

Sports Briefs

Cross Country

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On November 6, the cross country 'Jacks slushed through the snow to compete in the Regional Tournament in Dowagiac.

The competition was tough for the 'Jacks as three teams: Lansing Community College, Macomb Community College, and Oakland Community College, were ranked first, second, and fifth nationally. Against the strong competition, Mark Samp placed twenty-third in a time of 27:25. He was followed by teammates Bill Garant, fifty-second place in 29:20; Tom Cieciora, fifty-fifth place in 29:40; "Mono" McDonald, sixty-fourth place in 37:29.

The cross country season usually ends with Regionals, but this year it had a new ending. Head Cross Country Coach Rob Roose felt that Mark Samp's time could be competitive on the national level. On November 13, Coach Roose set out for Canadaigua, New York, with Samp and Mark's parents. The race began at 11 a.m. and finished at noon. Mark placed eighteenth, only one minute behind the winner in a time of 28:56. The course was covered in three inches of snow.

For Mark, that was not the only race of the day. He and his entourage immediately jumped into their vehicle to get back to Alpena in time for the opening of deer season. Fortunately, they made it through the snow, wind and ice, safely back to Alpena and Coach Roose got a four-pointer.

Ski Club

By DENINE KONWINSKI
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After being inactive for several years, ACC's Ski Club is 35 members strong, with membership still open to students, faculty and staff.

Participants are entitled to discount rates and free ski lessons, if needed. Membership is also free.

The group will be off to Sylvan Resort in Gaylord Dec. 17, and hopes to travel to Search Mont in Canada sometime this February.

Anyone interested in joining the Ski Club is encouraged to contact Dick Miles at ext. 248.

Intramural Volleyball

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After many hard fought games and exhausting matches, these final intramural volleyball teams remain at the top of the heap:

4U2NV 8 wins-one loss

In Your Face 8 wins-one loss

Above the Net 7 wins-2 losses

Beaver Skinners 8 wins-3 losses

UTT 4 wins-4 losses

On Dec. 8th at 8 p.m. the playoffs will begin and at 9 p.m. the final two teams will play.

Area junkie gives overview of ACC tourney



Photo by Elaine Kosloski

Lady Lumberjacks score big at the Thunder Bay Classic tournament against Alma and Delta Colleges.

By R.B. PHILLIPS
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The 1992 Holiday Inn-ACC Thunder Bay Classic Tournament is history. Both the men's and women's basketball teams compiled perfect records, but in opposing directions: Lumberjacks 0-2, Lady Lumberjacks 2-0.

As an observer, former coach, player, and all around basketball junkie, I was asked to comment on the tourney. Basketball is a subjective observer's sport, so it wasn't difficult to formulate opinions from the scorer's table, where I sat during the contests.

Both ACC squads have a simple goal this season - to win. The similarities, however, end at this point and the different routes each team is taking becomes apparent. It's easier to win on the court when your battles off the court are resolved.

Six Lumberjack players were suspended for this tournament. In both contests, the men trailed at halftime by two and three points respectively. Flint Jordan dropped ACC 106-86 Friday November 20, and Delta won 84-64 in the consolation game Saturday. Both

games proved too long for the nine players dressed.

Sophomore J.B. Gould's controlled-discipline, work ethic, and positive attitude should serve as a role model for others. Five J.B.'s would equal an ACC Eastern Conference shot, something which isn't out of reach for this team.

Steve Menzel is worth the price of a ticket. This kid can play, and should improve with time. Guard Jeff Hyvarinen does a fine job directing the offense but needs to shoot more.

Gould, who was named to the All Tournament team, scored 26 and 20; Menzel netted 16 and 10 points respectively; and Joe Hiller contributed 16 each night. Hiller can get you back in a game quickly on treys. Keep working, Joe.

The Lady Lumberjacks won the women's division by eliminating Alma JVs 81-55 and Delta 90-77 in the championship game. Sophomore Jenny

Sherman was named MVP on a 25 point performance against Alma—she outscored the Alma team at one time 18-17—then scored 11 first half points against Delta before going out with a sprained ankle.

Denise Williams had 26 points against Delta and was named to the all tournament team with Stephanie Morang, who engineered the offense with discipline. Morang can see the floor as well as any athlete and has the ability to find open people. If any criticism can be noted here, it's the ability of players to catch the ball. Several times in both contests, passes were dropped. Players weren't ready before the ball was there.

The Lady Lumberjacks were fun to watch because they had fun playing. Coach Tammy Biesenthal teaches unselfish play, and it shows. She had an opportunity to test her bunch and it passed. Lisa Budreau and Heidi Haskins—the Alcona Mafia—add depth with Tara Rhodes, Renae Gates, Angie Ducsay and others getting the job done. Rhodes is a starter whose strength is defense.

The greatest error committed during the tournament, however, didn't occur on the court. The oversight by the Tournament Team Selection Committee of ACC's Lisa Wekwert was glaring! Wekwert got her team going against Alma with 16 points, numerous rebounds and blocked shots. She scored 11 against Delta and held the team together when ACC fell from a 21-point lead to just six. She is the most improved player and looks to contribute on offense and defense. Lisa Wekwert did an outstanding job for which many are thankful including this spectator. Thanks, Lisa.

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