



Big boot!

Kyla Kenyon shows intensity as she boots the ball into the Gouverneur end of the field Friday. (Greiner photo)

X-country team looks to successful year with returning veteran runners

The Tupper Lake varsity cross country team coached by six year veteran Coach John Waldron was packing up the running shoes and heading off to Salmon River to face the Salmon River Shamrocks and Ogdensburg Free Academy for a dual meet on Tuesday. That roadtrip marked the teams first Northern Athletic Conference league matchup of the 2008 season.

Coach Waldron said he had high expectations for the teams success in that first league meet.

The boys team didn't lose anyone to graduation this year, and from lead runners Charlie Beaudette and Mike Schram right through the pack, Charlie Benzce, Willie Benzce, Scott Delair, and Josh Scranton, everyone is in top shape and fit after a summer of hard running and practicing every day. That coupled with a strong group of young talent in Bryan Geiger, Kirklyn Denis, Levi Edwards and Jonah Moeller, the Lumberjack harriers seem to be poised for a winning season again this year.

Last year the boys finished with a season record of six wins and three losses against teams that sometimes outnumbered them by a long shot.

On the girls side of the coin, also coached by Mr. Waldron, along with assistant coach Amy Farrell, the outlook was still a little foggy as of Monday.

The girls Lumberjack cross country team went to the states last year where they won the Class D section X championship.

However, this season they lost front runner Emily Kriwox, who transferred to Saranac Lake, and were still looking to fill the top five spots which would give them a full team so that they could compete in the NAC.

For the girls team, tenth grader Olivia Walsh has been running hard all summer, and the others will be getting more and more fit as the season progresses. Tenth graders Becky Dukett, Brittany LaPierre and Sam Durfey have the strong competitive spirit and should help carry the team back to its winning ways if it can field a complete contingent of runners this season. An exchange student named Barbara could create that balance point.

Also on the team this season for the boys are eighth graders Mark Pratico and Josh Fletcher.

"I think our core group of runners, for the boys at least, will have a good shot at a successful season. A lot of our team has worked really hard all summer at practice. They've done the work and they're really fit and it should be a good season," Coach Waldron said.

Lady Lumberjack soccer team tied Gouverneur in home overtime Friday

The Tupper Lake Lady Lumberjack varsity soccer team played to 2-2 tie in overtime Friday afternoon at home vs. Gouverneur, to post an early season record of 1-0-1 going into their third regular season game.

This comes after Tupper Lake had opened its Northern Athletic Conference season with a big 1-0 win over the Canton

Golden Bears on the road September 3.

Tuesday the girls were headed to winless Malone where guaranteed the Huskies would be looking to redeem themselves at this early point in the season.

So far this season Kyla Kenyon has scored three goals in four early season games, and Beth Keniston

has scored one goal and has two assists for the lady Lumberjacks. Taylor Keniston has one assist for Tupper Lake.

Tupper Lake varsity goalie Maegan Duhaime currently led the league in goalie saves with 25 saves on 28 shots on goal for an 89 percent goalie save average as of Tuesday going into the Malone game.

In other games this week the Lady Lumberjacks will host Norwood-Norfolk Friday and will travel to Saint Lawrence Central Saturday before playing host to Potsdam Central next Tuesday.

Look for a complete recap of this week's games and a full roster of the 2008 varsity players in next weeks edition of the Free Press.

Varsity Lady volleyball team wins at Ogdensburg; sends fans into frenzy

The Lady Lumberjack varsity volleyball team is already in the thick of the action on the court this season with a record of one win and one loss. First year varsity head coach Diane Helms called the recent Ogdensburg game one of the most exciting volleyball games the girls had ever experienced.

At Ogdensburg the action went to five games when Tupper Lake won the first one 25-16, fell behind in the second game 11-25, and then came storming back in the third game only to be clipped by the Blue Devils 28-30. Tupper Lake then mounted a hammering comeback to slip past Ogdensburg 25-23 in the fourth game and then use that momentum to beat them decisively 25-12 to take the match.

The fans on both sides of the court went nuts all through the final three games and the noise level was deafening.

Emily Kingsley led the way for the lady Lumberjacks with 26 points dfrom the serve, and 15 assists with nine aces, four kills and 1 digs to her credit.

Emily Jessie netted 10 points with 17 assists, four aces, nine kills and 21 digs for the night.

Elizabeth Tvorak scored eight points from the serve with 23 digs and three aces.

Brittany Richards contributed six points to the cause with one ace, 10 digs and two assists.

Whitney Williams had 21 kills and two aces along with 17 digs six blocks and a total of five points for the night.

Hunter Aldridge also had five points on the night with four aces, three kills, seven digs, and one block.

