



## Raider standout charges toward school records

Mitch Woodworth, a junior at G. Ray Bodley High School and captain of the Fulton wrestling team, plans to bring his team to the top. Mitch's record this year is an astonishing 28-0 with 17 of those victories coming from pins. Overall he has amassed a phenomenal record of 128-27, just 12 wins away from the all-time Fulton record of 140 set by Class of 2011 graduate David Hall.

Being appointed captain of his team not only puts the pressure and responsibility on him, but he must set the tone for the team. Coming out and showing the colors he represents with a record like that is something to be proud of, and his season is far from over.

According to Fulton Wrestling Coach

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Fulton Wrestling Coach Stalker**



A familiar sight at the top of the podium is Fulton junior Mitch Woodworth, far right, who is on the verge of becoming the school's all-time winningest wrestler.

who added that, "not only does he try and work the hardest but he tries to motivate his teammates to work harder as well. As a leader he leads by example and is also a vocal leader."

When asked what drives him, Woodworth replied that, "Challenge is what makes you

a champion, a true champion doesn't let things get to him, he works harder and harder and does things that no other champion would because when you are a champion you are one all of your own."

A transformation takes place on the mats according to Coach Stalker, who noted that, "when it comes time to shake hands and start wrestling in a match he (Mitch) just gets a totally different mindset and goes out there with the idea that he's not only going to beat his opponent, but he's going to look for the major decision, look for the tech. fall or look for the pin, and that's exactly how he approaches every day in the practice room." That philosophy has carried Woodworth to within 15 pins of Hall's all-time school record of 86.

With the rest of this season and his entire senior year still to come, Mitch seems destined to place his name at the head of the class for Fulton's storied wrestling program. But through all of this the ultimate goal for the defending Section 3 champion remains for him, to become the sixth Raider state champion and the first since Mike Kitts claimed the 167 pound title in 1996.

*By Connor Relf & Jeff Waldron*

Stalker, "the reason why Mitch is so successful in wrestling is because he's the hardest working guy in the practice room. Day in and day out he's working his tail off, staying extra." His dedication goes far beyond that of an individual according to his coach,

### What's for lunch?

**Today:** Brunch lunch colby cheese omelet with tater tots, veggie punch and banana with alternative of chicken paty on a bun.

**Friday:** Fish bites with baked beans, broccoli florets, diced pear cup or whole druit cup with alternative of manager's choice.

### What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

The next **Math Club competition** will be held on Friday, January 17 at 2:20 pm in room 111. Anyone who ordered a Math Club t-shirt should pick theirs up from Mrs. Ryan to be worn during the competition on Friday.

There will be an important **National Honor Society** meeting for all current members and this year's inductees on Wednesday, Jan. 22 after school in the auditorium.

**HOPE Club** meets every Monday in room 119.

**Future Business Leaders of America** meets every Monday in room 116.

**Fultonian Yearbook** meets on Wednesdays in room 102.

**GRB Journalism Club** meets Wednesdays in room 102.

**SPRING 2014 drivers ed registration paperwork** is now available in the guidance office. Deadline to register is January 23rd. Must be 16 years old by February 3rd to enroll.

**Spanish Club members**, please see Señora Piraino by Friday, January 17th to sign up for quesadilla making.

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## Raider Sports

# Hoopsters enjoy best streak in seven seasons

By Jimmy Martin

The Raider Hoopsters started off slowly this season, but it now appears that they were just getting warmed up. The team lost eight games in a row before winning for the first time. But then a spark ignited within the team and on December 28, the Raiders won their first game of the 2013-2014 season with a 56-52 nail biter against Palmyra-Macedon. They were down two points going into the final quarter and won the fourth 19-13. That was the last game in 2013 and 2014 started to bring success to the Raiders.

After a long break, the next game was a home one against East Syracuse- Minoa. Going into the game, the ES-M Spartans had the better record of 3-3. The Raiders were 1-7, but that did not put any doubts into their minds as they wanted to show that 2014 was their year.

After losing the first, quarter they fought back and ended up beating the Spartans by an impressive 14 points. Chris Jones and Cody Greene both contributed greatly to this win as Jones put up a season high 28 points and still grabbed 11 rebounds, enough for a double-double. Greene had 16 points and made two three-pointers. This was their first two-game win streak in two years.

Following the victory at home against ES-M, they had another home game against the Chittenango Bears. Not only were the Raiders on a winning streak, they had the better record. The Bears were 0-7 and hungry for their first win. To show that Fulton was serious to win and it was their home court, Chris Jones threw down a dunk for the second basket of the night. After that, it was back and forth. The Raiders and Bears fought until the end, but in the fourth, the

Raiders were down but managed to pull ahead.

Dallas Bradley hit two clutch free throws to give Fulton the lead and they managed to win a close game 52-48. Even though Fulton only had four people who scored, they got the job done and moved on to a three game win streak.

The hoopsters most recent game was on Tuesday against Mexico. Both of these two teams were evenly matched. The Mexico Tigers record was 3-5 starting the game and the Raiders record was 3-7. Knowing that their winning streak was on the line, the Raiders had to play tough. They won the first quarter and played strong for the rest of the game.

Toward the end of the game, they pulled away even more, winning the fourth quarter 21-13. Jones and Greene led the team in scoring, but not too far behind was Josh Hudson, who put up 10 points.

Tuesday night's game marked Fulton's fourth straight win, a great accomplishment for the Raiders as it was their first four game win streak since the 2006-2007 season. This win streak also ties the number of games they won during the entire 2011-2012 season.

The Coach Kimpland led Raiders are starting prove that they are a good basketball team and they should make it to Sectionals. The next game is on January 24 against Fowler and that game is one that they can win.

Following the Fowler game they face Chittenango again, a team they have already beaten once this season. Cody Green leads the team in scoring, firing in 18 points per game with 15 steals while Chris Jones is right behind him with 16 points per game and a team high 64 rebounds. Senior Mark Pollock has added 35 boards and 17 assists for the suddenly streaking Raiders.

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Girls Bball @ Cazenovia (JV-5:30/V-7); Bowling vs. Chittenango (3:30 @ Strike N' Spare); Hockey vs. C-NS (6 pm).

**Fri. Jan. 17:** Hockey vs. Niagara Falls (8 pm); Wrestling @ Clayton Barnard Tournament (4 pm @ Hilton HS).

**Sat. Jan. 18:** Wrestling @ Clayton Barnard Tournament (10 am @ Hilton HS); Swim @ North Rose-Wolcott (11 am).



## Quote of the day:

"Courage is not the absence of fear but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear."

- Ambrose Redmoon

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## Reflections

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# What does Martin Luther King Jr. mean to you?



"Equal rights."

Mrs. Pappalardo



"Equality for all people."

Mrs. Crisafulli



"He's one of my heroes."

Mrs. Proietto



"He taught me that it's good to have a dream."

Mrs. Perkins

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds.

**29°**

Average: 31°  
Record: 61° (1995)



Cloudy skies.

**22°**

Average: 15°  
Record: -21° (1994)



Rain showers.

**36°**

Average: 31°  
Record: 58° (1990)

Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.