



Players onstage this weekend in *The Odd Couple*

By Laura Perwitz

After months of planning, building and rehearsals, the big weekend has finally arrived! The show dates for *The Odd Couple* are here!

It's showtime!

The Odd Couple

Fri. & Sat. Oct. 21-22

7:30 pm

**Tickets \$8/\$7 for senior citizens
and children under 12**

Rehearsals are getting longer, and the scenes are even funnier. More and more props are being used, and the set looks amazing. The actors and actresses of the show have faced many challenges through rehearsals, but were able to beat them. The most crucial thing for the cast is, of course, memorizing lines. Lines in this show are very tricky, and they have a lot to them. But with a cast like this, they can pull it together, and work with each other to make it a great performance.

Not only does the cast have pressure on them, but the tech crew has some on them as well. The biggest thing the crew needs to focus on is getting props in the right place at the right time. Junior tech member Christina Teetsel mentioned the fall show from last year, *Unnecessary Farce*, and when asked whether the tech crew had more pressure on them this year, Christina said: "Yes, because there are a lot more props and scene changes than *Farce*, but we all make mistakes, and we will fix them up. I think that we have a good group doing crew this show, and we will get through all the kinks." From dirtying the apartment to setting the dinner table, the crew has got it all down.

The cast of *The Odd Couple* had a tough time with the script at the beginning. But as the rehearsals progressed, and so did they. "They've worked well together. It's a strong



Nate Deavers, left, and Alex Bawarski in their roles as Felix and Oscar work through a scene with the Pigeon sisters (Alyssa Scruton and Amanda Tetro) during a recent rehearsal. It all comes together tonight and tomorrow when the Quirk's Players proudly present *The Odd Couple*. Tickets are available at the door. (Laura Perwitz photo)

script, and they're working to meet the demands of a strong script, according to Director Mr. Tom Briggs. As the cast worked through each line, they came up with different things that they could do.

As Mr. Briggs noted, the script is strong. This script is also most likely the toughest script that the current actors have come across. Adults remember the old TV show, and know what to expect already. The entire cast and crew has worked really hard to pull together the show, and it's going to be a good one.

The basic plot revolves around a messy sportswriter, Oscar Madison, who has recently moved in with his neat and tidy friend Felix Ungar, a news reporter. The combination of the two distinct living styles clashes in humorous ways, making *The Odd Couple* a comedy for the ages.

This weekend's performances will feature a numbers of seniors, who will be greatly

missed. The senior cast and crew of *The Odd Couple* includes Alex Bawarski (Oscar Madison), Nathan Deavers (Felix Ungar), Nathan Hawthorn (Murray), Joe Medico (Speed), Zach Mizener (Roy), Neil Devendorf (Vinnie), Amanda Tetro (Gwendolyn), Alyssa Scruton (Cecily), Ryann Crofoot (crew) and Gage Mayer (crew). This will be their last fall production with Quirk's Players, and they will be remembered always. But no worries, they all have the musical to look forward to!

The show opens tonight, Friday, October 21 and will conclude on Saturday, October 22 with both performances at 7:30 p.m., in the GRB auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$7 for kids under 12 and senior citizens. The cast and crew have worked really hard to make this show great, so come on out and enjoy the humor of Neil Simon's comedy classic, *The Odd Couple*.

Opinion

GRB junior is a "hero" to others

By Natasha Luis

-Although the world is full of suffering, it's also full of the overcoming of

it- Helen Keller

Everyone at G. Ray Bodley High School knows the name Tim Conners, but do they really know Tim Conners? Tim's story speaks of devastation and survival. He and his family have gone through unimaginable highs and lows over the past 18 months, now they are fighting and overcoming it! Although Tim has lost his sight, there are some things that he will never lose, such as his heart, soul, the

**"it felt so good! I didn't know it was a standing ovation until after, but I still felt great."
GRB junior Tim Conners**

desire to help others in every way he can, and his determination to succeed as well as his love for GRB!

On Friday, October 15 at the Red Raider pep rally, GRB showed Tim just how appreciated and loved he really was. As members of the football team were welcomed by his father, Coach Mike Conners, the faculty, students, and staff greeted Tim with a standing ovation unlike anything the new turf field has ever witnessed. As tears filled the eyes of people everywhere in the stands, students howled and cheered for Tim and the feeling was so warm and filled with joy, I found myself clapping harder than ever. Although I had never met Tim before, his story inspired me and I found myself not feeling sorry for him, but proud of all he has accomplished.

