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**COOPER STEVENSON,  
EAST JORDAN**

The Red Devil junior had a big week, scoring 22, 12 and 13 points respectively in the East Jordan contests, leading the team to a 2-1 start.

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**JAYDEN WEBER,  
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The East Jordan junior, poured in 28 points in the season opener for the Red Devils, in helping the team to a win.



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## Boys Basketball

# Red Devils off to great start

Route St. Ignace, fall to Mancy, before edging Lancers

### EAST JORDAN 54, ELLSWORTH 50

ELLSWORTH -- For the second straight contest, the East Jordan basketball team took some extended time to get things rolling, but when they finally did, they were able to battle their way to a four point advantage at the half. That lead would be the difference in the ball game as EJ and the Lancers played an even second half as the Red Devils pulled out a 54-50 non-conference victory on November 30.

"The starters came out really flat again and we made a wholesale line change to get

some effort and energy," EJ coach Nate Dzwik said. "The five that came in did a great job for almost three minutes of defending rebounding and providing great energy for the team that we desperately needed and carried us through the game. We fought back from being down 7-0 in the first quarter to take the lead at the end of the quarter with good ball movement and some fight on the offensive glass."

The Red Devils would lead 14-13 after one quarter of play and were up 29-25 at the break and 39-26 at the end of the third.

"Offensively we struggled a bit with there pressure and breaking down there zone, which was a carryover from



Red Devil junior, AJ Bartlett (3) locks down on defense against Mancelona's John Ancel (21). (Photo by Chris Fiel)

the night before as we just lacked confidence and the game was moving really fast for us at that moment," coach Dzwik added. "We talked with the kids as they rotated off the floor about just letting the game come to them and not being in such a hurry. We had to talk about it again at the end of the game as we had a six point lead midway the fourth quarter and we had unforced turnovers and some quick shots."

East Jordan responded with some solid defense, cutting off the Lancers penetration and with timely rotations, took six charges as a team.

Cooper Stevenson led the Red Devils with 13 points, while Jackson Raymond added 13, AJ Bartlett with 10 and Jack Cross had nine.

Ethan Tornga led the Lancers with 19 points and six rebounds and five steals, while Atlas Marlett added 17 points and Lucas Sweet had eight.

"Came out with a great start, we were able to cause some problems and get a few turnovers early jumping out to a quick lead. We weren't able to maintain the lead for the quarter. It was a back and forth game the whole way," Ellsworth coach Jarrod Steenwyk said. "Hate to take the lose but. Good game to have under our belt as we move forward in the season."

### MANCELONA 49, EAST JORDAN 39

EAST JORDAN — A slow is often times difficult to overcome.

While the Red Devils gave

every effort to climb back into the contest in the second half, it would be too much for the young team as the visiting Ironmen held off EJ 49-39 in the home opener for the Red Devils in their newly renovated gymnasium on November 29.

"There was a lot of excitement in the building, but we came out pretty flat in the first half," East Jordan coach Nate Dzwik said. "They (Mancelona) did a really good job of crashing the glass and we didn't do a good job of boxing out. We came out of the half a little flat again but picked the effort up and fed off the crowd as we had the lead down to seven at the end of the third quarter. Our defense picked up some intensity and we got some ball pressure and got into passing lanes which lead to easy buckets in transition. I also thought we finally got some good ball movement in that quarter."

The Ironmen led 16-9, 29-15 and 34-27 at the quarter breaks.

The Red Devils were able to chip the deficit down to five points, but then hit a dry spell, where they were unable to connect for a three minute stretch.

"The defense kept us in the game at the end but they made enough free throws at the end of the game that we couldn't get all the way back," Dzwik added. "It was a really good lesson for the team that you can't get down early against good competition but they didn't quit."

Leading the Red Devils on the night was 15 points from AJ Bartlett, while Cooper Stevenson chipped in with 12 and Jackson Raymond added nine.



Cooper Stevenson (54) of East Jordan takes it up stong on this baseline drive during the third quarter against the Ironmen. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

### EAST JORDAN 70, ST. IGNACE 40

ST. IGNACE — What a way to start the season.

The Red Devil boys basketball team took advantage of stepping onto a regulation floor for only the second time this season as they patiently waited as the renovations to their gym were wrapping up, routing the host Saints 70-40 on November 26 in the season opener for both schools.

East Jordan led 19-10 after one quarter of play, 30-26 at the half, before exploding in the third and fourth quarters, outscoring their opponents 40-12.

Cooper Stevenson paced EJ with 22 points, while AJ

Bartlett added 13, Jackson Raymond had 12, and Levi Pepin chipped in with 10.

