

Steinbrenner...Oh, the hypocrisy



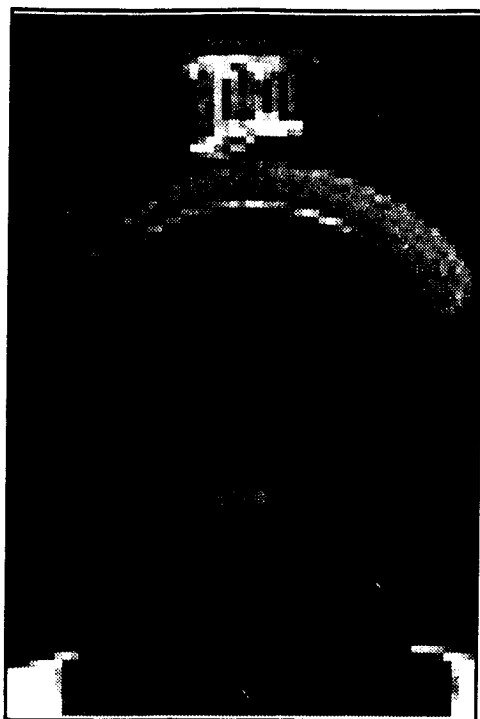
Out of Bounds
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Mets, because who in New York really cares about the Mets anyway?
5.) And the final part of the Yankees Five-Step Plan to Rebuild a World Series Team that Doesn't Really Have to Win, would be to sign John Rocker. Oh yeah...it's no joke. The Yankees might not have to win but surely they would have to get the most media coverage in all of baseball.

So the plan is ready in case New York doesn't win. But all sarcasm aside, George Steinbrenner knows that "losing isn't an option."

The Yankees wouldn't have gone after every player rumored to want to be traded if they didn't "have to win." Denny Neagle, David Justice and Jose Canseco wouldn't have all been added to the richest line-up in baseball. And Mo Vaughn and Manny Ramirez wouldn't be on the Yanks' want list if they didn't "have to win."

Teams like the Kansas City Royals and the Montreal Expos could make an argument about not having to win for the



FILE PHOTO
Matt Lawton feels the pressure of a low payroll, but proves that teams like the Minnesota Twins can still be exciting too

simple reason that they can't compete with teams like New York, Atlanta and Cleveland. But Steinbrenner crossed the line when he made his ludicrous comment.

It's hard to determine why he uttered those words. The only explanation is "pride." I mean, how much fun would it be to beat the Yankees that realize they "don't have to win?" The satisfaction one gets in beating the Yankees is based on the fact that no one should realistically have a chance against the star-studded team. So when Steinbrenner says it would be okay for a team to beat him, he is saying that it wouldn't be a surprise if it happened.

It's just mind games. The man knows his team isn't as ready as they should be, so he's, in a sense, making excuses for them. I

mean, how embarrassing would it be for "moneybags" himself to say that he has a team that's going to win the World Series, then come up short? Sorry George. We all know the Yankees have to win. Because New York would be turned upside down if they didn't.

World Series Facts: Yankees and Braves

New York Yankees
25 World Series Championships
1923, '27, '28, '32, '36, '37, '38, '39, '41, '43, '47, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '56, '58, '61, '62, '77, '78, '96, '98, '99

Yankees have appeared in every Division Series (best of out five) since its inception:

- 1995 - Lost 3 to 2 to Seattle
- 1996 - Beat Seattle 3 to 1
- 1997 - Lost 3 to 2 to Cleveland
- 1998 - Beat Texas 3 to 0
- 1999 - Beat Texas 3 to 1
- 2000 - Oakland Vs. Yankees ???

Atlanta Braves
5 World Series appearances in the decade of the 1990s.
1991, '92, '95, '96, '99

Braves have appeared in every Division Series (best out of five) since its inception:

- 1995 - Beat Colorado 3 to 1
- 1996 - Beat Los Angeles 3 to 0
- 1997 - Beat Houston 3-0
- 1998 - Beat Chicago 3-0
- 1999 - Beat Houston 3-1
- 2000 - Braves Vs. Cardinals ???

Snyder's sports column appears every two weeks.

