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2011-12 BOYS VARSITY SEASON PREVIEW



O'Rourke optimistic about 2011-12

Blue Devils have three returning seniors and two juniors with varsity experience

BY MIKE DUNN

GAYLORD – Gaylord boys varsity basketball coach Tim O'Rourke isn't predicting wins and loss totals for the 2011-12 season. He believes if his team works hard and plays together, good things will happen and the wins will come as a byproduct.

The Blue Devils are coming off a 6-15 campaign a

year ago. It was O'Rourke's first year as the varsity coach and the six wins was a jump from two wins the year before. O'Rourke likes the direction the team and the program are going and expects to continue in that direction this season.

"I feel very positive about the group of guys we have this year," O'Rourke said during the final week of preseason preparations.

"We won six games last year but we were competitive in almost all our games. In 10 of the games we lost, we were within three points in the fourth quarter so there were a lot of close games."

O'Rourke said his team "did a lot of maturing" last season and he anticipates that maturation paying dividends in the 2011-12 campaign.

Gaylord lost some tough, dedicated players to graduation but he has some strong returning players, including 6-foot-4, 190-pound senior forward Troy Gahm,

who is also considered one of the top returning players in the talent-rich Big North Conference. Gahm earned All-Conference recognition a year ago, connecting for 15.3 points and 10.7 rebounds per game in league play. Overall for the season, Gahm put up some eye-popping numbers, averaging a whopping 18 points and 12 boards.

Gahm's accomplishments did not go unnoticed. He was among 150 seniors statewide to be invited to participate in the presti-

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Vandy roots still influence O'Rourke


GAYLORD – Gaylord coach Tim O'Rourke is a Vanderbilt native and he played hoops under legendary coach Bob Anderson at Vanderbilt in the late 1980s.

Anderson's influence still impacts O'Rourke personally and in his coaching style.

"Coach Anderson was a great role model," O'Rourke said. "He instilled in us the importance of discipline and sportsmanship and that's always stayed with me. That's what I want to pass on to these guys. Wins and losses aren't always the measure of what success is; winning is just a byproduct of success."

The yardstick for success, in O'Rourke's eyes, combines factors such as team unity, playing hard and playing smart, and showing sportsmanship.

"If they do those things, that's all I can ask," he said.



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2010-11 BOYS VARSITY SEASON RECAP

Gaylord boys improved in 2010-11

BY MIKE DUNN

GAYLORD – When you look solely at the record, it doesn't seem like much. The Gaylord boys basketball team posted a 6-15 log last year under first-year varsity coach Tim O'Rourke but the record really doesn't tell the story of the season.

O'Rourke – an upbeat, high-energy coach and former prep standout at Vanderbilt High School in the late 1980s – took over a program that had won just two games the year before. Considering that the Blue Devils went from winning two games to winning six games, it puts the achievements of the 2010-11 season in a different light.

O'Rourke went into the season a year ago with the philosophy of "getting after it," putting a group of players on the floor who would seek to outwork and out-hustle the opponent in any given game and ultimately be competitive.

"The absolute goal is for us to be competitive," O'Rourke said before the season. O'Rourke would

rotate players in and out and keep fresh legs on the floor, trusting that everyone would do their part to help the Blue Devils come out on top.

Gaylord had five seniors, five juniors and two sophomores on the 2010-11 roster, including returning starters Antony Rudel in the backcourt and Troy Gahm at forward.

The hard-nosed Rudel was one of the five seniors on the roster along with Jason McArt at point guard, Logan Wickert and Jake Cuca at guard and Cole Wright at forward.

The 6-foot-4, 190-pound Gahm, who had been brought up to the varsity halfway through his sophomore season and was one of the real bright spots from the tough 2009-10 season, was one of the five juniors along with guard Travis Bandt, defensive specialist Craig Richardson, forward Austin Pearson and 6-foot-5 center Chaz Moore.

Sophomores Tyler Frisch at guard and 6-foot-7 Zach Lundell at center rounded out the 12-player Gaylord lineup.

Gahm, who had grown several inches and put on 50 pounds of muscle from his freshman to his junior year, was viewed as Gaylord's go-to guy and more than lived up to expectations. Gahm was a force at both ends of the floor, averaging a whopping 18 points and 12 rebounds as plied his wares and developed himself into a bona fide college prospect.

One of the highlights of the season was a workman-like 64-51 triumph on the road against Ogemaw Heights midway through the campaign. The Blue Devils used leech-like defense to gradually pull

away in the second half and gain what would be their fourth win of the year.

Rudel and Wickert fueled the second-half rally with their defensive pressure. Rudel had two key steals in the third quarter and Wickert knocked down a pair of triples.

Gahm finished with a team-high 11 points with eight rebounds and Bandt did a whale of a job holding Ogemaw's top scorer Justin Wesja to just three points in the second half. Wright and Rudel each accounted

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2011-12 GIRLS VARSITY SEASON PREVIEW



Seeking to repeat as winners

Hamilla's young Blue Devils strive for third winning season in a row; Gooding is only senior on roster

Hamilla has surpassed 300 wins

Gaylord girls coach reached milestone last year; he had served with distinction as Boyne Falls boys coach for more than two decades

By Mike Dunn



Frank Hamilla

GAYLORD – Before taking over the Gaylord girls basketball program last year, Frank Hamilla had served with distinction as the boys varsity coach at Boyne Falls High School for more than two decades. He stepped down after the 2007-08 season with a career record of 293-185.

After posting an 11-10 record with the Blue Devils last season, Hamilla pushed his career victory total to 304, quite an achievement in anyone's book.

Hamilla earned a reputation as one of the state's top Class D coaches while at Boyne Falls. He guided the Loggers to seven district titles, seven Northern Lakes Conference championships and two appearances in the regional finals.

