

Spirit Week

2014



Girls Soccer: Opportunity Knocks

By Rachel Allen

The 2014 season for the Timberlane girls varsity soccer team coached by Jeff Bauman has been off to a good start with two wins, no losses and one tie as of September 8th. With their tie against Dover and wins over Keene and Memorial, the team is rolling into the rest of their season with confidence and skill.

Senior captain, Ally Heffernan, says, "We have had a great start to the season. Currently undefeated." Referring to the team's good current record, Heffernan says she is looking forward to the rest of the season and what it brings.

The team is made up of a multitude of returning juniors and seniors, but mainly sophomores and freshmen thrown into the mix as well. With a young roster on their hands, including many underclassmen among the five returning seniors, Heffernan says, "We have a very young team and are ready to learn and improve."

The team's youth almost definitely ensures a solid record for the following year as well as the current year. With the rest of the season ahead of them and with their positive start, it looks like it will be a successful year for the girls varsity soccer team here at Timberlane.



Boys Varsity Soccer: Fall Phenom

By Zachary Amico

Sitting at number one on the NHIAA table after eleven games, Timberlane is really showing what it means to be a team. Evan Lancot is a winger for the team, I recently had the pleasure of talking to him about the team. When asked if he had any goals for the season, he replied, "Reach the final four, I want to see this team go far. We have the ability to win." This quote from Evan Lancot is the kind of optimism that the Timberlane boys varsity soccer team is inspiring after a record undefeated start to the season. When I asked Lancot what he thought about retaining that position, he replied, "So far we've only been really challenged by one team, but as the season progresses we will get better and really give Central and Hanover a run for their money. Even with them being known as the renowned soccer programs in the state." They will only get better as the season progresses. The attitude of all of the team members at this early stage is very positive; everyone is willing to work together to achieve a common goal: winning.

Last year, the team placed eighth, just barely scraping a home playoff game, (not the playoffs altogether) . This year the goal is final four at least; which really says something about the amount of improvement that has been seen from last year to this year. On the field the team works as more of a team unit as opposed to individual players, and that has helped a lot. Last year, sometimes the team was stalled in attack by players trying too much individual skill instead of a pass, but that has gotten better this year. There are things to improve on, like organization or finishing, but for now at least, this team has done very fine indeed. Just as an ending, Lancot recently put in a goal to make the game with Bishop Guertin 2-1 in favor of the Owls, who proceeded to win 5-1.



Cross Country: Making a Run for the Title

By Rachel Allen and Tessa Vrees

The cross country team is off to a good start of their 2014 season placing sixth out of the fifteen teams that attended the Clipper Relays recently.

The girl's team has been off to a solid start for their season, attending smaller meets during the week and larger ones on Saturdays. Although they use many of the meets as "practice" for the more challenging ones, the girls team has been flying through the season. Instead of actually competing in most of the meets, they use them as workouts to get ready for the most important ones toward the end of the season.

With the entire boys' varsity championship team returning this season, they are definitely in favor to win the state title this year. After their visit to the state championship race last season, the boys fell short, but are back this season to take it like they should.

Returning varsity sophomore, Ryan Allen says, "We are returning all of our varsity runners and have a few up and comings." The solid start to the season has the runners excited for what the season has to bring, and are confident in their abilities to take home the state title. With a team of seniors, juniors, and a few sophomores, the boys have a good chance at a strong season, and even more seasons to come.

Allen says, "The boys aren't shaving until the end of our season. I guess we'll see how we all look by the end." Not quite "No Shave November" but definitely sounds like something interesting within the team. Referring to themselves as the "wolf pack" Allen says that their team will have a good season ahead of them. With rituals and quirky things like that, the cross country team is interesting to say the least, and definitely chock full of undeniable skill.

