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PAUL HOWE Photo

Sunapee's Maggie Hurd digs a ball out against Inter-Lakes Friday night with guidance from Chloe Fleming. Sunapee played well, but lost in five sets.

Sunapee sets sights on success

Lakers lose marathon match to undefeated Inter-Lakes 3-2

By **POODY WALSH**

Lake Sunapee Champion

SUNAPEE - In 1973 Sunapee High School Principal David Sherburne was looking to add another girls sport to the athletic program.

Track and field was tried. No go.

In 1974 there was an attempt to make field hockey an additional girls' interscholastic activity. Nope.

In 1975, when Faith Webb was a senior, Dave Barry was working as a physical education instructor and baseball coach. He also brought with him some credentials as volleyball coach. Since then the Lakers have won more than 400 volleyball games and numerous state championships. Problem solved.

And now Faith Webb is Faith Reney and along with husband Tom they are co-coaches of the 2008 Lakers.

While the name of the coaches has changed the wins and losses continue to be impressive.

So what else has changed since those days when Faith Webb, and her teammates Gail Smith, Suzanne Morse, Dianne Ashford and Debbie Mathieson were pioneers in the sport of volleyball at Sunapee?

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Sunapee Varsity Schedules

Boys Soccer (7-1)

Coach: Jack Iacopino

Sept. 9 Nute **W 6-0**

Sept. 13 @ Pittsfield **W 4-3**

Sept. 15 @ Mount Zion **W 2-1**

Sept. 19 @ Hinsdale **W 2-1**

Sept. 23 Concord Christian **W 6-0**

Oct. 2 @ Derryfield L 2-1

Oct. 4 Pittsfield **W 1-0**

Oct. 6 @ Concord Christian **W 4-0**

Oct. 8 Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.

Oct. 10 @ Nashua Christian, 4 p.m.

Oct. 11 Wilton-Lyndeboro, 11 a.m.

Oct. 14 Moultonborough, 4 p.m.

Oct. 16 @ Portsmouth Christ.,

2:30 p.m.

Oct. 17 Hinsdale, 4 p.m.

Oct. 20 @ Wilton-Lyndeboro, 4 p.m.

Oct. 23 Derryfield, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer (6-1-1)

Coach: Myles Cooney

Sept. 5 Calvary Christian **W 8-0**

Sept. 10 @ Newport **W 4-1**

Sept. 13 @ Pittsfield **W 4-0**

Sept. 15 @ Mount Zion **W 12-0**

Sept. 19 @ Hinsdale **W 7-0**

Sept. 23 Newport **W 2-1**

Oct. 2 @ Derryfield L 4-0

Oct. 4 Pittsfield **T 1-1**

Oct. 8 @ Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.

Oct. 10 @ Nashua Christian, 4 p.m.

Oct. 11 Wilton-Lyndeboro, 11 a.m.

Oct. 14 Moultonborough, 4 p.m.

Oct. 16 @ Portsmouth Christian,
4:30 p.m.

Oct. 17 Hinsdale, 4 p.m.

Oct. 21 @ Wilton-Lyndeboro, 4 p.m.

Oct. 23 Derryfield, 4 p.m.

Golf (9-11)

Coach: Michael Kennedy

Sept. 5 @ Belmont 1-1

Sept. 8 Inter-Lakes 1-1

Sept. 9 @ Hillsboro-Deering 1-1

Sept. 12 @ Winnisquam 1-1

Sept. 15 Derryfield 1-1

Sept. 17 @ Hopkinton 1-1

Sept. 19 @ Conant 1-1

Sept. 23 @ Derryfield 0-2

Sept. 24 @ Stevens 0-2

Sept. 25 @ Winnisquam 2-0

Volleyball (10-2)

Coaches: Tom & Faith Reney

Sept. 8 Prospect Mountain **W 3-0**

Sept. 10 Franklin **W 3-0**

Sept. 12 @ Belmont **W 3-0**

Sept. 13 @ Mascoma **W 3-0**

Sept. 15 Newfound **W 3-1**

Sept. 19 Moultonborough L 3-1

Sept. 22 @ Wilton-Lyndeboro **W 3-0**

Sept. 24 Pittsfield **W 3-0**

Sept. 26 @ Newfound **W 3-0**

Oct. 1 @ Pittsfield **W 3-0**

Oct. 3 Inter-Lakes L 3-2

Oct. 6 @ Prospect Mountain **W 3-2**

Oct. 8 @ Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 10 Mascoma, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 15 Belmont, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 17 @ Moultonborough, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 20 Wilton-Lyndeboro, 5 p.m.

