



Youth is served in all-league soccer selections

The future looks bright for the Fulton boys soccer team as a late season surge that carried them to within a win of the Class A championship game and a half dozen selections to the all-league team stand as serious building blocks for next year. Five of the six all-league performers are underclassmen, led by second team selection and junior midfielder Austin Wilde, so the ingredients are in place for a solid 2015 campaign.

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**Varsity Soccer
Coach Nate Murray**

Senior defender Shawn Walberger, juniors Ian Devendorf (midfield/striker) and Austin Beckwith (striker) joined sophomores Jared Marden (midfielder/defender) and Evan Beckwith (defender) on the honorable mention list for Coach Nate Murray's 9-9-1 Red Raiders.

“Austin Wilde is a tremendous leader on and off the field,” Murray said in praise of the third year varsity performer. “He is a very good player who plays in all thirds of the field well.” Shawn Walberger, the lone senior selection, was noted as being, “a tremendous shutdown defender” by the coach, who also commented on fellow defender Evan Beckwith's abilities in his own third by saying, “he was very poised as a young player. He marks and recovers very well.”

Devendorf contributed 7 goals and 3 assists as one of the team's top offensive threats, and according to his coach has, “great foot skills, he makes a lot of defenders miss.” Devendorf's ability on corner kicks was also noted, Murray saying that, “he can score at will.”

Fellow junior striker Austin Beckwith came through in a big way during the playoff run and finished the season with 7 goals and 2 assists, good for 9 points. “Austin has improved his speed tremendously and has a knack for goal,” the coach noted. “He will run through the ball and get goals when others would not.”

Only a sophomore, Jared Marden showed his versatility by playing both midfielder and defender, contributing a pair of assists along the way. Murray called him, “a great all-around player,” adding that he, “has great vision and footwork and he defends well.”

But while Murray was thrilled to see six of his players earn all-league honors, he was quick to point out the contribution of his

entire team, saying, “each player is vital to who we are, including the ones without official recognition...this truly is a team sport and without each person's contributions our team is completely different!”

As for next season, “we have high expectations for the team next year and hope that we can get enough contributions from those who do not participate in off season workouts to reach the finals next year,” Murray commented. “We have about ten players regularly participating in weekly training sessions. The question our players are asking themselves is, ‘what will I do today to make myself better than my opponent?’”



Junior Austin Wilde, a three year varsity performer, headlined the list of Red Raider soccer players to make the all-league team as he was selected to the second team. Five of his teammates earned honorable mention recognition for their efforts during the recently completed season. (submitted photo)

Opinion

What do YOUR musical tastes say about you?

Have you ever given any thought to the part that music plays in your everyday life? If not then here is an interesting tidbit to give some attention to. The music that you listen to on a daily basis can contribute to what your personality is like.

Different studies have shown that the varying genres of music have an effect on your brain and possibly the way you think, thus leading to a change or development of your personality. However, your personality may also contribute to what kind of music you are naturally drawn to and enjoy listening to. Which one are you?

To break it down, here are the connections they have found:

- * Blues fans: have high self-esteem, are creative, outgoing, gentle and at ease
- * Jazz fans: have high self-esteem, are creative, outgoing and at ease
- * Classical music fans: have high self-esteem, are creative, introvert and at ease
- * Rap fans: have high self-esteem and are outgoing
- * Opera fans: have high self-esteem, are creative and gentle
- * Country and western fans: are hardworking and outgoing
- * Reggae fans: have high self-esteem, are creative, not hardworking, outgoing, gentle and at ease
- * Dance fans: are creative and outgoing but not gentle
- * Indie fans: have low self-esteem, are creative, not hard working, and not gentle
- * Bollywood fans: are creative and outgoing
- * Rock/heavy metal fans: have low self-esteem, are creative, not hard-working, not outgoing, gentle, and at ease

* Chart pop fans: have high self-esteem, are hard working, outgoing and gentle, but are not creative and not at ease

* Soul fans: have high self-esteem, are creative, outgoing, gentle, and at ease

However, it is very difficult to generalize results of music on personality based on a study that not every person alive is involved in. *Do not take any of these results to heart.*
By Breanna St. Onge

Hoopsters dump Oswego, improve to 2-0

Local rivals Oswego had held bragging rights since the 2008-09 season, but that all came to an end on Tuesday night when the Fulton boys basketball team ran past the Bucs 66-56. Upping their count to 2-0 heading into tonight's game at Hannibal, the Raiders used a 25-14 second quarter surge to overcome an early 16-11 deficit, and then padded the lead to 10 points in the third quarter.

