

Sports

OV boys soccer loses in overtime with Wasps

BY ANGELO LYNN
BRANDON — In a Sept. 15 match against Woodstock that OV boys' soccer Coach Dick Williams said was largely controlled by OV for all but the last 10-15 minutes, the Otters would lose in overtime off a controversial penalty kick, 2-1. In an away game against Hartford on Sept. 18, the 1-2-1 Otters lost 2-0.
In the home game against Woodstock, Williams said the Otters dominated play in the first half and got the first score about

20 minutes into the game by Luca Cifone, assisted by Kieran Williams.

Throughout the half, possession was back and forth, but Otter Valley "was comfortably defending Woodstock in the first half," Williams said, adding that Woodstock's striker, Ezra Lockhart, was being contained well and "wasn't really getting any decent looks."

"In the second half it was more of the same up until the last 10 or 15 minutes," Williams said. *(See Boys soccer, Page 7)*

OV golf splits against Woodstock

WOODSTOCK — Otter Valley Union High School sent four members of its golf team to the Woodstock Country club to compete with Woodstock, Fair Haven and Mill River golfers on Monday, Sept. 20.

Lacking scoring teams of four, the Otters competed as individuals in the nine-hole match. Matt Bryant led the OV boys with a

49, and teammate Jordan Beayon shot a 51. Medalist honors went to the Wasps' Ethan Dean, who shot a 40. Woodstock won the team event.

On the girls' side for the Otters, Anna Lee shot a 66, and Elena Politano came in at 68. Fair Ha-

ven's Maddy Eagan earned girls' medalist honors with a 57. No girls' team had enough competitors to score as a group.

In earlier golf meets, the Otter boys had started the season at Woodstock by winning that first meet with a score of 187. OV's top player individually was Thomas Politano with a 40.

Politano's brother, Lucas, shot a 42. Only Sebastian Pell of Rutland shot lower, with a score of 36 to lead the tournament, which also included Woodstock High School.

Other players from OV and their scores were: Matt Bryant, 52, Jayden Bernhardt, 53 and Ben *(See OV golf, Page 7)*

OV girls field hockey shuts out Brattleboro, 5-0

BY ANGELO LYNN
BRATTLEBORO — The OV girls field hockey team took it to the Brattleboro Colonels for the second time this season with a convincing 5-0 shutout. Otter senior forward Riley Keith scored three of the team's goals, while Ryleigh Laporte added a goal as did junior Sydney Gallo.

Meanwhile the team's defense was stellar as the Otters were able to control the midfield and keep play on the offensive for much of the game. Lily Morgan was in goal for the Otters, making one save and facing few other serious threats.

OV, on the other had 16 penalty corners, with Gallo scoring off one of them. Brattleboro's goalie

made nine saves. Coach Jodie Keith said the team started the first quarter slowly, "but picked up momentum throughout the game. It was a good win for the team."

She complimented senior captain Alice Keith, for her aggressive play on offense, and Marissa Connors' exceptional play on defense, credited Britney Jackson and Ryleigh Laporte for "moving the ball up the field really well."

The 4-0-1 Otters beat the Colonels in their first match of the season, 6-1. They face Burton this coming week on Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. during homecoming week.



OV FOOTBALL TEAM: V Head Coach Kipp Denis, V Def Coor Keith Alexander, V Off Coor Jordan Tolar, V Special Teams Ken Stanley, V Asst Christian Polli, Manager Morgan Landesman, Dylan, Anderson, Mark Jackson, Gavin Disorda, Robert Hutchins, Brady Diaz, Caleb Whitney, Luca Polli, Richard Lafontaine, Cody Anderson, Tucker Maranville, Isaac Whitney, Tucker Babcock, Derek Raymond, Keavon Parks, Dylan Stevens-Clark, Cody Mulcahy, Noah Drew, Noel Pearsons, Jasper Steckler, Derek Li, Quincy Boone, Isaac Derpentigny, Collin Blier, Kyle Pocketti, Luciano Falco, Devin Pitts, Ryan Snow, Wyatt Fitzgerald, Brighton McKeighan, Tanner Brutkoski, Brennen McKeighan, John Coleman.

OV football undefeated into Homecoming

BRADFORD — The Otter Valley Union High School football team defeated host Oxbow on Saturday, 26-0, in a Division III clash.

The Otters improved to 3-0 and are one of three unbeaten teams in D-III along with Fairfax and Windsor. Fairfax is in first place in the Quality Points Rating index, which is based

on strength of schedule, with the Otters and Windsor tied for second.

OV quarterback Luca Polli threw for three touchdowns vs. Oxbow. Two of those scoring tosses went to Brady Diaz, and Polli also connected with Caleb Whitney for six points. Diaz rushed for the Otters' fourth touchdown.

OV will look to move to 4-0 this Saturday when winless Mill River visits for a 1 p.m. game on the Otters' homecoming weekend.

At halftime of that game a ceremony will honor the 2021 and 2020 classes of inductees into the Otter Valley Hall of Fame.

OV to induct 2021 Hall of Fame class

BRANDON — Otter Valley Union High School will induct its 2021 Otter Valley Hall of Fame at halftime of the Otters' Homecoming football game this Saturday against Mill River. That game begins at 1 p.m.

This will be the eighth class inducted into the Otter Valley Hall of Fame.

Honorees are classified into distinct areas of service: Non-Athletic Teams, Athletic Teams, Coaches, Administrators, Athletes, Teaching Staff, Community Members and Support Staff.

The 2021 Hall of Fame inductees are: athletes Chris Raleigh, Chuck Charbonneau,

Annie Griffin Bourque, Lacey French, Scott Gallipo, Apryle Pickering, Robert Read; the 1989-90 Varsity Nordic Skiing Champion Team; community members are Sarah Gallipo and Fred Pockette; and support staff member Anne Bandy.

The football game's halftime ceremony will last about 10-15 minutes and will include certificates given to the members of both the 2021 and 2020 classes, who were not publicly honored this past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 Hall of Fame honorees were Tim Coates, Herb Spaulding, Steve Poljack, Jodi Wheeler, Tammi Blanchard,

Derric Miner, Mary Bushey, Meaghan Brown, Lawton Redman, the 1994-95 Varsity State Champion Softball Team, and David Mitchell.

The athletic event schedule for Friday and Saturday will include three other varsity games in addition to football.

The boys' soccer team opens the weekend's events on Friday by hosting Green Mountain at 4:30 p.m. on Markowski Field. Saturday's events open with girls' soccer hosting Mount St. Joseph at 10 a.m. on Markowski Field, and field hockey hosts Springfield at 11 a.m.