



## Agonizing overtime loss thwarts Raider title bid

The agony and the ecstasy were on full display in the cold and darkness of Christian Brothers Academy's Pelcher-Arcaro Stadium on Friday night. And unfortunately for the Fulton Red Raiders, their share of the spoils was agony when all was said and done.

The end came with precision and quickness following an 80 minute tug of war against East Syracuse-Minoa as the Spartans snared the game's only goal in overtime to claim the Class A championship 1-0 in dramatic fashion.

"We just experienced what sudden death feels like," a disappointed Coach Dave Wilson said of the abrupt and joyless end to a season-long joyride that had carried his team to an unlikely berth in the championship final. A quick transition at midfield led to a precise pass from Nicolas Capriotti to ES-M scoring leader Jeremy Barbuto. The senior forward made no mistake as he dashed toward the goal from 25 yards out and slid the ball into the far left corner of the net just 2:59 into overtime to send his side into championship ecstasy.

Presenting ES-M Coach Mark Carr with his 100th career victory on one of the game's biggest stages, the goal capped a dramatic run to glory for the Spartans as they claimed their third consecutive overtime triumph following a sudden-death 2-1 win over Indian River and a shootout conquest of tournament favorite Jamesville-Dewitt.

And despite their being a lower seeded outfit in the Class A bracket, Coach Wilson wasn't surprised to see them in the final after the two teams traded home wins in a pair of 1-0 regular season struggles. "He (Carr) knew he had a great team coming into the season," he said in congratulating the winners. "I thought I was in a rebuilding year."

"I'm just proud of this group," he added.



**Fulton's Ross Maxam goes airborne to control a loose ball as ES-M's Christopher Schiavone looks on. (Senecal photo)**

"They made believers of everyone."

Indeed Fulton started the game on the attack in both halves, taking the play to the Spartans in the opening minutes after each restart. Paul Reynoso tested sophomore all-league goalkeeper Cameron Schiavone early in each half, the first try bouncing wildly off the keeper, while a deceptive shot in the second stanza curled just over the crossbar. But as the half wore on the Spartans possession game tested the Raider defense and all-league stopper Tyler French. Carlos Feliciano cleared a ball off the line midway through the first half while Steven Hanczyk, Ryan Knopp, Ross Maxam and Brandon Lockwood joined the sophomore defender to throw their bodies in front of repeated Spartan advances as each half wore down.

ES-M's defense also stood tall when tested with junior defender Irfan Tihic blanketing Fulton scoring leader Joe Sutton to frustrate

the powerful senior throughout the night. Tihic also sacrificed himself on Fulton's best chance of the opening half when he hit the deck to snuff out a close-range try inside the eight yard box.

Despite giving up an advantage in possession, the Raiders were always dangerous on the counterattack but struggled to find the final pass against a suffocating ES-M defense. Fulton's calls for a penalty late in the regulation went unheeded as Sutton was involved in a collision with Tihic and Schiavone inside the 18 yard box on a night when bodies were sometimes sent sprawling and fouls were at a premium, especially in the wake of an injury to one of the field referees that left the game to a two-man crew.

"Tyler French stood on his head at the end of the game," Wilson commented on the play of his senior stopper, who finished with seven saves to six for ES-M counterpart.

"We knew it would possibly come down to a mistake," he said of the sudden opening that the Spartans exploited. "They made their opportunity count." Downplaying the emotion of coaching his last soccer game, Wilson instead spoke in praise of his team, saying, "I just feel for the kids. I hurt for them."

And while the scoreboard may have suggested otherwise, the four-year Fulton boss and his side did not leave the field as losers. For a squad that started the season with so few players that they had to drop the JV team, the Raiders have emerged with plenty of promise for the future with the sterling play of sophomores including Reynoso, Feliciano, Vono and Jeff Waldron as well as juniors Hanczyk and Lockwood. "Fulton soccer is alive and well," he noted, despite the impending graduation of starters French, Sutton, Knopp, Naioti, Shaun O'Connor and Maxam. Also graduating will be injured goaltender Sean Fink and fellow senior Joe Medico.

## Opinion

# There is nothing “cool” about skipping school

By Laura Perwitz

The majority of us come to school every day to get good grades and have the opportunity to do something with our lives. Some people decide it would be cool to just stay at home and not show up for school just because they don't feel like going.

This is a bad decision because in this tough economy, these students are not going to go anywhere with their lives without a good education. It is becoming increasingly hard to get a job anymore without a college degree, much less a high school diploma, so it would be smart to stay in school and try to learn as much as possible.

When you skip a class or miss the whole school day, you are not



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only missing out on school work and homework, but you're really missing out on all the good grades you could be getting. You have endless possibilities for yourself if you would just put in some effort and attempt to make the grade so you can do whatever you want to do. But if you decide that you don't want to do anything and ruin your life, go ahead. It's your decision what you do with your life and how you want the rest of your life to be. The more you skip school, the more your future is going to be in jeopardy.

