



Season of optimism starts today for laxmen

By Ross Maxam

Raider lacrosse is back in action and sometimes they have to be reminded they are at practice and not the beach. With the temperature being above 65 last week and close to 80 for a few days, the boys have utilized the state-of-the-art turf facility for the first time in the early weeks of the season.

Just a year ago the team was scurrying around the parking lot waiting for the sun to come out and melt the snow off the field. At one point a season ago, Head Coach Craig Halliday was so eager to get on the turf that the boys had to bring boots to practice to kick up the snow to allow the sun to reach the surface.

It's a different story this year though, with the team having been out on the field since day one. On many occasions they have been out in shorts and t-shirts as opposed to wearing sweatpants and long sleeves. Along with the change in weather, the team also received new helmets and jerseys for the 2012 campaign. The new helmets are hopefully going to cut down on concussions as they are a very big point of emphasis in all contact sports now.

As for the outlook of the team, Halliday and Assistant Coach George Beckwith are utilizing the very young talent in the program and combining it with the senior leaders in hopes of forming a squad that will result in a sectional berth. The four sophomores called up are Mark Pollock, Matt Nelson, Carson Vono, and Seth DeLisle.

All are expected to contribute right away, with the possibility of Pollock starting at defense with a returning junior in Brandon Lockwood and a senior in either Joe Cortese or Pat Sullivan. Anchoring the D, which is very raw but much more athletic than a year ago, is returning net minder Colin Blake.

Running the midfield will be a great two-way player, ground ball man, and returning senior in Tyler Lockwood. Contributing to most of the midfield scoring will be Steven Delisle. The 6-foot-1, 185 pound athlete can



It's a sure sign of spring when the boys lacrosse team is battling for control, like in this scrum from the 2011 campaign. The Raiders open the 2012 season this evening when they play host to East Syracuse-Minoa in a 6:30 pm start. (RND file photo)

free his hands with ease dodging down the alley, and will look to be the midfields top scorer in his third year on varsity. Other mid-dies expected to have good seasons will be Jesse Ives, Mitch Johnston, Nick Metcalf, Seth Delisle and Justin Bowering. Two sophomores, Matt Nelson and Carson Vono, will be running at both midfield and attack this year and have a lot of potential and hope to impress opposing teams in their first varsity campaign.

The attack is the most experienced out of the group with two returning starters and a junior returning for his second varsity season. Although they lose part time starter and the programs all-time leading scorer in Brett Williams, and full time starter Corey Crook, the offense should be just fine. Returning the third and fourth leading scorers in Ross Maxam and Bryan Benton respectively, they have not lost all their firepower.

Ross Maxam and Joe Sutton, both seniors, will have to be the team's most consistent

scorers this year according to head coach Craig Halliday. The two have been working behind the cage since they were in elementary school and hope to make their season a memorable one. Coach Halliday knows they work well together and noted that they are complete players who can pass, cut, catch and finish.

With Sutton being injured last year and only playing in six games, Maxam was left without the comfort of having his teammate on the field. Benton, who suffered an injury in football that put a shadow over this year's lacrosse season, will be working the crease most of the year. The league knows that he has one of the best sticks around and will see a lot of goals this year with his ability to finish and the ability of Maxam and Sutton to find him.

The boys will unveil their 2012 edition tonight when they play host to East Syracuse-Minoa with JV action at 5 pm and the varsity to follow at 6:30.

Raider girls open with a big win...see page 5

Opinion

All men equal, unless you're a female athlete

By Hannah Dunsmoor

Lacrosse season has started, and with the warm weather and the turf field to frolic on, I decided I wanted to invest in new turf shoes. I proceeded to drive my car to one of the closest stores, which happened to be Dick's Sporting Goods, in Clay.

Excitement and anticipation overcame me because I love the sensation of putting on brand new shoes, feeling refreshed, and faster than ever. One of my favorite experi-

ences is trying on different cleats and finding that special pair willing to sacrifice itself for the multiple battles it will have to endure.

As I approached the shoe department my enthusiasm slowly vanished. Out of the two walls that housed the cleats, and turf shoes, there were approximately three or four in women's sizes. To top it all off they only had white, and the stereotypical pink and black for the color selection. My hatred for pink and black grows stronger every time I have to lay my eyes on a new product that bears those putrid colors. After I glanced at the men's section, I knew I was



has a deeper meaning. Women athletes should be treated with the same respect as men. We work just as hard, make the same commitments, and give all of our effort, just like the guys. If we are equal in those aspects, why can't companies create equipment for women, and give us the same amount of respect.

