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Around the Fieldhouse

by Bill Keeler

Lakehead University's C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse has a lot more to offer than most people think. Although the primary purpose revolves around the school of Physical Education and Athletics, the fieldhouse is a site for many activities.

In addition to hosting the Nor' Wester varsity sports, the fieldhouse is home to many community activities. Some of these activities include a 24 team men's and women's soccer league, Senior Secondary Athletic Association playoffs and annual elementary school jamboree.

The fieldhouse is home to approximately 6000 full-time students, faculty and staff for their physical activity pursuits. C.J. Sanders fieldhouse boasts and olympic size pool, three squash courts, weight room, auxiliary gym and main gymnasium. Yearly public memberships are sold as well as daily and weekly passes. With generous contributions from the Lakehead University Student Union, an effort is being made to upgrade the weight room.

Fieldhouse Programs

There are also several programs offered by the athletics department.

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Director's Welcome

Greeting From Dr. Norm Lavoie, Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics

As director of the school of Education and Athletics and on behalf of our coaches, athletes, faculty and staff of Lakehead University we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our supporters and fans to once again participate in the "Thunderdome". All of our teams have been very competitive this year and we look forward to a very successful 1993/94 Nor' Wester season end.

We are very proud of the coaches and student-athletes at Lakehead University and again would like to thank you for all your support and we are confident that we will continue to be the "Best in the West".

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Political Rank-lings

by Patrick Gardiner

What a year some of our Lakehead Nor' Westers varsity teams have had so far. I should be happy, and actually I am, with all of our teams' performances. However, there is one point that really has been nagging me lately, and that is the apparent lack of acknowledgement and respect our teams and some of their players have been given. I feel that this lack of respect comes from the usual alienation that we as students, athletes, and coaches receive due to our geographical and media isolation from Southern Ontario.

The Men's Wrestling team has finished well in almost every tournament they have entered this year, highlighted by winning the Western Novice and finishing second at our very own Gord Garvie Memorial Tournament behind the #4 ranked University of Regina, who at the time of printing has moved up to #1. The Nor' Westers finished higher than the #1 team at the time, MacMaster, and defending National Champions University of Manitoba. Of the eight matches with Regina, LU managed to win four. Yet, despite the fact that LU is also ranked in the top ten in the country, it seems that the team will have to have all of its wrestlers win the gold at a tournament in order to move up a from the usual #8 to #6 spot LU occupies. Maybe the team will actually manage to crack the top five out of the CIAU's kindness. The team has

even managed to finish well at tournaments that attract Canadian National team members as well as finishing well at Invitationals and Opens that allow World Class wrestlers to come in and usually put a big hurt on university athletes that are three or more years away from potentially wrestling at the same level. One only has to look at the team's fourth place finish at the Queen's Open to appreciate what they did competing against an international contingent of World Cup "ringers".

The Women's Volleyball team, after splitting their conference opening doubleheader with Windsor, has gone on to win their last four series in a row to remain tied with Windsor atop of the OWIAA West Division with a 9-1 record. With this season being the last for many players, the performances by players like Kelly Breutigam, Geraldine Bergmans and Jo-Anne Hood have gone to a higher level. The team has also benefitted from the play of emerging star Catherine McMahon and rookie France Lagroix who has managed to make the starting lineup. However, you'd think that a team that is at the top of their division, especially an Ontario team, would get some recognition. I'm not trying to put Ontario on a pedestal, but our volleyball team is an excellent one right now. It's also a shame that this lack of respect by the media, and to some degree tournament or-

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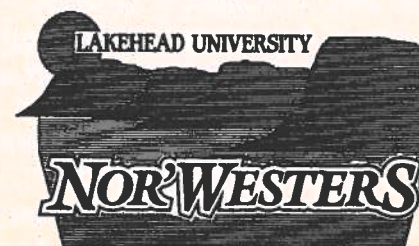
ganizers, has been heaped onto players like Kelly Breutigam. Breutigam, despite having National Team experience and strong tournaments every week, seems to be left off of all-tournament teams just because she's been on many in the past. It's nice to get a nice mix at tournaments for all-star teams, but they're there to acknowledge excellence and Kelly definitely fits that description.

The Men's team is another further example of how ignorance in its true sense of the word is applied by those who administer rankings. Covering the team last year as a reporter and doing so again this year as the Sports Editor of the Argus, I have seen how the team has grown in talent and leadership. The return of Ray Foster is one such growth of the team that, with Foster's return, now has five legitimate starters. Again though, it would appear that the team has been slighted. Case in point. After the second weekend of conference play, the Men's basketball team was 4-0 in the conference. When the rankings for the CIAU's top ten came out on January 18th, I was amazed to see Laurentian at #9 and Manitoba #10. Laurentian was 2-0, but LU had swept the Voyageurs in impressive style at home in the pre-season by scores of 78-69 and 95-84. LU had also managed to defeat Manitoba in October at the New York Life Tournament 74-68. Laurentian's ranking is especially difficult to understand considering they play in the OUAA East Division which is considerably weaker than

the West which LU competes in with the likes of MacMaster, Western, and Brock. It may seem like whining, and it may even be a moot point considering how the team lost convincingly at home against Western, but the fact remains that as of January 18th our team should have had the satisfaction of being a top ten team for one week and give our school and its athletes the respect they deserved.

If anything I hope I have achieved some satisfaction in venting what I feel is a commonly shared frustration by many people who have come to Lakehead as students and athletes. I feel that because of our isolation, others, be it the Southern Ontario dominated media, or those who vote on national rankings, could do better in acknowledging our accomplishments as a smaller university. I think that our isolation bonds the relationships between the fans and athletes that much more and gives us a better appreciation of our varsity teams and thus, is something to be commended. ■

Patrick Gardiner is the current Sports Editor of The Argus and definitely one of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic LU varsity fans on campus



EDITOR'S NOTE

by Ian T. Fero

Welcome to the ThunderStorm. After a brief hiatus over the past few years where the 'Storm has appeared sporadically at best, it has returned, although on another limited basis.

What the ThunderStorm attempts to do is provide an overall viewpoint of athletics at Lakehead, covering not only the varsity sports but the club sports and, as of this issue, the local high school scene. In addition to the athletics coverage there is insightfully viewpoints digging deep into the world of LU athletics and the people involved in them.

You may notice in the coverage an extreme lack of scores and statistics. The trouble with a monthly publication is the relation of time constraints. For example if the issue comes out at the beginning of each month the varsity teams may have played four weekends in a row. Thus the stories for this issue were made to shy away from the standard coverage you may find in a daily or weekly publication such as The Chronicle Journal or The Argus. What is intended is an overall look at the world of athletics at our University.

Upon publication the varsity teams will be well into the second semester of action and well into conference action, gearing up for the Ontario championships. With that in mind the varsity action has been presented in a review type format to hopefully provide an otherwise unheard of look at the varsity teams. Thanks for reading, look forward to another issue possibly next month.

Lakehead Club Sports

Track and Field

by Dr. Ian Newhouse

The LU track and field team hosted their annual LU vs. the World season opener on January 8, 1994. The event attracted roughly 30 competitors with the feature race being the men's 1500m which was won by Lakehead University's Kip Sigsworth. LU's Curtis Symons was also a double gold medallist, winning the long jump and the 50m sprint. Alexis Kissen (1500m, 3000m), Joan Post (1500m, 3000m), Mike Hay (600m, 3000m) and Ian Brissett (50m, 300m) were also double medallists.