Why would someone skip school? It could just be the fact that they don't want to be there, which happens in most cases. One reason is because these people think they're “cool,” and think that they can do what they want.

## Quote of the day:

**“Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work.”**  
*Vincent Lombardi*

Want to know a little fact? You're wrong.

You're not cool and you're not proving anything to anyone. All you are doing is setting yourself up for a tough road ahead.

Get over yourself and grow up. High school may be the years where we are supposed to start acting like a grown up, but it doesn't mean you can skip a class just for fun. It's highly annoying when someone gets in trouble in class and they think it is okay to just walk out of school when they have been sent to the office. Do you honestly think the school cares? If you do, you're wrong again! The school is here to teach you valuable things, not to babysit you.

Stop skipping school. It's really not hurting anyone but yourself and you're not proving anything to anyone. So it would be cool if you would stop being childish and actually sit in school and learn something. It could benefit you in the long run and you wouldn't want to miss out on great opportunities waiting for you. The lesson here: Think before you act.

## Bizarre News of the Day:

### What would Yoda think?

A husband has been found guilty of murder for strangling his wife after she smashed up his collection of Star Wars toys. The man claimed that his wife damaged the Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker memorabilia that he had built up since he was child.

During a subsequent row, he suffocated his wife then ran off sobbing to his mother who lived in a nearby street. A relative discovered the woman lying dead on the couple's double bed covered by a duvet with a pillow over her face.

The man later told police that his wife had smashed up his Star Wars collection as part of a campaign to make his life “hell.” He claimed he was a henpecked husband who “flipped” after she threatened to leave him to go back to her native Thailand. He was found guilty of murder after a trial at Preston Crown Court and jailed for life, with a minimum of 12 years.

“We argued and she said she was going to make my life hell,” he said. “She's put me through it before. I couldn't let that happen again. I then just remember getting up from on top of her. I think I've choked her.”

Police say that the man will have to live the rest of his life with the awful knowledge that he is responsible for killing his wife.

*By Morgan Firenze*

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## Opinion

## The adventures of 'lil Bodley!

By Madeline Clark (this comic created on reused paper!)



## Career assembly provides plenty of pointers

By Natasha Luis

The future may be scary to many members of the Class of 2012. But last Thursday they received an important pep talk and a glimpse into that future when Mr. Harry King addressed the seniors in a career-based assembly. An expert on colleges and careers, Mr. King is a man who knows a lot when it comes to both topics. During his appearance at G. Ray Bodley High School he stressed to the senior class the importance of making their choices count. King gave the students helpful hints and tips to try and help them get the most out of their lives. King also helped the Class of 2012 understand the meaning of a career and making sure they choose the career that will best fit them, as well as provide financial benefits.

According to Mr. King, "there are three major factors to consider when choosing a major or a career field." One is strength, followed by personal interest, and the final one is, future job market. In discussing strength he told the students that not only do they have to believe in themselves and find their inner strength, they also have to find their strong points in order to find where they can excel and get the most out of their ma-

jors and careers. As far as personal interests, he said that students have to find something that they like to inspire them to keep going and not get bored. He warned the seniors that they don't want to hate their job or their college experience.

When it comes to the future job market; King mentioned that the job world is changing and that students would benefit more if



Speaker Mr. Harry King provided many important keys to success to members of the Class of 2012 during a recent visit to the high school. (Natasha Luis photo)

they choose the proper college and obtain the right degree. He also said that it would be a good idea to pick an occupation with the right annual salary, and a good protected growth. By this he means that the seniors should pick a successful, needed, well-paying job. Some examples of these jobs are accountants and auditors, athletic trainers, computer software engineers and applicators, an IT network analyst, or becoming a Registered Nurse.

King also talked about having the proper characteristics for success. He said that a person has to be a good communicator, they have to be well organized, and they have to be a leader. In addition, he encouraged the students to have some creative thinking skills, show a lot of effort, and have group skills to show that they can work with others, as well as having a good sense of entrepreneurship. All in all, students have to be able to prove that they possess the most important skills to hear "you're hired!"

His speech was well presented, and taught the seniors how to build a personal brand and how to manage their time like it is money. King also taught everyone how to make the proper connections and how to manage finances.

## Sports

# Expectations are high for SU basketball

By Tyler Terramiggi

It's that time of the year again! Basketball in Central New York means one thing: Syracuse Orange!

This particular group of Orangemen has the potential and depth of making a deep run in March. With four returning starters that include All-Big East selection Kris Joseph from last year's 26-7 squad, the Orange are ranked fifth in the first poll of the season. Joseph, who really emerged as a sophomore coming off the bench behind the stellar play of Wes Johnson, will look to take over the reigns as an elite player if he plans to take his team to their first final four since winning it all in '03. Joseph is really the motor that makes this Syracuse team go, however there is so much depth he doesn't need to put up huge numbers.

