



Palmitesso joins 1,000 point club in Raider win

By Ross Maxam

Finally. All that was going through senior leader and all-time

great Ashlynn Palmitesso's mind was "finally." On Friday night Palmitesso surpassed the 1,000 career point mark as only the third Fultonian to ever do so. She joins the likes of Matt Cooper, who is the all-time leading scorer, boys or girls, with 1,351 points amassed between 1999 and 2002, and Robin VerSchneider, the all-time leading girls scorer at 1,212.

If you were in attendance Friday to support Palmitesso, along with the entire Raider team in their 45-37 win over Mexico, you were surely counting down the points like everyone else. The tension in the air would become increasingly palpable with every three heaved up by the star senior. By scoring nine in the first half, the Raider faithful had no doubt that she would get six more to reach the milestone. After Palmitesso whittled her way down to only needing one more point, everyone knew what was about to happen. With every shot off the mark there was a collective sigh that filled the GRB gym. But midway through the third quarter Palmitesso dropped in a breakaway lay-up to transform the crowd into complete bedlam.

The shot was somewhat symbolic in a way, with an outlet pass being thrown from starting guard Christina Pensabene to Palmitesso, who was wide open. Everyone knew she would easily put the lay-up in and secure her spot in the record books. It was a shot everyone knew she would make, topping off a career everyone knew would be great. When the basket was made, play was stopped and the

senior was mobbed her loyal teammates and an announcement was made for those who were not aware of what had just transformed the Raider fans from a usually loud and wild crowd into remnants of Duke's famous Cameron Crazies. Palmitesso was able to meet VerSchneider and took a photo with the game ball and head coach Derek Lyons.

Although the distraction was a good one, it was still a distraction, and Lyons, along with the entire team knew that. Immediately following the stoppage in



Senior Ashlynn Palmitesso, center, was welcomed to the 1,000 point club by Robin (VerSchneider) Meier, left, and Coach Lyons, right, moments after becoming just the second girl and third player in school history to score 1,000 varsity points. Meier, the first player to reach this mark, did it 21 years ago. Matt Cooper, the school's all-time leading scorer, finished with 1,351 points in 2003. (Tyler Wood photo)

play, Palmitesso was focused on the 1,002nd point even more than the 1,000th. When asked about what she felt when she made the lay-up she stated, "I was obviously excited, but I was really focused on the game at that point. It was only the third quarter and it was a big game for us if we hope to make it to sectionals." When asked about the distraction part of the achievement she was quick to note, "yeah it was a distraction, but I thought it was a good one with it drawing a large crowd for the home game." With the Raiders clinging to a small lead she hoped to send the Tigers home with a loss to jump to a 4-6 start and reducing the Tigers record to 4-4.

She was successful in her attempt and it seems as though this Raider team has all the makings of a sleeper if they end up qualifying for sectionals. They defend well and are very quick. Add the scoring ability of Palmitesso and the gritty post play of junior Jessica Hudson, who contributed five points and several big rebounds, and they become a dark horse. One senior who seemed to have her coming out party on a night where the attendance was as high as it has been all year was forward Anna McKay. McKay was second in the team in scoring with 10 points including one three ball early on that helped the Raiders jump out to a 5 point lead in the first minute. The 10 points is a season high for her and Coach Derek Lyons will need her to be big down the stretch for the Raiders to be contenders. Christina Pensabene and Michelle Gorea added four points each as Fulton's starters accounted for all of the scoring on Friday.

On a night where so much focus was set on Ashlynn Palmitesso launching her way into the history books, it was a team effort that opened some eyes in Section 3.

On the road to 1,000

Ashlynn Palmitesso needed 180 points heading into her senior season in order to become just the third Fulton basketball player to reach the 1,000 point mark. Here is the breakdown for this season in her charge to 1,000 points.

- Freshman year: 301 pts.
- Sophomore year: 223 points
- Junior year: 294
- This season:
- Westhill 11 (169 points to go)
- Oswego 22 (147)
- Fayetteville-Manlius 10 (137)
- Chittenango 36 (101)
- Fowler 20 (81)
- East Syracuse-Minoa 11 (70)
- CBA 11 (59)
- Carthage 212 (38)
- Phoenix 23 (15)
- Mexico 22
- 1,007 points and counting!

Opinion

Who elected you as boss of the world?

By Laura Perwitz

Everybody has that one friend who feels like they have to be the boss of everything and everyone. It's irritating to everyone to have this person act all high and mighty and put pretty much everything below them because they're smarter or prettier or maybe even more athletic.

When it comes to group work, no one cares how nice you look or whether you're all-world in sports. You're just the same as everyone else.

People can act like this during class. For example, when assigned a project with another person you are supposed to work together.



they need to do something. Honestly, a person should be kicked out of a group to work alone if they just make people angry and upset.

People have been known to act higher than everyone else when they win something, get good grades on work, have a higher grade in class, try out for solos, get into one of the shows, or do something well in a sport. Yes, congratulations, you did a great job; but don't sit there and act like a prima donna because of your accomplishments. You not only make yourself look like a fool, but you irritate everyone around you.

You are not the boss of everyone else. One day, these people will become so bossy and that they will risk losing the people they thought were friends. Who's the boss now? Bottom line, don't boss people around. Chances are you wouldn't listen to yourself either, and think about it; if you wouldn't even listen to yourself, who do you think is going to?

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One person isn't just supposed to be boss of the entire thing because it makes the other person look bad for not being able to do anything. When you sit there and deprive someone of working on their project because you feel like taking over, you're making yourself look bad. When you're trying to grab something when someone is trying to fix something on the project, the person tends to get a little mad and not willing to work with this person any longer.