When Hamilla, a native of Munising, took over the Boyne Falls program in 1987-88, the team had won just one game the year before. Under Hamilla, the Loggers won four games the first season and surpassed the .500 mark by his third season. The Loggers won their first district title under his leadership in 1991 and began a 17-year streak of finishing no lower than third in the Northern Lakes.

One of Hamilla's favorite personal memories is from the 1990-91 season. Boyne Falls faced a powerful Gaylord St. Mary squad in the district finals that year and famed Herald Times sportswriter Jay Soderberg said in the paper that the Loggers had as much chance beating St. Mary as it snowing in July.

Chad Hanes hit a shot at the final buzzer to put Boyne Falls over the top and the Logger fans started chanting, "Let it snow! Let it snow!"

BY MIKE DUNN

GAYLORD – The team is young this season and won't intimidate any opponents with its height. The Gaylord girls of coach Frank Hamilla aren't about to let obstacles like youth and lack of size deter them from striving for their goal of a third-straight winning season, however.

"We plan to use size

to our advantage," said Hamilla, who guided Gaylord to an 11-10 record last year in his first season as the Blue Devil varsity coach. "We'll probably be smaller than just about every team we face, so we want to use our speed and play an up tempo style. That'll hopefully help us off-set potential mismatches inside and give us opportunities to score

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Gaylord Blue Devils Freshman Boys Basketball

#	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.	#	Blue Name	Position	Grade	Ht.
2	Cotton Neff	G	Fr.	5' 7"	22	Collin Watters	F	Fr.	6' 1"
3	Cole Butler	F	Fr.	5' 10"	22	Steven Fitzek	F	Fr.	6' 0"
10	Sam Rinke	G	Fr.	5' 6"	23	Marcus O' Rourke	G	Fr.	5' 7"
12	Austin Frisch	F	Fr.	5' 10"	33	Mark Spyhalski	C	Fr.	6' 1"
14	DeMarco McCoverly	G	Fr.	5' 6"	42	Landen DeForge	F	Fr.	6' 0"
20	Jason Carandang	G	Fr.	5' 7"	44	Blayne Baker	C	Fr.	6' 3"

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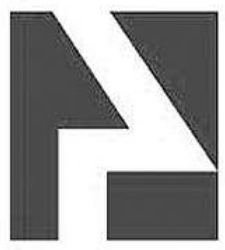
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2010-11 GIRLS VARSITY SEASON RECAP

Gaylord girls made strides last season

BY MIKE DUNN

GAYLORD – Veteran prep basketball coach Frank Hamilla inherited the Gaylord girls varsity basketball program a year ago and built on the foundation that had been laid by his predecessor Kelli Parker.

In Parker's final season of 2009-10, Gaylord had posted its first winning campaign in nine years, going 13-9 and advancing past the opening round of the playoffs.

Hamilla grabbed the reins of the surging Gaylord program for the 2010-11 season and earned a winning record in his first year, guiding the Blue Devils to a respectable 11-10 mark and third place in the final Big North Conference standings with a 5-5 log. It was a solid achievement for Gaylord, which had lost college-bound stars Bailey Gooding and Brittney Deerfield to graduation and had a roster that was long on intensity and effort but was not blessed with great size.

Hamilla, who had coached the boys at Boyne

Falls for 22 seasons with very good success, implemented a fast-paced offensive style in his first season with the Blue Devil gals in order to play to Gaylord's excellent team speed and to offset potential mismatches under the boards.

The Blue Devils responded well, earning regular-season victories over league foes Traverse City West, Traverse City Central and Cadillac and sweeping Alpena. The Blue Devils showed up and played hard every night and were competitive even in the games where they fell short on the scoreboard.

The 2010-11 team featured strong senior leadership with returnees Kim Dunn, Jenna Zaborowski and April Phillips in the backcourt and strong-armed seniors Blair Secord and Hilary Buttrick inside. Sweet-shooting sophomore wing Mackenzie Edwards continued her outstanding play at the varsity level, not only leading the team in scoring for the second straight time but finishing as the runner-up in scoring in the Big North as well.

With Mac torching the nets inside and out and the Gaylord starters and every reserve keeping the volume on the intensity meter turned on high for 32 minutes, the Blue Devils of Hamilla were the type of team no one looked forward to playing.

Underclassmen like junior center Allie Gooding and sophomores Kaylor Mikolowski, Alex Simmons and Sarah Polena gained valuable floor time during the season as they learned more about life at the varsity level. Polena and Mikolowski had both been called up to the varsity the year before as freshmen

and so had a small taste of the speed of the game going into the season.

One of the biggest highlights of the year was the 61-57 upset victory at home over T.C. Central, which came into the late-season contest with an 11-6 overall record and a 6-3 record in the conference. It also happened to be Senior Night for Gaylord.

The Blue Devils were down five, 43-38, going into the fourth quarter that night but rallied with bark-tight defense in the final minutes and some high-percentage shooting. The fourth quarter of the

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Gaylord Blue Devils Freshman Girls Basketball

White	Blue	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.	White	Blue	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.
3	14	Rachel Glesen	G	Fr.	5' 4"	23	12	Aimee Kilbourn	G	Fr.	5' 5"
10	10	Tanner Arkfeld	G	Fr.	5' 4"	30	30	Ashlee Zeiter	F	Fr.	5' 8"
11	50	Julia Chwatum	C	Fr.	5' 10"	32	32	Cierra Woods	C	Fr.	5' 8"
20	20	Abigail Haskill	F	Fr.	5' 5"	34	54	Lauren Reed	F	Fr.	5' 8"
21	44	Rachel Hannah	F	Fr.	5' 7"	42	42	Taylor Couch	F	Fr.	5' 3"
22	22	Destiny Schram	F	Fr.	5' 5"						

Head Coach: Terri Woods **Managers:** Gabby Rose, Ashley Dunn

2010-11 Girls Recap

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Central game may have been the best eight minutes of basketball the Blue Devils put together last year as they outscored the visitors 23-14.