The list goes on and on with depth on this team. Other guys who should be seeing a lot of minutes this season include starting point guard Scoop Jardine, who can make many plays off the dribble, and shooting guard and former Jamesville-Dewitt standout Brandon Triche, who has really blossomed into one of the top guards in the Big East this past season.

Holding things down in the middle of the paint for the orange will be 7-foot sophomore center Fab Melo, who was a very hyped recruit coming out of high school after he moved from Brazil his sophomore year. Filling the other wing spot along-side Joseph and Melo in Jim Boeheim's patented 2-3 zone could be the 6-foot-8-inch swingman sophomore CJ Fair. He has a deadly 10-15 foot jumper and with his 7-foot wingspan snags many boards on the offensive and defensive glass. Or it could be the other listed center on the orange roster, 6-foot-10 Baye Moussa Keita. Keita, also only a sophomore, played quality minutes for Syracuse last year and was a key component at the end of the year in 2010-2011.

Other key players coming off the deep Syracuse bench will be guards Dion Waiters and Michael Carter-Williams. Waiters, a 6-foot-4 sophomore had a swell season in the orange and blue as a freshman, but after a rough relationship with Coach Boeheim there were rumors swirling around that he would transfer. However, after a great summer, Waiters has trimmed down 10 pounds

and is looking better than ever. I expect Waiters to have a big year, and be ready to lead his team next year as the starting point guard.

Along-side him is another young guard in Michael Carter-Williams. The 6-foot-5 combo guard out of Massachusetts was a highly touted recruit coming out of high school. He participated in the glorified McDonald's All-American Gam and is a pass first point guard who is also a sharp shooter at the shooting guard spot. Carter-Williams has all the tools to be one of the Big East's best young players and will be seeing quality minutes off the bench for Boeheim. Dead-eye shooting guard, freshman Trevor Cooney could also get some playing time.

Syracuse has many forwards who can come off the bench and have solid minutes this year as well, players like Rakeem Christmas and James Southerland. Christmas, a 6-foot-9 forward, also participated in the McDonald's All-American game with Carter-Williams. He has a 7-foot-2 wingspan that helps him alter shots down low. He is also a player who can change a game with his shot-blocking ability and be someone the Orange really relies on for years to come in the deadly zone.

He is a perfect fit on the wing spot for

Coach Boeheim as he is a really flexible forward who can do many things. Along with him will be James Southerland, who is a perfect example of the evolving game. He's a 6-foot-8 forward who can bang it from anywhere in the gym and is an accurate threepoint threat. Meanwhile, don't forget about Kieta and Fair. Whoever doesn't start between the two will also be coming off the bench.

This is by far the deepest Syracuse Orange team in recent memory, maybe even the deepest in the 37 years Hall of Fame Coach Jim Boeheim has been at the helm. Boeheim, who is 44 wins shy of his 900th win, could reach the milestone at the beginning of next season. If they win the NIT Tournament, make it to the Big East Championship and advance to the NCAA Final the Orange would have played 40-41 games, roughly three shy of 900 for ole coach. But that is pending they ran the table and went 41-0, something that has only happened once in the modern NCAA game.

The 2011-2012 Syracuse Orange Basketball team has all sorts of talent, talent that has led to comparisons of the 2003 national championship team. This could be a very exciting season in Central New York. The season officially tips off November 12th at the Dome against Fordham.



Chef Gino and Nick Canale Jr. from Canale's Restaurant (standing) as well as members of the Quirk's Players Drama Club (Nate Hawthorne, Nate Deavers, Ryann Crofoot, Alex Bawarski and Neo; Devendorf) invite everyone to attend a spaghetti dinner at the Fulton Polish Home this Sunday from 4-7 pm. The fundraiser is part of a plan to "Save the Spring Musical" following budget cuts.

## ***What will you do differently for the second quarter?***



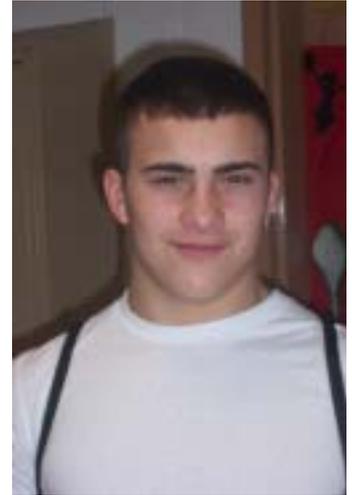
"Do my homework!"  
**Brandon Hill**



"I'm actually going to do my homework..."  
**Sara Erwin**



"I'll improve my grades."  
**Maggie Bryan**



"Start doing my homework."  
**Devon Viscome**

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# **Meteorology and you**

*By Carson Metcalf*



**Today:**



Sun and clouds.

**57°**

Average: 52°  
Record: 73° (1975)

**Tonight:**



Partly cloudy.

**39°**

Average: 35°  
Record: 21° (1992)

**Tomorrow:**



Sun and clouds.

**62°**

Average: 52°  
Record: 72° (1975)

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