

Lathrup Skiers Ready To Hit Slopes



READY TO HIT THE SLOPES at Southfield Lathrup High School are from left to right, boys' Coach Doug Estlund, Heather Williams, Brad Ketai, and girls' Coach JoAnn Perkins. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

By TOM DONOGHUE
Sports Editor

Southfield Lathrup's ski team is getting ready to hit the slopes.

Lathrup is in the Southeastern Michigan Ski League, one of four high school divisions in Michigan which ski at Mt. Brighton, Alpine, Pine Knob and Mt. Holly.

Lathrup is in the Mt. Brighton division (Southeastern Michigan) High, Walled Lake Western, Catholic Central, Our Lady of Mercy, Okemos, Brighton and Lathrup.

Ski dual meets begin in January with the divisional meet slated for February.

Area Matmen Square-Off At Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College is hosting its third annual high school wrestling Invitational Tournament on Friday, Jan. 12 and Saturday, Jan. 13.

A total of 32 teams will be in competition on Friday from 3 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The 32 team card includes: Adrian, Allen Park, Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Church Hill, Claremont, Clawson, Crestwood, Dearborn, Edsel Ford, Farmington, Franklin, Garden City East, Farmington-Harrison, Highland Park, John Glenn, L'Anse-au-Loup, North Farmington, Novi, Plymouth, Redford Union, Southfield, Southfield Lathrup, South Lyon, Stevens, Thurston, Trenton, Troy, Warren Woods, Waterford Kettering, Wayne Memorial and West Bloomfield.

THE LEAGUE MEET is at Alpine Valley and the first three qualify for the divisional.

This is year No. 4 for Lathrup, with the boys' squad coached by Doug Estlund and the girls' by JoAnn Perkins. The first two teams from each division qualify for the regional which is in a sense the state meet.

"This is the coming high school sport," said Estlund. "Mt. Holly has really pushed for intercollegiate skiing and we're up there."

In the first '69-'70 season, the girls finished No. 1 in their division with a 4-1 record and placed seventh in the regional.

In '70-'71, the girls ended up second in the division at 3-2 but took first in the division and first in the Inter-Lakes. Last year the girls finished fourth with a 2-3 division mark but placed first in the Inter-Lakes meet.

The boys, well... Estlund thinks this is their year to shine.

SIX MAKE UP Estlund's backbone on the boys' squad. Brad Ketai is a sophomore and is tabbed the No. 1 skier by Estlund.

"Technically, he (Ketai) is one of the top in the state," said Estlund. "He lacks only the weight to make him one of the top six."

Leslie Welsh is a three year letter winner as a junior and the team's success will lie on his shoulders according to Estlund.

who spent last season in a cast.

Coach Perkins has a fine crop returning in the girls field of two seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores.

The seniors are Heather Williamson and Lynn Smart.

MISS WILLIAMSON is in her third year and is No. 1 on the squad. She takes racing very seriously and is the complete backbone of the team. Miss Smart is also in year No. 3 and is expected to give Williamson a real contest for the No. 1 berth.

"When she puts her mind to it, she can beat anyone," said her coach.

The juniors are Kathy Miklosy, a first year starter, and Kathy Hart, another one year varsity member. Sophomores on the squad are Sue Smart and Cindy Lewis.

Other girls in competition for the varsity squad are Kim O'Neill, Debby Panila, Nancy Peterson, Debby Wall and Kim Warren.

Boys also in the running for



KIRK LEWIS, freshman tight end from Garden City West High School, had an outstanding year for the University of Michigan varsity reserve football team which won five of its six games this fall. Lewis was rated as the finest offensive lineman and was noted for his excellent blocking. Lewis may be moved to the offensive line next year on the varsity to take advantage of his 6-4, 225 pounds.

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Washtenaw Cagers Capture Schoolcraft Xmas Tourney

There wasn't a lot of holiday cheer around the Schoolcraft Community College Christmas Basketball Invitational - that is, as far as Schoolcraft was concerned.

The Ocelots dropped their opening round game and the consolation match, with Washtenaw taking the four team billing over Lansing, Kalamazoo and Schoolcraft.

It was the third year for the Schoolcraft tourney which the host school won in its opening stint, with Lansing taking it all last year.

"Washtenaw really put it all together," said Schoolcraft Coach Tom Roncoli whose cagers now stand 2-7 overall and 0-3 in the Eastern Division of the Michigan Junior College Athletic Association.

WASHTENAW BLITZED Schoolcraft in the opening round, 93-75, with Schoolcraft falling to Lansing in the consolation clash, 83-71, while Washtenaw crushed Kalamazoo for the holiday crown.

Tom Luch, graduate of Livonia Franklin High, was the lone bright spot in Roncoli's attack with 23 points in both games, pushing his season average to 19 a game.

