

Lady Jacks to play a pressing game

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It is that time of year again and the Lady Lumberjacks are loaded and ready to go for the 1995-96 season. With Head Coach Mike Kollien and Assistant Head Coach Tracey Gribble running the show, it looks to be a very promising year. The Lady Lumberjacks are coming off a (5-9) conference record, finishing sixth in the conference last year.

Last year's team, with four sophomores and 11 freshmen, was very young. Last year's team was really talented "It took us a while," says Kollien. "We started off good, then hit a dead area in the middle, but finished very strong. We had some talented

players both inside and out. It took us a while to start working together, but once we did we played very well."

The Lady Lumberjacks ended up 8-14 overall, but six of those games down the stretch were decided by four points or less.

This year's team has seven returnees, but lacks height and inside players according to Kollien. They will have to learn to adapt to play a different style of game than they did last year.

"We're gonna run, we're gonna press, we're gonna harass, we're obviously gonna attempt to go out and out work the other team," states Kollien. "I would like to see us win ten games." An obvious goal would make the tournament, says Kollien,

which is every team's goal.

Specific goals for this year, according to Kollien, are to win ten games, work harder than the other team, be competitive in every game, make the tournament, and put on a good show for the crowd.

Ten players is a good number because it will give all the kids the opportunity to play. The coaches are very comfortable with the ten players they have, according to Kollien. They will get to know each other better on the court and be able to work together as a team because they are going to be on the court a lot together.

Last year's Lady Lumberjack team had 15 players. Kollien says he was working people in and out and it was hard to get continuity. Kollien

feels with ten they will have more continuity because they all can play. This will lead to more team balance and more teamwork.

Kollien feels the most important thing for this year's team would be for the seven sophomores coming back this year to stay on track to graduate after two years. "I would like to see them walk across and receive their diplomas, that would be great," Kollien says. From a basketball stand point, Kollien expects the team to work hard, never give up, get the job done, understand their roles, play buzzer to buzzer and see good things happen through hard work and positive attitude.

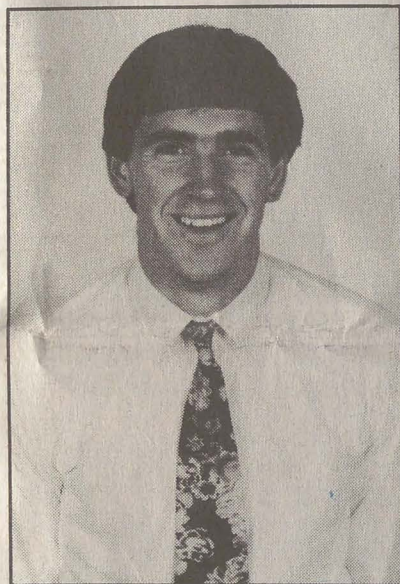
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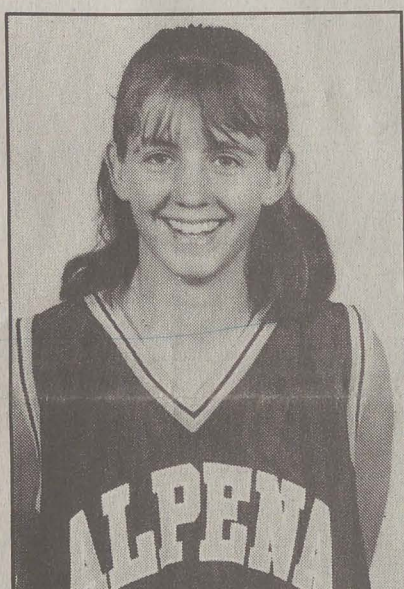
Date	Opponent
Nov. 18	ACC Alumni Game
Dec. 1	at Gogebic Tournament
Dec. 2	at Gogebic Tournament (Consolation) (Championship)
Dec. 8	Kalamazoo Valley v Alpena
Dec. 9	Kalamazoo Valley v Michigan Christian
Dec. 10	Michigan Christian v Alpena
Dec. 21	at Muskegon Tournament
Dec. 22	at Muskegon Tournament
Dec. 27	Muskegon v Lakeland
Dec. 27	ACC v Henry Ford
Dec. 28	Consolation Game
Dec. 28	Championship Game
Jan. 6	Mott (DH)
Jan. 10	at Schoolcraft (DH)
Jan. 13	at St. Clair (DH)
Jan. 17	Oakland (DH)
Jan. 20	at Henry Ford (DH)
Jan. 24	at Delta (DH)
Jan. 27	at Michigan Christian (playing @ Macomb)
Jan. 31	at Mott (DH)
Feb. 3	Schoolcraft (DH)
Feb. 7	St. Clair (DH)
Feb. 10	at Oakland (DH)
Feb. 17	Delta (DH)