Mac played a pivotal role in the game, as usual, draining the nets for 14 points but it was really a night when the seniors shined before the large home crowd. "Kamikaze" Kim Dunn delivered 14 points with three assists while Secord sank 11 with five boards, Zaborowski

zoomed and zigged in her typical crash-and-burn style while scoring nine with four rebounds, the smooth-flowing Phillips poured in nine and Buttrick battled furiously under the bucket. Polena also helped the cause with



PHOTO BY TOM BUTTRICK

Mackenzie Edwards goes up for a shot during a contest from last season.

her efficient ball handling and she chipped in three assists.

The win over Central was a sterling achievement for a team that got the most of its talents last year and maybe a little more.

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Points	Opponent, Season
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103	East Jordan, 1965-66
102	Alpena, 1994-95
96	Petoskey, 1996-97

MOST POINTS AGAINST (GAME)

Points	Opponent, Year
104	Ithaca, 1973-74
104	Petoskey, 1996-97

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE (GAME)

No.	Opponent, Year
42	East Jordan, 1964-65

MOST COMBINED POINTS SCORED (GAME)

Points	Opponent, Year
200	GHS 96, Petoskey 104, 1996-97
181	GHS 97, St. Ignace 84, 1965-66
178	GHS 94, Grayling 84, 1997-98
175	GHS 91, Petoskey 84, 1999-00

MOST THREE-POINTERS (GAME)

No.	Opponent, Year
15	T.C. West, 2001

MOST COMBINED THREE-POINTERS (GAME)

No.	Opponent, Year
24	T.C. West, 2001

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2011-12 Boys Preview

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gious Reaching Higher Boys Basketball Showcase in South Lyon over the summer. Gahm, who was part of the Showcase along with Grayling seniors Steven Enos and Zane Tobin, drew interest from several college scouts and coaches.

Gahm is looking to put together another strong season and possibly play at the Div. 2 college level after his prep career is over. O'Rourke believes Gahm definitely has the goods and will be an asset wherever he goes next year.

For this year, Gahm is still wearing the Gaylord maize-and-blue and O'Rourke couldn't be happier about that.

Gahm will no doubt draw attention from defenders but O'Rourke says that could be a big mistake because the surounding cast around Gahm can also do damage.

Seniors Craig Richardson (5-10) at guard and Austin Pearson (6-3) at forward are returning players along with Gahm. Fellow senior Chris Crenshaw (5-10), a speed burner and natural athlete, has returned to basketball after taking a year off and is expected to be a contributor at both ends of the floor as the season progresses.

Juniors Tyler Frisch (6-0) at guard and long-armed Zach Lundell (6-7) at center return after playing as sophomores on the varsity a year ago and seeing a good deal of floor time. Junior point guard Tyler Cherry (5-7) joined the varsity for the final five games of the 2010-11 campaign

and he also gained valuable experience.

Juniors making the leap from the JV this season include aggressive, hard-working guards Chris Stout (5-10) and Cam Taylor (5-7) long-armed forward Ryan Chrencik (6-5) and broad-shouldered center Mike Skerratt (6-5).

O'Rourke likes the scrappiness he sees in this year's squad and the chemistry among the players.

"I feel good about the kids and the chemistry they have," said O'Rourke, a Vanderbilt High School standout guard in the late 1980s who coached at the JV and varsity level for the Yellowjackets prior to joining the Gaylord program as freshmen coach five years ago. "We learned a lot about ourselves in the scrimmages we've had and I think we're trusting each other more and gaining more confidence individually and as a team."

O'Rourke said the Blue Devils put in a lot of time doing strength and conditioning during the off-season and he expects that to pay dividends.

"The kids put a lot of work in the off-season," he said. "They have a desire to play and to be competitive and I believe we can be competitive against everybody we face this year. Our goal is to give ourselves the opportunity to be successful every time out."

The unflappable Cherry will handle the starting point guard duties. In his fruitful five-game stint on the varsity a year ago, he turned the ball over just two times. He has excellent floor vision and, like the good point guards, has a knack for making the

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Gaylord Blue Devils Varsity Girls Basketball

#	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.	#	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.
3	MacKenzie Edwards	G	Jr.	5' 6"	23	Lauren Mead	F	Jr.	5' 8"
10	Chelsea Fox	F	Jr.	5' 8"	24	Megan Lamb	F	Jr.	5' 7"
11	Maddie Hamilla	G	So.	5' 6"	32	Stephanie Buttrick	F	Jr.	5' 7"
12	Ashley Bartow	G	Jr.	5' 4"	34	Jada Johnson	F	Jr.	5' 8"
20	Alex Simmons	F	Jr.	5' 5"	42	Jade Kilbourn	F	Jr.	5' 7"
21	Sarah Polena	G	Jr.	5' 2"	55	Terri Cavender	C	Jr.	5' 10"
22	Allie Gooding	C	Jr.	5' 9"					

Head Coach: Frank Hamilla **Assistant Coach:** Alan Massey **Managers:** Molly Hamilla & Adrienne Edwards



3 MacKenzie Edwards



10 Chelsea Fox



11 Maddie Hamilla



12 Ashley Bartow



20 Alex Simmons



21 Sarah Polena



22 Allie Gooding



23 Lauren Mead



24 Megan Lamb



2 Stephanie Buttrick



34 Jada Johnson



42 Jade Kilbourn



55 Terri Cavender



Asst.Coach: Alan Massey



Head Coach: Frank Hamilla



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for eight points while Wickert and Frisch each hit for seven and McArt was artful in distributing the ball. Moore, matched up against Ogemaw big man Anthony Zettel, tallied five with four rebounds and played very physical in the paint.

