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Correction: In last week's Gym Hero article, Keegan Mullenax's name was misspelled. We apologize profusely!!

School News

Alleged Upcoming Spirit Week Days

By Ryan Verbitsky and Polly Hansen-Rodriguez

Alrighty, everyone, this is **the** week. Homecoming week is finally here. It is crucial to participate in these spirit days because the more you dress up, the more points are added to your class total and contribute to the winner of the Raider Ball tourney and HOCO week as a whole.

The upcoming spirit days are as follows:

TUESDAY: Zoom Day
The gist for this would be to wear a nicer top with more comfy bottoms, like pajama pants. This represents our online class days and only being dressy on the top, while not caring what you look like past your shoulders.

WEDNESDAY: Iconic Squad/Duo
This one is pretty self-explanatory: get in a group, and dress up in an iconic outfit, for example, Alvin and the Chipmunks, SpongeBob and Patrick, or three blind mice. Get creative!!

THURSDAY: Decades Day
This one is still VERY alleged, so it may actually not happen, but each grade will have a different decade to take inspiration from. For example, if your grade is in the 80s, you'll dress up in 80s attire.

FRIDAY: Class Color Day
Last but not least, the infamous Class Color Day. This one is CRUCIAL to participate in.
Freshman: Brown
Sophomore: Yellow
Junior: Pink
SENIORS: Black
Staff: Tie Dye!

Again, please make sure to participate in the spirit days; it will give you something fun to look forward to. As upperclassmen, it's super cool to participate and have some school spirit!

Drip level: HOCO

By Polly Hansen-Rodriguez

It's that time of year again, and everywhere you go, the same question is asked... " Can I see your HOCO dress?" This year, Homecoming will be hype, loud, fun, and most of all.... On October 18th. If you're in middle school reading this, I'm very sorry to inform you that this is a HIGH SCHOOL only dance. Your time will come very soon, don't worry!

This dance is going to be semi-formal!!! Or, honestly, you can come in sweats, PJs, a banana costume, anything your heart desires (school-appropriate, of course).

This dance will take place in the good ol' Randy's Cafe, aka the lunchroom. If you're a first-year homecoming goer, you may be confused as to why it's in the lunch room and not the gym like every other school! We personally think the lunchroom is more cozy and it's 1,000% easier to decorate.

Our homecoming game will take place on Friday, Oct 17th at 4:30! This year's HOCO game will be played by our Boys' soccer team, who face some competition against McGraw. It should be an intense game, so make sure you're there.

Now, homecoming week isn't just a regular week here at Hamilton. Our week will include spirit weeks that you have to participate in if you want your class to pull the dub. We all know some people dread forums in the AM, but not during Hoco week... We have a minute to win it every morning, which, if the people from your class win... that's another tally on your class.

And if you're not into the minute to win it, your class needs you still! The halls have to be decorated in your designated areas. It can be decorated with anything (having food included in your hallway decor is greatly appreciated). Again, if you win the hallway, your team gains another point!

And finally, the day we have all been waiting for... Game day. Aka the infamous RAIDER BALL TOURNEYMENT. On this day, your team will dress up in your class color. Each grade will go head-to-head in a heated competition of raider ball to see who will come out on top. (I gotta warn you, though... the seniors are currently on a winning streak #3peat).

So, here is everything you need to know about this year's homecoming week and dance. If you want to win, you'd better put your best foot forward. Dress up, participate, go to the girls' game, and show some school spirit. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE.

School Spotlights

Gym Class Heroes

By Ryan Verbitsky

This week is the start of the beloved Raider Ball unit. This game is a Hamilton Central asset and classic tradition. It's a mix of handball with a tagging aspect. This game requires considerable skill and practice to master. With that being said, this week's hero was a difficult decision to make for Mrs. Reynolds. This week's hero is Jackson Toomath!!