"A great opener to the season, the kids played hard the whole game," Red Devils coach Nate Dzwik said. "We rotated a lot of kids in and out of the game. We made a couple of adjustments at halftime and the kids really responded to them."

Coach Dzwik also noted that it was nice to see balanced scoring, having four guys in double digits.

"They (St. Ignace) really collapsed on Cooper (Stevenson) in the paint and he did a nice job of kicking the ball out and kids did a really nice job making shots and moving the ball around to get a great shot. A great team effort."



East Jordan's Jackson Raymond (5) elevates of this putback attempt down the stretch for the Red Devils. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



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## Boyne Girls start fast in win over Chiefs

BOYNE CITY 47, CHEBOYGAN 32

BOYNE CITY – The Rambler girls' basketball team got things going early and often in their season opener on December 3.

Boyne jumped out to an early lead and then held off a couple of charges by the visiting Cheboygan Chiefs en route to a 47-32 victory to start the season.

The Rambler pressure defense led to easy opportunities in the first quarter as eight different players scored in the frame and the team had nine players record points in the scorebook for

the contest.

Cheboygan finally found the bottom of the net in the second quarter as the aggressive defense of the Ramblers found them in foul trouble for the last part of the first half and the Chiefs took advantage of easy looks and connected from the charity stripe to pull within 29-17 at the break.

A strong start to the third quarter once again put the game back in control for Boyne as they closed the quarter with a 38-21 advantage and the team cruised in the final frame to secure the win.

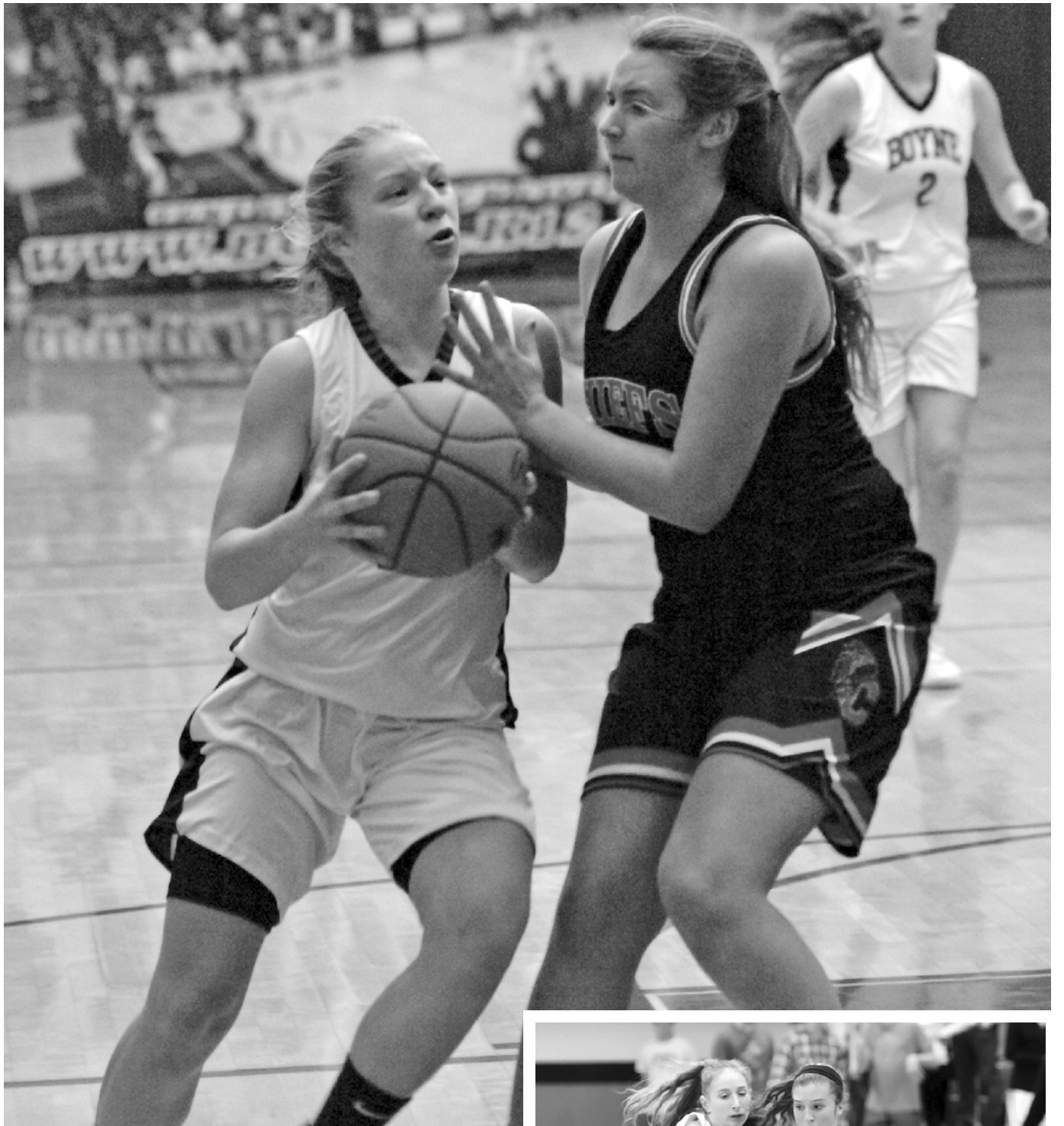
Leading the scoring attack for the Ramblers was Brooklyn Fitzpatrick and Josee Behling with 10 points each, and the pair combined for 21 boards.

