

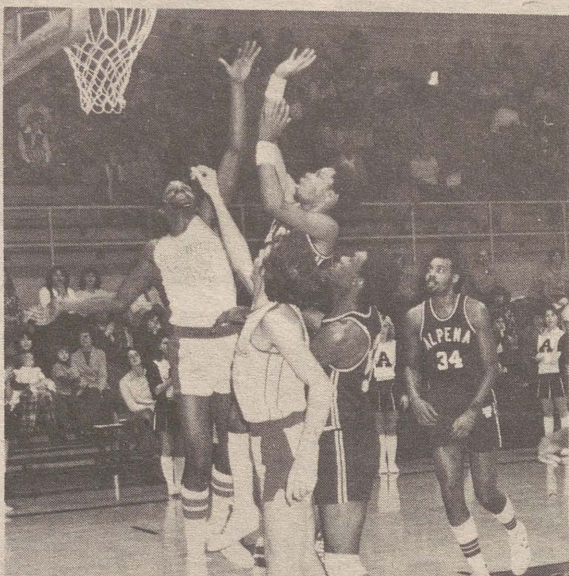
Lumberjacks Sweep 3-Game Road Trip

By Greg Reeves

The Lumberjacks extended their winning streak to seven and upped their record to 8-1, by sweeping their three game road trip, taking Davenport College 86-83, December 9, destroying Kalamazoo Community College 109-79 on Saturday, December 10, and beating Montcalm Community College 98-75 on Monday, December 12.

Friday afternoon's battle was by far the best, with Davenport more than a match for the Lumberjacks, Davenport taking the lead 6-2 and never relinquishing that lead through the first half, ending up ahead 37-32.

Johnnie Baccus led first half scoring with 10 points, Alonzo Weatherly had 6, Alex Mosley, Rick McGee, and Rod Everage had 4 points apiece. Earl Buckingham and Chris Harris had 2 points each.



Bright spot at Lorain-Buckingham's 25 points

Lorain Upsets

Jacks 80-74

The Lumberjacks got some of their own medicine when Lorain CC came back from a 44-32 halftime deficit to defeat the Jacks 80-74, on Friday, December 16.

The Lumberjacks had no trouble with Lorain in the first half, leading by as much as 20 points. Earl Buckingham led Alpena scorers with 17 points in the half, Johnnie Baccus had 9, Rod Everage, Alex Mosley, Alonzo Weatherly, and Wendall Taylor had 4 points apiece.

Lorain came back in the second half with a vengeance in their hearts, and they blew away the Jacks, both from the floor and the free throw line. With just over five minutes left to go, Lorain tied the game 70-70, and some costly fouls helped them put the game away with free throws in the final seconds.

The Lumberjacks scoring in the entire game was Earl Buckingham with 25 points, Johnnie Baccus 13, Rod Everage and Alonzo Weatherly 10 apiece, Alex Mosely and Wendall Taylor 6 each, George Coley and Mark MacArthur 2 points each.

Jacks Defeat Cuyahoga In Overtime 89-84

A missed last second shot by Cuyahoga Metro put the game into overtime, and gave Alpena the chance they needed to beat the Ohio squad 89-84.

The two teams were never separated by more than four points in the first half as both teams played outstanding defense and the half ended 39-38, Cuyahoga leading. Alonzo Weatherly led Alpena with 11 points in the first half, George Coley, Alex Mosely, and Earl Buckingham had 6 points each. Johnnie Baccus had 3, Rod Everage and Rick McGee picked up 2 apiece.

Alpena took the lead in the second half and led by as much as six points with 11 minutes to go, only to see Cuyahoga fight back to put the game into overtime, 76-76.

The Lumberjacks grabbed the lead to stay in overtime, led by the scoring of George Coley, who picked up six points in overtime, and the defense of Alex Mosely and Alonzo Weatherly.

Weatherly led Alpena scorers with 17 points, Alex Mosely, who finally got it together, scored 16 points, as did George Coley, who really sparked the ACC offense in overtime. Rod Everage had his usual good 14 points, Earl Buckingham had 6, Rick McGee, Randy Miller, and Paul Gleason had 2 points each.

Meet The Jacks Part III

Third segment in the series on the Lumberjacks basketball team.

Rick McGee is a freshman from Battle Creek, Michigan or "Corn Flake City" as he likes to call it. He likes Alpena, good college to study at, I "have no qualms at all" about being here. "i really like the coach and I think we've got a pretty good squad." His main pasttime is basketball and he likes most other sports.

Earl Buckingham is also a product of Libbey High School, where Johnnie Baccus also comes from. He likes ACC and thinks the team will do great this season.

Next issue will be featuring the Lumberjills.



Johnnie Baccus, 22 points at Davenport

The Lumberjacks chopped their way back into the game in the second half and midway through got ahead to stay. Davenport lost three of their best players to fouls with a lot of time left, possibly contributing to their loss. Weatherly fouled out with 54 seconds left for the Jacks, as did Everage. The Jacks still managed to hold on for a 86-63 win.

Johnnie Baccus was high man on the team with 22 points, Alonzo Weatherly had 17 points, Rick McGee and Rod Everage had 12 points each. Earl Buckingham dropped in 9, and Alex Mosley had 7. Randy Miller made 4 points, Wendall Taylor and Chris Harris had 2 each.

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