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MAKING WAVES - "Ladies and Gentlemen: For 1997, the IAC Section IV, Class C-D Champions are the Blue & Gold LANSING MERMEN!!"

Lansing Swimmers' 348 Points Win Class C-D Sectional Title

By Coach Bob Terry

Just as the IAC Championships proved last weekend, the Sectional Championships provided an exciting and close match-up between the class C and D schools. There was really no team favorite this year as all the teams had unexplained wins and losses throughout the season. It was an exciting roller coaster of a season that provided those watching this year's Section 4 Championships with some of the closest competition in years.

On Saturday Feb. 15th, the Bobcat Swimming and Diving squad swam past Sherburne-Earlville (57), TAE (158), Odessa (276) and Watkins Glen (338) to win the Sectional Championships by a mere ten points (348).

For the Bobcats, Watkins was the team to beat. The blue and gold had suffered their only two regular season meet losses at the hands of the Senecas. As the stage was set, it was a matter of who could lower times the most and who was able to repeat or better his performance from the preliminary rounds as the swimmers moved towards the after-

Troop # 48

Scouts For Food

Though you've surely heard the shrieks of feigned terror coming from their Halloween haunted house and seen their monthly can and bottle drive at the Community Center on the first Saturday of each month, Troop #48 does lots of other community service.

Right now, they're preparing for their annual townwide "Scouting For Food" maneuver to replenish the Lansing Food Pantry's shelves. Though lots of food is donated at Christmas, the Scouts know that the Pantry serve folks year round.

"The troop splits into teams and hangs plastic bags on doorknobs and mailboxes around town," said Eagle Scout Rob Mitchell. Empty bags will be distributed about March 12 and 13, said Jason Howell. "We'll pass them out around Bean Hill, Ludlowville, Myers, Sperry Lane, East Shore Drive and Conlon Road." Pickup is scheduled for Saturday, March 15.

Last year, about half the bags came back, filled with cereal, macaroni, canned goods and even some pet food. "The food filled several cafeteria-sized tables two bags high," said former scoutmaster Rod Sunderlin. For information, call 533-4330.

noon finals.

With heads, legs and an occasional eyebrow shaved for quickness, Lansing had at least one swimmer in the finals in every event. Lansing also advanced at least three, if not all four, swimmers into either the consolation or championship finals in each event.

All three of the Bobcat relays took second in the finals. The Bobcats were led by Section Champions Mike Dende (50 & 100 free), Rick Ducharme (200 free, 2nd 100 back), Mike Skvarla (100 fly, 3rd 50 free) and final top 6 finishes by Rich Clark (2nd 100 breast, 5th 100 free), Roger Barnard (5th 200 IM, 6th 100 back), Nick Henne (5th 50 free, 6th 100 free), Dave Huffman (6th 50 free) Tyson Benson (4th Diving), Trevor Howells (6th Diving), Jeff Dende (4th 100 fly), Zak Komiak (6th 500 free), and Phil Davidson (6th 100 breast). In addition, 15 other swimmers made consolation finals in the top 12 to score points for the Bobcats. Almost everyone hit a personal best by more than just a second or two. The mermen were up and ready for this weekend and focused on the meet.

It was truly a meet where depth made the difference. Every point that could be scored was one more added to the total team score. Although the kids competed on an individual basis to attain their personal best and achieve a top place finish, their rewards also carried into the team score the higher they placed. By having almost every swimmer score points for the team, the Cats were able to inch past Watkins event after event.

It was exciting to see such a young squad swim so well together as a team. For most of them, this was their first experience in a championship meet format. And, I'm happy to say, each was able to remain focused on his personal task.

The exciting thing for this particular squad of swimmers is the fact that they will all be back again next season. With no seniors and 16 of the 21 members being sophomores or younger, the Bobcats have a few years to build and grow as a strong powerhouse in Section 4 swimming. As the team practices off season with waterpolo and paintballing, they would like to leave you with a little adaptation of a classic Seuss line..." If you've never watched us, then maybe you should."

These Bobcats are fun and fun makes us good.



BREAKING AWAY - After a more strongly contested three quarters than expected, Ladycats get off their seats in the final minutes as Lansing pulls ahead.

Ladycats Top Tioga 53-40; Faceoff Against Bainbridge-Guilford Tonight

Lansing's Varsity Girls basketball team won the quarterfinal round of the IAC Sect. IV Division playoffs with a 53-40 win over Tioga Central on Feb. 18 in a game that was much tighter than the final score indicated.

Lansing never trailed, but Tioga's gutsy Tigers stayed close most of the game. At the end of 3 quarters, Tioga was still within 3 points, 37-34. Only in the final minutes did Lansing explode to cap a 16-6 final quarter.

Dixie Chaffee and Rachel Jackson were stellar in the bench relief in the final eight minutes, said Dean. Chaffee scored four of her 10 points and Jackson made five of her seven points in the Ladycats' final run.

The blue and gold were aggressive throughout the game, but several times Tioga capitalized on our offensive ball control to score. "Tioga played really hard as a team," said coach Stu Dean. "They played outstanding ball and battled us all the way."

"Our kids played tough and hard," said Tioga coach Kim Pesesky. "Shelly (Maus) had a big game for us; I'm proud of the team's effort." Maus led Tioga with 12 points.

Senior Carolyn Childers led Lansing's scoring with 13 points. Towards the end of the game, Devon Lucas fell on her knee and was helped from the court. Subsequent examination revealed a torn ligament and she'll be out of action for the balance of the

playoff series.

With the win, Lansing's record improved to 19-2 and earned the Ladycats the right to meet third-seeded Bainbridge-Guilford (19-1) in the Binghamton Arena tonight (Wed., Feb. 26).



"PUT IT AWAY" - Coach Stu Dean's advice was heeded as the Ladycats outscored Tioga 16-6 in the final quarter to advance in IAC Sect. IV play.

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