

Lumberjack Sports

Lady Lumberjacks Shape Up for New Volleyball Season

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This year's new volleyball team will see a big improvement over last year. Six sophomores have returned bringing a year's worth of experience and guidance to the four new freshmen.

The team lost a few players at the beginning of

this season, but the remaining ten are doing well.

Since the team's meets so far have been scheduled weeks apart from each other, the team has had more time than usual to prepare and strengthen themselves for the upcoming matches.

The team started slow since they have been

matched up against larger and more dominant teams. Starting on September 27, the team gets very busy with away games.

The volleyball team is strongest in their defense, but needs to develop a setter.

Dana LaBar, the volleyball coach, stated that because some changes in

rules have been made, the team is doing better.

One of the rule changes allows teams to have a libero. This is a defensive specialist who can be substituted in the back row for any person at any time. LaBar said this would help the team and definitely make a difference.

The new volleyball team actually has two liberos, Mandy Vekaryase and Alicia Kleiber.

This rule has already been in effect in Canada and has made a difference in their playing as well.

"This year I'm looking for a highly competitive team with an overall winning record. I think we may get it," LaBar said.

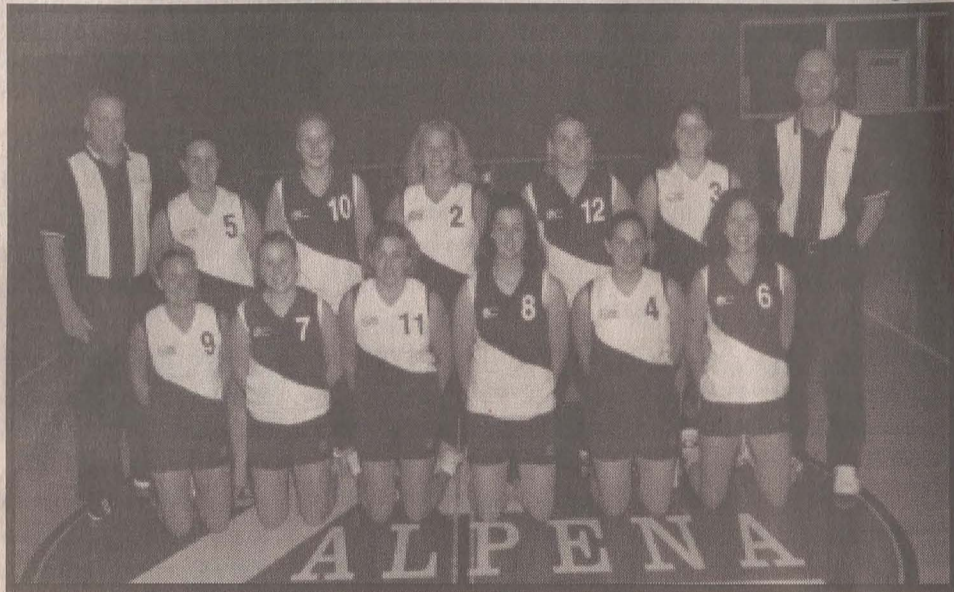
Show your support for ACC's star volleyball team and take note of their schedule. They have a lot of promise.

Volleyball Team Players

PLAYER	JERSEY #	POSITION
Alicia Kleiber	2	Libero
Erin Riopelle	3	Setter
Julie DePerkel	4	Outside hitter, back row
Mandy Vekaryase	5	Libero
Kim Hepburn	6	Middle blocker, Outside
Elaina Meharg	7	Back row
Mackenzie Houle	8	Middle blocker, Outside
Lynne Gralewski	9	Setter
Mari Meyers	11	Outside hitter
Jennifer Noffze	12	Outside hitter, back row

Volleyball Team Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 3	ACC at Sault College	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 5	ACC at Henry Ford	Tournament
Thursday, Oct. 10	ACC at Sault College	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	ACC at Delta	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	ACC at St. Clair	Tournament
Saturday, Oct. 19	ACC at St. Clair	Tournament
Thursday, Oct. 24	Wayne CCCat ACC	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26	Mott CC at ACC	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2	State Tournament	



ACC's new volleyball team

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Mackenzie Houle Contributes on Court, Donates off

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An active participant in sports here at ACC, Mackenzie Houle is no slacker. Before coming to ACC, Mackenzie was active in her high school in Manistique, (upper Michigan) and was also a big role player in the American Red Cross.

During her two years of participation she was made President of Fundraising and President of Public Relations.

Public Relations consisted of going to various businesses in the community and inviting them to donate items the Red Cross would need in case of emergencies. They would be reimbursed for these items later.