Sarah Paiement had a total of four points with one ace, nine kills, seven digs, two blocks and one assist.

Katelynne LaFrance chipped in with one dig and one point.

Melissa Devirgeles had nine kills, four digs, and one block to her credit during her time on the court.

Other members of this years team include Tiffany Johnson, Emily Sanford,

Erica James and Audrey Walsh.

Amanda Helms, a Lumberjack varsity volleyball alumnus who graduated in 2006 is the assistant coach.

In the opener last Wednesday, Tupper Lake fell to Malone in three straight sets 28-26, 25-19, 25-10.

Top Tupper Lake scorers in that game were Emily Jessie with 13 points, 10 digs, eight aces and ten assists; while Whitney Williams and Elizabeth Tvorak each chipped in a pair of points. Emily

Kingsley has seven assists in the game.

This years varsity volleyball squad is a strong team all around.

Players debated the strongest aspect of the team, and agreed that it is their offense that dominates.

The coach however, had a different perspective, and observed it their high level of motivation that sets them apart from many of the other teams they will face this year.

Chris Savage is the coach of the JV squad and

Madame Morneau is the coach of the volleyball modified squad. Currently the JV team has an identical record to the varsity squad at 1-1.

The teams were scheduled to face canton on the road Tuesday this week, and will be on the road again Thursday at Brushton-Moira.

The next home game will be on September 16 when the Lady Lumberjacks face Madrid-Waddington with a 6 p.m. j start with varsity following.

Annual T.H.E. Loop motorcycle ride to benefit cancer patients

The third annual T.H.E. (Touch, Heal, Empower) Loop, a motorcycle ride raising monies and awareness for cancer patients, will take place on Saturday, October 4.

Riders will depart from the Mt. Sabattis Pavilion in Long Lake promptly at 11 a.m. for a beautiful ride through the villages of Newcomb, Minerva, North Creek, Indian Lake (with a 15 minute stop at Byron Park), Blue Mtn. Lake and return to the pavilion by 2 p.m. All bikes and riders are welcome as well as all non-riders and their families. There will be

refreshments, raffles, 50/50. bandanas, and much more at the pavilion before and after the ride.

This year's pledges will be split again between The Image Fund at the C.R. Wood Cancer Center at the Glens Falls Hospital and AMC Cares Image Fund at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake. Last year T.H.E. Loop riders raised \$5,000 which was split between these two centers... 100% went to patients. That is what makes this event more special ...all pledge monies are kept local and patients benefit from them one hundred percent.

T.H.E. Loop founder, Mary Lamphear, is excited

this year of a Pledge Drawing Prize. "The Hedges Resort in Blue Mtn. Lake has generously donated an overnight for two for the pledge drawing prize.

If you would like to make a pledge by mail, you can do so by sending a check to T.H.E. Loop, HC82 Box 574, Raquette Lake, NY 13436.

Sponsors of last year's event were The Wood's Inn, Hard Times Cafe, Floss's Country Corner, Raquette Lake Hotel and Tap Room, and Raquette Lake Supply.

For more information contact Mary Lamphear at 315-354-4203 (evenings) or email theloopride@yahoo.com

Moore-Martin golf tourney scheduled

The eighth annual Moore-Martin Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 18 with tee time at 4 p.m. The Moores lead this prestigious tournament by a slim margin of 4 to 3. Ray Martin is pulling out all the stops to try and get back in the victory column after last year's disastrous defeat. He has made a request to the rules committee that the women's scores not be included in the official results.

Brent and Marilyn Smith will continue their role as official scorers and refreshment hosts. As usual, there is no admission charge for this tournament.

Carly Finch of Newcomb graduates from Ithaca Coll.

Carly Finch, the daughter of Duane Finch of Newcomb, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree from Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

The degree was awarded in May 2008.

Long Lake /Raquette Lake Community Calendar

Wednesday, September 10

9 a.m. Northern Needles group meets at St. Henry's Parish Center.

7:30 p.m. Long Lake board members meet at the town hall.

Thursday, September 11

5:30 p.m. Karate Class with Joe Tokarz, call 624-2003.

Saturday, September 13

Early bear season opens New York State- Bow hunting safety course. Hunters Safety certificate required to take the class. Minimum of 12 years of age. Call (518) 624-3077 to register before Sept. 10th. Book available at the town office.

One square mile of hope in Inlet.

11:30 a.m. - on the water for noon attempt to break the Guinness Book of Records for the largest canoe and kayak raft benefitting Susan G. Komen for the Cure. For more information www.OneSquareMileofHope.com

Annual OES Ride for the Stars- A fund raising motorcycle ride.

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Final Sign-Up
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