

Potsdam Takes NCSSL Crown In Marathon Game

BY BILL SHORT

After two epic battles between Dave's of Canton and T.J. Toyota-Morgan's of Potsdam, Potsdam came out on top to claim the championship title of the North Country Summer Soccer League on Wednesday evening. The first meeting was on Sunday night, as they faced off in Canton for the final game of this season. A 1-1 tie stretched through a pair of overtime periods and into the dark, so the game was called a draw and a new game was slated for Wednesday evening on the Walker Arena field in Potsdam.

The story was much the same Wednesday night, as the two teams battled to a 1-1 knot at the end of regular time. Canton scored first, in the first period, but then Ali Ouarzadinni answered on a penalty kick in the second half. Time ran out, and a five-minute overtime was planned. Then time ran out again, still no change in the score, and another five-minute extra period was set to go. Then time ran out again, and dark was fast approaching, so a shoot-out was decided upon.

In the five-shot determiner, Potsdam had made good on two of their five opportunities. Canton had made good on one of four; the fifth remaining. The shot was a good one, headed for the corner away from Potsdam goalie Bill Fogarty, and it looked as if another shoot-out would have to be run. But with a spectacular dive, Fogarty came up with a save and a championship victory for Potsdam, saving his own goals-against record of .94 for the season.

Fogarty allowed only 18 goals this season, not counting shoot-outs, while the Potsdam team scored 62, also not counting shoot-out tallies. They finished the season, including playoffs, with an incomparable record of 12-1-3; adding another tie to the tally with last Sunday's exhausting encounter.



HEAD TO HEAD — Paul Brown of Potsdam, on the left, battles it out face to face with a Canton player during the championship game of the North Country Summer Soccer League playoffs. An intense game filled with top-notch soccer play saw Potsdam take the crown in a 2-1 shootout victory. (Bill Short photo).

The Potsdam team's prospects for next year look very good, although they will be losing some of their top talent in Jamie Newell. Co-captains Pat McGowan and Dan Dumas will be returning, as will the bulk of the team. The outstanding defense corps will be back to rally around goalie Fogarty, and will very likely stymie NCSSL offenses next summer. The Toyota-Morgan's offense can be counted on to blast away at opponents' defenses, wreaking havoc on the NCSSL fields once again in '82.

Indoor League Meeting Set

Co-captain Dumas will be trying to organize an indoor soccer league this fall, utilizing many of the same teams as played in the North Country Summer Soccer League. He will be having an organizational meeting on Aug. 26 at the Tie Fox Restaurant in Canton at 8 p.m. All interested teams are asked to send a representative.

Football Is Leaderless Again

BY BILL SHORT

The Potsdam Central football team went through a bit of a scrape last year as head coach John Charlebois resigned just before the season was to begin. Then Dave Romola, a 1972 Potsdam Central graduate, was found to replace Charlebois in the top coaching spot. One year later, the Potsdam school once again finds itself without a head football coach, once again with the season right around the corner.

Potsdam once again finds itself in a coaching dilemma, as the football season fast approaches and no head coach is in place.

Romola, after a late start last year, managed to lead the Sandstoners to a 5-4 record, including an upset victory over traditional powerhouse Carthage. Whoever lands in the head coaching slot may find it difficult to put together a strong program this year, since it is already late.

Romola, a football player and sprinter of some talent in high school, did not resign, however. He is not certified by the state to be a head coach, although he could be an assistant coach, a position already offered him by the school board.

The fact that the state would not allow Romola to be the head coach was not revealed by the state until just last week, when school officials called the state board of athletics with a question concerning assistant coaches. According to high school principal William LeForestier, the state representative asked who would be the head coach for Potsdam during the upcoming season, then informed the Potsdam officials that Romola is not certified, and therefore would not be able to continue in the coaching position. It seems that the state knew Romola was not certified, yet did not inform the Potsdam school district that he would be ineligible for the position of head coach until the district called the state, with a question concerning something else.