I was glad to see that Tim had all of this support and love surrounding him. Students said, "it looked so good to see Tim out there on the field with his teammates! It's good to see him smile." Another student said that, "It was so hard not to cry, but I just couldn't help it, he is a hero!" Tim himself said, "it felt so good! I didn't know it was a standing ovation until after, but I still felt great." As I was talking with Tim, I could see that despite the months of treatment and struggle, he has a warm heart. The conversation just flowed, especially after he gave me one of his homemade, "Blondie Brownies," as he is quite the baker! Although he doesn't do it as much anymore, Tim says, "baking is my favorite things to do because

after I bake it, I can come in and give it to others." He loves helping people in any way he can, but Tim says the one thing that has changed the most was, "not being able to go-go-go, and pushing myself without getting exhausted."

Tim is a community hero! He has conquered things physically and mentally, and he overcame one of the biggest challenges a person could have. Tim gave people hope, and continues to do so every day. As a result, people look up to him. As for his return to school, all Tim wants people to know is that they can just, "act normal" and say "hey," but also tell him what your name is. He understands that people might be nervous, but he wants to let them know that they don't have to be. With Tim's charming personality, I'm sure he could befriend a lion!!

What Tim needs is not people who are afraid, because he is still the same person he has always been. He needs support, and loving friends to remind him that no matter what, he is important too! Tim is a real life hero. But who is Tim's hero? Maybe you should ask him...it's a great conversation starter!



Junior Tim Conners received a standing ovation from the students and faculty at the recent pep rally. (Carson Metcalf photo)

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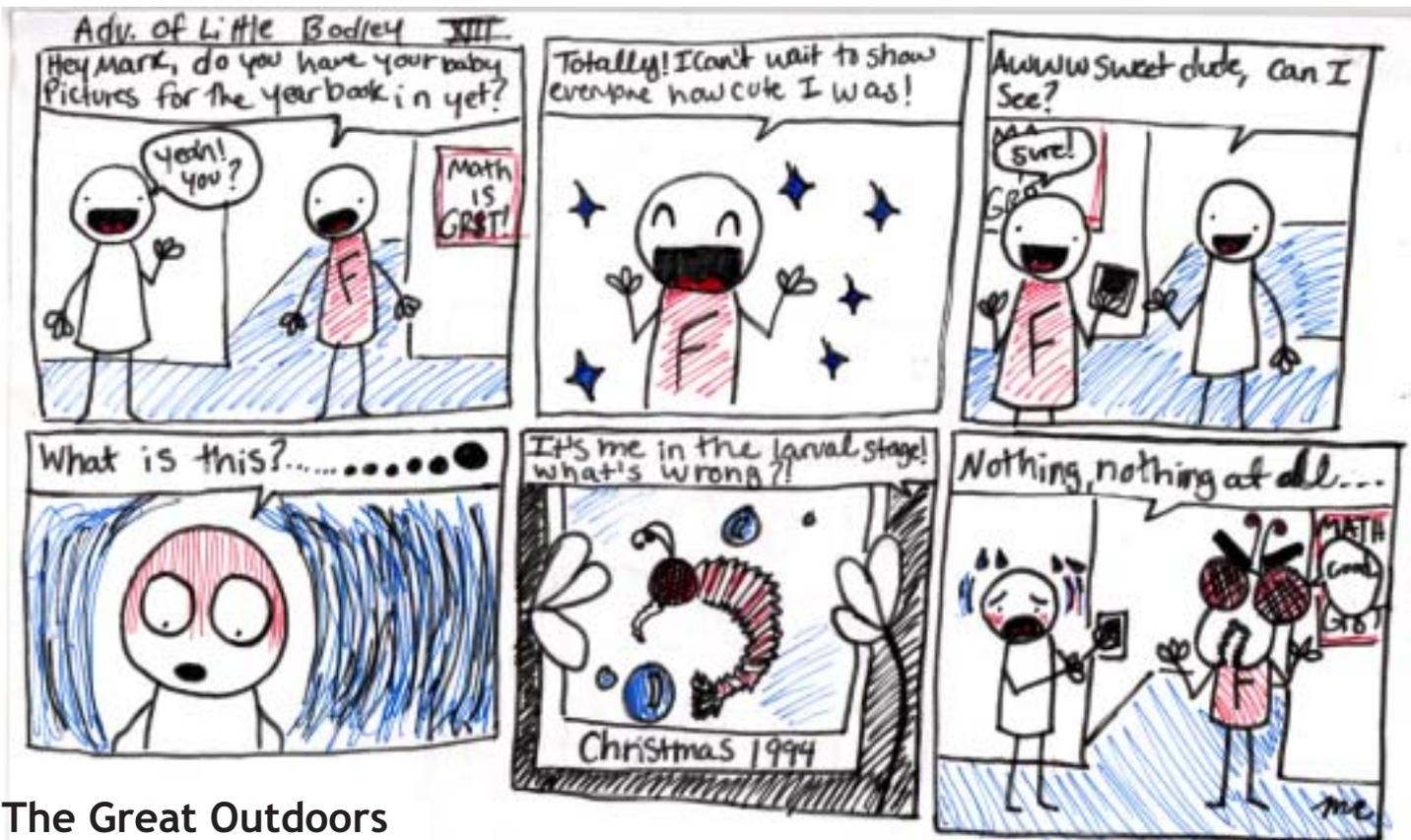
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The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

