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ACC Lumberjacks take a rest during practice to pose for this picture. Back row; JEREMY KOZAK, ALAN MASSEY, EMANUEL HARE, JEREMY WILLIAMS, KYLE ROOT, BEN CROZE, DERRICK BROOKS, ANTONIO ROBINSON, JIM KISSENGER, Front row; DAVE TCHORZYNSKI, DENNIS TENANT, JASON BIES, LEONARD THOMAS, HANS PARKER, WAYLON SMOLINSKI, JASON BRECHEISEN.

Lumberjacks sharpen focus

BY JEREMY WILLIAMS
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The 1996-97 Lumberjacks come in with high hopes and much optimism. This year's squad is youthful and inexperienced at the college level, but that shouldn't stand in the way of a successful season. This year's team is more motivated and focused than in years past.

With just two sophomores returning, head coach Frank McCourt has the task of teaching his kids in a hurry. McCourt enters his 14th campaign as the main man of ACC men's hoops.

Backing McCourt is his assistant coach Bobby Allen. Allen, a former ACC standout, enters his 3rd year under the reigns of McCourt. Allen adds his hardcourt expertise and is in charge of conditioning the student-athletes.

This coaching tandem finished last year with an 12 and 16 record. Though reaching the playoffs, they fell to state champion and nationally ranked Mott Community College.

The Lumberjacks step in

to fill the void left by players such as Mike Gunderson, Kevin Green, Demerious Flowers, and 1st team all-conference center Nate Tuori.

Filling the point guard slot is captain Derrick Brooks. Brooks is one of two sophomores and he makes his way from Chicago's Covert. He will be expected to run the show. Standing 6'3, he will play some small forward, as well. He averaged 12 ppg as a freshman in 94-95.

The other sophomore, Antonio Robinson, returns after a solid season last year averaging 9 ppg and 6 boards a game. Robinson hails from Horn Lake near Memphis, Tennessee.

The freshmen enter the season willing to learn and eager to play. With no time to wait in the wings, the newcomers will have to come into their own.

This year's squad has an abundance of guards and not too many big men.

The point guards include 5'9 Leonard Thomas from St. Ignace, Jason Sayre at 6'0 from Mancelona, and redshirts Jason Brecheisen (6'0) and Trent Duncun (6'2)

from Petoskey and Leelanau, respectively.

At the shooting guard position are Alpena's own Waylon Smolinski and Jason Bies, both standing at 5'11. Dennis Tenant (6'0) from Posen, Jeremy Kozak (6'3) from Alcona, cross country harriers Alan Massey from Boyne Falls and Dave Tchorzynski from Atlanta, and sharpshooter Hans Parker from Fairview will all vie for playing time.

There's only one true center and that's Jeremy Williams at 6'9 from Burton Atherton. Expected and relied on to play big are Ben Croze at 6'4 from Grayling, Kyle Root at 6'7 from Clio, and Emanuel Hare at 6'2 from Flint Beecher.

Last but certainly not least is Jim Kissenger (6'1) from Boyne City. Kissenger ruptured his Anterior Cruciate Ligament and will likely miss the season, although he would like to come back before the end of the year.

The Jacks open versus Sault College at home in the brand new Park Arena on November 2 at 3:00 p.m.

ACC basketball schedule 1996-1997

November 2	Sat.	Sault College, Canada (M)	3:00 p.m.
November 9	Sat.	Alumni Scrimmage	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
November 13	Wed.	Sault College, Canada (M)	8:00 p.m.
November 15-16			
East West Tournament at Alpena			
November 15	Fri.	St. Clair vs Kalamazoo Valley (M)	6:30 p.m.
	Fri.	Kellogg vs Alpena CC (M)	8:30 p.m.
November 16	Sat.	Kellogg vs St. Clair (M)	1:00 p.m.
	Sat.	Kalamazoo Valley vs Alpena CC (M)	3:00 p.m.
November 22	Fri.	at Kalamazoo (W)	5:15 p.m.
November 23	Sat.	at Glen Oaks (W)	1:00 p.m.
November 26	Tues.	at Sault College, Canada (M)	7:00 p.m.
November 30	Sat.	at Alma J.V. (M)	1:00 p.m.
December 3	Tues.	at Olivet J.V. (W)	4:00 p.m.
December 6	Fri.	at St. Clair (M)	6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
December 7	Sat.	at St. Clair (M)	1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
December 7	Sat.	Olivet J.V. (W)	2:00 p.m.
December 13-14			
Tournament at Muskegon Community College			
December 13	Fri.	Women's Game-ACC vs Muskegon	5:30 p.m.
		Men's Game-ACC vs Muskegon	7:45 p.m.
December 14	Sat.	Women's Consolation or Championship	1:00 or 5:30 p.m.
		Men's Consolation or Championship	3:15 or 7:45 p.m.
December 18	Wed.	at Alma J.V. (M)	7:00 p.m.
December 20	Fri.	at Schoolcraft (DH)	5:00 & 7:30 p.m.
December 27-28			
ACC Holiday Inn Christmas Classic at Alpena			
December 27	Fri.	Gogebic vs Muskegon (W)	2:00 p.m.
		Muskegon vs Henry Ford (M)	4:00 p.m.
		Alpena vs Henry Ford (W)	6:00 p.m.
		Alpena vs Gogebic (M)	8:00 p.m.
December 28	Sat.	Women's Consolation	11:30 a.m.
		Men's Consolation	1:30 p.m.
		Women's Championship	3:30 p.m.
		Men's Championship	5:30 p.m.
January 8	Wed.	at St. Clair (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 11	Sat.	Oakland (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 14	Wed.	at Henry Ford (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 18	Sat.	at Delta (DH)	1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
January 22	Wed.	at Macomb (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
January 25	Sat.	at Mott (DH)	1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
January 29	Wed.	Schoolcraft (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 1	Sat.	St. Clair (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 5	Wed.	at Oakland (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 8	Sat.	Henry Ford (DH) HOMECOMING	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 12	Wed.	Delta (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 15	Sat.	Macomb (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February 19	Wed.	Mott (DH)	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

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New Center Building Rm 106
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