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ACC Lumberjacks Jumpstart Season

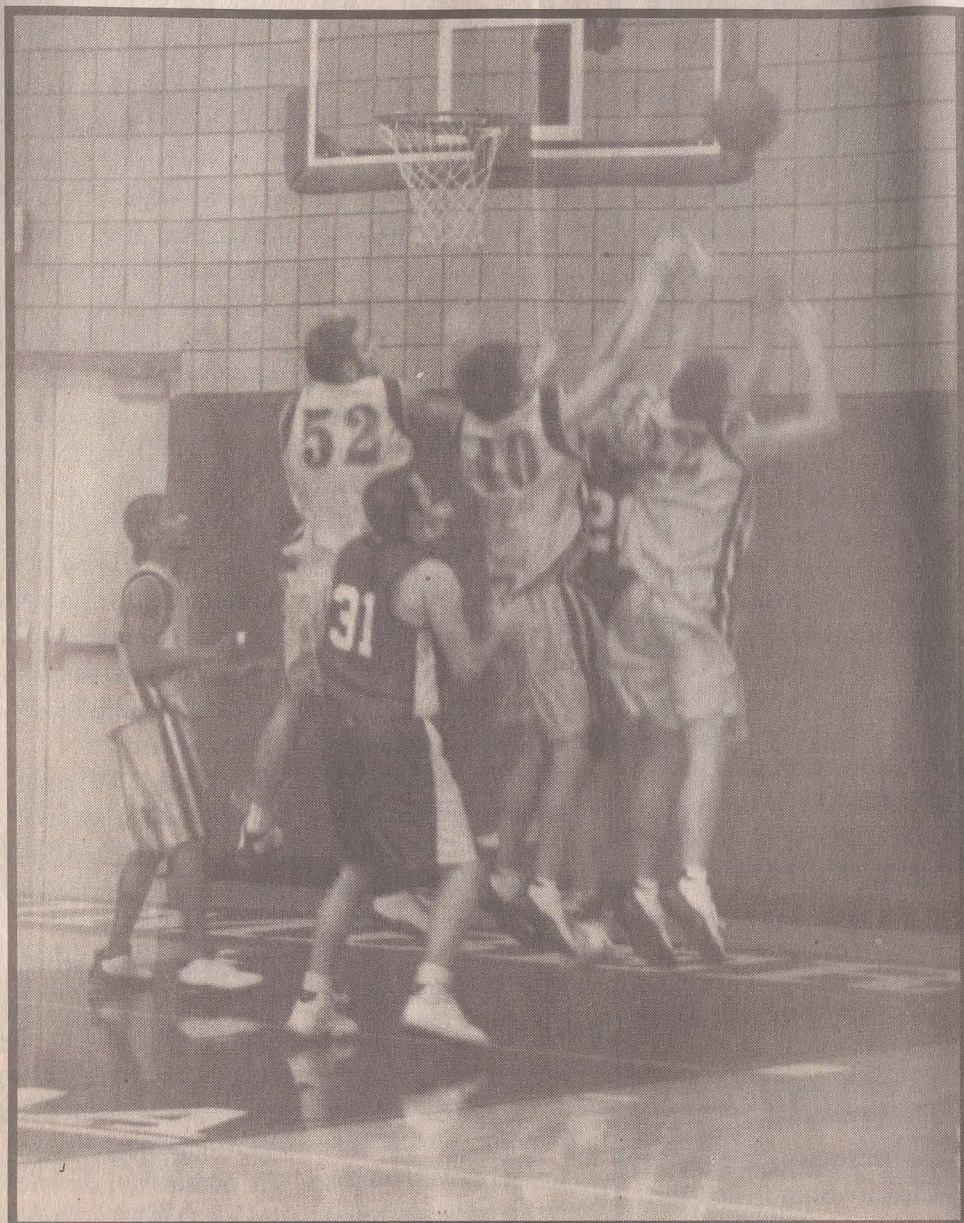


Photo by JoBeth Johnson

Shane Ison (52), Keith Nowak (40), and Eric Muszynski (22) dominate the boards.

JOBETH JOHNSON
Sports Editor

With Tuesday night's win against Sault College, ACC's men's basketball team is beginning to look forward to the nationals in March.

