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Ski Trail Notes

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Nearly everywhere there are good ski conditions, and this is the time to be skiing. Most cross country ski areas around the county are pretty good except that those areas below about 500 feet do not yet have good deep woods skiing. It is because the lower portion of the northern portion of St. Lawrence County has missed most of the big storms as they have passed by us. There is plenty of cover, however, on all terrain throughout the Adirondacks, Canada, Vermont and New Hampshire. At the time of this article nearby streams were refrozen.

The skiing is good on my farm except in those areas where there are pine, spruce or hemlock wooded areas where the snow has not gotten through. There is about three times more snow in the Adirondacks and at areas like Seven Springs. I understand that the Potsdam Langlauf is presently scheduled for Feb. 14 at a site to be announced in the near future.

Colorado is in a skiing depression. The State of Colorado has the world's finest ski conditions along with Utah. Last year there were 31 alpine areas operating in Colorado, but his year there are only 21 and about another half dozen are for sale and there are no buyers. It is a combination of cost and too much expansion which has led to this depression. There are no more mountains to be built and the ski industry is in a state of decline in that state. I personally do not believe that there is a decline in skier interest in Colorado; it is just that the supply now exceeds demand in that state. One hotel — and I mean a good one — was offering \$15 per night at one Colorado ski area because there were no takers.

The situation in the east is very different. Many areas that had economic problems have overcome

them because eastern skiing has improved because of the improved technology in snowmaking and grooming. The rigid restrictions of environmental legislation prevented an over expansion in the east. Consequently, there never has been a glut of ski areas in the east. Most existing areas in the east are expanding their trails and lifts. Those few areas in the east which have gone out of business in the last few years should not have been in business as a ski area in the first place.

Some alpine areas in Colorado are nevertheless still expanding. There can be no question that Vail, Colo. is the leading alpine ski area in the United States. I went there recently for five days and there was one day of snow and four days of perfect sunshine with no wind. In the normal year, Vail has 70 percent sunshine. The 2,400 acres of skiing make it one of the largest lift-serviced ski areas in the United States. The big attraction at Vail are the famous back bowls which are giant open areas with no trees where there is rarely a crowd of skiers together. They are really vast and beautiful. Whenever there is fresh snow you may have to wait for your friends to get up in deep powder. On the calmer side, there is the other side of the mountain where everything is packed powder. This is the side of the mountain that has the most skiers. It is the leader in lift skis having four detachable quads, and there is another one at Beaver Creek. These lifts are the state of the art in speed and comfort. Judging from the 10,000 plus skiers there each day, there is certainly no skiing depression at Vail. It is the best all around ski area that I know of in the world. The elegant areas of Europe and Canada cannot match the charm of Vail with its village weather, lifts, and conditions.

Knights Record Second Win; Skiers Take First

The Clarkson men's basketball team continues to show improvement as it picked up its second win of the season last week. On Friday, the Golden Knights defeated Skidmore College 84-63.

Tied at 38-38 at the half, Clarkson received a strong second half, 13-point performance from Jon Iveson, which helped to hold off the Thoroughbreds. Iveson, who finished with 16 points, also grabbed seven rebounds along with Jeff Parsons, who scored a game-high 24 points.

Fourth year coach Jay Murphy was happy with the win and very pleased with the play of Iveson. "Jon was the key tonight," said Murphy. "He was our catalyst. Down the stretch, he had some key passes and rebounds along with the points. When Jon plays well the team plays well."

Paul Bradshaw, who scored a three-point basket at the halftime buzzer to tie the game, finished with 11 points and six assists. Clarkson, at 2-8 overall and 1-2 in ICAC action, dropped two league games last week.

On Wednesday, in their first game in 33 days, the Knights fell to St. Lawrence in Canton 86-68. Hoyt was the Green and Gold's top scorer with 27 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Clarkson fell to the ICAC's top-rated team, Alfred 84-63 last Sunday. The Knights stayed with the

talented Saxon squad in the first half, trailing by just three at intermission, 34-31. But the depth of Alfred proved to be too much in the second half as they outscored the Knights 50-32. Parsons led the Knights with 12 points.

Women Win Two
Off to its fastest start ever, the Clarkson University women's basketball team continued its record pace in the early part of 1987, winning two of three games last week.

The Lady Knights shook off the rust of the holiday break with a very convincing 106-30 win over North Country Community College on Wednesday.

Freshman Melissa Smith led the way with 20 points. Other double figure scorers for the Green and Gold were Laurie Beauchamp, of Ogdensburg (13), Bridgette Aldous, of Hermon (12), Mary Silva (12), Sarah White, of Russell (11), and Melissa Freneya (10).

