

SPORTS

Coach Fornari celebrates 200th career victory

-By Annie Sevin
staff writer

Women's Basketball Head Coach Rosalyn Fornari celebrated her 200th win last Saturday against Penn State Altoona. This is Fornari's 12th season at Behrend as head coach; she has compiled a record of 200 wins and 116 losses.

"A long time ago this was one of my goals...just to get to this point in my career where you're winning more than losing and you're creating something really special," said Fornari.

She recalled that her 100th win was six years ago at a conference championship game.

"That was my sixth year and now six years later I get my 200th win, oddly enough, and hopefully maybe there'll be some significance to it," Fornari said.

"I think that, for me, if we had a 20-win season it would be a lot more important to me than a 200th win," she said as she explained that as a coach it is slightly awkward to be recognized for this accomplishment because she has tried not to promote individual recognition.

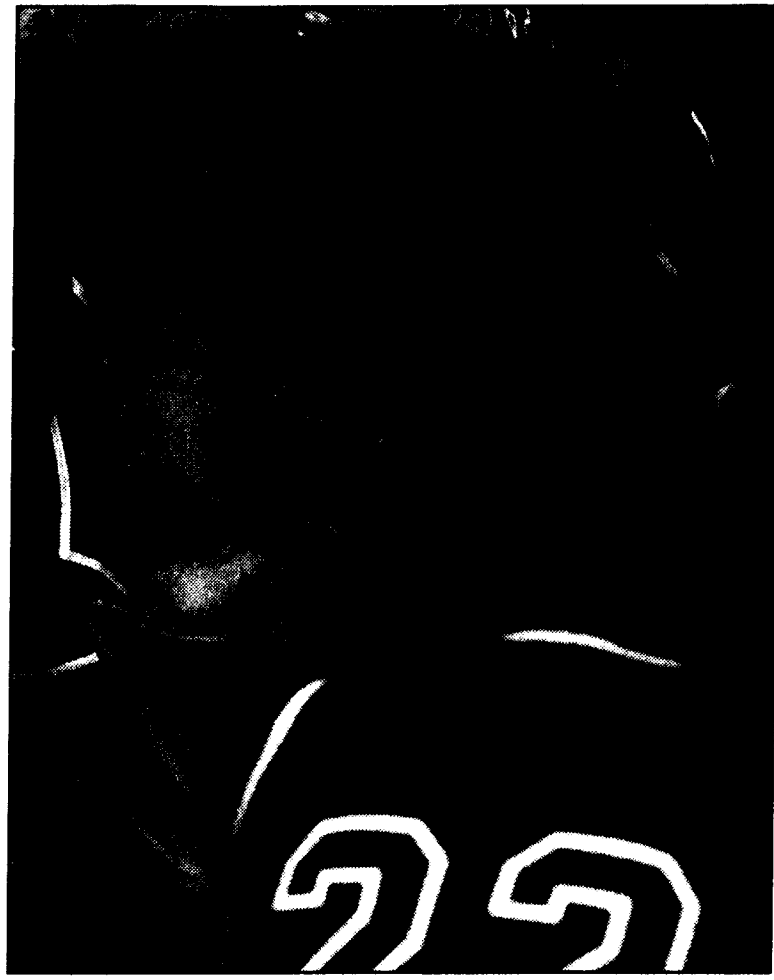
Fornari says that she's always being challenged and that helps her to keep going and improve herself as a coach. "It's a long season...coaching basketball covers the whole

year...that's for the players too, but mostly coaching - you're always recruiting, you're just always busy..." she says.

Fornari credits the experience with her players as highlights in her career. "We travel a lot as a group [and]...the players...get you through the bad times and they create so many good memories," said Fornari.

She says that celebrating her 200th win is a nice milestone and she hopes to have more at Behrend.

"I would like to get to my 300th [win] it would be interesting to do that and hopefully it won't take me six years to do it," said Fornari.