Cody Green connected four times from beyond the arc to lead Fulton with 23 points while Chris Jones provided the spark from the inside with 17. Tyler Lee made two long range connections to finish with 13 points. Zach Gillard paced the Bucs with a 17 point showing.

The match-up was the first between the two neighboring schools since 2012, when Oswego claimed a 60-41 victory. Fulton's last win over the Bucs came during the 08-09 campaign when the Raiders scored a 63-48 triumph.

Perennial powerhouse West Genesee proved to be too much for the Raider icement on Tuesday night when the Wildcats skated to a 6-0 victory. Grainger Sasso scored threere times to pace the winners, who scored twice in the opening period and three times in the third to leave Fulton's mark at 2-2 on the season. Spencer Evans had 29 saves for the Raiders while Nick Skidmore posted the shutout in goal for West Genesee.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys Bball @ Hannibal (5/6:30); Girls Bball vs. ES-M (5/6:30); Swim vs. Auburn (5:30)

Sat, Dec. 12: V Wrestling @ Colonie Duals (9:15 am); JV wrestling @ Blindman's Tourney @ C-NS (9:30 am)

Sun. Dec. 13: V Wrestling @ Colonie Duals (9:15 am)



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

Signups for the **Lip Sync Contest** are taking place until December 23 in Mr. Lacey's room 125. Groups of up to eight can perform at the contest, which is scheduled for January 14 at 6 pm in the auditorium..

Football weight lifting for all JV and varsity players who are not involved in a winter sports starts today after school.

Do you plan on playing a **Spring Sport?** Please ask the nurse now (yes, NOW) if you need a physical.

The **Senior Class** officers meet every Monday after school in room 125 and all seniors are welcome to attend.

HOPE Club will be collecting hats and mittens for those in our community in need from now until Dec. 19 during GSH. The guided study hall with the most items will receive a pizza party on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

History Club will be meeting today after school in Mrs. Dauphin's room 219 from 2:30 to 3 pm.

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** will be today after school in room 102. All members are urged to attend to help with the senior poll tabulation.

What's for lunch?

Today: Beef chili with soft pretzel, broccoli, butternut squash and peaches.

Monday: Cheeseburger on a bun with baby carrots, spinach and chilled pears.

Tuesday: Roasted chicken with biscuit, sweet potato bites, green beans and applesauce cup.

Wednesday: Cheese pizza with side salad, corn and fresh orange.

Christmas Fact of the day:

The first commercial Christmas card was produced in 1843 in London.



Stay home and check out these Holiday classics

Around this time of the week The Raider usually posts the column At the Movies. However instead of repeating this it was thought that maybe we should center in more specifically on Christmas Movies; taking into consideration that Christmas is only a few weeks away.



The first Christmas movie ever filmed was *Santa Claus*, in 1898, produced by British pioneer George Albert Smith. This is not a very well know film, especially in comparison to family classics like *A Christmas Carol* and *It's a Wonderful Life*, which were made several years later.

In 1938 the film *A Christmas Carol* was created based on the famous novella written by Charles Dickens centering around Scrooge, a grumpy old man who has taken advantage of others to benefit himself. On Christmas Eve Scrooge finds himself being confronted with the ghost of his former partner, Jacob Marley, who sends three different spirits to take him to the past, present and future; giving him a glimpse of just what exactly his greed has done to the families and will eventually do to him.

It's a Wonderful Life was released in 1946 starring famous actors James Stewart and Donna Reed. Although it was originally considered a box-office dud that led to the closing of director Frank Capra's studio, the movie gained cult status in the mid 1970's following repeated airings on television.

The story takes place at Christmas time, and the leading male actor finds himself struggling financially and in a depressive slump, not exactly a Christmas time attitude. He then makes the mindless wish that he had never been born, and it comes true. He gets a first hand glimpse of what exactly life would look like if he had never existed. It really opens his eyes and teaches him to appreciate all of the little things his life has to offer.

So here's a great idea, instead of going out into the cold to see a film playing in the theaters this weekend, why not stay home? Spend a night in your sweats with some hot cocoa, and enjoy a movie in the comfort of your own house.

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in the main office.**

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NFL Picks

Playoff races shaping up for NFL's stretch run



Mitch Woodworth

Last week: 10-6 Overall: 101-81

Dallas @ Philadelphia

A brutal rivalry will be renewed on Sunday when Dallas meets Philadelphia for the second time in three weeks. The last time they faced each other on Thanksgiving the Cowboys were stomped on and Philly showed they meant business. Hopefully the Cowboys found themselves and can show the

Eagles that they mean business this time around. The key thing for the Cowboys is that they have to have Tony Romo guarded well and keep him safe so he can make key plays to Dez Bryant and DeMarco Murray.

