



Don't cry the blues — it's snowing out West

There's no doubt about it. Nature dealt a cruel blow to southeast Michigan ski areas this winter.

After enduring two years of winter's caprice, it seemed until mid-February that banner profits for beleaguered ski areas were on their way. But alas, it was not to be.

What do Michigan skiers do? They rejoice at the prospect of traveling to New England, the Rocky Mountains or Quebec. Fortunately for diehard Michigan skiers, those places now are enjoying what they longed for during the bulk of the winter — abundant snow to carry them into spring.

Spring skiing is the alpha and omega for all downhill skiers, and even for cross-country types who wish to take their boards to downhill areas which provide excellent cross-country courses.

So far, spring skiing in the Rockies, especially in Utah and Colorado, affords dry, mild air, light powder and easy hard-packed snow to cajole even the most jaded Michigan skier into a lulled sense of having died and gone to heaven.

IF YOU'RE ONE of the unfortunate who has never experienced the thrill of sliding down a mountain for 15 to 20 uninterrupted minutes in 50- and 60-degree weather with the western sun beating on your swimsuit-and-sweatshirt-clad frame, it may be time to try it.

Getting there isn't that difficult or expensive.

Airline super-saver rates are available and any carrier that flies to the West will be able to help you obtain the information best suited to your needs.

The secret to enjoying a Western spring-skiing jaunt is dressing in layers for maximum comfort.

In the Rocky Mountain spring, mornings often dawn quite coolly, and the slopes will be cold with hard-packed snow until the sun sheds its rays, warming your body and loosening the snow.

PACK A PARKA, down vest, lightweight sweater, a few turtle-necks and a T-shirt or two. You'll probably be shedding most or all of those layers during the day, getting down to good suntan apparel as noon rolls around.

It's common to see skiers in swimsuits, bikinis or cut-offs in the spring.

But don't forget that warm clothing should also be toted just in case of a not-unheard-of spring snowstorm.

Spring snow conditions means that the texture of the snow and weather are unpredictable, varying with the time and temperatures of the day.

Mornings usually offer cold, hard-packed snow that softens as the day grows warmer. You'll see hard-pack turn to slush-bumps in a matter of hours.

Stay flexible. Realize that the combinations of sunshine and clear, cold nights will provide great all-around skiing experiences rarely found in the Midwest.

Bring your favorite pair of skis. Because the snow conditions change so rapidly, a good all-around ski works best. And remember to have those edges sharpened for the hard snow in the morning or for the south side of the bumps, even though you know there will be softer snow available after lunch.

In the long run (no pun intended), you needn't worry about toting special equipment.

SUNSHINE IN THE ROCKIES, especially to cloud-beleaguered southeast Michigan residents, can fry skiers to crispy critters, and sometimes provides unwanted surprises for the epidermis.

Rockies resorts are at high altitudes. The air is thin at 10,000 or 11,000 feet, allowing rare and rapid sunburning. Be liberal while using sunscreen since sunburn can be serious and painful.

Barry ZeVan, the television weatherman, writes a skiing column for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

O&E All-Area team

Top spikers boast experience

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have played to a 13-2 record." Groves' coach Myron Campbell knows he has a talented all-around player in Karen Klezak.

"She's the best middle spiker I've ever had," he said. "Other players — like Young — hit it hard, but they don't spike from the middle as consistently."

"In the three years I've coached, Klezak has been our most consistent player. She's been a superb blocker since she was a sophomore."

MANSOURA IS AN "excellent all-around player in all skill areas of volleyball," said Lathrup coach Lionel Blogg.

"There's no part of the game she doesn't play well. She's been our setter for the last three years."

"Her serves are 95 percent good, and Monique is an outstanding defensive player."

"We have an award for the player with the most hustle, and she's won it four years in a row," added Blogg. "She doesn't think there's a ball she can't get to."

"She also plays basketball, pitches on the softball team, is a concert violinist and has close to a 4.0 grade point average."

Shelley Keegen, daughter of Lahser head football coach Bob Keegen, is a top-notch defensive player,

in Hurdle's words.

"She's our most consistent player, hits the ball very well and is an excellent passer," Hurdle said.

"IN THE TWO years she's started for us, Shelly has proved her ability to make great saves."

"When you speak of improvement, you can't ignore Hurdle's accomplishments this year with his Andover squad."

Last year, the Barons finished with a dismal 4-11 record but rebounded with an excellent 12-4 overall mark.

The Barons finished second in the Southeastern Michigan Association behind Royal Oak Kimball — a team that handed Andover three of its four losses.

Andover won its own invitational and reached the finals in every tournament it competed in this year.

O&E's second team includes Lathrup's Jackie Bryant, Lahser's Jodi Fodor, Rochester High's Erika Bauer, Birmingham Marian's Fran Varley, Troy Athens' Julie Sharkey and North Farmington's Tami O'Dell.

Southfield High's Julie Graham, Andover's Jill Goetz, Groves' Lori Russell, Athens' Cindi Evans, Farmington High's Chris Loefer and North Farmington's Amy Minzaff earned third-team honors.



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North Farmington



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Andover



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Lahser



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Groves



MO MANSOURA
Lathrup



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Andover

from our readers

A rhythmic rhyme for Brother Rice

Editor:

"Brother Rice"

(Tune: "Camelot")

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