

# Surgery ruins holidays for Lord

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All I want for Christmas is... constructive knee surgery?  
Such was the unfortunate fate of North Farmington junior Scot Lord, who spent Christmas Eve on the operating table and Christmas Day in a hospital recovery room as doctors repaired the anterior cruciate ligament he tore during a basketball game against Redford Union on Dec. 17.  
"That's about as tough a situation as you can imagine, but I'll tell you the type of kid Scot is," said North coach Tom Negoshian.

"He apologized to me. He said he was sorry that he let the team down. Can you believe that?"  
Lord, a 6-4 and 220-pound two-sport standout at North, aroused the interest of some Big Ten and Mid-American Conference football scouts last fall and was expected to play a leadership role on the young North Farmington basketball team.  
"It's all up to him now," Negoshian said. "The doctors told him that recovery is possible but it was all mental. He has to make up his mind to outwork every-

body. From now on practice is every day, in therapy."  
Lord is expected to begin rehabilitation therapy today and, as he begins ready to play football next fall, Negoshian likes his chances.  
"He's big, he's strong, he's tough and, right now, he's in a great frame of mind," Negoshian said. "If anyone can come back from this type of injury, Scot is the kind of kid who can do it."  
If Lord is looking for some inspiration or a role model, he should take a drive out to Ann Arbor and spend some time with

Michigan wide receiver Derrick Alexander. Alexander suffered the same injury in the 1991 season-opener at Boston College and had to sit on the sidelines while teammate Desmond Howard enjoyed a Heisman Trophy season. But after a year of excruciatingly tedious and painful and lonely rehabilitation, Alexander returned to his 4.4-second speed over 40 yards and his All-Big Ten form.  
"That's a good comparison," Negoshian said. "He needs to see that you can come back from this type of injury. And I really think he will."

# Troy cagers stun highly touted W. Bloomfield

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Troy basketball coach Jim Clary was looking for some kind of boost to provide his cagers with the confidence needed heading into the meaty part of their schedule.  
Wednesday, Clary's Colts received just that, courtesy of the West Bloomfield Lakers.

Domke's son, Matt, led the Lakers in scoring with eight points, but suffered through a dismal shooting night that saw him miss on eight of 10 three-point attempts.  
The Colts were led by senior Jay Phifer, who tossed in 12 points, and junior Brian Dukes, who came off the bench to twin 10. Junior Kevin Krupitzer chipped in with six, senior Wyki Tyson had five and senior Doug Grant four. Junior Greg Feldkamp, who earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player honors, was held to two points.

In Tuesday's semifinal games, the Colts broke open a close game in the second half to stomp the Yellow Jackets, while the Lakers watched a comfortable halftime lead nearly evaporate in hanging on for their victory over Southeastern.

The Colts rolled on a balanced attack, placing four players in double figures. Krupitzer led the way with 25 points, Tyson bagged 15 and Feldkamp and Brian Dukes had 10 each.

"We played better tonight than we had been playing," Clary said. "A few guys loosened up and played pretty well."

Clary's cagers trailed for much of the first half, thanks to some torrid shooting by DCD's Clarence Black. Black, who finished with a game-high 27 points, twined three of his six three-point baskets in a 16-point first quarter.

The Colts battled back in the second period, taking the lead for good when Phifer, who was held to six points, drained a short jumper. By halftime the Colts were enjoying a 33-28 advantage.

Looking to claim their third straight All-State Classic title on the short end of a 55-20 contest. The consolation contest saw Detroit Southeastern, which dropped a 51-46 contest Tuesday to West Bloomfield, rebound and hand Detroit Country Day a 52-43 defeat.

"I think just by winning Tuesday night (a 71-56 win over Country Day in semifinal play) built our confidence," Clary said. "We had some kids loosen up and have a big part in this win tonight."

From the beginning neither team was in jeopardy of setting any scoring records as they combined for only five baskets and 13 points in the first eight minutes of play.

