



Alan Thompson was completely unfazed by the ring of fire at last month's Lebanon Mud Meet. Photo: Melissa Thompson

Andover Outing Club

Nordic Ski World Championships

Kris Freeman finished fourth at the 2009 FIS Nordic Ski World Championships on February 20 in Liberec, Czech Republic. He came from behind, missing third place by only 1.3 seconds.

"Fourth place is just not the place you want to be at World Championships. This has happened to me twice now. I don't know whether I should have a party or go cry somewhere," Kris is quoted as saying. "I felt great today, the skis were great, they did an outstanding job, and I skied the best I could have. I can't think of a section where I could have done any better," he added.

Empire State Games

On Saturday, February 21, Andover Outing Club athletes competed in the prestigious Empire State Games in Lake Placid, New York. In the Nordic-Combined event, Zach Daniels of Loudon took first place in the scholastic class and Cooper Dodds of Hanover took first place in the Open Class.

In the ski jumping competition on the K90, Zach Daniels placed second in the scholastic class and Cooper Dodds flew into an impressive second place in the open class.

Junior Olympics

The Andover Outing Club was represented in the Junior Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska early in March by the Daniels brothers, Zach and Luke, who had a fine week. On the 64 meter jump, Zach finished a strong 5th. His best jump of 64 meters was only half a meter behind the longest jump of the day.

Zach's brother, Luke, is a 12-year-old competing against 15-year-olds. Luke finished 23rd, with his longest jump being 56 meters.

In the cross country leg of the Nordic Combined, Zach skied up a place to 4th, just out of the medals. Luke was 18th. Teaming up together in the Nordic Combined team sprint, Zach and Luke finished in an astonishing 5th place out of 14 teams. In the two-man cross country relay they finished fifth out of



Luke and Zach Daniels

20 teams.

Lebanon Mud Meet

Fifteen Andover Outing Club skiers took part in the annual Lebanon Mud Meet on March 14, a wonderful event in which folks of all ages take part in:

- a short slalom race
- a short cross country race
- a K10 or K25 ski jump

When it's all over, each participant's places in each event are added up, and whoever has the lowest score is proclaimed "the best athlete in the world."

After everything else is done, there is a hoop of fire on the K25, which is the best of all for many!

The top Andover Outing Club finisher was Luke Daniels, just back from the Junior Olympics in Alaska, who finished 5th. Luke won the K50 jump earlier in the day, but that wasn't part of the tri-event scoring. Matt Doyle, whose cross country has improved a ton, was close behind in 9th.

Alan Thompson finished 23rd out of 45 competitors, despite being an eight-year-old competing against high schoolers and adults. Jared Frost (who thought he was just coming to a jump-

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Rummage Sale Benefits Baseball & Softball

On Saturday, April 25, there will be a rummage sale to benefit Andover's baseball and softball leagues. The event will be held at KJ's Pet and Sports, next to the East Andover Post Office, from 8 AM to 4 PM. There will be a lunchtime barbeque with cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. The rain date will be Sunday, April 26.

Your donations of clean clothing for the rummage sale are needed – all sizes of clean clothing are accepted from now until Tuesday, April 21. You can drop off donations at 164 Cilleyville Road in Andover any Monday through Friday

from 8 AM to 7 PM, or Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. You can leave your donations on the covered front porch.

Bake sale items are also needed. Please drop off individually-wrapped bake sale items at 164 Cilleyville Road on Friday, April 24, from 8 AM to 5 PM or on Saturday, April 25, at KJ's before 9 AM.

Volunteers are also needed for the day of the sale. We'd like people to work two-hour shifts to set up, staff the tables, and clean up.

Call Sara at 735-4030 if you have questions or can help.

Patty Dansereau Plays Varsity Lacrosse At Ohio Wesleyan

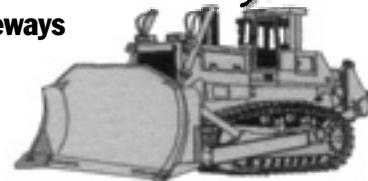
Patty Dansereau of Andover, a 2008 graduate of Proctor and now a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, is wearing #2 on her jersey as a defender on OWU's women's lacrosse squad. The media guide

that OWU mailed to the *Beacon* says that Patty is a sociology/anthropology major. It also notes that at Proctor she played lacrosse, basketball, and soccer and helped the soccer team win the regional championship.

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