

"Diary of an Insane Manager" Looking For A New Place To Play

By Dave Lojewski
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April 10—Dear Diary,
"Today I had a meeting with my captain, Birchie Bump, concerning that we might have to move to another ball field. Birchie heard a rumor that the field that we used for our ball games is going to be turned into a shopping center. What a disaster that will be. We just started Spring training and now we might not have a place to play."

"After the meeting I walked over to the old field and I just stood there looking at it and thinking of all the fun we had there. The field is laid out rather strange but it always served its purpose. Left and right field are so long nobody would ever hit a home run right down the lines. Center field, however is so short a routine fly ball may make it over the fence."

"The infield was all dirt and really showed the wear and tear of many ballgames. First base was an old rock that nobody could dig out of the ground. Second is a hole and third base is a tree. Home plate was an old board that we nailed into the ground and the pitcher's mound was more of a hole than a mound."

"As I stood there I couldn't help but remember some of the most exciting games we had there. The time we were behind by ten runs going into the last inning and ended up winning the game. Also the time some high school kids challenged us to a game and we beat them 21 to 10. Some crazy incidents also came to mind. The time Birchie hit a long fly to left over the outfielder's head. Birchie wasn't watching where he was going and he tripped over first. When he fell, the button on his pants broke and he had to run to second holding up his pants. He slipped in the hole we use for second base and fell in a mud puddle. He got back up and continued to run to third holding up his pants. By this time, the outfielder was making his throw into third. Birchie had to slide head first into third. When he did so, his pants slid all the way down to his ankles. He was ruled safe and he stood on third with his pants around his feet, covered with mud, and a big smile on his face because it was his first triple ever. This had to be the funniest sight I ever saw."

"One other incident I remember about the old field is the time Duane DeTub was standing on third and Freddie Fleetfoot's dog, Old Blew, came over. (They call him Old Blew because he's so old and skinny that the wind is enough to blow him over.) Anyway Blew came over and started sniffing the tree. Well, Blew's eyesight is so bad, instead of watering the tree, he

watered Duane's leg. Duane just stood there looking rather sick.

"Well, Diary, that's it for today, tomorrow we're going to look at a new field."

April 11—"We found a new field. It doesn't look too bad but it's a rather strange set-up. The outfield is all grass but the infield is all brick. It's in the school yard so that's the reason for the brick infield. The bases are painted on the brick and it doesn't look too bad. The left field and centerfield fences aren't too bad but the right field fence is the school which is about 40 feet high. It may not be too bad, we're going to try it out tomorrow."

April 12—"Boy, was it a mistake trying to use that place! It turned out to be 'Accident City.' During practice Lee Wong Shlong cut his arm and leg sliding into second. A ball bounced off the bricks funny and hit Moe Orless in the head. Freddie ran into the school trying to chase a fly ball and I hit a fly ball that broke a window in the school. That ended our hopes for using that field."

April 13—"Rained all day. The only thing good about it is that everyone can recover from yesterday's 'suicide' practice. Also, since it rained we couldn't look for a new field."

April 14—"Still no luck. Every field we seem to find has another team using it. It's an unwritten law that two teams can't share the same field. I've almost given up hope. The only thing that will save us is if they don't build that shopping center."

April 15—"Construction began today on our old field. I almost cried when I saw bulldozers destroy our memories. We are now officially a team without a field."

April 16—"Sat at home most of the day moping around. Birch came over later and talked for a while trying to cheer me up, but it didn't help. All I thought about was our field becoming a supermarket."

April 17—"Great news! We found a field and it's the best I've ever seen. Some little league team that played there moved to another field and Anita Hose's uncle owns the property and donated it to us. I went over to look at it and it's beautiful. It has an all grass infield and outfield, dirt paths and a real pitcher's mound. It also has real fences, a backstop and even dugouts. This has to be truly a dream come true. Now we'll be able to continue our season especially with this new field."

"Good ole Anita, I feel so good I could kiss her. (Well maybe not. That kind of junk makes me sick.)"

(Next week—"First exhibition game").



"Exciting" is the Word

Brian Vollant, won one of the two individual mat matches in a 59 second pin in the final match of the season for the Cub grapplers at Malone College in Canton, Ohio, last Thursday. Brian, at a trim 167 pounds, is a recent graduate of McDowell High School in Erie. At a final record of 6-4, Behrend's Malone match was the end of a very successful season. Another big winner, Greg Evans, won the other singles match with a 19-8 superior decision.