This last win makes the team 6-1, not bad for the first month of the season.

At the start of the season, the men's team had a tremendous win over Algoma with a 65-point lead.

Six of ACC's players scored over 10 points each, with sophomore Justin Miller scoring the most at 16, and Brent Wichtner leading the freshman at 15.

While many of the freshmen were nervous about their first game, they played well and managed to calm down.

In the men's first game against Sault College on Nov. 10th, they were able to win with a 19-point lead.

The team managed to make the points, but their plays were inconsistent.

McCourt stated that the guys play a few minutes of great basketball and then a few minutes of nothing, when

they need to play great basketball the whole game.

The men seemed to take that advice to heart and improved their defense against Rochester on Nov. 12th.

Justin Miller scored 22 points total, with 17 of them only in the first half. Josh Walker followed the second half by scoring 9 points out of his 11.

Another 19-point lead win still didn't make Coach McCourt happy with the offensive game.

The win against Sault College on Nov. 20th made the men 4-0, with Erik Parker scoring a total of 20 points, and Eric Muszynski contributing 16.

The Sault was a better match this time however since two of their best players were back in the game after recovering from injuries.

Still, ACC was ahead of the game with a 14-point lead win.

In the East/West Tournament in Port Huron, the men barely pulled another win with a 55-53 game against Kalamazoo Valley.

However, in the game against Muskegon, ACC was defeated by 2 points. "The reason we lost is not because Muskegon is better, it was because we weren't doing little things we needed to do," McCourt said.

He said that the point guards don't pass well enough and then no one is in place when they do pass.

Last Tuesday's game brought the guys up to six wins, as once again they were pitted against Sault College.

With the score too close for comfort at half-time, the guys were pumped up by McCourt and came back out to win with a 12-point lead.

Josh Walker was at the top with 24 points, with Justin Miller behind him with 10 points.

All in all, McCourt said the team is playing better. "We need better offense. If we play good offense, we'll play better defense."

He says in the upcoming tournament in Muskegon, both teams are good and will be hard matches. "If we can beat at least one of those teams, we'll know we're good."

Player Profiles: Freestyling DJ Rocks the Court; Sugar Shane or Shane the Train?

KARA EUBANK
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Lance Edgerton has been playing basketball pretty much his whole life.

He started playing when he was 8 years old on the playground back in his hometown of Indian River. Now he plays at ACC.

Lance injured his ankle his senior year and was out for most of the season.

Due to this injury and lack of playing time during the regular season, Lance played AAU basketball in the summer.

His AAU team came over to ACC and scrimmaged the team. Coach McCourt liked how Lance played and that is what influenced him to come to ACC. He came hoping to get on the team as a walk on.

"I had nothing to lose." Lance stated. He did make the team.

Lance believes the best thing about ACC is pressure. "I like how the coaches push you to be better and they tell it like it is."

In his spare time, when he's not on the court or in the classroom Lance likes to DJ and freestyle. For the past four to five years he has been writing and recording his own

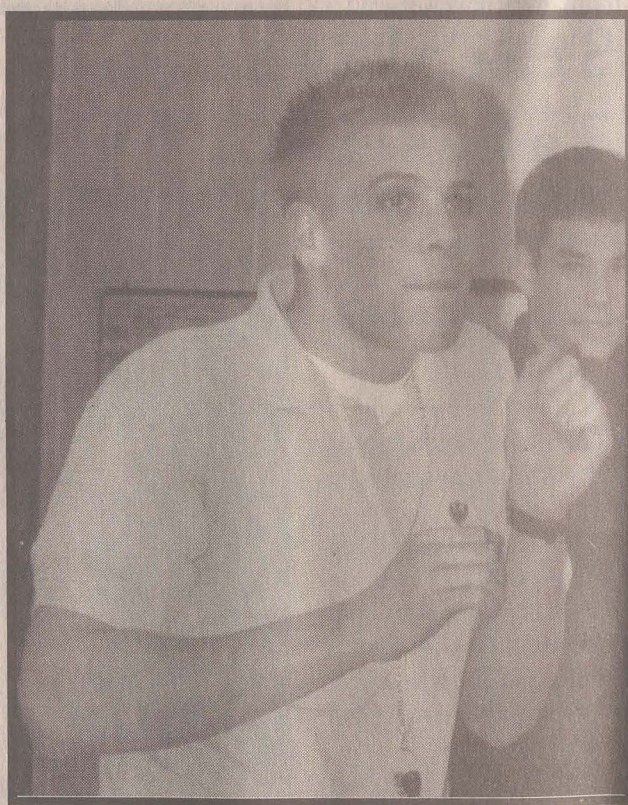


Photo by Kara Eubank

Lance Edgerton freestyles for the *Lumberjack* editors.

music.