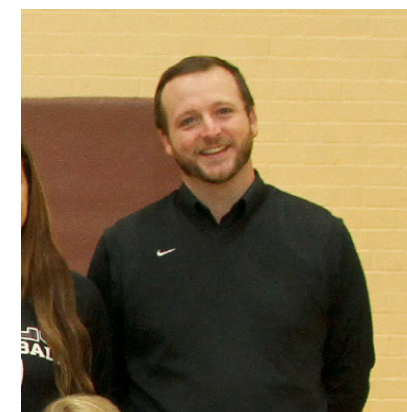


Coach's Spotlight

By Danny Efraimson

Sean Hogan, the coach of the Timberlane Owls ladies volleyball team, has high expectations of his team for the future. Entering his 4th year as head coach, Hogan and the Owls look to continue their run of success. Hogan, a TRHS graduate, also coaches an AAU team called LAT 42, a very successful team out of Sports Zone in Derry, NH.

Hogan is looking forward to the season, "We expect to be very competitive against every team night in and night out. We will work harder than any other team out there I can guarantee it." With key newcomers Ashley Cooper, Amanda White and Caitlin Agneta, the team is looking very strong. Last year, they took a blow losing 5 seniors; however, key returners Maggie Shields, Olivia Harnois, Jess Buckley, Amy Freeman and Shannon Matthews look to guide the owls to another playoff berth.



So what does Sean Hogan do before games? Hogan doesn't have many pregame rituals, but shared with me his game day tradition, "Uhhh ya dude I get dunks iced coffee before every game, that's why most of the time I am late."

In a closing statement, Sean Hogan also said, "This team is making the right steps into becoming one of the top teams in the state. If we continue to work hard, I don't see why we won't be very successful."

As of September 19th, the Owls have started off the year 2-3, beating Keene and Manchester Memorial 3 games to none. A decently strong start is exactly what they needed. They're looking to carry that momentum into their next game.

Timberlane's Most Underated Sport

By Ryan Kruschwitz

Cheerleading is one of the hardest and most competitive sports in the world. No, it may not require running back and forth across a field or court, but cheer involves tumbling, stunts, and the promotion of spirit.

Like other sports, cheerleaders have playoffs and championships toward the end of the season. Cheerleaders dedicate so much trust in their teammates and coaches because if one person messes up, a serious accident can occur. To be a cheerleader, you need to be flexible, serious, and have a positive attitude.

Timberlane's cheer team has finished in the top ten at the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) competition for the past two years and is looking to get into the top five this year. According to head coach Jen Clark, the team has learned their new routines for them to utilize at the games and in the competition. Clark also hopes to perform the new competition routine at this year's pep rally.

This year's cheer captains, Kayla Doherty, Heather Edgecomb, Molly Wilmont, and Courtney Park have big shoes to fill from last year's team.

"Last year, I was impressed with the talented group of athletes and this year, I have to say the same," said Clark. "The leadership is great and I'm really looking forward to being able to watch the team grow in the coming weeks."

"Our team has improved over last year's team," said captains Kayla Doherty and Heather Edgecomb. "The biggest improvement would have to be the leadership."

"This year's freshmen have stepped right up to the role, the physical demands of the sport, and respect for their teammates and coach," said Clark. Clark went on to say that the freshmen have learned quickly in terms of routines and earning respect. Freshmen Hannah Sorenson and Jessie Hughes said there is a much more of a family aspect and everyone gets along better than middle school cheer, "[the cheerleaders] are understanding of mistakes, encouraging, and welcoming."

Aside from cheer, Clark and the team would like to help the newly formed Plaistow YMCA organization and other community projects.

When asked about what she's looking forward to, Clark responded with, "Positive crowd involvement and interaction. We have a few things up our sleeves for some of the upcoming games."

A Day on the Links with Timberlane Golf

By Owen Sweet

On September 3rd, fresh off a return to the school year, the Timberlane Boys Golf team squared off against Manchester Memorial High School. The match would take place on a hot sunny day at the beautiful Atkinson Country Club of Atkinson, New Hampshire.

