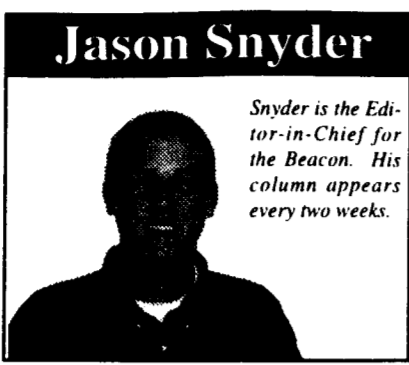


Out of Bounds

Battle of Ohio will highlight 2000 World Series

Forget the idea of a subway series. Forget about another Braves vs. Yankees World Series. And don't try to convince anyone that the Boston Red Sox will win it all. The story of the 2000 World Series will be the battle for Ohio. Yes, Ken Griffey, Jr., has made the trek cross-country, and Cleveland rocks with a rejuvenated pitching staff.

The biggest off-season deal in baseball in the past few months undoubtedly goes to the sly Cincinnati Reds in their acquisition of the soon-to-be homerun king, Ken Griffey, Jr. Sure, the deal will bring in much revenue to the city of Cincinnati when Jr. makes his run at Hank Aaron's career homerun mark, but the immediate effects of the man's emergence won't be matched.



Jason Snyder

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No team in baseball this year has struck a deal so rich that their success will skyrocket like the Reds' will this season.

Only the Cleveland Indians have made a deal nearly as important as the Reds' signing of Jr. No, I'm not talking about a blockbuster trade or a deal that will bring as much revenue

to Cleveland as Jr. will to Cincy. I'm talking about the signing of a good pitcher; the only ingredient missing from the Indians' run at the championship in '99. Chuck Finley will join Bartolo Colon, Dave Burba, Charles Nagy and Jaret Wright as the club's starting pitchers.

Besides the successful off-seasons of the Reds and Indians, both teams return solid line-ups. The Reds could still struggle with their pitching, but have added Dante Bichette to their outfield to replace the absence of Greg Vaughn. You can forget about the days of the "Bash Brothers" in Oakland. Bichette and Griffey combined for 82 homers and 267 RBIs last season and should benefit each other as third and fourth in the Reds' batting order. But then again,

we saw Albert Belle and Frank Thomas self-destruct when they joined forces in Chicago.

With such an explosive offense, even moreso than last season, the Reds' pitching problems won't be as evident. The Reds won 96 games last year without the homerun machines, 100 shouldn't be too far a reach with the duo. Who cares if the pitchers give up 5 runs a game, especially if Jr. and Bichette are combining for two an inning?

Of course the Braves and Mets will challenge the Reds. But I think we are all sick and tired of watching the Braves make it to the playoffs every year with the same pitchers. Hey Bobby Cox, your pitchers are getting old. And if they're not old, chances are that they are racist rednecks that

don't stand a chance of surviving a series in New York. So you better hope you lose to the Reds early, because that goofball Rucker doesn't stand much of a chance in the New York subways, let alone at Shea Stadium.

In the American League, the Yankees are probably the favorite of almost everybody. Not here. Once again, I will make the prediction that the Indians will beat the Yankees in a seven-game series. I'll probably be wrong again when the Indians fall apart when it counts. But they did their homework and got a pitcher. Now, if everyone stays healthy (yeah right), then they will make it to the series. I strongly believe that the Yankees will begin their decline this year. But then again, I say that every

year too and it hasn't happened.

So basically, what I am trying to avoid saying is that the Yankees and Braves will make it to the World Series, and the world will be bored again. What I am hoping is that the Reds and Indians play to their potential with Jr. capturing the national homerun spotlight and Cleveland's pitching giving up less than 20 runs per game like they did in the 1998 World Series. So for baseball's sake, for John Rucker's sake and for the sake of an exciting World Series for the new millennium, keep the Braves and Yankees out. And let's go (as Drew Carey would say) Ohio-hio-io-o.

SCOREBOARD BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASEBALL (14-3)

Penn State Behrend	14-8
Penn State Altoona	10-10
Frostburg	6-8
Pitt-Bradford	3-13
Pitt-Greensburg	2-6
La Roche	1-1-1

Week in Review

March 23	Ohio Northern	4-10	L
	Adrian	1-2	L
March 24	Bethany	4-3	W
	Tiffan	7-5	W
March 25	Ohio Wesleyan	4-14	L
	Ohio Wesleyan	2-11	L
March 26	Denison	14-4	W
	Capital	4-3	W

Upcoming Games

April 1	@ P.S. Altoona	12:00 p.m.
April 4	@ La Roche	1:00 p.m.
April 5	Fredonia State	3:30 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS (2-3)

Penn State Altoona	1-0	1-0
Penn State Behrend	2-3	1-1
Frostburg	0-0	0-0
Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	0-0
Pitt-Bradford	0-0	0-0
La Roche	0-0	0-0
Lake Erie	0-1	0-0

Week in Review

March 25	P.S. Altoona	1-8	L
	Lake Erie	9-0	W

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL (4-10)

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

Week in Review

March 23	John Carroll	5-13	L
	John Carroll	4-5	L
March 25	Mount Union	0-3	L
	Mount Union	0-13	L
March 27	La Roche	2-10	L

Upcoming Games

March 31	Buffalo State	3:00 p.m.
April 1	Lake Erie	1:00 p.m.
April 3	@ Pitt-Greensburg	3:00 p.m.
April 8	Frostburg	1:00 p.m.
April 10	@ La Roche	3:00 p.m.

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**Entries:** Deadline is Friday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m.  
**Entry Fee:** \$1.00 will be charged to your student account for every event, \$2.00 min., \$4.00 max.  
**Divisions:** Men's Women's and Coed  
**Events:** 50 freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke 100 freestyle relay, 200 medley relay, 200 coed freestyle relay, 200 coed medley relay, 400 freestyle  
**Tournament:** There will be 9, events each having a champion  
**Time and Place:** Sunday, April 16 at the Eastside YMCA. Meet begins at 11:30 a.m. Check in and warm-up time is from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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**Divisions:** Doubles: Men's Women's and Coed  
 Singles: Men's and Women's  
**Tournament:** Round robin for each league - top team and individuals advance to single elimination championship bracket  
**Time and Place:** All matches will be played in Erie Hall. Tournament to begin around Monday, April 10. All entrants are required to check the schedule posted in the Intramural glass case on **Sunday, April 9** to see when to play.

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