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Members of the Norwalk Cougars U-11 girls soccer team celebrate their win in the Wilton Nutmeg Tournament. Front row, left to right: Allison Mason, Ericka Randazzo, Ali Carvalho, Julianne Arcamone, Claire Collins, Nicole Dunsmore, Juliana Serrano, Charlotte Frank. Back row: Rebeka Rosales, Myelle Lansat, Skylar Buswell, Aly Furguele, Gianna Bazzano, Emma Turchick, Lila Sferlazza, Alyssa Gonzales, Colleen O'Neill.

Cougars win Nutmeg title

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The Norwalk Cougars U-11 girls NJSA travel soccer team ended their season on a high note by winning the Wilton Nutmeg Tournament this past weekend, posting four consecutive shutout victories.

On Saturday, Norwalk defeated Greenwich, 3-0, and Wilton, 1-0. Julianne Arcamone scored twice while Gianna Bazzano and Colleen O'Neill added one goal each. Rebeka Rosales had two assists while Nicole Dunsmore and O'Neill added one each.

On Sunday, the Cougars beat Weston, 2-0, and Ridgefield, 1-0. Rosales scored both goals in the first game and Allison Mason added the winner in the second game. Assists went to Juliana Serrano, Dunsmore and O'Neill.

Rosales and Emma Turchick, each played outstanding in goal and received excellent support from teammates Ali Carvalho, Aly Furguele, Ericka Randazzo, Alyssa Gonzales, Skylar Buswell, Charlotte Frank and Lila Sferlazza.

Injured Cougars, Claire Collins and Myelle Lansat provided vocal support from the sidelines.

Tides place second

The NJSA U-13 Girls Tides finished as runnerup in the Nutmeg Tournament in Wilton.

The defending champions lost the opening game to Bridgeport 3-2. The Tides defeated Bridgeport 3-0 the week earlier. The Tides won the next three games against New Canaan (1-0), CFC Premier (1-0) and Fairfield (2-1).

Lindsay Macri had three goals, Corey Blattman scored the New Canaan goal. MaryKate Fornshell scored against C.F.C. and Lorena Sferlazza scored against Bridgeport.

MaryKate Vicenzi, Emma Stein and Mirofora Kalogeridis all had assists. Jocelyn Bruno, Christina Randall, Kate Bullesbach, and Maya Carter played well defensively.

Stephanie Gonzalez and Macri split goaltending duties. The Tides (12-4-1) finish in second place in A-league play.

Nitros drop a pair

The NJSA Norwalk Nitros U-11 travel soccer team lost to

Monroe 5-4 in a see-saw battle. Michal Nowicki set up Jonathan Ceja for the Nitros first two goals while Jonah Singer and Robert Gryglewski scored once each. Kamil Boguski assisted on the fourth goal. Singer and Alex Scallion shared the goalkeeping responsibilities.

On Sunday, the Nitros lost to Bridgeport, 5-2. Nowicki converted a penalty kick for the first goal. Boguski made a strong run up the field and passed the ball to Ceja, who scored the other Nitros goal. Boguski and Chris Randazzo shared the goalkeeping responsibilities.

Norwalk United wraps up season

Norwalk United boys U-13 travel soccer team ended their season with a final record of 4-2-1 after three games this weekend.

On Saturday, Norwalk United tied Westport 3-3. The first goal from Norwalk came from Braulio Vargas assisted by Will Connors and Felipe Cabrera. The second half began with a power shot from midfielder Nico Cenatiempo. The last goal, which tied the game, came from Vargas assisted by Danny Eyzaguirre.

Goalie Peter Morrison made 12 saves for Norwalk assisted by strong and consistent defense by Julien Monick, Zack Rizzo and Stefano DiFederico.

Norwalk United defeated Ridgefield 5-0 on Sunday. Braulio Vargas scored a hat trick, one of which was assisted by Felipe Cabrera.

Strong midfield play was demonstrated by Matthew King, John Christopher, Graham Jackson and Will Connors, allowing Spencer Tomlinson and Danny Eyzaguirre to score a goal each.

Trevor Tomlinson, Julien Monick and Zack Rizzo shut down the Ridgefield attack allowing only six shots on goal. Goalie Peter Morrison stopped all of them.