Although Timberlane lost the match, Timberlane's big name players included senior Mikey Scipione, senior Timmy McLaughlin, senior Keegan Donahue, and up and coming junior Spencer Damphouse. Timberlane shot well. Donahue shot a 49 finishing +13 on the day, McLaughlin shot a 48 finishing +12 and Damphouse ended the day with a 47 finishing +11. Timberlane's top golfer was Scipione who shot a 42 for +6.



The overall high scores can probably be contributed to the freshly aerated greens that made putting extremely difficult. Scipione and Donahue both work at the Atkinson Country Club and spend a majority of their practice time there. Connor West-Geary, Sean Crowley, Tom McClure, and Frankie Redman all finished in the high teens and low twenties rounding up the day.

Timberlane hopes to move forward after their tough loss, according to senior Frankie Redman, "The team as a whole needs to start playing smarter golf, which can come from more focus on the range and a more serious attitude in practice rounds."

The golf team hopes to move forward in their next match against Southegan. Sr. Scipione believes that the golf team will move forward in a positive direction when he says, "We're close. We just have to hit the ball straight and keep it on the fairway."



A Season of Opportunity

By Tommy Johnston and Danny Efrainson

It's that time of year again, when people of all ages flock into the Owls Nest to watch our varsity football team compete against the best in the state on Friday nights. The football games give people a great opportunity to get out and socialize, as well as watch our great athletes compete. This year's Owls have high hopes for the season.

Last year, they competed in the NHIAA division one Eastern Conference, where they finished at a disappointing 1-8. The Owls have now switched into the Southern Conference, where they will play against the likes of Salem, Pinkerton, Londonderry and Merrimack. The Salem game is extremely intriguing for the Owls. Defensive end and senior captain, Kyle DiBurro said, "Salem is a good team, but I like our chances. They are our rivals, so that adds a little fire to our team, and gives us the motivation we need to power through." The Salem game is Saturday the 27th, and the players encourage all to go.

Head coach Kevin Fitzgerald is entering his eighth year as head coach of the Owls, and has weapons to make this team special.

Junior quarterback Jason Hughes is entering his second year running the offense. Hughes, also a stud at basketball and baseball, has been a varsity athlete since his freshman year. He has the experience the Owls need to take the next step in the program. Another key leader is senior captain Chris "Larry" Leondires. Leondires, a second-year starting safety who is the punisher on the Owl's defense.

The team is starting two freshman on the offensive side, the first time they have done this in years. Freshman wide receiver Brendan Frezza and running back, Jake Post, bring a lot of versatility as freshmen to the team. Frezza brings the speed and quickness the offense is looking to use at the receiver position. Post brings more of a "run the ball down their throats" type of mentality. However, when needed, he can kick on the afterburners and outrun defenders. Post is also a kick returner.

Starting off the year 0-2 with big losses to Londonderry and Nashua North hasn't shut down the Owls' hope yet; they still have high hopes this season. Their next opponent is this Friday against Bishop Guertin, one of their other rivals. Bishop Guertin has started off the year 0-2 also with losses to Londonderry and Merrimack, so anything is possible. Kickoff is at 7 P.M. this Friday at the Owls Nest; come out and support the team!



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Road to the State Tournament

By Liam Arteaga

With a new year, comes a new team, and this year's field hockey team is looking better than ever. Currently in second place in their division, the team has an impressive record of 10-2. After a good season last year, the field hockey team is looking to strike again, and hopefully come out as champions. While speaking with Coach Ryan, she was able to share her thoughts on how the team has done thus far.

"The team has done well, which is reflected in our record. We have 3 games left on our schedule and we're hoping to finish strong heading into the state tournament".

Team captain Ally Collins was able to express her positive outlook on the season.

"The team is looking really good this year, and we are excited to have another great season" said Collins. It looks as though the players are excited to play another great season for Timberlane" said Collins.

