

Flyers Take Close Contests, SLC, M-W Split, Stoners Lose Twice

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Norwood-Norfolk basketball coach Steve LaBarge called it "NAC basketball at its best" following his team's 55-53 nailbiter over Canton on Tuesday, and although fans in Potsdam and OFA might be arguing that their teams showings against league leader Malone on Tuesday and Friday produced some of the season's finest moments, no one at N-N is about to argue with the current basketball standings that find the Flyers one game behind the front running Huskies in Division I.

Two point decision became the norm this week for N-N as the Flyers followed their single bucket decision over the Golden Bears with a 51-49 victory against Gouverneur. Elsewhere in local action St. Lawrence Central and Parishville-Hopkinton dropped two games apiece and fell further behind the pace in Divisions I and III.

Guards Key Flyers Wins
On both occasions a late hoop by a Norwood-Norfolk guard made the difference for the Flyers as Ed Gang provided the last second heroics against Canton and Barry Smith quelled the Wildcat chances with a jumper in the dying moments Friday to raise N-N to 7-2. Greg Ferguson provided the big pass for Gang's winning basket with one second remaining despite being double teamed beneath the hoop, as the big man led all scorers with 23 points on a 9 for 13 night from the field. Tim O'Brien added 12 to ward off 15 point nights from Canton's Rolf Waters and John Matott, and an 11 point game by Mike Von-Schiller.

Besides lifting the Flyers into sole possession of second place in the Division I circuit, N-N avenged their double overtime defeat against the Bears last month at the Burkman Holiday Classic. Since that time the Norwood-Norfolk five have reeled off four consecutive league victories and appear headed towards a shot at defending their Section X title.

Barry Smith and Ferguson led the offense to victory over Gouverneur, scoring 18 and 17 points to subdue a 19 point effort from the Cats Henry LaQuier. Gouverneur led 22-20 at the half, but saw the decision reversed for a two point Flyer win, dropping the Wildcats to 5-4 in Division I play.

Stoners Lose Two
Two of the largest crowds a Potsdam



GRABBING THE STRINGS—Potsdam's Mike Spencer has a good hold on the twine as he leaps in an attempt to block this shot against Canton on Friday. Teammate Elwyn Fields waits for a defensive rebound underneath. The Golden Bears used a strong second half showing to disappoint the large Potsdam turnout in Canton's 58-42 victory. (Len Senecal photo)

team has seen through the entire sports season witnessed some exciting moments, but no Stoners victories as the local cagers fell 54-53 against then unbeaten Malone, and 58-42 to third place Canton. Potsdam's "final minute blues," a familiar tune during the current NAC hoop season got yet another replay against the Huskies on Tuesday, with a slow second half performance taking away the glimmer of an early seven point lead over Canton

Friday. Leading 51-45 with three minutes remaining the Stoners looked well on their way to ending Malone's eight game winning streak before the Huskies caught fire for the last second win. Three turnovers and a costly foul erased the Potsdam margin for a Kevin Walbridge lay-in with :13 to go that sewed up the Malone victory. Walbridge led his team's scoring with 14 points, getting assistance from Mike Poupore's 10.

Mike Spencer scored 16 for the Stoners with Brian Ondek hitting 14 before fouling out early in the fourth quarter. Elwyn Fields added 13 points in the Potsdam cause.

"We played great basketball," Stoner coach Hal Gillette remembered, "we just made a couple mistakes at the end." Three days later his team would not have their chances at the end, having wasted an early opportunity to blow Canton out of the game. "We had a chance to put them on the ropes early but we didn't do it," Gillette said. "We made too many mistakes with the basketball."

The scene looked remarkably different for the Stoners this time around as they took charge early in the game in the same fashion Canton had done in their season opening 67-47 win. Potsdam led 12-8 following one quarter, and 15-8 at one point in the second period before a Canton Bear press put the rival school in front 22-20 just before halftime for Canton's second lead of the game. 18 points in the third and fourth stanzas compared to 13 and 9 for the Potsdam offense told the story for the Bears sixth win, with the Stoners dropping to 3-5 in Division I play.

Mike Von-Schiller led all scorers with 19 points, including 12 during the Bears second half sprint. Rolf Waters scored 12 and Billy Carlisle 11 to help pace Canton. Brian Ondek and Mike Spencer had 16 and 10 for the Stoners.

