

National recognition day makes it official

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PLATTSBURGH — Have you hugged your official today?

How about a hearty pat on the back and an enthusiastic "job well done."

If that's too big an emotional display, the very least that seems acceptable is a firm handshake and a sincere thank-you. Why? Because today is National Officials Day, a day to recognize, if not appreciate, the thousands and thousands of people who give up their time to slip on the stripes and make possible the games people play.

Eddie LaMarshe is a perfect example. LaMarshe, a postal employee who resides in Plattsburgh, officiates high school and flag football in the fall; boys and girls basketball on all age levels in

the winter; adult softball and AAU basketball in the summer and begins baseball in the spring. He also serves as the officials assigner for the Catholic School Basketball League during the winter.

In this region, where the number of officials remains smaller than demand, such a workload isn't uncommon. Neither is LaMarshe's story.

"I became an official seven or eight years ago because I love sports — period," LaMarshe said. "I'm a sports fanatic and I love working with the kids. The money is secondary. I'd do it for free because I've got the best seat in the house."

"I don't know why more people don't become officials; maybe they're afraid to join an organization. A person doesn't need to be a sports nut, but it helps to

have some knowledge of the game. A person can learn from the ground up, however."

His heavy workload pretty much makes free time a foreign concept to LaMarshe — a fact easier to accept because he and his wife, Cindy, don't have kids.

"The only free time I get is Sunday evenings and the dead zone right after basketball season and before baseball and softball season," he said. "Cindy says go for it. She knows I enjoy sports, and it is my release valve. Every night, the first question she asks when I get home is how the game went, and she'll sit and listen."

There is often a great deal for her to hear. Despite the daily pregame reminders about sportsmanship and how athletic fields are an extension of

the classroom, officials are increasingly becoming targets for the verbal wrath of fans, coaches and even players. And, yes, sometimes they even show up on sportscasts and sports sections.

"The women's fun league called me a couple years ago to officiate," LaMarshe said. "They told me it was a fun league, and I told them I've never worked a FUN league. They were right: It's fun and no one takes anything too seriously."

"Fans are backing their teams, and they want to win," LaMarshe said. "They have the right to cheer and to criticize. Sometimes, they may even be right, but my pet peeve is that the fans sometimes don't really know what is going on on the field. For instance, many people don't know that in high school football whether a ball is cat-

chable has nothing to do with pass interference.

"The group of football and basketball officials in this area is a super bunch. We're going to miss some calls along the line, but, for the most part, we are right there and get the call."

Officials who work a sport in more than one level, like LaMarshe, must keep track of different sets of rules. They must also keep up to date with yearly rules changes. Beyond that, officiating becomes fairly routine for veterans.

"The games don't change; I've changed," LaMarshe said. "A lot of officiating becomes common sense."

A day to recognize officials seems like common sense, too. By the way, National Coaches Day is Thursday.



Plattsburgh State's Sean McDowell and North Country's Jason Casey (16) collide going for ball in men's soccer action Monday at PSUC Field House complex.

NCCC takes measure of Card JV

PLATTSBURGH — A matter of inches, make that an inch, decided the men's soccer match between Plattsburgh State's junior varsity and North Country Community College Monday afternoon.

Mike Beaney played a shot high off left-hand post and Cardinal keeper Sean Robinson's foot 27 minutes into the second half to lift North Country to a 1-0 victory.

"It was in by an inch. Mike shot it from about 25 yards out. It hit high on the post just beneath the crossbar and deflected off the goalie's foot. It just made it in," NCCC coach Larry McFaddin explained.

Forward Mike Burton, stopper J.T. Gaebe and Beaney had solid games for the Saints, who take a 5-8 record into Thursday's home match with Paul Smith's College.

Cosmo Stioia stood out for the Cardinal junior varsity.

Plattsburgh State JV
Second half: 1, NC, Beaney (unassisted), 27:00.
Shots: North Country 15, Plattsburgh 15.
Saves: Brown, NC, 10; Robinson, PS, 10.

