

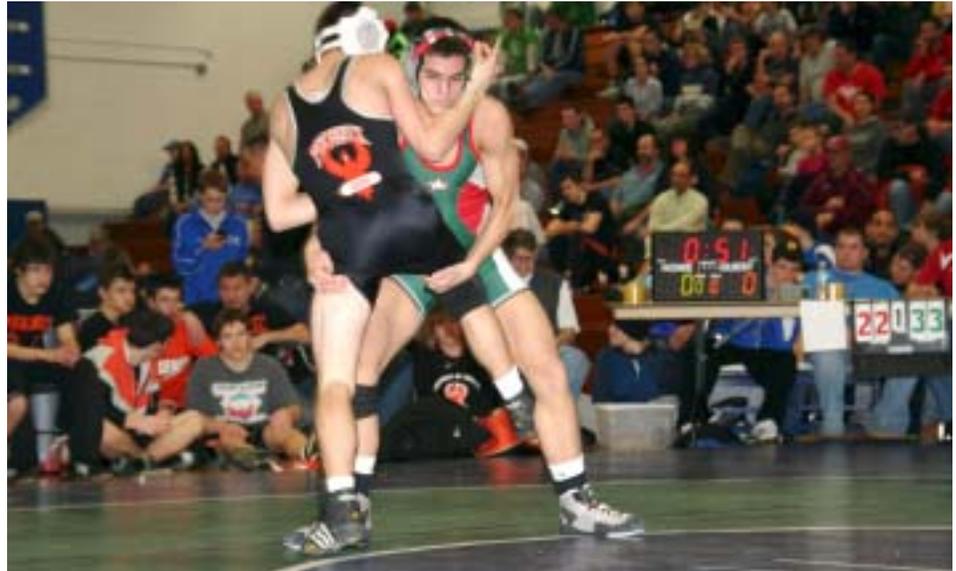


A perfect day for Raiders on court, mat, alley

It was business as usual for the Fulton wrestling team while the boys basketball team did something it has not accomplished in well over a year as both sides topped opponents from Chittenango on Wednesday. The Raider matmen rolled to a 55-20 win over the Bears to improve to 13-0 on the season while their basketball counterparts eased past Chittenango 55-52 to record Fulton's first back-to-back wins since the 2009-2010 campaign.

Making a routine wrestling win special, Fulton's "Century Club" welcomed a new member on Wednesday when Tony Torrese claimed his 100th career victory. Becoming just the 28th wrestler in the storied history of the program to reach the 100 win plateau, Torrese left nodoubt in pinning Chittenango's Corey Wilmer in 1:34 for the win.

Also registering pins were Brandon Hill (126), Devon Viscome (152) and Nick Woodworth (170) while Thomas Hill (113), Wilmer Jimenez (20), Adam Wallace (145)



Senior Tony Torrese joined elite company on Wednesday when he registered his 100th career victory to help lead Fulton to a lopsided win at Chittenango. (RND file photo)

and Mike DeMauro all claimed winning decisions for the Raiders.

Home continues to be where the victories are for the Red Raider hoopsters as Fulton followed up last week's tournament consolation victory with their second straight win in an all-out battle with Chittenango. The Bears led a low-scoring first quarter 7-6 and clung to a 19-18 halftime edge before Fulton finally surged ahead by virtue of a 15-10 third quarter advantage. The game came right down to the final buzzer as the Bears launched three shots in the closing seconds, only to fall short at 2-6 overall and 2-3 in league play.

Fulton improved to 2-3 in the league and

3-5 overall behind a 21 point effort from Nate Hudson, who connected three times from beyond the arc. Steven Henri and Jordan Baldwin added seven points each and Tyler French chipped in with six while turning in a strong defensive showing to limit Chittenango leading scorer Devin Christopher to just three points.

The long-range duo of Wesley Burghardt and Devin Phelps countered with 15 and 13 for the Bears, connecting three times apiece from beyond the three point stripe.