What are some words that first come to mind when you think of Jackson?
"Tenacious, determined, and fierce."
Describe Jackson's strategies.
"Not let the ball go past him, annihilate his opponents."
What should students do to become more like Jackson?
"Be better, don't let the ball pass you, be a brick wall."

Congratulations Jackson!! Make sure everyone keeps up the good work in PE and continues to ball out if you would like to be considered for a hero.

US News

New World Order: Government Shutdown and What It Means.

By Brandon Kopp

So, the government has recently shut down. This is common news and all that, but it goes deeper than just the Senate being at each other's throats. This also means that until the government is back up and running, people who work directly for the government aren't paid. This means that military personnel and law enforcement personnel are currently being forced to work without pay. That's only the economic aspect, but it also affects healthcare. Any FDA inspections for food is currently suspended until the shutdown is over, which raises concerns over public health. Research has also been halted at

the National Institutes of Health, meaning any new clinical trials or patients being admitted has been suspended indefinitely. Military personnel aren't the only ones being hit heavy by this, though. TSA personnel at airports are also going without pay. Even your local post office worker is going without pay currently. It is anyone who works directly under the government.

Source: CNN

Wood Found in Corn Dog Batter?

By: Brandon Kopp



Recently, 58 million pounds of corn dogs have been recalled. This is because while they were being made, wood had gotten into the batter somehow. Because of this, any packages of corn dogs with "EST-582" or "P-894" on them are urged to be thrown away or returned to the store, due to the possibility of wood being in the food. At least 5 people have reported injuries from eating the corn dogs, which is how the company Hillshire Brands, a subsidiary of Tyson Foods, even found the issue in the first place.

Source: The New York Times

Global News

What are Traditions?

By Lily Brooks

When you hear the word traditions you think about what you do with your family on special occasions but is that all that it is? Traditions are long established occurrences or beliefs in different kinds of cultures. This has made it so habits, behaviors, or values have to act the way they are supposed to based on what tradition or culture they experience. Though you cannot know what traditions are before knowing what culture is. Culture is the way certain areas form their lives. The dynamic version of culture is the set of values and beliefs that the part of the world takes on.

There are many traditions across the world that have unique or weird ways for other traditions throughout the world. Some of those traditions could be wearing red as the bride which is considered lucky just like white in the US, or it could be the dancing and music that surrounds Spain. Though more traditions are stranger than others, such as in Spain once a year they all gather and throw tomatoes at each other, known as La Tomatina. Another one could be tossing teeth in Greece, where instead of leaving teeth under their pillow they throw them on the roof which is seen to be good luck for the child's family.



Cultures and traditions are all different for whatever part of the world you are in. The different traditions vary depending on where you are, just because one part of a country celebrates something doesn't mean another one.

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6.9 Magnitude Earthquake

By Cheyanne Bennett

On Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, an Earthquake broke out in the central part of the Philippines, a very powerful and strong earthquake. This 6.9 magnitude earthquake started at approximately 10 pm local time, to the west of Palompon and close to the city of Bogu in

Cebu province. Civil defense officials said "locally and nationally, approximately 60 people have been killed and approximately 150 people have been injured". Many workers were trying their best to get and transport all the heavy machinery so they could help assist the emergency services' search and rescue of survivors. Gordon said, "Some churches partially collapsed, and some schools had to be evacuated." "This was a sleeper; it crept up on us."



This very powerful and strong earthquake has killed approximately 60 people, and there have been many buildings and infrastructure in the towns and cities that are nearby that have been severely damaged by this 6.9 magnitude earthquake. On Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, many of the emergency services located in and around the Philippines were trying to find survivors. The Associated Press said, "Many military troops, police officers, and civilian volunteers were carrying out door-by-door searches, and dogs were aiding". To the north, Bogo in Daanbantayan, the facade of the St. Rita church collapsed and has a big crack down the side of the Municipal Hall. The Philippine Red Cross said they have received many reports from schools located in Cebu that there are many cracks in buildings, lots of debris, and a temporary power failure.

