

Strait to the promised land

by Joe Mottillo
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"She's probably the strongest player we have and one of the toughest," said Lady Lions' basketball coach, Roz Fornari of Karen Strait.

On the season, Strait is averaging seven points and 4.4 rebounds while only averaging 13 minutes per game.

"It's very rare for Karen not to come game-prepared. She's in a sixth man role, which she plays very well," said Fornari.

Assistant Coach Rob Wittman added, "You're guaranteed her going to the free throw line. She's number one in Behrend history with free throws made."

Strait has made 68 out of 99 on the season with the 99 attempts only second to Heather Shearer's 106.

"Karen knows how to draw a foul. She's probably got the best guard skills of anyone in the post," added Fornari.

The junior from Warfordsburg, PA also plays on the two-time defending ECAC softball

champions. Strait plans on graduating next spring with a degree in communication.

Fornari said, "We expect her to be a leader next year not just because she'll be a senior, but because she's improving her leadership skills now."

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Team of the century

by Paul D. Young
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"The team of the century!" - that phrase, in a nutshell, describes the confidence that Coach Dan Gallegos has in this year's edition of the Behrend men's tennis team.

Featuring a starting line-up averaging over 21 years of age, this team combines talent, experience, and maturity in a package that would be any coach's dream.

A number of players displayed that maturity on February 3 at the Downtown Boys & Girls Club here in Erie.

They assisted Coach Gallegos in a beginning instructional

tennis class for over 20 kids, ages 13 years and under.

It was a learning experience for both the players and the children, and many new friendships were formed.

In addition, several members of the squad competed in the Erie County Doubles Championships held on February 5 and 6 at Westwood.

Jonathan Chase, Brian Foht, Karl Van Tassel, Brent Dias, and Paul Young all earned first round victories. Senior captain Eric Good was also triumphant in the consolation bracket.

On Saturday February 12 several of the netters played in the Pennbriar Tennis Festival, a singles competition featuring two flights.

Good, seeded third, bowed out in the semifinals, while the fourth-seeded Young was upset in the first round. Van Tassel garnered a first match victory for the netters.

This weekend will be highlighted by the Great Lakes Small College Championships. The event will take place at Westwood and feature a field of eight Division III teams.

The top teams, along with PSB, will include John Carroll, Carnegie Mellon, Grove City, and Nazareth.

Players will compete in individual singles and doubles flights.

The men's tennis team will begin their official matches once again on Hilton Head Island during spring break.

Baseball's new look

The major leagues in 1994 will feature six divisions and eight playoff teams. Playoff teams will be the division champs and a wild card, the best non-champion, from each league.

American League

East

Baltimore Orioles
Boston Red Sox
Detroit Tigers
N.Y. Yankees
Toronto Blue Jays

Central

Chicago White Sox
Cleveland Indians
Kansas City Royals
Milwaukee Brewers
Minnesota Twins

West

California Angels
Oakland Athletics
Seattle Mariners
Texas Rangers

National League

East

Atlanta Braves
Florida Marlins
Montreal Expos
N.Y. Mets
Philadelphia Phillies

Central

Chicago Cubs
Cincinnati Reds
Houston Astros
Pittsburgh Pirates
St. Louis Cardinals

West

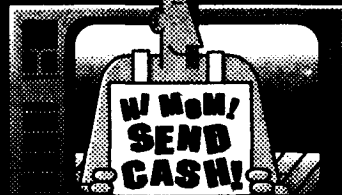
Colorado Rockies
Los Angeles Dodgers
San Diego Padres
S. Francisco Giants

SOURCE: AP

College basketball


For the first time, the NCAA will have a "College of the Year" award. The award will be given to the college that has the best record in the nation.

| Team | Network | Rating |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Mich. St.-Ind. St. | CBS | 147 |
| Villanova-G. town. | CBS | 133 |
| Duke-Michigan | CBS | 127 |
| N.C. St.-Houston | CBS | 123 |
| N.C.-Michigan | CBS | 122 |



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