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Sunapee's Molly Putschler competes with Gorham's Tara Cloutier for possession. The Huskies upset Putschler and the Lakers 1-0 to advance in the Class S tournament Oct. 30.

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Lakers fall short

Sunapee boys soccer plays to scoreless draw with rival Derryfield

By **JEFF MILLER**

Lake Sunapee Champion Sports

SUNAPEE - All of the statistics pointed to an easy Sunapee victory. Shots on goal, corner kicks, 50-50 balls all were in Sunapee's favor. Luck was the only one that didn't go the Lakers' way. Luck ended up making the difference.

Despite dominating from start-to-finish the fifth-seeded Sunapee Lakers fell in the opening round of the Class S tournament at home to 12th-seeded Gorham 1-0 Oct. 30.

"Soccer is such a tough sport," Sunapee

girls soccer coach Myles Cooney said. "It is probably one of the only sports where you can out-play a team and still lose. We used that formula to our advantage last year and this year it bit us back."

Last season the Lakers pulled off upsets against Nashua Christian and Woodsville before falling in a tight game to Wilton-Lyndeborough in the semifinals. Cooney thought his team could make a similar run this season as one of the favorites.

"This wasn't our best game, but it wasn't our worst," Cooney said. "I thought we played well enough to win and deserved a better outcome. When I

looked at our bracket I really believed we could get to that final game. One thing you can count on is that we will be back next year."

Gorham was not a normal 12th seed as the Huskies came into the game as the defending Class S champion and returned many players from that squad. The injury bug hit Gorham early in the season.

"We knew this one would be tough," Cooney said. "Gorham was the preseason favorite to repeat as champs."

Sunapee took control early completely

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Sunapee Varsity Schedules

Boys Soccer (11-4-1)

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 **W 5-1**

Oct. 10 @ Nashua Christian **W 2-1**

Oct. 11 Wilton-Lyndeboro L 1-0

Oct. 14 Moultonborough L 2-1

Oct. 16 @ Portsmouth Christ. **W 5-0**

Oct. 17 Hinsdale **W 2-1**

Oct. 20 @ Wilton-Lyndeboro L 2-1

Oct. 23 Derryfield **T 0-0**

Girls Soccer (11-4-1)

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 **W 8-0**

Oct. 10 @ Nashua Christian L 1-0

Oct. 11 Wilton-Lyndeboro L 1-0

Oct. 14 Moultonborough **W 5-0**

Oct. 16 @ Portsmouth Christ. **W 3-0**

Oct. 17 Hinsdale **W 5-0**

Oct. 21 @ Wilton-Lyndeboro **W 2-1**

Oct. 23 Derryfield L 6-1

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 (14-4)

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 **W 3-0**

Oct. 10 Mascoma **W 3-0**

Oct. 15 Belmont **W 3-1**

Oct. 17 @ Moultonborough L 3-0

Oct. 20 Wilton-Lyndeboro **W 3-0**

Oct. 22 @ Inter-Lakes L 3-0

Athletes of the Week



Mariah Krause
Girls Soccer



Chloe Fleming
Volleyball

Class S girls soccer prelims



Sunapee lost to defending Class S champion Gorham 1-0 in the Class S girls soccer opening round Oct. 30. Left, Coach Myles Cooney discusses strategy with Pernille Swensson. Above, Kathryn Milewski moves past Gorham's Julieanne King.

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dominating the first half. The Lakers had multiple scoring opportunities in the first half and Molly Putchler rattled shots off both posts and the cross bar. Pernille Swensson also had a shot off the post and the bar as well.

“It just wasn’t to be,” Cooney said. “The game had the feeling that if we could put one past the keeper, more would follow.”

Gorham’s Breally Bunch scored with 17 minutes left in regulation on one of the Huskies’ only offensive chances of the afternoon.

Sunapee continued the pressure late, but eventually ran out of steam.

Gorham’s Courtney Boisselle made 24 saves, while Sunapee’s senior keeper Stephanie Larpenter made three.

“I really want to thank our seniors for their tireless efforts to improve the girls soccer program,” Cooney said. “A lot of personal commitment needs to be recognized when a group of athletes turn a 3-12-1 soccer team into an 11-4-1 soccer team, this senior group had a lot to do with our turn around.”

Besides Larpenter, the other seniors are Mandy Mathiesen and Carolyn Stevens. Norwegian exchange student, Swensson, is also a senior.

The Lakers finish at 11-5-1 and had a solid season hosting a tourney game, scoring 61 goals and allowing only 17.

“We accomplished most of our team goals,” Cooney said. “Hopefully we are starting to put Sunapee soccer on the map. To do that you need consistent winning seasons.”

The program’s first win at Wilton-



MARTY MCAULIFF Photo

Exchange student Pernille Swensson, from Norway, was a huge addition to this year’s Sunapee squad. She was one of the best midfielders in Class S.

