

Section 10 Seeks Athletic Coordinator

BY MIKE LEBOEUF
A proposal to hire a Section 10 athletics coordinator will go before a Jan. 11 section meeting in hopes of reaching an agreement to finance the move.

Norman E. Whyte, president of Section 10, says there is just too much time and paperwork involved now with the increased interest and participation in scholastic athletics, and that a full-time coordinator is needed. "The work is getting to be too much," said Whyte, who is also principal of Colton-Pierrepont High School. "We've had all volunteer help, and it just isn't enough."

A major factor in seeking a coordinator is a new law allowing aid from BOCES to help finance the position. But districts cannot agree on one of about six different financing plans. Smaller districts favor a plan based on enrollment, while larger districts prefer a plan with a fixed percentage to each district.

"They'll probably end up somewhere in the middle so they can

come up with an agreement," said Whyte. He said a majority agreement will be needed.

The cost of the coordinator position and its expenses would be about \$60,000, which includes salaries for the coordinator and his secretary, fringe benefits, equipment, supplies, rental, insurance, and other expenses.

Whyte's second term ends July 1, at which time the Section 10 Coordinator would take over. "I won't do it again," said Whyte. "It's somebody else's turn."

Whyte says that the schools all like the idea of a coordinator for Section 10 athletics. "It's like a central clearing house. It gets rid of some of their paperwork."

Whyte said the push for the position was not because of complaints from coaches and athletic directors, but because of the time and paperwork involved.

In an 11-page paper sent to Section 10 school superintendents, Whyte outlines how the need for a coordinator came about, citing a 100 per-

cent increase in the number of people active in athletics since 1974-75, among other reasons.

The paper lists no fewer than 43 duties and responsibilities of the coordinator, including maintaining records and files, coordinating all sectional and intersectional play, and other duties.

The paper says that a small number of people are doing a lot of the work, but "We really need someone with the time to devote to this full-time job."

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SENIOR BEARS — Leading the Potsdam College Bears through the 1983-84 basketball season will be seniors Leroy Witherspoon, Scott Culler, Jim O'Gorman, Greg Ferguson, Marty Groginski, and Tim Welsh. The Bears return to Maxcy Hall Jan. 14 to play Oneonta.

Bears Give To Charity

BY MIKE LEBOEUF
They call it the charity stripe, and the Potsdam College Bears gave heavily to charity Thursday night.

The free throw line provided 18 of Staten Island's 64 points as the host Dolphins won their Christmas tournament with a 64-61 victory over the Bears.

The Dolphins went to the line 37 times, as opposed to Potsdam's 17 for 13 showing from the stripe. "Early foul trouble really hurt us," said Potsdam head coach Jerry Welsh. "They went to the line and made key foul shots."

Bears guard Marty Groginski committed two fouls in the first two minutes of the game, and eventually fouled out after pacing the Potsdam effort with 14 points. Leroy Witherspoon and Rick Whitney tallied 10 points apiece.

But the Bears couldn't stop tourney MVP Cy Deas, whose hot outside shooting led to 21 points. Ron Chase scored all of his 13 points in the first half, and Garret Moseley scored 10 points.

The Bears, 6-3 overall, came out flat, shooting poorly, playing bad defense, and not running their fast break. Welsh said. The hosts led 3-28 at intermission.

But it was a better Bears squad in the second half that made the game a seesaw battle the rest of the way. Staten Island went into their delay game with about four minutes left, and the Bears tied the score with 1:40

to go thanks to buckets by Scott Culler.

The Dolphins regained the lead, and after Potsdam cut the deficit to one with 14 seconds left, Moseley hit two free throws to ice the game.

Potsdam shot just 27 of 60 from the floor while Staten Island connected on 40 of 81 attempts. Potsdam's 100 points were the highest in its history.

Bears Down Scranton
In the opening round, Potsdam got revenge on defending national champion Scranton as the Bears cruised to a 72-64 win.

Scranton beat Potsdam 65-64 in last season's NCAA quarterfinal, but a great first half had the Bears up 43-24, and they never looked back.

Good pressure defense and fast break baskets sparked a string of 16 unanswered points after the score was tied at 12-12. "Scranton couldn't get the shots they wanted," Welsh said.