The game at Ogemaw was just the kind of team-effort victory that O'Rourke loved to see. Everyone played a role and everyone contributed.

Gaylord won just two of its final 11 games last year, though many of the losses were close ones. The Blue Devils, in fact, were within three points of their opponents in the fourth quarter in 10 of their 15 defeats a year ago.

Gaylord had a tough draw in the Class A district tournament, facing state-ranked Petoskey in the first round. The Blue Devils battled hard, like always, but the Cory Starkey-led Northmen, who came

into the game with a 19-1 record, had too many weapons and brought Gaylord's season to an end.

O'Rourke was pleased with his team's effort in the final game of the season, if not the outcome.

The coach has lost some solid, hardworking players to graduation but he likes the group of varsity players he has returning for the 2011-12 campaign and the energy and talent of those who will be coming up from the JV ranks.

O'Rourke, who coached all of the players on last year's varsity team during their freshmen year, appreciated the bond the 2010-11 players had among themselves and the bond he and assistant coach Rick Butler shared with the players.

"They'll always be my boys," O'Rourke said of the departing seniors. "I appreciate the leadership they showed and what they did for me personally and for our program. They won't be forgotten."



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Troy Gahm (14) of Gaylord launches another jump shot in the Big North game against Petoskey last year.

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Front Row (L-R): Asst Coach Kevin Hesselink, Craig Richardson, Chris Crenshaw, Cam Taylor, Tyler Cherry, Chris Stout
Back Row (L-R): Coach Tim O' Rourke, Ryan Chrencik, Zach Lundell, Michael Skerratt, Troy Gahm, Austin Pearson, Tyler Frisch, Asst. Coach Rick Butler

Gaylord Blue Devils Varsity Boys Basketball

#	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.	#	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.
2	Tyler Cherry	G	Jr.	5' 7"	23	Cam Taylor	G	Jr.	5' 7"
3	Chris Stout	G	Jr.	5'10"	32	Austin Pearson	F	Sr.	6' 3"
12	Chris Crenshaw	G	Sr.	5'10"	33	Tyler Frisch	G	Jr.	6' 0"
14	Troy Gahm	F	Sr.	6' 4"	44	Micheal Skerratt	C	Jr.	6' 5"
20	Craig Richardson	G	Sr.	5'10"	50	Zach Lundell	C	Jr.	6' 6"
22	Ryan Chrencik	F	Jr.	6' 5"					

Head Coach: Tim O'Rourke **Assistant Coaches:** Rick Butler, Kevin Hesselink



2 Tyler Cherry



3 Chris Stout



12 Chris Crenshaw



14 Troy Gahm



20 Craig Richardson



22 Ryan Chrencik



23 Cam Taylor



32 Austin Pearson



33 Tyler Frisch



44 Micheal Skerratt



50 Zach Lundell



Head Coach: Tim O'Rourke



Asst. Coach: Rick Butler



Asst. Coach: Kevin Hesselink

2011 Girls Basketball Schedules

GHS Basketball - Girls Varsity

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
Tuesday	11/29/11	St. Ignace HIGH SCHOOL	Away	7:30PM
Friday	12/02/11	Mt. Pleasant HIGH SCHOOL	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	12/06/11	Cheboygan High School	Away	7:30PM
Thursday	12/8/11	Petoskey HIGH SCHOOL	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	12/13/11	Charlevoix High School	Away	7:30PM
Thursday	12/15/11	East Jordan High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	12/20/11	Ogemaw Heights High School	Away	7:30PM
Thursday	12/22/11	Grayling HIGH SCHOOL	Home	6:00PM
Tuesday	01/3/12	*Traverse City Central High	Home	7:30PM
Thursday	01/5/12	Alpena High School	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/10/12	Sault Area High School	Away	7:30PM
Friday	01/13/12	Traverse City West HIGH SCHOOL	Home	7:30PM
Thursday	01/19/12	Cadillac HIGH SCHOOL	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/24/12	Petoskey HIGH SCHOOL	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/31/12	Ogemaw Heights High School	Home	7:30PM
Thursday	02/2/12	*Traverse City Central High	Away	7:30PM
Friday	02/10/12	Alpena High School	Home	7:30PM
Thursday	02/16/12	Traverse City West HIGH SCHOOL	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	02/21/12	Cheboygan High School	Home	7:30PM
Friday	02/24/12	Cadillac HIGH SCHOOL	Away	7:30PM

GHS Basketball - Girls Freshman

Friday	12/2	4:00PM	@	Mt. Pleasant
Tuesday	12/6	6:00PM	vs.	Harbor Springs
Thursday	12/8	6:00PM	@	Petoskey
Thursday	12/15	7:15PM	vs.	Boyne City
Tuesday	12/20	6:00PM	@	Ogemaw Heights
Tuesday	1/3	6:00PM	vs.	*Traverse City Central
Thursday	1/5	6:00PM	@	Alpena
Tuesday	1/10	6:00PM	@	Sault Area
Friday	1/13	6:00PM	vs.	Traverse City West
Thursday	1/19	6:00PM	vs.	Cadillac
Tuesday	1/24	6:00PM	vs.	Petoskey
Thursday	1/26	6:00PM	@	Boyne City
Tuesday	1/31	6:00PM	vs.	*Ogemaw Heights
Thursday	2/2	6:00PM	@	*Traverse City Central
Friday	2/10	6:00PM	vs.	Alpena
Tuesday	2/14	6:00PM	@	Harbor Springs
Thursday	2/16	6:00PM	@	Traverse City West
Friday	2/24	6:00PM	@	Cadillac

