

Wrestlers capture own invitational

Before last Saturday's Grand Valley State's wrestling Invitational, head coach Jim Scott doubted his own team's strength. "We'll be an underdog in our own tournament," he said.

No one took Scott to seriously, especially his own wrestlers, as the Lakers ran away with the 7th annual tournament, outdistancing the closest competition by nearly 20 points in rolling up a 76½ total.

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside, which went into the meet rated fifth in the NAIA poll, placed second with 58½ points while Brockport State College of New York captured third place with 57 points. Brockport was ranked third in the NCAA Division III polls before Saturday's action.

The Lakers captured three individual championships, paced by 190-pound All-American Jamie

Hosford, who was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler after decisioning Western Michigan's Stewart Selesky, 9-2.

It was the fourth straight tournament win for Hosford, tying a record set by Mark Mangianti.

John Harris captured the 134-pound title by defeating Jim Shutich of Grand Rapids Junior College, 5-1, and Bill Roersma scored four points in the second

period on his way to a 142-pound title-win over Greg Worthern of Muskegon Community College.

Scott Yerrick worked his way to the finals, only to lose to Saginaw Valley's Ralph Roberts in the 167-pound final, 3-0.

This weekend, the Lakers travel to Big Rapids for the GLIAC conference meet.



around
the
dome

with Corky Meinecke

If Laker head wrestling coach Jim Scott wasn't such a nice guy, I don't think I would care that much about the wrestling team.

This may make a lot of wrestling fans angry, but I don't think that many people around here care that much. There's nothing to relate to in wrestling.

Scott is a very good wrestling coach, but he falls a little short on the promotion end of it. He insists that there's no problem, but from what I can see, all he's getting time after time is the same, diehard wrestling fan.

He says he's tried sending out material about wrestling, but he's sending the material to the people he's already got in his back pocket—parents and friends.

What's wrong with a little innovation? I've been to two wrestling matches since I've been here, and I just didn't know everything that went on.

Why not have an announcer at the matches explaining exactly why some guy got two points instead of one, or what the guy did to get the points.

Scott says that traditionally no one announces at the matches and he likes it that way. He thinks that it would distract the wrestler, and maybe it would.

But if the announcer was good at it, he could inform a person, who has never seen a wrestling match before, about the sport in a short period of time.

You never know, you might turn him into a diehard wrestling fan, and from what I've seen of wrestling fans, they're awfully dedicated to their sport.

If I could find one of those fans around here who could write, I would turn him loose on the Laker wrestling team so they finally could get the knowledgeable coverage they deserve.

After all, I don't want Jamie Hosford doing a reversal on me because I goof off on wrestling.

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Harrington comes through in 78-69 win over Saginaw

Lakers notch 17th straight victory

by Corky Meinecke

"We started doing things that I haven't seen in months," said Grand Valley basketball coach Tom Villemure. "We were making goofy plays at the end of the game."

Nevertheless, the Lakers survived 26 personal fouls and 41 turnovers Monday night to notch victory No. 20, 78-69, over Saginaw Valley at the Dome Fieldhouse.