Witherspoon led Potsdam with 14 points, followed by Pat Crawford with 12 and Roosevelt Bullock with 11. Mickey Banas hit a game-high 22 points for Scranton.

Witherspoon was the only Potsdam player named to the all-tourney team. He joined Deas, Jim Kelly, and Ron Chase of Staten Island, Keith Martin of Moravian, and Banas.

The Bears will resume action Jan. 7-8 at the Colby Tournament, facing Norwich in the first round. If Norwich asks for charity, Potsdam can say they gave at the office.

Season In Full Swing

New Year's weekend was one of the nicest winter holiday weekends in years. Most cross country and alpine ski areas were quite full; in fact, many such ski areas set attendance records.

The wet snow of last Thursday finally made the cross country skiing good over the entire valley. For the first time in two years, I can cross country ski on my own property on the South Canton Road in Potsdam. I have not been able to cross country ski without hitting bottom for two winters. All of the immediate local areas for cross country skiing are good and will remain that way until there is a thaw or rain. I understand that the area around Clarkson is in real good shape and has a good track.

All the snow around Potsdam was mostly rain at the alpine ski areas in Vermont and the Adirondacks. Titus, for example, only got three inches of snow before it turned into rain and two inches at Whiteface and Tupper. Clarkson Seven Springs, on the other hand, got about six inches of snow. Conditions as of this writing are very good at Clarkson Seven Springs.

WPDM radio has ski reports on a daily basis. The report comes on at 7:45 a.m. and has the advantage over a ski column in that the snow reports can be more timely. Most of the information, however, is that of the ski areas themselves and "ice" and "rainfall" are not normally reported.

Most of the New York and Vermont areas were extremely icy this past weekend except on those trails that have artificial snow. Cross country ski areas were better but still not as good as St. Lawrence County or Canada. Saturday I went skiing at Camp For-

tune just north of Ottawa where the area received very little rain and about seven inches of snow. It was mostly packed powder. Most of eastern Canada got snow instead of the rain last Thursday, and the skiing of all kinds is really great in Canada. In fact, the base is about three times greater up there than the Adirondacks. Saturday was such a beautiful day and there must have been 1,000 cross country skiers out in the areas

SKI TRAIL NOTES

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off route 5 north of Ottawa. There was no ice.

Area ski trails are open, with Titus at 14 trails open, Tupper 17, Whiteface 18, Gore 41, and Snowridge 21. The wet snow and ice storms have made plenty of base everywhere. Killington has about 80 of its 90 trails open this past weekend on a granular surface caused by the rain. Jay Peak has had all 30 of its trails open for some time.

Jersey 'Knight' Set

Clarkson College invites all area minor league hockey players to Jersey "Knight" Jan. 7 at Walker Arena as Clarkson takes on Harvard. Sections 12, 13, and 14 will be reserved for minor league hockey players. Youngsters wearing minor league hockey jerseys will be granted free admission to the game.

Tickets are available at Walker Arena. For more information, call 268-7750.

Area Bowling

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STRIKETTE LEAGUE
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Individual Single Game (Scratch) — Jean Pelletier, 206; Altha Sawyer, 223.
Individual Three (Handicap) — Jean Pelletier, 574.
Individual High Three (Scratch) — Altha Sawyer, 539; Jean Pelletier, 519.
Team Standings: Barlow's 37-15; Royca's 29-23; Pillars 26-26; Agway 24-28; Draws tied w/Agway 24-28; St. Lawrence Bank 23-29; tied with Merriman's 23-29; Bull Pen 23-30.

Norwood-Norfolk fell to defeat for the first time this season as Cornwall handed the Flyers a 50-47 setback. Dan Michalak scored 13 points and Jamie Smith 12 for the losers.

Stoners, Flyers, Icers Lose
The Massena Red Raiders proved to be a stone wall in the championship game of the Salmon River hockey tournament. Mike Hurlbutt's two goals led Massena to a 5-3 victory. Chris Donah scored twice and assisted on the other goal to Peter Doran, but Potsdam could not defeat the Raiders. N-N meanwhile, continued their losing ways as Syracuse-based CBA downed the Flyers 6-1. Mike Richards had the lone Flyer tally.

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