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EUPC Engadine, Cedarville Defeated in Class D Volleyball State Regionals

By David Latva

Engadine and Cedarville were defeated in Class D regional volleyball tournaments Saturday, March 11.

Eagles Fall in Finals

The Eagles defeated Carney-Nadeau 25-20, 25-13, 25-13 in the semifinals before falling to Lake Linden-Hubbell 25-20, 15-25, 16-25, and 20-25 in the championship match at Bark River-Harris.

Nicole Benoit led the Eagles with 17 serves, two aces, 137 sets, 59 assists, 22 attacks, five kills, 12 digs, one block, and one block kill; Rose Paquin added 21 serves, 11 aces, 55 attacks, 28 kills, 25 digs, and four blocks; Elicia Derusha chipped in 15 serves, two aces, 42 attacks, 20 kills, 20 digs, two blocks, and one block kill; Chloe Fletcher notched 20 serves, one ace, and nine digs; Jazmin Rodriguez tallied 20 serves, one ace, 15 digs, one attack, and one kill; Kristyn Emery charted 17 serves, three aces, and eight digs; Desi Derusha marked seven digs, six blocks, five attacks, three kills, and two block kills; Katie Kerridge notched 14 attacks, seven blocks, five kills, and one block kill, and Whitney Kerridge recorded six attacks, two kills, two digs, and one block.



Cedarville Trojans volleyball seniors (from left) Donielle Landreville, Lauren Izzard, Marcie Mason, and Jill Haske.

Seniors playing for the final time were Desi Derusha, Erica Germain, Anabel Grinnell, Kristyn Emery, Whitney Kerridge, and Jazmin Rodriguez.

"We had a successful season after winning the EUPC and district titles reaching the regional finals," said Eagles Coach Kathy Miller. "We ran out of gas against Lake Linden-Hubbell. The Lakes never quit and they took advantage of the opportunities."

Trojans Drop Semifinal Match

The Trojans dropped the Class D regional semifinals match to Harbor Light Christian (HLC) 25-16, 25-13, and 25-10 at Hillman High School.

Lauren Izzard recorded five assists and four kills; Marcie Mason added four kills and three block kills; Carissa Sudol chipped in four assists; Lindsay McLeod notched three kills and one ace, Hope Deeren tallied two kills, and Donielle Landreville tallied one ace and one kill.

"It wasn't a great day for anyone. We played much better last week," said Trojans Coach Kathy Trevarrow. "HLC is a hard hitting team and a very smart squad. They could make a run at the state title."

Cedarville, with a 14-15-10 won, loss, split record, had an up-and-down season and started to play better late in the season to win the districts.

Seniors playing in their final game were Lauren Izzard, Marcie Mason, Donielle Landreville, and Jill Haske, but the Trojans have eight girls returning on the varsity roster plus strong players coming off the junior varsity team.



Kristyn Emery Engadine



Desi Derusha Engadine



Whitney Kerridge Engadine

Coaches Select 2006 SAC Volleyball Squad

Ashley St. Louis Receives First Team SAC VB Honors

Senior Ashley St. Louis was named to the Straits Area Conference (SAC) First Team by the six coaches of the SAC.

Dana Fairbanks of Rogers City was selected SAC Player of the Year and was joined on the first team by Kelly Clear of Cheboygan, Danielle Fegan of

Sault High, Betsy Gowell of Cheboygan, Dana Van Sloten of Rudyard, Azure Williams of Newberry, and St. Louis.

Second Team consisted of Nicki Barber of Cheboygan, Chelsie Brege of Rogers City, Chelsea Hanert of Newberry, Ashley Mankin of Cheboygan, Elizabeth McAllister of Sault High, Erica Nordquist of

Rudyard, and Johnna Taylor of Newberry.

Receiving honorable mention were Erica Ahlich of St. Ignace, Rachelle Donaghue of Rudyard, Jenny Flemming of Rogers City, Kayla Huffman of Newberry, Simone Kapala of Rogers City, Chelsea McLeod of Sault High, and Dana Newman of Cheboygan.

Ryan, Blowski Complete Senior Season as Co-Captains



Hannah Blowski (left) and April Ryan were co-captains during the last two years for Northern Michigan Christian Academy volleyball team.