With a skilled team, and motivation, it's looking like this year's field hockey team could be potential champions. With the spectacular leadership of captain's Ally Collins and Ryann Bailey, along with the amazing effort being put in by all the players, Timberlane's field hockey team is on the road to success!



Patriots Football: The Brady Bunch

By Danny Efrainson

The New England Patriots had big expectations coming into this season. With a new and improved defense and some key additions to the offensive side, they were the favorites to come out of the AFC. Key additions to the defense with players like Darrell Revis, Brandon Browner, and the reassignment of Vince Wilfork, the defense is expected to do big things this year.

The New England Patriots have started off the year strong with a record of 2-1. Their only loss was to the Dolphins the first game of the season. It was pretty much a fluke, the defense played awful and the offense failed to come up clutch when needed.

Week 2 they played the Vikings and took care of them with a breeze, beating them 30-7. The defense first drive of the game let up a 25-yard touchdown to Matt Asiata. The Defense knew they had to step it up after that 1st drive. So they did, they had four total interceptions in the game, 1 field goal block by Chandler Jones for a touchdown, and a handful of sacks on the Vikings' quarterback Matt Cassel. Week 3 was a rematch of the 2001 divisional playoff game against the Oakland Raiders. That is the game where the tuck rule was originated; a controversial call that said Brady was in throwing motion, throwing the ball forward instead of a fumble. That call set up an Adam Vinatieri game winning field goal to send the Pats to the AFC championship game. Week 3 was a struggle for the patriots offensively, only scoring 16 points. Defensively they didn't even let up a touchdown. They held the Raiders to only 3 field goals. Offensively, Rob Gronkowski had a touchdown catch for 6 yards. Then the rest of the scores from there were field goals. It was a tough game but a win is a win.

A lot of talk also coming into the season on if Brady is still a top quarterback or not, Brady always seems to be proving people wrong simply just because he knows how to win. Brady says, i.e. in an interview with CSNEE.com, Brady said, "I love playing for this team and I love representing this team. Hopefully, I can do that for as long as I can. When I suck, I'll retire. I don't plan on sucking for a long time. Hopefully that leads me to be in here, and there's no place I'd rather be. I love this game and I love working hard at it."

Clearly he has the right mindset to still be great. We will find out this season whether the Pats have enough to be a Super Bowl contender or not.



Fantasy Tips and Tricks

By Kyle DiBurro

The fall season has come upon us quickly and that means one thing: fantasy football. Whether you're the occasional player that joins leagues simply for fun or a hardcore fantasy team general manager, learning the tricks and traits of having a fantasy team is vital to any participant. With drafts happening left and right, becoming familiar with these tips as fast as possible will help to guarantee success and crown you the champion of your league.

Tip #1: Draft a running back early.

Running backs can make or break a fantasy team. Because of their consistent high scoring, running backs are an important and necessary part of any fantasy team. Try to draft a running back within the first two rounds, and at least two of them in the first five rounds.

Tip #2: Draft a quarterback late.

When individuals play fantasy leagues, they tend to see a big name quarterback available in the first or second round and go right for them; don't do that. Though these quarterbacks may be game managers on the field, an all-star quarterback is not nearly as vital to a fantasy team as some may believe. There are plenty of solid quarterbacks that will be available in the later rounds. Make your best effort to wait until the sixth round minimum to draft your quarterback, while building up your skill player arsenal in the first few rounds.

Tip #3: Know your league's settings.

It is important to know the scoring of your league, as well as the roster spots available for your team. For example, if you are in a PPR (points per reception) league, running backs that catch more passes should be drafted to your team, thus giving them more fantasy points. Also, knowing the number of roster spots you will have available is very important. If a player that you want to pick up becomes a free agent, you will need to be able to rearrange your roster properly to obtain this player.

Tip #4: Pay attention to the bye weeks.