By Madeline Clark



The Great Outdoors

Hunters have options as two new seasons open

By Daniel Summerville

Deer season has been open in New York for a week, and hunters have not had much luck bagging the elusive whitetails. Countless hunters will be in the woods this weekend, continuing their search for deer. However, they will not be the only ones hunting on Saturday as Turkey and Canada goose seasons open the 22nd of October.

There is no doubt that deer are the most popular game animals in New York, but turkeys and waterfowl are easily the second and third. While deer hunters are technically looking for deer, there are not very many who would pass up a turkey that walks by their stand during the short turkey season. Hunters must remember that turkeys can only be taken with a bow or shotgun. If a hunter takes a shotgun to his tree stand for turkeys, he must remember that



it is not legal to take a deer with a gun until mid-November. It is usually not a good idea for a hunter to be hunting two species at once, but if a hunter plans to hunt deer and turkeys at the same time their best bet is to carry a turkey broadhead in their quiver with their deer arrows.

Canada Geese are often regarded as greasy and gamey. Many waterfowl hunters chose to let the geese go in favor of their more tasty duck relatives. However, if cooked correctly, goose can taste extremely good. Hunters tend to forget that goose often graced the table of medieval kings and nobles; it really is not that bad. Hunting the geese can be a challenge as well. They are smart and have very sharp eyes, if they see something they do not like they simply will not land anywhere near it. Hunting Canada geese is the perfect pastime for any hunter looking for a challenge.

In New York, deer usually get all the attention during hunting seasons. Venison is very tasty, but so are turkey and waterfowl. Hunters just need to take the time to try it. Hunting these birds is a completely different experience than deer hunting, an experience that many people miss out on.

Quote of the day:

“We always plan our work, but we fail to work out our plan. Life is full of lessons; learn from it.”

My teacher –

Submitted by Ganesh K., Age 17 – India

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NFL Picks

Mr. Senecal

Last week: 10-3
Overall: 40-18

Chicago vs. Tampa Bay

It's time for the annual NFL jaunt across the pond to the United Kingdom, and this year's match-up features a surprising Tampa Bay team against the stingy defense of the Bears. Fresh off a stunning 26-20 victory over the Saints, the Buccaneers find themselves tied with New Orleans atop the NFC South at 4-2, while the Bears are 3-3 and hoping to avoid being cut adrift in the NFC Central behind unbeaten Green Bay and once-defeated Detroit.

Every year the NFL sends two teams across the five hour time difference, and every year there is talk of how London should have an NFL team. Truth of the matter is, London already has a whole bunch of football teams, (ever heard of Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham, West Ham United, Fulham, or Queens Park Rangers?) and it doesn't seem likely that the folks in England would abandon 150 years of tradition to jump on the NFL bandwagon. Tampa Bay's only losses have come against Detroit and San Francisco, two teams with a combined record of 10-2, so the Bucs are a legitimate side this year.

Chicago is more than capable of rising to the occasion, and in Devin Hester have the most exciting kick returner the NFL may have ever seen. Likewise their losses have come against several of the NFL's elite in Green Bay, Detroit and New Orleans. Overall a lack of consistency on offense has been the culprit, with last week's 39-10 romp over the lowly Vikings their biggest explosion of the season.

But when it comes right down to it, here's why I think the Bucs have the edge: according to England's Sky Sports News, the Bucs showed up three days earlier than the Bears, which means they have had three extra days to get used to the major time difference, which is a full seven hours for Bears.

