

Oost, playin' the field



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Is it necessary to have violence in sports? Of course, it isn't necessary, but rather an influence of sports. It generates from simple "trash-talking" and can be as extreme as the destroying of buildings and cars.

Violence is truly complex in the world of sports. When the Detroit Pistons captured their first NBA championship, the fans showed their appreciation by running through the streets, setting buildings on fire and tipping over cars.

The same things happened in Montreal, Quebec when the NHL franchise, Montreal Canadiens, won the Stanley Cup.

On top of all this craziness that happens outside the stadium, the fans inside the stadium are rowdy. At soccer games in Europe there have been numerous accounts of fans being killed or seriously injured during brawls in the bleachers.

In the days of the old Brooklyn Dodgers-New York Giants baseball rivalry, fans would actually attack the ball players from the opposite team.

Back to modern times, there was the incident last spring when a man jumped from the stands and stabbed young tennis sensation Monica Seles. The fan, a German, was upset because Seles, a Czechoslovakian, defeated Steffi Graf, a fellow German, as

the number one women's player. Just recently, after a Wisconsin-Michigan football game, which Wisconsin won, some seventy-five fans were injured during a post-game celebration.

No matter if it's flag football or professional basketball, intimidation on the field or court is a big part of sports. Basketball players are best known for their "look what I can do" slam dunks, and for all the constant trash-talking during a game. Flag football gets its share of hard knocks, as well. Players get hurt all the time and there is a continuous array of trash-talking.

Baseball games can sometimes turn into the "Royal Rumble," better known as "beanball," with all the bench clearing brawls that go on.

In Hockey there are always fights in games between two or more people, but it happens so regularly, it just seems a natural part of the game.

It is an angry in-your-face type universe we live in, and the sports world has jumped into one of its orbits. Shaking fists seem to have replaced shaking hands, forearm bashes have replaced high fives, and butting heads substitutes for hugs. It's definite that sports are aggressive.

I, for one, am a fan of trash-talking. It is a solid intimidation factor. It's the challenge of psyching out your opponent and, in general, it is part of the game.

So from fans to players, sports involves violence. What should we do? Well, there isn't much we can do. The commissioners for all professional sports leagues can keep handing out fines but if your favorite sports team wins a championship, you'd better stay out of the streets.



Monica Bushey in training for the upcoming Boston Marathon.

Photo by Linda Simpson

ACC staff on the run

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Monica Bushey, ACC's counselor for student support services, and Kathleen McGillis, administrator of health sciences, recently competed in two marathons and both qualified for the Boston Marathon.

Bushey ran her first ever marathon in Detroit Oct. 17. Twenty-five hundred male and female runners competed in the 26.2 mile Detroit Free Press/Mazda Marathon. Bushey finished as the 61st female, with a time of 3:34:28, making her eligible for the Boston Marathon in April.

Bushey has competed before, not in a marathon, but in a triathlon. "Triathlons are easier to handle, since you're using different muscles through biking, swimming and running..." - Monica Bushey

Bushey began running five years ago when she discovered

her cholesterol level was too high. Her doctor told her to begin exercising or take medication. Turning down medication, Bushey chose walking and eventually running.

McGillis also competed in her first marathon run, the Marine Corp Marathon in Washington D.C., Oct. 24. McGillis finished number 902 of the 2,600 females among 12,400 runners.

McGillis began running when her daughter started high school. McGillis competed in the marathon because her two daughters signed her up with them to complete making it a family affair.

Many agree that running is an excellent sport for all ages. McGillis is a young 52, and Bushey, an energetic 43. If you are interested in running for personal benefits or competing on the college cross country team, contact Monica Bushey.

Football: is it violence or good ol' fun?

BY JIM BALLMER
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While digging your sneakers into the hard Alpena topsoil, you crouch into position. You look into the eyes of an opposing defensive lineman and a sinister smirk lights up his face. A single bead of sweat drops off your chin and splashes the soil. The football is hiked.

The moment of truth.

The linesman (who was a first stringer on your high school team) smashes into your chest, uproots your two feet and helps you fall on your back knocking the wind from your lungs. You gasp for air.

After a ten minute break on the sideline, you feel ready for more.

Does this happen at ACC intramural flag football games you ask? Well, this aggressiveness is not as uncommon as you might suspect.

Last year, ACC student Howard Buse suffered a mild concussion and a split open shin as a result of a devastating tackle. This year, Ferdinand Damasco was transported to the hospital for injuries sustained in an especially hostile game.

