

## Pitching determines ACC success

The ACC women's softball squad open their season with hopes as high as the boundless spring sky.

Last year, the Lumberjacks fielded their first softball team and finished in a tie for second with St. Clair Shores, both with 9-11 records. This year's team should easily surpass that mark according to head coach, Dick Miles.

"We have a lot of good ballplayers, offensively and defensively," Miles observed. "The key to our success will be the pitching. If we get good pitching, then we will have a good season." Fortunately, these pivotal duties will be in the experienced hands of returning sophomores Eva Brochenbrough and Jan Kaiser. Both were ACC hurlers last year. Cheryl Middleditch, who is also returning from last year's squad, will alternate as third pitcher when she is not playing centerfield.

Besides the three pitchers, returning Lumberjacks include Beth Buchner at shortstop and team captain Kim Swizel at thirdbase. Miles looks to the five sophomores to lead the team because, "They know what it takes to get there."

To get there, Alpena will have to beat out seven other equally hungry teams in the Eastern Division. Miles

expects ACC and Henry Ford to battle defending champs, C. S. Mott for the league crown.

The Lumberjacks will display an aggressive style of play as they plan to take advantage of their team speed. Although the bench has average depth, Miles plans to utilize all of his players: "Everybody can contribute, each in her own way." The starting line-up will remain pretty much the same, however.

An added bonus for Alpena will be their schedule. ACC opens the season with five straight doubleheaders on the road, but then closes out with seven consecutive twinbills at home. The women Jacks will have a chance to finish the season strong without the excessive strain of travelling and with the support of their fans. Miles was satisfied with the local attendance last year and hopes that ACC's home games will continue to draw the crowds this year. Alpena will play their home games at the Men's softball diamonds.

After debuting with a second place finish last season, the Lumberjacks' promise of soaring to even greater heights this season makes for exciting expectations.

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## Charge U of N with racism

"The racist practices of the Nebraska football team" were the subject of letters sent to U. of Nebraska Lincoln black football recruits. The African People's Union charged in the letters that black athletes receive "a joke of an education."

## Yo-yos sweep campus

Chinese yo-yos, those coiled tubes of waxed paper that can be snapped out to a length of six or eight feet, may be this spring's collegiate fad, say some marketing people. The toys are reportedly hot sellers in some campus stores.

## Alumni conquer Intra Mural crown

The recently concluded Intramural Basketball season has revealed a fundamental ideal of sports: competitiveness breeds companionship. The tired muscles and sweaty uniforms have given way to more pleasurable memories of having a good time. The best time of which was had by the Alpena Alumni.

The "Alumni" compiled an unblemished 6-0 record to claim the league title. Falling short by one game were the All Stars in second with a 5-1 season. The Knicks and Too Shorts ended with identical 4-3 marks to finish in a tie for third place. Seagrams 7 followed in fifth at 3-3 while the Stormtroopers rest in sixth at 3-4. The Rebels were shot down in seventh place with a 1-5 season while the Nets finished perfect. 0-6 to wind up in last.

In final action;

*Alpena Alumni 54, Too Shorts 38*

The Alpena Alumni were not to be denied as they raced off to a 25-6 halftime lead. The Too Shorts actually outscored the Alumni in the second half but it was too late to close the gap. The Alumni's Tim Gapske was game-high scorer with 22 points while Jim Townsend led the Too Shorts with 10.

*All Stars 96, Knicks 41*

The Knicks four-game winning streak came to an abrupt halt at the waiting hands of the All Stars. Despite taking a commandable 46-16 lead at the half, the All Stars never

let up on their scoring assault. Tim Nivison directed the All Stars with 30 points with Steve Kueffner adding 18. Doug Romantz had 13 points for the Knicks.

*Seagrams '7' 51, Nets 40*

Neither team was able to pull away from the other in this tight contest. Seagrams 7 held the upper hand at the intermission, 21-16, but could not sew up the victory until the end. Bob Teetzel provided 18 points for Seagrams 7 while Dave Jolly sparked the Nets with 16 points.

*Too Shorts 49, Seagrams '7' 28*

The Too Shorts wound up their season in grand fashion. Riding a 22-4 first half lead, the Too Shorts played Seagrams 7 even the rest of the way to notch their final win. Ken Diedrich paced the Too Shorts with 15 points. High scoring honors for Seagrams 7 were divided among Dave Perry, John Silvia, and Mike Kissinger, each with 6.

*Storm Troopers 47, Knicks 44*

The Storm Troopers upset the Knicks in a nip and tuck battle all the way. Rick Carstens scored 19 of his game-high 25 points to carry the Stormtroopers to a slim 24-22 halftime advantage. The two teams matched each other point for point in the second stanza until the closing seconds. Romantz and Mark Smith led the Knicks with 16 points apiece.

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## Uno, SOB's tie at first

With only two weeks left in the Intramural Bowling Season, Team Uno and the SOB's are staging a furious battle for first place.

Both teams are deadlocked in first with matching 27-9 records. The Cardsharks have slipped to third with a 24-12 mark. Team 5 trails in fourth place at 16-20 while the Bulldogs currently rest in last with a 14-22 season.

Fred Siebert holds the highest average among the men with a 148. Randy Gingerich is in second with a 145 and in third is Matt Northrop with a 144. Vicky Lindsay tops the women with a 145 while Lori Grossman is a distant second with a 126. Lori Bonfoey owns third with a 123.



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