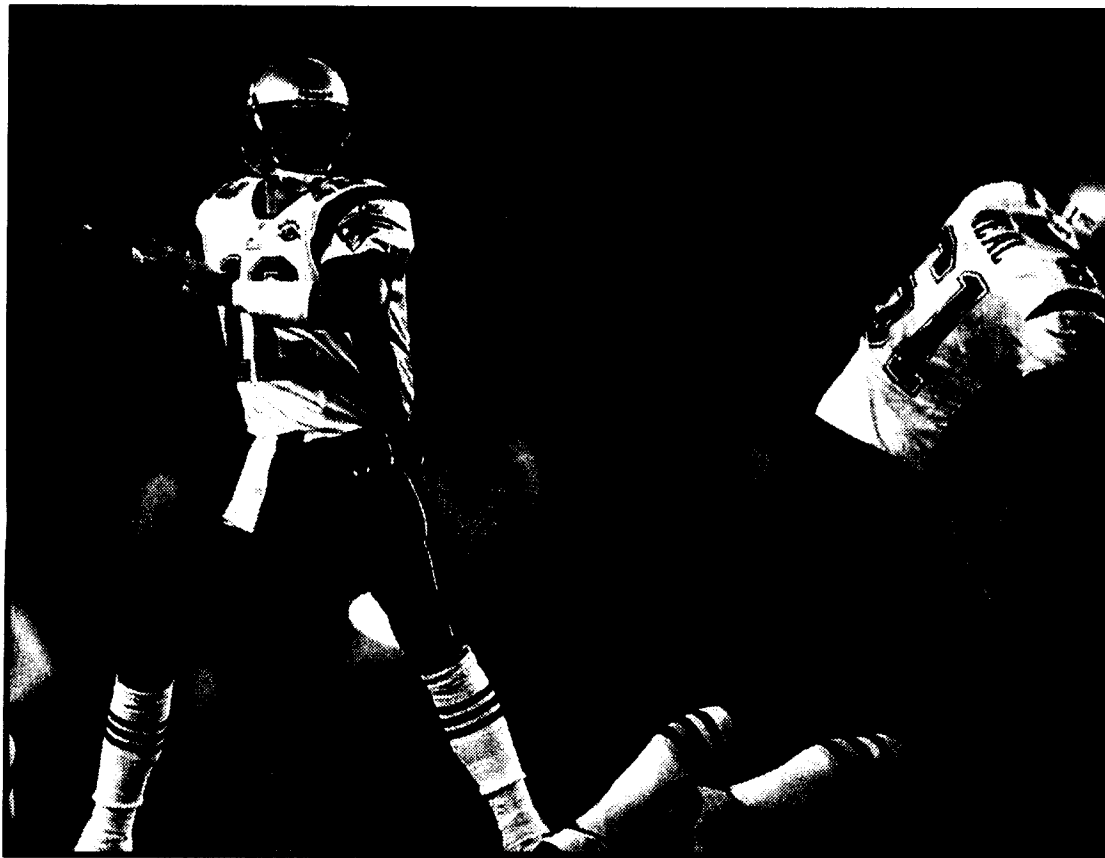
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Quarterback Tom Brady lead his team to their third Super Bowl in four years.

By Chris LaFuria
sports commentary

Upon the completion of two gruesome seasons in two different professional sports, Chowda Heads finally have something to rub in the faces of the rest of the country. After the city's diamond demons overtook the hated Yanks and the rest of Major League Baseball, Bostonians began to celebrate a successful year. When the New England Patriots topped the Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX, people started to wonder how powerful the city actually is.

The most recent madness transpired Sunday when the Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years as they slipped past the Philadelphia Eagles by a score of 24-21. The Pats matched the Steelers of the seventies and the Cowboys of the nineties to be the only teams to win three Super Bowls in one decade.

Led by an efficient quarterback performance by Tom Brady, a reception-record-setting display by Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch and a defense that forced four turnovers, the dynastic Pats brought the Vince Lombardi trophy back to Boston. Furthermore, it solidified the Patriots as the first dynasty of the twenty-first century and of the salary cap era.