Feb. 25-March 2 State Tournament
March 5-9 Region XII Tournament

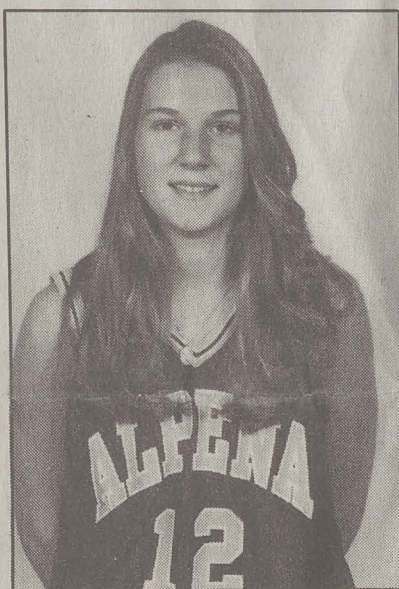
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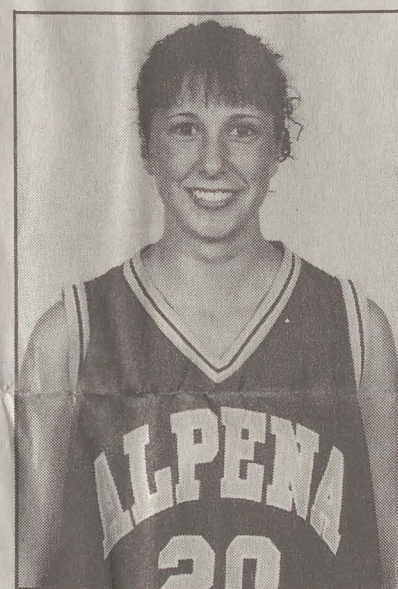
Mike Kollien
Head Coach



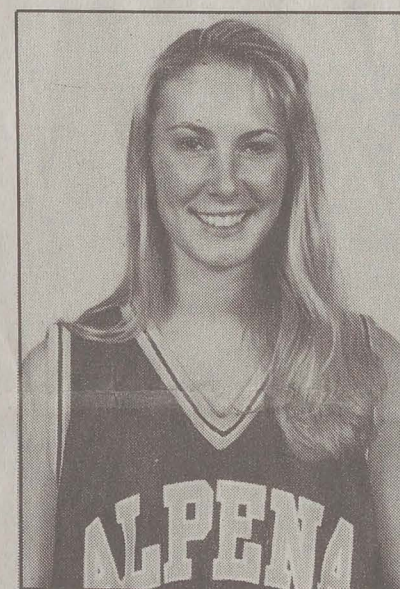
Sara Roach 4
Sophomore
5'5" Guard
Central Lake High School
HS Coach - Dave Carleton
Sara is the quickest player on this year's team. She will be called upon to do some ballhandling and provide some scoring for us this year. She will need to be an aggressive player on defense, and try to create some turnovers. If she does that the team will benefit.



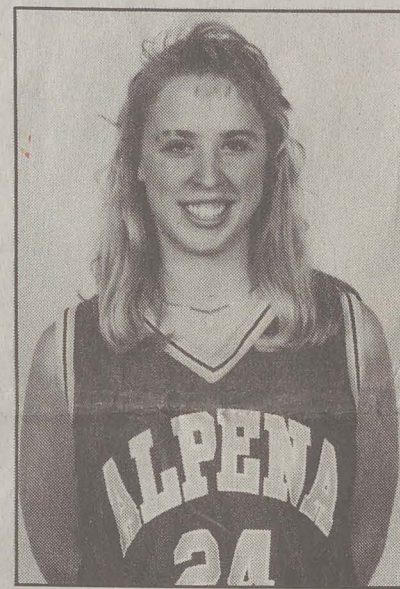
Angie Cieciorka 12
Sophomore
5' 8" Guard/Forward
Alpena High School
HS Coaches - T. Thomas/
T. Lavoie
Angie worked extremely hard over the summer to improve her overall game which is already being noticed by the coaches. Her added strengths, quickness, and improved shooting will allow her to play more minutes and be a factor when on the floor.



Rachel Tatrow 20
Sophomore
5' 5" Guard
St. Ignace High School
HS Coach - Rick Ledy
Rachel will be asked this year to come in and play a smart but aggressive style of game that will rattle the other team. She has improved her jump shot and with the added confidence she has shown so far we can see her seeing some valuable minutes.



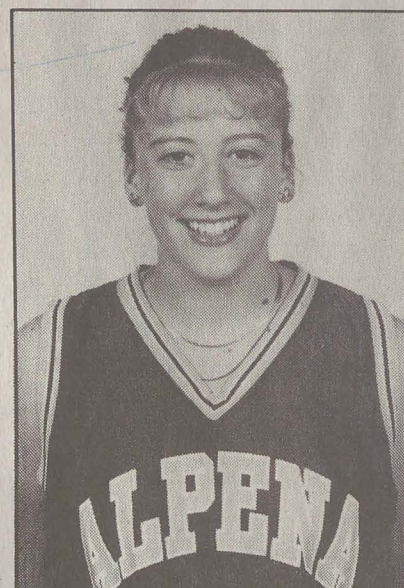
Bodhi Watts 22
Sophomore
5' 7" Guard/Forward
Roscommon High School
HS Coach - Ron Britton
Bodhi is a very energetic player who will be called upon to be a leader this year. She is very quick and aggressive on defense which will help lead to fast break opportunities. She is a good ball handler and has a good outside jump shot.