The team then took to the road the following weekend to face tougher competition at the North West Open in Minneapolis. Cindy Burlock and Kip Sigsworth continued to shine as both posted personal bests in the 1500m. Meets in Winnipeg, Duluth and at home in Thunder Bay are on the horizon with top University competition meeting at the Ontario championships at York University at the end of February.

Cross Country Running

by Dr. Ian Newhouse

Lakehead University runners ran strong at the Ontario University Championships Oct. 30, 1993 in Waterloo. The womens squad was led by Cindy Burlock (21st) and Paula Adams (53rd). Also scoring for the women's team was Doris Hausleitner, Pam Carter and Shae Salovaari. Gutsy races by Erik Allan (33rd), Mike Hay (36th), David Koivuranta (47th) and Gareth Jones (53rd) helped place LU 9 out of 14 teams in the mens division. Leo Altieri and Jason

LaPierre were forced to drop out of the race with cramps. The youth of all the runners bodes well for next year's team.

Womens Wrestling

by Rob McLaughlin

Lately more and more women are putting their heads to the mats to change the face of wrestling. Under the guidance of LU varsity coach Francis Clayton, Lakehead is now developing a strong and enthusiastic womens wrestling program.

For many of the women athletes, wrestling has become an important part of the academic year. Workouts are several times a week and usually in the mornings but turnout has remained high. Besides getting into shape, wrestling helps build more self-discipline and confidence.

15 women are now involved in the LU program and Clayton feels that it is time for wrestling to fully mature and start accepting women. For more information contact Francis Clayton at the fieldhouse.

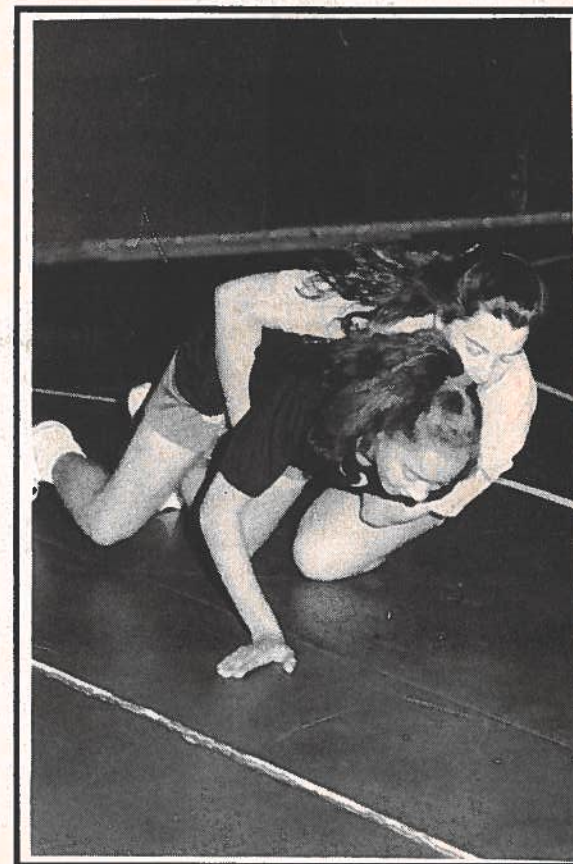
Rugby

by Keith Lennon

The LU Rugby Football club enjoyed a fairly successful 1993 season, managing to finish with a record of 4-1 with the only loss suffered by a B squad.

The season began on a good note as the scorers got into the action as LU beat the Sturgeon Creek Rowdies 51-0. The team then ventured to Winnipeg to take on the Wasps and were able to defeat them. Laurentian University was the next victim, falling to LU 16-3. The season concluded with a 15-0 victory over a Sault Ste. Marie club team. The key to the team success was excellent kicking by Simon Ansel. Coached last season by John Ruff, the club has already elected the president for the 1994 season. Jack MacDonald will be running the club next season. Next season the club hopes to get more games here at LU, hopefully even a tournament. As well the team hopes to have a charity game against the Thunder Bay police department next season. Interested in playing next season, contact Jack MacDonald at 767-0518.

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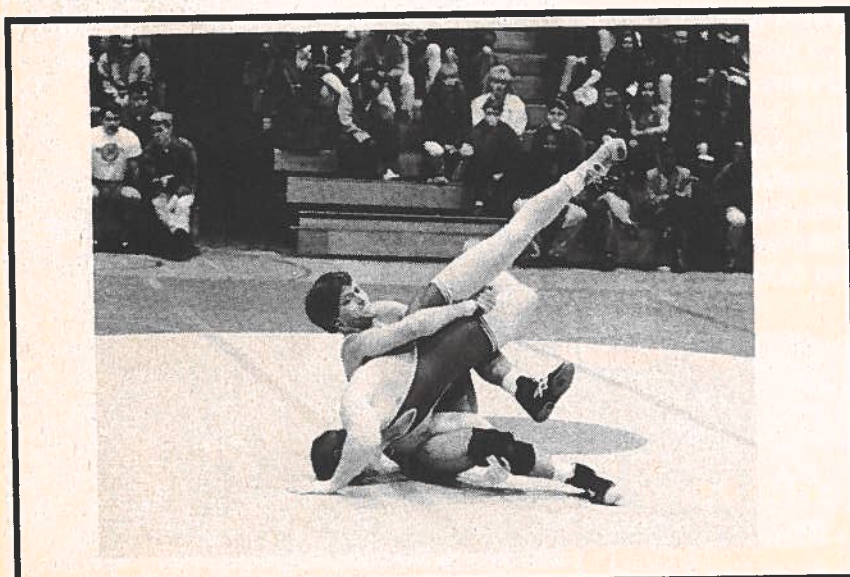


Wrestlers Jen Walsh (top) and Bardie Lewis in practice

Lakehead Varsity Wrestling

Lakehead once again continues its fine wrestling tradition in the form of the 1993/94 varsity squad. A mixture of talent, competitiveness and coaching excellence ensures that the current season for the Nor' Wester wrestlers should be a successful one. A large team of twenty wrestlers has trained under head coach Francis Clayton this season. Of the 20, 13 are returning veterans which leaves 7 rookies on the team. Returning athletes include Kevin Wallen, Scott Pepper, Dan Chartres, John Burke, Brock Lambert, Wayland Pulkkinen, Ray Gowlet, Torben Jensen, Mike Kitchen, Simon Lampi, Cam MacLeod, Ron Wilson and Callum Thomson.

The recruiting from Smith Falls, Ontario has again yielded two more wrestlers. Rookies Shaun Lockett and Rob Smyth join Pepper and Wilson as the Smith Falls connection on the LU varsity squad.



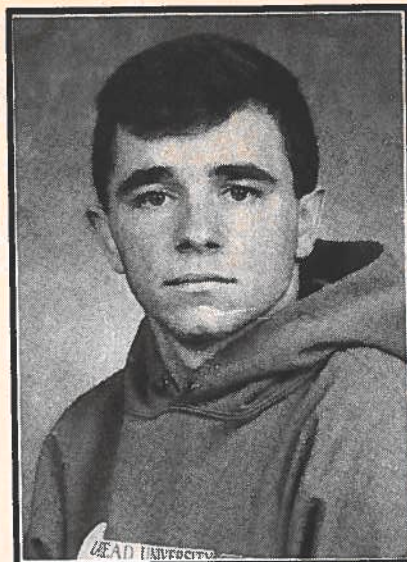
Lakehead's Torben Jensen (on top) wrestling at a home meet earlier this year.

