

# Stoner Girls Win Initial Meet; Boys Fifth

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CANTON — Junior Katie Tyler and senior Hanis Dubinsky led the powerful Potsdam High School girls track team to a first place finish Friday night in the 1987 Indoor Track season opener at St. Lawrence University.

The Stoners tallied 115 points to out-distance OFA and Norwood-Norfolk, who each finished with 81 points.

"We enjoyed a balanced meet. We scored in every event except the one mile relay, which we actually won, but were disqualified," said Potsdam Coach Brian Pelkey.

"Our girls team has been steadily improving over the past three years. This year, we have a great combination of youth and experience. We think the overall Section 10 championship is a realistic goal," continued Pelkey.

Tyler didn't run into any competition at all as she strolled to wins in the 1500 and 3000 runs. Her time in the 1500 (5:25.2) is excellent considering she had no one to push her.

Tyler also competed in the Stoners' third place sprint relay team. Dubinsky won the long jump with a leap of 14-6 and placed second in the 600, behind Malone's fine Lisa Woytowich. She also anchored the mile relay team which was DQ'd.

Junior Chris Reichart had a fine night also. She finished second in the shot put and fourth in the 55 dash. Kelly Talcott placed third in the 55 dash, senior Sue Curry was fourth in the high jump and sixth in the 55 hurdles, Shawna Herrick was third in the shot put, Emily Lunt tied a new school record in the 55 hurdles (10.0) and was third in the triple jump, Ewa Dubinsky placed third in the 300 dash, sophomore Andrea Loconti finished second in the 1000, and the two-mile relay team came home in fourth place to highlight other fine Stoner efforts.

"We were totally surprised by our large margin of victory because we know we are much better than we showed in this meet. I'd like to congratulate Joanne Egan for breaking her own racewalk record and Emily Lunt for tying

the 55 hurdle school record," said Pelkey.

Norwood-Norfolk turned in some fine performances also. Carla Chase won the 300 with a time of 46.4, Connie Barlow took first in the 1000 and the mile and two mile relay teams were victorious.

On the boys side of the track, Potsdam finished a distant fifth and N-N placed third. South Jefferson took first, as expected, with 129 points, followed by OFA (87), N-N (72.5), Malone (59), and Potsdam (56).

"Several of our top athletes did not compete because of minor injuries or lack of enough practices. With a lot of hard work in practice, I can see us challenging South Jefferson, OFA, and N-N by the end of the season," said Pelkey.

Potsdam picked up wins in two events. Senior John Herrick remained unbeaten in the 55 dash over the last two years with a first place time of 6.8. Tyler O'Brien took first in the 55 hurdles with a new school record time of 8.5. Herrick also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 18-1.

The two mile relay team of sophomores Doug Saber and Scott Sochia, junior Dave Grace, and freshman Sean Agnew, placed second behind Malone. Sophomore Scott Sochia (attends Parishville-Hopkinton, competes for Potsdam) broke a school record with his fourth place high jump mark of 5-8. Andy Thacher broke the school record in the triple jump (39-11.5), and the mile relay team (Chris Pinover, Sochia, Thacher, and O'Brien) placed third.

N-N picked up first place points from Sean Sullivan in the long jump (19-9.75) and the mile relay team.

South Jefferson's Ron Elmer, one of the state's top distance runners, won the 1000 and 1600, Massena's Tom Michaud high-jumped 6-5, and N-N's Greg Hill ran second behind Elmer in the mile.

**GIRLS MEET**  
Team Totals: POTSDAM 115, OFA 81, NORWOOD-NORFOLK 81, MALONE 79, MASSENA 74, CANTON 11, SOUTH JEFFERSON 8, GOVERNOUR 5.  
Race Walk: T. Stone (Mal) 8:20.9, 2 Mile Relay: N-N (11:22), H.J. Breen (Mal) 4' 10", SP - Layne (O) 29' 7", 55H - Medina (Mass) 9.7, 1500 - TYLER (O) 5:25.2, 55 - Auburn (Mass) 7.4, 600 - Woytowich (Mal) 1:45.1, L.J. DUBINSKY (P) 14' 3.00, CHASE (N-N) 46.4, 1000 - BARLOW (N-N) 24.6, 3000 - TYLER (P) 11:50, Mile Relay - N-N (35.8), Sprint Relay - Massena (1:31.7), T.J. Fitzgerald (O) 32' 9.25".