I talked to Intramural Sports Director Jeff Duncan about the nature of the game and he said, "You put over zealous 19, 20 and 21 year old men on

the field, and it will get rough at times. There are ex-high school football players out there that are used to a full contact game. It's not as violent as other programs that I have played in." Duncan also added, "I've had a few complaints, and I handled them."

Should a line be drawn? Is the rough behavior just part of the game? Is the problem the ex-high school athletes? Is there a problem at all? Duncan says, "I was happy with the low amount of injuries this year."

Next year, check out the games and decide for yourself.

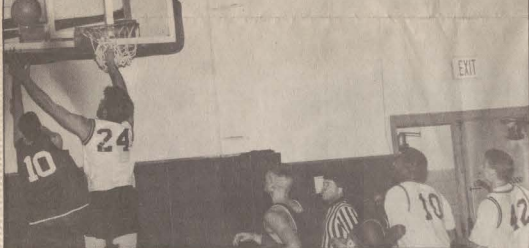


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In the annual alumni game, the men prevailed and the women fell short. Above, current Lumberjack Mono McDonald drives in for a lay-up adding to the winning score 124-106. Below, Lady Jack Lisa Paradise shoots over alumnus Sherry Hyranning.



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Tis the season to shoot deer

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Hello fellow hunters and welcome to "Hunter's Corner" the first and only column in *The Polemic* totally devoted to dedicated sportsmen like you.

In this issue of Hunter's Corner, we talk about Firearm Deer Season '93. This is a time that sportsmen get to show that all their time and effort spent during the summer scouting for signs and practicing with that rifle will pay off. It's a time to show that all the time and

effort yields the reward of a whitetail deer and venison on the table.

The whitetail deer challenges hunter's wits and skills, and in order to outwit one you have to be wise and knowledgeable. You almost have to think like a deer does.

Remember that at this time of the year the whitetail buck is in the rut, which in short means that the buck's sexual peak is at its best which causes his senses to be less acute.

During the rut the whitetail buck is only worried about

two things. These are chasing does and territorial disputes with other bucks invading their territory. Which brings me to my tip for this issue. Since the whitetail buck is in rut, it's a great time to use everything including grunt calls, rattling horns, and scents.

A grunt call combined with rattling horns and a little scent will bring a whitetail buck in range and closer to you.

Have a safe and fun time in the woods, and good luck in pursuing the elusive whitetail buck.

Insane upsets Bluntz for the Super Bowl title

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Insane obtained their revenge and they knocked off heavy favorite Phillies Bluntz for the Intramural football Super Bowl championship.

Both Insane and the Bluntz breezed through the playoffs to meet head to head for the showdown on the worn down muddy field behind ACC's Van Lare Hall.

On a cold, rainy day, the two teams met for the third time. The Bluntz took the first two games and now Insane was looking for their just dessert.

Insane jumped out early when Jeremy "Spick" Winterstein took a kickoff back for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead.

The Bluntz came back quickly to tie the score when Doran Parker caught a touchdown pass. Phillies capitalized on their two-point conversion to

take over the lead at 8-6.

The critical point in the game came after the Bluntz touchdown. Insane's Chris DesChamps and Phillies' Craig "Boogie" Covington started throwing punches. Both men were ejected. The Bluntz were left with just five men as Insane had six to play with.

Insane took advantage of having an extra player and they jumped out to a 20-8 halftime lead.

In the second half the Bluntz kept clawing their way back until they were within four, 26-22.

Insane was winning but Phillies had the ball with a minute left in the game. After throwing three straight incomplete passes, the Bluntz were down to their last gasp.

It was fourth down and there was one last chance but another incomplete pass sealed

their fate.

Insane took over with under a minute left in the game. Gino Marino scored a touchdown to cap off a 32-22 victory.

Insane's Gino Marino, threw two touchdowns and ran one in. Nate Phillips caught a touchdown.

Phillips stated, "We looked forward to playing them again to get our revenge. We came ready to play!"

The Bluntz received touchdowns from Marcus "Smoke" Johnson, Travis "T-Rock" Smith, and Doran "Big Country" Parker.

Parker said following the game, "We didn't come to play like we normally do. We will be back next year to win it all."

The Bluntz finished overall with a 10-2 record and Insane completed the season with a 9-3 mark and a Super Bowl championship.

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