Clinton C.C. 2, North Country C.C. 0
SARANAC LAKE — Left alone at the far post, Sarah Hanfield redirected Monique Russell's indirect kick into the goal for the game-winning score in women's junior college action.

The goal came less than three minutes into the second half, but Clinton keeper Sara LaBarre made the margin stand up for the Cougars (9-6-1).

North Country's Jaime Martinez and Clinton's Sara Munn exchanged first-half goals.

Clinton opens the postseason at Paul Smith's 4 p.m. Thursday.

Clinton C.C. 2, North Country C.C. 1
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1 0 - 1
First half: 1, NC, Martinez (Chinchen), 12:34; 2, C, Munn (Martini), 20:12.
Second half: 3, C, Hanfield (Russell), 2:59.
Shots: Clinton 17, North Country 4.
Saves: DeRushia, NC, 15; LaBarre, C, 3.

Chateaugay loses its edge

Franklin Academy, Chateaugay girls gain revenge

PARISHVILLE — The Chateaugay Bulldogs had the momentum coming off Friday's stunning upset of first-place Colton-Pierrepont, but could not sustain it Monday afternoon.

Parishville-Hopkinton managed only three shots in the first half, but score on all of them enroute to a 4-1 victory over Chateaugay in Northern Athletic Conference boys' soccer.

"After Friday's game we were hoping to build on that momentum heading into the playoffs; now we'll have to turn around and start again," Chateaugay coach Bob Ouimet said.

"We dominated the first half, but didn't have anything to show for it."

Mike Wheaton and Derrick Rastada scored 26 seconds apart midway through the first half to put Parishville-Hopkinton on top. Jamie Sampica scored for Chateaugay (2-7, 3-11-1).

Parishville-Hopkinton 4, Chateaugay 1
Chateaugay
Parishville
First half: 1, P, Wheaton (Rastada), 19:23; 2, P, Rastada (Zenger), 18:49; 3, P, Zenger (Phippen), 38:04.
Second half: 4, C, Sampica (Johnston), 12:29; 4, P, Arquette (unassisted), 35:55.
Shots: Chateaugay 18, Parishville 10.
Saves: Shelton, P, 17; McMillan, C, 6.

Canton 1, Franklin Academy 0
CANTON — Brian Carvel headed in John Clark's cross to lift Canton. The goal came with less than seven minutes re-

maining in regulation. Rob Kruezer recorded 12 saves for the shutout. Franklin Academy keeper Jeremy Roberts turned in seven saves.

Canton 1, Franklin Academy 0
Franklin Academy
Canton
Second half: 1, C, Carvel (Clark), 33:56.
Shots: Franklin Academy 12, Canton 8.
Saves: Kruezer, C, 12; Roberts, FA, 7.

Chateaugay 1 Parishville-Hopkinton 0
CHATEAUGAY — Jessica Johnston scored with little time to spare in the first half to give the Chateaugay girls the victory and revenge over Parishville-Hopkinton. The Panthers won the first meeting 3-2.

Johnston moved from fullback to the line midway through the half, broke free on a pass from Shannon Weise. Johnston dribbled into the penalty area and then let fly with a shot high to the right side. She scored at 39:48, just 12 seconds before intermission.

"I was beginning to wonder if she was going to shoot before the half ended," Chateaugay coach Sue Decosse said.

The Bulldogs (6-4, 8-8 overall) made the goal stand up with Robbie Kourafsky and Amanda Fish leading the defensive effort and JoAnn Perry getting the shutout in goal with 12 saves.

Caroline O'Connor had a solid

game on the line for Chateaugay, according to Decosse.

Chateaugay 1, Parishville-Hopkinton 0
Parishville-Hopkinton
Chateaugay
First half: 1, C, Johnston (Weise), 39:48.
Shots: Parishville-Hopkinton 13, Chateaugay 12.
Saves: Perry, C, 12; Linden, PH, 11.

