

Saints Bowlers Drop Matches

By David Latva
St. Ignace Saints girls and boys bowling team dropped matches during Northern Michigan Bowling Association Conference competition at Gaylord Saturday, January 12.

game 138 and 274 series, and Patric Schlehuber's high game of 121 and 238 series.

Jamin Corwin bowled a high game of 240 and a two-game series of 407 to lead the Saints against the Hurons, followed by Chris Binger's high game of 233 and 403 series, Josh Feldman's high game of 207 and 373 series, Andy Mullins' high game of 177 and 338 series, and Patric Schlehuber's high game of 148 and 296 series.

St. Ignace will host Northern Michigan Bowling Association Conference matches Saturday, January 19, at Gateway Lanes, with the boys bowling, at 10 a.m. and the girls to begin play at 1 p.m.

Saints Boys Drop Pair
St. Ignace fell to the Alpena Wildcats 913 to 751 and 1,003 to 816, for a two-game total of 1,916 to 1,567. The Saints were defeated by the Rogers City Hurons 987 to 941 and 923 to 871, for a two-game total of 1,910 to 1,812.

Chris Binger led the Saints against the Wildcats with high game of 231 and two-game series of 426, followed by Jamin Corwin's high game of 190 and 330 series, Josh Feldman's high game of 159 and 299 series, Andy Mullins' high

game of 132 and 259 series, and Jaimee Bloxom, high game of 123 and 237 series.



Meghann Colegrove



Jamin Corwin

Ashley Bishop Completes Successful Career at SVSU

Bishop Earns Top Female, All-American Honors for Cardinals

Ashley Bishop, a 2002 graduate of Pickford High School, while competing for the Cardinals at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), received the Female Ryder Athlete of the Year, the highest honor that an SVSU athlete can earn, and was named All-American during her senior season.

Bishop selected Saginaw Valley State University on the basis of education opportunities, track and field coaches, and college atmosphere, and in May, she plans to be graduated with a degree in elementary education



Ashley Bishop
(social studies, sciences). She is the daughter of David and Jane Bishop.

Bishop credits high school

coaches John Bennin and Ryan Fountain for getting her career off to the right start. At SVSU, she benefited from the knowledge of Head Coach Jim Nesbitt and throwing coach Jeremy Garn, she said.

"I have learned so much leadership and responsibility from the sport, and the rewards of competing as a collegiate athlete are endless," said Bishop.

Bishop is the SVSU record holder in the 20-pound weight throw with a mark of 56'8" and the hammer throw at 167'8." She earned All-American honors after placing eighth in the weight throw at the NCAA Division II nationals in Boston.

She is the Upper Peninsula state record holder in the shot put

at 42' and one half-inch, and discus at 114'6," received Most Dedicated, Most Improved, and Most Valuable Freshman honors while with the Cardinals.

In 2004, Bishop was Great Lakes Interscholastic Athletic Conference champion in the weight throw, and in 2006 finished ninth in the NCAA Division II indoor meet at Boston. In 2007, she placed 12th in the hammer and 14th in shot at the NCAA national indoor championships.

Bishop will complete her education with a student teaching assignment at Freeland. She is proud of her All-American honor, she said, and will use her degree to teach and is interested in coaching in the future.

St. Ignace Recreation To Sponsor Wrestling for Youths

A youth wrestling club has been formed in St. Ignace for athletes from age five to 13. Twenty youngsters are participating.

The club, coached by John Schieding, is a member of the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) and practices at the elementary school gymnasium. Athletes will compete at the state level.

"We are trying to raise money to buy a new mat for the Saints varsity team, and hope to receive one of their old mats that we can keep at a permanent site," said Scott Marshall, a representative of the team.

The mission of the club is to provide a mat for youths who are just entering the sport of wrestling, learning the fundamentals as they build confidence. Coaches will encourage hard work and sportsmanship among their players.

The season began in September and will continue into April, with a brief break during the St. Ignace junior high wrestling season.

The St. Ignace City Recreation



The St. Ignace youth wrestling program includes (front, from left) Preston Spencer, Drew Marshall, Trevor Matson, Reid Marshall, Austin Marshall, Ryan Mahaiz, Hunter Frazier, Daniel Marsh, Ethan Taylor; (middle) Ben Schieding, Mitchell Snyder, Jessie Halberg, Dylan Marshall, Luke Valletta, Joel Dodds, Mitchell Peterson, Toby Ferguson, Richard Bentley; (back) Head Coach John Scheiding, Joey Ostman, Galloway Thurston, Chase DeKeyser, Assistant Coach Chris Marshall, Club Director Scott Marshall.

Department and the club are planning to host a national tournament that will include teams from throughout the United States in June.

Support for the club is coming

from the St. Ignace Middle School, Coach Harvey Bentley and his Saints varsity wrestling program, the City Recreation Department, A&I Midwest Printing, John Schieding, Dave

Thurston, and Lance DeKeyser. Area youth wrestling tournaments will be held at Sault Ste. Marie, Onaway, Rudyard, Gaylord, Rogers City, Munising, Petoskey, and Manistique.

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Saints Seventh Grade Boys Complete Season



The St. Ignace Saints seventh grade boys basketball team includes (front, from left) Zack Major, Cody Wiertalla, Brennon Danielson, Parker Simmons, Dane Mortensen, Bo LuHellier; (back) Dillon Leveille, Cody Therrian, Kurt King, Coach Brian Olsen, Ben Damron, Eric Baker, and Curtis St. Louis.

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JV Hoops

St. Ignace Saints JV Boys Pickford 51, St. Ignace 34 December 11
Saints statistics: Grant Simmons, 11 points; Cole Christiansen, nine points; Gunnar Zipp, six points; Kevin Guillard, four points; Jimmy Campbell, three points; Trevor LeVeille, one point.

Rogers City 73, St. Ignace 39 December 13
Saints statistics: Gunnar Zipp, 23 points; Cole Christiansen, five points; Evan Everson, Kevin Guillard, four points; Jimmy Campbell, two points.

Newberry 62, St. Ignace 53 December 21
Saints statistics: Gunnar Zipp, 11 points; Landon Marshall, Kevin Guillard, nine points; Grant Simmons, eight points; Mike Barthelemy, Cole Christiansen, five points; Jake Gustafson, four points; Jimmy Campbell, two points.

Sault Ste. Marie 51, St. Ignace 44 December 27
Saints statistics: Gunnar Zipp, 13 points; Evan Everson, 11 points; Kevin Guillard, eight points; Grant Simmons, five points; Jake Gustafson, Landon Marshall, three points; Cole Christiansen, one point.

Escanaba 59, St. Ignace 42 December 28
Saints statistics: Kevin Guillard, 14 points; Gunnar Zipp, eight points; Grant Simmons, four points; Evan Everson, three points; Jake Gustafson, Jimmy Campbell, two points.

Engadine Eagles JV Girls Engadine 41, Pickford 39 January 4

Eagles statistics: Krista Metcalf, 18 points; Kayla Miller, eight points; Morgan MacArthur, seven points; Lynzee Bigelow, four points; Jessica Davis, three points; Heather Troyer, one point.

Sportsmen's Club Will Meet Jan. 21

Straits Area Sportsmen's Club will meet Monday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on North State Street in St. Ignace. Members are asked to use the building's back entrance.

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