

# island sports



ROB BENCHLEY/The Independent

Corey Woolfolk (left) drives past a Mattacheese defender.

## CPS girls win at home

Jessica Halford scored 16 first half points, and 22 points overall, to lead the Cyrus Peirce girls past visiting Mattacheese last Thursday afternoon, 33-19.

Playing to a sizeable crowd in the farewell athletic contest of 2007 at the John J. O'Neill gymnasium, Nantucket soared to a 22-7 halftime lead, leaving no doubt about the outcome as the young Whalers outscored the visitors in every quarter but the fourth, when they were outscored by a 6-4 margin.

No matter, first year coach Hoby McNerney was able to clear his ample bench and spread playing time around.

"I'm really excited," he said afterwards. "It was nice to get the first one in. We're ready for the season."

McNerney moved to Nantucket at the end of September to teach physical education at the high school.

He previously worked as a coach at the Boys and Girls Club in Plymouth and said he was glad to have the opportunity to coach on Nantucket.

Alicia Paterson had four first-half points, and five points overall, while Alexis Clinger rounded out first-half scoring with two points.

Kaitlyn Clinger had four second-half points. ■

— Steve Sheppard



ROB BENCHLEY/The Independent

Jess Halford took it to the hoop against Mattacheese for a game high 22 points.

## Whalers host Mattacheese

The young Whalers of Cyrus Peirce came out firing against Mattacheese last Thursday afternoon, with the first Nantucket points of the day coming on an Andrew Benson 3-pointer, but the more experienced visitors rode a steady effort and swarming defense to a 45-16 victory.

Although Nantucket led by a point after Benson's early score, Mattacheese patiently attacked the basket. The home team held on through three periods, but Mattacheese ran away with it in the

fourth quarter.

Coach Jeremiah Splaine said the first game of the season will serve as a teaching tool for his young squad. "It was a learning experience," he noted.

Benson led Nantucket with 11 points, followed by Corey Woolfolk with 2 points, Zach Moran with 2 points and Murphy Crowell with 1 point.

The boys look forward to their next contest Friday afternoon at Harwich. ■

— Steve Sheppard

### CPS BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

|         |      |                          |           |
|---------|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Jan. 4  | Away | Harwich Middle School    | 3:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | Away | Wixon Middle School      | 3:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 24 | Away | Nauset Middle School     | 3:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 29 | Home | Wixon Middle School      | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 1  | Home | Barnstable Middle School | 4:45 p.m. |
| Feb. 5  | Away | Barnstable Middle School | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 8  | Home | Nauset Middle School     | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | Away | Mattacheese              | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | Home | Lighthouse Charter       | 3 p.m.    |

### CPS GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

|         |      |                          |           |
|---------|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Jan. 4  | Away | Harwich Middle School    | 5 p.m.    |
| Jan. 14 | Away | Wixon Middle School      | 5 p.m.    |
| Jan. 24 | Away | Nauset Middle School     | 5 p.m.    |
| Jan. 29 | Home | Wixon Middle School      | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 1  | Home | Barnstable Middle School | 6 p.m.    |
| Feb. 5  | Away | Barnstable Middle School | 5 p.m.    |
| Feb. 8  | Home | Nauset Middle School     | 5 p.m.    |
| Feb. 11 | Away | Mattacheese              | 5 p.m.    |
| Feb. 15 | Home | Lighthouse Charter       | 3 p.m.    |

**TIME OUT**

**MAXINE DANIELS**

Senior Gymnastics Captain

BY SAM TOOLE



After a decent season in 2007 the Nantucket High School gymnastics team is looking to improve this year. Captain Maxine Daniels is an all-around gymnast who has competed since the age of six. *The Nantucket Independent* caught up with Maxine before practice in this week's Time Out:

**On Gymnastics**

**Sam:** How do you think your season is going to go?

**Maxine:** I think we're going to have a strong season this year because we have a lot of returning gymnasts and some freshmen. We only have five meets scheduled this year, but that's normal because each meet is against more than one team.

**S:** What is your part on the team?

**M:** I'm an all-around gymnast, which means I compete in all four events: Vault, Bar, Beam and Floor.

On each team only two gymnasts are allowed to compete in all events. I was an all-around gymnast last year also.

**S:** What's been the highlight of your career to date?

**M:** Last year at championships I competed really well and that was nice.

**On School**

**S:** What has been your favorite class this year?

**M:** Photo with Ms. Morris because I like taking pictures and expressing myself through photography.

**S:** Who has been your favorite teacher during your high school career?

**M:** Probably Mr. Bennett because he's never in a bad mood and he isn't afraid to crack some jokes.

**S:** What schools are on your college list?

**M:** All the schools I've applied to

are in New England. I recently got accepted to Assumption College in Worcester, which is one of my top choices.

**S:** What event are you most looking forward to during your senior year?

**M:** Graduation because I think everyone is ready to start their lives past high school, but it's still going to be a really sad day.

**On Maxine**

**S:** What's on your playlist right now?

**M:** A little bit of everything.

**S:** What was the last good movie you saw?

**M:** "A Good Year" because I found it interesting, and I'm really excited to see the new "Bring it On" movie.

**S:** What are your other interests?

**M:** Photography, soccer, and hanging out with my friends.