

# Laker train in motion

## Football on right track for playoffs

By Dan Soons

The Colchester football program ended the regular season with a 7-2 record. Five of the first six games played were league divisional games and at the time tied the Lakers in second place for Vermont Division II football. Colchester was victorious against Rice, cross town rival Milton, Lyndon

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Institute, and Woodstock. Woodstock defeated Colchester in the Division III Football Championship last season. One of their wins this season was against a Division I power house that has accumulated 16 state titles.

"It felt real good to start this year out with a big divisional win against the team that took away our championship last year," said senior captain Alex Racine.

The Lakers only losses came from Mount Mansfield, and Fair Haven.

The final weeks of the season featured a win against non-divisional opponent Division III's Champlain Valley. After that they ended their season with two divisional games against Fair Haven and North Country Union. All these games were essential for making the playoffs because only the top four teams make up the bracket.

There are 12 teams in Division II and five teams with winning records. Colchester on pace for the playoffs

throughout the season had no room for error.

When asked whether or not junior Sean Lockerby was worried about other teams his response was, "My muscles are just so big, I'm unstoppable."

Head coach Tom Perry says, "When we hosted Fair Haven it was our biggest game because not only is it the senior game, but we cannot afford to lose. Even though Fair Haven's record is not that great, they are a good team and have lost on turnovers."

Fumbles and interceptions can play key roles in a result of a game. The Lakers proved to play quality ball in their final contest of the season with a resounding win at North Country solidifying a playoff spot.

The Lakers hope to carry the final game momentum into a victorious playoff run for the DII crown.



Photo by K. Nassif

Jamie Mumley calls the defensive huddle in Colchester's 21-0 win over MSJ.

# Battle on the pitch

Lakers take three seed Rutland to 4OT's

By Doug Brigante



Photo by Sandra Racine

Colchester's Galen Doud clears the ball during a Laker-Redhawk battle at CVU on October 13th.

It took four overtimes before the boys' soccer team finally relinquished the 2007 season. On October 22 the team finished up their last game of the season with a record of 3-10-1, showing remarkable improvement as the season progressed.

Playing as a Division I team in the most competitive league in Vermont and one of the most competitive in New England, the Lakers fought through every game; their last being indicative of their improvement when the game wasn't settled until the fourth overtime period against third seeded Rutland.

Senior defender Galen Doud scored

twenty minutes into the second half after a scramble in front of the net and the Lakers held Rutland off until 1:36 minutes left in the regulation when Rutland put one in off a free kick. Then two regular overtimes were played, still no goal. After that, two 8 vs. 8 overtimes were played and in the second one Rutland put one in with 3 minutes left.

"Overall it was a rough season. But it turned out to be pretty fun despite losing the tough playoff game," says sophomore Spencer Dandurand.

Besides Dandurand,

this year's squad featured, for the first time in fifteen years, two freshmen. Also, nine juniors helped comprise a youthful inexperienced team.

Senior Tom Critchlow was selected to the All-Metro team and to the Vermont All-State team. Three seniors-Kris Cauchon, Doug Brigante, and Galen Doud were selected to the All-Metro Honorable Mention team.

With the talent pool of the youth players, be aware- the Lakers are on the rise again.

# Lady Lakers finish strong

By Michelle Warner

The Laker girls' soccer team finished the regular season 7-5-2 with a spectacular 3-0 defeat over CVU on October 16th. An exciting game for the Lakers, CVU was previously undefeated and it was their senior game. Kristen Schmidt scored the first goal in the

end of the first half. The next goals were scored within the first 10 minutes of the second half by Anna Demasi and Kirsten Bombardier.

Junior Kirsten Bombardier is happy with their season, "We are a great group of girls that mesh together on the field. Our talent and hard work ethics took us very far this season."

Senior Captain Kristen Schmidt believes, "Our team really came together; we were 5-5-1 going into our last three games and we knew we had to work hard and play as a team."

Their win over undefeated CVU was a great finish to the end of their regular season.

The Laker girls opened their playoff run hosting Hartford in a Playdown match on October 24th. A resounding 5-1 victory propelled the ladies into a quarterfinal match against Metro rival Essex. Although the girls played an incredible tough contest, Essex advanced to the semi's.