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Talk About Marijuana

By Lily Brooks

Marjiuana is just one of the many names for a dangerous drug. The drug is a mix of the drug "cannabis" but marijuana also contains THC aka tetrahydrocannabinol. This is one of the many drugs that makes you feel a "high". 35.4% of young adults have reported using the drug in the past year. Yet, marijuana isn't a hallucinogen as people describe it as, however not everyone gets the effects of hallucinating when on a high off this drug. This drug is also a known pain reliever as people will use it for medical purposes such as chronic pain or even nausea relief.

The effects of marijuana are different for everyone depending on your gender, genetics, age and even the amount of marijuana you take. Some of the effects could be short term or long term, depending on how much you take. The short term effects could be smelling scents strongly, time passing faster or slower, mood changes and even problems with problem-solving or critical thinking. Some long term effects could be affecting your brain by altering how you think or focus, can increase your risk for bronchitis or lung diseases and even increase your chances of schizophrenia.



The risks of marijuana could be increased risk of vehicle crashes, increased injury among adults over the age of 65 and some cannabis could be contaminated with microorganisms.

The cannabis use disorder is a mental disorder that will affect how you think about the drug. Since marijuana is highly addictive, approximately 1 in every 10 adults end up having a cannabis use disorder in their lives.

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New Possible Tropical Storm

By Cheyanne Bennett

A new tropical storm may happen and begin to form in the Atlantic sometime this week, and might keep the burst of the 2025 hurricane season going. Tropical storms usually don't begin to form now at the end of the tropical storm season, but throughout history, you can see how devastating tropical storms can be since development areas are shifted more and more closer to land. The storm that may be next isn't close towards land yet. There is a burst of stormy weather located in the central tropical Atlantic that may become a tropical depression or a storm in the next few days, moving towards the west. The next name of the next storm is going to be Jerry, said storm trackers.

It's a very unusual chance for storms at this time of year. The storms through the Atlantic between Africa and the Caribbean are usually what help form approximately 85% of all the intense hurricanes, but they usually begin to die down and end by now. This possible new storm, Jerry, will be located north of the northeast Caribbean islands towards the end of this week, and they haven't announced how strong this storm may be. This storm will most likely not be a threat to the mainland of the US because a cold front is gonna go through the East Coast and help keep the storm in the sea. As of this time, there are no threats, but that may change as we get further into October. Cold fronts are more common now for the East Coast, usually.



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Hundreds Of Hikers are Trapped On Mount Everest

By Alivya Packer

Hundreds of hikers got trapped near mount everest due to a powerful blizzard that showered the Hemalies. The snowfall started on the evening of Friday October 3rd and ended Saturday October 4th. Many of the hikers caught in the snowstorm have now been guided to safety by rescuers. On Sunday, about 350 hikers had made it to the small township of Qudang, near the eastern slopes of Mount Everest, and authorities had managed to make contact with an additional 200-plus hikers who remained stranded. At one point, approximately 1,000 people were trapped due to the storm according to a report from China's state-backed Jimu News. As a result, officials recruited hundreds of local villagers and rescue teams to help remove snow blocking access to the area surrounding the hikers. Hopefully the rest of the hikers get rescued and get to a safe place!



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47 Die After Landslide Caused by Heavy Rain

By Hania Lamb

A landslide was caused by heavy rainfall in Nepal. At least 47 people were killed during the landslide. Lightning killed 3 people, and rescuers are looking for the 9 people who are still missing. About a foot



of rain had fallen after 12 hours. Floods broke many bridges and blocked the roads.

There were also other landslides, not just in Nepal, because of the rain. India has offered aid to help rescuers locate the missing people and assist those in need. The rain has made it hard for the healthcare facilities to reach out to the rescuers and help people. This may have been caused by the bad climate change, and because of the warmth.

