

# Women B-ball third in nation

What better way to end a successful basketball season than to enter a national tournament and bring home a 3rd place trophy. After taking a 3rd place in the state tournament (1st and 2nd places going to Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University respectively), Ashland began to prepare for the highlight of their season.

March 12 saw the Ashland girls arrive at the Denver airport enroute to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they stayed for the 3-day small college national tournament. Southern Colorado State College, located in Pueblo, Colorado, hosted the 12-team single-elimination event.

The teams represented were: Seton Hall University (New Jersey), California-Polytechnic Institute, BIOLA (California), Eastern Montana University, Emporia-Kansas State College, Southern Utah State College, Southern Colorado State College, Midland-Lutheran College, Northern Kentucky University, Talledega College (Alabama), Phillips University (Oklahoma), and Ashland College.

AC's first competition was BIOLA (Bible Institute of Los Angeles) who fell to the AC crew 73-58. Laurel Waters and Maureen Frederick led the scoring attack for Ashland with 22 points and 20 points, respectively. Game 2 brought on Seton Hall University whom Ashland controlled for an 82-63 win. Four girls reached double figures in that affair: Gail Wasumus (20 pts.), Laurel Waters (15 pts.), Sara Bomberger (14 pts.), and Darla Plice (11 pts.).

In semi-final action Ashland lost to a tall Talledega team in a game where 34 personal fouls were called on the Eagles and only 17 calls were made against the Alabama team. The result was that AC had 28 field goals to 24 for Talledega; but the tables were turned in the free throw department. Talledega hit on 22 of 39 attempts at the line, while Ashland added only four charity points to their 56. Final score: 70-60.

AC met Emporia State for the 3rd place match, which they wrapped up with a 79-69 score. Again, Gail "Geni" Wasumus poured in 24 points for scoring laurels, and close behind was

Sara Bomberger who chipped in 20 points.

Talledega landed a second place in the tournament, and Phillips University took home the winner's trophy. All told, AC coach Ruth Jones added 18 wins and 3 losses to her record which is now 30-5 overall since she has been at Ashland. Successful? Yes. The top small college team in the state, and the third ranking small college team in the nation.

Many thanks go out to all who supported the girls this season. Not only were the students, faculty, and community supportive in attending games, but they also contributed their finances to make possible the national tournament. The success belongs to these people as well as to the team.

## Football recruit a big one

Ashland College's first football recruit was a big one as the Ohio Class AA Back of the Year, Tim Burns of Wellington High School, has indicated his decision to attend Ashland, announced Eagle Head Coach Fred Martinelli.

The 6-2, 185-pound halfback racked up some dreamy statistics this season, including 202 points in 10 games and 1,508 yards rushing. Each carry by the speedster amounted to an average of 9.8 yards. His career records were just as spiffy as he totaled nearly 3,200 yards rushing in three varsity seasons and tacked on 340 career points.

Burns won first-team All-Ohio in both the Associated Press and United Press International voting. He was the Lakeland County Player of the Year and won All-Lakeland Conference. The senior has also lettered two years in basketball and three in track.

Wellington Coach Bill Vossel said that his prize runner was highly recruited by the Mid-American Conference, among other major schools, but Burns preferred Ashland's strong college-division competition and the school's outstanding program in radio and television.

Ashland Coach Martinelli said, "We are certainly pleased that a person of Tim's stature has decided to attend Ashland College."

# SPORTS

## Wrestlers capture 6th

Ashland College captured sixth place and three All-Americans in the NCAA Division III Wrestling Nationals at John Carroll University in Cleveland over the vacation.

Pacing the Eagles was junior Skip Fair of Parma with second place at 190 pounds. Then came two-time All-American Clay Barnard of Hilton, N.Y., with third at 167 pounds and senior Butch Clemons of Cleveland with fourth at 158 pounds.

Ashland scored 51 points, half a point behind fifth-place Binghamton (N.Y.) University. John Carroll wrapped up the championship with 111 points, 15 more than runner-up Montclair (N.J.) State. Defending champion Wilkes (Pa.) was third with 92, followed by Potsdam (N.Y.) State with 57.

