Quality over quantity as Raider boys prevail 1-0

They don’t ask how in sports, just how many? So on a night when the Raiders managed only two shots on goal on East Syracuse-Minoa goalkeeper Casey Sullivan while Fulton keeper Tyler French handled nine saves, the only thing that mattered was the one that got away.

Thankfully for the Raiders, it came off the foot of senior striker Joe Sutton at 17:15 of the first half, and from there French made it stand for a crucial 1-0 victory over the visiting Spartans. Improving their mark to 8-3-3 overall while dropping ES-M to 9-5-1, Fulton stood tall behind a big showing from defenders Brandon Lockwood and Carlos Feliciano as well as midfielders Ross Maxam and Jeff Waldron. Fulton will be looking to double their winnings for the week when the Raiders play host to CBA on Thursday at 7 pm. The team will also be honoring its senior performers prior to the game.

The Fulton girls found themselves on the other side of a one goal finale on Tuesday when they dropped a 2-1 decision at ES-M. Alex McEachron dished out assists to Sarah Britton and Amanda Wall as the Spartans scored a goal in each half. Kayla Distin answered with a second half marker as the girls fell to 8-5-1 overall at the expense of the 9-5 Spartans. Allyson Bricker finished with six saves for the Raiders, who travel to CBA on Thursday in their next encounter.

Senior night didn’t go quite as planned for the Raider volleyball team on Tuesday when Westhill spoiled the party with a 3-1 triumph. The visitors won the first two games 25-21 and 25-20 before Fulton rallied with a 25-18 game three win. That was as close as the 9-4 Raiders could come, however, as Westhill rebounded to win 25-17 to improve to 7-6 on the season. Annaleigh Gedney paced the Warriors with 36 assists and 18 digs to offset a 20 assist, four block effort by Fulton’s Emily Ervin. Erika Johnson had 9 kills and 20 blocks with eight digs and Kassy McCann delivered four aces and 11 digs for the Raiders.

The varsity football team will face local rival Oswego this Saturday in a cross-over match-up starting at 5 pm in Fulton. The Bucs will be coming off a 24-14 loss to Rome Free Academy on Tuesday that saw their record drop to 0-8.

Meet the cast of The Odd Couple!
Zachariah Mizener
Grade: 12  Years in Quirk’s: Cuatro
Role in show: Roy (Stortego)
Zachariah is a member of the varsity tennis team, and is in the drama club.
Zachariah’s message to future Quirk’s Players is, “She be aight.”

Meet the crew of The Odd Couple!
Laura Perwitz
Grade: 11  Years in Quirk’s: 3
Laura is a member of the drama club, indoor track team, spring track team, and the class of 2013 officers. She is looking forward to new experiences from working with Quirk’s Players.
Laura’s message to future Quirk’s Players is to, “Have fun while you can. It goes by fast, so get to know as many people as you can, and make some new friends.”

Compiled by Laura Perwitz

Fri. & Sat. Oct. 21-22
7:30 pm Tickets $8/$7 for senior citizens and children under 12
It’s just another “Matrix Monday” Why?

By Laura Perwitz

As students, we know the rules and expectations of the school. Kids can either choose to follow the rules, or to not follow the rules.

If we already know the rules and expectations of the school, then why do we have to sit in homeroom every Monday and talk about them? By this stage of the game, aren’t we supposed to be trusted to follow the rules?

I feel as if my time is being wasted in homeroom going over rules we already know. I understand what the school is trying to do, but honestly, it’s not working. If you think about it, about half of the kids listen to what their homeroom teacher is talking about while explaining the matrix. And if you think about it, homerooms aren’t that big, so teachers are lucky if they get about three kids to listen to them. We as students don’t like matrix Monday, because we do think it’s pointless. We should not have to be taught again and again what we already know.

What the students of G. Ray Bodley want is for Matrix Monday to be gone. We dislike having things explained to us twice, and some of us have been here for two, three and even four years, and we understand what it is that we are to do.

So why waste our time?

Why waste our time with something so pointless? I credit the school for attempting to get more kids to follow the rules, and prevent more visits to the office, but I question why the school chose this way of portraying the rules to us. Obviously, we aren’t going to listen to something so boring. If a different way was made to show us how to be “respectful, responsible and safe,” we might be a little more interested in following school rules. But this, has got to go.