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Photo creds: CNN

Entertainment

Peanut Butter Spider Cookies

By Alivya Packer

Since spooky season is here, here is a recipe you can bring to your Halloween party or share with your family! These cute little spider cookies have a peanut butter cookie base, topped with a mini peanut butter cup and a drizzle of chocolate to make the legs.



Ingredients:
-12 peanut butter cookies (store-bought or homemade)
-12 mini Reese's peanut butter cups
-1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate, melted
-optional: 24 mini candy eyeballs

Instructions:

1. Melt the chocolate in the microwave, stirring every 30 seconds until smooth. Put the melted chocolate into a piping or Ziploc bag and snip off the end.
2. Put a little chocolate in the center of a cookie. Press a peanut butter cup on top to make a spider body. Pipe 8 legs with chocolate on each side. Repeat for all cookies.
3. Use more chocolate to stick candy eyes on top of the peanut butter cup.

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Poveglia Island: Italy's Haunted Isle of the Dead

By Edward J. Fall 4

Hidden among the tranquil waters of the Venetian Lagoon, Poveglia Island seems peacefully serene – a thin strip of overgrown land surrounded by calming waves. Yet beneath its calm lies one of Italy's most sinister and chilling histories. Nicknamed "the world's most haunted island," Poveglia's story is filled with plague, madness, and tragedy.

A Plague Island Born of Fear

Poveglia dates back to a known history of 421 AD, when mainland residents were running from invasions and fleeing there for refuge. It remained tranquil for countless centuries until the 14th century, when the Black Death devastated Venice. In an attempt to quarantine the infection, officials used Poveglia as a quarantine – a place the infected were sent to perish and where the monks cremated the dying on mass-scale pits.

They report that tens of thousands perished on the island from these epidemics. The earth itself, locals grumble, is thick with human ash. When the plague reoccurred in 1630, Poveglia was again employed as a dumping ground for the afflicted, and it cemented its place as a haunted spot.

The Asylum and the Doctor's Curse

Centuries later, in 1922, Poveglia was made into an insane asylum. The horrors that

took place there contributed to its sinister fame. Patients complained of hearing ghostly visions and cries at night along the corridors. The most popular legend is about a deranged doctor who performed sadistic operations on his patients – lobotomies and other procedures that stretched the limits of cruelty.

According to the legend, the doctor eventually drove himself crazy, tormented by the same spirits that he had driven mad. He purportedly leapt from the bell tower of the asylum – or was he shoved by ghostly fingers? Locals insisted they could hear the bell still ringing long after it had been removed.

The asylum shut its doors in 1968, and the island was abandoned once more.

A Forbidden and Haunted Land

Today, Poveglia is off-limits to the public. The Italian government prohibits the island, and local fishermen avoid the area's waters, claiming that sometimes their nets catch human bones. Anyone brave enough to venture there speaks of overwhelming dread, ghostly whispers, and feeling as though one is being watched.

Paranormal researchers who have explored its ruins call it the world's most haunted place. They've witnessed ghostly apparitions, inexplicable cold spots, and hostile energy – as if the island does not approve of humans.

The Island That Time Forgot

Although there have been sporadic attempts to buy and restore it, Poveglia remains intact, claimed slowly by nature. Ivy covered the crumbling hospital walls, and the decaying bell tower looms like a monument over a land saturated with sorrow.

Believe the myth or not, Poveglia Island is a chilling reminder of Venice's hidden horrors – a chilling reminder that beauty and ugliness have a tendency to swim in the same water.

Chicken Riggies Recipe

By Hania Lamb

Are you ever craving delicious food and don't know what to have? Well, you could try this recipe! This is a great recipe, and I think you might like it too, depending on your taste preferences.