Marisa Stoppa 24
Freshmen
5' 9" Forward/Center
Alcona High School
HS Coach - Joell Krejcarek
Marisa will be asked to play inside this year. She is very strong and will have to rebound and play solid defense while battling underneath. She has a good jump shot from 12-16 feet, also her work ethic is like none other.

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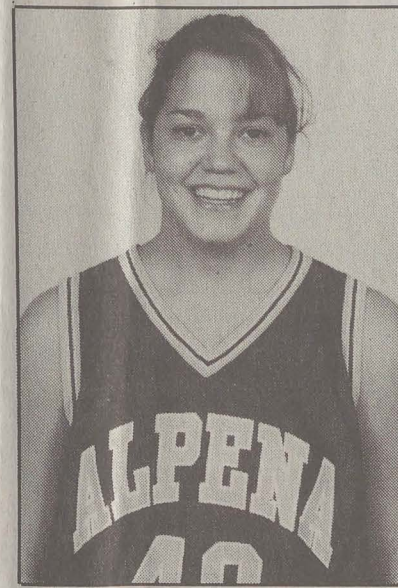
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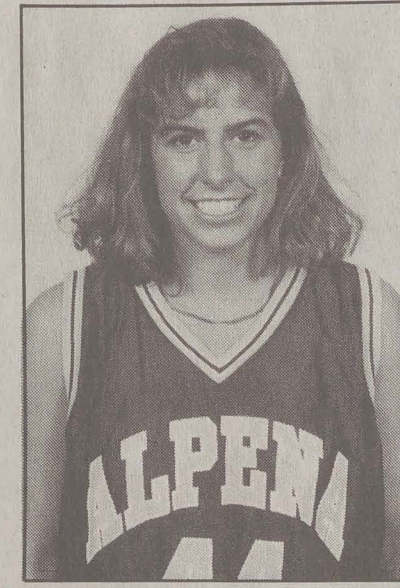
Megan Fletcher 32
Sophomore
5' 7" Guard/Forward
Johannesburg-Lewiston High School
HS Coach - Rick Guild
Megan is going to be asked to play a variety of positions this year. We will need her to rebound and play good solid defense on the perimeter in order for us to be successful. She is the type of player that can adapt to a number of different situations.



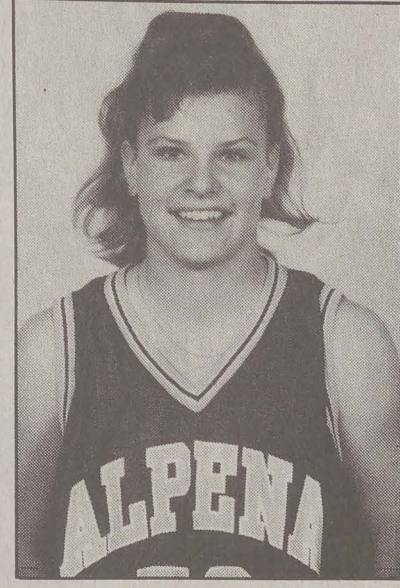
Marianne Bowdell 34
Freshmen
5' 10" Forward/Center
Mancelona High School
HS Coach - Bob Wilcox
Marianne is going to play the post this year. She is a better than average rebounder who has a knack for knowing where the ball is going. If she can develop a couple of offensive moves from the post side she will be a much greater threat.



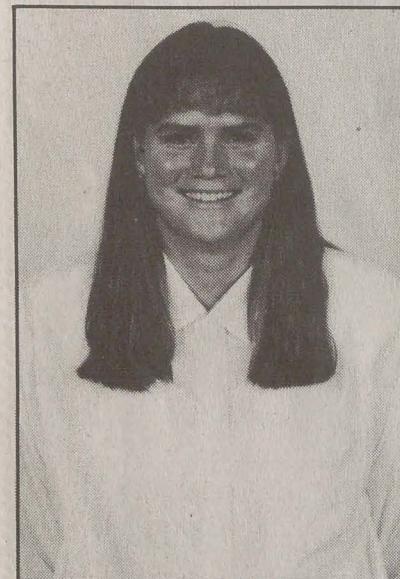
Susan Bigger 40
Sophomore
5' 7" Forward
St. Ignace High School
HS Coach - Rick Ledy
Susan is the type of player who always seems to make good things happen when she steps out on the floor. With added confidence and an improved jump shot we will be looking for Susan to play more minutes at a number of positions.



Kristi Whaley 44
Sophomore
5' 8" Guard/Forward
Mio High School
HS Coach - Carla Rhoades
Kristi comes to us after spending a year at Spring Arbor College, before that she led Mio high school to two straight undefeated regular seasons. She has the potential to be a very explosive offensive player which we will be counting on. She has excellent work ethic and leadership qualities.



Crystal Idalski 50
Sophomore
5' 9" Forward
Rogers City High School
HS Coach - Karl Grambau
Crystal has the talent to have a great season for us this year. She is very athletic with good quickness and leaping ability. Her overall game has improved and she will be asked to be a leader on an off the floor this year for us.



Tracey Gribble
Assistant Head Coach