Bye weeks can become catastrophic for a fantasy general manager if not paid close attention to. Suddenly, after having a full, 140-point-scoring starting roster, your team is reduced to six players forcing you to bring much of your team off the bench. Try to coordinate the players you draft with their bye weeks, attempting to not overlap.



Fantasy football can be an extremely fun hobby if you know how to handle your team properly. Follow these tips and you will have a much greater chance of winning your fantasy league and earning a nice pay day.

The Boys Are Back

By Jordan Nason

It's just about that time of year again, the NFL has returned, baseball is coming to an end, and the NBA is right around the corner. That only leaves out one sport, the return of the NHL. The regular hockey season kicks off October 8th, with four games scheduled for that date. The Boston Bruins will take on their longtime rivals, the Philadelphia Flyers. The Bruins, coming off of a tough loss last season to the Montreal Canadiens in the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs, look to continue their success. The Bruins will take on the Canadiens in their sixth game of the season. The game is scheduled to be in Montreal on October 16th. Hopefully, the B's will be victorious and show the league that Boston is ready to take home the Cup once again.

Team players Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci will be expected to put up high numbers; both led the team in points last season. Krejci, who just recently signed a six-year deal with the team, led the team in points with 69 points. Bergeron was tied for leading the team in goals with 30 goals. Tied with Bergeron was ex-Bruins player Jarome Iginla who now plays for the Colorado Avalanche. Head Coach, Claude Julien, says the B's will be "a tad more aggressive" this season. Just a tad though so don't get carried away. As of September 29th, the Bruins are 2-2 in their pre-season. The B's will have to make some adjustments without having Iginla on the team anymore, but like always, they will find a way to come out on top and put up a good fight.

NFL In Review

By Ryan Kruschwitz

American football is one of the most popular sports in the United States today. With the National Football League's first week of the season right around the corner, why should America not be happy? Sunday parties, tailgates, and the fantasy football stress all await you.

There were many positive aspects about this preseason that captured a lot of attention. The NFL draft of 2014 recorded 45.7 million viewers, according to Sara Bibel of Tvbythenumbers.com, which broke the 2010 record for 45.4 million viewers. The biggest prospects included WR Sammy Watkins (Bills), QB Johnny Manziel (Browns), LB Khalil Mack (Raiders), DE Jadeveon Clowney (Texans), and OT Jake Matthews (Falcons). That being said, these 45.7 million viewers are just itching to see how this year's draft class does, not only for their favorite team, but for the league in general.

After the four weeks of preseason, it's safe to say that Justin Hunter, wide receiver of the Tennessee Titans, has been turning heads with his 10 receptions for 217 yards along with 2 touchdowns. He has been among the



top wide-receivers of the preseason along with Allen Hurns, Brice Butler, and Robert Woods. Coming into week one of the season, Hunter is projected to have a great season with Jake Locker as the starting quarterback. The player with the most troubling preseason is Johnny Manziel. Without a doubt, he had a poor four weeks of performance with the Browns. He only had 296 yards with a QB rating of 76.7. Despite most of America supporting Manziel, he fails to win the starter job from former Patriot Brian Hoyer, who is coming off a torn ACL from last year.

As always, there is a list of players who have been suspended for whatever reason, such as domestic violence, Performance Enhancing Drugs (PEDs), and substance abuse. Notables (as of October 1st) including RB Ray Rice, LB Robert Mathis, WR Josh Gordon, LB Aldon Smith, and LB Daryl Washington. They all have a big effect on their teams whether it's scoring touchdowns or sacking the QB.

One game you should not miss in the first half of the season is the Saints vs. the Lions. These two teams are so similar because they have a stunning offense and a below-average defense. The Lions updated their offense with the addition of Golden Tate from the Seahawks, complimenting their superstar receiver, Calvin Johnson. The Saints managed to upgrade their receiving core as well with the addition of Brandon Cooks, rookie from Oregon State. The game should come down to the defense as the offense is expected to put up 30+ points when they play each other. I predict the Lions will win 40-33 because the Saints are not as good as they are when they play away games the past few years. These two face off on October 19th at 1:00 PM.