Ingredients:

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 lb rigatoni
4 tbsp olive oil
1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1 ½-inch pieces
2 red bell peppers (about 13 oz), diced
1 large yellow onion (about 11 oz), diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
One 28-oz can of crushed tomatoes
½ cup sliced, drained hot cherry peppers
1 tbsp Italian seasoning
1 tsp hot paprika
1 cup heavy cream
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
Chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, for garnish
Crushed red pepper flakes, optional

Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the rigatoni and cook according to package directions for al dente. Reserve 1 cup of pasta water, then drain the pasta and set it aside.
2. Meanwhile, heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, and a few grinds of black pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly golden on the outside but not fully cooked through, 6 to 7 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the chicken to a bowl and set aside.

3. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil to the skillet along with the bell peppers, onions, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt, and a few grinds of black pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables soften, 6 to 7 minutes. Stir in the crushed tomatoes, hot peppers, Italian seasoning, and paprika, and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until the sauce thickens slightly, 4 to 5 minutes.



4. Add the chicken and any juices from the bowl and the cream to the skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the chicken is no longer pink inside, 3 to 4 minutes.
5. Remove the skillet from the heat. Add the pasta and Parmesan and stir until well coated, adding a few tablespoons of pasta water at a time, if desired. Garnish with parsley and red pepper flakes if using.

Recipe creds: Food Network
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Opinion

Food Review - Rick's Famous Juicy Burgers

By Sawyer Latella and Luke Langel



Before we start the review, we'd like to give a quick shoutout to Mrs. Reynolds for the recommendation of this fantastic restaurant. In this week's edition of The Emerald Press, we brought our talents to an underground establishment in downtown Utica, Rick's Famous Juicy Burgers, also known as Rick's Famous. Rick's Famous is a single establishment, not a chain restaurant, located at 421 Main Street, Utica, New York. Rick's Famous features a 1970s theme on the inside and is known for its delicious menu items, including burgers, fries, milkshakes, and fried chicken. It's hard to spot at first due to its lack of signage, but you'll be pleasantly surprised by the vibe inside the restaurant.

This restaurant has an overall rating of 4.6/5 stars on Google Reviews, which earns it the highest rating among all the restaurants we have reviewed so far this year. There was really no wait time to order, although the food took a little longer than expected to arrive. First came the milkshakes.



Heading into the restaurant expecting a regular, average milkshake, we soon found out that we were very mistaken. Though unusually hard to drink and very thick, the pistachio milkshake was one of the greatest items I've ever tasted at a restaurant, and supposedly so was the red velvet shake. Then came the main course. The burgers were most comparable to Five Guys, although the restaurant had a much better vibe and provided a better overall experience. The fries, on the other hand, were just above-average fries. I think that the burgers were so good that they made the fries seem better than they actually were.

Let's dive deeper into everyone's actual orders and some of their thoughts on the restaurant and its food:

Dylan George
Order: Double cheeseburger with fries and a red velvet milkshake

Thoughts: "The red velvet shake was unbelievable. It was probably the best milkshake I've ever had in my life, and the food was also amazing."

Ezra Stahlberg
Order: Single cheeseburger with fries and a red velvet milkshake
Thoughts: "Wow, I mean, this is probably better than Five Guys... I'd even say it's up there with Shake Shack."

Brody Houck
Order: Barbeque cheeseburger with fries and a Coke Zero
Thoughts: "I thought that the food was amazing, but the service was really bad, and the machine took my money and I couldn't get it back."

Sawyer Latella
Order: Single cheeseburger with fries and a pistachio milkshake
Thoughts: "Not only was the food delicious, but the pistachio shake left me speechless. I dropped to my knees in the restaurant. It was that good."

Luke Langel
Order: Double cheeseburger and fries
Thoughts: "The machine also took my money, which is pretty stupid, but the food here is really good."