Afterwards coach Gillette cited Canton's 1-3-1 zone as a major contributing factor to the Potsdam loss, as well as the Stoners overall demise after the Bears had gone on top. "If we're close in the ball game we play pretty tough," he said, "when we fall behind we tend to collapse." "I thought we were going to give this team some trouble, the coach went on to say, "I was disappointed that we didn't do better."

Following a night off on Tuesday NAC boys basketball action will resume on Friday with the Stoners travelling to Norwood-Norfolk to square off against the Flyers. "That's gonna be tough," Gillette said while looking towards the formidable task of stopping N-N center Greg Ferguson. Potsdam will have to pressure the Flyers and make them run if the Stoners are to succeed Gillette said.

SLC, M-W Split
St. Lawrence Central and Madrid-Waddington were the only other local schools to post victories during the past week but not even they could do it on the same night as wins remained at a premium for area basketballers. Front running St. Regis Falls became victim number two for the M-W five in Tuesday night's upset special while the Larries were losing 64-51 against Hermon-Dekalb. On Friday night it was SLC's turn to post a victory, 61-41 against Brushton-Moira while the Jackets fell 57-53 to Hermon-Dekalb.

Clifton-Pierrepont and Parishville-Hopkinton saw their regular season losing skids extend to six and ten games respectively, with the Colts falling 66-47 against Salmon River and 66-49 to Clifton-Fine while the Panthers went

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This Week's Sports

JAN. 23 Massena at M-W H-D at Potsdam	NAC Wrestling NAC Hockey N-N at Massena Potsdam at OFA SLC at Saranac Lake	College Sports Plattsburgh at SUCC (men's b.ball) Hobart at SUCC (men's hockey) SUCC at Plattsburgh (women's b.ball)	JAN. 24 OFA at SUCC (men's b.ball) N-N at SLC M-W at B-M H-D at C-P P-H at Harrisville	Girls NAC Basketball N-N at SLC M-W at B-M H-D at C-P P-H at Harrisville	Boys NAC Basketball Potsdam at N-N P-H at Chateaugay B-M at SLC H-D at M-W C-P at C-F	NAC Wrestling Potsdam at Gouverneur College Sports N.Y.S. Wrestling Tourney (SUCC) Boston U. at CCT (men's hockey)	SUCF at Cortland (men's b.ball) UNH at SUCC (women's hockey) CCT at LeMoyne (women's b.ball)	JAN. 26 NAC Hockey Lake Placid at SLC Salmon River at SLC NN at Saranac Lake	College Sports N.Y.S. Wrestling Tourney (SUCC) CCT at RIT (men's b.ball) CCT at D'Youville (women's b.ball) UNH at CCT (women's hockey) SUCC at McGill (women's b.ball) SUCC at Binghamton (men's b.ball) Brookport at SUCC (men's hockey) SUCC at Albany (men's swim)	JAN. 28 NAC Girls Basketball Potsdam at Gouverneur SLC at Tupper N-N at Salmon River Knox at C-P	JAN. 29 NAC Boys Basketball Massena at Potsdam Malone at N-N B-M at P-H SLC at Salmon River H-D at C-P M-W at Knox
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Stoners Pinned' M-W Idle

Sickness forced the Madrid-Waddington wrestling team off the mats this week and Division II leader Canton threw Potsdam onto the mats in NAC wrestling as the Golden Bears topped the Stoners 45-21 on Wednesday night.

Four pins, two decisions, and two forfeits enabled the Bears to build a 45-0 lead before Potsdam came back with all their points during the final four bouts. 155 pounder Bernie Hayes won by forfeit, as did heavyweight Brad Walters, with the Stoners 167 pound specialist Steve Dionne picking up a 3-0 decision and 177 competitor Kim Marlow scoring a pin.

The winless orange and blue matmen will be searching for their first victory of the season like Wednesday night when they host Division II Hermon-Dekalb. Like the Stoners the Demons sport an 0-6 slate so far and will be pressing for their initial win.