Expect of a lot of excitement this year in the NFL.



Colleges in New England for Popular Majors

By Evan Lanctot

Every year, high school students approach the problem of not knowing what to do, or where to go with their future. Students spend countless hours scanning the internet for majors they like, or colleges that interest them, but many really having no idea what to truly look for. Below is a list of colleges in New England that specialize in popular majors to get you started if you need help. To get these schools I went onto collegeboard.org and found the schools that offered a lot of majors in the field below, and had a good reputation for the programs.



For more information on these colleges or majors, you can visit these websites:

www.collegeboard.org

www.naviance.com

www.colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges

Medical:

MA. Northeastern University (Boston, MA)
 RI. Salve Regina University (Newport, RI)
 VT. Lyndon State College (Lyndonville, VT)
 CT. Sacred Heart University (Fairfield, CT)
 ME. University of New England (Biddeford, ME)
 NH. Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)

Education:

MA. Lesley University (Cambridge, MA)
 RI. University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI)
 VT. Castleton State College (Castleton, VT)
 CT. Quinnipiac University (Hamden, CT)
 ME. University of Maine (Orono, ME)
 NH. University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)

Engineering:

MA. Tufts University (Medford, MA)
 RI. Brown University (Providence, RI)
 VT. University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)
 CT. University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)
 ME. University of Maine (Orono, ME)
 NH. University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)

Business:

MA. Elms College (Chicopee, MA)
 RI. Roger Williams University (Bristol, RI)
 VT. Champlain College (Burlington, VT)
 CT. Mitchell College (New London, CT)
 ME. Husson University (Bangor, ME)
 NH. Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)

Hopefully, this list will help you in researching a new college that you might like, or maybe gets you interested in a certain major. These fields of majors are some of the most popular fields right now in America, so a lot of colleges are starting to offer more majors in these fields. There are hundreds of options around the country; maybe this list will help you find another college that you like better. Whatever you do, make sure it's something you want to do and at a place where you want to go.

How to Write a College Essay

By Alex Bevilacqua and Kiara Shaeffer

Many people try to compose a well-written college essay and we have the way. Writing a college essay is an important factor for getting into a college. Officers of every college sit down and read every college application that they receive. While writing a college essay it gives you the opportunity to express unique qualities about yourself. Let them know who you are, and why you stand out. You should be creative while writing, answer the question, the college wants you to answer, and be honest. In your writing, if you're describing something, make it visual so the people reading it can be put in the situation.

Don't make your essay longer than it needs to be because they won't read it all. Typically, essays are between 250-650 words which are about one page, double spaced. Don't write about what they want to hear, like how you will go to bed early and that you will study. That's not what they want to hear while reading your paper; they want to learn about you. Don't use 100 words when you could use 10. Brainstorming will help you keep all your ideas together that you would like to write about in your paper. Before sending your essay in, make sure you proofread it; it's very important.

All of these tips will help you make a perfect college essay. Also having someone else read your essay before sending it to the college is recommended. You may have a friend read it, Mr. Roccapriore, parents, or even a teacher. Having another person read it will help give you ideas on what to add or take out. Don't make changes that will sound like someone else; at the end of your essay it should always sound like you.

Testing, Testing, 123

By Owen Sweet

Attention all seniors! Senior year is underway and now there comes a time in which many of us need to get ready for college. SATs and ACTs have become a major part of the college application process. All four year colleges require either SATs or ACTs in order to be accepted. For all of the seniors who have already taken these long and mentally exhausting standardized tests, the fall test dates would be a great time to try and bump up your scores before the final college applications are submitted. Since the SATs always keep your highest score in each section when you've taken the test before, now is a time to focus on the section you scored lowest on and bump your score up anywhere from fifty to one hundred points.

