

Potsdam, N-N Skaters Register Initial Regular Season Victories; Larries Beaten

Placid, OFA Fall To Stoners

BY LEN SENECAL
Sometimes it takes a big loss to put a team back on its feet and a positive manner. Potsdam Central and Norwood-Norfolk may be a case in point. Just last Saturday the Stoners were dragging themselves off the ice after falling 7-2 against Massena, and on Wednesday the Red Raiders destroyed N-N 14-0. Now one week later both Potsdam and Norwood-Norfolk are riding high on two game winning streaks, their first regular season wins of the current season.

Both the Stoners and Flyers managed to pull upsets in their initial winning endeavors; N-N a 4-2 decision against St. Lawrence Central on Thursday, and Potsdam a shocking 3-2 victory over previously unbeaten and second ranked statewide Lake Placid in a game played Saturday at Pine Street Arena. Earlier in the week the Stoners defeated OFA by a 5-4 score to record their first league win, and in each case it was a late goal by forward Scott Davis that lifted the orange and blue to victory.

Stoners Edge Lake Placid
"There's an upset for you," Potsdam coach Vince Egan said on Monday morning while discussing the Potsdam win that sent Placid to its first defeat after eight straight league decisions, "they looked a little ripe for the picking." "They weren't capitalizing on their opportunities like they usually do," he went on to say, hoping that the big win will help instill confidence in his Sandstone skaters.

It was a day of comeback for the Potsdam squad as Placid took leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the first and second stanzas, sandwiching goals by Jay Patterson and Mike Roberson around a second period tally from Scott Hazen. Mark Cardinal and Gavin Regan provided the assists for Hazen's effort that temporarily knotted the scoring at one apiece before Roberson hit for Lake Placid with two Blue Bombers in the penalty box.

The third period was all Potsdam however, with the Stoners owning both goals, the first by John Keleher from Jim Bradshaw and Paul Brown, and the second by Scott Davis from Keleher and Hazen at 9:07 that proved to be the winner. Lake Placid held a 35-23 shooting advantage for the game, but were continually stymied by the Stoners. John Adams, who turned in an impressive 33 save performance, also crediting the defense with keeping Lake Placid out, especially during the Potsdam third period rally.

Red Raiders Beat Devils
It was another case of "never say die" for the local skaters on Wednesday night when they travelled to Ogdensburg's Golden Dome to do battle with the OFA Blue Devils. Despite trailing throughout the game and being down by two goals on a pair of occasions, the Stoners managed to fight their way back to enable Davis' unassisted effort at 10:06 of the final stanza to stand as the winning margin.

Pat Kusior got OFA off to a flying start in the opening period with a pair of goals before Gavin Regan could retaliate for the Stoners on a play assisted by Randy Cardinal and Paul Brown. Jim Hentschel made it 3-1 Devils in the second period and things seemed to be going well for the home-town skaters, but Potsdam had other plans in mind for their first division counterparts. Jeff McCasland from Dan Dorofy and Joe Stark from Stu Barrows and Scott Hazen rallied the SToners to a 3-2 two-stanza tie, with Potsdam outscoring the Devils 2-1 in the third fifteen minute session to emerge with the win.

Joe Deoncourt lifted the Devils in front 4-3 with a score early in the third period but the Stoners came back to tie Jeff McCasland's second goal of the contest from Brown, and Jeff Bunstone forged a 4-4 deadlock, with Davis providing the fifth Potsdam goal to sew



TOUGH GOALING—Massena's Bob Smith managed to slip this third period power-play goal past Potsdam goalie John Adams in the Raiders recent win, but opponents from OFA and Lake Placid have found the going much rougher against the sophomore netminder. Adams blocked 32 shots against the

Blue Devils on Wednesday and had 33 saves against Lake Placid on Saturday as the Stoners picked up their first regular season wins of the 1979-80 campaign. (Len Senecal photo)

up the Stoners first league victory after four losses and a tie. Coach Egan called the contest "a tough game," saying "they've got an awfully chippy team." "The kids were playing a little better, it started to go our way," Egan commented.

The Sandstone icemen will receive

plenty of opposition in this week's action from Saranac Lake and Canton as they attempt to extend their winning ways against NAC opposition. On Wednesday Potsdam will travel to Lake Placid to take on the Division II Redskins in a 5:30 p.m. start, and on Saturday, 2:30 p.m. will be the starting time at Appleton Arena for the third match-up season

between the Stoners and Golden Bears. "From what I hear they haven't been playing their game," Egan said of the Canton squad which has beaten and tied Potsdam in two meetings. He hopes the Stoners can capitalize on their scoring chances something that has not happened in their previous encounters against the Bears.