Weather Postpones N-N Ice Hockey Tourney, Larries Win Flyers Beaten On Wednesday

Skiing enthusiasts are not the only cold weather sporting fans to suffer as a result of this season's unusually mild winter conditions. Just ask hockey followers at St. Lawrence or Norwood-Norfolk. This past weekend the "winter" of 1980 scurried away with the championship trophy at the N-N hockey tournament, sending down a slight drizzle Friday night to wipe out the first edition of what is to become an annual event.

"It hurts us," Flyers coach Tim Long said of the weather-forced cancellations, "we've been hurt by the weather since Christmas time." Physically he said that N-N appears to be holding out well despite the lack of ice time, but "mentally we're out of shape." "We're waiting for things instead of causing things to happen," he continued, using the Flyers 4-3 loss to Alexandria Bay on

Langlauf Ski Race Feb. 9

Feb. 9 has been set aside as the date for the sixth annual Potsdam Langlauf Citizen Cross-Country Ski Race to be held on the trails behind the Clarkson College Science Center. The distance events will be 3, 5, 10, and 15 kilometers. Entry fee is \$1 for children under 11 years and \$3 for all others with an \$8 family maximum.

All race proceeds in excess of expenses will be donated to the Heart Association of Northern New York. Registration deadline is 10:30 a.m. with the race scheduled to start at 11 a.m. Awards will be made to the first, second, and third place finishers in each race class. For further information contact Potsdam Langlauf, 10 Leroy Street, Potsdam, (265-8290). The race will be run unless there is no snow on the course on race day.

Wednesday as an example. In that contest the N-N forces saw a complete turnaround in their final period performance after leading 2-0 and 3-2 in each intermission. Holding a 12-2 shooting advantage in the opening frame, the Flyers scored twice with Skip Chapin connecting unassisted at 1:10 and then delivering a pass along with Peter Paige 51 seconds before the buzzer to set up a Mike Bresee goal. Charlie Giltz put Alex Bay on the scoreboard two minutes into the middle session before John Almassy goal N-N edge from Paige and Chapin, but from then on it was all Purple Ghosts as the Jefferson County invaders owned the next three tallies en route to their first regular season win.

Stan MacLennan made it 3-2 late in the period before Tim Kring and Dave Shannon tallied third frame singletons, including Shannon's game winner at 10:44. Forward Reecy Gionet played a major role in the Ghost victory, dishing out four assists while defenseman Dale Parker had two. Following their weak first period Alexandria Bay unleashed 25 shots at N-N goaler Charlie Spos, including ten in the final stanza when they held a 10-1 edge in shots on goal.

If all goes well the Flyers, Larries and MAI of Plattsburgh will be involved in a rescheduled tournament Feb. 21, along with a replacement for Auburn, who cannot return due to prior commitments. For the time being however, coach Long will have his hands full with a pair of NAC foes; Massena on Wednesday and Saranac Lake on Saturday. "That's a big game for us," Long said of the Massena contest, recalling a 7-2 preseason loss the Flyers incurred against the Raiders at Potsdam State. When told that the Massena players

were expecting a very physical confrontation against the N-N skaters, Long said, "we don't try to play physical against them deliberately." Citing the rough play dished out by both sides in Massena's 6-2 win over Potsdam on Saturday, he said "they can play as physical as anyone." "We don't intend to be physical," he concluded, "we'll try to skate with them if we've got the legs."

Larries Trip Bears In O.T.
Division I clubs may soon be avoiding competition in the new Tri-Town Community Center if the past week's performances by St. Lawrence Central on their new home ice are an indication of things to come. Previously undefeated Central became the second top division school to leave the Community Center with a loss in as many games as Tom Ryan's overtime score enabled the Larries to defeat the Bears 3-2 on Wednesday. Earlier in the week the Potsdam Sandstomers had fallen 3-1 in the Brasher Falls structure, and as was the case in that game goaler Tim Kowalchuk was again a major stumbling block for opposing shooters.

Kowalchuk registered 38 saves against the Golden Bears, allowing single tallies from Jim Jackson and Pat Dudley. Andre Dalbec and Ryan scored the Larries regulation time markers, with Mike Bradish gaining a pair of assists. Dalbec and Bradish were credited with setting up Ryan's extra session effort at 3:28 of the overtime period.

Now 4-2 and tied for first place with Salmon River, the Larries travel to Saranac Lake on Wednesday before entertaining the Shamrocks at Saturday in a showdown for the Division II lead.

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