On Monday, Norwalk came back from a 3-0 halftime deficit to post a 4-3 victory against Greenwich United Gunners with strong midfield play from Michael Broncati, John Christopher, Nico Cenatiempo and Matthew King.

Spencer Tomlinson scored the first goal and Braulio Vargas scored the next two. Tomlinson broke the tie with a header goal off a cross from Vargas. Peter Morrison was exceptional in goal with 13 saves for Norwalk.

Jaycees, VFW clinch regular season division titles

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The Jaycees finished as champions of the Spinola Division while VFW took home the Ben Whone Division title at the end of regular season play in the Norwalk Little League.

In AAA East C&C Landscaping took the crown and in AAA West it went to Heritage Carpentry. Playoffs will start this week.

VFW clinched the division title with a 13-2 win over Fuel while Jaycees clinch first place by beating International Lions 13-1.

Leading VFW were Trevor Tomlinson with two doubles, Dallas Blue, Kevin Cronin and Derick Edwards with a single and a double each, Keegan Roberts with two singles, Kyle Buswell with a triple and a single, Mike Sornatale with a single, Pete Romsky with two singles, Ethan Rappaport with a single and James Korin a double. Trevor Tomlinson got the win.

Monker Grotto 19, Kiwanis 15

For Kiwanis, Miles Turner had three hits, including two triples and five RBIs. Chris Winthrop had three hits, three RBIs and three runs and Dennis Warfield had four hits, including two doubles and a triple, while scoring three runs and driving in two.

Bakery 12, Laurels 5

Hunter Sharkey, Keven Partida (eight strikeouts) and Ryan Halloran combined on the win on the mound. Halloran was also 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBIs.

Partida was also 2-for-3 with three runs scored. Andrew Bilardo went 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs.

For Laurel AC, Ricky Mydland and Peter Ostasiewicz pitched two shutout innings of relief and reached base a combined seven times.

Hardware 5, VFW 1

Getting hits for VFW were

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Trevor Tomlinson, Kevin Cronin and Keegan Roberts. Keegan Roberts pitched for VFW and struck out five, walked none and gave up two hits.

Lions 13, Kiwanis 2

Aaron Coreau pitched a complete game for the Lions, giving up two runs. For Kiwanis, Chris Winthrop has three hits, Blake Stroman had two, Dennis Warfield had one and Johnny Anzalone and Zack LaRusso had doubles. Ricky Murphy went 3-for-4 and Teddy Faroni and Latrell Johnson added two hits apiece for Lions.

VFW 6, Monker 5

VFW received a home run by Pete Romsky, a triple by Dallas Blue, a double by Trevor Tomlinson and a single by Keegan Roberts to back up pitching by Derick Edwards, who allowed no hits and struck out nine.

Hardware 18, International Lions 7

Hardware used a seven-run fifth to come back from an eight-run deficit. Tommy Boguski hit a solo home run to dead center and also added a single. Teddy Faroni, Benny Whitmore and Danny Molina each went 2-for-3 for the Lions.

Kiwanis 11, Laurels 10

Blake Stroman hit two monster home runs, including a go-ahead grand slam in the fifth to lead Kiwanis. Robert Ranieri picked up the win in relief and Johnny Anzalone picked up his second save of the year. For Laurel AC, William Clyne hit a home run, doubled and singled, driving in four. Thomas Clyne also collected three hits. Patrick King singled and doubled with three RBIs.

Eagles 12, New York Bakery 3

Jordan Bellairs struck out eight in five innings for the Eagles and also had two hits and one RBI. RJ Serrano had three hits and three RBIs.

Francisco Torrealba added three hits, three RBIs and three runs. Joe Cox added two hits and three RBIs. For Bakery, Ryan Halloran was 1-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored. Perry Hoye had a hit and an RBI. Keven Partida had a double, RBI and one run scored.

Triple AAA Snellman 15, Rowayton Pizza 0

Evan Uva had three RBIs for Snellman's while Jack Stafford, BJ Buckle and Ryan Restivo drove in two runs each. Cody Mastropietro had two hits and three runs while Harrison Hefferan and Connor Madden scored two runs each.

Matarese 16, Pizza and Pasta 11

For Norwalk Pizza and Pasta, Joey Benincaso had three singles, three RBIs and one run. Brendan Hanzlik tripled, singled, had two RBIs and scored three times. Johnny Swick singled, doubled, had an RBI and scored. Tommy Benincaso singled, drove in two and scored. Logan Sweeney singled and scored. Justin Jimenez singled and scored twice.

