

Kempf recruited by Illinois Rising Stars

All-Area basketball team that boasts best players Northern Illinois has to offer

By Brian Zielinski
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Along with talent comes opportunity.

Junior Charles Kempf, a standout basketball player at Lakes, learned this when being recruited onto the Illinois Rising Stars, an all-area basketball team.

On the Rising Stars, Kempf plays along side the best high school basketball players that Northern Illinois has to offer.

With the all-star team, Kempf has the privilege of playing with Jeff Jordan, son of NBA great Michael Jordan.

"Playing along side of Michael Jordan's son was weird at first, but after a while he became Jeff, just another player on the team," said Kempf.

The opportunity to play with Jeff Jordan has yielded some benefits for Kempf, who has received advice from Michael Jordan himself.

"He told me to keep on being strong, and don't get soft," said Kempf. Jordan also told Kempf to keep a good mindset.

With this advice Kempf hopes that he can create a winning tradition here at Lakes as well as an



Photo By Brian Zielinski

Charles Kempf practices with the Lakes Varsity Basketball team.

identity for the varsity basketball team.

Kempf said that his varsity experience requires him to step up and be a leader for this young team.

In hopes of starting a winning basketball tradition at Lakes, Kempf plans to take his skills to the college level. He has already received interest from universities such as DePaul, Marquette, Brown, and Michigan.

When asked if he could play anywhere that he wanted Kempf simply replied "Duke." He then

added, "They have such a great tradition there, they always have a good team, and they get a lot of TV time as well."

After potential college success, Kempf is unsure of his future. When asked whether he would play in the NBA, he humbly replied, "If I'm good enough yeah. Right now that is in the back of my mind right now, all I am thinking about doing, is making it to college."

Focusing on the Eagles' immediate future however, Kempf confidently said, "We will definitely win the Prairie [division]."

Paintball a growing trend among Lake County teens

Two Lakes students share why they love to play the costly, alternative sport

By Sarah Horsch
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Shopping, going to the mall, and hanging out with friends is a typical weekend, but for an adrenaline rush and a mind blowing experience, teenagers have discovered paintball.

Many students at Lakes play paintball. They enjoy the rush of emotions when they are playing on the field.

"I'm usually trying to figure out what the other players are thinking so I can be one step ahead of them," said sophomore Aaron Cashmore.

Paintball takes a lot out of the players and most hardly realize how exhausted they are until the following day.

"It almost feels like a small war," said sophomore Mark Horton. "Paintball is a team sport just like football. Everyone has to do their part in order to achieve the final goal."

Paintball is a sport unlike other sports, with balls of paint whizzing

past as you duck and cover behind anything in sight.

"My adrenaline is pumping, my eyes are shifting everywhere to see what I can do to make my next move," Horton said.

To head out for a day on the paintball field you need goggles to protect your eyes from paint, a paintball gun, and pressurized gas, also known as carbon dioxide.

For someones first time going out expect the game to be like a more challenging, high stakes game of tag, hide-and-go-seek, or capture the flag.

Renting a paintball gun can cost between \$15-50. To rent the paint can run between \$55-85.

Buying personal equipment is costly. The prices on a gun can range between \$150 and several thousand dollars.

Even with having personal equipment there is still a playing cost, for field, carbon dioxide, paint, and to keep your gun in shape; cleaning equipment.



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