Last Sunday Romo had over 200 yards and averaged 7.9 yards a pass with three touchdowns. He has to play smart and stay out of trouble in order to get the passing game going. Another key player for the Dallas Cowboys is Dez Bryant, who has made a huge impact as a player and is a leader for the team. Last game he had some good plays and showed good leadership with six receptions for 82 yards including key plays to get them into the red zone.

The teamwork between Romo and Bryant is really dangerous, and if the two catch fire no team can stop them. Another key matchup is Demarco Murray he plays a huge mix in the line-up with the most rushing yards in the NFL. He had 32 carries with

179 yards and averaged 5.6 yards a carry each time he got the football and also contributed a touchdown last week. The cowboys have to stay tough and protect Romo and try and keep the running back and wide receiver on fire. If they do this, they will be set.

On the other hand we have the Eagles who are a very tough team and can beat anyone. If their quarterback comes out and plays teams are in trouble. Mark Sanchez is a very good quarterback, and if he is hot like he was on Thanksgiving then Dallas is in trouble. The Eagles have to get LeSean McCoy in the mix as he had a ton of yards last time against the Cowboys. Another player in the mix is Jeremy Maclin, a very good wide receiver who has been very important to the Eagles this year. Last game he didn't have many yards but he had a rush of twelve and contributed a touchdown. The Eagles and the Cowboys are always a good and intense game, the thing is that they are complete opposites so they really clash when they play. I predict the Cowboys will get revenge and win 28-21.

Mitch says:

Arizona	NY Giants
Pittsburgh	Carolina
Green Bay	Baltimore
Cleveland	Tennessee
Minnesota	Denver
Indianapolis	Seattle
Kanas City	Dallas
New England	New Orleans



Mr. Senecal

Last week: 11-5 Overall: 111-72

Showdown Sunday

Coaches love to preach the old cliché of one game at a time, but if the time to concentrate on the task at hand ever presented itself, that time is now for a number of NFL teams. With 12 of the 16 AFC teams still in the hunt and 10 NFC squads still realistically in the playoff picture, the future is now for a number of

teams on Sunday.

And for that reason it is a delight to both the schedulers and fans, as several division titles are on the line as the NFL hits week 15. Indianapolis and New England both have the opportunity to claim their respective divisions at home while Denver takes its show on the road with a chance to claim the AFC West crown for the third straight year. Their opponents will be just as hungry as 7-6 Houston is at Indy, 7-6 Miami visits Foxboro, and 8-5 San Diego hosts Denver with the Chargers currently perched in the sixth and final AFC playoff position. All three sides know that the margin of error is razor thin, as a loss this weekend could be devastating to their hopes of advancing beyond the end of this month.

It will also be a scene of desperation in Seattle when slumping San Francisco brings a 7-6 record into suddenly resurgent Seattle in a rematch of last year's NFC title game. A loss would virtually eliminate the 49ers from playoff contention, while a Seahawks victory would insure that the reigning Super Bowl

champions get a shot at defending their title come January.

But perhaps the most interesting match-up of the weekend will take place on Sunday night when Dallas invades Philadelphia in a battle between 9-4 NFC East sides. Two weeks ago the Eagles embarrassed the Cowboys on Thanksgiving, and another Philly win would carry double-duty in terms of their head to head results for the NFC East crown.

Pittsburgh and Baltimore (8-5), Detroit (9-4), Buffalo (7-6) and the mess that is the NFC South with 5-9 Atlanta and New Orleans and 4-8-1 Carolina are also teams who need to keep winning, so the one game at a time philosophy holds especially true this time of the year as next week might not mean much if they finish this weekend with a loss.

Mr. S. says:

St. Louis
Pittsburgh
Green Bay
Cincinnati
Detroit
Indianapolis
Kansas City
New England
NY Giants
Carolina
Baltimore
NY Jets
Denver
Seattle
Philadelphia
New Orleans



What are you going to do on your first snowday?



"Sit home and play PS4 all day."
Dallas Bradley



"Snowblow."
Brandon Webb



"Sleep."
Cameron Clark



"Playstation and snowboard."
Seth Baum

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy. Chance snow.

31°

Average: 37°
Record: 61° (1979)

Tonight:



Cloudy. Chance snow..

23°

Average: 22°
Record: -10° (1988)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy. Chance Snow.

32°

Average: 34°
Record: 61° (1923)

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