Fulton will be looking to extend its winning ways on Friday when the Raiders travel to Mexico to face the Tigers. (Sean Fink contributed information for this article)

Fulton Wrestling's Century Club

- David Hall (175)
- Matt Bogardus (172)
- Chris Ely (149)
- John Howard (140)
- Nick Hansen (135)
- Dillon Shue (128)
- Andy Hammond (125)
- Eric Smith (125)
- Matt Maher (124)
- Paul Slaver (124)
- Zach Race (122)
- Mark Shortsleeve (112)
- DJ Ingham (112)
- Greg Firenze (110)
- Randy Cottom (107)
- Randy Gillette (105)
- Chad Sheldon (105)
- Connan Ingham (104)
- Zach Bogardus (104)
- Mark Woodworth (104)
- Cameron Mills (103)
- Mike Vant (102)
- Keith Roberts (101)
- Toby Pawlewicz (101)
- Matt Draper (101)
- Mike Kitts (100)
- Tony Torrese (100)

Raider bowlers stay perfect with wins

The Raider bowling teams opened the new year in the same way they finished the old one, in dominating fashion. Maintaining their perfect records the girls cruised past Homer 4-0 and the boys toppled the Trojans 3-1 on Wednesday in a pair of non-league tilts.

Kylie Clifford paced the Fulton rise to 6-0 overall with a high game of 225 and a high series of 579. Danielle Rupert chipped in with a 556 series, followed closely by Mikayla Guernsey at 554. The boys improved to 7-0 on the season behind Dan Wahl's high series of 669. Bryce Guernsey rolled the high game of the match with a 289 en route to a 656 series while Ryan Kelly finished with a 542 for the winners. Homer was paced by the high rolling duo of Scott McLaughlin and Richard Gunn at 556 and 554 respectively.

Both teams will be back in action today at 3:30 when they face Solvay at Strike-n-Spare Lanes in Mattydale.

Opinion

War Horse makes for a sad Christmas break

By Michaela Best



Every year for Christmas I ask for a bunch of different movies that I have seen and liked. But this past winter break I went to the movies at Great Northern Mall and I saw the movie *War Horse*. *War Horse* is not on my list of movies for next year's Christmas.

In recent reviews I read that, "If you were looking for a tear jerker do not go see this movie." I completely disagree with this review.

This movie was one of the most depressing movies I have ever seen in my life. I have never cried at a movie but I found myself crying like a baby at this movie. This movie contained some very intense scenes.

The movie begins with the War Horse, Joey, being born and it

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shows a short version of him growing up to be a strong young horse. He is then taken to auction with his mother and separated from his mother for the first time in his life. Joey is then bought by an English farmer who was really looking for a plow horse. The farmer, Ted, gives the horse to his son to train and plow the field with Joey. The son, Albert, trains the horse to plow, ride, and do just about anything he is asked of. He is trained to stay until called with a whistle.

Ted ended up spending all of his money on Joey at the auction and did not have enough money for the rent. He then sells Joey to the English Army to be used as a mount for one of the soldiers during World War 1. Joey is then taken into battle where he befriends another horse in the army named Chuffles. The pairs of riders are then gunned down by the Germans and the horses are captured.

They are both then found by two young German soldiers who love horses and the brothers take care of the horses for as long as they have them in their care. One of the brothers is sent to the front-line and the older one decides to take Joey and Chuffles and run. The brothers are then found again by the German army and shot for running away.

The horses are not found then, but are found the next morning by a young French girl named Emily. She takes care of them for a few days until the French Army comes to take the food from their farm and they also took the horses. Joey and Chuffles then meet a soldier that loves the horses and tries to help them as much as he possibly can. Chuffles ends up dying from being over worked. Joey is devastated because he lost his bestfriend. Joey then is forced to run from a German tank that almost killed him.

As Joey was running from the Germans, he ran into no man's land and he ended up running through the barbed wire. He got caught, flipped over and was tangled in the wire. One soldier from the England and one from Germany both pitched in to free him from the wire before he seriously injured himself. The English soldier took him back to the infirmary and the sergeant is told to shoot him because he is too badly injured.

Albert, who joined the army was gassed and lost his sight temporarily, had heard of a miraculous horse. He knew it was Joey, so he whistled for him to come to him. Joey ran over to Albert and in the end they both ended up together again after four long years of not knowing what had happened to each other.

This movie has a great story line, but if you are a horse or even animal lover I wouldn't recommend this movie because it is just depressing. There were some intense scenes involving the horses and the way that they were utilized in the war. They were used to pull heavy machinery up hills and horses even charged against machine guns.

One particularly harsh scene involved the War Horse Joey running through "no-man's land" and into a barbed wire fence, flipping the horse. As someone who knows and has ridden horses for years, I know the consequences of a tumble of this sort. Granted, it was a movie, but the images were still disturbing. Like I said the story line is great, but the way it is displayed is not in my favor.



