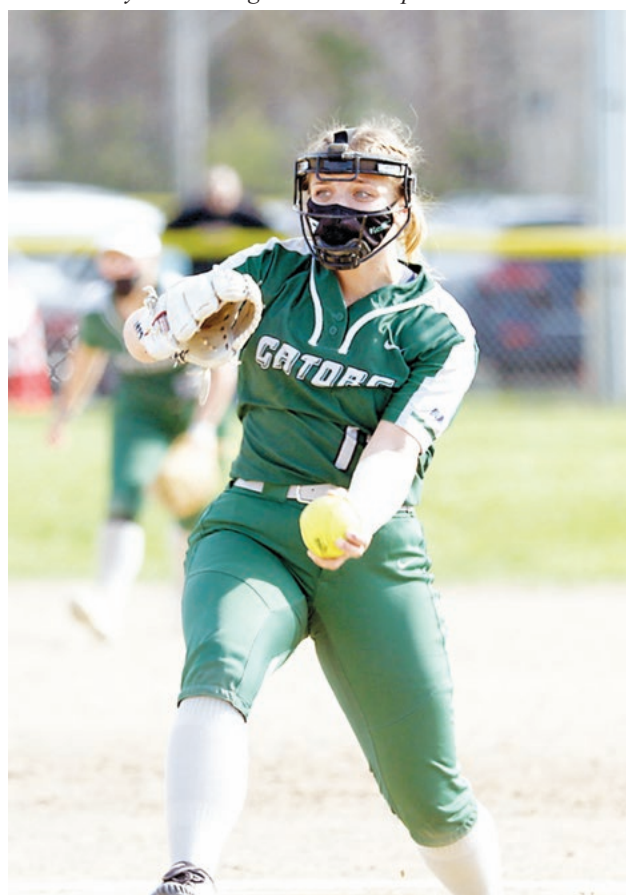


Eastwick Sports

Bennington's Dicranian Named Empire 8 Softball Player Of The Week

Submitted by Russell Sage Athletics Department



Russell Sage's Taylor Dicranian delivers a pitch in a recent college softball game. Photo courtesy of Russell Sage Athletics.

Russell Sage pitcher Taylor Dicranian threw her first career no-hitter and came on in relief in game two to earn the win as the Gators clinched the No. 2 seed in the Empire 8 Tournament with a double-header sweep at Elmira on Thursday. She added her first career home run in her first at-bat in the nightcap. Ms. Dicranian is a graduate of Mt. Anthony Union High School.

Dicranian was 2-0 in the circle with a 1.11 ERA, a no-hitter, a shutout, a complete game and worked in 12.2 innings. She also had an impressive week at the plate as she batted .571 with four hits in seven at-bats, while adding a double, home run, a 1.143 slugging percentage and a .625 on-base percentage.

As the week opens, RSC finds itself participating in the 2021 Empire 8 Softball Tournament as the No. 2 seed, both program firsts for head coach Erica Li and her Gators. RSC stands at 16-4 overall and also posting that same record in the Empire 8 this spring. The team opens play in the double-elimination tournament against No. 3 seeded Alfred University on the campus of St. John Fisher College.

Dicranian is 14-2 this spring in the circle as her 14 wins in 2021, stands second all-time in single-season victories. She is second to Kelsey Newberg, who had 16 wins in 2017. Dicranian is also 10th on the team's career record book as she sports 15 career victories, while having also worked in 168.2 innings which is 17th best. Her 11 doubles this season leads the Gators and is also ranked 19th best in single-season batting performances. She owns a .527 batting average this spring with a .716 slugging percentage and 19 RBI's.

BNL's Kluck Claims WASAREN Cross Country Title

Submitted by Coach Erik Viner

The Berlin/New Lebanon XC team went to Grafton Lakes State Park to compete in the Wasaren League Championship. The boys team started off strong with Matt Kluck taking an early lead and stayed in front for the entire race, finishing in 1st for a mile split time below 6 minutes for the first time this season. Michael Loughlin ran like the wind in what became the race of his career with Berlin New Lebanon Cross Country and stunned the crowd with an amazing sprint at the end of the race to claim 3rd. Aidan Van Dyk and Layne Jewett wrapped up their season with an impressive 16th and 20th place finish and an overall improvement in their mile split times by an astounding 30 seconds each. Eben Donohue left it all out on the course and took 28th place and Carl Truax finished in a strong 32nd place to help Berlin New Lebanon secure the 2nd place title in the Wasaren League.