**BOYS MEET**  
Team Totals: South Jefferson 129, OFA 87, NORWOOD-NORFOLK 72.5, MALONE 59, MASSENA 56, CANTON 11, SOUTH JEFFERSON 8, GOVERNOUR 5.  
1000 - Elmer (S.J.) 41' 5.5", Mile Relay - N-N (3:50.3), Sprint Relay - S.J. 11:22.



HARD WORK — Potsdam senior Sue Curry grimaces as she stretches across the finish line in the 55 hurdles race Friday night at SLU. She placed sixth. (Dan Williams photo)

# Hot Mitchell Keeps Bears Rolling

Senior All-American Brendan Mitchell, who suffered through an extended shooting slump earlier in the season, is now leading the Bears to a national title run.

Mitchell, a first team All-America last winter, has been red hot lately leading the Bears to an impressive 11-0 record and 43 consecutive victories. The 6-5 forward has hit 24 of his last 29 field goal attempts and has raised his scoring average to 18 points a game.

Last week, Potsdam continued their amazing play on the road, blasting highly-regarded University of Buffalo 89-67 Wednesday and then outlasting Brockport State 90-80 at Maxcy Hall Saturday afternoon.

Against a physical and rough Brockport squad Saturday, the Bears scored 90 points, their highest total of the season, despite registering a season-high 36 turnovers.

Potsdam held a lead as big as 16 points in the first half, but the Golden Eagles took advantage of some sloppy play and foul trouble to close the gap to four points with two minutes left in the game.

Mitchell, who connected on 12 of 13 shots, came off the bench for the final four minutes to close the gap on the Bears to a one-point deficit.

The rough style of play displayed by Brockport finally erupted into a scuffle between the teams with 12 seconds left in the game. Potsdam's Andrew Gregoire and Brockport's Kym Lepore were each assessed technical fouls and ejected from the game.

Mitchell led all scorers with 26 points, sophomore reserve forward Matt Dyroff added 14, and a quartet of Bears — Joe Smith, Barry Stanton, Babiarz, and Tim Harris — contributed nine markers.

For Brockport, hulking freshman Chris Tuck (6-6, 235) was impressive, scoring 24 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. Quaison Wiley added 14 and Scott Beatty pumped in 12 points for the 6-3 losers.

Potsdam out-shot the visitors 52-35 percent, but the visitors out-rebounded the Bears 51-38. Last Wednesday, at Buffalo, Potsdam came out on fire, running

up a quick 18-6 lead over the UB Bulls, before the hosts had a run of their own to close the gap to 22-21 mid-way through the first half.

Also, the Bears shot a blistering 72 percent from the floor in the second half to score 50 points. Once again, Mitchell was the top gun for Potsdam, tallying 24 points on 12-16 shooting. He also grabbed eight rebounds.

Stanton was a real force on the boards, scoring 20 points and adding a career high 18 rebounds. Other Bears in double figures were Babiarz, with 16 points, and Dyroff, with 10.

Potsdam out-rebounded the taller Bulls 55-27 and held the hosts to a measly 37 percent shooting effort.

Leading the Bulls were Joe Etopio (16 points), Anthony Miller (14), Shannon Greer (11), and Kyle Givens (11). Potsdam plays host to SUNYAC East rivals Binghamton and Cortland Friday and Saturday nights at Maxcy Hall. The Bears would like to see a large crowd come out to the home games.

# Potsdam Girls Upset Malone

A rejuvenated Potsdam High School girls basketball team earned one of their biggest wins in three years last Thursday when they dumped Division I rival Malone 45-38 in Potsdam.

The Stoners, coached by Hal Gillette, looked good winning. They held the Huskies to only 14 second half points, recuperating from a 24-22 halftime deficit.

Leading the way for Potsdam were junior April Dunn and senior sharp-shooter Katie Baker, both with 14 points. Baker broke out of a two-game shooting slump and her confidence boosted the squad.

The Stoners grabbed the early lead in the first quarter, but watched as Malone mounted a comeback, led by outstanding senior Stephanie Harte, one of the league's best all-around players.

Potsdam stayed close in the first half because of the powerful inside game of Dunn and the outside shooting of Baker. Harte scored 20 of Malone's 38 points before fouling out with just over two minutes left in the game.

The Stoners weren't as fortunate last Tuesday when they ran into a powerful Gouverneur team, losing 63-42. Freshman sensation Amy Jo Leonard led all scorers with 20 points for the Wildcats. She could develop into one of the finest girls basketball players in NAC history.

Potsdam trailed 25-15 at halftime but couldn't contain Gouverneur's potent attack in the second half. Helping Leonard with the scoring were Julie Hopkinson (15 points) and Chris Cognetti (10).

