

St. Ignace Baseball Team Gets a Boost from Kiwanians



Lou Grondin, head coach of the St. Ignace baseball team, received a check for \$970 from Pastor Michael Lane, President of the St. Ignace Kiwanis Club, for the continuation of the Saints baseball program. The funds were raised at a Kiwanis Club fish fry. Pictured (from left) are Saints players Dan Olsen, Lewie Mullins, Pastor Lane, Coach Grondin, and players James Peterson and Justin Emery.

Mackinaw City Comets Now Tied for First Place in NLC

Mackinaw City's boys basketball team remains tied for first place in the Northern Lakes Conference after victories over Vanderbilt 61-42 Friday, February 2, and 76-60 at Alba Tuesday, January 30.

The Comets and Ellsworth are both 7-1 in the league. Remaining conference games for Mackinaw City are, on the road, Wolverine and Ellsworth, and at home, Harbor Light Christian and Boyne Falls.

During the home win over Vanderbilt the Comets defense held the Yellowjackets to single digit scoring in the first three quarters.

"We played well in both games as a team," said Comets Coach Garth Law. "I felt we moved the ball on offense and took good shots."



Zach Milholin Mackinaw City

Defense Lifts Comets Over Yellowjackets

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Balanced Rebounding, Scoring Key to Win Over Wildcats

Balanced rebounding and scoring was key in the Comets road win at Alba.

Mackinaw City held a 22-13

lead after the first eight minutes before both teams scored 12 points in the second quarter for a 34-25-halftime score.

The Comets outscored the Wildcats 23-19 in the third quarter to build the lead to 57-44 and closed out the conference game with a 19-16 advantage in the final period.

Comets Stats: Logan Paquet, 22

points, six treys, five rebounds; Barry Paquet, 15 points, three rebounds; Trevor Closs, 14 points, six rebounds; Kevin Darrow, 11 points, five rebounds; Klaus Jaggi, eight points; Nick Dullack, six points, seven rebounds.

Mackinaw City will travel to Wolverine Friday, January 9, and play host to Harbor Light Christian Friday, January 16.

Raiders Take Brimley, 64-50

DeTour trailed 26-25 at halftime and turned the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference around by outscoring Brimley 39-24 in the second half to post a 64-50 win Tuesday, January 30.



Nathan Klamerus DeTour

"We played much better in the second half," said Raiders Coach Craig Miller.

"Balanced scoring with four players in double figures was also a key."

game with an 18-13 advantage.

Raiders Stats: Nathan Klamerus, 20 points, 10 rebounds; Craig Wasnich, 15 points, 11 rebounds; Tom Munro, 12 points, five assists, four steals; Andrew Dyal, 10 points; Stan Stocking, four points, seven rebounds; Thomas Worden, three points; Scott Davis, three steals.



Nate Mills Brimley

Bays Stats: Ryan Freedman, 15 points; Preston Parish, 12 points; Nate Mills, nine points; Michael Graham, seven points; Chris Carrick, five points; Jordan Dillon, two points.

Bays Post JV Win

Brimley defeated DeTour 52-49 in the junior varsity game as Cori Quinn scored 24 points for the Raiders and Josh Wilson notched 34 for the Raiders.

Pickford Downs DeTour and Cedarville Falls in Volleyball

Pickford swept DeTour 25-17, 25-22, 25-19 during an Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference volleyball match Thursday, February 1.



Veronica Gough Pickford

"We played well and have improved since the beginning of the season," said Panthers Coach Joe Rounds. "This is a strong hitting and scrappy team."

Panthers Stats: Courtney Bruni, five aces, eight digs, three kills; Renae Reich, three aces, 11 assists, three digs, one kill; Chelsey O'Connor, two aces, eight digs, four assists, four kills; Melissa Kucharczyk, two aces, eight assists, two digs; Veronica Gough, 10 kills, five digs; Caitlin Mortensen, four kills, one dig; Alicia Bjunes, one kill.

The team's most valuable player was Mandy Hesselink as she recorded 29 assists. Chelsea Mesnard added 21 kills and 25 digs.



Billie McLeod Cedarville

Rudyard Falls

Rudyard fell to Inland Lakes 26-24, 12-25, and 19-25 Monday, January 29, with Mandy Hesselink leading the way with 12 assists, Kelli Koivisto nine kills, and Raquel McClendon nine digs.

Pickford will host Cedarville, DeTour, Brimley, and Mackinac Island in district tournaments Saturday, March 3.

Cedarville Falls to Engadine

Cedarville fell to Engadine 22-25, 21-25, 20-25 in an Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference match Thursday, February 1.

Trojans Stats: Billie McLeod, four kills, one ace, two block kills; Carissa Sudol, five assists, three aces; Caitlin Wright, two kills, two aces, two block kills; Lindsay McLeod, two kills, one block kill, Hope Deeren, two kills.

No information was available from Engadine at press time.

Bulldogs Varsity Volleyball

Rudyard competed in the Charlevoix Tournament and finished with a 3-3 record in pool play Saturday, January 27.

The Bulldogs fell to the host Rayders, defeated Pine River, split with Inland Lakes in pool play, and fell to Benzie Central in bracket play.

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Tyler Walker (right arm raised) receives his gold medal at the Winter X Games. Standing to his right is Ernie Walker, his cousin, who served as his technical person. Tyler's father, Jim, is originally from St. Ignace, as is Ernie.

Tyler Walker Places First in Aspen Winter X Games

Tyler Walker finished first in the Mono-skier X event at the Aspen Winter X Games Saturday, January 27. This is the first sport for disabled athletes in the Winter X Games that was not an exhibition, but a full medal sport.

Walker has competed in the International Paralympics Committee World Cup downhill and giant slalom and won the world title in the latter in 2006.

The athletes raced in groups of six, which is unlike single runs in downhill and slalom events. Competitors traveled 50-miles-per-hour, riding atop a single ski, jockeying for position, like a roller-derby style race.

Walker, from Franconia, New Hampshire, with family members in St. Ignace, was the favorite in the new event and proved the predictions right with the win.

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