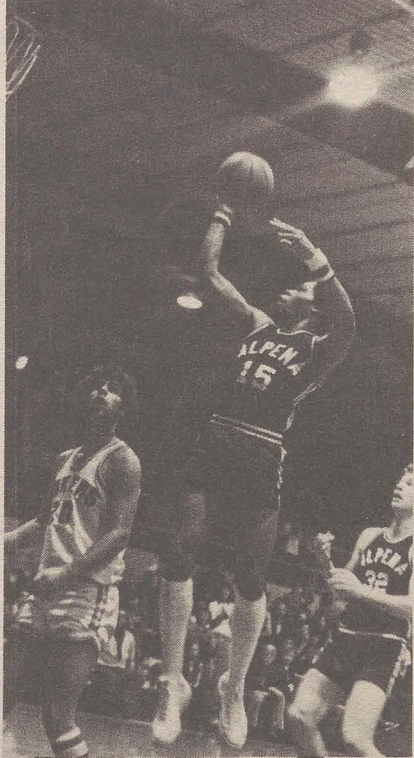


SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Earl Buckingham up for two.

OAKLAND RAIDERS DOMINATE TBC

By Len Gabrysiak

East Campus gym was the scene where eight basketball teams clashed in the annual Thunder Bay Classic hosted by Alpena Community College.

The first game pitted the Muskegon Jay Hawks against the Washtenaw Warriors. First game jitters were a big factor as both teams committed their share of turnovers. Muskegon jumped out in front building a 12 point lead, but Washtenaw came back with three minutes left in the half to close the gap to 39-35.

The second half saw both teams scoring basket for basket when, with 10 minutes left, Muskegon switched to a 2-3 zone and scored some easy buckets on fast breaks. At this point it was apparent that Muskegon was controlling the game even though Washtenaw was trying desperately to come back. But it was not to be, as Muskegon came out on top with a 90-72 victory.

The second game of the day saw Kalamazoo beating Cuyahoga 94-86. The final score was indicative of how the game went as Kalamazoo was always in control of the game.

The first half belonged to Kalamazoo whose 2-1-2 zone defence forced Cuyahoga to shoot outside 75% of the time. Cuyahoga's tough man to man defense and scrappiness on the boards prevented Kalamazoo from building on their 43-31 half-time lead.

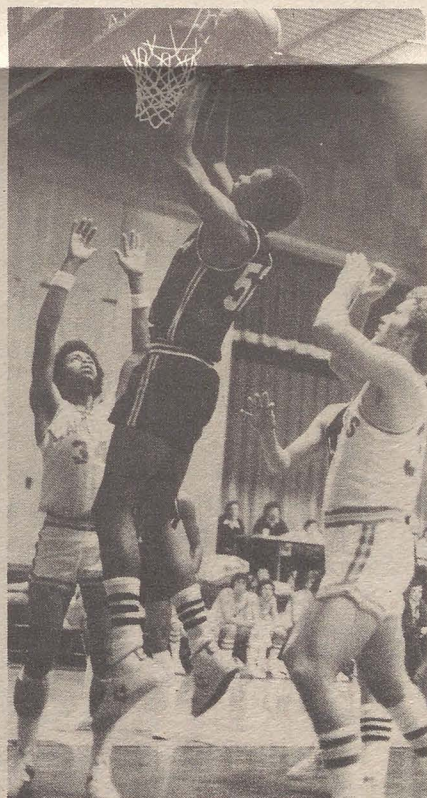
The second half saw Cuyahoga switch to a 2-3 zone and force Kalamazoo into fouling problems as Cuyahoga closed to within six points of the Cougars. But they got no closer than that and wound up on the short end of 94-86.

In what was perhaps the best game of the day, the Oakland Raiders pulled a close one out over Southern State by a score of 93-87. The first half was nip and tuck as Oakland took a slim 49-46 lead into the locker room.

The second half was a replica of the first with both teams staying within eight points of each other until Oakland's tough man to man defense forced Southern into costly turnovers and defeat.

The final game Friday pitted the Alpena Lumberjacks against the Lakeland Lakers. Plagued by first-game jitters, both teams started poorly, but the Lumberjacks broke fast and rebounded with authority to take a 58-43 lead in the first half. Fouls were a major problem for Alpena who committed a total of 33 while Lakeland ended with 14.

The second half was a different story as Lakeland's 2-1-2 zone defense kept Alpena at bay while the Lakers crept to within eight points. The Lakers never got any closer as Alpena's defense stiffened and the Jacks coasted to victory.



Alonzo Weatherly—high scorer.

The next day saw two cancellation games played. In the first game Southern State beat Cuyahoga in a scrappy game 91-82 that both teams played well. The second game saw the Lakeland Lakers running over Washtenaw by a convincing 92-79 victory.