Franklin Academy 3, Canton 0
MALONE — Missy West scored all three goals as the Huskies turned the tables on visiting Canton. Franklin Academy lost 3-0 at Canton earlier this season.

"We played horrific out there, but played much better today (Monday)," Franklin Academy coach Michelle Wiggins said. "We needed this win."

"We beat them to the ball, did a nice job chipping over the defense and played the best defensively we have all season."

The Huskies led 1-0 at intermission but West scored off a Kelly Maloney pass in the opening minutes of the second stanza.

Trisha Childs turned away six shots for the shutout.

Wiggins singled out Angie Dustin, Maloney and Jennifer Perry as having played strong games.

Franklin Academy 3, Canton 0
Canton
Franklin Academy
First half: 1, FA, West (Dustin), 16:14.
Second half: 2, FA, West (Maloney), 3:05; 3, FA, West (Cox), 34:08.
Shots: Franklin Academy 16; Canton 8.
Saves: Childs, FA, 6; Stone, C, 7.

PHS overcomes tricky footing, Ti for 1-0 win

TICONDEROGA — Rayne Dingman's direct kick 73 seconds into the second half lifted Plattsburgh past Ticonderoga, 1-0, in an inter-divisional game.

"With the real sloppy field, it was hard for both teams to get much going," Ticonderoga coach Kathy Tubbs said.

The two teams slogged through a scoreless first half, but Plattsburgh made an initial thrust deep into Ticonderoga territory to open the second stanza. Plattsburgh received the direct kick from just outside the penalty area after the Sentinels were called for pushing off.

Dingman fired the ball into the opposite corner and high, leaving Sentinels keeper Beth Jzyk without a play.

The two teams then returned to their defensive struggle.

Plattsburgh 1, Ticonderoga 0
0 1 - 1
0 0 - 0
First half: 1, P, Dingman (unassisted), 1:03.
Shots: Plattsburgh 14, Ticonderoga 15.
Saves: Brown, P, 12; Jzyk, T, 11.

Beekmantown 1, Moriah 0
PORT HENRY — Katie Santamore's 30-yard direct kick early in the game lifted Beekmantown.

Santamore's line drive kick came from slightly right of center. Moriah keeper Tabby Knott was able to deflect the ball but couldn't stop it. The goal was the lone blemish on Knott's day: She turned aside 21 shots to keep Moriah from getting blown out.

"She was busy. Beekmantown had four or five breaks where Knott came charging out of the

net and made diving saves or pushed the ball away," Moriah coach Jim Wade said. "They pumped some good shots at her all day, and she kept us in the game."

Despite having half the number of shots, Moriah built a few chances to tie but couldn't beat Eagles keeper Lisa Denny.

Beekmantown 1, Moriah 0
Beekmantown
Moriah
First half: 1, Santamore (unassisted), 12:18.
Shots: Beekmantown 21, Moriah 19.
Saves: Denny, B, 10; Knott, M, 21.

Saranac Lake 3, Peru 1
SARANAC LAKE — Lisa Hill scored her seventh and eighth goals of the season to pace the Redskins to their third straight win.

"We've been able to use our speed and our passing to get breakaways lately," Saranac Lake coach Art Walker said. "We weren't able to do that earlier in the year."

Mary Shanley rounded out the scoring for Saranac Lake.

Freshman Ruth Hamilton ruined Ann Warner's shutout bid midway through the first half.

Saranac Lake 3, Peru 1
Saranac Lake
Peru
First half: 1, SL, Hill (Shanley), 12:23; 2, P, Hamilton (unassisted), 23:25; 3, SL, Shanley (Shatraw), 33:33.
Second half: 4, SL, Hill (unassisted), 5:12.
Shots: Peru 20, Saranac Lake 19.
Saves: Warner, SL, 13; Hartman, P, 13.