Matrix Monday is not necessary, or fair to those of us who follow the rules already. The school should just get rid of this, and make something different...something that would help us really understand what it means to be respectful, responsible and safe.

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Quote of the day:

“Before you judge someone, just think about being in their shoes and seeing what a tough life they’ve had.”

Written in 2011 by Jahida B., Age 15 — United Kingdom

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Bizarre News of the Day:

That’s one costly cake

A Chinese man bought his girlfriend a gold necklace and hid it in a cake - only for her to wolf it down in one gulp. Xiaol Li, 22, watched horrified as Wang Xue, 22, swallowed the $800 necklace he’d baked inside a special muffin for her birthday party in Qingdao, Shandong province in China.

“I thought it would show how much I love her and it would be a good joke too,” he said. “But before I could say anything she’d swallowed it in one bite and I had to tell her the truth on the way to hospital.”

After X-raying Xue, surgeons decided to operate to remove the necklace. She underwent endoscopic surgery where a probe was put down her throat and into her stomach to fish out the necklace.

“She got her necklace back eventually, but I’m not sure she will ever feel very comfortable wearing it even though I spent hours cleaning it for her,” explained Xiao.

By Morgan Firenze

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This week in Raider Sports

Today: JV football vs. Oswego (TBA).
Thursday, Oct. 20: Girls soccer @ CBA (JV-4:30/V-6:30); Boys soccer vs. CBA (7 pm).
Friday, Oct. 21: Boys soccer @ Red Creek (6:30).
Sat., Oct. 22: Girls soccer vs. Mexico (JV-noon/V-2 pm); V’ball @ Pittsford Tournament (8:30 am); Cross-country @ OHSL League Meet (Jamesville Beach-tba); V football vs. Oswego (5 pm).
Teen writer’s workshop: a club unlike the rest

When is a club not really a club?

When it’s the Teen Writers Workshop.

Teen Writers Workshop (TWW) is a club, although not by definition as there are no officers, which is run by G. Ray Bodley High School Librarian Mrs. Scalfaro. Mrs. Scalfaro started the TWW after attending The Writersí Jubilee in Morrisville in 2010, where she learned of different writing exercises that she thought would benefit all the aspiring writers at GRB. The TWW has been running on and off for one year now, and although it functions similarly to a club, there are no officers and no weekly meetings but monthly ones instead.

Mrs. Scalfaro works as the facilitator of the club and says that it is not a true club in the sense that there are not actual officers. She commented that an average meeting entails various writing exercises to inspire their creativity. Mrs. Scalfaro went on to say that prospective members don’t have to share anything they write in the club, but if someone did want to share something the author must read it, not a friend.

Mrs. Scalfaro also said that anyone is more than welcome to join and there is no minimum skill level required to be a member. There is also no required writing style, but she mentioned how most of the current members seem to be leaning toward fantasy. Mrs. Scalfaro has yet to set the date of the next meeting, but students can find out more details on the club and the next meeting by either talking to her or checking http://graybodly-library.wikispaces.com. Students can stop into the library or e-mail Mrs. Scalfaro from the library webpage if they would like to join.

Junior Krista Vann has been involved in the club since the beginning, and learned about the club through her advisor and TWW leader Mrs. Scalfaro. Krista believes that the club has helped her grow as a writer, “hearing other people’s ideas, getting to share my own and getting and giving helpful criticism really opens my mind to a lot more ideas that I never would have otherwise had.” Krista would recommend anyone even slightly interested in writing to pursue the TWW, saying, “even if you’re not going to pursue a career in it and it’s just a hobby, the workshop really helps to open up your mind to a lot of different types of writing and story ideas.”

Anyone who is interested in writing in the slightest should get in contact with Librarian Mrs. Scalfaro about the Teen Writers Workshop. Stop in and sign up with her today, you never know this one step could lead you to write a Pulitzer Prize winner!

By Vanessa Langdon
Will you be attending the school play
The Odd Couple this weekend?

"Possibly, with my wife."
Mark Aldasch

"One-hundred percent yes."
Grace Trepasso

"Possibly, not."
Alex Stanski

"Yes, Friday night.."
Carson Metcalf

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf

Today:

Cloudy with rain showers.
62º
Average: 59º
Record: 81º (1953)

Tonight:

Cloudy with rain showers.
49º
Average: 40º
Record: 27º (1972)

Tomorrow:

Cloudy with rain showers.
62º
Average: 58º
Record: 81º (1963)

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.