Behrend golfers finish fourth at AMCC Tournament

by Michael Frawley
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The Penn State Behrend men's golf team had a season of improvement to place well in the AMCC tournament after a rough start early in the season. It was a building year for the golf programs under first year head coach Pat Mashuda. He has spent the past three years as an assistant golf coach and seven seasons as an assistant basketball coach for the Red Hawks at La Roche College. "I am very excited about the opportunity to join the staff at Penn State Behrend," said Mashuda. "I hope to contribute to the success of both the golf and basketball teams." Mashuda was a two-year standout at Butler Community College in basketball and in golf. He then moved on and competed for two more golf seasons at Robert Morris College. Mashuda earned a bachelor's of science in business administration in 1992.

This year's team was led by senior Chris Neil (Brookville /Brookville), along with sophomores Steve Merrill (Union City/ Union City), Jeff Reed (Butler/Butler), and Casey Weed (Union City/Union City). Top newcomers include Kirk Seth (Erie/ Harborcreek), John Telliho (Meadville/ Meadville), Michael Nguyen (Erie/ Cathedral Prep), Ryan Poole (Russelton/ Deer Lakes), and Luke Thorwart (St. Marys/ St. Marys).

"I hope that these young people will be the cornerstones upon which we can develop our program," said head coach Mashuda. "Our biggest challenge this year will be to overcome the ups and downs that we will experience, and our goal is to become more consistent throughout the season"

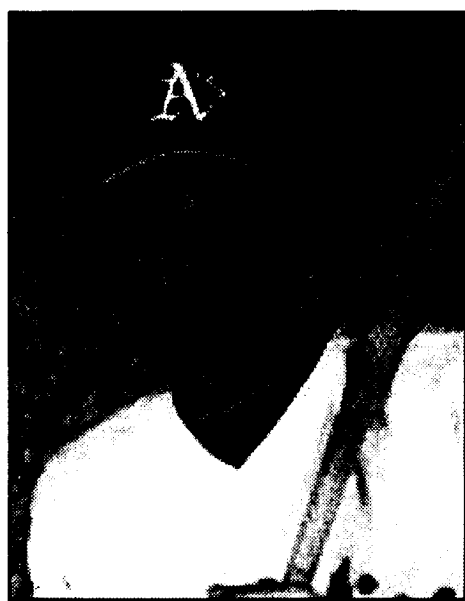
This season the team played on the road at Pitt-Greensburg on September 12 placing 12th, at Pitt-Bradford on September 16 placing 12th, at home for the Behrend Invitational on September 21 placing 8th, at Lake Erie on September 23 placing 7th, and topped off the season by finishing fourth in the AMCC tournament on October 3 at Hannastown.

What's the last set of words that you would expect to hear from a team owner that has \$112 million dollars worth of professional baseball players taking the diamond almost every night? Things you might expect the owner to say would be, "losing is not an option," "second place is the first loser" or Vince Lombardi's famous words, "winning isn't everything...it's the only thing."

Well, Yankee owner George Steinbrenner has thrown us for a loop. Rivaling the famous words of Lombardi are Steinbrenner's thoughts of this 2000 playoff season... "we don't have to win." And you know? He's right. The Yankees don't have to win. In the famous words of my 6th grade elementary teacher, "no one has to do anything in life, but die." As harsh as that sounds, she was right. It's the only requirement.

But let us picture the world with a Yankee team that didn't win. Because according to Steinbrenner, they don't have to.

- 1.) The Yankee budget on players will go higher than Steinbrenner's ego.
- 2.) The Yankees will trade to get Randy Johnson and Ken Griffey Jr. for 10 players to be announced at a later date.
- 3.) Joe Torre would be fired, replaced, and re-hired until the cycle is finally successful.
- 4.) There would be a New York merger that would revamp the Yanks' starting line-up with the top five New York



FILE PHOTO
Ben Grieve and the Oakland Athletics look to dethrone the Yankees in the division playoffs.