Mr. S. says:

San Diego
Tennessee
Carolina
Denver
Cleveland
Detroit
Tampa Bay
Pittsburgh
Kansas City
Green Bay
Dallas
New Orleans
Baltimore

**Mark Aldasch**

Last week: 10-3
Overall: 40-18

Denver @ Miami

This week's matchup between the Denver Broncos (1-4) and Miami Dolphins (0-5) looks to be a pretty good game, even though both teams have been struggling this year. The Broncos will be led offensively by former Florida Heisman Trophy winner and quarterback Tim Tebow, who will be starting in his first game of the season. Tebow will have help in wide receivers Eric Decker and Daniel Fells, as well as running back Willis McGahee, who can run the ball as well as catch out of the backfield.

The offense for the Broncos looks to be explosive this week, but it will be up to the defense to stop the Miami offense, which is ranked 19th in the league for passing yards a game and 14th in rushing yards a game. The Dolphins are led by running backs Reggie Bush and rookie Daniel Thomas who have rushed for a combined 439 yards in five games with no touchdowns.

The Dolphins will look to establish something through the air with quarterback Matt Moore and the help of wide receiver Brandon Marshall and Davone Bess. I think this will be a low scoring game by both teams, but I think the Denver Broncos will win the game 24-13.

Mark says:

New York Jets
Houston
Carolina
Denver
Cleveland
Detroit
Chicago
Pittsburgh
Oakland
Green Bay
Dallas
New Orleans
Baltimore

**Ross Maxam**

Last week: 10-3
Overall: 39-19

Pittsburgh@Arizona

A rematch of Super Bowl XLIII is coming to Arizona on Sunday. In the historic game, Ben Roethlisberger led the team on a game winning drive to throw a td with 35 seconds left. Some of the faces on the team are different as Kurt Warner retired from the Cardinals and Kevin Kolb has taken the reigns. The Steelers also replaced Super Bowl hero, wideout Santonio Holmes.

Roethlisberger still leads the most aggressive team in football and he is joined by a very young group of receivers who are thriving. Pittsburgh is 4-2 so far this year. In a year that everyone says the defense is getting too old, the offense is filled with youth. Leading the young pack is receiver Mike Wallace and running back Rashard Mendenhall. They are both in their third year in the league and are full time starters. Wallace has 612 yards receiving which is good for the team lead. Mendenhall has 319 yards and three TD's so far in the 2011-12 campaign.

The Defense is as solid as ever by being ranked top five in each major defensive category. They boast arguably the best defensive player in the league in Troy Polomalu. How impressive Polomalu is though, the heart of the defense is the linebacking core. The Steelers play a 3-4 defense which means they have four linebackers instead of the typical three. Everyone knows about the great pass rushing of James Harrison and Lamarr Woodley but Defensive Coordinator Dick Lebeau says four year pro Lawrence Timmons is the best on the team.

My pick is Pittsburgh 21-10 over a 1-4 Arizona team. I expect Mike Wallace to continue his streak of five games with a reception over 40 yards. Since 1940, only Terrell Owens in 2005 has matched that stat.

Ross says:

San Diego
Houston
Washington
Denver
Cleveland
Detroit
Chicago
Pittsburgh
Oakland
Green Bay
Dallas
New Orleans
Baltimore



NFL Picks

Tyler Terramiggi

Last week: 10-3

Overall: 39-19

**Washington @ Carolina**

This match up features two teams that have struggled of late. The Redskins haven't been in the playoffs since 2007, and the Panthers have yet to reach the postseason since the 2008 season. In the two years following the playoff appearance, Carolina has gone a combined 10-22 reaching a peak of 8-8 in 2009. Meanwhile Washington has also had its struggles going a combined 18-30 since their last playoff appearance.

With both teams recently getting new head coaches, there were plenty of reasons to be hopeful as the Panthers got first pick and selected Cam Newton. But, this is about Sunday. The Panthers have really struggled this season, with a 1-5 record heading into week seven. However, Cam Newton has posted astronomical yardage numbers and given us something to be excited about in the upcoming years. Newton, who is a young 22 year old rookie, has already thrown for over 1800 yards to go with seven touchdown, although he needs to improve his accuracy, as he has already thrown for nine interceptions and only completed 58% of his passes. However, if he does make the adjustment he will without a doubt be a mainstay in this league, as he has the tools to be an all-pro performer.

To go along with the young passing of Newton, the Panthers run game has also been on a par. DeAngelo Williams and Jonathon Stewart have pounded out over 500 yards on the ground this season, including one scoring scamper apiece. Newton is also leading the team in touchdown carries, with six to go along with his 207 yards rushing.