Tupper Lake 3, Seton 1
TUPPER LAKE — Andrea Duprat recorded a goal and an assist as Tupper Lake kept its Division II title hopes alive.

Kristy Harteau gave Tupper Lake a 1-0 lead after a first half that was played in a downpour. Bridget Hayes rounded out the Lumberjacks' scoring.

Seton Catholic's Duffy Joyner

had temporarily tied the game at 1 with her goal 18:01 into the second half.

Tupper Lake 3, Seton Catholic 1
Tupper Lake
Seton Catholic
First half: 1, TL, Harteau (Duprat), 12:27.
Second half: 2, SC, Joyner (Ahrent), 18:01; 3, TL, Hayes (Brown), 26:39; 4, TL, Duprat (Marquis), 36:37.
Shots: Tupper Lake 21, Seton Catholic 15.
Saves: Sorrell, SC, 15; Bashaun, TL, 10.

Saranac 3, AuSable Valley 0
CLINTONVILLE — Amber Cringle turned a pair of defensive mistakes into goals as Saranac recorded its 10th victory.

Kelly Schoffstall gave Saranac the lead 11:03 into the contest. Keeper Jesse Strack made four saves to earn her seventh shutout.

Saranac 3, AuSable Valley 0
Saranac
AuSable Valley
First half: 1, S, Schoffstall (Rees), 11:03; 2, S, Cringle (unassisted), 31:57.
Second half: 3, S, Cringle (unassisted), 39:45.
Shots: AuSable Valley 6, Saranac 14.
Saves: Strack, S, 4; Morseco, A, 7.

Northeastern Clinton 2 Northern Adirondack 0
ELLENBURG — Kelly Gonyo and Kara Bonneau scored first-half goals as the Cougars remained undefeated.

Keeper Debbie Morrison actually made a leaping save of Gonyo's goal only to have her momentum carry her across the line. Bonneau converted a breakaway for her goal.

Heather Snide turned away six shots for her seventh shutout. Bobcats coach Brian Boyea singled out Jessie Chase and Brin Tucker from his team and the Cougars' Trish Sample as playing outstanding games.

Northeastern 2, N. Adirondack 0
Northern Adirondack
Ellenburg
First half: 1, NC, Gonyo (Bechar), 0:43; 2, NC, Bonneau (Mason), 39:14.
Shots: Northeastern 13, N. Adirondack 8.
Saves: Snide, NC, 6; Morrison, N, 8.
JV N. Adirondack 3-1

Willsboro downs Schroon

Placid, E'town tie; Ailing Keene defeats Bolton

WILLSBORO — The Warriors' Tonya Bashaw kicked off the offensive explosion with a goal less than three minutes into the contest as Willsboro defeated Schroon Lake, 5-2.

Erin Sayward and Nicole Sayward added first-half goals as Willsboro never led by less than two.

Schroon Lake's Gabrielle Brand opened the second-half scoring, and Naomi Mitchell added a marker with five seconds left.

Anna Santor's two goals rounded out Willsboro's attack.

Willsboro 5, Schroon Lake 2
Schroon Lake
Willsboro
First half: 1, W, Bashaw (unassisted), 2:24; 2, W, E. Sayward (Christians), 27:18; 3, W, N. Sayward (unassisted), 32:09.
Second half: 4, SL, Brand (unassisted), 8:00; 5, W, Santor (unassisted), 20:00; 6, W, Santor (Benway), 34:20; 7, SL, Mitchell (Williams), 39:55.
Shots: Willsboro 15, Schroon Lake 11.
Saves: Brand and Brock, SL, 7; Santor, W, 9.

Lake Placid 0 Elizabethtown 0
LAKE PLACID — Maghan Nichols and Bridgit McKillip combined to stop 20 shots en route to the dual shutouts.

Lake Placid had goal in regulation nullified due to a penalty call while Elizabethtown misfired on a breakaway.

The defenses dominated the remainder of the game.