Four Pin Stops Malone In Bid For A 300 Game

Pat Malone, a Behrend College sophomore, recently bowled a 299 game and 735 series at Eastland Bowling Lanes. The feat occurred on February 22, while Pat was bowling for Security People's in a Men's League.

He started out the night with a 233 and a 203 game just prior to his near perfect score. All that remained in his final game was a stubborn four pin after a string of eleven strikes. Pat stated that "I was so nervous going into that last frame, I didn't know what to expect. My first ball was right in the pocket and my second strike was a Brooklyn carry over. My last ball seemed good but the four pin just wouldn't fall. Even though I didn't get the perfect game, I felt good to just get that far." Pat also stated that just before he shot his last ball the whole place was silent. "That didn't help any either."

Pat, who is a Liberal Arts major here at Behrend, has a league average of 194. This should be expected since his father is one of Erie's finest bowlers and has showed Pat the way since Pat was four years old.

When Pat isn't on the lanes, he's usually on a baseball diamond. He is also a fine player on Behrend's baseball team.

Cub Grappler Season Turns 6-4 at Malone

By Renee Heaslip
Sports Reporter

The Cub grapplers ended a winning season last Thursday, February 22, at Malone College in Canton, Ohio. The Malone match was the deciding factor as to whether or not the Cubs have a winning season or end the season with a tie. Their record now is 6-4.

The pressure, as always, was on the guys in the lower weight class. The five regular winners won again with all the matmen chipping in points here and there to win what was their most important match.

Exciting is the only word for two of the individual mat matches which were won by Brian Vollant who had a 59 second pin, and Greg Evans who had a 19-8 superior decision.

A few of Greg's attempts for near falls resulted in his losing points by escapes and reversals.

The score at the end of the first period was 4-2, 11-5 at the end of the second period leading to a final score of 19-8.

Well, the season is over and now on to Nationals!!!

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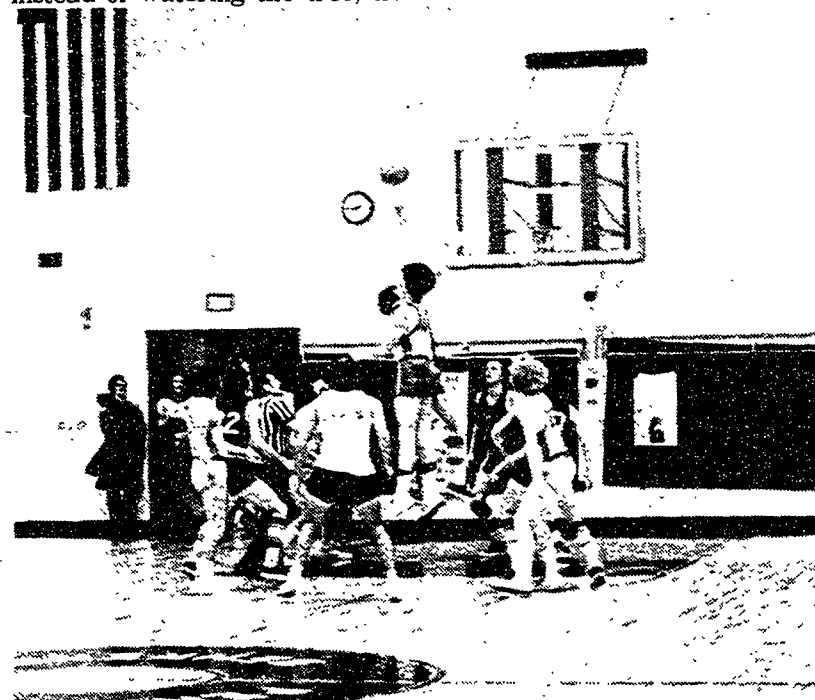
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STATISTICS
Behrend 34; Malone 15.
118 Julio Di Marco won by fall.
126 K. Richardson pinned Jesse Parzero 3:56.
134 Jeff Wolfendale dec. Gary Vosler 4-2.
142 Larry Fabrizi dec. Roy Hollis 4-2.
150 Greg Evans dec. Dave Hykes 19-8.
158 Mike Mucciarone pinned Joel Hostetler 7:34.
167 Brian Vollant pinned Dave Whitaker :59.
177 Greg Kehres (M) dec. Alan Volkman 1-5.
190 Ed Emrath (M) pinned Tom Tylman 2:43.
HWT Ken Brown won by fall.

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Behrend vrs. Brock

Last Wednesday night, the Behrend Cubs met in fierce competition with Brock College in Erie Hall. Here, a Cub teammate struggles to gain control of the ball in the initial toss-up.