Avery Stadt added eight points, Kari Day had six, while Jordan Noble added four and Taylor Noble three.



Taylor Noble (5) gets into the paint for this close look at the basket. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

## Girls Basketball



Rambler sophomore, Jordan Noble (30) drives against the Chiefs defense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

For the Chiefs, sophomore Isabelle Buhr had a game-high 15 points.

## Weber's hot hand carries Red Devils

EAST JORDAN 54, MANCELONA 25  
MANCELONA — The East

Jordan girls' basketball team got their season started with a route of Mancelona 54-25 in their non-conference opening victory over the Lady Ironmen on December 3.

Jayden Weber started fast for East Jordan scoring 11 of her game-high 28 points in the first quarter to lead six Red Devils on the night.

Lauren Peterson added six points for EJ as the Red Devils led 13-1, 21-13 and 37-14 at the quarter breaks.

Abby Dunne led Mancelona with 15 points.



East Jordan Lady Red Devils Molly Kitson (#10) works her way to down the court at Mancelona, with Lady Ironmen Lexi Newbould (#30) defending. The Red Devils celebrated a 54-25 win over the Lady Ironmen, December 3. Photo by Joanie Moore

# 2018/19 GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON PREVIEW

## Rayders looking to take next step

CHARLEVOIX — The Rayders will have somewhat of a new look this season, as a couple of new student-athletes have moved into the district.

One constant from the last couple of seasons that will remain the same, All-State all-around player, junior Elise Stuck and fellow junior Abby Cunningham. Look for the pair to help lead the team.

"Practice has been going great and the Lady Rayders are on a mission to get better everyday," coach Liz Grunch said. "It has been great seeing their hard work and commitment in practice and

looking forward how that transferred to the game."

Grunch and the Rayders have welcomed some newcomers to the Rayder locker room as Addie Nagle transferred over from nearby Ellsworth during the middle of last season and will assume point guard responsibilities, and has the ability to take over a game if needed.

Emma Lemerand, joins the team as a transfer from TC west and will bring a defense quickness and court sense will be a great asset to the team.

Also freshman Taylor Petrosky will see some court time, as a player eager to work hard and contribute her basketball abilities to the team. The team's only senior, Lily Curtis, is working hard this preseason to earn valuable minutes after seeing limited action last winter on a senior dominated squad.

Rounding out the Charlevoix team are; Emma Buday, a three point threat

and Emma Wachler a competitor and fighter with great potential to be a key player.

## Red Devils return solid core

EAST JORDAN — After graduating five key players from last season, you may think that the Red Devils would be in a rebuilding mode.

That is not the case for coach Steve Hines, as he returns a strong nucleus, including the teams leading scorer in junior Jayden Weber.

"I expected another dominant season (out of Weber)," coach Hines said. "She works very hard and she continues to improve."

Hines also noted that senior Madeline Malpass will take on a big role this season

after seeing substantial time in the post last year and played well over the summer.

Gabby Snyder, Tia Spence, Lilly Black and Angie Robotham make up the rest of the EJ senior class, as all four came off the bench last season and all are capable of starting at anytime this season.

Molly Kitson, Lauren Peterson and Ellie Skrocki all juniors, started on the JV team last year and all three are vying for starting positions.

"We have a smaller team this season numbers wise but, the our depth will be even better than before. I really believe each one of these players has the ability to start at any given time this season. We also have a foreign exchange student on our team this season, Delfi Oviedo," the coach added. "If we can control the boards, minimize our turnovers and get stingy on defense, I think we will be just fine! We play in a great conference and

each night we must be focused and ready to play because I know our opponents will! Our practices have good, we are looking forward to our new gymnasium and can't wait for the season to start."

