

ACC Golfer Lives Up to Par



Photo Courtesy Adam Hainstock

Adam at practice in North Carolina.

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Adam Hainstock, an ACC sophomore, loves golf, but doesn't necessarily live for the game.

While studying to become a manager for a golf club, this busy student finds time to work endless hours at a local restaurant, party with his friends, and hang loose in the wild outdoors.

Although the golf season hasn't officially started, Adam had the opportunity to go out east to North Carolina for the team's practice.

For almost four days, he and five other ACC students had a luxurious stay at a golf club which once hosted a PGA (Professional Golf Association) tour.

When asked how his experience was, his response was "sweet."

Adam has been involved not just in golf, but also in a few other sports.

In high school, he was the defensive end and running back on the football team.

He also played baseball as the pitcher and third baseman. Adam said that he had a passion for baseball, and he sometimes regrets not going off to a university and playing on a team.

He enjoys playing golf for the college, however, and looks forward to having a career in the field.

While Adam's not on the course teeing off, you can usually find him in the kitchen of The Courtyard.

He's been working there for the past three years, and he's become very good at his job.

Though he admitted that he wouldn't help cook for Thanksgiving, he said that a hearty turkey dinner is the

best meal.

When it comes to his college classes, Adam is very serious. Though after high school, he didn't plan on attending college at all.

"Finally, I came to my senses and decided that I needed to go and do something with my life," Adam reflected.

Shawn Sexton, English instructor at ACC, believes that Adam is capable at achieving anything he puts his mind to.

"He is a hard-working, reliable, and smart guy. I enjoy having him in my class, especially because of all the effort he puts forth," Sexton said.

If Adam could spend a day with anyone, anywhere, he said, "I'd definitely go fishing with Willie Nelson in the Adirondack Mountains in New York."

Adam loves being outside,

especially if he's on a clear stream catching trout. He also tries to find time to hike, snowshoe, and ski.

Adam explained that the best time he has ever had was in Tennessee at the Bonaroo Festival, which was a three-day hippie fest that catered to 90,000 people.

He's a big fan of the Grateful Dead, Phish, and Neil Young, which could explain why most of his friends would label Adam as "pretty laid back."

Next year Adam plans to go to Ferris State University and get his bachelors degree in professional golf management.

Adam would like to play on the golf team at Ferris as well.

With a sister who already attends school there, he plans to live with her and concentrate on school.

Nice Guys Don't Always Finish Last

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Two years ago, my friend Eric, whom I'll call "Bill" to protect his identity, asked whether or not I would be interested in going to an ACC men's basketball game.

I'd rather sit on my rump and watch reruns of Leeza.

Okay, I admit, that's a little too radical. But come on, that was two years ago. They were 16-14.

This is America. Nobody wants to watch mediocre basketball.

On the contrary, a winner is exactly what we got this season.

The men's team demonstrated the heart of a lion (not a Detroit Lion; God forbid).

The players represented this college well - with both dignity and pride.

"That was fourteen of the nicest kids I've ever

coached," coach Frank McCourt said.

During this year's roller coaster season of 20-10, the Lumberjacks were able to achieve an abundance of significant accomplishments.

For example winning 20 games for the first time in half of a decade, defeating Kalamazoo Valley during the regular season for the first time in three years, and, lastly, bringing excitement back to Lumberjack basketball.

Many outside observers believed winning 20 games and having the fortune that the team had this year, would be a far cry from reality - heck, I thought 15 wins would be a difficult feat. But head coach Frank McCourt, evidently, knew this team was special all along.

"We had the talent, it was just a matter of putting it all together," McCourt said.

The Lumberjacks don't have the prestige that a

Duke, Indiana, or even a Dayton has - that's apparent. But what they do have, is a coach that believes in fundamentals and playing good clean basketball - the way it is supposed to be played.

Six players from this year's team, remain eligible to return next season. And with the recruiting campaign right around the corner, the ACC coaching staff has the chance to sprinkle in some young athletic talent into next year's team. This makes next season that much more compelling.

Even though the season ended abruptly - with a loss to Kalamazoo Valley in the playoffs, the team has earned the respect of many.

Hold your heads high gentlemen, you have a to be proud.

You are a remarkable group of coaches and players that deserve all the credit in the world.

'Boots' 'N Basketball

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Jermaine Collins, better known around campus as 'Boots' is a sophomore studying to be a social worker and he loves the game of basketball.

He got the nickname Boots when he was in elementary school. His father couldn't afford gym shoes at the time.

Instead, Jermaine would wear his boots to gym class. "I was so good at kick ball, that the other kids said I had to take my boots off. The name stuck ever since then," Jermaine said.

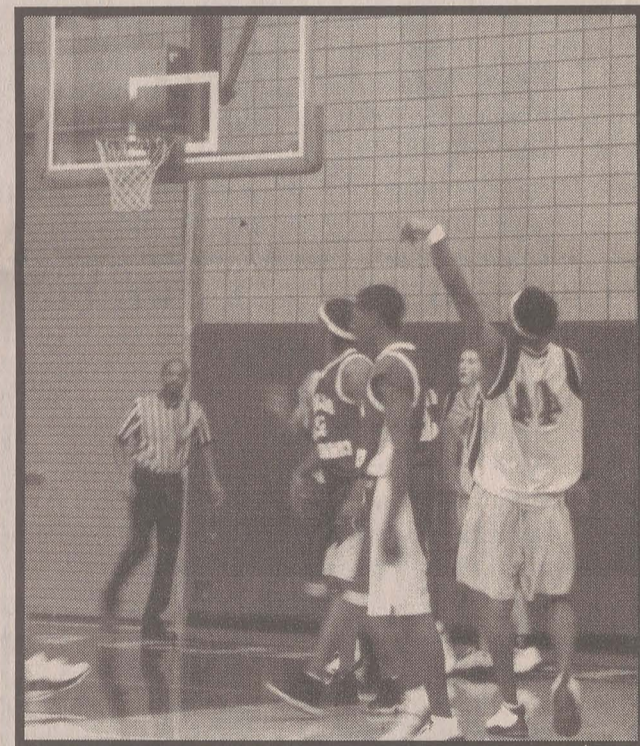
Boots started playing basketball to escape the problems that were going on at home.

"I would go and hoop all day...the court was always there for me...it made me feel worth living," Boots stated.

He came to Alpena on a basketball scholarship. Boots played a power forward or center position.

He made key contributions during many of the games. Fellow teammate Jake Henski added, "Boots was the motivational leader of the team; he kept everyone fired up."

Boots is hoping to further his



Boots (44) sinks an easy shot.

Photo By JoBeth Johnson

education in social work at Ferris, Saginaw Valley, or Oakland University.

When he was younger, Boots and his sister were abused by their father. Because of this, they were separated and he ended up living in the foster care system for three years.

During his time in the foster system, Boots' mother had another child. Shortly after, she passed away due to heart problems. Boots' father regained custody of

the children after serving time in jail.

"Problems escalated again at home, and I left at the age of fifteen," Boots said. He continued on to say, "This inspired me to push hard and to become a social worker so I can help the people in these types of abusive situations."

Boots has enjoyed his time here in Alpena. He is grateful for many of his teachers' and teammates' support and encouragement.

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