

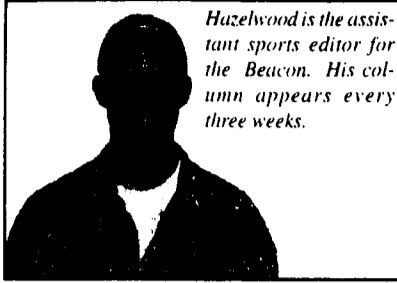
The View From Here

The business of baseball

In this day and age in baseball are teams buying their way into the World Series? Well, in our current times of the almighty dollar it is almost always the case. No team with a payroll under \$40 million had a winning record this past season. Baseball team owners have to dig deep into their pockets to shell out money for the big name players if they want a shot at the World Series. It is not usually a question of how cheap the owner is, it is just that many teams simply cannot afford three or four All Star caliber players. How fair is it that the New York Yankees can spend almost \$50 million more on their players than the Pittsburgh Pirates?

The Yankees, who won the World Series in '99, had the highest payroll in Major League Baseball with a total of \$58.5 million. That was over \$3.5 million more

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than the next highest total. The top six spenders of 1999 were the Yankees, Orioles, White Sox, Indians, Braves, and the Rangers. Four of these six teams finished first in their division. The White Sox finished a close, very respectable second, while the Orioles are the exception to the rule, finishing fourth. In past years it's been proven that it doesn't matter how much Baltimore spends; they have trouble putting together a winning season. The last

four teams on the payroll, the Brewers, Expos, Tigers, and lastly the Pirates had unsuccessful seasons. None of them finished above third. It would be miraculous if they could contend.

When teams cannot afford to spend the bucks and make big name acquisitions, fans grow less and less interested in the team because they want to see players like McGwire, Griffey and Sosa at the ballpark. Winning is kind of important to a team. It is hard to be competitive when your lineup is full of scrubs day in and day out. This eventually leads to fans not showing up to the games and not bringing money to the franchise.

After years of losing and not coming close to the post-season, talk begins about moving out of town. Owners want to go elsewhere to recover lost money because this is a business, not just a sport anymore. Teams in smaller markets, such as Montreal, want to pack their bags and head where the

money can be made.

The smaller markets generate far less

money. In less populated areas they generate a little less fan support the team. Large markets share the benefit of both television broadcasts and fan support. Areas such as New York City reap the benefits.

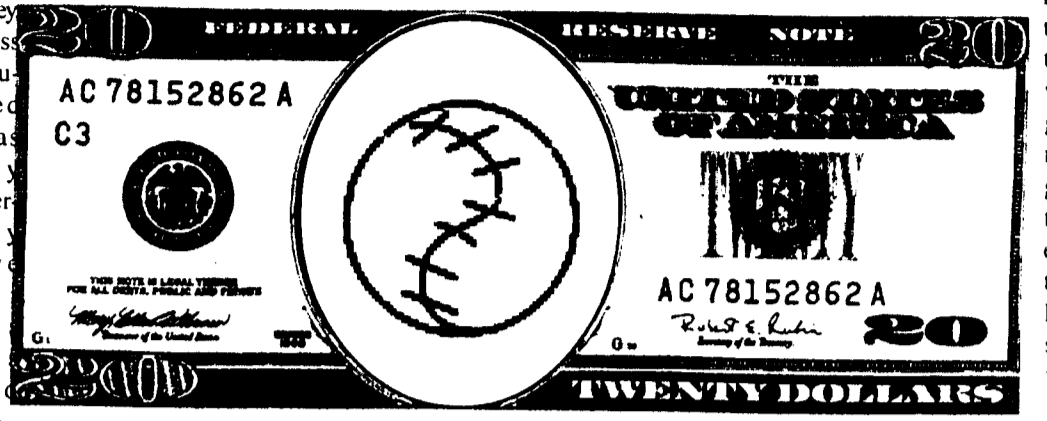
The supposed "Team of the Decade," the New York Yankees, have been among the league's biggest spenders in the last ten years. If the

Pirates had that kind of money would they be contenders for "Team of the

Decade?" Probably.

This leads to the introduction of revenue sharing. Each team spends roughly the same amount as the rest of the league. I think this is a great idea. The "dynasties" would be more like what the word refers to, not what team can spend the most

money in consecutive years. Revenue sharing is strongly opposed by some. Besides being called a Communist idea, the established teams wouldn't give up their millions to give other teams an equal shot at the title. Revenue sharing would bring many fans back to the sport. Just imagine, every team in the league has an equal opportunity to win the World Series. What a concept. That will never happen, remember baseball is more of a business than it is a sport these days.



SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

National Sports

MEN'S SOCCER (10-7-1)

Frostburg	10-6	5-0
Penn State Behrend	10-7-1	4-1
Pitt-Greensburg	8-8-1	3-2
Lake Erie	7-9-2	2-3
La Roche	9-10	1-4
Pitt-Bradford	5-11-1	0-5

AMCC Standings

Date	Opponent	Score
Nov. 2	Buffalo State	2-1 W

CROSS COUNTRY

AMCC Cross Country Women's Championships

Frostburg	21 points
Penn State Behrend	34 points
Pitt-Bradford	83 points
La Roche	DNQ

AMCC Cross Country Men's Championships

Frostburg	17 points
Penn State Behrend	50 points
La Roche	84 points
Pitt-Bradford	96 points

AMCC Women's Cross Country All-Conference

Jen Smialek	Behrend	21:23
Jessie Coe	Behrend	21:30
Kathy Perry	Behrend	21:34
Betsy Voigt	Behrend	22:14
Keri Lowman	Behrend	22:20

AMCC Men's Cross Country All-Conference

Dennis Halaszynski	Behrend	28:11
Mark Surovic	Behrend	28:53
Tyler Travis	Behrend	28:57

WOMEN'S SOCCER (15-4-3)

Final Standings

Penn State Behrend	12-4-3	4-0
La Roche	15-3-2	3-1
Frostburg	11-10	2-2
Lake Erie	6-12-1	3-6
Pitt-Bradford	4-14	0-4

AMCC Standings

1999 AMCC Championship Results

Saturday, October 30th			
Penn State Behrend	4	vs.	Lake Erie 0
La Roche	0	vs.	Frostburg 2

Sunday, October 31st			
Penn State Behrend	2	vs.	Frostburg 0

AMCC Women's Soccer All-Conference

Michelle Malatesta	Behrend	Goalkeeper
Katie Giles	Behrend	Midfielder
Diane Holtsford	Behrend	Defender
Jill Barbisch	Behrend	Defender

AMCC Most Valuable Player of the Year

Jill Yamma	Behrend
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AMCC Newcomer of the Year

Michelle Gutting	Behrend
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AMCC Coach of the Year

Dan Perritano	Behrend
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (12-15)

Frostburg	33-3	12-0
La Roche	17-11	8-3
Pitt-Bradford	17-8	7-4
Penn State Altoona	14-11	6-5
Penn State Behrend	12-15	6-6
Pitt-Greensburg	4-16	2-8
Lake Erie	0-17	0-12

AMCC Standings

Date	Opponent	Score
Nov. 1	Pitt-Greensburg*	3-0 W

BCS

Bowl Championship Series Ratings

Team	Rankings	Total	Next Opp.
1. Florida State	3.11	off	
2. Penn State	5.48	Minnesota +15	
3. Virginia Tech	7.18	W. Virginia +18	
4. Florida	10.53	Vanderbilt +29	
5. Tennessee	11.03	Notre Dame +10	
6. Kansas State	12.76	Colorado +18	
7. Georgia Tech	18.73	Virginia +7	
8. Nebraska	20.01	Tex A&M +13.5	
9. Alabama	23.08	L.S.U. off	
10. Wisconsin	24.05	Purdue -1	
11. Texas	26.86	Okl. St. +8	
12. Mississippi State	27.02	Kentucky +7	
13. Michigan	30.19	Northwestern +26	
14. Marshall	30.58	Kent +36	
15. Brigham Young	34.36	San Diego St. +7	

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Toronto	8	3	1	17
Ottawa	6	2	1	13
Boston	2	5	4	8
Montreal	3	8	0	6
Buffalo	2	6	2	6

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
New Jersey	5	4	1	12
Philadelphia	4	7	1	10
N.Y. Rangers	4	7	1	9
Pittsburgh	2	4	2	7
N.Y. Islanders	2	5	1	5

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Florida	6	4	1	14
Carolina	4	2	3	11
Atlanta	2	6	2	7
Washington	2	4	2	6
Tampa Bay	2	6	1	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Detroit	7	1	1	15
St. Louis	6	4	0	12
Nashville	4	3	1	9
Chicago	1	4	4	6

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Vancouver	6	4	2	15
Colorado	5	4	2	12
Edmonton	3	6	2	10
Calgary	2	7	2	6

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
San Jose	7	5	0	14
Los Angeles	6	3	2	14
Dallas	6	4	1	13
Phoenix	5	2	3	13
Anaheim	5	6	1	12

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	2	0	1.000	--
New York	2	0	1.000	--
Miami	1	0	1.000	.5
Orlando	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1.5
New Jersey	0	2	.000	2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	1	0	1.000	--
Indiana	1	0	1.000	--
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	--
Cleveland	1	1	.500	.5
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	2	.000	1.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	1	0	1.000	--
Denver	1	0	1.000	--
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	--
Minnesota	0	0	.000	.5
Houston	0	1	.000	1
Utah	0	1	.000	1
Vancouver	0	2	.000	1

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	--
Portland	1	0	1.000	--
Seattle	1	0	1.000	--
Sacramento	0	0	.000	.5
Golden State	0	1	.000	1
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1

AFC

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	6	1	0	.857	172	143
New England	6	2	0	.750	191	150
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	198	145
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	147	129
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	114	143

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	6	1	0	.857	180	69
Tennessee	6	1	0	.857	166	140
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	130	102
Baltimore	2	5	0	.286	95	135
Cincinnati	1	7	0	.125	96	241
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125	74	197

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	173	94
Seattle	5	2	0	.714	148	108
San Diego	4	3	0	.571	110	133
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	157	153
Denver	2	6	0	.250	144	168

NFC

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	5	2	0	.714	242	188
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	138	138
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	182	129
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	85	156
Philadelphia	2	6	0	.250	107	151

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	151	121
Green Bay	4	3	0	.586	140	151
Minnesota	4	4	0	.500	183	158
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	91	102
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	129	161

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
St. Louis	6	1	0	.857	238	87
San Fran	3	4	0	.429	144	207
Carolina	2	5	0	.286	153	162
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	11	