Oct. 22 @ Inter-Lakes, 6:30 p.m.

Athletes of the Week



Stephanie Larpenter
Girls Soccer



Silas Eldredge
Boys Soccer

Sunapee is "Golden" against Pittsfield



Silas Eldredge, center, is mobbed by captains Eric Nelson, left, and Phil Parsons, right, after scoring an overtime goal to lead the Lakers over Pittsfield 1-0 at Homecoming Oct. 4. Top, Sunapee's Leo Kontoes steals the ball from a pair of Pittsfield Panthers Saturday.

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“The game has become more specialized,” said Faith Reney as she anxiously awaited a huge matchup between her 9-1 Lakers and top-seeded, 10-0 Inter-Lakes Friday night at appropriately named Sherburne Gym.

“It’s a little more technical” Reney added. “You now have setting out of the back row and the best defensive player is called a libero. She does your setting (for the Lakers the libero is Maggie Hurd). We also play a lot more games. We only played four games that first year.”

It has been more than 30 years since that first memorable volleyball game was played and last Friday was also a memorable event. No, it’s not that Sunapee lost a painful 3-2 decision to Inter-Lakes, it was the school’s first Homecoming Weekend, an event put together by Athletic Director Tom Frederick. In addition to the volleyball there were other sporting events and a parade as well. However, on Sunday the volleyball team had time for church in the morning, but after that it was back to the gym for practice.

“We have a match on Monday and we really need to work on our offense,” said Tom Reney. “We played pretty good defense tonight, but our offense came up short. So we’ll practice on Sunday.”

If nothing else came out of Friday night’s match Sunapee now knows that even though there was no win on this night they can play with the best of the best in Division III.

“I think the girls know that,” said Tom Reney. “We just have to get our offense going.”

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of the evening was the 2-1 lead the



PAUL HOWE Photo

Sunapee’s Allison Tenney gets the ball over the net against Inter-Lakes.

Lakers had after the third game. Inter-Lakes then rallied to win game four, 25-17 and game five, 15-12. The two teams split the first two games, Sunapee winning the opener, 25-17, and Inter-Lakes coming back to grab game two, 25-22.

Game three was certainly the signature game of the night, eventually Sunapee winning a scorcher, 26-24. It was one of those back-and-forth games that featured big plays on both sides and thunderous response from the crowd that would have made the late Dave Sherburne proud that he had a part of adding volleyball to the athletic program.

Inter-Lakes had a lead as much as 15-9 and back came Sunapee as Olivia Richardson had a knack on this night to find the empty spot on the floor for the kill and the Lakers had climbed in front 20-19.

But this game was far from over. It would get to 24-24 (have to win by two) with Hannah Preston serving for Sunapee. A long volley followed and the tension was thick and the noise loud from the big crowd. Then boom! Sunapee’s Allison Tenney went up and slammed the ball down and the Lakers had a 25-24 lead. Preston served once again and when the return was long the game was over.

The fifth and deciding games in high school volleyball are 15-point affairs. And when Sunapee took a 4-0 lead, again with Preston serving, it looked like the Lakers were on their way. However, Inter-Lakes showed why they have not lost this season, catching the Lakers at 12-12 and scoring the last three points for the win.

Leading the Lakers on the serve were Allison Tenney, who was 26-for-26 with 9 aces and Chloe Fleming, who was 18-for-18 with 8 aces. Richardson led in kills with 13, while Fleming added 11. Preston had 21 assists and Hurd added 18 digs.



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Sunapee Roundup



PAUL HOWE Photo

Ben Emery goes airborne against Pittsfield Oct. 4.

BOYS SOCCER

Sunapee 4, Concord Christian 0

CONCORD, N.H. - The Sunapee Lakers scored three goals in the first half and controlled the Concord Christian Kingsmen in a 4-0 win Oct. 6.

Leo Kontoes led the Lakers offense with a pair of goals and an assist, while Brian Brewster added a goal and a helper. Ben Emery scored the other goal and Eric Nelson added an assist.

Robbie Titus and Shaun Carroll shared the goal keeping chores and the shutout for Sunapee.

Sunapee improves to 7-1 with the win.