Reflections

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The Great Outdoors

Warmer weather wreaks havoc with ice fishing

By Daniel Summerville

This winter has not been a typical winter in Central New York. With very little snow and seasonably warm weather, many people are beginning to wonder if and when winter is going to take a turn for the worse. While a lot of people are not complaining about the lack of snow and cold weather, there are quite a few who are hoping for winter to hit hard.

With forty degree weather, lakes and ponds have not had a chance to freeze. This lack of ice is starting to worry ice fishermen. Without cold weather, the ice fishing season cannot happen. Ice needs to be at least three inches thick for a person to safely walk on it, and many fishermen prefer to have it even thicker. Only the smallest and slowest moving bodies of water have even a thin sheet of ice on them, nowhere near thick enough to hold a human.

In past years the ice has been strong enough to walk on in late November and early December, but this year it is questionable that the ice will be thick enough at all. If the temperatures stay where they have been lately, ice fishing may not be an option for fishermen this season. The ice needs a long stretch of cold weather to freeze to a necessary thickness, and at this rate there may not be such a stretch for some time.

This warm weather is very frustrating for ice fishermen. Some may even be tempted to take advantage of the brief cold periods



that we are having to get out on the ice. Some bodies of water may have ice that is thick enough, but fishermen should not take any chances. Even if the ice is thick, the warm weather will make it slushy and possibly unstable.

Ice fishing is a major hobby for a lot of people, but it is not worth falling through the ice just to try and get a few winter fish. Once someone falls through the ice, it is extremely hard, and sometimes impossible, for them to get out. Sportsmen should not take any chances, unless they are positive that the ice is strong enough to hold them, they should not venture out onto any body of water, no matter how much they want to fish.

Hopefully, ice fishermen will get lucky and we will get a stretch of cold weather long enough to freeze local lakes. However, it does not look like we will be getting any such weather in the very near future. Frustrated fishermen need only to remember that it is only January, there are still a few months of winter to come. The temperature may grow colder yet.

Former Syracuse news anchors in national spotlight

It is an exciting time in the Syracuse media market as yet another national weekend evening newscast job has been given to a journalist that started their career on local television here in Central New York. Jeff Glor, a former personality on WSTM-TV, Channel 3, will now anchor the Sunday edition of the iCBS Evening News.†

Glor worked at WSTM from 1997 to 2003, serving as a news writer, reporter, and morning news anchor during his tenure. After leaving Syracuse, he went to WHDH-TV in Boston to serve as an anchor and reporter before joining CBS News in 2007.

Glor is getting ready to join another former Syracuse news counterpart on a national network.

David Muir, a former anchor on WTVH-TV, Channel 5, already hosts *ABC World News* on the weekend. This is a position he has officially retained since February 2011.

Muir spent five years on the air at WTVH beginning in the late 1990s before moving on, coincidentally, to a station in Boston like Glor. There, at WCVB-TV, he served as a news anchor and correspondent. He then moved on to work at ABC News in 2003 where he would become an anchor and correspondent.

The Syracuse media market can be recognized as a “stepping stone” of sorts for broadcasters to go national. Famed television personalities such as Al Roker, Bob Costas, Mike Tirico, and Steve Kroft all got their start in Syracuse.

By Carson Metcalf

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Bowling vs. Solvay @ Mattydale (3:30); Swim @ North Rose-Wolcott *4:30).

Fri. Jan. 6: Indoor Track @ CNYITA Meet (4:30 @ OCC); Girls Bball vs. Mexico (JV-5:30)/V-7 pm); Boys Bball @ Mexico (JV-5:30/V-7 pm).

Mon. Jan. 9: Hockey vs. New Hartford (6 pm).

Tues. Jan. 10: Swim vs. New Hartford (5 pm); Girls Bball @ Phoenix (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys Bball vs. Phoenix (JV-5:30/V-7).

Wed. Jan. 11: Bowling vs. Cortland @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling @ Phoenix (6 pm).

Thurs. Jan. 12: Hockey vs. Auburn (6 pm); Boys Bball vs. Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7 pm).



Quote of the day:

“When a friend is in trouble, don’t annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it.”

- Edgar Watson Howe

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What are you most looking forward to in 2012?



"Lacrosse!"
Selena Sanchez



"The end of the world!"
Colin Blake



"Going to sports events and hanging out with friends."
Geoff Miner



"Going to games."
Levi Labeef

Meteorology and you

By *Carson Metcalf*



Today:



Cloudy with some snow.

33°

Average: 32°
Record: 62° (2007)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy.

22°

Average: 16°
Record: -15° (1996)

Tomorrow:



Chance rain or snow.

42°

Average: 32°
Record: 62° (2007)

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