Third Quarter Blitz Lifts N-N Past Stoners; Flyers In Fight For First

BY LEN SENECAL
Something very strange took place at the Norwood-Norfolk gymnasium last Friday night, but not many Flyers fans noticed or minded the difference. For the better part of two periods visiting Potsdam Central gave the Division I runner-up Flyers all they could handle, but in the third quarter a different team showed up, a team that just couldn't seem to play basketball. The players looked like the same group that had started the game and even came dressed in the familiar Potsdam orange and blue, but something had changed. Comparing halves, however, the contrast sticks out like a sore toe in Norwood-Norfolk's 74-40 NAC victory that has pushed the Flyers to 8-2 with a bounce at the division lead tonight (Tuesday) against once-beaten Malone in an 8:00 p.m. match-up.

"We had a good first half," Stoner coach Hal Gillette said of a first quarter performance that put Potsdam up 12-9 and a second period that saw N-N in front by just four points at the half, 31-27. "The kids played well and we stayed in the ball game." The decisive third quarter, when Potsdam's hustling and shooting were replaced by an iceman's touch and zombied awareness proved fatal to the locals upset bid, with the Flyers holding a 19-3 scoring edge en route to an insurmountable 59-30 lead. "The harder we pressed the worse we got," Gillette remembered, "we just couldn't put the ball in the basket." Outscored 40-13 through the final 16 minutes, Gillette called the Stoners' second half performance against N-N their poorest half of ball all season. "Not only did we shoot poorly, we played poorly," he commented.

Double Figure Flyers
Five double figure performances paved the way for the Flyers as Todd Sanders led all scorers with 21 points. Greg Ferguson chipped in 16, Barry Smith scored 12 and Jim O'Brien and Ed Gang contributed 10 apiece with each player also dishing out assists in the winning effort. Smith and George Molnar had five each with Gang, LaShomb, and Ferguson sending passes for four buckets apiece. Brian Ondek was the leading scorer for Potsdam with 15 points. Al Deitz added eight and Elwyn Fields scored 6 for the 3-6 Stoners.

Potsdam State Sports Roundup

Jerry Welsh's cagers remained unbeaten at 15-0 with a trio of victories to highlight this week's sports action at Potsdam State. The Bears, rated first in the East and third in the nation among Division III schools scored an important SUNYAC decision over Plattsburgh State 59-48 on Wednesday before travelling to Cortland and Binghamton to win two additional Eastern Division matches, 62-55 and 53-52.

University of New Hampshire on Friday before drilling Ithaca College 44-2 on Saturday. UNH, winners of 41 straight games tested Potsdam goalie Nancy LaBaff throughout the game, unleashing 43 shots on goal. Against Ithaca the tables were turned as Potsdam romped State 59-48 on Wednesday before travelling to Cortland and Binghamton to win two additional Eastern Division matches, 62-55 and 53-52.

Swimmers Lose Two
Steve Barnett's swimmers have been doing much to improve their personal times, but they are having their troubles winning a meet. St. Lawrence University outmatched the Bears 79-39 while chalking up a new Maxey pool record in the 200 yard backstroke by Sean Keane.

Flyers Stop Larries, Redskins

Like Potsdam, Norwood-Norfolk's recent road to hockey success might have been inspired by a loss to Massena as the Flyers rebounded from a 14-0 drubbing at the hands of the Division I leaders on Wednesday night to defeat SLC 4-2 on Thursday, and then followed up with their second straight league win, 5-2 against Saranac Lake Saturday.

Jack Clary was an important figure in the two N-N wins, scoring a pair of goals in each contest. Against the Larries the senior defenseman tallied the eventual game winner at 7:58 of the middle frame on passes from Dave Gravin and Leo Palmer, and also added an empty net goal for added insurance at 14:50 of the final period. Gravin was again credited with the assist, with John Almasy and Roger Huiatt accounting for the Flyer markers. Peter Faigle helped set up Almasy's first period effort, with Skip Chapin and Mike Breese assisting Huiatt's tying goal at 3:13 of the second stanza after Mike Bradish had lifted the Larries in front 2-1 just 2:49 earlier on a pass from Andre Dalbec.

Tom Ryan from Mike Bradish and Steve Fisher was the other SLC scoring combination, temporarily deadlocking the teams to close the first period play after Ryan scored at 14:57. The Flyers held a 28-24 shooting advantage with goalie Mike Stone making 24 saves. Tim Kowalechuk had 24 saves for the Larries, who lost their first Division II contest in the past two seasons.

Dave Gravin added his own two-goal outing to Clary's second consecutive pair to move N-N past the Redskins and into third place in the division on Saturday. Roger Huiatt accounted for the other Flyer tally, with Saranac's Ted Bach and Dan Irvine connecting for the Redskins. Norwood-Norfolk scored one goal in each of the first two periods before exploding for three more tallies to start the third frame, building a 5-0 lead before Saranac Lake could counter. Clary picked up two assists to boost his two goal performance, with Gravin assisting once and Chapin, Breese, Paige, Palmer, and Barry Scheening also being credited with set-ups.