Students can often hear Lance rapping in his bedroom as he mixes and records on the computer. He said his father was a DJ also and that's where he picked it up.

Lance said his dad has tons of records from his DJ days, which Lance borrows for spinning.

"Lance's beats are crazy. My roommates and I love it when he comes over and

freestyles for us," said Beth Short, a fellow student.

Lance also DJ's for parties, mostly for friends back in Indian River.

Professor Shawn Sexton commented that Lance does well in academics as well.

"Lance represents the ACC team well in the classroom. He is an excellent student with good attendance and often leads class discussion," Sexton said.

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At 6'7" and 213 lbs., Shane Ison is one of the new players on ACC's men's basketball team.

He claims basketball was his life in high school and didn't really pay much attention to his studies.

Now, however, he plans on going into criminal justice and eventually becoming a member of the SWAT team.

Ison made the Hall of Fame at Cheboygan High school and won All-state 3rd team for his basketball skills.

He was also in track and cross-country. Shane received his nickname 'Shane the Train' from the way he would run everyone over in his sports.

Before coming to ACC, Ison was two months away from becoming a member of the Air Force before he was called and asked to play for ACC.

He would like to transfer to a four-year university, either Northern or Eastern. After that, he said that the Air Force is not out of the question.

Ison said that college has been better than high school because he has made more

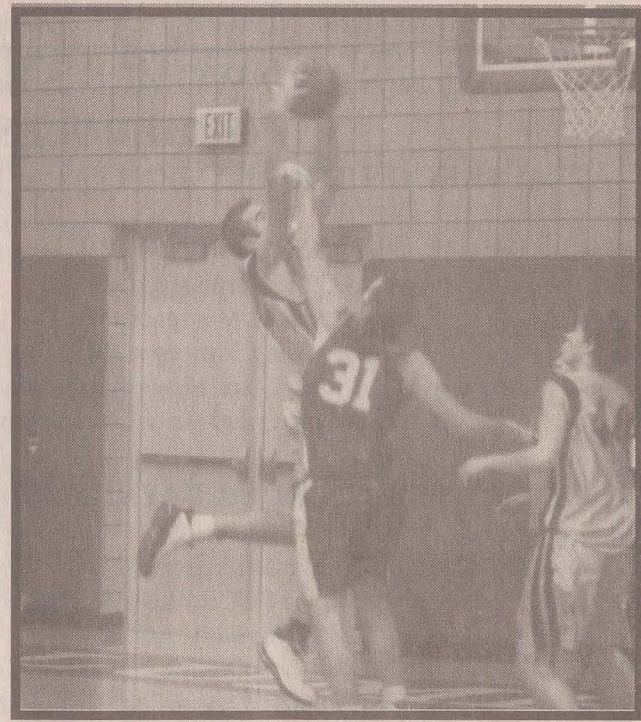


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Shane Ison towers above a Sault player before dunking.

friends here.

Apparently, he's doing well with the ladies, since his friend and fellow team member Broderick Knight has dubbed him 'Sugar Shane.'

Shawn Strickler, another team member said, "Shane is a very intense player and is always looking for ways to improve."

Ison has two younger brothers and one older sister. He enjoys horror movies, rap, R&B, and working on his '74 Mustang.

The Mustang has been a project of his for a few months. He and his dad have done all the work on it.

"It's kind of been a father-son project for both of us, one way we can spend some time together," Ison commented.

All of the work has been done at his dad's auto shop in Cheboygan, a way to get free parts.

Ison also enjoys participating in bump and runs, derbies, and speed races, although he doesn't see himself on NASCAR anytime soon.