Other rookies include Jason Ethridge, Dave Wensley, Pete Thomas, Dan Dimond and Trevor Bowles.

The season began at the Western Novice in London. With two impressive cross-ankle locks in consecutive matches John Burke found his way to gold, as did Cam MacLeod. Medalling also were Lockett, Thomsom, Kitchen and Thomas. The Nor' Westers also won the team title at that tournament.

The following first semester action, which included the McMaster Invitational, their first home dual versus Western and the Brock Invitational, failed to reap such results for the Nor' Westers as the Western novice did but the character of the team seemed to show through.

The experience gained in the first semester transferred over to the winter term as the squad opened their schedule with the Gord Garvie Memorial held here at the



LU Rookie Shaun Lockett

Thunderdome (see page 8 for more). In a gala tournament which also featured matches in the Elementary and High School divisions the Nor' Westers found themselves in tough competition once again. Led by a golden performance by Kevin Wallen the Nor' Western captured second spot to a very focused club from the University of Regina. Again a fine start to 1994, a year which may see some success for the team.

The 1993/94 Nor' Westers seem to be a team with character as well as talent. Peaking at a conference ranking of 3 and a national ranking of 6, the Nor' Wester wrestlers seem to be quite aware of their capabilities and realize that there are several team members who can explode at any time. The team has taken on the best in the country on several occasions and has done some damage in several cases.

With the quality of the competition faced so far this season the Nor' Westers have put themselves in a good position. The team has now got a look at the top competition and with the level of talent the team members are sure to make changes on the next go around, hopefully at the OUAA and CIAU tournaments.

Ladies Varsity Basketball

Coming into the 1993/94 season the lady Nor' Wester cagers had to deal with the loss of two OWIAA all-stars in Kathy Harrison and Jenny Burgess. This would not be an easy task, losing all-Canadian point guard in Harrison and top rebounder and all-around toughness in Burgess.

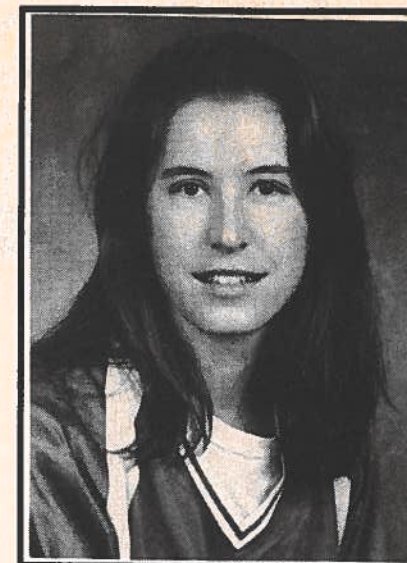
As a result the team has taken on a rather youthful look. A core of veterans Patti Grace, Lisa Corsault, Donna Foreman and Michelle Black has led the young Nor' Wester squad into a very competitive OWIAA west division this season, which for the moment sees the Nor' Westers sitting at 3-3 after a pair of home losses to the #4 nationally ranked Western Mustangs.

The key to the 1993/94 Nor' Westers this season seems to be balance. With the competence of the veterans, coach Stu Julius has a talented bench to go with once again. The three guard, two forward offence makes for an excellent rota-

tion. With Foreman, Grace and Black holding the three guard spots the Nor' Westers have found stability in rookie Katya Masun, who has played like an all-star to date, and second-year player Lisa Chambers.

Up front Corsault patrols the paint while sophmores Dava Anderson and Katie Langdon take the other forward spot. Grace, although better suited to the guard spot, has also seen time at forward. It seems though coach Julius has found another gem in Thunder Bay native Allison Smith. A graduate of FWCI, the 6' 1" Smith has brought some strong hustle and work ethic to the team and looks to be a force in the OWIAA as she matures at the University level.

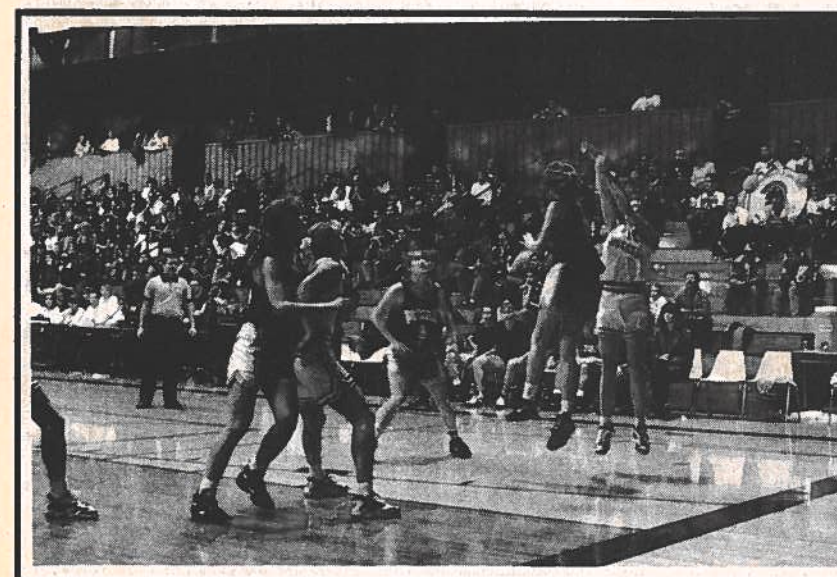
At 3-3 the Nor' Westers are still in a competitive position in the OWIAA but have failed to capitalize at home going 1-3 in that time. It seems the once friendly confines of the Thunderdome has been anything but for the ladies this season. Draw-



LU Guard Patti Grace



Rookie Guard Katya Masun



Michelle Black shoots from the corner versus Waterloo

ing the nationally ranked Mustangs to the Thunderdome won't help your home record but the home play of the Nor' Westers seems to be uninspired to date. To make matters somewhat worse the rest of the OWIAA West division seems to have improved over the years and is quite competitive. To be successful the team will have to win back their home court advantage. If the team continues their hard work as the conference season rolls on the Nor' Westers may again find themselves in the hunt for an OWIAA title.

Annual Garvie Tourney Wrestling



Garvie Memorial Tournament
The first tournament of 1994 for the varsity wrestlers was their own, hosting the Gord Garvie Memorial at the Thunderdome January 7 and 8. The gala event not only featured competition in the University class but also in the elementary and high school divisions.

Gord Garvie was instrumental in the development of wrestling here at Lakehead in the 1970's and indeed throughout Canada. Garvie established the varsity program here at LU during the 1970/71 season and coached until the 1976/77 campaign. During his tenure Garvie captured five conference championships and produced eight national CIAU champions. He coached the 1976 Olympic team and established Thunder Bay, and Lakehead University as a national training centre as Canada's top wrestlers came to train at our University. In addition to his work with the University and world athletes Garvie focused as well on development at the high school and even at the elementary level. In his tradition the annual tournament thus features wrestling at all three levels.

Indeed the tournament has turned into a weekend event as the action began early Friday with the elementary competition. The high school meet began Friday afternoon with the University action going all day on Saturday.