Area Volleyball Players Co-captains at NMCA

Seniors April Ryan and Hannah Blowski of St. Ignace, co-captains at Northern Michigan Christian Academy (NMCA), completed their final volleyball season for the Eagles.

NMCA finished third at the Mackinac Island Invitational in December and most recently swept Maplewood Baptist Academy 25-17, 25-13, and 15-10 Thursday, February 23, defeated Wolverine in three matches 25-20, 25-18, and 25-15 Tuesday, February 28, and upended Vanderbilt 25-12, 25-22, and 25-17 Thursday, March 2.

"I'm sad to see April and Hannah graduate. They will be greatly missed," said Eagles Coach Beverly Vandeyacht.

April is the daughter of Donna and Ed Ryan. Hannah is the daughter of Annette and Chris Blowski

LaSalle Grads Close Out College Basketball Seasons

Lady Lakers Drop Tourney Contest to Lewis

Lake Superior State University Lady Lakers dropped their NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament game to Lewis 89-66 Friday, March 10, to finish the season with a 21-8 record.

Becky Marquardt-King scored a career high of 35 points, Jaelyn Armstrong and Monica Rehmann chipped 10, and Mandi Johnson notched eight points and eight rebounds.

Liz Stempki To Play in MCCA All-Star Game

Freshman Liz Stempki of Kirtland Community College was one of three Lady Firebirds selected to play in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association All-Star game Sunday, March 12, at Lansing Community College.

Stempki scored 411 points during her freshman season while helping the Firebirds to a 13-17 record, the most wins since athletics were introduced there in 2000.

37 Hoopsters Named to All-Area

By David Latva

Thirty-seven hoopsters were named to *The St. Ignace News* 2005-06 All-Area Basketball Team that included 20 seniors, 12 juniors, and five sophomores.

Heading the first team were seniors Matt Romatz of Pickford, Trent Salo of Rudyard, Garrett Becker of St. Ignace, Cory Wellnitz of Cedarville, and Travis Lynn of Brimley, and junior Jordan Sweeney of Cedarville.

The second team consisted of seniors Travis Clegg of Rudyard

and Cody Robbins of Brimley, juniors Justin Baker of Cedarville and Chase Closs of Mackinaw City, and sophomores Jordan Duncan and Jason Duncan of Cedarville.

Named to the third team were seniors Scott Butkovich of Engadine, Eric Teysen of Mackinaw City, Richie Boal of Pickford, and Brad Cameron of Brimley, and juniors Jake Weiss of St. Ignace and Stefen Albright of Engadine.

Receiving special mention were seniors Zach Pierson and Kyle

O'Boyle and junior Dan Olsen of St. Ignace, juniors David Derusha and Grayson Hood of Engadine, senior Matt Alexander and sophomore Logan Paquet of Mackinaw City, seniors Jason Pettit, Ben Mosley, and Sam Kamphuis of Mackinac Island, Jon Clegg and Kip Cline of Pickford, juniors Tom Munro and Craig Wasnich and sophomore Nathan Klammer of DeTour, senior Derek Parish and junior Preston Parish of Brimley, and junior Dan Bartley and sophomore Jeff Briggs of Rudyard.

Izzard Finalist in MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award

Senior Lauren Izzard of Cedarville, with a 3.89 grade point average, was one of the top eight female finalists in Class D for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award.

The MHSAA received more than 2,000 applications for the prestigious award. The student-athlete must accumulate a grade point average of 3.50 and have won a varsity letter in at least one sport. The candidates were judged on a series of short essay questions, submitted two letters of recommendation, and submitted a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

The daughter of Joanna and Ken Izzard has lettered in basketball, volleyball, cross country, golf, and track during her four-year career at Cedarville.



Lauren Izzard Cedarville

Little Bear To End '06 Skating Season

The last day for ice skating at Little Bear East Ice Arena was Wednesday, March 15. The rink will then be prepared for the Walker Brothers Circus Friday, March 31.

Blood Drive Planned

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled in Mackinaw City Wednesday, March 22, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Church of the Straits.

Democrats To Meet

Mackinac County Democrats will meet Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at Java Joe's Cafe in St. Ignace. It will be an organizational meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bishop Competes at NCAA Track

Ashley Bishop of Pickford, a junior at Saginaw Valley State University, competed in the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, after qualifying 13th in the weight throw and recording an indoor-best of 55' 5."

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