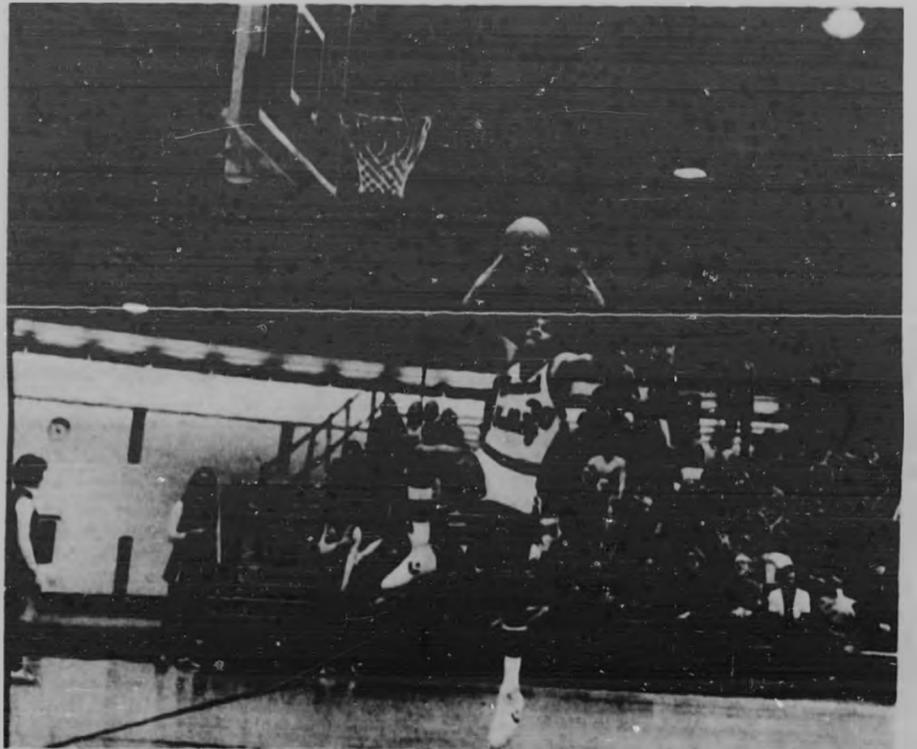
Grand Valley, which has now won 17 straight games since losing to Western Michigan, got an excellent game out of forward John Harrington in keeping their GLIAC mark perfect at 11-0.

Harrington hit six of eight shots from the field while scoring 14 points, and he also hauled down eight rebounds. His performance was especially important because Sid Bruinsma, who fouled out with about nine minutes left in the game, was held to eight points.

It was also helpful that Saginaw Valley committed 33 turnovers, collected 32 fouls and shot a meager 36 per cent from the field.

Chris Raven's jumper at 11:14 of the first half gave the Lakers a 18-10 lead, and the Cardinals were never really a threat thereafter. Raven, who scored 11 points, has had an excellent year shooting, hitting around 50 per cent of his

"I could shoot just as well last year," he said, "but I would come off the bench last season and I al-



John Harrington flies in for a dunk against Saginaw Valley.

ways seemed to be stiff. Its like I was playing just to give the guys a rest."

Paul Peterman paced the Laker attack with 21 points, with most of his points coming from outside. "At halftime, I told Paul to shoot his jump shot more," said Villemure.

"That's what few people realize about Paul," he added. "He's an excellent shooter from about 15 feet out."

Grand Valley now has to make

that dreaded trip up North, taking on Northern Michigan on Saturday and then slipping over to Lake Superior State for a Monday night game.

One victory would give the Lakers the GLIAC crown, but Villemure and the boys are looking for the sweep. "I think we'll win both games," said Bruinsma matter-of-factly.

Right now, its awfully hard to think differently.

Relay team shatters track record

The sprint medley relay team of Larry Berger, Robert Eubanks, Carter Eubanks and Larry Harris set a new Grand Valley indoor track record at the Western Michigan University relays Saturday.

The relay, which involves running a quarter mile, two 220-yard ways seemed to be stiff. It's like I 3:32.0 by the Laker trackmen

eclipsing the old record by four seconds.

Head track coach Bill Clinger was extremely pleased with the performance, which gave Grand Valley a sixth place finish, 2/100th of a second behind fourth place Michigan and fifth place Notre Dame.

Also picking up a sixth place finish was shotputter Daryl Gooden,

who qualified for the NAIA Nationals in the meet, which involved over 30 schools with a heavy contingent coming from the Big Ten and the Mid American Conferences.

Also qualifying for the Nationals was Tony Cramatie, who ran a 7.5 in the 60-yard intermediate hurdles.

This week, the Lakers travel to East Lansing to participate in the Michigan State relays.