RICK'S FAMOUS JUICY BURGERS	Taste	Service	Vibe	Price
Dylan George	9.1	8.3	9.4	7.5
Ezra Stahlberg	8.7	8.7	8.7	7.8
Brody Houck	9.0	8.0	7.2	4.8
Sawyer Latella	9.4	8.9	9.5	7.7
Luke Langel	8.6	8.8	9.0	7.0
Average	8.96	8.54	8.76	6.96

Overall Rating:
1. **Rick's Famous (8.3/10)** 🥇
2. **New York Pizzeria aka Slices (7.6)** 🥈
3. **Wingstop (6.8/10)** 🥉
4. **Popeyes (6.7/10)**
5. **Chipotle (5.5/10)**

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Group Intro: ENHYPEN

By Olivia Lamb

The group I will be talking about this week is ENHYPEN! ENHYPEN is a K-pop boy group that has been making music ever since November of 2020 when they made their debut. The company they debuted from is BELIFT LAB which is a sub-label of the company HYBE. As of right now they have 2 full length albums, 6 mini albums, and a few other short pieces.



Their fandom name is "ENGENE". The meaning behind this name is that it sounds very similar to "engine" so it signifies that their fans are their fuel to continue on. ENHYPEN has 7 members, Heeseung (main vocalist, center), Jay (main rapper, vocalist), Jake (vocalist, rapper), Sunghoon (visual, sub vocalist, dancer), Sunoo (lead vocalist), Jungwon (leader, main vocalist, and lead dancer), and Ni-ki (main dancer, lead rapper). They most recently released an album called "Desire: Unleash" and it was amazing. I'm excited to see what else they come out with in the future.

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Album Review: Color Outside The Lines by CORTIS

By Olivia Lamb

Recently, on September 8th, 2025, CORTIS came out with their debut album “Color Outside The Lines”. The name of this album coordinates with the name of their group. CORTIS is the shortened version of “Color Outside The Lines”. This album has 5 songs + 1 collab version, the names of those songs are “GO!”, “What You Want”, “FaSHioN”, “JoyRide”, “Lullaby”, and “What You Want (ft. Teezo Touchdown)”.



The main theme of this album is the group's commitment to self-discovery, and breaking away from the boundaries and rules that were made for them. The most popular track on this album by far is definitely “GO!”. It’s one of those songs that you don’t know by the title, but if you heard it, you’d most likely recognize it. It went viral for having a difficult dance that was choreographed for it. “FaSHioN” is also a pretty recognizable song in my opinion, as it also went viral for its unique choreography.

Overall this album was amazing especially since it was their first one. I definitely recommend it to anyone who likes a lot of upbeat music because this album has some incredible songs.

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Sports

JV Soccer Boys Crushed C.V.A

By Edward J. Fall 4

On October 3rd, the JV boys soccer team traveled to C.V.A. for their first game of the month.

Scoring for the young Hamilton Knights was Lukas Sirtoli, leading the score with 3 goals, another 2 goals were made by Julius Smith, and the final goal was scored by Alec Toomath, leading the Knights to shut C.V.A down, winning 6 to 0. Without the assistance of Charlie George, Charlie has 3 assists, along with Charlie's 3 assists; others were Edward Fall, Henry Furlong, and Alec Toomath.

Yet without their two goalies, Iain Dosanjh and Liam Darrow, the team would have never had their shutout against C.V.A.; with the team on the field passing to feet, not letting the other team get it, they had another reason for the shutdown.

Athlete of the Week Gavin Hames

By Luke Langel



Coming off a state championship season, Gavin Hames and the Hamilton boys varsity soccer team are showing no signs of slowing down. The Knights extended their winning streak with a 3–2 victory over Poland and a 3–1 win on the road against Cooperstown.

In the heated matchup against Cooperstown, Hames drew a foul inside the box and calmly buried the ensuing penalty kick into the bottom right corner to give Hamilton a 1–0 lead. Later, the senior forward—known by

teammates as “the king”—dribbled through the entire Hawkeyes’ midfield and defense before slotting home another goal to seal the 3–1 victory.

Hames has been on fire this season, tallying 16 goals and 15 assists for a total of 47 points, placing him fifth among all Section III point leaders. Even more impressive, he’s closing in on the long-standing Hamilton Central School career points record set by Colin Nevison (Class of 2000), who amassed 217 points. With 188 career points, Hames is just 29 shy of surpassing that mark.