If you delve farther into athletics, women's sports, in general are always put behind men's. For example, Syracuse Men's Basketball is widely known, and constantly talked about while the women's team barely gets any credit and the players are not household names.

I understand why men's sports are so much more popular. There is more action, increased physical contact, and occasionally less rules. Every year girl's lacrosse restrictions appear to grow, and make the game harder to play without any of the black and white pinstriped men blowing their whistles.

At this rate, it will eventually become a non-contact sport. The rules between women's and men's lacrosse are so different, they are two different sports. I am tired of the sexist rules put into place on women's sports, and if "all men are created equal" is enforced in all other aspects of our nation, then it should ring true with athletics too.

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going home empty handed. My particularly small feet had no chance to fit into the giant men's sizes.

I proceeded to stagger home, knowing I would resort to buying online. The dreadful internet, while being incredibly talented at accelerating time, is my worst enemy when it pertains to shopping. It is a hassle to wait for the package to arrive, see if the material fits, and pay extra for shipping and handling. After a few tedious days of website hopping and price comparisons, I think I have finally found the shoes that I desire. This may sound like a shallow story about a girl who cannot find a pair of particular shoes, but to me it

Bizarre news of the day:

The forest hath no fury...

Park officials planning to chop down woodlands thought they were going nutty - when they were attacked by an angry squirrel.

The Town Hall experts in Bialystok, Poland, were discussing which trees to fell in the public park when the furry-sous beast leapt into their office through an open window and destroyed all their plans and paperwork.

"The squirrel jumped onto the table and went berserk, tearing all our papers to shreds. If I didn't know it was impossible, I'd think he'd overheard us planning to cut his trees down," said one official.

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By Morgan Firenze



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Titans, Snow White to challenge Hunger Games

It may be impossible to knock *The Hunger Games* out of the top spot after a tremendous debut weekend, but there are two new movies hoping to give it run this weekend when the fantasy theme continues with *Wrath of the Titans* and *Mirror, Mirror* make their debut.



Wrath of the Titans: Arriving at the theatres on Friday, March 30, is *Wrath of the Titans*. The sequel to *Clash of the Titans*, *Wrath of the Titans* looks to be a very successful follow-up. This science fiction, action movie will be presented in both regular movie 2-

D and special IMAX 3-D. This film takes place a decade after Perseus famous defeat of the Kraken, and follows his newest adventure.

There continues to be a constant struggle for power between the gods and the Titans. Although the gods have asserted their dominance for a while now, they have been gradually becoming weaker due to the lack of devotion of the humans on earth. The Titans, led by Kronos, have devised a plan to capture Zeus, the king of the gods, with the help of Hades and one of Zeus' sons. Now Perseus must acquire an alliance of his own to enter the underworld and rescue his father. The cast includes Sam Worthington (Perseus), Liam

Neeson (Zeus), Ralph Fiennes (Hades), Danny Huston (Poseidon) and Edgar Ramirez (Ares). If you saw the recently revamped version of *Clash of the Titans*, you know that *Wrath of the Titans* promises to be a hit for anyone interested in Greek Mythology or action-packed drama.

Mirror Mirror: Joining *Wrath of the Titans* on Friday is *Mirror Mirror*. *Mirror Mirror* is yet another remake of the classic tale of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*. *Mirror Mirror* is the tale of an exiled princess, Snow White, who must team up with an alliance of dwarves to help her win back the prince from the evil Queen. This film features some comedy, some action, some romance; some of everything you would want in a fairy-tale come to life. Starring as in this new release is Lily Collins as Snow White, Julia Roberts as the evil Queen, Armie Hammer as the Prince that Snow White is trying to win back, and Nathan Lane as the Queen's servant. The film will also feature seven other guys who will portray the roles of the hysterical, yet ambitious dwarves. If loved the fairy-tales from your childhood or had never even heard of the story of Snow White, but are interested to learn, go out to the theatres this weekend and enjoy yourself with this flick.

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On the way out...

