

MISSED THREE — Potsdam goalie Randy Brown (above) failed to stop only three shots on goal during the Bears' ice confrontation with the Royal Military College on Thursday, but RMC goaltender Dave Hajejczuk allowed

one. The RMC marker pictured above occurred when Gordon Reid picked up the rebound of a Brent Lamb shot and flipped the puck past Brown and into the net. (Bill Short photo).

Redskins Roll Over Stoners

SARANAC LAKE — After relying on grind-it-out offensive tactics all season, the Saranac Lake Redskins went to the big play on Saturday to key Potsdam and clinch the Northern Conference championship. John Raymond's Redskins posted their eighth straight win in a 20-0 victory, and Redskins' rushing ace Rick Samuels scored on runs of 83 and 87 yards.

In other action of the day Gouverneur and Tupper Lake played to a 6-6 tie while Malone nipped Canton 21-20 on Friday. Two games were postponed by heavy snowfall, OFA vs Massena and Carthage vs St. Lawrence Central.

The Redskins, who will travel to Gouverneur on Saturday looking for a perfect season, rolled past Potsdam while Samuels crashed through the 1,000-yard barrier for the season, as he gained 114 yards on only eight carries.

Samuels grabbed the opening kickoff and raced 83 yards for the first points of the contest, then rambled 87 yards from the line of scrimmage in the second quarter. Pat Romeo bolted 40 yards in the second quarter to score the Redskins' final touchdown of the day with Cory Heller adding a two-point conversion.

Saranac Lake's defense yielded only 67 yards of total offense while the Redskin offense gobbled up 266 yards. Jason Ward accounted for most of the Sandstomers' yardage, gaining 61 yards on 18 rushes.

The Stoners will have their last

chance to avoid finishing the season without a win when they travel to Canton on Saturday. So far this year, the Sandstomers have not won a game and have posted one tie, that with Gouverneur.

Redskins Clinch Title
Saranac Lake will represent Section 10 in the large-school regional playoff on Nov. 21, while St. Lawrence Central will carry the section's small school banner.

Wildcats Tie TL
Gouverneur and Tupper Lake, who have accounted for five ties between them this season, played to a 6-6 standoff on a snow-covered Wildcat turf. The Wildcats struck first in the game when Kevin Roberts' reeled off a 60-yard touchdown run on the third play of the game.

Tupper Lake gained draw when Chris Fietoler tossed a nine-yard touchdown pass to Sam Churo in the waning minutes of the game.

Roberts led all rushers in the game with 66 yards on seven carries with Rick Marcellus adding 40 yards on 13 carries to the Gouverneur cause. Dave Mitchell ran 13 times for 55 yards to pace Tupper Lake while Fietoler netted 100 yards through the air, good on seven of 17 passing attempts.

Bears Set Aerial Marks
Malone marched 70 yards and scored a disputed touchdown with 1:15 remaining to spoil a record-setting day by Canton's passing combination of Jeff Proulx and John Matott. Proulx passed for two touchdowns on the

day and hit eight of 17 attempts for 168 yards with Matott catching four passes for 117 yards on one touchdown.

Proulx lifted his season total to 1,685 yards to set a new conference record while Matott's receiving total of 46 also set a new Northern Athletic Conference standard. Matott caught a 55-yard scoring strike from Proulx, who also found Jay Whitcombe with a 20-yard touchdown pass. Joe Conklin, who carried 127 yards on 23 carries also broke into the endzone for the Bears.

Tony Lamica's second touchdown of the day and Charlie Fleury's second extra-point placement carried Malone to their victory. Lamica's deciding touchdown came on a fourth down and goal situation from the two yardline. Lamica appeared to stop a yard short with his back to the endzone but was able to thrust the ball over the goaline with a desperate pass.

The officials ruled that the ball broke the plane of the endzone, and so the touchdown was counted. Malone's other touchdown on the day came on an 11 yard pass from Fleury to Ed Gokey.

Final Week
The final week of football action in the Northern Conference is next week, when NAC title-holder Saranac Lake will invade Gouverneur, Carthage will go to Massena, Canton will entertain Potsdam, Ogdensburg will host Malone and St. Lawrence Central will visit Tupper Lake.