Why has Newton thrown for so many yards? Two words, Steve Smith. Smith, who may just be one of the most underrated receivers of all-time, has had another stat sheet filling season catching 32 balls for nearly 700 yards combined with his three touchdowns; Smith is on track for another successful season. Smith has had over 1,000 yards receiving five out of the ten years he's been in the league, while reaching at least 800 two more times.

However, their defense has had their fair share of woes. The Panther defense is last, yes, dead last in rushing defense, giving up 140 yards a game.

Although, the Redskins (3-2) have a win-

ning record, John Beck will be making his first start for them, because of the poor play of Rex Grossman, who hasn't been able to shake his reputation as a turnover machine. His nine interceptions tie him for the NFL lead with Carolina's Cam Newton (read above), who has 42 more attempts. Grossman has 11 total turnovers including two fumbles through five games this season, and 18 in eight Redskin starts dating to last season.

He has 46 touchdown passes and 49 interceptions in a career that reached its peak when he led Chicago to the Super Bowl after the 2006 season. Grossman's 66.5 quarterback rating ranks 32nd of 33 quarterbacks in the league. He's ahead of Indianapolis' Kerry Collins, who hasn't played since Week 3.

Their rushing game hasn't been too impressive either, with only one player who has reached the 200 yard clip so far this season, to go along with only three touchdowns to an opponent's four. What has really carried the 'Skins this year is their defensive stalwart DeAngelo Hall, a former fourth overall pick, and the stellar linebacker corps led by Rocky McIntosh and London Fletcher.

I have this one being close, with the Panthers prevailing in a 27-24 nail-biting triumph.

Tyler says:

NY Jets
Houston
Carolina
Denver
Cleveland
Detroit
Chicago
Pittsburgh
Oakland
Green Bay
Dallas
New Orleans
Baltimore

Sean Fink

Last week: 8-5

Overall: 36-22

**San Diego @
New York Jets**

Sunday the Chargers are heading to the Meadowlands to face a difficult Jets team. The Jets this year are not having the season they want. Having a 3-3 record the Jets are looking to get back on the right track. Mark Sanchez has already got 1372 passing yards with nine touchdowns on the year, while Philip Rivers has 1536 yards with six touchdowns on the year. As the Jets rely more on the throwing game they might have to settle for more of the rushing game this week. Sanchez already has five interceptions on the year, need to rely more on his running backs to help get the yardage. If they stick with the throwing game the Chargers need to look out for Dustin Keller who has 319 yards and two touchdowns on the season. Santonio Holmes, with 287 yards and three touchdowns is Sanchez's go-to guy in the Red Zone.

The Chargers are off to a hot start with a 4-1 record and they look to get the win on the road. Vincent Young, who already has 408 yards this year averages 17.7 yards a reception. He leads the team in touchdowns this year with three. Ryan Mathews is the Chargers go-to running back and he already has 413 yards this season. He averages 4.9 yards a carry and also leads the team in touchdowns with three. For the Chargers to win this game they need to work on turnovers. Rivers already has seven interceptions on the year and has been sacked 13 times.

I think the Jets will win this game 31-24. I feel the Jets will have fewer turnovers and have control of the football for most of the game.

Sean says:

New York Jets
Houston
Carolina
Denver
Cleveland
Detroit
Chicago
Pittsburgh
Oakland
Green Bay
Dallas
New Orleans
Baltimore

Senior night drama as Raiders nip CBA

By Sean Fink

It was a trend worth repeating as the underclassmen continued to pay homage to their senior teammates by rising to the occasion on Senior Night.

Following in the footsteps of the recent Raider football win over New Hartford that was paced by a talented sophomore, the Fulton boys soccer team rallied behind the efforts of a trio of sophomores to pull off a rare double against powerhouse CBA. Paul Reynoso, Jeff Waldron and Carson Vono helped make it a Senior Night that will long be remembered by combining for both Raider goals in a 2-1, last second triumph.

As the game started Fulton was looking strong in every position. Fulton had Junior Brandon Lockwood stay with CBA's star player Emanuel Collins, shutting him down and not letting him shoot one time in the first half. Within the first ten minutes Fulton connected with a goal. Star sophomore Paul Reynoso took the corner kick and connected with Fulton's other star sophomore, Jeff Waldron, whose diving header made it 1-0 Raiders.