DAVE ROMOLA

Nature Center Fun Run Set, Aug. 30

ALEXANDRIA BAY — August 30 is the day that has been set for the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center's Minna-Thon. Charles J. Elliott, Regional Manager of the Thousand Islands Region of the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, stated that this run is composed of a one mile "fun run" for all persons, and a 10K or 6.2 mile. The "fun run" will be based on estimated times.

Registration for the Minna-Thon is \$4 and forms are available at the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, Wellesley Island State Park, or call 482-2479. The first 75 people to register will receive a T-shirt. All proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Nature Center, Inc.

The state requires that a head coach be certified in one of two ways, before the program gets under way. The quickest way would be for Romola to complete his practice teaching, something not possible in time for the season to start. He has two months left of practice teaching through the State University of New York at Cortland before he will have had enough for the state to issue him a certification.

The other way involves a coaching course which is run by the state and which takes three years to complete.

New Assistant Leonard Page, insurance agent and defeated school board candidate, was appointed to an assistant coaching position last week. He has had experience in coaching various athletic teams before moving to Potsdam.



POTSDAM SKATERS — Eight Potsdam students were among the participants of the summer figure skating school held June 22 to Aug. 15 at Appleton Arena on the St. Lawrence University campus in Canton. Students, as young as five years of age and preparing for competitions, learning fundamentals or preparing for United States Figure Skating Association tests were able to train under the expert instruction of five professional USFSA endorsed skaters. The Potsdam students are, from left to right, Karen Cole, Danielle Bartow, Nancy Kennehan, Kathy Wilcox, Katie Tyler, Shaune Burrell, Melissa Fadden and Jeanette Mein.

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DEC To Hold Waterfowl Lottery

The Department of Environmental Conservation will be holding a pre-season lottery to select 300 waterfowl hunters for the Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area.

This favorite state waterfowl hunting area, located in northern New York on the St. Lawrence River near Massena, draws hunters from all over New York State and Northeast.

Hunting is allowed by permit only at Wilson Hill on each Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of the Northeast Zone waterfowl season. In past seasons, there have been many more hunters than permits available on the opening Thursday and first Saturday of the season. Hunters from close to the Hill and far away have waited all night, only to be turned away in the morning.

In an effort to assist hunters with planning their hunting trips, and to reduce both the long lines and waits for permits, the department will select 150 waterfowl hunters for the Wilson Hill opening Thursday, and

another 150 hunters for the first Saturday of the waterfowl season. The expected date for the opening of the Northeast waterfowl season, pending confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is Oct. 7.

The lottery will be held Sept. 14 at the D.E.C. Regional Office in Watertown. Waterfowl hunters are asked to send postcards to the Department of Environmental Conservation, Wilson Hill Lottery, 317 Washington St., Watertown, New York 13601.

Hunters should indicate on the card the day they wish to hunt, either the first Thursday or Saturday, and separate cards should be sent if they wish to apply for both days.

Hunters must be sure to put their name and address on the card, and for those who like to hunt together, the card may include as many as three names and addresses.

Duplication of names on other cards will be cause for discarding applications. Only those hunters selected will be notified.

Bear Season Opens Sept. 19

ALBANY — The areas open for hunting bear this year, during the early, archery and regular firearm seasons, remained unchanged from those open in 1980. The 1981-82 Big Game guide, which is available from license-issuing agents, illustrates the areas in which black bear may be taken.

Bear hunting opportunity will begin in the Northern Zone with the early bear season opening Sept. 19 and continuing through Oct. 16. The early season will be open in all or portions of the following 13 Adirondack counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton,

Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Warren and Washington. Persons planning to hunt during the early bear season are reminded that a valid 1980-81 big game license or sportsman's license is required to hunt from Sept. 19 through Sept. 30. After Sept. 30, a 1981-82 big game license or sportsman's license is required, reflecting New York's license year, which runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Early bear season permits are no longer required; they were discontinued in 1977.

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