

# Boys' basketball bounced from regionals by Zion-Benton

After a notable mid-season run, the Eagles lose three straight times to Zion-Benton

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The third time was not the charm for the Lakes Eagles varsity basketball team, which was bounced from the playoffs by Zion-Benton.

The varsity Eagles ended their season with a loss to Zion-Benton, the third in a row.

The Eagles were touted to finish number one in their division, behind the composition of only sophomores and juniors.

Varsity Basketball Coach Brian Phelan said, "Being picked to finish first in our conference did put pressure on us. Being picked number one puts a target on your back."

Regardless of whether these expectations were fulfilled, the Lakes Eagles took a big step in the right direction with, as Phelan describes, a successful season.

Dan Ronsman, a Lakes junior and varsity basketball player added, "The season was a success. We learned a lot, and showed that we can rebound from a 2-10 start."

Even though Lake's inaugural season was successful, players and coaches alike believed that they would have a better record than 12-16 at the end of the season.

Finishing with a third place conference record is good, considering that Lakes' varsity roster is composed of only two former varsity players, seven former sophomore players, and three former freshman players.

The Regional Playoff game played against Zion-Benton was hard fought according to Phelan.

The team successfully implemented a new zone offense, and scored 59 points. Seven different players scored points, in an offense that effectively moved the ball, and created open shots. The defense was lackadaisical at times giving up 60 points.

During the basketball season, Phelan tried to squelch looking ahead to the 2006-2007 season this year, but now that the season is over, the Eagles can look forward.

Some students believe that the Eagles season was a failure because they did not live up to some expectations.

Richard Fisher said, "The game [versus Zion Benton] was not a failure. We gained experience, played as a team, and we played in regionals. We will be more prepared for next year."

Next season, with seniors and much more experience, the sky is the limit for Lakes varsity basketball.

## Season Statistics

**Points Leaders-** Sean Hertz 17.69 PPG (points per game), Chuck Kempf 15.44 PPG, Kevin Guirand 9.04 PPG

**Assists Leaders-** Sean Hertz 4.33 APG (assists per game), Kevin Rice .93 APG, Chuck Kempf .80 APG, Tim McGowan .67 APG

**Free Throw %-** Kevin Molloy 75%, Sean Hertz 68%, Chuck Kempf 65%, Kevin Rice 62%

**Rebound Leaders-** Chuck Kempf 7.35 RPG (rebounds per game), Kevin Guirand 5.33 RPG, Sean Hertz 3.96 RPG

# Track comes out of the starting blocks April 4

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Lakes' track and field team explodes out of the starting blocks April 4 at 4:30pm at Zion-Benton high school.

Lakes' track team is about to embark on its inaugural season this spring. Even though Lakes track is just getting



Photo By David Ester

its feet wet this season, it does not mean that it is going to be blown away by the competition.

"I think that in our head to head meets this year we will match up well against competition in our conference" says Kurt Rowells, Lakes varsity track coach.

"As a team, we have given great effort these last couple weeks, in preparation for the upcoming season," says Rowells, "we are going to face some top notch competition in our invitational

meets this year."

Even with a team, like every other Lakes team, with no seniors, Lakes has some very promising young athletes, like junior sprinters Ted Barimias and Keenan Jones.

Sophomore hurdler Andrew Stein, triple jumper John DeGrave, shot-putter Alex Hawkins and distance runner Brian are also

Fuller expected to be noteworthy performers.

The team not only lacks seniors, but it also lacks maturity and experience at the varsity level, which in high school sports is a pre-cursor for disaster.

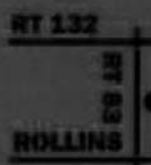
Even though the expectation is for a young team to struggle, with all the hard work put in this pre-season, expectations may be wrong.

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