*Denotes League Event

GHS Basketball - Girls Junior Varsity

Tuesday	11/29	6:00PM	@	St. Ignace
Friday	12/2	6:00PM	@	Mt. Pleasant
Tuesday	12/6	6:00PM	@	Cheboygan
Thursday	12/8	6:00PM	@	Petoskey
Tuesday	12/13	6:00PM	@	Charlevoix
Thursday	12/15	6:00PM	vs.	East Jordan
Tuesday	12/20	6:00PM	@	*Ogemaw Heights
Wednesday	12/21	6:00PM	@	Grayling
Tuesday	1/3	6:00PM	vs.	Traverse City Central
Thursday	1/5	6:00PM	@	Alpena
Tuesday	1/10	6:00PM	@	Sault Area
Friday	1/13	6:00PM	vs.	Traverse City West
Thursday	1/19	6:00PM	vs.	Cadillac
Tuesday	1/24	6:00PM	vs.	Petoskey
Tuesday	1/31	6:00PM	vs.	*Ogemaw Heights
Thursday	2/2	6:00PM	@	*Traverse City Central
Friday	2/10	6:00PM	vs.	Alpena
Thursday	2/16	6:00PM	@	Traverse City West
Tuesday	2/21	6:00PM	vs.	Cheboygan
Friday	2/24	6:00PM	@	Cadillac

2011 Boys Basketball Schedules

GHS Basketball - Boys Varsity

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
Tuesday	12/06/11	Cheboygan High School	Home	7:30PM
Friday	12/09/11	Petoskey High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	12/13/11	Charlevoix High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	12/20/11	*Ogemaw Heights High School	Home	7:30PM
Thursday	12/22/11	Grayling High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/03/12	*Traverse City Central High	Away	7:30PM
Friday	01/06/12	Alpena High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/10/12	St. Ignace	Away	7:30PM
Thursday	01/12/12	Traverse City West High School	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/17/12	Sault Area High School	Home	7:30PM
Friday	01/20/12	Cadillac High School	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/24/12	*Petoskey High School	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	01/31/12	*Ogemaw Heights High School	Away	7:30PM
Friday	02/03/12	*Traverse City Central High	Home	7:30PM
Friday	02/10/12	Alpena High School	Away	7:30PM
Friday	02/17/12	Traverse City West High School L	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	02/21/12	Cheboygan High School	Away	7:30PM
Thursday	02/23/12	Cadillac High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	02/28/12	Mt. Pleasant	Away	7:30PM
Thursday	03/01/12	Traverse City St. Francis	Away	7:30PM

*Denotes League Event

GHS Basketball - Boys Freshman

Friday	12/9	6:00PM	vs	Petoskey
Tuesday	12/13	6:00PM	vs	Charlevoix
Thursday	12/15	6:00PM	vs	Boyne City
Tuesday	12/20	6:00PM	vs	*Ogemaw Heights
Thursday	12/22	6:00PM	vs	Grayling
Tuesday	1/3	6:00PM	@	*Traverse City Central
Friday	1/6	6:00PM	vs	Alpena
Tuesday	1/10	6:00PM	vs	Harbor Springs
Thursday	1/12	6:00PM	@	Traverse City West
Tuesday	1/17	6:00PM	vs	Sault area
Friday	1/20	6:00PM	@	*Cadillac
Tuesday	1/24	6:00PM	@	Petoskey
Friday	1/27	6:00PM	@	Grayling
Tuesday	1/31	6:00PM	@	*Ogemaw Heights
Friday	2/3	6:00PM	vs	*Traverse City Central
Friday	2/10	6:00PM	@	Alpena
Friday	2/17	6:00PM	vs	Traverse City West
Thursday	2/23	6:00PM	vs	Cadillac
Tuesday	2/28	4:00PM	@	Mt. Pleasant
Thursday	3/1	4:15PM	@	Traverse City St. Francis

GHS Basketball - Boys Junior Varsity

Tuesday	12/6	6:00PM	vs	Cheboygan
Friday	12/9	6:00PM	vs	Petoskey
Tuesday	12/13	6:00PM	vs	Charlevoix
Tuesday	12/20	6:00PM	vs	*Ogemaw Heights
Wednesday	12/21	7:30PM	@	Grayling
Tuesday	1/3	6:00PM	@	*Traverse City Central
Friday	1/6	6:00PM	vs	Alpena
Tuesday	1/10	6:00PM	@	St. Ignace
Thursday	1/12	6:00PM	@	Traverse City West
Tuesday	1/17	6:00PM	vs	Sault area
Friday	1/20	6:00PM	@	*Cadillac
Tuesday	1/24	6:00PM	@	Petoskey
Tuesday	1/31	6:00PM	@	*Ogemaw Heights
Friday	2/3	6:00PM	vs	*Traverse City Central
Friday	2/10	6:00PM	@	Alpena
Friday	2/17	6:00PM	vs	Traverse City West
Tuesday	2/21	6:00PM	@	Cheboygan
Thursday	2/23	6:00PM	vs	Cadillac
Tuesday	2/28	4:00PM	@	Mt. Pleasant
Thursday	3/1	4:15PM	@	Traverse City St. Francis