Syracuse standout headed for early NBA exit

Much to the disappointment of Orange Nation, Syracuse University's Dion Waiters has decided to leave school early and enter the NBA draft.

Waiters, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, said he intended to sign with an agent. Signing with an agent would make Waiters ineligible to return to college. Waiters averaged 12.7 points per game this past season for a Syracuse team that went 34-3 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's East Region finals. The Orange lost to Ohio State in the Elite Eight in Boston on Saturday. Waiters was the Orange's second-leading scorer, even though he did not start a game this past season. He played just 24.2 minutes per game and was named the Big East's Sixth Man of the Year.

Powerfully-built at 6-foot-4 and 215 pounds, Waiters put points on the scoreboard in short order. He scored 18 points in just 24 minutes in Syracuse's NCAA Tournament win over Kansas State. Waiters averaged 23.0 points and 28.0 minutes in SU's Big East Tournament games against Connecticut and Cincinnati. Early in the season, he scored 17 points in 19 minutes against Manhattan.

Waiters struggled in a reserve role as a freshman. At times, he was at odds with Boeheim. Last summer, Waiters contemplated transferring, but he returned for his sophomore year and excelled in the sixth-man role that he had resisted as a freshman. He went from 6.6 points per game as a freshman to 12.6 this past year. His shooting percentage improved from 41.1 to 48.2 percent. His 3-point shooting also went up, rising to 36 percent from 32.9 percent.

Waiters is rated as a first-round draft choice on a number of mock draft websites. The website Nbadraft.net has Waiters going to his hometown Philadelphia 76ers with the 20th pick. The Memphis Grizzlies will take him with the 23rd overall pick, according to Draftexpress.com. And Hoopsworld.com has him going to the Cleveland Cavaliers with the No. 25 pick.

Waiters flew home to Philadelphia on Monday to be with his family. He said he will decide which agent to with this week. By signing with an agent, he will lose his ability to enter his name in the draft and still return to school. Waiters also said he intends to finish his courses at Syracuse this semester. *By Tyler Terramiggi*

On the way in???

Top recruit Noel is considering Syracuse

The top recruit in the 2012 basketball class, Nerlens Noel, is considering taking his talents to the Carrier Dome. Noel, a 6-foot-11 center may be the best big man recruit since the likes of Patrick Ewing. However, Ewing and Noel play different styles from the center spot as he is much more athletic and does more things facing up to the basket. Noel will also block anything put towards the basket.

Noel has narrowed his list of possible college designations to three schools. "(I've) narrowed down to UK, Syracuse and Georgetown," Noel told Scout.com on Sunday. Scouts say Noel, a 6-11 center from Everett, Mass., is the best shot blocker of a generation, and every top-flight college coach has been recruiting him. With his Sunday announcement, that means he has dropped North Carolina and UConn from his list.

He previously had taken unofficial visits to Kentucky and Syracuse and recently visited Georgetown, he told scout.com. Noel established himself as a game-changing center with his play on the

high school recruiting circuit last summer. He originally was scheduled to be part of the Class of '13, but announced in early February that he'd graduate from the Tilton School in New Hampshire this spring and thus be ready to begin college a year sooner than expected.

Noel is a developing offensive player, but his athleticism and defensive knowledge make him one of the most impressive high school shot-blockers of the past two decades. Scouts say he controls the lane defensively like no high school prospect since at least Alonzo Mourning, as if he is a one-man zone. *By Tyler Terramiggi*

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This Week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys Lax vs. ES-M (JV-5/V-6:30).
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Sat. March 31: V Girls Lax @ Spencerport (3 pm).



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Music in Our Schools Month finale tonight

The March "Music in our Schools" Month is winding down as April fast approaches. Tonight Ms. Santy will show off her concert and symphonic orchestras in the last concert of the series. Everyone has put forth a lot of effort and hard work in order to make this performance possible. Listeners will not be disappointed in hearing what these students have to play.

Also performing in this concert are select band students who will take part in a full orchestral piece. They have been working on *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, the national march of the United States made famous by

John Philip Sousa. The addition of the full orchestra to the concert is always nice and it adds more variation of sound and color. Audience members can start looking forward to the following concert to hear another full orchestral song, which might be a symphonic suite from *The Lord of the Rings*.