Lake Placid 0, Elizabethtown 0
Elizabethtown
Lake Placid
Shots: Lake Placid 17, Elizabethtown 13.
Saves: Nichols, E, 9; McKillip, LP, 11.

Chazy 4, Crown Point 1
CROWN POINT — Carey Goyette posted a natural hat trick and assisted on Chazy's remaining goal in the 4-1 victory. All four goals came on breakaways.

Goyette gave Chazy a 2-0 lead at the break. Crown Point's Charlie Bush broke up Krista Duprey's shutout

bid with a goal in the game's final 10 minutes.

Chazy 4, Crown Point 1
Chazy
Crown Point
First half: 1, Ch, Goyette (Batthelider), 18:55; 2, Ch, Goyette (Walt), 28:30.
Second half: 3, Ch, Goyette (Friedrich), 10:05; 4, Ch, Walt (Goyette), 29:30; 5, CP, Charlie Bush (unassisted), 32:30.
Shots: Chazy 16, Crown Point 16.
Saves: Duprey, Ch, 10; Mazurowski and St. Pierre, CP.

Keene 4, Bolton 0
BOLTON LANDING — Nichole Purdy registered a goal and two assists as ailing Keene ran its league record to 7-2.

"Last year, we were really lucky; we went through the entire season with 14 kids and never had a serious injury," Keene coach Chuck Dumas said. "This year, we're paying the price."

Of the 14 players Keene dressed Monday, five played with injuries of varying degrees, including Purdy and Janette Ashe who also scored.

"Right now, Bolton is the weakest team in the division and we couldn't dominate them in the second half," Dumas said. "We've got a tough decision to make concerning sectionals. Mentally the kids want to play, but if they can't physically do it, it doesn't make sense to play on guns alone."

Heather DeZalia and Amanda Pepe rounded out Keene's offense.

Keene 4, Bolton 0
Keene
Bolton
First half: 1, K, DeZalia (Purdy), 7:28; 2, K, Pepe (DeZalia), 12:28; 3, K, Ashe (Purdy), 27:00; 4, K, Purdy (unassisted), 28:29.
Shots: Keene 10, Bolton 4.
Saves: Bonath, B, 6; McKane, K, 3.

Wells 3, Long Lake 1
LONG LAKE — Jessie Stuart used her speed to score twice and record an assist as Wells wrapped up the Southern Division title. Molly Cook rounded out the scoring for Wells.

Long Lake's Julie Seaman broke up Rachael Van Husen's shutout bid with two minutes remaining.

Wells 3, Long Lake 1
Wells
Long Lake
First half: 1, W, Stuart (Cook), 4:00; 2, W, Stuart (unassisted), 7:35.
Second half: 3, LL, Seaman (Farrell), 38:00; 4, W, Cook (Stuart), 38:20.
Shots: Wells 25, Long Lake 18.
Saves: VanHusen, W, 11; Hall, LL, 12.

Indian Lake 3, Minerva 2
INDIAN LAKE — Marcia Durham scored the game-winner midway through the second half for Indian Lake.

Dunham broke in on goal and, with the wind at her back, lofted a shot from just outside the penalty area. The ball floated just under the crossbar.

Minerva/Newcomb 2 Indian Lake 3
Minerva/Newcomb
Indian Lake
First half: 1, IL, Moulton (Vince), 4:10.
Second half: 2, M, Mearse (Ward), 1:34; 3, IL, Moulton (unassisted), 7:40; 4, M, Goodspeed (Mearse), 6:22; 5, IL, Durham (unassisted), 23:11.
Shots: Minerva/Newcomb 6; Indian Lake 16.
Saves: Wight, M, 9; Farrell, IL, 3.



If you see this COACH today,
RUN to wish him a
40th HAPPY BIRTHDAY
(Hint - the hair may be receding,
but you still see more
red than white!)

Love, B., F., B., C., B., B., T. & B. too!