can now advance to the state tournament. We also don't have to worry about games or practices getting cancelled since the season ends before crappy weather rolls around."

Since most sections play in the fall, the state tournament is held at that time. This is a realistic goal for the girls as they have been in the sectional title game six years in a row, winning two of those matches.

Fellow senior Jordan Rizzo also shared praise for the move, saying, "I'm happy we get the opportunity to play for a state cham-



Returning all-league performer Erika Johnson has picked up where she left off last winter to lead the Raiders in kills with 48. (RND file photo)

pionship, and I don't have to worry about driving through a snow storm to get to practice any more."

So far the girls have started the season off strong. Their win on Tuesday over Cazenovia put them at 4-1 on the season with their only loss coming to a very good Oswego team. Leading the team in kills with 48 is Senior Erika Johnson, an all-league selection a year ago. Behind Johnson are Seniors Kayla Jones and Jordan Rizzo with 22, and 20 respectively. Junior Sara Campoleita has 22 in the early parts of the 2011 campaign. First year varsity player Tiffany Trovato is controlling the libero position with 40 digs.

Despite the switch in seasons and in some cases even opponents, the girls have started well as head coach and G. Ray Bodley Phys. Ed. teacher Mrs. Richardson has them in top form and looking to continue the tradition of excellence that has carried through so many previous winters.

Yankee star Rivera sets MLB saves record

May 17th, 1996. A young righty by the name of Mariano Rivera was stepping on the bump to attempt his first career save, after a year and a half of being the set-up man in the Yankee bullpen.

One hit and three strikeouts later, the save was achieved, and the official start to the greatest closer of all-time had begun. Now here we are, 5,537 days, 15 years, and 602 saves later and Mariano Rivera has etched himself in baseball history forever as the greatest closer to ever play the great game.

With his 602nd save Rivera passed Trevor Hoffman for the all-time lead. The save became an official stat in 1969 by a sportswriter named Jerome Holtzman. A save is credited when a pitcher comes in with his team ahead, with the tying run on base, at bat or on deck.

What makes Mariano so amazing is his devastating cut-fastball that has intimidated hitters for what seems like eons. It has led him to a 2.23 career ERA and 0.99 ERA in the World Series, along with 11 saves and 47 postseason saves that don't even count toward his career total. He has won many awards in his years of domination as well, winning Relief Man of the Year on 14 different occasions.

Save number 602 could not have been scripted any better. On a nice New York City day, with the sun gleaming down on historic Yankee Stadium, the guitar solo of Enter Sandman was ripping its way through the stands, preceded by a large roar of the Yankee faithful. Rivera started off the inning with a ground out to Yankee second baseman Robinson Cano and a fly out to right fielder, Chris Dickerson. One couldn't have imagined the last out any other way, as he struck out the Minnesota Twins Chris Parmelee on a 93 MPH cutter. History was set and the crowd went into a frenzy.

By Tyler Terramiggi



Longtime Yankee standout Mariano Rivera etched his name into the record books with his 602nd career save.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Golf vs. ESM-Blue/Phoenix @ Erie Village (3:30); Girls soccer vs. ES-M (5 p.m.); Boys soccer @ Fowler (4:30); Vball @ Skaneateles (JV-4:30, V-6:00)

Fri. Sept. 23: V tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); JV tennis vs. Chittenango (4:30); V football vs. Fowler @ Corcoran (5 p.m.)

Sat. Sept. 24: Cross country @ B'ville Invitational (10 am); JV football vs. S. Jefferson (10 am); JV Vball @ Marcellus Tourney (9 am)



School of Thought compiled by Mariah Munger

If there was one thing you could change about GRB what would it be?



"That every interaction between students and teachers would be respectful, every day."
Mr. Buchanan



"The Lunches".
Dylan Holden



"More Passes."
Julia Spier



"Seniors should have more priviledges."
Sentina Smith

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with showers and storms.

75°

Average: 71°
Record: 88° (1965)

Tonight:



Cloudy skies.

58°

Average: 50°
Record: 35° (1991)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with showers.

72°

Average: 69°
Record: 90° (1969)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com
Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.