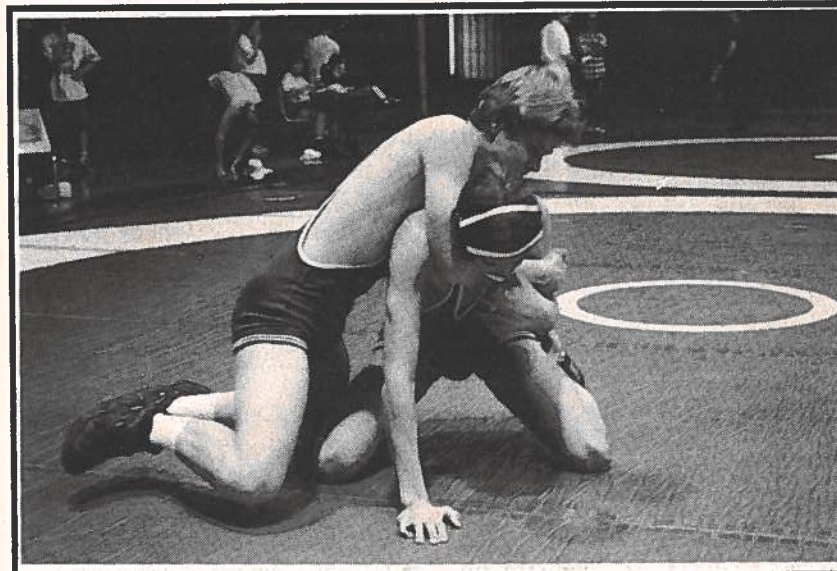
Lakehead wrestlers turned in a very gutsy effort earning a second place tie with Lake Superior State University (Soo, Michigan) with 22 points. The tournament was won by the CIAU #4 ranked University of Regina Cougars. Kevin Wallen won

the only gold medal for LU while Dan Chartres, Shawn Lockett, Brock Lambert and Scott Pepper all took home silver hardware.

The good news for LU is that they managed to defeat such powerhouses as CIAU #1 ranked McMaster

and the defending national champions from the University of Manitoba.

A good crowd took in the University action at the Thunderdome and with the quality performance of the home team the event can only be called a success.



Two young matmen square off Friday afternoon in the High School Division



Tournament Champions - The University of Regina Cougars

The Tradition Continues '94 Homecoming

by Patrick Gardiner

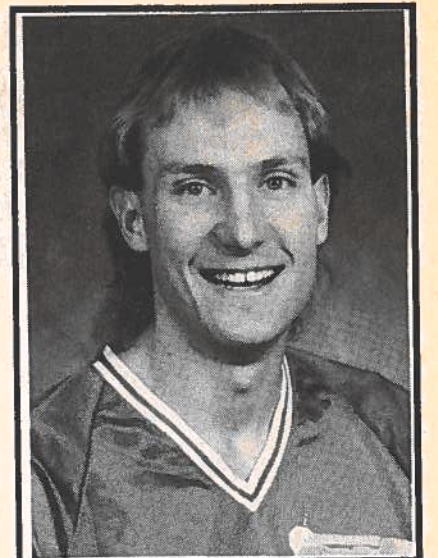
Homecoming 94' scored on more than just a game level for LU students and Nor' Wester teams, as all varsity teams placed extremely well in their respective sports and fans came away with good times and hopefully fond memories.

Homecoming for many universities is usually reserved for their football team. However, due to the smaller nature of our campus, basketball reigns supreme. The weekend is centred around the first home conference games for the Men's and Women's Basketball teams, which this year immediately followed the first week of school in the

new year. This convenient timing of the weekend was a good way for returning students to get active for the beginning of the all important conference part of the athletic season and they did not disappoint as both basketball games were sell-outs. Homecoming '94 also had the luxury of having the Gord Garvie Memorial Wrestling Tournament the same weekend which widened the already large scope of LU's biggest sporting weekend.

The weekend held great promise considering past year's success by the Women's basketball team and the new challenges faced by a team which has many new rookies after the departure of greats Kathy Harrison and Jenny Burgess. The Lady Nor' Westers, despite shaky play in both games, managed to split the weekend series. The crowd has seemingly embraced rookie starters Katya Masun and Allison Smith. Despite obviously lacking starting time, Masun and Smith seem to be adjusting to the pressure well.

The Men's team, with the return of Ray Foster, had had above average success in the pre-season and looked like it was ready to make a name

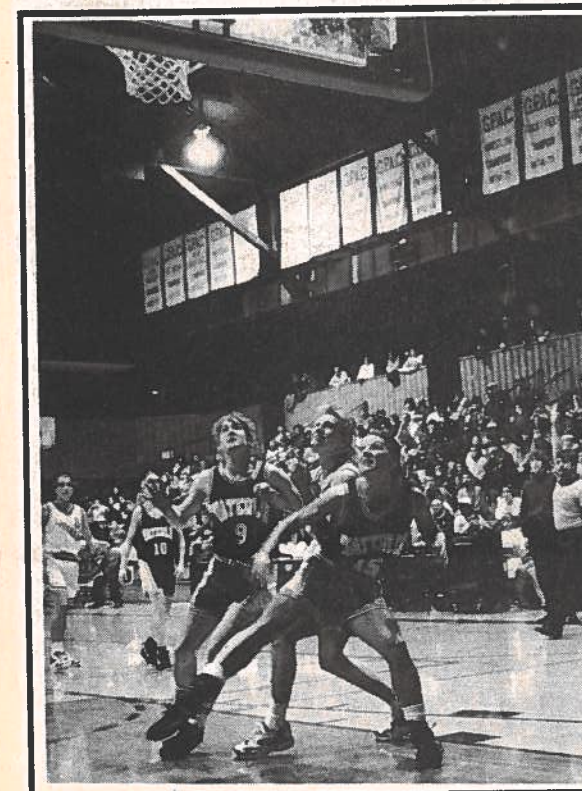


Craig Law, Impressive to date

for themselves in the upcoming conference, and the team delivered with an impressive sweep over a Waterloo Warrior team that had two national team members on it. Second year player Paul Andrews got his first conference start as a result of Brian Tees sustaining an injury at a tournament late in December. Andrews responded well by putting up impressive numbers and showing good composure.

The Wrestling team, participating in the Gord Garvie Tournament, wrestled well, finishing second, gaining the necessary lessons and confidence that will be essential as the team heads into the stretch drive for the Provincials and Nationals. Kevin Wallen showed why he's one of the top three wrestlers in his weight division the country with a gold medal performance.

All in all it was a successful Homecoming '94 weekend as the varsity teams started the new year with successful outings. Nor' Wester fans came out in droves, selling out the Fieldhouse both nights for the basketball games, and seemed to have a very good time, in what for many fans was their first Homecoming.



Lakehead's Dava Anderson gets outmuscled

Mens Varsity Basketball

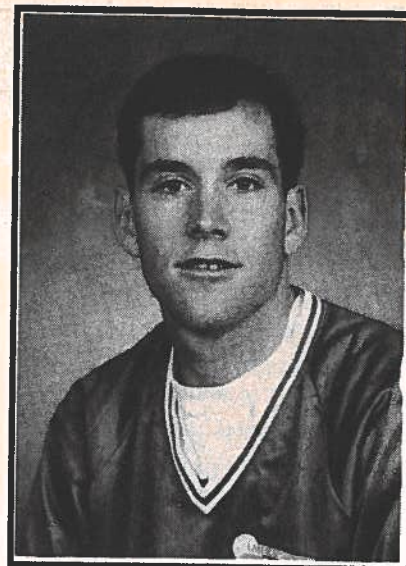
At the end of last season many of the Nor' Wester veterans who would be returning for the next season must have known there would be something special about the following year. For the first time in a number of years the nucleus of the basketball team would manage to survive graduations and unforeseeable departures and stay intact for another season. Four starters from last year, including guards Peter Brown and David Pineau, post Craig Law and forward Brian Tees, returned to action at the beginning of the 1993/94 season with something different they didn't have at the start of the previous campaign, a year of experience playing together.