Be sure to sign up for SATs that will take place on October 11th, November 8th, and December 6th. Sign ups with test details and locations can be found at www.CollegeBoard.org. The next ACT date will be October 25th and you can sign up at www.ActStudent.org. Once again, any student planning on attending college should make sure to at least take one of these standardized tests.

The Senior Corner

Yearbook Deadlines

Submissions due by

October 31st:

***Senior Pictures**

***Senior Bios**

***Superlatives**

Early Bird Pricing for

Yearbooks ends

October 31st!

Early Bird Pricing for

Senior Dues ends

mid-January

All Dues by Early May

Common App Help Sessions will continue throughout October and November, check in the Guidance Office for postings

Big Turtles Go Big Screen

By Colby Dudal

For many years the huge franchise Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles has been a favorite for many of all ages. This movie was highly anticipated as the television show and long running comic books have been popular for several years. This movie is about a young news reporter named April O'Neil, played by Megan Fox, trying to receive more information about a group of seemingly human-like turtles after she makes a sighting of them late at night on the street. Many of the people she works with do not believe that she made this sighting and fail to listen to what she has to say.

This movie reaches its high point when a major secret about the main character is revealed. Four turtles are all well-developed characters with a lot of complexity. The actors that play four turtles are Alan Ritchson (Raphael), Noel Fisher (Michelangelo), Jeremy Howard (Donatello), Pete Ploszek (Leonardo). The actors were all a perfect fit for the role that he was playing. The actors stayed true to the turtle's persona from the comic and television show.

This movie has some intense action packed moments and a great story. This movie is recommended for anyone that likes action movies, and especially for those that like the Ninja Turtles franchise. I think that the plot of this is very well done as the story flows nicely. I would rate this movie ½ stars!



Wats-on Your Reading List

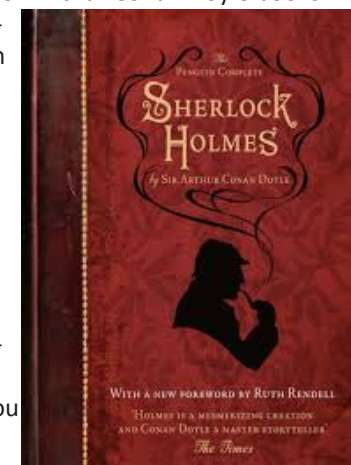
By Zach Amico

There has been a lot of noise about the show Sherlock lately, the new and hip show giving audiences what they want. The show, which puts the Sir Arthur Conan Doyle books into a modern setting, transformed Benedict Cumberbatch from an actor on the up and up to a phenomenon. Hang on though; the show wasn't created so recently. The series is based off of books. The first story was published in the newspaper in 1887 and by 1891, Doyle was making enough to stop his medical practice to become an author full time. These books are having a large impact over 130 years after the original publication, and deserve a mention. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, the first book published, seems like a good book to take another look at.

This book is a compilation of short stories published individually by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. It is a narrative from the viewpoint of Dr. Watson, Holmes' assistant on cases and his only real friend. Watson is constantly taken aback because of the extreme intelligence displayed by Sherlock Holmes. As Watson narrates the story, you can really see the story unfold in front of you. The basis of the stories is that Sherlock solves crimes, but not ordinary ones. He only solves the unusual crimes that have no apparent answer.

The detail that Doyle puts into each of the stories is incredible and really is what people love about the series. It is also easy to read. The characters have continuity from one story to the next; the mysteries are not predictable in the least.

Overall I would say that this book is a very good one. This is because of the amazing storylines and the great detail in the stories. So next time you see the movies or the show, just think about where it all came from.



LL Cool Review: A Larry and Lony Album Review

By Chris Leondires and Brian Lonergan

If you're looking for some new music that will broaden your musical horizon, this article will provide just the songs you're looking for. Every month, we will be choosing up to three albums to listen to and review. The albums will vary in genres and release date. We will attempt to appeal to the variety of music tastes that are found throughout the hallways of Timberlane. Our rating system is based on our overall enjoyment of the album, while also taking into consideration the structure of the lyrics and beats/instruments.