The Knights will look to keep their unbeaten season alive as they take on Mt. Markham and Westmoreland, the current first-place team in Class C. With their sights set on another sectional and state title, Hamilton looks poised to continue their reign atop New York high school soccer.

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Colgate Athletic News

By Sawyer Latella

The Colgate Athletics teams had another very successful week. Many of the Colgate athletic teams continued their run of victories, while others will look to bounce back in the next week after facing a very tough opponent this week.

Let’s take a look at Colgate's significant matchups from last week, and their results:

The Colgate Football team took on an 0-3 Cornell last Saturday in Ithaca, New York. Coming off their bye week, the Raiders were definitely ready for this game. Prior to the game, the Raiders had a record of 1-3, although they were 1-0 in the Patriot League. Colgate had a dominant first half, taking a 28-6 lead over the Big Red. Despite a 15-0 pull from Cornell in the third quarter, the Raiders were able to hold Cornell scoreless in the fourth quarter and get the win, 41-21. Treyvon Saunders had a very good game, recording 91 reception yards and two reception touchdowns, tying his career high. Jake Stearney threw for four touchdowns on the day, and the Raiders' defense added four interceptions. This win gave the Raiders their first road victory in nearly two years, improving their record to 2-3. As for the Raiders' upcoming schedule, they host a tough 2-2 Richmond team this Saturday, October 11th.

The Colgate Women’s Ice Hockey team had its season opener last Saturday against #2 Ohio State. The women entered the season ranked #6 in the country, although they faced a tough doubleheader against the #2-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes. In the first game, the Raiders took the lead at the end of the first period, 1-0. However, Colgate cracked under the pressure of the Ohio State team, as the game stood equalized heading into the third period. Just five minutes into the third period, the Buckeyes were able to net three goals, taking the lead 5-2. Casey Borgiel was able to add her second goal for the Raiders on the night, but unfortunately, that was all that they could get by the Buckeyes, and they eventually lost the game, 5-3. Following the game, Coach Decosse added, “I liked the way we came together as a team at times. Certainly, it's in the early goings of the season, and we played a strong opponent, and that's why you play a strong opponent to learn more about yourself. So there's certainly things we can take away and bring with us and learn and continue to progress as a program, but certainly some really good moments tonight for us.” In the second game, the Raiders were looking to bounce back from the day prior. After the first 20 minutes, the game stood tied at 2. Unfortunately, a recurring theme emerged in the second period, as the Ohio State Buckeyes outscored the Raiders 6-1, bringing the score to 8-3. Both teams were able to add another goal in the final period of the



game, making the final score 9-4, and adding another loss to the Raiders' record. Alexis Petford led the Raiders with two goals on the night. The team, now 0-2-0, is set to host Boston University this Friday and Saturday (October 10th and 11th).

The Colgate Volleyball team had two games last weekend, hosting Army West Point on Saturday (October 4th) and Holy Cross on Sunday (October 5th). In the Raiders' first game, they dominated the first set, winning it 25-15. The Raiders continued to strive in the game, winning the second set 25-17, despite a strong start from Army. The Raiders secured their win in the third set, winning 25-20. Milan Bayless led the team in kills with 19, and she was also able to add 12 digs. The Raiders were able to turn it around quickly and hosted Patriot League opponent Holy Cross the following day. In their second game of the week, the Raiders took the first set 25-18. A dominant overall performance from the team gave them the 25-13 edge over Holy Cross in the second set. Holy Cross gave the Raiders a difficult time in the third set, but the Raiders were able to take the third set 25-20 and win the game 3-0. Yet again, Milan Bayless led the team in kills with an astonishing 21. The Raiders now stand at 11-6, and they hold a perfect 6-0 record in the Patriot League. The Raiders are on the road again this week, as they travel to Navy this Friday (October 10th) and then they travel to Lehigh the following day (October 11th).



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