Diamond Deli 5, C&C Landscaping 11

Max Lawrence's bases-loaded triple gave Diamond Deli the go-ahead runs in an eight-run rally. Dylan Tyrrell came in for the save, helped by Matt Arduino's diving catch at third. For C&C Landscaping, Greg Goldstein, Michael Stein and Evan Viscardi had hits.

Matarese Service 12, Stew's 5

Chris Lato had four hits, including two triples, to lead Matarese. Bryant Bracey, Parris Fortt and Joseph Bartlett had two hits each. Mike Boguski, Andrew Starr and Fanny

Fortt also picked up hits. For Stew Leonard's Bobby Butler singled twice. Billy Passero singled twice and drove in two runs. Eddie Marcarelli singled home a run and Magnus Hermans and Max Helfand picked up singles.

Snellman 15, Norwalk Pizza Pasta 2

Snellman's offense was powered by timely hits by BJ Buckle, James Campbell, Brian Beaumonte, Matt Crowley, Harrison Hefferan and Alex Barone. James Campbell started and threw three shutout innings while Matt Crowley finished the game with two shutout innings.

For Norwalk Pizza and Pasta, Brendan Hanzlik doubled, scored and drove in one. Justin Jimenez singled and scored. Joey Benincaso singled and Tommy Benincaso had an RBI.

Heritage 5, Matarese 2

Behind solid pitching from Brendan Mills and Ben Kubie, Heritage recorded its 16th win of the season. Paul Salata had a two-run double, highlighting a five-run first inning outburst. Corey Hayes, Allison Pitasi, Brent Bestercey and Mills also had hits for Heritage.

Diamond Deli 5, John Glover 3

Diamond Deli scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to clip John Glover. Max Lawrence singled in the winning run.

C&C Landscaping 17, Lajoie's 6

Greg Goldstein had three hits two singles and a double for C&C, Devin Monroe doubled to start the game. Dan Romanello, Sam Evans and Dylan Viscardi each picked up two hits. Michael Stein and Scott Brandfellner each had a single and double.

John Luke Kanzler, Ricky Mejia and Evan Viscardi each had a hit.

The Story Stone

Long ago, there were no stories in the world. Life was not easy for the people, especially during the long winters when the wind blew hard and the snow piled high about the longhouse.

One winter day a boy went hunting. He was a good hunter and managed to shoot several partridge. As he made his way back home through the snow, he grew tired and rested near a great rock which was shaped almost like the head of a person. No sooner had he sat down than he heard a deep voice speak.

"I shall now tell a story," said the voice.

The boy jumped up and looked around. No one was to be seen.

"Who are you?" said the boy.

"I am Great Stone," said the rumbling voice which seemed to come from within the Earth.

Then the boy realized it was the big standing rock which spoke. "I shall now tell a story."

"Then tell it," said the boy.

"First you must give me something," said the stone. So the boy took one of the partridge and placed it on the rock.

"Now tell your story, Grandfather," said the boy.

Then the great stone began to speak. It told a wonderful story of how the Earth was created. As the boy listened he did not feel the cold wind and the snow seemed to go away. When the stone had finished the boy stood up.

"Thank you, Grandfather," said the boy. "I shall go now and share this story with my family. I will come back tomorrow."

The boy hurried home to the longhouse. When he got there he told everyone something wonderful had happened. Everyone gathered around the fire and he told them the story he heard from the great stone. The story seemed to drive away the cold and the people were happy as they listened and they slept peacefully that night, dreaming good dreams. The next day, the boy went back again to the stone and gave it another bird which he had shot.

"I shall now tell a story," said the big stone and the boy listened.

It went on this way for a long time. Throughout the winter the boy came each day with a present of game. Then Great Stone told him a story of the old times. The boy heard the stories of talking animals and monsters, tales of what things were like when the Earth was new. They were good stories and they taught important lessons.

The boy remembered each tale and retold it to the people who gathered at night around the fire to listen. One day, though, when the winter was ending and the spring about to come, the great stone did not speak when the boy placed his gift of wild game.

"Grandfather," said the boy, "Tell me a story."