Some of the student musicians in the orchestra just recently participated in the Oswego All-County Orchestra concert that was held in Fulton last weekend. If anyone did not get a chance to attend, the performance was truly outstanding. A lot of positive comments followed the recital. It is impressive

that a group of fine musicians like these can come together and play high quality music with such little rehearsal.

Coming up soon is the chorus and orchestra field trip to Philadelphia. Students will be performing repertoire prepared from earlier in the year on one of the days. The rest of the weekend spent there will be filled with fun activities. More on this trip will be posted following the trip at the end of April.

Admission is free for the orchestra concert, as always. Come down Thursday night at 7:30 pm to hear a great performance.

By Nck Abelgore

Bodley students taking part in Living Stations

Easter is more than jelly beans and chocolate rabbits. That is the message a group of students will be delivering this Friday when they act out the Living Stations. The Living Stations is a tradition that has been performed for 25 years by the youth of the former Holy Family Church congregation.

Even after the closure of the physical Holy Family Church, this tradition would not go down. Instead the Living Stations has relocated to G. Ray Bodley's auditorium where it will be performed on Friday evening for the second year after relocating to Holy Trinity Church for a time after the merging of

the two parishes.

The roles of this portrayal of the living stations are constantly filled by students here at GRB, and this year is no different. The role of Jesus will be portrayed by sophomore Jeremy Langdon and junior Christina Teetsel will be Mary, the mother of Jesus. Supporting roles will be portrayed by Vanessa Langdon, Mark Pollock, and Seth Delisle. Steven Delisle and Steven Hanczyk will also be participating in the Living Stations as readers.

The Living Stations consist of the students, along with numerous children from the el-

ementary schools and junior high, acting out the 14 Stations of the Cross. The stations are acted out one by one, and the actors hold a pose for each station while the readers explain what is happening.

The performance is very moving as every year the stations are accompanied by emotional songs performed by the Holy Family Choir under the direction of former GRB music teacher Mrs. Walrath.

The Living Stations will be this Friday night, March 30 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium and is free and open to the public.

By Vanessa Langdon

Girls open season with dominating 17-5 victory

In a season of great expectations, the Lady Raider lacrosse team lived up to its advance billing in their first contest of the season when they traveled to the Utica area to face the Spartans of New Hartford on Wednesday. The long bus ride was worth something as they came away with a 17-5 win in decisive fashion, flexing their muscles and making a statement to the league.

Most times, teams are slow out of the gates in their first full speed game of the season since there are always kinks in the system. Yesterday was no exception as the ladies were flawed at the majority of the draws. This seemed to be the only weak spot in the entire squad, however, with an outstanding showing other than that.

Leading the barrage of goals scored were the attack pairing of junior Erica Knaub and senior Jordan Rizzo. Rizzo led the way with six goals and Knaub counted five to go with

two assists. Joining the scoring was sophomore sensation Amelia Coakley, who added three goals and two assists. Kate Rothrock, Andrea Gould, and Julia Ludington joined the scoring with Gould and Rothrock adding two assists a piece. Senior defender Erika Johnson added an assist along with defensive efforts that held the Spartans to just five goals. Senior netminder Torrie Whelsky stood tall between the pipes saving 9 shots; good for a .643 save percentage.

Firing in goals in the New Hartford cause were Katie Kenney, Honorine Klinkner, Theano Alvanos, Sarah Alvanos, and Ashley Tremblay. All five put in one apiece for New Hartford's down on their luck offensive showing as they fell to 1-1 on the season. Unfortunately for the home side, standout Ashley Chanatry was nowhere to found in this game after scoring six goals in a New Hartford's win Monday night, as she is out

for the season with an ankle injury. The Spartans goalie Andrea Obeid faced a barrage of shots from the Raider's offensive juggernaut but managed to stop 5 in her second game of the season.

The ladies travel to Rochester tomorrow night to face a very good Irondequoit team and will be spending the night and returning Saturday after playing *By Ross Maxam*

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Brennan Roberge



"Going to Nationals."

Brandon Hill



"Going to Florida, Baby!"

Nick "Woody" Woodworth



"Going to Outer Banks."

Ashley Hamm

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



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Average: 49°
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Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

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Average: 30°
Record: 9° (1959)

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds.
Chance rain.

45°

Average: 49°
Record: 87° (1986)

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