CHEERLEADERS



Ronda Davis - Varsity Coach

Varsity Cheerleaders

Front row (L-R): Valerie Courtright, Morgan Ducharme, Gabby Gouin

Middle Row: Mariah McKinney, Courtney Hough, Kendra Begordis

Back row: Shelby Gregory, Kayla Begley, Courtney Taskey



Kayla Begley



Kendra Begordis



Valerie Courtright



Morgan Ducharme



Gabby Gouin



Shelby Gregory



Courtney Hough



Mariah McKinney



Courtney Taskey

Competitive Cheerleading Competition schedule

VARSITY SCHEDULE

			<u>TIME</u>
Saturday	.....12/10/11.....	Harrison invite.....	Away.....TBA
Saturday	.....1/14/12.....	Farwell Invite.....	Away.....10:00AM
Saturday	.....1/21/12.....	N. Michigan Cheer Invite.....	Home.....10:00AM
Saturday	.....1/28/12.....	Breckenridge Invite.....	Away.....11:00AM
Saturday	.....2/4/12.....	Brethren Invite.....	Away.....TBA
Thursday	.....2/9/12.....	Blue Devil Invite.....	Home.....6:00PM
Saturday	.....2/11/12.....	Houghton Lake Invite.....	Away.....11:00AM
Saturday	.....2/18/12.....	MHSAA Districts.....	Away.....TBA
Saturday	.....2/25/12.....	MHSAA Regionals.....	Away.....TBA
Saturday	.....3/3/12.....	MHSAA Finals at the Delta Plex.....	Away.....TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

			<u>TIME</u>
Thursday	.....1/12/12.....	Charlevoix invite.....	Away.....7:00PM
Saturday	.....1/14/12.....	Farwell Invite.....	Away.....10:00AM
Saturday	.....1/21/12.....	N. Michigan Cheer Invite.....	Home.....10:00AM
Saturday	.....2/4/12.....	Brethren Invite.....	Away.....TBA
Thursday	.....2/9/12.....	Blue Devil Invite.....	Home.....6:00PM
Saturday	.....2/11/12.....	Houghton Lake Invite.....	Away.....11:00AM

CHEERLEADERS



Wendie Forman- **JV Coach**

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Front row (L-R): Mady Pomeroy. Taylor Vervane. Hannah Fraley
Back row: Shelby Richter. Bree Heppner. Kylee Youngs

Gaylord Boys Basketball Individual Records

MOST POINTS (GAME)

Name	Season	Pts	Opponent
Dave Johnson	1974-75	55	Rogers City
Joe Zaccardelli	1994-98	45	Grayling
Terry Walker	1965-66	45	Mancelona
Tom Lick	1963-64	44	East Jordan
Tom Lick	1964-65	44	Onaway
Gary Scott	1983-84	44	Cheboygan
Dave Johnson	1974-75	43	Houghton Lake
Luke Johnson	1995-96	43	Charlevoix
Tom Lick	1964-65	40	Houghton Lake

MOST POINTS (CONSECUTIVE GAMES)

Name	Season	Points
Dave Johnson	1974-75	98 (43 and 55)
Terry Walker	1965-66	79 (34 and 45)

MOST POINTS (SEASON)

Name	Season	Points
Terry Walker	1965-66	612

MOST POINTS (CAREER)

Name	Seasons	Points
Luke Johnson	1994-97	1,571
Dave Johnson	1974-75	1,290
Tom Lick	1961-65	1,276
Gary Scott	1982-85	1,230
Rick Gray	1984-87	1,181
Nick Freeman	2008-09	1,112
Justin Johnson	1993-95	953
Brian Lindsay	2005-07	901
Darwin Mason	1955-58	864
Rick Catt	1967-70	797
Joe Zaccardelli	1995-98	787
James Conway	2003-06	781
Quinn Woodhouse	2006-09	731
Travis Hyde	1997-00	701
Matt Carr	2000-02	695
Jake Baldrige	1999-01	693

MOST POINTS IN PLAYOFFS (SEASON)

Name	Season	Points
Terry Walker	1965-66	112

MOST POINTS IN PLAYOFFS (CAREER)

Name	Seasons	Points
Tom Lick	1961-65	360

MOST THREE-POINTERS (SEASON)

Name	Season	No.
Justin Johnson	1994-95	77
Matt Carr	2001-02	58
Luke Johnson	1994-95	52
Travis Hyde	1998-99	52
Nick Freeman	2006-07	49

BEST SCORING AVERAGE (SEASON)

Name	Season	Total	PPG
Terry Walker	1965-66	612	29.7
Luke Johnson	1995-96	583	27.8
Dave Johnson	1974-75	575	27.3
Tom Lick	1964-65	446	26.2

MOST FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

Name	Season	No.
Terry Walker	1965-66	213

MOST THREE-POINTERS (GAME)

Name	No.	Opponent, Year
Justin Johnson	9	Grayling, 1995
Justin Johnson	9	Ludington, 1995
Jake Baldrige	8	T.C. West, 2001
Travis Hyde	7	Sault Ste. Marie, 1998

MOST THREE-POINTERS (CAREER)

Name	Seasons	No.
Nick Freeman	2008-09	153
Justin Johnson	1992-95	142
Luke Johnson	1994-97	127
Travis Hyde	1997-00	123
Matt Carr	2000-02	109
Dale Hagenbuch	1996-98	91

MOST REBOUNDS (GAME)

Name	No.	Opponent
Tom Lick	45	Onaway

MOST REBOUNDS (SEASON)

Name	Season	No.
Tom Lick	1964-65	672
Tom Lick	1963-64	447
Tom Lick	1962-63	339
Joe Zaccardelli	1997-98	302
Dave Florenski	1991-92	293

MOST REBOUNDS (CAREER)

Name	Season	No.
Tom Lick	1961-65	1,693
Joe Zaccardelli	1997-98	534
James Conway	2003-06	525
Rance Charboneau	1987-90	502
Dave Florenski	1989-92	468

BEST FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE (SEASON, MINIMUM 50)

