

## Fulton Mites tie Auburn on last-second goal

The Fulton Mite Hould hockey team opened their season with a dramatic, last second, game-tying goal against an aggressive Auburn mite team Saturday, Dec. 4.

The Fulton mite team coached by Dan Hould and his assistants Rusty Natoli, Jeff Schremp, and James Shutts took to the ice for its first game of the season. The defensive play of Erin Phelps, Justin Kocher, Mike Sealander, and Alex Husarek kept the Auburn team from scoring until there was only four minutes left in the first period. Auburn then scored their next goal 90 seconds later. The first period ended with Auburn up 2-0. Fulton had nine shots on goal in the first

period due to outstanding hustle by David Corvi, Nathan Hould, and Robbie Schremp.

Two minutes and 12 seconds into the second period, Nathan Hould got Fulton on the board with an end-to-end rush and beat the Auburn goal-tender with an upper corner shot. Auburn then scored the next two goals to take a 4-1 lead before Hould got his second goal of the game. Auburn closed out the period with another goal to take a 5-2 lead into the third.

In the third period Fulton's first-year mites, Dennis Crisafulli, James Shutts, and Tim Gillard stepped up to the challenge by forcing Auburn into several mid-ice turn-

overs. Nathan Hould scored two more times to make the score 5-4 just 2:43 left to go in the game. Chris Natoli, the goaltender for the Fulton mites, had to make some tough saves to give Fulton a chance with just a minute to go in the game. Once the puck went into Auburn's end of the ice Coach Hould pulled Natoli from the goal and put in a sixth man. With Colin Hould causing trouble for the Auburn defensemen in front of the goal Robbie Williams was able to pass the puck to David Corvi who fired home the game-tying goal with just one second left on the clock.

Christ Natoli finished the game with 15 saves despite being injured in the second period. Robbie Schremp finished the game with an assist to one of Nathan Hould's four goals.

Even though the team had fallen behind by three goals several times in the game the players never quit or gave up, a spokesperson said, which is a fitting tribute to the team's sponsor Kraft All American Gourmet Foods.

The mite team had little time to savor its tie because the game ended at 7 p.m. and they had to be in Auburn by 7:30 the next morning for an 8 a.m. game against the same team. The game started out with Auburn taking an early 1-0 lead before David Corvi put one in with just two minutes left in the period. Auburn was turned back by another great defensive effort by Erin Phelps, Alex Husarek, Justin

Kocher, and Mike Sealander. Auburn did manage to score before Fulton's offensive players came alive. Ten seconds after Auburn's goal, Nathan Hould on an assist by Robbie Schremp tied the game. Just over a minute later David Corvi gave Fulton the lead on assists by James Shutts and Robbie Williams.

The third period began with Fulton up 3-2. Again it was the great hustling effort of the younger mite players that kept Auburn frustrated in its attempts to score. Those players were Colin Hould, Dennis Crisafulli, and Tim Gillard.

Halfway into the period it was obvious that the Fulton players were tired due to the fact that they had to get up at least an hour earlier than their opponents. Auburn tied the game at 3-3 then David Corvi scored his third of the game on an assist by Erin Phelps. Auburn came back with two goals of its own around a Nathan Hould goal. The game ended with some pressure packed saves made by Chris Natoli, who had 11 saves for the game. The game ended with the same final as Saturday's game, 5-5.

Coach Hould was pleased with his team's effort so early in the season. The first year mites showed a lot of heart and hustle and the second year mites showed the leadership that the team needs, he said.

## Fulton Pee Wee travel team splits against Midstate

The Fulton Youth Hockey Association's PeeWee travel team sponsored by Coca Cola split a pair of games with the Midstate Youth Hockey Association of Syracuse Dec. 4 and 5. Neither team could take advantage of home ice.

Fulton hosted Midstate at the Fulton Community Center in the first game played Saturday, Dec. 4. The first period proved a defensive battle as both teams remained scoreless. The next two periods, however, were a heated offensive battle.