With a few key victories at the end of last season, including a road victory over the then #4 ranked Brock Badgers, the Nor' Wester squad ended the season on a positive note. Head Coach Lou Pero insists that the end of last season was a pivotal point

in the development of the players. "The players felt pretty good at the end of last season", Pero remarked "the reason was the quality finish".

One of the reasons the Nor' Westers may have faltered last season was the noticeable absence of a quality fifth starter, a problem which was solved with the return of swingman Ray Foster who returns after a one year absence. Pero calls Foster the "consummate team player, someone who can rebound and play defence and knock down the open jumper". Foster brings back a work ethic to the team, an element the team seemed to lack in 1992/93.

One of the major concerns of the coaching staff, now that the team had five solid starters, was the development of a quality bench. Again that problem was solved with the rise of a couple second-year players, Paul Andrews and Kareem Rodriguez. Andrews has filled in for Brian Tees

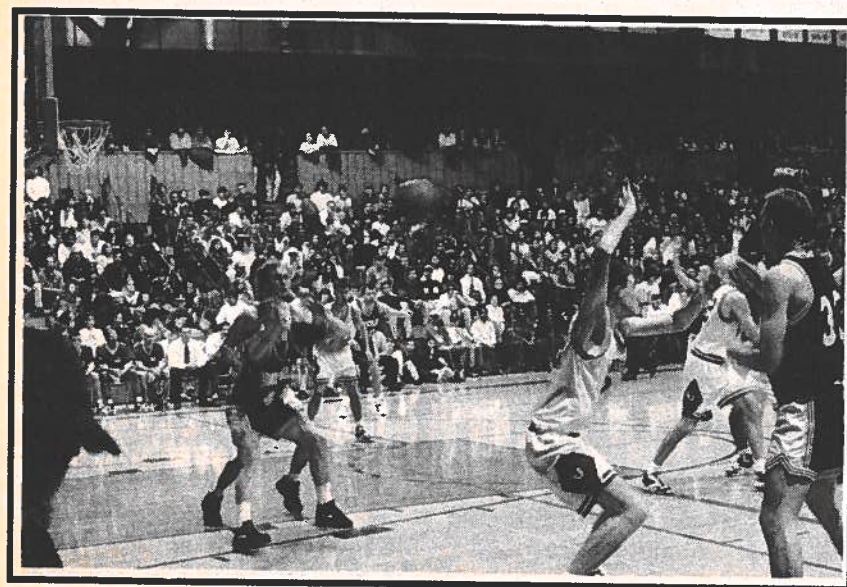


Returnee Ray Foster

for the first four conference games (as Tees has been down with a facial injury) and has done an excellent job to say the least. Andrews has averaged 15 points/game and 10 rebounds/game over that stretch. In Rodriguez the Nor' Westers have a good substitute for the three guard positions. A great defender, Rodriguez runs the court well and can fill the lane while adding a decent jump shot. Confident with a couple replacements for his five starters, Pero can also turn to rapidly developing Murray Smith and rookie Mark Moorhouse in the post and Cory Keeler and Chuck Brown at the guard spots. The coach insists that any of these players can step in for quality minutes.

The team managed to start the conference season 4-0 with a pair of victories over multi-talented Waterloo on homecoming weekend, and a couple easy road wins over Laurier.

Things were looking real good until the Western Mustangs came to town. After being convincingly swept the Nor' Westers find themselves at 4-2, but still near the top of the OUAA West. Surely the team will play well down the stretch and thus be a legitimate contender in the OUAA this year.



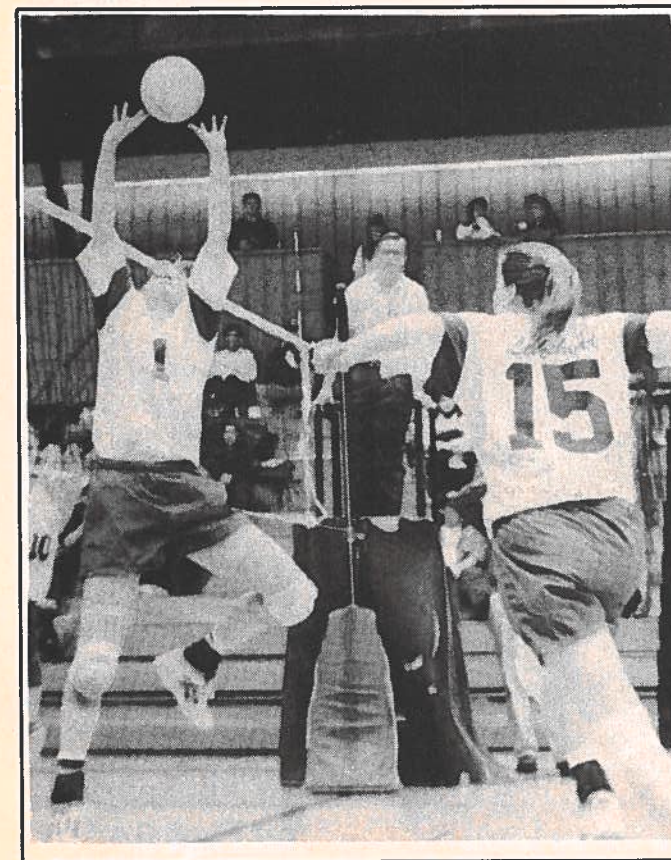
Post Player Craig Law defending under his basket at the Thunderdome

Ladies Varsity Volleyball

KAAAAA-BOOM!...This sound is again shaking the very foundations of the hallowed Thunderdome. Under the direction of new head coach Ian Cull the Women's Volleyball Team has turned up the heat during this cold winter and is again making their bid to be the best in the west by harnessing their mix of power and precision. The Nor' Wester's started out their season with Windsor at home in the friendly confines of the Thunderdome and earned a weekend split with their southern rivals. The next four weekend match-ups, at home or abroad, were all swept by the Nor' Wester's. The team is currently tied with Windsor for the top spot in the OWIAA west with a 9-1 record.