Leading Potsdam in their league opener were Kelly Norman, with 14 points, Dunn (11), and junior forward Jen Stoddard (seven). Potsdam battles at Massena tonight (Tuesday) and plays host to powerful Canton on Thursday.

The Potsdam JV's didn't fare as well as the varsity, dropping two league games last week to Gouverneur and Malone. Massena Nips N-N

The Massena Red Raiders upended Norwood-Norfolk 43-41 last Thursday in a key NAC Division I contest. Lori Kirkey scored 15 points and junior Tammy Collins added 11 for the winners.

Lynn Reed led the Flyers with 16 points while Lisa Dully contributed eight key points. "It was close all the way. I thought we played real well, even though our lack of depth and height hurt us," said N-N Coach Bill Stone.

Reed again scored 16 points to lead the Flyers past Tupper Lake 44-41. Lumberjack senior Tracy Daniels erupted for 29 points in a

strong effort for the losers. Panthers Win Opener

Karen Sebastian pumped in 19 points to pace Parishville-Hopkinton to a season opening 47-38 win over St. Lawrence Central last Thursday.

Aiding the winning cause for the Panthers were Nikki Koen, with nine points, and Holly Gamber with seven.

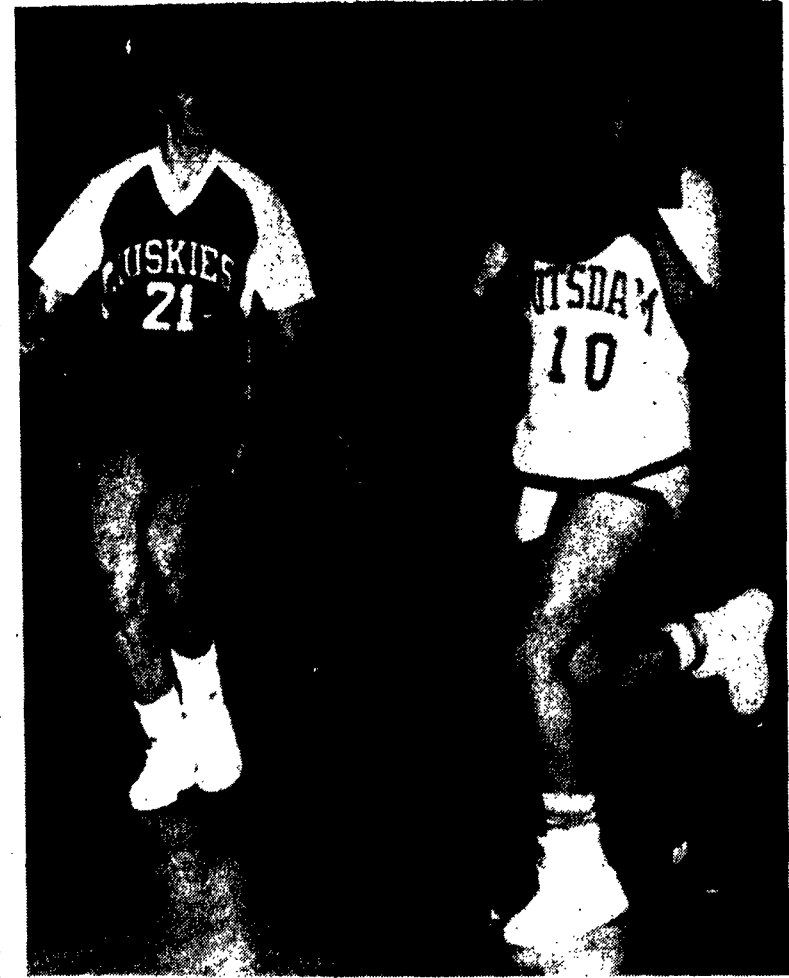
Nicole Hall poured in 15 markers for the losers, who also picked up 10 points from Danielle Brown.

Colts Split Games

Debbie Fisher scored 16 points and Karl Walrich added 11 to lead Colton-Pierrepont past Madrid-Waddington 37-31 Thursday.

Kelly Putney led the Yellow-jackets with 10 points. Last Tuesday, the Colts dropped a 49-38 decision to powerful Salmon River.

Claudine Tarbell scored 19 points for the winners, while Sevey and Walrich combined for 20 for the Colts.



QUICK DRIVE — Amy Robar, of Potsdam High, drives to the hoop for an easy layup against Malone last Thursday. (Dan Williams photo)

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