"We've forced the play," N-N coach Tim Long said of his club's two victories, a fact justified in the Flyers 34-14 advantage in shots on goal against Saranac Lake, combined with their edge over the Larries. "We put it all behind us," Long said of the loss to Massena. The Red Raiders scored four times in the first and second periods before adding six more goals in the third period of what coach Long called "the worst hockey we've played all year."

Now 2-5-0 in Division II play, N-N will be facing front runners Salmon River and St. Lawrence on Wednesday and Saturday, hosting the Shamrocks at Tri-Town Community Center for a 7:30 p.m. start against the Larries. "We've got two tough games this week," Long

commented, "we're not in bad shape." "We're playing good defensive hockey," he added, "everybody's ready to go."

Larries Win Then

It started out as a prosperous week but ended up being the Larries poorest Division II performance in two seasons as SLC followed a 3-1 victory over Saranac Lake on Wednesday with back-to-back losses against Norwood-Norfolk and Salmon River on Thursday and Saturday. Dale Yandoh and Andre Dalbec pumped in second period goals on assists from Kyle Dempsey and Mike Foisey and from Mike Bradish to put SLC in front 2-0 over Saranac before the Redskins Ty Fobare hit for a third period goal, but that was as close as Saranac Lake could come. Dave Barnes empty net goal with ten seconds to play made for the 3-1 final, with Doug Villanave making 35 saves in goal for (Tuesday) and Dewey stopping 30 for the Skins.

Against Salmon River a third period tally by Grey from LaPage and Phillips stood as the winning marker after SLC's Jay Brown had rallied the Larries into a 1-1 tie scoring on a pass from Kyle Dempsey. Phillips and LaPage had combined for the first Shamrock goal 7:12 into the game, with the teams skating scoreless until Brown's goal at 7:59 of the final frame. Tim Kowalechuk made 20 saves for SLC, with Salmon's Beeson turning in a sterling 35 stop performance. Utilizing an extremely strong defense the Saamrocks held St. Lawrence outside on most of their chances to up the Salmon River Division II mark to 5-3-0, two points better than the 4-3-0 Larries.

Dalbec Comments

"We played very poorly and Norwood played very well," Larrie coach Bert Dalbec said of the N-N game, "they deserved to win." "The boys gave everything they had but they just weren't going in," was his evaluation of the loss of Salmon River, adding "I think we played well." He was quick to credit the efforts of the Shamrock goaltender saying, "Beeson played a good game."

With Alexandria Bay and Norwood-Norfolk next on the schedule for SLC, coach Dalbec knows his team will have to make several improvements if they are to return to the top of Division II. "Our defensive play has to improve," Dalbec said, "our goalkeepers have been playing very well." "We haven't been scoring that many goals," the coach said, a situation the Larries will be hoping to change when they take on the Ghosts at Alexandria Bay's Municipal Recreation Center this Wednesday. He predicted the N-N rematch "should be a dandy," and said that SLC expects "to give them a better game at home." Dalbec cited the large turnouts at Tri-Town Community Center for the Larries first three home games, saying "we're getting that support we weren't getting going out of town."

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Matmen Finish Tenth

The Clarkson College varsity basketball team was on the road this past weekend and dropped its record to 6-8 overall and 1-5 in ICAC competition with losses to RIT, 77-68, and Alfred, 88-76. Junior forward Bill Cassidy was Clarkson's leading scorer in both games, with 22 against RIT and 11 against Alfred. Matt Kurdziel had 18 points against RIT and Andy Bright added 13 against Alfred.

Also over the weekend, Clarkson placed tenth of 18 teams at the New York State Wrestling Championship held at Potsdam College. Two Clarkson wrestlers placed among the top six to earn All-State honors, the first team members to do so in coach Rory Whipple's three-year career. They were sophomore Scott Cook, who placed sixth at 156, and freshman sensation Todd Read, who finished fifth at 150.

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POTSDAM	6	0	0	15-0	
Albany	4	1	1	12-2	
Cortland	4	3	0	9-4	
Plattsburgh	1	2	0	4-4	
Binghamton	0	3	0	0-6	
Oneonta	0	4	0	2-7	

SUNYAC HOCKEY STANDINGS
(as of Jan. 27)

TEAM	W.	L.	T.	A.	Pts.
Oswego	5	0	0	10-0	
Plattsburgh	4	1	1	8-2	
Genesee	2	2	0	4-4	
U. of Buffalo	2	3	0	4-4	
POTSDAM	1	2	0	4-4	
Cortland	1	2	0	2-2	
Brookport	1	5	0	2-2	

Campbell Returner To

Wooster Hoop Squad

WOOSTER, OHIO — Jean Campbell, a junior chemistry major at The College of Wooster, is again a member of the Scottie varsity basketball team. Campbell, a graduate of Potsdam High School, has earned two varsity letters at Wooster and is one of four returning veterans this season.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Campbell, 8 Chestnut St., Potsdam.

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