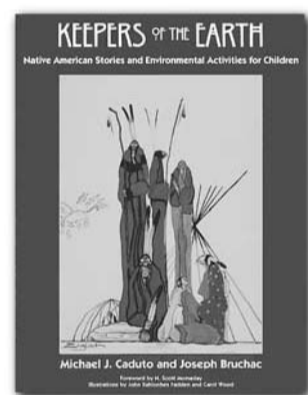
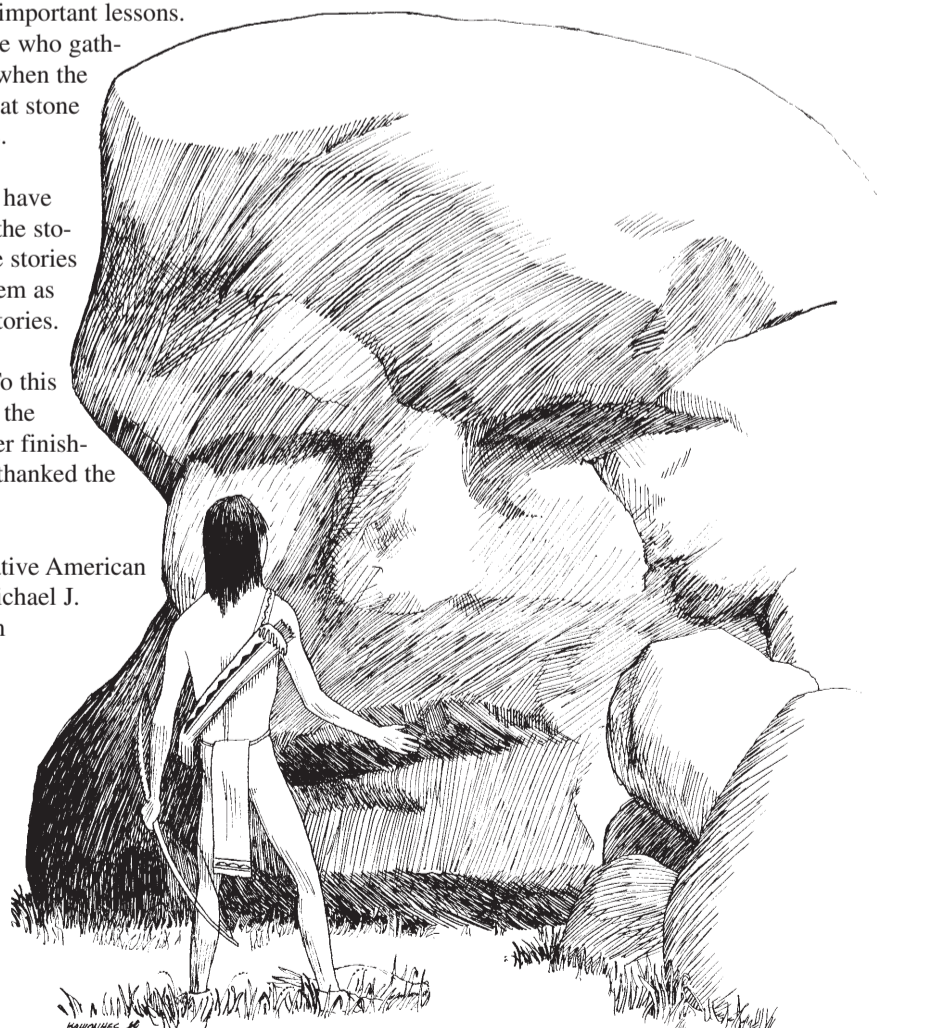
Then the great stone spoke for the last time. "I have told you all of my stories," said the Great Stone. "Now the stories are yours to keep for the people. You will pass these stories on to your children and other stories will be added to them as years pass. Where there are stories, there will be more stories. I have spoken. Naho."

Thus it was that stories came into this world. To this day, they are told by the people of the longhouse during the winter season to warm the people. Whenever a storyteller finishes a tale, the people always give thanks, just as the boy thanked the storytelling stone long ago.

Told by Joseph Bruchac. From Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac. Golden, Colorado: Fulcrum Publishing, 1988, 1989.

Check Out The Newspaper

- 1) Good stories have interesting characters, a good plot and vivid descriptions of the setting. Choose a photo from today's newspaper that would make a good setting for a story. Write a very clear and vivid description of your photo.
- 2) Which of the news stories in today's paper has the elements of a good story? Which has the most interesting characters and plot and setting?



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