Sunapee 1, Pittsfield 0

SUNAPEE - Silas Eldredge was golden for the Sunapee Lakers. The junior scored the game-winner with two minutes left in the first overtime to propel the Lakers past visiting Pittsfield 1-0 in the annual Homecoming game Oct. 4.

“Our boys played well all game and it sure would have been discouraging if we let it get away,” Sunapee boys soccer coach Jack Iacopino said. “We deserved the win today.”

It was the second time this season Sunapee has beaten Pittsfield in overtime.

Eldredge scored his goal on a header taking a long cross from Leo Kontoes from the left corner that sailed just over the Pittsfield keeper to the far side of the goal to Eldredge.

Shaun Carroll was splendid in goal for Sunapee making six saves to earn the shutout.

The Lakers move to 6-1 with the win, while Pittsfield falls to 7-4 with the loss.

Derryfield 2, Sunapee 1

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Derryfield’s Brandon Rivard scored in double overtime to give the Cougars a 2-1 win and hand Sunapee its first loss of the season Oct. 2.

Derryfield scored 11 minutes into the game off of a corner kick and held the lead for most of the day.

Sunapee senior co-captain Eric Nelson found a seam in the Derryfield defense late and scored into the lower right corner of the goal with just under two minutes left.

Derryfield’s game-winning goal came on a rebound of a

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Sunapee's Phil Parsons battles for possession Saturday.

penalty kick.

GIRLS SOCCER**Sunapee 1, Pittsfield 1**

SUNAPEE - A short-handed Sunapee squad battled its

way to a come-from-behind 1-1 tie with visiting Pittsfield on Homecoming Oct. 4.

Freshman Molly Putchler scored the game-tying goal on a penalty kick 10 minutes into the second half after a take down in the box. The goal was Putchler's 13th of the season.

Jen Tyrell put the Panthers on top early in the first half on a goal that came as a result of a defensive lapse.

"Both teams swapped a lot of chances," Sunapee girls soccer coach Myles Cooney said. "Both goalies had to make tough saves."

Sunapee led in shots on goal 16-14 and almost got the game-winner in the final minutes when Putchler clanged a ball off the post.

The Lakers are 6-1-1, while Pittsfield is 7-2-1.

VOLLEYBALL**Sunapee 3, Prospect Mountain 2**

ALTON, N.H. - Sunapee withstood a stiff Prospect Mountain challenge winning in five sets 3-2 on the road Oct. 6.

"This was a battle between evenly matched teams," Sunapee volleyball co-coach Tom Reney said.

The Lakers won by scores of 20-25, 25-15, 23-25, 25-16 and 15-13.

After falling behind two games to one, the Lakers remained undaunted and stormed back to win game four by building an early lead and holding off the Timberwolves.

Sunapee won the coin toss before the fifth and deciding game and elected the side of the court where all four previous games were won. The strategy paid off as the Lakers got out to a lead and held on for the match win.

Sunapee improves to 10-2 with the win.

Sunapee 3, Pittsfield 0

PITTSFIELD, N.H. - The Sunapee Lakers picked up their ninth win of the season by sweeping Pittsfield 3-0 on the road Oct. 1.

The Lakers won with strong serving, aggressive defense and powerful offense.

Sunapee won by scores of 25-8, 25-15 and 25-14.

The young Sunapee junior varsity squad lost a tough battle at Pittsfield 20-25, 25-23 and 14-16.



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Sunapee JV Schedules

Boys JV Soccer

Coach: Chuck Weinstein

Sept. 3 @ Moultonboro, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 @ Newport, 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 22 Rivendell, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 25 Moultonboro, 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 3 @ Newport, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 16 Hopkinton, 4:30 p.m.

Girls JV Soccer

Coach: Tim LaTorra

Sept. 3 @ Moultonboro, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 5 @ Rivendell, 4 p.m.

Sept. 10 Derryfield, 4 p.m.

Sept. 12 @ Pittsfield, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 17 John Stark, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 19 @ Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Sept. 22 Rivendell, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 25 Moultonboro, 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 1 @ Stevens, 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 @ John Stark, 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 10 Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Oct. 14 @ Derryfield, 4 p.m.

Oct. 16 Hopkinton, 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 @ Stevens, 3:30 p.m.

Girls JV Volleyball

Coaches: Tom & Faith Reney

Sept. 8 Prospect Mountain, 5 p.m.

Sept. 10 Franklin, 5 p.m.

Sept. 12 @ Belmont, 5 p.m.

Sept. 13 @ Mascoma, 5 p.m.