Clarkson avenged one of its earlier losses on Friday by defeating highly-regarded Hamilton 79-60. The Knights broke open a tight 30-29 game at half behind the 10-point second half efforts of Jill Heller and Aldous, who both finished with 12 points.

The Lady Knights' victory over Hamilton was the first of two in a two-game set on Saturday, and came out on the losing end of a 69-52 score to St. John Fisher. Aldous continued her fine week with a team

high 14 points. Cook was the only other Knight in double figures with 11.

Skiers Start Fast
The Clarkson University ski teams opened their season in impressive fashion last weekend with first place showings at the Syracuse Invitational.

The Golden Knights' nordic team took top honors out of a field of 10 teams in the cross country competition, held at Drumlin, and the Green and Gold's alpine squad finished first out of 20 teams in the downhill events, held at Toggenburg Mountain.

Clarkson placed its four racers in the top 10 of the 1500 K nordic race with Jeff Eberhardt leading the way in first place. Freshman Russ Dunderdale, placed fourth in his

first collegiate event. Peter Giancola and captain Greg Mapstone finished fifth and seventh, respectively.

The Knights' first team relay squad finished first, led by Mapstone's quick start.

In the slalom event of alpine skiing, Scott Richardson won a third place medal with a time of 1:07.33. Captain Bill Stevens placed seventh and Terence Fogarty also contributed to the first place finish. Fogarty took the fourth spot in the giant slalom with Mike Winje and promising freshman Dave Wilson also finishing high.

For the first time Clarkson entered four women in the alpine events. Freshman Joline Blair had the Knights' best time in the slalom finishing seventh overall at 1:32.98.

Area Bowling

COFFEE & DONUT
Jan. 8
TEAM HIGH THREE (Scratch): Northern Mechanicals 1,912.
TEAM HIGH THREE (Handicap): Norwood Li- quor 2,503.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Scratch): Northern Mechanicals 646.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Handicap): Norwood Li- quor 858.
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME (Scratch): Mary Tebo 214.
INDIVIDUAL THREE (Handicap): Mary Tebo 688.
INDIVIDUAL HIGH THREE (Scratch): Altha Sawyer 548.
TEAM STANDINGS: Merriman's 45-27, This & That 43-29, Paler's Real Estate 37-30, Jay's Bouquets 37-35, Northern Mechanicals 36-35, Creative Image 33-39, School H. Market 32-40, Norwood Liquor 24-48.

COFFEE CUP
Jan. 9
TEAM HIGH THREE (Scratch): Spare Me 1,437, 8 Balls 1,365.
TEAM HIGH THREE (Handicap): Spare Me 1,746, Golden Girls 1,692.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Scratch): Spare Me 564.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Handicap): Spare Me 647.
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME (Scratch): Lynne Trudell 229, Louella Wright 203.
INDIVIDUAL THREE (Handicap): Lynne Trudell 529, Vicki French 299.
INDIVIDUAL HIGH THREE (Scratch): Shirley Perkins 563, Louella Wright 544.

MARKETTES
Jan. 8
TEAM HIGH THREE (Scratch): Mr. Charles Styling Shop 2,641, Tardelli's 2,194, Tan Fastic Tanning Studio 2,185.
TEAM HIGH THREE (Handicap): Dalton's 2,677, Tan Fastic Tanning Studio 2,659, Mr. Charles Styling Shop 2,642.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Scratch): Mr. Charles Styling Shop 793, Tardelli's 764, Dalton's 733.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Handicap): Kentucky Fried Chicken 938, Mr. Charles Styling Shop 920, Dalton's and Tan Fastic 902.
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME (Scratch): Ann Convertino 228, Debbie Binan 219, Debbie Robar 203.
INDIVIDUAL THREE (Handicap): Ann Convertino 619, Phyllis Brown 609, Debbie Binan 603.
INDIVIDUAL HIGH THREE (Scratch): Louella Wright 549, Phyllis Brown 528, Debbie Robar 500.
TEAM STANDINGS: Stan's Body Shop 43-17, Mr. Charles Styling Shop 38-22, Dalton's 37-22 1/2, Tan Fastic Tanning Studio 36 1/2-22 1/2, Lavigne's Hotel 36-24, Kentucky Fried Chicken 32-28, Tardelli's 30-30, Mackey's Misfits 30-30, White's Hardware 29-31, George's Tavern 27-33, Sandies Hair Styling 21-39.