JVs Close Season With 6-2 Record

The Potsdam Junior Varsity football team finished their season Friday afternoon with a tribute to their parents. The parents of the athletes were given football jerseys to wear during the game, numbers of which corresponded to the numbers on their sons' shirts.

The game that afternoon saw Saranac Lake, who finished on top of the JV standings, beat the junior Stoners 28-10. The Redskins attained that margin in the first half, but then the Potsdam defense stormed back to hold Saranac to ten more points while they scored ten on their own.

The game, which marked the end of the season for the junior varsity, dropped Potsdam to a final record of 2-6, but coach Leonard Page does not feel that the record truly reflects the season. Several key players were lost to injuries and a struggling varsity squad, which recruited JV players to make the minimum roster for NAC competition when seven varsity players were removed from the team for flagrant violations of training rules.

Earlier in the season, the junior Sandstomers defeated the Carthage JV contingent, which was the only team to beat Saranac this year. Said coach Page, "They looked like they were off to a great season, then changes had to be made."

The Stoners had trouble in the first half of the game, but in the third quarter, Dan Jones broke free with a

great deal of help from blockers Matt LaLonde, Audi Jerome and Mike Fields, and managed to sweep around the Carthage line and into the endzone. Jones finished the day with over 100 yards under his belt, and LaLonde added 60 yards to the Potsdam ground game.

Coach Page had much to say at the conclusion of his first season coaching in Potsdam, and nearly all of it positive. Said Page, "I feel very strongly that even though the final standings didn't show it, we had a winning year in many ways. Potsdam junior varsity teams had not won a single game in almost three years, but this year they won two. The boys have character, morale and togetherness, and even when they lost they still held their heads up. Individuals like these make a coach's job easier and very enjoyable."

Page also addressed the general public with his remarks, saying, "You want a winning football team, then support them all the way. This group of boys I worked with this year are going to bring back Potsdam football. Folks, keep an eye on this group of boys, they're going places!"

Page is quite optimistic on the future of football in Potsdam, and many of the junior varsity players this year will be among the ranks of the varsity next year. Since varsity mentor Dave Romola says he won't be returning next year, and a new head coach for the varsity is yet to be named, the next few seasons of football in Potsdam could be very good or very disappointing. Most of the early predictions, however, are calling for fair to middling seasons at best, at least until a steady coaching program can again be established.

Comets Upset SLC

BRASHER FALLS — Heavy snowfall has not delayed a football game in the Northern Conference within recent memory, until this week, that is. Friday evening's precipitation caused the scheduled Saturday confrontation between Carthage and St. Lawrence Central to be delayed until yesterday, when the Comets registered a 20-6 upset win over the Larries.

Scott Britton of Carthage earned himself a high place in St. Lawrence Central's all-opponent team by leading the visitors to a 20-6 victory over the Larries. The Comets lifted their record to 5-3 and handed the Larries their second loss of the season, the first coming at the hands of still-unbeaten Saranac Lake. Britton scored two touchdowns, set up one score with a fumble recovery and kicked two extra points in leading Carthage to the win.

Britton, the Northern Conference's second-leading rusher behind Rick Samuels of Saranac, gained 101 yards

on 22 carries, found the endzone on two of his runs and scored on a two-yard run in the second period after recovering a fumble on the SLC two yardline. Britton added his second touchdown in the fourth quarter on a fourth and goal situation from the one yardline.

Greg Arnold scored the Comets' first touchdown on a 12-yard pass from quarterback Herb Murphy. The Larries scored their only touchdown on a 41 yard pass from Mark Demo to Pat Jones in the second quarter. The touchdown strike broke up a superb day by the Comets' pass defense, who limited Demo to only 11 completions in 32 attempts for 170 yards, and in shutting down the offense succeeded in what only Saranac had done previously.

Jones' touchdown was one of four catches on the day for 64 yards, while Jeff Truax snared three passes for 66 yards. Demo, Ivan Dyke and Dave Barnes all intercepted passes in the ill-fated Larries' cause.

Knights Drop Second Round Game In Montreal Tourney

MONTREAL — New Hampshire's hockey team upset Clarkson 3-2 on Friday night in the Division C playoffs of the International Cup Tournament. It was the Knights' first loss.