Sept. 15 Newfound, 5 p.m.

Sept. 19 Moultonborough, 5 p.m.

Sept. 22 @ Wilton-Lyndeboro, 5p.m.

Sept. 24 Pittsfield, 5 p.m.

Sept. 26 @ Newfound, 5 p.m.

Sept. 29 Laconia Christian, 7 p.m.

Oct. 1 @ Pittsfield, 5 p.m.

Oct. 3 Inter-Lakes, 5 p.m.

Oct. 6 @ Prospect Mountain, 5 p.m.

Oct. 8 @ Franklin, 5 p.m.

Oct. 10 Mascoma, 5 p.m.

Oct. 13 @ Laconia Christian, 6 p.m.

Oct. 15 Belmont, 5 p.m.

Oct. 17 @ Moultonborough, 5 p.m.

Oct. 22 @ Inter-Lakes, 5 p.m.

Upcoming Week

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Boys Soccer

Calvary Christian @ Sunapee, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Sunapee @ Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Sunapee @ Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

JV Volleyball

Sunapee @ Franklin, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9

JV Girls Soccer

Sunapee @ John Stark, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10

Boys Soccer

Sunapee @ Nashua Christian, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Sunapee @ Nashua Christian, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Mascoma @ Sunapee, 6:30 p.m.

JV Girls Soccer

Fall Mountain @ Sunapee, 4 p.m.

JV Volleyball

Mascoma @ Sunapee, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Boys Soccer

Wilton-Lyndeboro @ Sunapee, 11 a.m.

Girls Soccer

Wilton-Lyndeboro @ Sunapee, 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 13

JV Volleyball

Sunapee @ Laconia Christian, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Boys Soccer

Moultonboro @ Sunapee, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Moultonboro @ Sunapee, 4 p.m.

JV Girls Soccer

Sunapee @ Derryfield, 4 p.m.



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Fall Tournament Dates

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 25 Class Meets @ Derryfield Park (Manchester)
 Nov. 1 Meet of Champions @ Nashua South
 Nov. 8 New Englands @ Derryfield Park (Manchester)

FIELD HOCKEY

Class M-S

Prelims: Oct. 22 @ home of higher seed, 3:30 p.m.
 Quarters: Oct. 25 @ home of higher seed, 2 p.m.
 Semifinals: Oct. 29 @ Bedford, 5 & 7 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 2 @ Bedford, noon
 Class I
 Prelims: Oct. 23 @ home of higher seed, 3:30 p.m.
 Quarters: Oct. 26 @ home of higher seed, 3:30 p.m.
 Semifinals: Oct. 30 @ Bedford, 5 & 7 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 2 @ Bedford, 2:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Division V

Semifinals: Nov. 15 @ home of higher seed, 1 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 22 @ home of higher seed, 1 p.m.

Division VI

Semifinals: Nov. 15 @ home of higher seed, 1 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 22 @ home of higher seed, 1 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Class S

Prelims: Oct. 28 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Quarters: Oct. 31 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Semifinals: Nov. 4 @ Robbie Mills Field in Laconia,
 4 & 6 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 8 @ Robbie Mills Field in Laconia, 3 p.m.

Class M

Prelims: Oct. 29 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Quarters: Nov. 1 @ home of higher seed, 2 p.m.
 Semifinals: Nov. 5 @ Merrimack Valley, 4 & 6 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 8 @ Merrimack Valley, 3 p.m.

Class I

Prelims: Oct. 29 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Quarters: Nov. 1 @ home of higher seed, 2 p.m.
 Semifinals: Nov. 5 @ Stellos Stadium in Nashua,
 4 & 6 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 8 @ Stellos Stadium in Nashua, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Class S

Prelims: Oct. 29 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Quarters: Nov. 1 @ home of higher seed, 2 p.m.
 Semifinals: Nov. 5 @ Robbie Mills Field in Laconia,
 4 & 6 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 8 @ Robbie Mills Field in Laconia, 1 p.m.

Class M

Prelims: Oct. 28 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Quarters: Oct. 31 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Semifinals: Nov. 4 @ Merrimack Valley, 4 & 6 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 8 @ Merrimack Valley, 1 p.m.

Class I

Prelims: Oct. 28 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Quarters: Oct. 31 @ home of higher seed, 3 p.m.
 Semifinals: Nov. 4 @ Stellos Stadium in Nashua,
 4 & 6 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 8 @ Stellos Stadium in Nashua, 1 p.m.