Name	Pct.	Ratio	Season
Gary Scott	88.8	72 of 81	1984-85
Justin Johnson	84.6	66 of 78	1993-94
Dale Hagenbuch	84.5	60 of 71	1997-98
Luke Johnson	82.5	151 of 183	1995-96
Terry Walker	82.3	186 of 226	1965-66
Luke Johnson	81.9	91 of 111	1996-97
Nehemiah Shane	81.8	54 of 66	1995-96
Luke Johnson	80.6	104 of 129	1994-95



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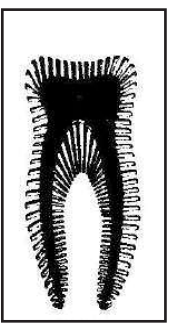
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Gaylord Blue Devils J.V. Boys Basketball

#	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.	#	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.
3	Felix Iseler	G	So.	5' 8"	32	Zach Pasternak	G	So.	5' 9"
14	Tyler Harwood	F	So.	6' 1"	33	Matt Shibelhute	C	So.	6' 3"
20	Leland Huey	F	So.	5'10"	34	Kyle Bailey	G	So.	5'11"
22	Patrick Pryor	G	Jr.	6' 0"	40	Zach Perry	F	So.	6' 0"
23	Austin Limberger	F	So.	6' 0"	50	Eugino Fraguas-Valero	F	So.	5'10"

Head Coach: Jason Weiss **Assistant Coach:** Todd Cherry **Manager:** Lauren Bushong

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off breakaways and fast breaks and give us better looks at the basket.”

Hamilla lost five seniors from last year's squad. Gone are guards Jenna Zaborowski, Kim Dunn and April Phillips and centers Blair Secord and Hilary Buttrick. The group represented leadership, intensity and physical toughness last year.

The good news is that junior wing Mackenzie Edwards, the 5-foot-6 lethal lefty with the deft scoring touch, returns as a three-year varsity starter and explosive fellow junior Sarah Polena (5-2) is back starting at point guard. Long-armed center Allie Gooding, the team's second tallest player at 5-9, is also back and is the only senior on the roster this year, and hard-working junior guard Alex

Simmons (5-5) also returns with valuable varsity experience under her belt.

Making the jump from the JV are juniors Ashley Bartow (5-4), Chelsea Fox (5-8) and Stephanie Buttrick (5-7) at guard and Megan Lamb (5-7), Lauren Mead (5-8), Jada Johnson (5-8) and Jade Kilbourn (5-7) at forward along with Terri Cavender (5-10) at center. Hard-nosed sophomore Maddie Hamilla (5-6) is also joining the varsity and will start in the backcourt along with Polena.

The starting backcourt featuring the flash of Polena and the punch of Hamilla, with the ever-dangerous Edwards playing as a third guard and a wing, is one of the chief strengths of this year's Gaylord squad.

The speedy Polena, who was brought up to the varsity partway through her freshman year, is battle-tested at the point and Hamilla

believes she can handle the pressure that comes with the job.

“Sarah's our quarterback on the floor,” he said. “She handles the ball well, has good floor vision and she's a leader.”

Maddie is making the jump to varsity in part because of her intensity and her ability to play outstanding man-to-man defense. She isn't shy about diving for loose balls either and that's also a plus. She will replace some of the fire and intensity that Zaborowski and Dunn brought to the floor.

“Maddie was known for her defense at the JV level and we want her to contribute the same way on the varsity,” said her father and coach. “We'll put her on the other team's top scorer.”

Mackenzie, a member of the Weekly Choice Dream Team and a first-team All-Conference choice following her sophomore season, is one of the top pure shooters and scorers in all of northern Michigan and coach Hamilla is looking to expand her game a little more.

Mac, who averaged a team-high 15 points last year and was the second-leading scorer in the Big North, has generated a majority of her points from the perimeter the past two years. Hamilla wants the multi-talented junior to add slashing drives to the hole as part of her regular repertoire this season.

“Mac's our go-to girl when we need to score,” Hamilla said. “Last year, we relied on her from the perimeter and this year we want her to be more of an inside-outside threat. She has all the tools. We're also looking to her and Sarah for leadership on the floor.”

The scrappy Simmons, who isn't one to shy away from contact, will handle the small

forward duties while Gooding splits time inside with Mead. Hamilla will also look to Cavender and to his strong corps of reserve forwards to battle hard in the paint and block out on every shot.

“If we don't block out and get bodies on people it'll cost us because of our lack of height,” Hamilla said. “We can't afford to give the other team two and three offensive rebounds and extra shots at the basket. It's something we can't get away with this year.”

Bartow and Hamilla will handle the point duties when Polena needs a break with Buttrick and Fox providing solid depth in the backcourt.

Lamb, Johnson and Kilbourn join Simmons, Gooding and Mead as members of the blue-collar lane warriors this season.

Hamilla sees his team's overall quickness and unselfishness as key assets. The 2011-12 Blue Devils have good chemistry “and the kids have accepted their roles,” Hamilla noted.

One of the biggest challenges Hamilla and the team will be facing early-on is the overall lack of varsity experience. Fortunately, the Blue Devils play eight games before Christmas and that will help the girls to adjust to the speed of the varsity game and to develop cohesiveness and confidence as a unit before going into the teeth of the conference schedule.

Hamilla wants Gaylord to be noted for its relentless defensive pressure this season and be the kind of scrappy, no-give team opponents never look forward to playing.

Team goals, like any season, are to win the conference and win a district title. In the short term, Hamilla wants to see improvement in the Blue Devils from game to game and “to be ready to play every night.”



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other players around him better.

"Tyler's one of those really hard-nosed kids you love to have as a coach," O'Rourke said. "He brings that fire with him. He's a leader and he has a way of keeping everybody calm. He never gets in a rush and he's capable of scoring as well as distributing the ball."