THE SCOREBOARD

Behrend Scores

Women's Soccer
Sept. 27 at Fredonia W 3-1
Sept. 30 at Pitt-Greensburg W 6-0
October 3 at Allegheny W 1-0

Men's Soccer
Sept. 26 at Carnegie Mellon L 0-3
Sept. 30 at Pitt-Greensburg W 3-1

Volleyball
Sept. 27 at La Roche W 3-0
Sept. 30 v.s. Frostburg L 0-3
October 3 vs. Pitt-Bradford W 3-1

Cross Country
Sept. 30 at Frostburg Invitational
Men finished 8th
Women finished 13th

Women's Tennis
Sept. 27 vs. Fredonia W 9-0
Sept. 30 vs. Penn State Altoona W 8-1
Oct. 1 at Pitt-Greensburg W 9-0
October 2 at Edinboro W 5-4

Men's Golf
Finished 4th at AMCC Championship @ Hannastown CC

Men's Water Polo
Sept. 30 at John Hopkins L 17-5

AMCC STANDINGS

(Standings as of October 2, 2000)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

School	Conference record	Overall
Penn State Behrend	3-0	9-2
Frostburg	3-0	6-3
La Roche	1-2	7-4
Lake Erie	1-2	3-8
Pitt-Bradford	1-2	3-7
Pitt-Greensburg	0-3	0-7

MEN'S SOCCER

School	Conference record	Overall
Frostburg	3-0	5-3
Penn State Behrend	2-1	4-5-1
La Roche	2-1	3-6-1
Pitt-Greensburg	1-2	3-5-2
Lake Erie	1-2	1-8
Pitt-Bradford	0-3	3-8

WOMEN'S TENNIS

School	Conference Record	Overall
Penn State Behrend	6-0	12-2
Penn State Altoona	3-2	5-3
Frostburg	2-3	4-6
La Roche	1-4	1-4
Pitt-Greensburg	0-1	0-5

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

School	Conference Record	Overall
Frostburg	4-0	13-1
Pitt-Bradford	3-1	10-6
Penn State Behrend	3-1	7-8
Penn State Altoona	2-2	8-7
Pitt-Greensburg	1-2	1-8
La Roche	0-3	0-15
Lake Erie	0-4	0-4

Major League Baseball Playoffs

AL Playoffs
Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle Mariners
Game 1: Mariners 7, White Sox 4 (10 innings)
Game 2: Mariners 5, White Sox 2
Game 3: Today at Seattle 4:00 PM
Game 4: Saturday at Seattle 4:00 PM (if necessary)
Game 5: Sunday at Chicago (if necessary)

New York Yankees Vs. Oakland Athletics
Game 1: A's 5, Yankees 3
Game 2: Yankees 4, A's 0
Game 3: Today at Oakland 8:08 PM
Game 4: Saturday at New York TBA (if necessary)
Game 5: Sunday at Oakland 7:30 PM

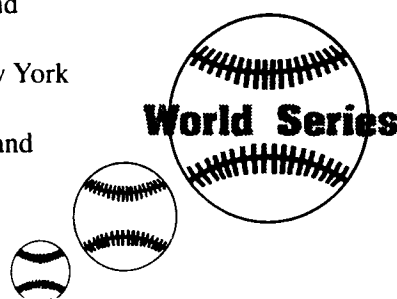
NL Playoffs
St. Louis Cardinals vs. Atlanta Braves
Game 1: Cardinals 7, Braves 5
Game 2: Late Thursday
Game 3: Saturday at Atlanta TBA
Game 4: Sunday at Atlanta TBA (if necessary)
Game 5: Oct. 9 at St. Louis TBA (if necessary)

San Francisco Giants vs. New York Mets
Game 1: Giants 5, Mets 1
Game 2: Late Thursday
Game 3: Saturday at New York TBA
Game 4: Sunday at New York 4:07 PM (if necessary)
Game 5: Monday at San Francisco 8:18 PM

American League Championship series
Game 1 is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10.

National League Championship series
Game 1 is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11.

World Series
Game 1 is scheduled for Saturday, October 21. The first game will take place at the stadium of the American League championship series winner.



National Football League

Games for Week 6
Sunday, October 8, 2000
1:00 PM
New Orleans at Chicago
Tennessee at Cincinnati
Green Bay at Detroit
Buffalo at Miami
Indianapolis at New England
Pittsburgh at New York Jets
Washington at Philadelphia 4:15 PM
New York Giants at Atlanta
Cleveland at Arizona
Denver at San Diego
Oakland at San Francisco
Seattle at Carolina 8:35 PM
Baltimore at Jacksonville

Monday, October 9, 2000
9:00 PM
Tampa Bay at Minnesota



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