The Wildcats began the scoring in the first period with a goal from right wing Dan Potter. Junior Bruce McDonough tied the score for Clarkson with a power-play goal assisted by Colin Patterson and Dave Fretz at 14:18. New Hampshire's Norm LaCombe scored 20 seconds later to give the Wildcats a 2-1 lead.

At 1:30 of the second stanza, center Gord Sharpe evened the score with a goal assisted by Bill Norton and Bill Elliott. Steve Lyons tallied for New Hampshire at 11:55, which proved to be the winning goal as neither team was able to put the puck in the net in the final period. Wildcat goaltender Todd Pearson had a total of 22 saves and Clarkson's Don Sylvestri had 20.

The loss eliminated the Knights from the tournament and dropped their record to 3-1-1.

In the first game of the tournament, Clarkson tied Alberta 3-3. Alberta began the scoring at 4:43 with a goal by Wade Campbell. Clarkson's Sharpe evened the mark at 7:43 of the second period with a point assisted by Pat O'Brien and Tom Taylor. Senior Steve Cruickshank gave the Knights a 2-1 lead by tallying an unassisted power-play goal at 13:12.

Alberta's Terry Liescisin notched a marker at 13:45 to even the score at the end of the second power, then Joel Elliott gave Alberta the lead again, scoring on the power play at 7:41 of the final stanza. With 1:29 remaining, Clarkson's Ted Fauss notched his second goal of the season to end the game at 3-3, with Pat Haramis and Rich Boprey each getting an assist.

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3 All-Americans To Be Honored

Potsdam College will honor its three basketball All-Americans Wednesday, Nov. 11, prior to opening its 1981-82 season against McGill University of Montreal at Maxcy Hall. Game time is 8 p.m.

The uniform numbers of Mike Deane, Derrick Rowland and Ed Jachim will be retired in pre-game ceremonies. The trio were two-time All-Americans for the Bears. All will attend the ceremonies and game.

Deane, number 24, graduated in 1974 with seven school records to his credit. He set records for career scoring, 1,447 points; points in a game, 42; points in a season, 539; best scoring average for a season; best scoring average for a career; most assists in a game, 23, and most assists in a career, 824.

Now the head basketball coach at Oswego State, Deane was All-America in his junior and senior years with Potsdam.

Rowland and Jachim, both 1981 graduates, were known as Potsdam's "Dynamic Duo." Rowland, a post player, and Jachim, a guard, were All-America selections as juniors and seniors. They led the Bears to last season's NCAA Division III national championship.

The pair also led Potsdam to three straight NCAA Eastern Regional championships, a second-place finish in the NCAA Division III Tournament and a 57-6 record their final two seasons along with the national championship. Both were three-time All-State University of New York performers and each made numerous all-tournament teams.

Rowland graduated as Potsdam's all-time leading scorer. He was SUNYAC Most Valuable Player in 1980-81 and was ECAC Player of the Year also. He holds Bear records for points in a career, 1,847; points in a season, 655; scoring average in a season, 21.1, and field goals in a season, 286.

Jachim was ECAC Rookie of the Year as a freshman and was SUNYAC MVP as both a sophomore and junior.

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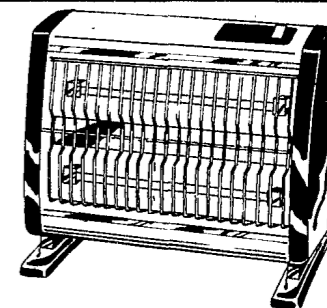
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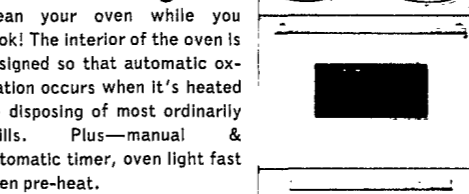
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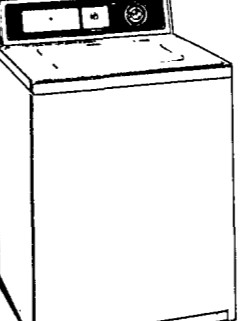
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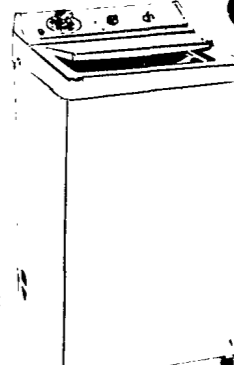
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