He will be joined in the backcourt by Frisch, a part-time starter last year who mostly plays the No. 2 slot, with Stout, Taylor, Richardson and Crenshaw rotating in and out of the backcourt. O'Rourke likes the work ethic among the guards and the defensive intensity they bring to the floor.

Skerratt, Lundell and Chrencik will share the duties down low. The trio, along with the 6-4 Gahm and the ever-hustling 6-3 Pearson, give Gaylord a physical presence inside.

O'Rourke does not have an offense or defense that is easily categorized. He trusts his players to make on-the-floor adjustments and to play for the open shot on offense and on defense, the coach plans to adapt to the situation.

"I'm not married to anything defensively," he said. "It really depends on the group we have on the floor, the team we're playing and the game situation. We'll go man-to-man at times, we'll press and we'll use the zone. It just depends on what looks like will work the best at that time."

Improving on defense is one of O'Rourke's chief missions this year.

"It seems like we were

one step out of position a lot of times last year and it cost us," he said. "It's definitely something we have to improve. We need to be smarter and more disciplined defensively as a team. We have a very tough schedule and we'll be facing good competition every time we play, so we have to do a good job on defense if we want to be competitive and accomplish our goals."

O'Rourke likes to rotate players in and out and keep fresh legs on the floor. He has 11 players and plans to use all of them.

"I trust my kids 1 through 11 and I expect them to trust each other," O'Rourke said. "I expect everyone to contribute, whether it's playing strong defense, boxing out, passing to an open teammate or scoring points.

"We emphasize the system. Know your role and do your job. Everybody has a part to play to make the team function smoothly and to make us better."

O'Rourke anticipates another very tough conference schedule this year. Petoskey lost Cory Starkey to graduation but still has to be considered the team to beat as the defending league champ. The Traverse City schools are always a tough challenge home and away. Cadillac is always talented and well-coached.

Alpena and Ogemaw Heights are always tough places to play.

The main goal from start to finish for O'Rourke and assistant coaches Rick Butler and Kevin Hesselink is to improve with each game.

"If we improve each time out and continue to work hard and work together, good things will happen," he said.

Schlang MVP Award Winners

Season	Name	Season	Name
1959-60	Roy "Pudge" Wolf	1986-87	Rick Gray
1960-61	Dave Dresback	1987-88	Curt Krajniak
1961-62	Art Tebo	1988-89	Paul Freeman
1962-63	Art Tebo	1989-90	Rance Charboneau & Greg Domsten
1963-64	Tom Lick	1990-91	Brian Kitchen & Chris Schmoke
1964-65	Tom Lick	1991-92	Jeff Hopp
1965-66	Terry Walker	1992-93	Ray Anderson
1966-67	Sam Morrow	1993-94	Tim Hella & Dan Jozwiak
1967-68	No Award Given	1994-95	Justin Johnson
1968-69	Tom Johnson	1995-96	Luke Johnson
1969-70	Rick Catt	1996-97	Luke Johnson
1970-71	Kurt Mongeau	1997-98	Joe Zaccardelli
1971-72	Steve Johnson	1998-99	Luke Traylor
1972-73	Russ Rich	1999-00	Mike Clark
1973-74	Dave Johnson	2000-01	Jake Baldrige
1974-75	Dave Johnson	2001-02	Matt Carr
1975-76	Walt Plachta	2002-03	Jason Bowman
1976-77	Ed Harmon	2003-04	Brad Fewins
1977-78	Gary Galbraith	2004-05	Andy Kirt
1978-79	John Puroll	2005-06	James Conway
1979-80	Steve Glasser	2006-07	Brian Lindsay
1980-81	Joe Scott	2007-08	Robert Phillips
1981-82	Bob Benser	2008-09	Quinn Woodhouse
1982-83	Gary Scott	2009-10	Kurtis Dutcher
1983-84	Gary Scott	2010-11	Troy Gahm
1984-85	Gary Scott		
1985-86	Chris Markovich & Rick Gray		

Boys Coaching Records

MOST WINS (SEASON)

Coach	Record	Season
Jim Mongeau	20-2	1966-67
Al Hagland	20-3	1979-80
Tom Johnson	20-3	1996-97
Tom Johnson	19-2	1995-96
Jim Mongeau	18-3	1965-66
Jim Mongeau	18-4	1963-64
Pat Enders	18-4	2008-09
Tom Johnson	18-5	1994-95

MOST WINS (CAREER)

Coach	Record	Years
Jim Mongeau	211-139	1956-1973, 75-76
Tom Johnson	158-141	1988-1997, 2003-07
Al Hagland	137-77	1976-1987

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Front Row (L-R) - Kinsey Burroughs, Lindsey Zaremba, Kaycie Burroughs. **Middle Row (L-R)** – Sydney Meadows, Sydney Kassuba, Lauren Hintz, Erin Borgeson **Back Row (L-R)** Coach Shelly Curtis, Joslyn Rider, Sydney Gooding, Aubrey Curtis, Shelby Coon, Asst Coach Donna Kassuba

Gaylord Blue Devils J.V. Girls Basketball

White	Blue	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.	White	Blue	Name	Position	Grade	Ht.
3	10	Aubrey Curtis	F	So.	5' 8"	23	6	Lauren Hintz	G	So.	5' 4"
10	1	Kinsey Burroughs	G	So.	5' 5"	24	9	Sydney Gooding	F	So.	5' 9"
11	2	Lindsey Zaremba	F	Fr.	5' 5"	30	11	Shelby Coon	C	So.	5' 7"
12	7	Erin Borgeson	F	So.	5' 5"	32	8	Joslyn Rider	F	So.	5' 7"
20	3	Kaycie Burroughs	G	So.	5' 5"	44	42	Sydney Meadows	G	So.	5' 4"
22	5	Sydeney Kassuba	G	Fr.	5' 7"						

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