Held to five points in the opening quarter, the Lakers managed just two points in the second frame — that coming with 17 seconds remaining — as they trailed 15-7 at the half.

The Colts put the game out of reach in the final two quarters by outscoring the Lakers 16-7 and 24-6.

"I thought we executed well, we just couldn't hit any shots," West coach Tim Domke said after watching his squad fall to 3-2 on the season.

# Richters

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"I do think I can play at this level," he said. "Realistically, I'm not sure the indoor game is best suited for me. The outdoor game is better for me. But I would like to think that if I was given a chance, given some time to make mistakes and gain some confidence, I could help this team."

Well, is a meeting with Tinnon imminent?  
"At some point I would like to talk to him," Richters said. "I want to feel like all of this is building toward something. It's fine if I'm sitting and growing and improving. But I want to make sure there will be something waiting for me down the road."

Go talk to Tinnon.  
"Well, not now," he said. "We've just won two in a row. I don't want to go to the coach with a complaint when the team is winning. My first priority is to help the team in anyway I can. I would never take away from a victory."

# Dena Head

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Observerland's pre-season pick for player of the year, will be getting his headlines in the next couple of months. We're still trying to catch up with Dena.

"I was playing professional basketball in Italy and I could be going back in a couple of weeks or maybe not until next year," she said.

For three months she played for the team in Ancona, a small town in central Italy about three hours from Rome. She was signed to replace another American, Olympian Carolyn Jones, who had been injured. In those three months, Head averaged 21 points per game and Ancona, one of the weaker teams in the league, was in fourth place and on the rise.

"I was brought in there on a trial basis and I think I proved myself," she said. "I think I definitely left my mark and made an impression. I got good reviews."

Problem was, the Italian League mandates that no more than three Americans can play on one team. So when Jones came back, Ancona said ciao to Head. At least for now.

"I went in as an unknown and I gained some status," she said. "People know who I am now and that will help me. My next contract will be a long-term one. But even if I don't go back, I had a good time and I gained the respect of the Italian people. And they gained mine."

As for her personal experience, Head can recount good times and not so good times.

"As for basketball, it's definitely the next step up from college," she said. "The Europeans have a different attitude; all they care about is winning. And they pay the Americans the most money so they expect the most in return. It's not all home go home. The Italians must have learned

the game from some Hoosiers. There is very little run-and-gun or one-on-one play. Most teams deploy a very deliberate, multi-passing style of offense. And it's very physical.

"The Italians expect the Americans to be tougher, so the refs don't give us many favors," Head said. "It gets pretty nasty sometimes."

Socially, well, you can imagine. Head was in a small town that offered little in the way of shopping, fine dining or entertainment. The people were certainly friendly enough but it's tough to get to know people when you don't speak their language.

"The good thing was that the big cities like Rome and Milan were only three hours away and I had time to visit there," she said. "I enjoyed that."

Financially, life was good. All Head had to pay for was food. She was given an apartment and, if

# OUTDOORS CALENDAR

**CLASSES AND SHOWS**  
A cooking class on wild game preparation begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Chef Milos Chikola of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield will teach the class which meets for five weeks. Course fee is \$147, 462-4448.

The Wayne County Sportsman's Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer a Michigan hunter safety certification course beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23-24, at the Wayne County Sportsman's Club in Romulus. The course will cover firearms history, use and safety, archery safety, hunter ethics, first aid, survival techniques, wildlife management, game care, wildlife identification and hunter/landowner relations. Course fee is \$5. Class size is limited and pre-registration is advised, 632-0285.

Northern Wildlife Art Expo, featuring the work of 50 wildlife artists, will be held Feb. 5-7 at the Lansing Civic Arena. Admission is \$5 adult, \$3.50 senior citizen and children under 12 will be ad-

mitted free. Weekend passes are available for \$5.

The Greater Detroit Sportfishing Expo will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Michigan Wildlife Art Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary April 2-4 at the Southfield Pavilion.

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