Fulton opened the scoring with a goal by Tom Ditzer on a pass from Kevin Birchenough, but Midstate came back with two quick goals to take the lead. Then Fulton scored again with a goal by Jonathan Sereno on assists from Ditzer and Tim Loveless and 19 seconds later Michael Lachut pumped in a go-ahead goal on a feed from Birchenough, to the home town's delight.

The back-and-forth scoring was repeated twice more before the end of the second period. Midstate tied it up, then Fulton's Birchenough scored on an assist from Ditzer. Midstate knotted the score again but Sereno scored on a feed from Ditzer (his third assist of the day for a playmaker award). This ended the second period with a one-goal lead for the Fulton PeeWees.

In the final period, Midstate tied the score then pulled ahead for good with four unanswered goals.

Fulton's Coca Cola PeeWees journeyed to

the State Fair Coliseum Sunday to again face off against Midstate Tier II team. The teams didn't wait for the second period to get the scoring started as they had in Saturday's game.

In the initial period, Midstate jumped out to a quick two-goal lead before Fulton's Birchenough jammed home the rebound from a booming blast from Tim Singer.

In the second period, Midstate regained its two-goal advantage, but Fulton's Coach Tom Savory rallied his team's efforts and they came back. Michael Lupa scooped in a rebounded shot from Birchenough followed quickly by a short-handed goal from Ditzer to tie the game.

Midstate came back with a goal, but Birchenough scored again on an assist, this time from Matthew Savory. Finally, Fulton took the lead for the first time in the game on a go-ahead goal by Loveless assisted by John Danquer.

Fulton and Midstate again exchanged goals in the third period, but Fulton held onto the lead in the final minutes to win the game with a tight 6-5 victory. Lupa scored the game-winning goal on assists from Sereno and Danquer.

Brian Kuraszewicz, in goal, led the defense for Fulton racking up 24 goal saves Saturday and 39 saves Sunday. Ryan Hendry with Singer and David Hinman with Lachut in the defensive efforts.

## Emerald Knights crown Fulton 5-3

Hamilton used three first-period goals to get an early lead and then held off a Fulton rally and added two goals in the third period to defeat the Red Raiders 5-3. The loss was the second straight defeat for the Fulton varsity hockey team.

Trailing 3-0 late in the first period, Fulton increased its offensive pressure, but wasn't able to get on the board before the intermission.

Fulton cut the lead to 3-1 in the second period when Ryan Smith scored his first goal of the season on an assist from Randy Seifried. Jason Ochino then pulled the Red Raiders to within a goal later in the period, scoring on a breakaway while Fulton was shorthanded. "At the end of the first and in the second we put the pressure on them," said Fulton Coach Rene Blais.

In the third period, the Emerald Knights added two more goals to jump out to a 5-2 advantage before Mike Bansner scored the final goal of the game to make the final 5-3. Ryan Smith and Chris Bucklaew both were credited with assists on Bansner's goal.

Coach Blais said he felt his team played well, but the players just didn't take advantage of their chances. For the game the Red Raiders had 29 shots on goal.

Freshman Ed Patrick made his first start of the season for the Red Raiders and finished the game with 28 saves.

The Red Raiders will look to earn their first win of the season Wednesday night when they travel to New Hartford to take on the Spartans at 7:30 p.m. Then, Fulton will travel to Watertown this weekend to participate in the Watertown IHC Tournament.

## Tiffany's remains undefeated in LaBatt's 30 Basketball League

Fleming Real Estate led by Jim Morgan's 19 points pulled away in the last few minutes to register a 55-42 win over Northport "B". Dan Carey's 10 points led 'Port in the LaBatt's 30 Basketball League in Oswego.

In the "A" Division, Tiffany's continued rolling along with a 52-42 victory over The Boilmakers. Veteran Bob Lowery and Dave Kinney led the winners with 12 points apiece while Gary Archer paced the Boilmakers with 17.

In other "A" action, Canale's scored a 55-46 win over a cold-shooting Thompson's "5". Steve Kush had 13 to lead Canale's while Jeff LaBouef had four three-pointers and 14 points in a losing effort.