The girls team began a little later and it quickly turned into a battle between Berlin, New Lebanon and Greenwich. Elsie Corbett led Berlin in the front pack against the top girls in the league to claim 5th place. Behind her was Allura Meizinger who, while still in only her first year of running, managed to take an impressive 10th place. Coming in 11th overall was Brady Hills, whose impressive sprint at the end allowed her to beat her opponent by only .2 of a second. Coming in just behind her in 13th was senior Hailey Beckwith, who went out with determination and grit to drive her team forward. Sadie Giumarra had a tough race, falling behind early, but refused to give in. She pushed herself forward through the pain to pass other runners in the last half of the race and rose up to claim a hard won 17th place. Addison Powell continued to improve this year and fin-



Berlin/New Lebanon's Matt Kluck leads all racers in last week's WASAREN Cross Country Championship Races. Running just behind Kluck is 3rd place finisher Michael Loughlin. Photo by Doug Hills.

ished 34th, decreasing her mile pace throughout the year. Unfortunately, Berlin New Lebanon Girls got second place, losing to Greenwich 36-28.

AUTO RACING

Keith Flack Gets A-S Win

Compiled by Steve Bradley

Albany-Saratoga Speedway Friday, May 7

(35 laps). Modifieds: Keith Flack, Anthony Perrego, Larry Wight, Jack Lehner, 5) Demetrios Drellos, Don Ronca, Ronnie Johnson, Mike Mahaney, Peter Britten, 10) Jessey Mueller, Elmo Reckner, David Schilling, Ken Tremont Jr., Matt DeLorenzo, 15) Jeremy Pitts, CG Morey, James Meehan, Brian Berger, Ricky Davis, 20) Derek Bornt, Vinnie Visconti, Kris Vernold, Matt Depew, LJ Lombardo, 25) Marc Johnson, Tyler Trump, Billy Decker, Jack Speshock, Todd Stone, 30) Michael Maresca.

Lebanon Valley Speedway Saturday, May 8

Rained out prior to all heat races being completed. Keep your ticket stubs if you were at the track Saturday night, May 8. If you show it at the gate on May 15, you will be allowed free entry.

Fonda Speedway Saturday, May 8

(35-laps - \$4,000 to win) Modifieds: Stewart Friesen, Bobby Varin, Mike Mahaney, Craig Hanson, 5) Ronnie Johnson, Matt Sheppard, Alan Johnson, Josh Hohenforst, Matt DeLorenzo, 10) David Schilling, Jack Lehner, Jessica Friesen, Dave Constantino, Pep Corradi, 15) Brian Gleason, Steve Akers, Rich Christman, JaMike Sowle, Dylan Scribner, 20) Tim Fuller, Derrick McGrew Jr., Rocky Warner, George Foley, Keith Flack, 25) Ancel Collins, Michael Maresca, Adam McAuliffe, Brian Pessolano, Aaron Jacobs

Devils Bowl Speedway Saturday, May 8

Sportsman Modified: Demetrios Drellos, Don Mattison, Adam Pierson, Vince Quenneville, 5) Justin Comes, Connor Cleveland, Johnny Bruno, Joey Scarborough, Robert Bublak Jr., 10) Brent Warren, Brian Calabrese, Brian Whittemore, Floyd Billington, Jim Introne Jr., 15) Mike Palmer, Adam Piper, Elmo Reckner, James Hanson, Gene Pierson Jr., 20) Jimmy Ryan, Pat Jones, Marty Kelly III, Anthony Warren, Alex Bell, 25) Billy Lussier, Michael Wagner-Fitzgerald, Tanner Justin Stone, Tim LaDuc, 30) Josh Masterson.

Coming Up

Albany-Saratoga Speedway Friday, May 14

All weekly divisions plus 4 cylinders. \$250 Pro Stocks Dash.

Lebanon Valley Speedway Saturday, May 15

Weekly: Modifieds, Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Pure Stocks. \$1,000 to win Pro Stock race plus 20 lap Purestock race.

Fonda Speedway Saturday, May 15

Weekly: Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Limited Sportsman, Four Cylinders. Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modifieds. \$1 Adult Grandstand Admission.

Devils Bowl Speedway Saturday, May 15

Weekly: Sportsman Modified, Limited Sportsman, Super Stock, Mini Stock, and 500cc Mini Sprints. Enduro 50.