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ACC VOLLEYBALL IS ON TRACK!



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The second season for the Lady Lumberjack Volleyball team is off to a good start. Changes were made by second year head coach, Dana LaBar and first year assistant coach, Bill Matzke. For this season Coach LaBar had more time to recruit and put together his team. Last year he was rushed to put a team together because he was hired as the head coach just prior to the start of the 2000 season. Coach LaBar said that the team this year is progressing well. They have already

improved their record from last year with two wins over Oakland and two wins over Delta. They have over half of the season still to come.

This year they are concentrating on being a defensive team. Their only returning player from last year is captain and setter Sarah Stafford. Sarah says that this year's team should be better than last. They have longer practices, work well as a team, and know how one another play. Also helping out this year is newcomer Erin Graham, who is returning to Alpena, after playing last season at Kellogg Community College. Graham

says the team grows more forceful with each practice and each game. They never go down without a fight.

Alicia Kleiber, Elana Meharg, Mandy Vekaryasz, and Jennifer Noffze from Rogers City, and Melissa Meddaugh, Kim Hepburn, Jessica Harbson, and Erin Riopelle from Alpena round out the rest of the team. Coach LaBar hopes to end this season in the top half of the division. This would find them a place in the state playoffs. This team seems to have a lot of heart and commitment to the game.



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The 2001-2002 Lady Lumberjacks We Wish You Luck!

2001 Volleyball Schedule

Fri. Oct. 5	ACC vs. Henry Ford CC	4 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 5	Henry Ford CC vs. St. Clair CC	5:30 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 5	ACC vs. St. Clair CC	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 6	Henry Ford CC vs. St. Clair CC	11:00 a.m.
Sat. Oct. 6	St. Clair CC vs. ACC	12:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 6	Henry Ford CC vs. ACC	2:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 13	at Wayne County CC	1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 17	at Sault College	6:00 p.m.

BIG PROBLEMS AHEAD FOR BASEBALL?

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Only seven years after a player's strike cancelled the World Series, Major league Baseball fans are again preparing for the worst.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the players and owners expires after the World Series this fall. By all accounts, both sides remain miles apart on a new agreement.

This spells doom for our national pastime, which already has seen eight work stoppages since 1972. Fans were able to overlook the first seven, but the player's strike of 1994 frustrated enough fans to make the sport's future questionable. Many fans began to resent the game, a resentment that continued for several years.

But this resentment of baseball has recently subsided and the sport has regained much of its popularity. Attendance is on the rise. New ballparks are being built. This summer's All-Star Game was the most-watched game in several years. And the *Detroit Free Press* recently published a survey in which Americans were asked which sport was their favorite. Baseball finished a strong second (behind football).

All this promise may turn to problems soon, however. The expiring agreement may lead to one of two things: a player's strike or an owner's lockout. Either one would be equally as damaging, because if it were not re-

solved by April it could prevent the 2002 season from starting on time (or even cancel it completely).

Each side has one basic goal heading into negotiations. For the owners, it is to slow salary growth. For the players, it is to preserve their systems of free agency and salary arbitration.

The owners are continuously frustrated by skyrocketing player salaries. In 1967 the average player's salary was \$19,000. This year it has jumped to \$2.2 million, helped largely by the Texas Rangers' 10-year, \$252 million dollar contract with Alex Rodriguez, the largest in sports history.

The players, meanwhile, are looking to preserve their individual rights to move freely from team to team and play for whomever puts up the most money. Another thing bothering the players is a proposal from commissioner Bud Selig called *contraction*.

Selig's contraction plan has two ways to work. The first way would involve 2 small-market franchises in neighboring areas being combined to form one larger, richer franchise. For example, the Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays could be combined into one Florida team.

The other way for contraction to work would involve Major League Baseball buying out and then shutting down a couple of the game's weakest franchises. The teams highest on that list include Montreal, Tampa

Bay, and Minnesota. The players oppose both ideas because for each major league team that is eliminated there are 25 less roster spots for them to play on.

True fans continue to hope that these problems can be resolved. They don't want another work stoppage to kill their favorite sport again. But many others are facing reality.



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A work stoppage seems to be very likely, but as NBC sportscaster Bob Costas wrote at the conclusion of his 2000 book *Fair Ball*, "This being baseball, hope springs eternal."

JESSE HARVEY

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On September 15th at the Alpena City Golf Course, organizations, local golfers, and some staff members participated in Scramble for Scholarships. Scramble for Scholarships is a golf event that occurs every fall to help raise money for ACC scholarships. "The money," states Karen Eller, Administrative Assistant here at ACC, "is not raised strictly by the golfers, but by all the hole sponsors. The hole sponsors pay us and we make the big signs, and put them (their name) on each hole. They pay us to have their name on that hole."

A scramble (if you are unfamiliar with golf terminology) is a team of four players. They each tee off then the golfers decide which is the best shot, and each puts

from that spot. Whoever has the best score is the score that is recorded.

This year was quite a turn out. It was the first time in the six years of running that the Scramble had so many participants. There were 29 foursomes, a total of 116 golfers. According to Ms. Eller, "When we started out six years ago we were hoping to have 25 (teams), and we've had that every year, but now this year we had to turn away people because the course cannot handle anymore people. That is all the carts they had."

The Scramble for Scholarships at first was a brainstorming session, to help raise money for scholarships. Cathie Rogg, Executive Director of ACC Foundation and Director of Development, stated "We were looking at trying to do something in the community that we could raise funds with, and we were looking

for an activity that would interest a good amount of people. And so at one point we noticed a lot of other colleges were doing golf." With the support of the community, staff members, and the Foundation Board, the Scramble for Scholarships took off.

"The money for the scholarships covers two areas and essentially all programs. Because we provide money for non-traditional student (students that had a lapse of education after high school) scholarships, which, at the time, six years ago, was something new that we were not able to do. Most of our scholarships were for traditional students (straight out of high school) and we did not have a whole lot of scholarship support for students coming back after being out of high school for several years, maybe raising families and such." Said Cathie Rogg, "We wanted to be able to address that need for the non-traditional scholarships from the Scramble, and that is for students that are essentially coming back to ACC for any program, so it covers everything."

This year there were over 50 hole sponsors that each donated \$50 to \$125 for having their name on a hole, and 1 corporate sponsor (Alpena Power Company) that donated \$2,000 for the Scramble. Last year the Scramble raised \$99,000 from a corporate sponsor, hole sponsors and charitable donations.

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