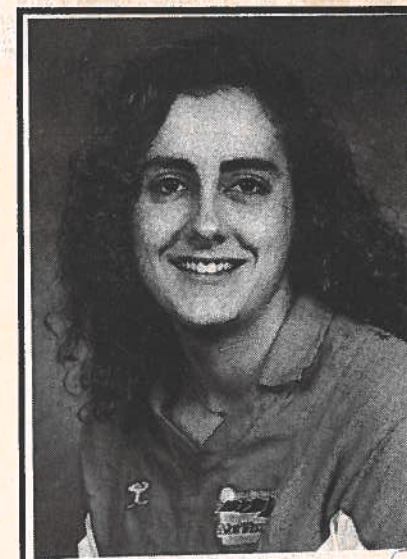
The Nor' wester's are led this

year by three veteran players who are playing out their last season at the Lakehead. Kelly Breutigam, Jo-Anne Hood and Geraldine Bergmans are again performing at the upper level needed for the team to win the west and take the next step toward winning the provincials. In her fifth year at Lakehead Kelly Breutigam is in the unique position of being both a player and an assistant coach. Her experience at Lakehead, combined with her time on the provincial and national teams has eased the transition between coaches. The experience also translates itself onto the court in the form of wins. She plays a very consistent and well balanced game. Breutigam has over 330 kills, 75 aces and 176 digs already this season for

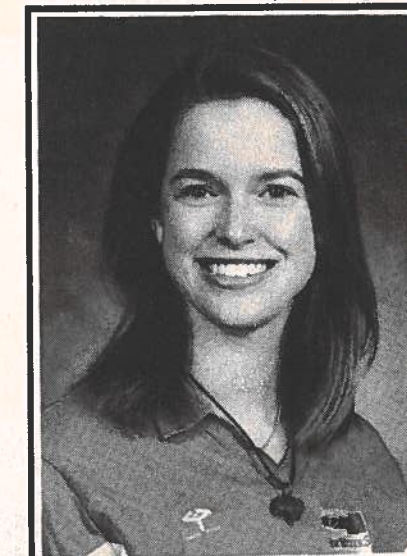


Middle Geraldine Bergmans gets ready to spike this set by Jo-Anne Hood

Lakehead. Jo-Anne Hood has accumulated over 275 assists, 33 aces and 31 kills for the Nor' Wester's. She also has 35 blocks, but the leader in this defensive category is Geraldine Bergmans. Bergmans has over 50 blocks on the season combined with 67 kills and 23 aces. The outstanding play of these veterans has benefited the younger players on the team who are also stepping up to the next level.



LU's all-world star Kelly Breutigam



Middle Blocker Geraldine Bergmans

Catherine McMahon, Jo-Anne Maunula and Kirsten Owens have all pushed up their level of play on the court.

The team travels to Guelph on Feb. 4-5, to take on the Gryphons and will close out the regular season at home in the Thunderdome on Feb 11-12 against Brock. From there the world awaits in the OWIAA playoffs the next weekend.

Lakehead Club Sports

LU Womens Soccer

by Tanya Opyc

So far this year, the Lakehead University women's soccer team has easily defeated their competition both locally and internationally. This very talented and extremely solid started outdoor play in September with a core of 14 players and 2 keepers. The outdoor season saw the team defeat local teams such as the VP Eagles and the Thunder Bay All-Stars and US teams such as Michigan Tech and St. Scholastica. The team did see limited action this past fall though as teams in the US did not

seem as eager to play as they have in the past. Injuries had plagued many teams or in other cases the travel costs just seemed to be too high. The games that LU did travel to definitely came at the cost of their opponent.

Winter soon came to Thunder Bay which ushered in the indoor season. Winter also saw the loss of three players but the return of some key veterans. The indoor season thus far has been very good. All three games have all ended up as wins and has saw the team rack up a total of 15 goals. If the wins and goal scoring indicates anything the LU team may be in good shape to capture their sixth straight Thunder Bay indoor soccer title.

Nordic Skiing

by Dr. Moira McPherson

The LU Nordic Ski Club is thriving in 1994. The club is packed full of skiers this year with over 40 members, and of those 40 members, around half are enjoying the competitive side of the club, the racing team. This year the club has planned a trip in February to the Ely Wilderness Trek, which should be a lot of fun for the skiers. The racing team is looking sharp for this year's OUAA and OWIAA races. The men's team has ten serious

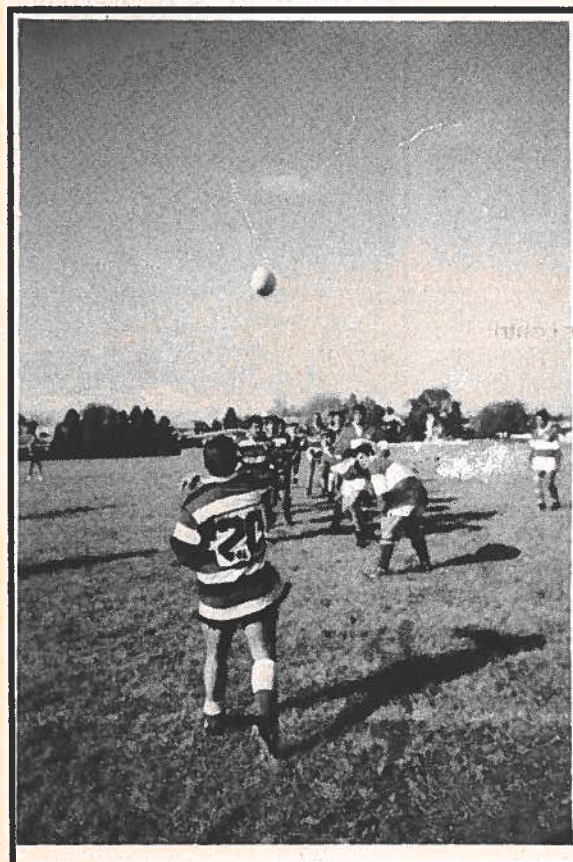
racers looking for a spot on the six man team. The team is made strong with four skiers from the National Development Centre located here in Thunder Bay. These four are leading the standings for the men's team. Good luck to the other men vying for a spot. The women's team is not as lucky as the men's team. There are only four women trying to qualify for the OWIAA races in Duntroon this year. The team will be in contention in these races however, as the women are fast on their feet. These athletes are coached once again this year by Mark Thomas, who is in the Phys. Ed. Masters program and by Patti Hogan, who is graduating this year out of the Phys. Ed. program. Good luck in the upcoming events skiers.

Hockey

by Vince Fryia

The Lakehead University Club Hockey team set out to build a more competitive schedules in 1993/94. In recent years they have participated in the Thunder Bay recreational leagues and basically dominated the competition. The team was fortunate to find some third division US schools in Hibbing, Minnesota and International Falls, North Dakota with open dates on their schedules. Four exhibition games were scheduled with these teams. On January 14th and 15th LU played the Hibbing Cardinals in Hibbing. The results were in favour of LU, winning both games by scores of 11-6 and 10-4. This is just an indication of the amount of talent and potential of some of the hockey players on campus. LU will play two more games on February 11th and 12th against International Falls Community College. Intentions are to expand on the schedule and continue to enhance an already competitive hockey program.

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The LU Rugby Football Club in action earlier this year

Local Sporting Focus High School

As a new feature to the ThunderStorm, high school co-curricular representatives were asked to identify athletes of note from their respective high schools. As criteria athletes were to be chosen for athletic, leadership and academic qualities. Of the high school that responded, here are the chosen athletes. Maybe in the years to come we may see some of these athletes donning the blue and white of LU varsity or roaming the halls of the University.

Westgate High Rick Flank

The Grade 11 student captained the Junior Tiger football team at the quarterback position. Rick was selected as the most valuable player on his team by his fellow teammates. Rick is currently the starting point guard on the junior basketball team which he is also the co-captain. He also manages to keep an A average in the classroom as well as serve on the Westgate boy's athletic society as grade representative.