While the staff of the Eagles spent two weeks planning to stop the schemes of New England's offense and defense, the Pats spent the last few weeks commencing the end of a staff of geniuses. Much of the methods for the Patriots madness came from offensive genius Charlie Wies who is set to depart for a new coaching job at the University of Notre Dame. Defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel has just accepted the position as Cleveland Browns head coach. This all leads to the question of whether or not a fourth championship is feasible.

In Sunday's win, the Pats relied on their customary approach of defensive twists and offensive wizardry. With a healthy core of linebackers and a strong secondary, the Pats took advan-

tage of each of the four turnovers that the Eagles committed. Bill Belichick credits the win to the containment of Donovan McNabb who posed danger for the Pats "D."

"We just felt like we had to pressure McNabb. You watch them on tape, and there are times he just sits back there in the pocket, patting the football and waiting for a receiver to come open. We weren't going to let that happen. We wanted our best rush people on the field and we got that with the defense we used," Belichick said.

Now the only thing left for the Patriots to worry about is maintaining the most complete roster in football. With David Patten, David Givens and Adam Vinatieri being free agents, rumors of Tom Brady looking for a home elsewhere, and teams in the hunt to revamp their lineups, Pats player can succumb to a deal leading away from Bean Town. Sustaining the current roster may be the key to another successful season.

Whether you watched the game to witness a battle of best quality teams in the NFL, to enjoy a timeless classic such as Paul McCartney perform such hits as "Baby You Can Drive My Car" and "Hey Jude" or if you just thought that the chimp sticking the Whoopie Cushion on the guys chair was simply hilarious, everybody appreciated the Super Bowl. A defensive battle and an immense offensive exertion made the game itself one of the most evenly matched and competitive games of the century.

It also gives Bostonians bragging rights over the rest of the country. If the jittery and struggling Celtics can stay atop the Atlantic Eastern Division, a Triple Crown may be in store for the city. Additionally, if the Bruins of the NHL can maintain their...oops...sorry, I forgot.

Anyway, it's been one hell of a year for Bean Town. Conquering the present day sports' world, filled with million dollar contracts, signing bonuses and players following the megabucks, is almost impossible. Hats off to Boston.

Track teams on record breaking pace

By Amy Frizzell
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With three meets down, the men's and women's track team has managed to accomplish more than expected. This weekend at the Mount Union Invitational, the team broke seven Behrend records and had seven members qualify for ECAC's.

"This is definitely the best start ever for a Behrend team, and we expect to get better through the indoor season right through outdoors," said Head Coach Dave Cooper. Both the men's and women's team finished fifth of seven teams.

The men's team broke two records. Senior Isiah Meek broke the record with 7.84 in 55m hurdles along with senior Shane Rock breaking the triple jump record jumping 44'2.75".

The women's team produced five new Behrend records. Freshman Becky Gonzalez broke the 55m hurdles record with a time of 8.91s. Freshman Leisl Soergel set the 500m record at 1:23.00, junior Staci Banaszek took the triple jump record to 36' ". The 4x160 relay team of Gonzalez, freshman Erica Smith, junior Nicole Mineweaser and Banaszek set a new record of 1:30.30, while the 4x400 team of Smith, Mineweaser, senior Claire Manelick and Soergel set its record at 4:22.50.

"We were really excited about setting the record,"

said Mineweaser of the team's 4x400 relay record. "It's been a goal we've been trying to work for and our hard work has finally paid off."

Along with the team's great success comes the ambition and stress to keep it going. Due to lack of suitable indoor training facilities, the team has been training outside even in harsh weather conditions.

"It's one thing to have running related injuries, but to have athletes hurt from slipping on ice is a bit much," said Cooper.