Luch headed up the all-tourney squad which also included Larry Walls and Charlie Johican of Washtenaw, Jerry Stuart of Lansing and Larry Oljje of Kalamazoo.

"It has been a rough road," added Roncoli. "We have been in most of the games but we have now lost four players because of academic reasons. Two others quit because of not playing and I am down to seven players."

"Seven players from a

school that has an enrollment of 5,000," sighed Roncoli.

SCHOOLCRAFT OPENS '73 at home this Saturday, Jan. 6, against the University of Detroit from squad with tipoff at 8 p.m.

It's then on to Macomb County on Jan. 10 and

Highland Park on Jan. 12 before returning home against Henry Ford on Jan. 16, and Alpena Community College on Jan. 19.



Ski Heil By BILL CAMERON

Well, it certainly was a short winter! Don't be fooled by the lack of snow locally. There is plenty of it upstate in the country. What we had as rain, they had as snow.

I feel sorry for the local skiers. The temperature has to drop below 20 degrees before they can make artificial snow. Those of you who have signed up for our Ladies Ski Day and Livonia Ski Skule should call Mt. Brighton before venturing out there. Just be patient, conditions will improve.

This time next week I'll be in sunny California. Actually, I'll be in Berkeley, which is across the bay from San Francisco. For two weeks I'll be huffing and puffing on the tennis courts attempting to learn more about the sport in order to become a certified teaching pro. It was very difficult justifying this trip to my daughter because she thinks I know all there is to know about tennis. How could I shatter her illusions?

On my way west I'm stopping in Albuquerque,

N.M. to visit friends and hopefully to ski - at a place called Sandia. It should be an interesting experience.

If you'd like to combine skiing and tennis you can do both at Sugarloaf near Traverse City. They are opening four indoor courts. Nearby, Timberlee opened two indoor courts last winter. Did you know that Dennis and Elaine Beck of Southfield won bronze medallions at last season's national finals of the NASTAR races held at Vail, Colo.?

They represented Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It seems that while vacationing at Jackson they decided to enter a NASTAR race and ended up with the best times for the entire season, making them eligible for an all-expense paid trip to Vail.

Happy New Year to all my readers and keep thinking snow!

*** WASHTENAW (93)

Byrd	FG	FT	TP
Kelly	3	0-0	6
Walls	11	8-10	30
Edwards	4	0-0	16
Johanson	10	0-2	20
Wright	2	8-8	9
Huffel	2	0-0	4
Jordan	0	1-2	0
Totals	34	7-10	76

*** SCHOOLCRAFT (75)

Dismore	FG	FT	TP
Lewis	3	0-0	6
Luch	11	1-1	23
Rosenbath	7	1-3	15
Webb	4	0-0	8
Jackson	7	4-4	10
Johanson	0	0-0	0
Totals	34	7-10	76

*** SCHOOLCRAFT (71)

Dismore	FG	FT	TP
Lewis	6	2-4	12
Rosenbath	2	0-2	4
Juch	9	8-8	23
Webb	8	0-0	12
Jordan	6	0-0	12
Johanson	1	0-0	2
Totals	31	9-13	71

*** LANSING (83)

Ford	FG	FT	TP
Bowen	4	0-0	8
Starr	8	2-3	10
Monroe	8	0-0	16
Pherson	1	0-0	2
Gatner	2	0-0	4
Chaver	2	3-4	7
Totals	26	11-7	57

Lights Will Glow For '73 Tigers

The lights will glow on the Tigers during 1973 spring training as, never before in their history.

Four of the 31 exhibition games announced by Jim Campbell, executive vice president and general manager, will be played under the lights at Marchant Stadium, in Lakeland, Fla., where the Tigers have trained since 1954. The Tigers played only one night game there last spring, beating the Boston Red Sox a few hours before a players' strike cut short spring training and delayed start of the regular season.

The 1973 spring games will open with a traditional series against the Minnesota Twins at Orlando on Saturday, March 3, and at Lakeland the following day. One other Sunday and three Saturdays are on the schedule at Marchant Stadium, where the night games will be played March 22 (St. Louis), March 24 (Pittsburgh), March 29 (Boston) and April 2 (Cincinnati).

The exhibition season will close with an April 23 series with the Cincinnati Reds, after which the Tigers will head north to open their '73rd.

American League campaign at Cleveland on Saturday, April 7.

THIS MARKS the fifth time in the last six years that the Tigers will play all their spring games in Florida, with 17 at Lakeland. They will meet 12 of the other 16 teams training in Florida - five American League teams in 13 games, seven National League entries in 18 games.

Five exhibitions have been scheduled with the Red Sox while three National League teams will be met four times each. They are Cincinnati, New York and Pittsburgh - the three teams which have had a monopoly on National League pennants since 1969.

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