Sarah French

Sarah is presently a member of Westgate's Senior Girls volleyball squad and makes her presence known in the power hitting position. She is also a key player on the Senior Girls basketball team and a finalist in long jump in SSSAA track and field. The grade 12 student strives to maintain an A average in addition to playing sports and being president of the Westgate girls athletic society. Sarah was Westgate's representative to the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre and a participant at the Terry Fox Centre.

Port Arthur Collegiate Institute

Kamal Pokar

Kamal led the PACI Redmen to the city finals in Senior Girls basketball. She was known throughout the league as an outstanding guard with strong offensive skills and improving defensive abilities. During the season she averaged 17 points per game. The graduating student, in addition to athletics, has maintained an 89% average in her subjects.

Fort William Collegiate Institute

Willie Crocker

Willie quarterbacked the FWCI Bluebears in his first year of high school football. He is presently the leader and high scorer of the Bears who are in first place in senior boys basketball. Willie will continue to make contributions to both the soccer and track and field teams once basketball is completed.

Cristen Gleeson

Cristen was a major contributor to last years championship team and remained the leader and top scorer this season. She is an OAC student who maintains an A average while successfully participating in a number of SSSAA sports.

Travis Harkness

Travis was an outstanding lineman for the FWCI junior football team, playing both offence and defence. Last year Travis attended the Peace Gardens Athletic Camp and was chosen to represent northwestern Ontario at the national track and field championship where he competed successfully in shot put, discus

and javelin. Travis is also a member of the ski team and still manages to retain an A average.

Jana Paddington

Jana played a key role in helping the FWCI junior girls basketball team win this years SSSAA championship. She has been an all-star for the past two years. Jana is a straight A student who also excels in badminton, and is presently captain of the junior girls volleyball team.

Saint Ignatius High

Anne Marie Migay

Anne Marie is having an outstanding season in senior girls volleyball. As the captain she remains a leader on the court as well as off. A superb defender, she is also playing strong at the hitting and setting positions. She is currently maintaining an A average in the classroom.

Emmanuel Ostojia

Emmanuel is leading the senior basketball team in rebounding, steals, assists and scoring. "Manny" adds strength and agility to the Falcon attack both inside and outside. He remains the team leader and is extremely focused on academic success.

Angela Cerqueria

Co-captain and power hitter on the volleyball team Angela got off to a slow start after an injury suffered in basketball. A well-rounded athlete, Angela is a key member of several St. Ignatius teams. She also finds time to volunteer at St. Joseph's Heritage, be an active member of the school athletic association and maintain a B+ average in her OAC classes.

Tracy Fossum

The other co-captain of the volleyball team, Tracy is president of the athletic association. She is very adaptable on the court moving from the middle position to the right side to make better use of her strength. Tracy also works part-time, takes grade 8 piano and manages to maintain an A average in OAC classes.

'Storm Rumbblings Miscellaneous

MUSTANG STAMPEDE

by Ian T. Fero

As has become the characteristic in most sports which play inter-divisional matches against the same teams year after year, rivalries develop. Lakehead's varsity teams have now been competing in the Ontario leagues long enough to admit that there has been several rivalries which have arisen.

To students at Lakehead, friendly competition against the

southern Ontario Universities seems rather natural, either because a vast amount of LU students originate from that area of the province, or because the local "small town" Thunder Bay students see athletics as a way to assert themselves against the "big city" mentality of their southern neighbours.

On the most part all our teams have been more than competitive over the years, winning more than

our share of games. There is definite respectability growing around the conferences, acknowledging Lakehead varsity as a force to be reckoned with. Unfortunately one University has failed to fall to the mighty Nor' Westers (aside from the volleyball team), this season anyhow, the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. In what can be best described as a Mustang stampede of sorts, the Western wrestling squad and both its mens and womens basketball teams are a combined 6-0 against Lakehead.

Although Western basketball teams are very respectable and even nationally ranked, hopes were high as the famous Thunderdome was the host site for the 1994 conference battle. As most fans may know, the two visiting teams managed to escape Thunder Bay virtually unscathed. The wrestlers have gone head to head with Western twice, once in an exhibition match before the Western novice, and again at home in the first semester. Unfortunately the Mustangs managed to come out on top once again. Don't they respect our home court advantage? They are 5-0 at the Thunderdome this year.

Anyhow one good thing which has come out of this is a definite need for vengeance. Now we're not talking "blood oath" or anything but hopefully this can manifest itself into some kind of lasting rivalry. If any of the teams get another shot at Western (at OUAA or OWIAA playoffs) this year let's hope the opportunity will present itself for a "turning of the tables". Our teams have the skill to do that, and if they can't let us, the fans, remember the disrespectful nature of the Western teams in 1994 and vow to make it that much tougher for them to steal wins in the Thunderdome upon return. congratulations to the volleyball team for sweeping our rivals from Western earlier this year on the road.

REMAINING VARSITY SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball

February	4/5	University Of Guelph	Home	8:30
February	11/12	University of Windsor	Away	8:00
February	18/19	McMaster University	Home	8:30
March	1	OUAA - West Quarter Finals	Hamilton	TBA
March	5/6	OUAA West Final Four	Hamilton	TBA
March	12	Wilson Cup	OUAA West	TBA
March	18/20	CIAU Championships	Halifax	TBA

Women's Basketball

February	4/5	University of Guelph	Home	6:30
February	11/12	University of Windsor	Away	6:00
February	18/19	McMaster University	Home	6:30
March	4/6	OWIAA	Kingston	TBA
March	11/13	CIAU Championships	Calgary	TBA

Women's Volleyball

February	4/5	University of Guelph	Away	
February	11/12	Brock University	Home	
February	18/20	OWIAA Championships	Waterloo	
March	3/5	CIAU Championships		

Men's Wrestling

February	12	OUAA Championships	TBA
February	25/26	CIAU Championships	TBA
TBA		Provincial Espoir	TBA
TBA		National Espoir	TBA

Numbers and Standings Stats Page

OUAA BASKETBALL

EAST (Wins-Losses, For, Against)

Laurentian	4-0	345	314
York	3-1	320	316
Toronto	3-2	376	359
Ryerson	2-2	333	319
Carelon	2-3	398	414
Ottawa	1-4	372	412
Queens	0-3	230	240

WEST

McMaster	4-0	363	287
Lakehead	4-2	481	422
Western	3-1	315	282
Brock	2-2	345	326
Guelph	2-2	276	282
Waterloo	2-4	490	508
Windsor	1-3	308	360
Laurier	0-4	230	240

OWIAA BASKETBALL

EAST (Wins-Losses, For, Against)

Laurentian	4-0	298	202
Ottawa	4-1	351	283
Toronto	4-1	359	218
Queens	1-2	179	199
Ryerson	1-3	195	270
York	1-3	223	274
Carelon	0-5	212	371

WEST

Brock	5-0	310	253
Western	5-0	360	278
Windsor	5-1	372	278
Lakehead	3-3	341	312
Waterloo	3-5	415	422
Guelph	1-4	275	295
McMaster	1-4	307	317
Laurier	1-7	293	516

Lakehead Stats (24/01/94)

SCORING (GP,PPG)

Craig Law	22	17.27
Dave Pineau	22	15.55
Peter Brown	22	14.14
Ray Foster	22	10.00
Paul Andrews	22	7.41

REBOUNDING (GP,R)

