

Jets land 1st win

The Bloomfield Jets are embarking upon their second season as members of the North American Junior Hockey League.

The Jets won only three of 45 games in their inaugural season last year. Assistant coach A.J. Baker is hoping to make improvements on that record this winter.

Bloomfield took a skate in the right direction by winning its first game of the young season on its home ice Saturday evening at Cranbrook High School, defeating Buffalo, 6-3.

"I thought we played well Saturday night against Buffalo," said Baker.

"We've got a couple people hurt right now, and we need to solidify our defense," he said. "But we had a good draft. We have some good puck-handling abilities, and we have a decent pair of goaltenders."

BLOOMFIELD scored twice in the opening period, once in the second and three times in the third against Buffalo. The Jets showed some offensive balance as six different players accounted for the goals.

Rob McIntyre and Wayne Macklin scored the first two goals and Dean Hulett scored in the second. The third-period goals were netted by Dwayne Jenovese, Chris Gamino and Cam Henke.

Doug Wright had two assists and Jenovese, Hulett and Henke each added one assist.

Buffalo outshot the Jets, 33-31. Marc Rogers played goal for Bloomfield.

The Jets (1-1) lost their recent home opener to Redford, 7-1. Bloomfield enjoyed a 3-1 advantage after the first period but couldn't hold the lead.

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They were a long time in coming, these wins, which made them that much more satisfying.

Not since 1980 had Oakland University's volleyball team beaten Ferris State. And with good reason: FSU had won the last six Great Lakes Conference championships.

The Lady Pioneers faced an equal streak of futility at Grand Valley State. They had not won on the Lakers' home court since 1979.

All that changed last weekend. OU dumped the Lady Bulldogs 15-8, 15-8, 4-15, 15-13, in Big Rapids Friday, then traveled to Allendale and knocked off the Lady Lakers 15-6, 9-15, 15-7, 15-10, on Saturday.

The dual wins left the Lady Pioneers alone atop the GLIAC at 6-0. They are 7-3 overall. In second is Michigan Tech at 5-2, followed by FSU and GVSU, both 4-2. Wayne State made the same trip as OU last

weekend but with opposite results, falling to 3-2.

"WE'VE BEEN pointing at this a long time," said Lady Pioneer coach Bob Hurdle. "Some of the things we haven't been doing well, we did well."

At the top of list was serving and defense. "We served extremely well," noted Hurdle. "And we played very intense, very good defense."

What caught FSU by surprise was a change in the Lady Pioneers' serve reception. In an earlier loss to the Lady Bulldogs at the Ball State Tournament, Hurdle didn't bother changing his defense during the match.

"I didn't want to start adjusting things then," he admitted. "I wanted to save them for the conference match."

His strategy worked. "Primarily,

the biggest difference was changing our service receives, which we changed depending upon who was serving," he explained. "I don't think (FSU) recognized what we were doing until game three."

FSU rallied to win that third game, but couldn't prevent the defeat in game four. OU's offensive statistics weren't outstanding as a team, the Lady Pioneers hit just .085 and had only five solo blocks.

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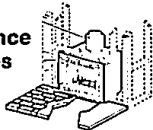


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