After the game, Waldron commented that, "I did not even know what happened. I knew when I was diving, I got hit in the head, and when I looked up the ball was in the back of the net. I just went crazy after I saw the ball in the net."

As the first half continued Fulton had many other chances, but just could not get another shot past CBA goalkeeper Kevin Bailey. At the other end of the field, Tyler French looked sharp and allowed no goals in the first half. His toughest chance came with one minute left in the half when French made a diving save to keep the shutout alive. As halftime came Fulton was on top 1-0 and looking as dominant as they ever been. Coach Wilson and Coach Murray told the team to keep doing what they were doing. The midfield was looking very strong, allowing many chances for the forwards to finish. The defense was allowing minimal chances for CBA to even enter the eighteen yard box.

The second half began and Fulton was still on top of things, taking care of Collins and controlling the ball in their half for most of the game. With about eleven minutes left in the game CBA star forward Andrew

DePerro crossed a ball, just out of the reach of French to midfielder Patrick Pierret for a goal to tie the score at 1-1.

As time was winding down both teams had many chances to score big for their team, but both goalies were make phenomenal saves. With 10 minutes left in the game senior Ross Maxam injured his ankle, and Fulton would have to substitute him for Fulton's other star sophomore, Carson Vono.

This proved to be a key moment in the contest as with 12 seconds remaining in regulation, Reynoso connected with Vono on the side. As time was winding down Vono juiced out CBA's strong defense, leaving a one on one against their goalie.

Vono kept control of the ball and scored with just 2.2 seconds left on the clock. The

rable Senior Nights in Fulton's history.

The goal also completed a rare home and home sweep against the always formidable Brothers, as Fulton improved to 9-3-3 on the season at the expense of a 10-4-3 CBA record. The boys will conclude the regular season this afternoon when they travel to Red Creek for a non-league affair before awaiting news of their upcoming playoff schedule.

Seniors who were recognized Thursday were Eric Naioti, Ross Maxam, Joe Sutton, Tyler French, Shaun O'Connor, Sean Fink, Ryan Knopp and Joe Medico. Parents and friends came to this event to see the seniors play their last regular season home game.

Girls fall 3-2

The Raider girls battled CBA from start to finish on Thursday before coming up just short in a 3-2 decision. Marisa Romeo scored a goal with an assist and Lindsay Evans proved to be the difference with 12 saves as the Lady Brothers improved to 10-4-3 on the season. Fulton notched goals from Maddie Robillard and Courtney Beckwith and had nine saves from Allyson Bricker in the loss.

CBA jumped out to a 2-1 halftime edge and the teams traded scoring shots in the second half as Fulton fell to 8-6-1 on the season. The girls will honor their seniors on Saturday afternoon prior to a 2 pm kickoff when the Raiders play host to Mexico in their regular season finale.

The Fulton cross-country teams warmed up for this weekends OHSL League Meet at Jamesville Beach by running in the League meet in Cortland. East Syracuse-Minoa led the way in the boys race with three of the top four places, paced by Mike Coogan's 17:09. Fulton was topped by Kyle Loftus' sixth place finish (18:20) as well as good showings from Dylan Holden (18:51) and Bailey Lutz (18:54) in 11th and 12th place. The girls were led by a tenth place showing from Mary West in 22:08. Jamesville-Dewitt's Rachel Fairbanks set the pace with a 20:24 timing.

This weekend in Raider Sports

Today: Boys soccer @ Red Creek (6:30).

Sat., Oct. 22: Girls soccer vs. Mexico (JV-noon/V-2 pm); V'ball @ Pittsford Tourney (8:30 am); Cross-country @ OHSL League Meet (Jamesville Beach-tba); V football vs. Oswego (5 pm).



fans roared in the bleachers as sophomores helped to make this one of the most memo-

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vs.
Oswego
football

5 pm Saturday
in Fulton

Raider Sports

What sport will you be preparing for this winter?



"Basketball all day."
Erik "Chuck"
Ingleston



"Basketball!"
Cheyanne O'Brien



"Hockey, as always."
Colin Blake



"I don't play a winter sport."
Jeremy Wilcox

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Partly cloudy with a shower.

55°

Average: 58°
Record: 81° (1979)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.
Chance shower.

42°

Average: 40°
Record: 24° (1983)

Tomorrow:

Partly cloudy
with a shower.

55°/37°

Average: 58°/39°
Rec. high/low: 84°
(1979)/ 29° (1992)

Sunday:

Mostly cloudy.

57°/42°

Average: 57°/39°
Record high/low: 77°
(1991)/278° (1969)

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