Craig Law	22	176
Ray Foster	22	123
Paul Andrews	22	109
Dave Pineau	22	84
Brian Tees	16	78

ASSISTS (GP,A)

Peter Brown	22	92
Craig Law	22	65
David Pineau	22	55
Ray Foster	22	49
Paul Andrews	22	37

FIELD GOAL% (ATT,%)

Brian Tees	104	57%
Craig Law	286	53%
David Pineau	115	50%
Paul Andrews	135	46%
Peter Brown	165	44%

Lakehead Stats (24/01/94)

SCORING (GP,PPG)

Donna Forman	15	9.20
Patti Grace	16	8.63
Mich Black	16	8.31
Ali Smith	14	7.93
Katya Masun	16	7.50

REBOUNDING (GP,R)

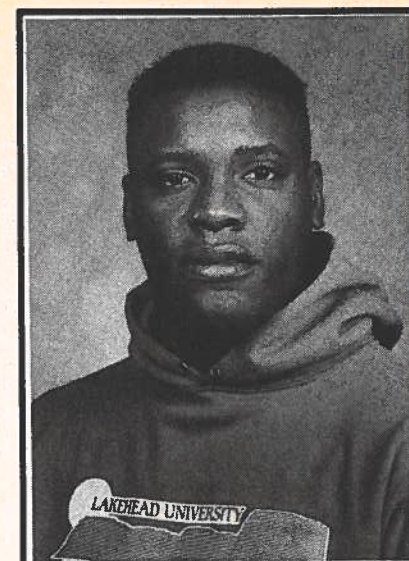
Katie Langdon	14	66
Katya Masun	16	64
Ali Smith	14	62
Patti Grace	16	57
Donna Forman	15	56

ASSISTS (GP, A)

Patti Grace	16	28
Donna Forman	15	27
Mich Black	16	22
Katya Masun	16	19
Erin Manahan	12	13

FIELD GOAL% (ATT,%)

Ali Smith	94	48
Katie Langdon	75	40
Dava Anderson	51	39
Katya Masun	123	39
Patti Grace	140	36



Wrestling newcomer Pete Thomas improving his skills in 1993/94.

OWIAA VOLLEYBALL

Lakehead Stats (24/01/94)

KILLS (TOTAL,PER GM)

Kelly Breutigam	338	22.50
JoAnne Manula	94	6.26
Gera Bergmans	67	4.46
Cath McMahon	46	3.06
Panda Edwards	33	2.20

ACES (TOTAL,PER GM)

Kelly Breutigam	76	5.06
Jo-Anne Hood	33	2.20
Gera Bergmans	26	1.73
Cath McMahon	20	1.33
JoAnne Manula	13	.86

BLOCKS (TOTAL,PER GM)

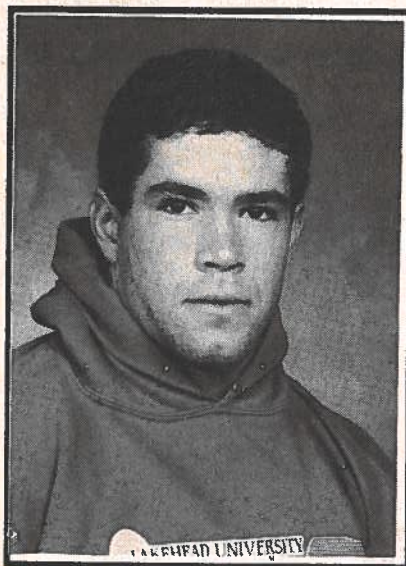
Gera Bergmans	52	3.46
Jo-Anne Hood	35	2.33
Cath McMahon	23	1.53
Kelly Breutigam	13	.86
Panda Edwards	4	.26

DIGS (TOTAL,PER GM)

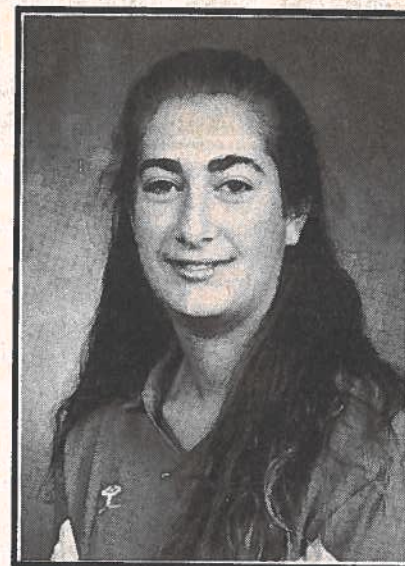
Kelly Breutigam	176	11.73
Cath McMahon	116	7.70
Gera Bergmans	113	7.53
JoAnne Manula	101	6.73
Panda Edwards	83	5.53



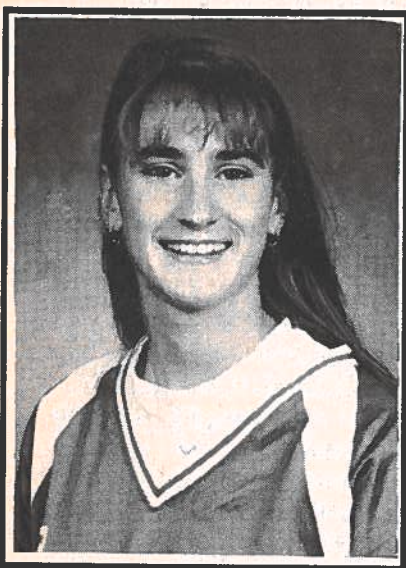
Varsity Athlete Profiles



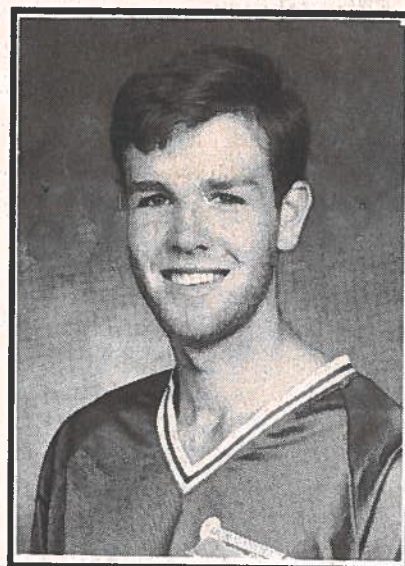
C a m
McLeod - A second year wrestler in his first year of Physical Education. Cam has wrestled well so far this season winning a gold medal in the 90 kg at the Western Novice tournament earlier this year. He also won his match as LU hosted Western earlier this year.



F r a n c e
Lagroix - A first-year player from Orleans, Ontario, France has worked hard this season splitting time on the starting line-up. An excellent athlete, she fits in well to the team concept of the Nor'Wester volleyball team and is sure to make strides at the middle spot.



A l l i s o n
Smith - A 6'1" rookie post player and local graduate of FWCI, Smith has contributed well to the Nor'Wester cagers attack leading them in scoring in conference play to date averaging 10/ppg. Her inside play is a welcome addition to the team.



P a u l
Andrews - An academic all-Canadian in his first year, Paul has made some very large improvements in his game due to increased playing time. The 6'6" forward is well on the road to making a name for himself in the OUAA conference.

FINAL HOME GAMES AT THE THUNDERDOME

Basketball

February 4, 5 versus Guelph
February 18, 19 versus Mac

Volleyball

February 11, 12 versus Brock



ROCK THE 'DOME