Working with a group can be a struggle sometimes, but bossy prindles of the world take note, you don't have to be rude and start yelling at everyone in the group just because you're not getting your own way. The idea is to try to talk about things everyone could bring in to make this project better, and it's irritating to have that one person who sits there and says the idea wouldn't work, without having a reason to back these predictions up.

No one is named leader in group projects. Everyone is their own leader, and will control their own actions without someone saying

Bizarre News of the Day:

So who is laughing now?

A teenager has been arrested for disorderly conduct after he was photographed 'planking' on a police car. The boy, 19, from Wisconsin, was also pictured planking on a police memorial to seven dead officers. He was found guilty of disorderly conduct by a municipal court judge after he posted the incriminating images on Facebook.

For those who have not heard of it, planking involves people being photographed while lying horizontally, with their arms by their sides, in unusual or daring situations. The 19-year-old in question was also pictured posing on an ATM and in several stores, including on a checkout conveyor belt.

He told the court that the photographs had been taken by his brother in a bid "to get laughs," but the police did not see it that way. "Mr. Hart's laying on the squad car is disruptive to the peace and good order of the community at large," said Kathleen McDaniel, assistant city attorney, in a written brief filed in court. It is the city's position that the publication of Mr. Hart's conduct on social media sites does tend to cause or provoke a disturbance."

As a result, he was fined nearly \$400.

By Morgan Firenze



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Opinion

The Great Outdoors

Take safety courses now to prepare in advance

By Daniel Summerville

For most avid hunters, January is the start of offseason. There are small game seasons open, but most hunters only chose to participate in these seasons intermittently. There is not another major hunting season until May, when spring turkey season opens in New York.

This gap between hunting seasons is the perfect time for the hunting population to grow. In order to buy a hunting license new hunters need to have a certificate from a hunter safety course, and there is no better time to take a course than now, before there are any major seasons open.

Hunter safety courses can be long and sometimes a bit boring, but there is no doubt that what is learned during the course is essential for hunters to know. The course does not teach new sportsmen how to hunt, but instead concentrates on how to be safe. The things learned in the class are very useful, and should be taken seriously. A lot of what is talked about may seem like common sense, but hunters tend to take stupid risks, especially when there is a deer or



other game animal in front of them.

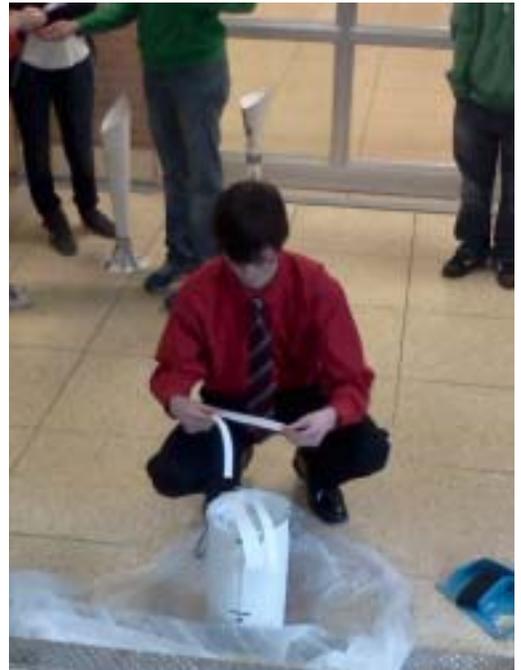
There is more than one kind of hunter education course, including the ten hour general one, the eight hour bow hunter, and the eight hour trapper course. New hunters need to take the courses that are required for each of the methods they plan on using. The final tests at the end of the classes have to be passed in order for the students to receive their certificate. These tests are not hard, and can easily be passed as long as students pay attention during the class.

People of any age older than eleven can take these classes, as long as those under sixteen have a signed permission slip. High school students who are interested in hunting during upcoming hunting seasons for the first time should try and find one of these classes to take as soon as possible. Potential hunters should look in newspapers and online in order to find out when the next class is available.

Classes fill up fast, so those who are looking to get their certification need to sign up as soon as they find an open class. It is never too late to start hunting, and by taking a hunters education course potential hunters are taking the first step toward a lifetime in the outdoors.



Physics students don't like their eggs scrambled



How do you drop an egg on the floor and keep it from breaking? In Mr. Galek's physics classes last week the students attempted to create an apparatus that would allow an egg to survive intact when dropped onto it from a distance. The students were each given a piece of poster board, duct tape, a piece of regular paper and two paper clips while being instructed to design an egg catcher. In groups of three they then set out to make it through three rounds of trials.

The first round saw the eggs being dropped from one meter, with round two coming from two meters. The third and final round saw the students, such as Casey Holden, above middle with Mr. Galek and Christina Pensabene, dropping their egg from 3.5 meters, the top of the stairwell into a student designed apparatus, middle picture. Dan Wahl, right photo, calls out the name of a successful team. It proved to be an exciting challenge for the students, even though there were a few egg casualties. (Vanessa Langdon photos)

What do you think about Ashlynn Palmitesso reaching 1,000 career points?



"It's a great accomplishment!"
Brandon Guernsey



"I think it's awesome that another girl has achieved this, instead of another guy."
Colin Blake



"Ashlynn has put a lot of effort into this. I am very happy for her."
Mr. Bono



"I am very proud of her and I think she is super cool!"
Maggie Ryan

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.

38°

Average: 32°
Record: 63° (2008)

Tonight:



Partly to mostly cloudy.

25°

Average: 16°
Record: -22° (1968)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy.

33°

Average: 31°
Record: 57° (1950)

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