Fast Times at Ridgemont Fly by Curren\$y (Hip-Hop/Rap)

Fast times at Ridgemont Fly is a mixtape by Curren\$y, which was released in 2008, before he was signed to a record label. Shante Scott Franklin, also known as Curren\$y and Spitta, narrates over a mellow instrumental in the first track, where he expresses that the quality of the mixtape the listeners will soon indulge in will be exceptional. He kicks off his first mixtape with the song "Modern Day Hippie," which samples Wiz Khalifa's "Say Yeah." This song and "Truthfully Speaking," are two of the more intricate tracks he spits. Using a variety of his own beats and also using some from classic hip-hop songs, Spitta's new-school, southern flow matches the upbeat tempo of the beats. Curren\$y caps his album off with "Soundtrack to Success" which features Trademark da Skydiver for the second time and together they express their skills in the studio and talk about their luxurious lives as knock-out rappers. This mixtape certainly has its ups and downs with a positive being its continuous references to pop culture. Some songs lack lyrical structure and overall, the mixtape is nothing that a rap fan would have to stress about not owning. 3 out of 5 stars

Love Charlie by Charlie Wilson (R&B/Soul)

Love Charlie is the album you want to listen to late at night with that special someone after watching your favorite show on Netflix together. Charlie Wilson released this solo album in 2013 that consists of 11 songs revolving around love and significant others. Uncle Charlie's unique voice is electric as the instrumentals primarily start with soft downbeats and progressively the tempo increases and the chorus follows suit. The talented R&B singer uses a mix of soft, subtle beats combined with but not limited to horns, the piano and electric keyboard, and a complimentary but not overwhelming acoustic guitar. Background vocals are prevalent in multiple songs including "I Think I'm In Love" and "Oooh Wee" which work well with the upbeat rhythm of their respective chorus.

"Show You" is easily the most stereotypical seductive R&B song and you should play it when the fireplace is as hot as the atmosphere in the room. There was not one song on this album I did not enjoy, whether it was a slow, jazz-reminiscent instrumental with Uncle Charlie's soft voice over it or a fast, pop-sounding song; they were all jams. I recommend this album to any R&B fan or even anyone looking to find something new to play as they are falling asleep. If you're a soulful kind of person, this album is a must. 4 out of 5 stars

Once More 'Round the Sun by Mastodon (Progressive Metal)

In April 2014, American Progressive Metal band Mastodon came out with their 6th studio album, **Once More 'Round the Sun**. As a journalism student and avid Mastodon fan, I could not help but create an honest and detailed review about this masterpiece.

As a fan, the first thing I noticed was the incredibly intricate artwork with a heavy psychedelic influence which foreshadows the psychedelic/70s hard rock influence on this record. As I delved further into the album, I could not help but become entranced by the heavy riffs and extremely complex/groovy arrangements, which mix the blues metal approach of Black Sabbath or Pantera with odd noises and complex time signatures similar to Rush, topped off with a heavy 70s hard rock/psychedelic feel. Although this album is quite heavy, it's easy to see the band going in more of a hard rock direction with the band putting out increasingly radio-friendly tracks. Also, while on a lot of their records the entire band sings separately, most of the singing responsibility on this record was transferred to bassist Troy Sanders who delivers a deep southern-influenced vocal style and they have subtracted the guttural growls of Guitarist Brent Hinds. This album takes on a different lyrical style than previous Mastodon pieces. Although the songs on this album have stories behind their lyrics, the Atlanta band is attempting to stray away from concept albums like Leviathan, Crack the Skye and Blood Mountain. If you are looking for an unorthodox delivery of heavy metal, I'd suggest purchasing this record. Some of my favorite tracks include single "High Road," "Chimes at Midnight," "The Motherload" and album opener, "Tread Lightly." 4 out of 5 Stars

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