## Lancers looking to take advantage of height

ELLSWORTH — The Lady Lancers will only suit up seven players this season.

But among those seven players, the team will bolster some much needed height all over the court.

"Not a very deep bench," coach Hannah Hybl Reynolds said, while also

noting that the JV roster is smaller this season with only eight players. "We're excited to see how we compete having a little extra height this year".

She noted that the top Lancer returnees are: McKenzie Esenberg, Alexis Whisler and Judy Veldboom.

The coach was also excited to note that following a year off, senior Abby Nachazel is returning, while Ana Oviedo and Sam Miller are returning seniors along with junior Christy Figueroa.

"We have a very young and green JV team but we are excited to see how Emma DeYoung and Hailey Peterson develop over the season," she added. "For our varsity team, we have a well rounded group of girls. We have speed, height, and well composed athletes. It will be interesting to see how the season goes. If we can play smart, be patient, and play hard, we should see a positive outcome."

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### SHOULD YOU SELL, OR TURN YOUR HOME INTO A RENTAL PROPERTY?

Real estate owners have many reasons to move. Some of the time it's out of necessity, other times it's simply to move into a more desirable home. In the current economy, and with mortgage interest rates as low as they are, the best long term financial decision is probably to rent a house out rather than sell it at a steep discount.

With today's mortgage interest rates as low as they are, rental rates generally exceed mortgage payments, especially if you've owned your home for a little while and have some equity. By renting out your hard to sell house, not only can you continue to build equity as your house gets paid down, but you might also be able to generate extra cash flow when rents exceed payments.

Plus, as the years pass by, your property value, and your rental income will increase with inflation. Your fixed mortgage will stay the same, and eventually, it will be paid off. By owning rental real estate the renter pays the expenses for a long term asset.

Home loans for primary residences are better than rates for properties purchased specifically for investment. By living in a home, and then converting it into a rental property, mortgage terms are more favorable.

One obstacle many potential landlords face is that they can't qualify for two mortgages. Even though the rental revenue exceeds the mortgage payments, lenders require substantial reserves (usually six months worth of payments) for rental property. They also require that income falls within their Debt to Income guidelines.

Another roadblock many people have with owning a rental property is that they just don't want to be landlords. They don't want to get the phone calls in the middle of the night from tenants who have leaky toilets.

## Real Estate Feature Property



### Charming, affordable home in East Jordan

By Jim Akans

This week's feature listing is a charming and affordable home in East Jordan.

This two-bedroom residence has approximately 700 square feet of living space, plus a "Michigan" style basement for those extra storage needs. The home features a covered front porch at the entry, and the main

living area has a large "picture" window to allow plenty of natural light into the space. The kitchen has ample of wood cabinetry storage space and a nicely sized window above the sink to bring a light and airy ambience to the work space.

The location is close to downtown East Jordan. That means Lake Charlevoix, the beach, parks and a wide array of shopping, dining and

entertainment is nearby.

This charming and affordable home is located at 308 Bowen Street in East Jordan and it is listed at just \$69,900. For additional information or to arrange for a tour, please call Mike Stark or Holly Nierman, Associate Brokers at EXP Realty – 100 Main Street, Suite D, East Jordan, at 231-536-7700 or email HollisUpNorth@gmail.com



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Kalkaska	Jon Wedneski	Landen Wirtz

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Charlevoix	Elle Louiselle	Zoe Brodin
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Elk Rapids	Alex Melton Anna Rottman	Alea Wilkins Madison Hall
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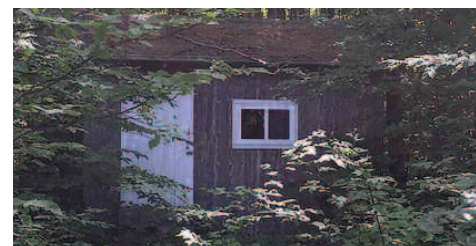
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**308 BOWEN STREET • EAST JORDAN**  
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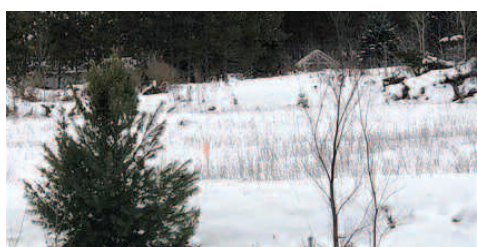
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