SPIRIT

Nov. 9 State Meet @ Southern N.H. University in
 Manchester, TBA

VOLLEYBALL

Division III

Prelims: Oct. 30 @ home of higher seed, 6 p.m.
 Quarters: Nov. 1 @ home of higher seed, 6 p.m.
 Semifinals: Nov. 5 @ Plymouth State University, 6:30 & 8
 p.m.
 Finals: Nov. 7 @ Plymouth State University, 7 p.m.



Building a huge reputation is nothing new for Lakers

Sunapee falls teams are poised for long tournament runs

Sunapee sports teams have been synonymous with success this fall season.

Boys and girls soccer are in the upper echelon of teams in Class S, the volleyball squad is back in accustomed position with the elite of Division III and the golf team just completed its best season in school history.

It is still too early to tell whether or not there is a championship in the mix for any of the teams at Sunapee. Before all is said and done the Lakers will most certainly make a little noise.

Here's a look at each Sunapee squad and how its division is shaping up heading into the stretch run.

Boys Soccer

Jack Iacopino's team is 6-1 to start the season after Saturday's thrilling Homecoming win over a solid Pittsfield squad 1-0 in overtime. The Lakers made it 7-1 with a shutout of Concord Christian Monday afternoon.

The Lakers figured to be a tournament team again this year, but the early season has shown them to be a little more than just a team happy to be headed to the postseason. Sunapee has a pair of wins over Pittsfield, but its most impressive outing could be its lone loss. The Lakers lost last week at Derryfield 2-1 in overtime. The Cougars are in their usual place near the top of the Class S standings with a 7-0-2 record.

Moultonborough currently leads Class S at 9-0-1 with Derryfield next followed by the Lakers.

Girls Soccer

A season after the Lakers got hot in the Class S tourney and pulled a pair of upsets before being eliminated in the semifinals, Sunapee could make a return trip. This time it could be an expected trip as Coach Myles Cooney's

team is off to a 6-1-1 start.

Sunapee raced out to a 6-0 start before the Lakers played a subpar game at Derryfield in a loss and had to come-from-behind to tie Pittsfield 1-1 during Saturday's Homecoming game.

Wilton-Lyndeborough currently leads Class S at 8-0, followed by Woodsville at 9-0-1 and the Lakers.

Volleyball

The second season for Co-coaches Tom and Faith Reney has been exciting as the volleyball team is off to a 9-2 start with the only losses coming to perennial power Moultonborough and undefeated Inter-Lakes. Sunapee was very competitive in a 3-1 loss to the Panthers and last Friday night lost a 3-2 marathon match to Inter-Lakes.

The Lakers continue to get better with more game experience and have proven they match up well with the elite in Division III.

Inter-Lakes is currently tied with defending champion Nute at 11-0, followed by Farmington at 9-1 and the Lakers.

Golf

The golf team finished the best season in school history at 9-11. Previously the Lakers had never won more than one or two matches in a season.

This year's team, led by first-year coach Mike Kennedy, fell just a win or two away from qualifying for the Class M-S tourney won by two-time champion Mascenic.

The regular season ended with Sunapee beating perennial Class M-S tourney team and neighbor Newport.

*This winter's basketball schedule could be a little shorter due to the gas crunch. It appears most schools in the Granite State have decided to play 16 hoop games instead of the usual 18.

There's also talk that Class I and M

athletic directors have also agreed to limit preseason trips this winter. Teams are limited to only two scrimmages to get ready for the regular season.

The NHIAA has encouraged individual schools and the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association to come up with ways to keep kids in school longer during the day and make trips to road games shorter.

*Former Sunapee boys basketball coach Paul Gallup has been named the new girls basketball coach at Newport. Gallup coached the Laker boys for 15 years through the 2006-07 season.

He will replace Newport athletic director Doug Beaupre who decided not to coach the Tigers this season after three years which included an undefeated season and Class M title in 2006-07.

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Homecoming thriller: Sunapee 1, Pittsfield 1



Sunapee and Pittsfield battled to a 1-1 tie at Homecoming Oct. 4. Left, Sunapee's Pernille Swensson dribbles past Pittsfield's, Colleen Corliss. Bottom left, Sunapee's Liza Bourdon gains possession against Pittsfield's Jen Tyrell. Bottom right, Sunapee's Linnea Circosta gets physical with Pittsfield's Shyla Mannion.

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