

Island Sports



A St. Francis player sneaks into the paint during St. Mark's CYO basketball quarter final win at New England Tournament. Pictured are Kelly Scully, Allison Smith, Claire Sampson, Eloise Heath.

St. Mark girls finish basketball season 15-3

In the first round of the New England CYO tournament last Saturday, Saint Mark defeated Vermont state champion Saint Francis Xavier 40-24 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. St. Mark gave a "give and go" clinic with Kelly Scully leading with a season high 19 points all scored in the paint, followed by Eloise Heath with 8 and Claire Sampson with 7. The "Big Three" trio of Allison Smith, Eloise Heath, and Claire Sampson dominated the boards with 31 rebounds. Guards Katie Bednarczyk and Caroline and Mary O'Connor directed a balanced offensive attack with patient ball movement and minimal turnovers.

Playing their second game of the day, Saint Mark ended their 10-game winning streak, losing to the Hartford Connecticut's undefeated Corpus Christi team 53-29. The semi final loss marked the end of a very successful, 15-3, campaign for the Saint Mark Parish.

Head Coach Kevin O'Connor said, "The girls took us (parents and coaches) for a great ride. The transformation of this team in the post season was remarkable. I want to recognize Kellie Brown, Hannah Farrelly, Danielle Perez, and Sarah Crowell for constantly pushing their teammates in practices and supporting them on and off the court throughout the entire five-month season. The girls really focused the last five weeks to prepare for the high level of competition, and it paid off."

Frostbiters enjoy warm spring weather

By John Horton

Six sailors showed up for dinghy racing on last Sunday's warm and sunny spring morning.

The wind was 15 plus knots in puffs, the top range for sailing Shellbacks in cold water. Shellbacks are not self-bailing so if a puff of wind catches you by surprise you tip too much and the water splashes over the low side and you swamp.

Then you are done — wet and cold — and you must be towed in. Nobody swamped, but several sailors were bailing the water out of their boats.

Dick Allphin and George Rice, the race committee, set up a windward leeward course off of the town beach at Shoreby Hill to provide shelter from the wind gusts blowing over the island.

The sailors decided that the committee's boat was the favored end of the line to start. The starts were crowded and aggressive

with four to five boats sailing fast, all trying to be at the committee boat at starting whistle. While blowing whistles, the race committee also had to keep their heads down in order to not be hit by the sail booms of the boats as they all converged at the starting



Shellback dinghys race Sunday at East Ferry.

Photo by Nancy Logan

whistle. Only one boat gets the perfect start.

The winning tactic for the first four races was to sail away from the beach on port tack after the start and pick up a wind shift and then tack back towards the windward mark on an advantageous angle. In the eight races held, the order of rounding the windward mark was the same as the order of finish. Nobody was able to pass anybody downwind despite many boats being overlapped at the finish line. Some finishes were so close that the sailors did not know who beat whom until the committee posted the results.

Results for the day: Martin Keen was the day's winner with a low score of 16 points. Second was John Horton, 19 points; third, Terry Jones, 28 points; fourth, Joe Logan, 29 points; fifth, Henry Siegal, 38 points; sixth, Winston Knight, 38 points.



Swim honors

Jessica Rudman, 11, was recently voted the South County YMCA Junior Seal of the Year. She has placed in many swim meets this season. Ben Rudman and Teddy Roberts, also on the Seals, were recognized for their

Soccer season opens

The Jamestown Soccer Association opened the spring competitive season at the Eldred Avenue ball fields last Sunday under a blue sky and unusually warm weather. Jamestown is fielding five competitive teams this season.

Playing in the Under-10 Division, the Island Strikers recorded a win in their opener against an evenly matched team from Middletown. Trailing 2-0 at the half, Jamestown mounted an aggressive drive, creating a number of scoring opportunities. Seven minutes into the half, Kevin McDermott accepted a pass from midfielder Logan Bradley, sprinted past a defender on the left side of the field, and scored. A short while later, Jared Ford broke out of a tangle of players in front of the net, and with an assist from Kelly Heiniger scored to tie the match. With only minutes to go in regulation, Ford scored again on a PK to log the first win of the season.

After the game, coach Mike Bradley said, "It was a great team effort. This is a new combination of players, and we're still developing playing combinations, but I am very proud of the way we played."

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FREE PROGRAM ON LYME DISEASE

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11,
at the Jamestown Library

On Tuesday, April 11, Thomas E. Forschner, the executive director of the Lyme Disease Foundation, will present a program on Lyme disease at the Jamestown library at 7 p.m.

Forschner is the co-founder of the Lyme Disease Foundation and has donated over 3,000 hours of volunteer service to the organization. Executive director since 1990, he also has 24 years of business experience. He decided to found the foundation in order to find the answers to a disease that was killing his son Jamie.

Although Jamie died in 1991, Forschner continues his work at the foundation knowing that he is helping to make the world a healthier, safer place.

The Lyme Disease Foundation is the premier non-profit organization dedicated to finding solutions for tick-borne disorders. Its board of directors includes the discoverer of the Lyme bacterium, as well as distinguished physicians, a retired congressman, and researchers. Its headquarters are in Tolland, Conn.

Forschner has lectured extensively on Lyme disease throughout the country. He will present this program free of charge to all Jamestown residents.

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