In what turned out to be one of the highest scoring games of the tournament, the Oakland Raiders got by the Kalamazoo Cougars with a 34-point effort by former High School All-Stater, Walker D. Russel for a 102-93 count. Kalamazoo started in a pressure 1-3-1 zone defense but failed to stop Oakland's Russel who scored consistently from outside and passed off for numerous assists. The end of the first half saw Oakland in the lead by a 56-47 count.

The second half started like the first as Russel and Kurt James scored upon Kalamazoo with ease. The tempo of the game changed in the last 10 minutes, when Charles Lee of Kalamazoo blocked two shots and the Cougars were down by only four points. But Russel's hot hand and Kurt James' strong rebounding kept Oakland in the lead. The Cougars couldn't get the momentum they needed and were unable to come back giving Oakland the victory.

Saturday's final game went to the Muskegon Jay Hawks as they downed Alpena, 77-71. The first half of play was fast but sloppy, as both teams committed their share of turnovers. Muskegon's 1-2-2 zone defense gave Alpena problems forcing the Jacks into low percentage outside shots. Alpena left the court at the half trailing by a 37-33 margin.

The second half was identical to the first as Muskegon scored with relative ease while Alpena struggled. With only 12 minutes remaining, the Jacks got hot and scored five quick points to pull within three points. But, Muskegon kept its poise and stayed in the lead. With six minutes left and behind by only four, Henry Jackson took charge and converted ten straight free throws to wrap up the game.

TWO FROM ACC MAKE ROSTER

By René Johnson

On Sunday, November 19, Oakland Community College and Muskegon Community College brought to an end the Ninth Annual Thunder Bay Classic, hosted by Alpena Community College in their East Campus gym.

Former Alpena Coach Tom Mc-Philps came back to his old high school gymnasium to lead his Oakland Community College Raiders to the championship over Muskegon 107-81.

Setting the pace for Oakland was Kurt James who tallied 22 of his 28 points in the first half, to earn himself a place on the all-tournament team. Walker D. Russel, selected by his peers as the most valuable player, ended the game with 24 points on a 10-4 combination. He was followed by Darrell Herring with 14 points and Ossie Cobb with 10 points.

Jeff Brown was the top point-getter for Muskegon, ending the day with 22 points on a 10-22 combination. Other Muskegon players in double figures were Henry Jackson with 11 points and Greg Magee with 10.

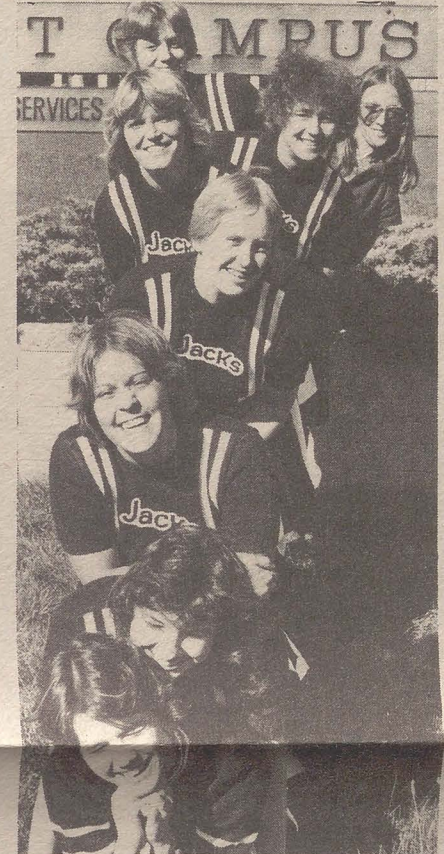
Although Alpena didn't make it to the finals, the Lumberjacks managed to secure one spot on the all-tournament roster. The roster which is decided by coaches and committee tournament officials selected Alonzo Weatherly, a 6-7 center from Detroit, who ended the tournament with 35 points. Other team players who made the all-tournament roster were, Henry Jackson of Muskegon, Johnny Hill of Southern State, Tim Bowler of Lakeland and Allen Moore-head of Kalamazoo.

Leading Cheers

By René Johnson

Making their debut Friday November 17, the ACC cheerleaders kept the crowd cheering as the Lumberjacks brought home a victory over the Lakers 96-90.

Coached by Vicki Douglas, a gymnastics instructor in Alpena and Bev Orban, captain and student advisor of the cheerleaders, the eight lovely ladies are able to get the necessities they need such as: pom-poms, socks, gym shoes etc.



ACC Cheerleaders, from top to bottom, Vicki Douglas, coach, Amy Bushey, Cindy Flynn, Bev Orban, Irene Stoppa, Jody Cadarette, Lynnette Rouleau and Ruth Hale.

Although our cheerleaders always cheer at the home games of the Lumberjills and Lumberjacks, they have the opportunity to cheer at one away game for each team anytime they choose.

But cheering is not all that cheerleaders do. During the period of homecoming, all the arrangements and preparations such as: flowers for the Queen and her runners-up, finding a hall for the dance, decorations etc., are all made by the cheerleaders to make the homecoming a success.

This year we can look forward to a lot of new and exciting things coming from the cheering section.

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