Coconuts came out flying and scored a 72-57 win over the Press Box as Bobby Haynes had the hot hand knocking down 25 points while Joe Caroccio had 13 in a losing cause.

Northport's scoring machine Ray Winklestein netted 27 points in leading his team to a close 80-74 win over the Magicians. Doc Nelson's 19 kept the magic boys close throughout.

In "B" action Pritchard Construction used Len Fowlers 17 points to score a 62-51 victory over Just Another Place. Mike Canale and Larry Battles each had 10 points in a losing effort.

Potters Pub/Steamers used the foul line in the last three minutes making 10 of 11 in holding onto a 53-45 victory over Potters/Genny Lite. Dave Scholes' 24 led the way while Dave Gorman had 11 to pace Genny Lite.

In another battle of Potters teams, Potters II won 53-40 over Potters I. Tom Murray, scored 12 while Kevin Wells 10 led "1."

In 40 and over action defending champions Eis House pulled away in the second to win 75-55 over Canale's. Brian Dick had 21 to pace the winners while Bobby Clark and Jack Meehan had 14 each in a losing effort.

The Press Box kept holding off Potters Pubs attempts to get close and registered a 50-43 victory. Chuck Waters had 16 in the winning effort while Doug Sharlow scored 16 for Potters.

## Sports Schedule

**Monday, Dec. 13**  
No events scheduled.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
Fulton JV/varsity volleyball vs Fowler, Home, 6 p.m.  
Fulton JV/varsity boys' basketball at Fowler, 6 p.m.  
Fulton JV/varsity girls' basketball vs Fowler, Home, 6 p.m.  
Hannibal JV/varsity girls' basketball vs Weedsport, Home, 6 p.m.  
Hannibal JV/varsity volleyball at Weedsport, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix JV/varsity wrestling vs C-NS, Home, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix JV/varsity volleyball at Mexico, 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
Fulton varsity boys' indoor track of Manley Field House, 6:30 p.m.  
Fulton JV/varsity wrestling at East Syracuse-Minoa, 6 p.m.  
Fulton varsity hockey at New Hartford, 7:30 p.m.  
Hannibal JV/varsity boys' basketball at APW, 6 p.m.  
Hannibal JV/varsity wrestling vs Onondaga, Home, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix JV/varsity boys' basketball at Mexico, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix JV/varsity girls' basketball vs Mexico, Home, 6 p.m.  
Oswego JV/varsity wrestling vs West Genesee, Home, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
Fulton JV/varsity volleyball at East Syracuse-Minoa, 6 p.m.  
Fulton JV/varsity wrestling at C-NS, 6 p.m.  
Fulton varsity girls' indoor track at Manley Field House, 6:30 p.m.  
Hannibal JV/varsity girls basketball vs Cato-Meridian, Home, 6 p.m.  
Hannibal JV/varsity volleyball at Cato-Meridian, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix JV/varsity volleyball at Solvay, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix JV/varsity wrestling vs Homer, Home, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 17**  
Fulton JV/varsity boys' basketball vs ES-M, Home, 6 p.m.  
Fulton JV/varsity girls' basketball at ES-M, 6 p.m.  
Fulton varsity boys' swimming vs Baldwinsville, Home, 4 p.m.  
Fulton varsity hockey at Watertown IHC Tournament, 8 p.m.  
Hannibal boys' basketball vs Weedsport, Home, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix JV/varsity boys' basketball at Solvay, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix varsity girls' basketball vs Solvay, Home, 6 p.m.  
Oswego JV/varsity boys' basketball at West Genesee, 6 p.m.  
Oswego JV/varsity girls' basketball vs West Genesee, Home, 5 p.m.  
Oswego varsity hockey at Whitesboro, 7 p.m.  
Oswego varsity boys' swimming at Auburn, 4:30 p.m.  
Oswego varsity volleyball vs West Genesee, Home, 5 p.m.



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