PINDUSTER
Jan. 8
TEAM HIGH THREE (Scratch): French's 1844 House 2,634, Wilson's Market 2,575.
TEAM HIGH THREE (Handicap): Wilson's Market 2,602, Sovie's Specialty Shop 2,897.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Scratch): Mike's Trophies 973.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Handicap): Mike's Trophies 1,078.
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME (Scratch): Laura Taylor 221, Julie Bump 220.
INDIVIDUAL THREE (Handicap): Sally LaVare 644, Karen Walte 629.
INDIVIDUAL HIGH THREE (Scratch): Mary

Dooley 590, Laura Taylor 586.
TEAM STANDINGS: French's 1844 House 50-14, Ward's Restaurant 49-20 1/2, NCFCE 28-29 1/2, Little Red Shoe House 37 1/2-26 1/2, The Road 36-29, Grant's Farm Supplies 35-29, Breckenridge 33-31, Phil Collins Const. 33-31, Mike's Trophies 32-32, Herbert's Men shop 31 1/2-32, Sovie's Specialty Shop 31-33, Wilson's Market 30 1/2-33 1/2, Northern Music 27-37, Smitty's Decoy's 27-37, Frank & Ellis Builders 25 1/2-38 1/2.
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED COUPLES
Jan. 9
TEAM HIGH THREE (Handicap): Instigators 2,420, Blue Jays 2,414.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Handicap): Wise Guys 855.
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME (Scratch): Men's — Ken Mitchell 256, Women's Sally Boelet 205.
INDIVIDUAL High Three (Scratch): Men's — Ken Mitchell 602, Women's — Jan. Wightman 573.
TEAM STANDINGS: Heilons, Kin Folk, Blue Jays, Nobody Names Clyde, Instigators, Confused Couples, Crazy People, J-J-K-T, Dutch Treat, Over Our Heads, Royce Rowdies, The Clan, Gimme A Break, Wise Guys, A.S.I.A., T.G.I.F.

SUNDAY P.M. MIXED
Jan. 11
TEAM HIGH THREE (Scratch): Equalizers 2,171, Misfits 2,142.
TEAM HIGH THREE (Handicap): Ball Thumpers 2,440, Misfits 2,356.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Scratch): Misfits 813.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Handicap): Ball Thumpers 900.
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME (Scratch): Debby Roy 231, Bill Grant 266, Juanita White 200, John Saarinen 253.
INDIVIDUAL THREE (Handicap): Debby Rox 663, Harold Lindsey and Weidon Lumley 678, Linda Perry 596, Floyd Cole 653.
INDIVIDUAL HIGH THREE (Scratch): Debby Roy 588, Floyd Cole 653, Lisa Clark 523, Bill Grant 638.
TEAM STANDINGS: Equalizers 13 1/2-2 1/2, Stray Cats 12-4, Alley Kats 11-5, Ball Thumpers 11-5, A-Team 10 1/2-5 1/2, 4-Sums 10-6, Cardinals 10-6, Blue Jays 9-7, Woodchoppers 8-8, Chokers 7-9, Unpredictables 6-10, No Names 5 1/2-10 1/2, Misfits 5-11, Banana Split 4-12, Hotshots 4-12, Lane Jumpers 1 1/2-14 1/2.

MARKETTES
Jan. 15
TEAM HIGH THREE (Scratch): Stan's Body Shop 2,374, Tardelli's 2,298, Mr. Charles Styling Shop 2,164.
TEAM HIGH THREE (Handicap): Stan's Body Shop 2,809, George's Tavern 2,704, Tardelli's 2,682.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Scratch): Stan's Body Shop 809, Dalton's 789, Tardelli's 777.
TEAM HIGH SINGLE (Handicap): Stan's Body Shop 974, Dalton's 956, Mackey's Misfits 926.
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME (Scratch): Mary McCarthy 219, Linda Barton 191, Debbie Kirkey 189.
INDIVIDUAL THREE (Handicap): Mary McCarthy 628, Sandy Frank 606, Debbie Kirkey and Sue Lyman 583.
INDIVIDUAL HIGH THREE (Scratch): Mary McCarthy 565, Debbie Kirkey 511, Marlene Wood 509.
TEAM STANDINGS: Stan's Body Shop 47-17, Mr. Charles Styling Shop 39-25, Dalton's 38 1/2-25 1/2, Tan Fastic Tanning Studio 36 1/2-22 1/2, Kentucky Fried Chicken 36-28, Lavigne's Hotel 34-27, Tardelli's 33-31, White's Hardware 33-31, Mackey's Misfits 31-33, George's Tavern 30-34, Sandies Hair Styling 24-40.

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