Lumberjacks Bow Out In Bid For National Crown



TOM RICHARDSON

Richardson Named To All-Star Team

Community College's 6 - 7 center Tom Richardson was named Saturday night to the all-tournament team at the National Junior College tournament at Hutchinson, Kan.

Although Alpena was eliminated in its first two games, Richard son poured in 44 points to lead all ACC scorers. Richardson also owns the single season scoring record for Community College with 517 points.

Moverly, Mo., won the JC championship by defeating Cameron, Okla., 90 - 65, in the title game. Moberly had beaten Alpena in the opening round.

Green Berets Are Serving Far Lands

The Army most talked about, mysterious Special Forces, the men in the green berets, are operating on at least three continents, plus the island of Okinawa.

The exploits of the green berets in Vietnam have been celebrated in news stories, a book, and a popular song.

The green berest was set up by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, by sending the first handful to shore up the morals of the South Vietnamese. There were only 1,800 green berets in the entire army, now there are 10,000 of them serving the Armed Forces of the United States. In Vietnam alone there are about 1,500 and out of these 71 have been killed since the beginning of 1966.

The original function of the Special Forces was to operate behind the enemy's lines to stop communications and supply parts, but the green berets have ended up carrying on many tasks and dangerous assignments.

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Alpena Beaten By Moberly, Mo. 78-69 And Then Again By Casper, Wy. 78-72

The Alpena Community College Lumberjacks were dropped from the National Junior College basketball tournament on a heart-breaking 78-72 defeat to Casper, Wyoming, last March 17.

In that final game of the season, the favored Thunderbirds came out onto the floor red-hot while the Lumberjacks were ice-cold. By the 11:58 mark, the Thunderbirds were ahead 23-11.

Throughout most of the second half, the Jacks were on the comeback trail and many fans here thought it was only a matter of time before Casper would lose heart and fold up.

Sparking the Alpena drive was their brilliant defensive guard Mike DeWyre, who was knocked into the stands twice and once into the backboard support. All three times it looked as if he would have to leave the game but DeWyre refused and stayed to complete what was probably his best game of the

Alpena outplayed the Thunderbirds in the second half, outscoring them 40-35. But in the end it was the veteran Casper contingent tournament poise that gave them the win.

The Jacks played their hearts out after the 43-32 first half deficit and came back to take the lead for the only time in the game with 4:45 remaining on a field goal by Gary Smith. Then, shortly after, DeWyre stole a

Casper pass and went in for what looked like a sure layup. But the shot was blocked from behind on a questionable play as Casper got the ball back again. The Thunderbirds went down to score at the 4 minute mark to take the lead for good.

"This was the turning point of the game," Alpena's Coach Jim Dutcher reported. "If DeWyre would have made the layup, we would have gone ahead by three points and could really have put the pressure on Casper."

After taking the lead away from Alpena, Casper went into a stalling offense forcing the Jacks to foul. Converting free throws in those final minutes of play, the stubborn Wyoming quintet kept the game out of

reach for Alpena.

Gary Smith had hit on three

consecutive 20 footers in the late drive while Roy McNeely and Tom Richardson played tough offense under the boards.

Six sophomores were on the floor for the final time in an Alpena uniform. They were Tim Doughty, Roy McNeely, Tom Richardson, Mike DeWyre, Gary Smith, and Jim McCormack.

MOBERLY, MO.

All chances for ACC to display a national junior college championship trophy went out the window with the 78 - 69 loss to Moberly, Mo. (the eventual winner)

Coach Dutcher blamed Alpe-

na's opening loss on tournament jitters. "As bad as we played we only lost by nine points," Dutcher said after the game. "If we would have played anywhere near our normal game, we problable would still be seeking the national title."

Dutcher said "our front court personnel (Roy McNeely, Tom Richardson and Jim McCormack did a commendable job but our guards were unable to hit. So in turn they started forcing their shots and we got into trouble."

The Greyhounds were able to play control ball, stalling out the remaining minutes.

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