Lyndeborough, a pair of victories over Putchler leading in scoring with 19 goals neighbor Newport and freshman were all highlights for Sunapee.



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NHIAA Tournament Pairings

Class S Boys Soccer

Preliminary Round, Oct. 28

No. 1 Lisbon 5, No. 16 Hinsdale 0
 No. 8 Groveton 3, No. 9 Pittsfield 1
 No. 4 Colebrook 4, No. 13 Woodsville 0
 No. 5 Moultonboro 2, No. 12 Lin-Wood 1
 No. 2 Derryfield 5, No. 15 Portsmouth Christ. 0
 No. 7 Newmarket 1, No. 10 Mt. Zion 0
 No. 14 Gorham 4, No. 3 Wilton-Lynde. 3
 No. 11 Profile 3, **No. 6 Sunapee 1**

Quarterfinals, Oct. 31, 3 p.m.

No. 1 Lisbon 6, No. 8 Groveton 0
 No. 4 Colebrook 2, No. 5 Moultonboro 0
 No. 2 Derryfield 3, No. 7 Newmarket 1
 No. 14 Gorham 2, No. 11 Profile 1

Semifinals, Nov. 4 @ Mills Field, Laconia

No. 1 Lisbon 1, No. 4 Colebrook 0
 No. 2 Derryfield 2, No. 14 Gorham 1

Finals, Nov. 8, Laconia, 3 p.m.

No. 1 Lisbon vs. No. 2 Derryfield

Class S Girls Soccer

Preliminary Round, Oct. 29

No. 1 Wilton-Lynde. 3, No. 16 Lin-Wood 0
 No. 8 Colebrook 7, No. 9 Newmarket 0
 No. 4 Littleton 5, No. 13 Portsmouth Chr. 0
 No. 12 Gorham 1, **No. 5 Sunapee 0**
 No. 2 Woodsville 4, No. 15 Hinsdale 1
 No. 7 Groveton 6, No. 10 Moultonboro 0
 No. 3 Derryfield 6, No. 14 Nashua Chr. 0
 No. 6 Pittsfield 1, No. 11 Lisbon 0

Quarterfinals, Nov. 1, 2 p.m.

No. 1 Wilton-Lynde. 3, No. 8 Colebrook 0
 No. 4 Littleton 4, No. 12 Gorham 1
 No. 2 Woodsville 2, No. 7 Groveton 1
 No. 3 Derryfield 4, No. 6 Pittsfield 0

Semifinals, Nov. 5, Laconia

No. 1 Wilton-Lynde. 3, No. 4 Littleton 2
 No. 3 Derryfield 2, No. 2 Woodsville 0

Finals, Nov. 8, Laconia, 1 p.m.

No. 1 Wilton-Lynde. vs. No. 3 Derryfield

Division III Volleyball

Preliminary Round, Oct. 30, 6 p.m.

No. 1 Nute 3, No. 16 Franklin 0
 No. 9 Campbell 3, No. 8 Prospect Mtn. 0
 No. 4 Moultonboro 3, No. 13 Epping 0
No. 5 Sunapee 3, No. 12 Mascoma 0
 No. 2 Inter-Lakes 3, No. 15 Hillsboro-Deer. 0
 No. 7 Mascenic 3, No. 10 Belmont 1
 No. 3 Farmington 3, No. 14 Newfound 0
 No. 6 Portsmouth Chr. 3, No. 11 Raymond 2

Quarterfinals, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

No. 1 Nute 3, No. 9 Campbell 0
 No. 4 Moultonboro 3, No. 5 Sunapee 2
 No. 2 Inter-Lakes 3, No. 7 Mascenic 1
 No. 3 Farmington 3, No. 2 Portsmouth Chr. 2

Semifinals, Nov. 5, Plymouth State

No. 1 Nute vs. No. 4 Moultonboro
 No. 2 Inter-Lakes vs. No. 3 Farmington

Finals, Nov. 7

Semifinal winners @ Plymouth State, 7 p.m.



Sunapee Volleyball



Sunapee opened the Division III tourney with a home win over Mascoma 3-0 Oct. 30. Left, Allison Tenney gets one over the net. Bottomleft, Hannah Preston concentrates on the ball.

MARTY MCAULIFF Photos



Lakers fall in marathon match to Panthers

MOULTONBOROUGH, N.H. - The fifth-seeded Sunapee Lakers were eliminated in the Division III volleyball quarterfinals at fourth-seeded Moultonborough 3-2 Nov. 1.

The Lakers lost to the Panthers 14-25, 27-25, 25-21, 21-25 and 17-19.

“Our girls played outstanding volleyball tonight, as did Moultonborough,” Sunapee volleyball co-coach Tom Reney said. “We’ve had a great season and the girls should be proud of what they have accomplished.”