Also while working with the Red Cross, Mackenzie was a team leader and recruited other students from the high school and adults in the community. She

helped organize classes people needed to become certified American Red Cross members.

Mackenzie stated that many people don't think of volunteering for the Red

Cross. Most people automatically think you need to have a degree in some kind of medical area.

This is not the case. Anyone can join and the Red Cross provides programs to

get you certified. She also said that the Red Cross is one of the best and most helpful disaster relief programs mainly because it is worldwide and has such a long history.

Besides working for the Red Cross, Mackenzie spent her summer doing manual labor at a limestone quarry, Port Inland, in her hometown of Gulliver, Michigan. She decided to come to ACC mainly because she has friends in the area and it's pretty close to home.

She enjoys oldies music and hip hop, and is one of the staff writers for the Lumberjack.

You will see more of Mackenzie as she scores some serious points, on the volleyball and basketball teams. Volleyball Coach Dana Labar stated, "Mackenzie is a great asset, not only to the game but also to the other players."

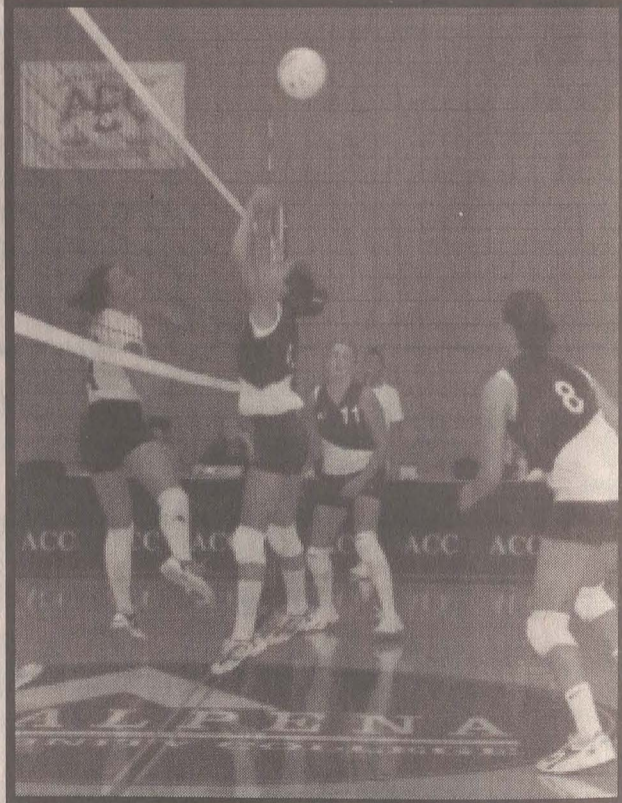


Photo By Jay Walterreit

Mackenzie Houle prepares to jump in as fellow teammate Kim Hepburn aims for the ball

Carpenter Kicks Back

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ACC sophomore, T.J. Carpenter, is much more than a soccer player. He does enjoy sports, but doesn't completely live for them. This education major can be described as a fan of the wild outdoors and an avid concert goer.

The best moment in his hockey sporting career was his junior year of high school. His team, Alpena High School Wildcats, went to the state finals and he can still vividly recall the overall experience of that final game.

Carpenter enjoys

camping, but his favorite pastime is going to concerts.

This winter he plans on going to see Rusted Root, the rest of The Grateful Dead, and Phish.

In the future he sees coaching as a possible past time, since he has been involved in sports for a good portion of his life. If he were to coach a sport it would definitely be hockey.

Carpenter considers himself an easy-going guy, which is one of the reasons he feels he would be a good teacher. He also really enjoys working with kids. The fact that he would be making money in the process would be a definite bonus.

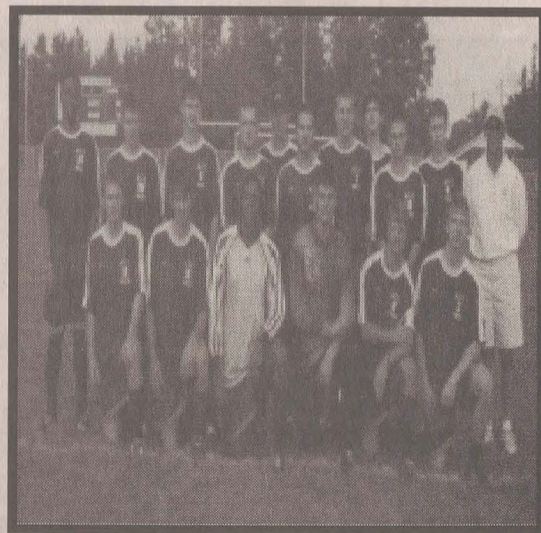


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T.J. joins his teammates before the game

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