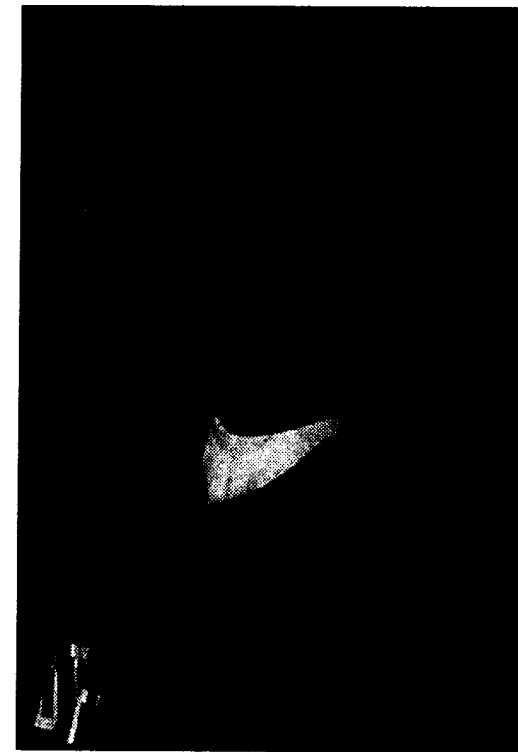
Despite injuries and dampened workouts, the team has managed to qualify seven athletes for ECACs on March 4 and 5. Both Meek and Gonzalez qualified in the 55m hurdles, along with Banaszek in the triple and long jump. Soergel qualified in the 500m. Finally, Rock and sophomore Jon McKinney qualified in the triple jump.

"Everyone is doing a great job. So many people are doing so well early in the season that there's a lot to look forward too," said junior Dennis Scheuer.

Both teams will take two weeks off before returning to Mount Union for its next meet Feb. 26.

"I think this will be a good break. The injured will get a chance to get healthy and we'll get more practice in," said Scheuer.

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Nick Paris Basketball

Behrend Beacon: What are your plans for after graduation?

Nick Paris: I will be moving back to New Castle, PA where I will be working as a Quality Control Manager at International Plastics Equipment Corporation.

BB: What will you miss most about Behrend?

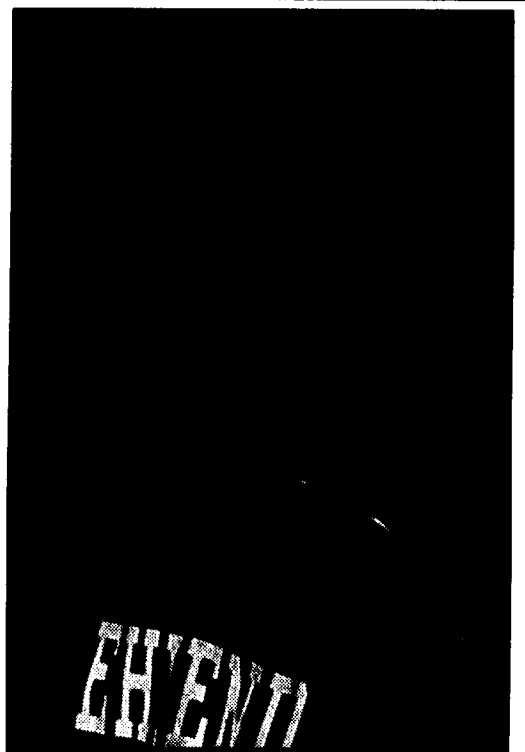
NP: I will miss the bonds and friendships I made with my teammates and roommates.

BB: What is your favorite memory from your sport?

NP: My favorite basketball memory is making it to the NCAA Division III tournament. The atmosphere in the gym was amazing and the feeling I got from participating in that game was a dream come true and will last a life time.

BB: What is your most embarrassing moment or funniest memory?

NP: My funniest moment was when our team was swimming around like dolphins in the Mediterranean Sea during our basketball trip to Spain.



Bambi Lewis Basketball

Behrend Beacon: What are your plans for after graduation?

Bambi Lewis: After graduation I plan on getting a job doing social work or working with children.

BB: What will you miss most about Behrend?

BL: I will miss my five friends, my roomies, family fun time, the hoop squads and all the fun times we had together.

BB: What is your favorite memory from your sport?

BL: Winning the AMCC tournament last year, going to NCAA's and traveling to Italy this past summer with my BFFS.

BB: What is your most embarrassing moment or funniest memory?

BL: My most embarrassing/funniest moment was getting hit in the head with a basketball at practice, you all know what I'm talking about!!!

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