After falling in the first game,

Sunapee took control of the match in games two and three, but then Moultonborough took the momentum to advance to the semifinals.

Sunapee opened the tourney by defeating 12th-seeded Mascoma 25-12, 25-17 and 25-21.

Hannah Preston and Maggie Hurd had huge nights for the Lakers. Preston was 19-for-20 serving and added 17 assists, while Hurd was 18-for-20 serving and added 16 digs.

Chloe Fleming had 13 kills.

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Sunapee boys soccer coach Jack Iacopino tracks down a bunch of soccer balls before the Lakers' final home game of the regular season Oct. 23. The Lakers tied Derryfield 0-0 and then were upset in the Class S tournament by Profile.

Sunapee shocked in prelims

Lakers fall to 11th-seeded Profile 3-1 in Class S boys soccer first round

By **MATTHEW REID**
Lake Sunapee Champion

NEWPORT - The Profile Patriots eliminated the Sunapee Lakers from the Class S boys soccer playoffs Oct. 29, thanks to three goals scored in a 15-minute span to open the second half.

"We played well in the first half but came out flat in the beginning of the second half," Sunapee head coach Jack Iacopino said. "The first goal caught us

off guard and unfortunately we did not recover from the shock."

Keepers Shaun Carroll (Sunapee) and Sam Fletcher (Profile) each kept the opposing offenses off the board in the first half, which was nearly played amidst snow flurries at Newport High School's Sichol Field. The game was moved from Sunapee to Newport because of the harsh weather conditions, and although the snow died down by the opening kickoff the temperature was still

hovering around the freezing mark.

Neither team was able to mount any real scoring chances in the first half, but Sunapee did have a good scoring chance in the 30th minute when Leo Kontoes and Phil Parsons teamed up for some nifty give-and-go passing that resulted in Kontoes clanking a shot off the outside of the goalpost.

After the defensive stalemate in the

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game's first half, Profile came out strong and got on the board just three minutes after the break. Junior Carter Andross was poised to take a direct free kick for the Patriots from several feet beyond the penalty box, but rather than shooting on net he tapped a soft pass to senior Shawn Clarke, who then drilled the ball past Carroll to put Profile ahead 1-0.

Profile used the momentum to keep the pressure on Sunapee over the next 10 minutes but were unable to record a shot on goal until Clarke fired another ball past Carroll to put his team up by two.

Four minutes later, at the game's 57-minute mark, Profile would get another goal off a set piece, when junior Corey Snyder took a free kick and sent a long cross to senior Ethan Wells. Wells, who had slipped past the Lakers' defenders, one-timed the ball into the net and gave his team a commanding 3-0 lead.

The quick start to the half was exactly what Profile head coach Dave Robinson was hoping for.

"We made it a point to come out more aggressively in the second half and it paid off," Robinson said. "After we got the third goal we pulled back a little to preserve the lead. We played great defense when we needed to and scored some timely goals, which is how you win a playoff game versus a good team like Sunapee."

Scoring two goals off of free kicks was nothing new for the Patriots.

"We've had a lot of success off of set pieces this season, from corner kicks to free kicks," Robinson said. "Plus it helps when you have someone like Shawn [Clarke] who has such a rocket of a kick."

The third goal seemed to energize the Lakers, who despite being in a huge hole still managed to control most of the play from that point forward.

Leo Kontoes took the ball out of a scrum at the 61-minute mark and fired a shot on net, but Fletcher made a diving stop to preserve the shutout.

Sunapee would finally get on the board when Phil Parsons' hard shot on goal deflected off of Fletcher and Robbie Titus put home the rebound. With just under 10 minutes remaining in the contest Sunapee had reduced the Patriots' lead to 3-1.

The goal gave Sunapee even more momentum, even though at that point time was not on their side.

"They played their hearts out after we let up the third goal," Iacopino said. "They knew what was at stake ... You can't afford to make mistakes when games are decided by one or two goals."



MARTY MCAULIFF Photo

Senior captain Phil Parsons had an outstanding season for the Sunapee Lakers. Sunapee finished the season 11-5-1.

Sunapee would have multiple corner kicks in the game's final minutes, and Parsons had a shot off a free kick go just wide of the net, as time expired and the Lakers' season came to an end.

Despite the harsh weather conditions, which included steady flurries over the game's final 10 minutes, Sunapee didn't veer from their original gameplan.

"Both teams had to play on the same field," Iacopino said. "We would have loved to play on our home field but the team knew we had no control over that, and therefore we did not focus on that at all."

Although the season ended on a sour note for the Lakers, Iacopino knows last week's loss was not the norm.

"Overall our team was very stingy this season on letting the other team score," he said. "It just didn't happen that way on Thursday."

Including Thursday's opening-round loss, the Lakers finished the season with an 11-5-1 record.



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