Fair buzzed through his first four matches with a pin in 7:38 and decisions of 5-2, 13-11 and 7-4. Fair dropped the championship bout to Brent Wissenbach of Humboldt (Calif.) State, 8-6. Fair closed his season with an overall record of

## Swimming returns to big time

Swimming at Ashland College has returned to the "big-time" after a three-year layoff as Coach Sandy Wilson's swimmers captured sixth place and eight All-American honors in the NCAA Division III Nationals in Meadville, Pa., Thursday through Saturday.

Ashland held seventh place at the end of the first two days but nearly doubled its point-total Saturday to nudge its way into sixth place with a total of 97 points. Winning the meet for the second straight year was Chico State (Calif.) University. This was the first time in the top 10 for AC since the 1970-72 seasons when it went fourth, ninth and eighth.

The greatest Ashland effort came Saturday by freshman standout Mark Fette of Cincinnati who snagged second in the 200-yard butterfly. The rookie broke his own school record in the preliminaries with a time of 1:59.27. Little did it matter to him in the finals that he was seeded eighth in the event. He went after eventual champion Mark Horning of John Hopkins (Md.) and nearly caught him as one-two men finished with times of 1:57.59 and 1:57.93.

The Eagles also made a brilliant effort in the 100-yard butterfly. Jeff Rogers of Worthington snared third place in 53.21 seconds and teammate Dwight Davis of Berea grabbed fourth.

Rogers capped an outstanding career with five All-American honors last week to conclude his four years with 12 such accolades in all. He added sixth place in the 100-yard freestyle in 48.6 seconds and eighth place in the 50-yard freestyle, which he won as a freshman, in 21.95.

Rogers was also a key man on two high-ranking relay teams. He swam an anchor leg of 47.9 seconds to spark the 400-yard medley relay to fifth place in 3:40.4 and anchored the 400-yard freestyle relay with a 47.5 clocking for a fourth spot in 3:14.7. Both those times established school records. Davis also swam on both relays. Other members of the All-American freestyle team were Mike Abell of Mt. Vernon and Mike Friend of Akron. Winning All-America on the medley outfit were Frank Carter of Westfield, N.J., and Gary Rogers of Worthington.

Rounding out the All-American tallies were senior Dave Cole of Monroe, Mich., a Vietnam veteran, with 10th in three-meter diving with 357.45 points and junior Gary Rogers with 11th in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:03.1.

19-4-1 and was taken down only five times the entire season, three coming in the nationals.

Barnard copped fourth place at 158 pounds as a freshman last year. Up one weight class weekend, he mowed through his first three foes by 4-3, 12-3 and 6-5 scores. He dropped his semi-finals bout to Joe Galea of Potsdam, 8-2, but roared back to pin his next opponents in 2:39 and 3:37. Barnard's total ledger ended at 19-5.

Clemons was a two-time loser to Mitch Brown of St. Lawrence. After cleaning up on his first two foes, 8-4 and 16-5, he dropped a 3-2 decision to Brown. Clemons then stormed back for 8-3 and 5-3 decisions and then a pin in 3:29 over second-seeded Greg Riley of Binghamton. Then along came Brown again and a 7-3 loss to the Eagle. Clemons ended up AC's top winner for the season as his final printout was 26-5-1.

Three other Eagles came one victory short of winning All-American honors. Sophomore Tom Mandara of Rochester, N.Y., won two of his first three matches but then lost in the second round of the consolations, 4-1, at 118 pounds. Freshman Jeff Freedman of Rochester, N.Y., soared into the quarter-finals with 11-6 and 12-2 romps but fell in his next two matches, 3-2 and 4-2. Heavyweight Greg Low of Painesville, an All-American last year, won two of his first three and then fell in consy action by a pin in 1:06.

Ashland Coach Chris Ford said, "We were disappointed we didn't at least match our fifth place finish of last year but we had only two seniors in the nationals . . . we'll be back."



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