

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

in the Western Mountains of Maine



The Mt. Abram boys traveled to Wiscasset last Thursday to compete in a first round playoff game. The teams were evenly matched, but Wiscasset ended up winning 3-0 on their home turf. Above, Parker Kennedy wowed the crowd with this move which got the ball out of the opponent's possession. Above inset, Dylan Tisor (left) and Sylvan Kindinger (right) give it their all to prevent Wiscasset from getting the ball to the net.

(Heidi Murphy photos)

Soccer tourney update MTA boys, girls eliminated in first round

By David Hart
Irregular Staff

MAINE — Both the Mt. Abram girls' and boys' teams were eliminated from any further post season contention last week after a good season in the Mountain Valley Conference. The boys, after much debate, traveled to Wiscasset on Thursday and lost 3-0.

That debate had to do with the large number of Wiscasset students absent from school; a few with confirmed H1N1 pandemic virus and the remainder with flu-like symptoms.

The Mt. Abram girls went to Hale-Dale and they also fell to the home team by the score of 3-0.

In the girls' division in Western C, Hall-Dale was eliminated by losing to Georges Valley 1-0 to go to the regional finals. Fourth ranked Waynflete shut out Sacopee 5-0 who had made it to the finals after taking out the number one seeded St. Dom's team earlier in the week.

Today, Wednesday, Nov. 4 Georges Valley will face Waynflete to take on the winners of the Fort Kent-Orono game in the Eastern C regional final game. Winners advance to the state championship girls' game on Nov. 7.

The boys of North Yarmouth Academy advanced to the regional finals by defeating Georges Valley 3-2. They'll face St. Dom's who took down Wiscasset in a shut-out 2-0 win.

Meanwhile, of interesting note, Class C East has produced its two regional finalists this year in the boys division. Both the boys' and girls' teams from Fort Kent and Orono have made it to the regional finals.

In Western D girls' action, Rangeley's season ended when they lost to Richmond in the semi's by the score of 4-0. Based on the number of teams in Western D, the Laker boys did not advance to compete in the post season tourney.

Any-Deer permit swap allowable

AUGUSTA — With hunting seasons underway in Maine, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife wants hunters to be aware that some swapping of deer permits is allowed.

An Any-Deer, Landowner or Superpack deer permit winner may swap their permit with another same-type permit winner in order to switch hunting districts.

The permits must be the same type, and residents can swap only with residents and non-residents can swap only with non-residents.

IF&W does not maintain a list of individuals wishing to swap permits. Permit winners who wish to swap will need to locate and contact other permit winners on their own.

One sportsman, Jeff W. Zimba, is maintaining a non-IF&W-affiliated swap site — www.DoeTagSwap.com. For a small fee, permit winners can locate and potentially swap with other same-type permit winners. However, IF&W still needs to be notified of the swap, and the proper department paperwork still must be completed.

The site also allows permit winners to download for free and print a business card-sized Any Deer Permit/Transportation Tag on their home computer. IF&W is not mailing Any Deer Permits this year, and winners are responsible for bringing their permit number to the registration station.



The final game

Ben Hitchcock (left to right), Henry Poulin and Craig Marshall, all of Carrabassett Valley and seniors at Carrabassett Valley Academy played their last game of the soccer season together against Hebron Academy Oct. 28. They started playing soccer together in sixth grade in 2003 at Kingfield Elementary School under Coach Ron Canter. They continued through 8th grade when they played under Coach Mark Lopez. As freshmen, Hitchcock and Poulin went to Mt. Abram, while Marshall played at CVA. As sophomores they were reunited under Coach Noah Labow, and they have played for him since then. All three boys will graduate in the spring. Poulin, who played goalie, is a snowboarder, Hitchcock, who played striker, is a freerider and Marshall, who played stopper, is an alpine racer. Hitchcock is the son of Joe and Gilly Hitchcock, Poulin is the son of Denis and Mary Poulin and Marshall is the son of Jay and Nancy Marshall, all of Carrabassett Valley.

(Photo courtesy Rick Bisson, Carrabassett Valley Academy)

— Please see **Swap** on page 14