

Girls Finish at 10-1 Look to Next Season

by Bud Ore
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As the basketball season rolls to a close on the college and high school levels and the end of the pro circuit coming in a few weeks, Coach Melody Laudensack is already looking toward next season here at Behrend.

With a number of players returning next year, Behrend should have little trouble maintaining its fine play and seasonal record. Seven starters will return to raise havoc with their opponents as they did this year.

Improving the team's record will be tough as the team only dropped one decision in their 11 game schedule.

That one decision came at the hands of Edinboro State College in a contest that came out 57-42 in the Scots' favor.

Coach Laudensack gave a few reasons for the defeat. Unexpected play on Edinboro's part and Cubs' offensive trouble hurt the team greatly.

"We scouted the Edinboro team and they played a zone," Mrs. Laudensack said, "but against us they went to a man to man defensive, which we didn't practice running against too much."

Added to this, Behrend had trouble hitting the open man for the shot. Edinboro also ran a successful fast break in the first

quarter which gave them a comfortable margin which they held for the rest of the game.

Edinboro also had a basketball camp and longer practice season which gave its girls a little more experience.

"Here at Behrend, we don't have as long a time to practice, but this enables our girls time to participate in other sports. They can participate in volleyball before the season begins. Other schools don't do this," Laudensack went on to say.

Aside from its setback at the hands of the Scots, Behrend took a first in the league they're in, which consists of Villa Maria, Mercyhurst, and Behrend.

The Cubs also did a good job of upsetting some other teams. The biggest upset of the year was the defeat of Thiel which broke Thiel's 33 game winning streak.

In past seasonal play, Behrend placed second in the Commonwealth tournament. Part of this can be attributed to drawing a bad bye which caused them to play more games, six in all; the Cubs also played the two toughest teams, one of which was Altoona who went on to win the tournament.

Looking forward to next year's team, Mrs. Laudensack is very happy to announce that seven starters will be returning. They include Pam Grimm, Jane Truskey, Jill Heenen, Darlene

Howell, Karen Smogorzewski, Ginger Brown, and Marge Ramsdell.

"Usually we don't have too many people returning let alone starters. Last year we only had one," Mrs. Laudensack said.

This year seemed to improve the girls in their scholastic abilities also, since all of their grades came up.

As a final note, congratulations are in order for this year's team, and looking to next season, good luck.

Brazilian Soccer Coach is Star at Two Behrend Clinics

by Jim Councilman
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Brazil is the land of sun, coffee, beautiful girls and fabulous soccer players. So why would a Brazilian soccer coach want to

Sports Shorts

by Bud Ore

Well Spring is here and now is the time for the sports to travel from the gym to the diamond, tennis court, and the golf course. Now if the weatherman will only accomplish getting rid of some of the winter weather he has dumped on our humble campus this last week.

Our first baseball game is only two weeks away, and so far the team has only been outside once. One nice thing about the weather, it's bothering our first opponent, Mercyhurst, as much as it's bothering us.

The team doesn't look too bad this year, though. We have an abundance of pitchers, and the hitters don't look half bad either.

Lord, please let us get outside soon. The sound of Marucci's laughter echoing through Erie Hall is driving us crazy. Amen.

Switching to tennis for a moment, they are also being plagued by old man winter's last attempt to prove he is still alive and kicking. It seems that their tans from the Florida trip are

come to Behrend: the land of sun (?), snow and...ahem.

The ulterior motive of Newton DeCosta Miranda, soccer coach of the Catholic University of

fading fast.

Same report on the golf team. Too much snow. The greens are tough to see.

Intramural co-ed volleyball playoffs were held this week. Erickson's and Dynamo won the tournament. Don't get too sick on all that pizza.

Extramural men's volleyball is now underway. Anyone who is interested should contact Dr. Roger Sweeting in Erie Hall.

We are glad to see Jay Weidner back up and around after his injury that he sustained in gym class last term. He is currently on the tennis team, and although he isn't allowed to compete yet, he has been practicing with the team and looking forward to next season.

Registration for intramural badminton both singles and doubles, will be held on April 1.

Good luck to all the teams in spring sports. Hope you have a good season!!

Salvador, is "to promote soccer education in the U.S." or so said his interpreter Mr. Carl Santos. Another purpose of Professor Miranda's two week tour of Western Pennsylvania is to return a visit several Pennsylvania basketball coaches made to Brazil last year.

Behrend is only the first stop on Miranda's tour. The Professor spent yesterday at Slippery Rock and he will be at the University of Pittsburgh tonight, tomorrow and Saturday. Also included in Miranda's trip is a stop in Philadelphia where he will get his first look at professional American soccer, namely the Philadelphia Atoms.

Last Tuesday, Professor Miranda provided Behrend with a soccer clinic, on the fundamentals of the game and also some insights on coaching techniques.

During his first clinic last Tuesday afternoon, Miranda put constant emphasis on practice and physical conditioning. Players are required to have constant physical checkups to oversee grueling physical conditioning that often includes a four to five mile run.

Of course practice is important. Professor Miranda demonstrated the age at which young Brazilians are introduced to soccer with a hand that was held barely waist high. Miranda then pointed out that Brazilians play until the ripe old age of forty forces all but the excellent to retire. The excellent then relate mucho years of experience to many more barely waist high Brazilians.

Although Professor Miranda put a lot of emphasis on practice and conditioning, he felt the most important skill a player should master is confidence, confidence in one's self and in one's team.

Professor Miranda does not speak any English. Consequently all of my questions had to be translated by Mr. Santos. Mr. Santos had to also translate the answers except one. The answer was "Pele." Need I say the question?

The Brazilian coach can't explain why soccer is not as popular in the U.S. as in the rest of the world. Miranda stated that this is an organized country. America has good teams participating in almost every other sport yet all soccer seems to have in America is a good future.

Soccer's popularity in the world can be attributed to the physical completeness of the sport. Although Miranda also stated that any sport well played, can be just as good as soccer.

Penn State Plays Host To Gold Medalist Carr

University Park, Pa., Feb.—Cathy Carr is doing her bit to improve women's swimming on the intercollegiate level.

The world's fastest woman in the 100-meter breast stroke, Carr won two gold medals at the 1972 Olympic games in Munich, but she currently swims for the women's team at the University of New Mexico.

"I guess women's swimming is kind of picking up," the New Mexico sophomore said in a recent interview. "There are trips women can go on now. Competition is getting better all the time and meets are better."

One of the "better" meets Carr plans to attend is the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW) National Swimming and Diving Championship to be held March 14, 15 and 16 at Penn State.

Five Olympic swimmers have entered, including Carr, the defending champion in three events.

Last year when the United States selected a team of women to compete against the East Germans, the New Mexico speedster chose instead to participate in the World University

games in Russia.

"In the opening ceremonies I got to carry the flag out onto the field," she commented.

Analyzing her swimming performance she contends, "I blew it" referring apparently to silver medals she won in the 100 meter breast stroke and the 200 meter individual medley.

Overlooked in her analysis are the two gold medals Cathy earned in other events.

John Mechem directs the 10-member women's team at New Mexico and also coaches the 30-member men's team.

"At first I think a lot of people didn't know how well it would work out," Cathy said of Mechem's double coaching duties, "but he's just coaching everyone well. In fact, I think it has strengthened both teams."

Cathy faces a spring semester filled with meets, including the IAIW nationals. Add to that a heavy academic load one can see that Cathy's time is valuable.

She doesn't predict how she or the team will do (New Mexico placed fifth at the nationals last year), but if the past says anything at all about the future, then the guessing is pretty easy.

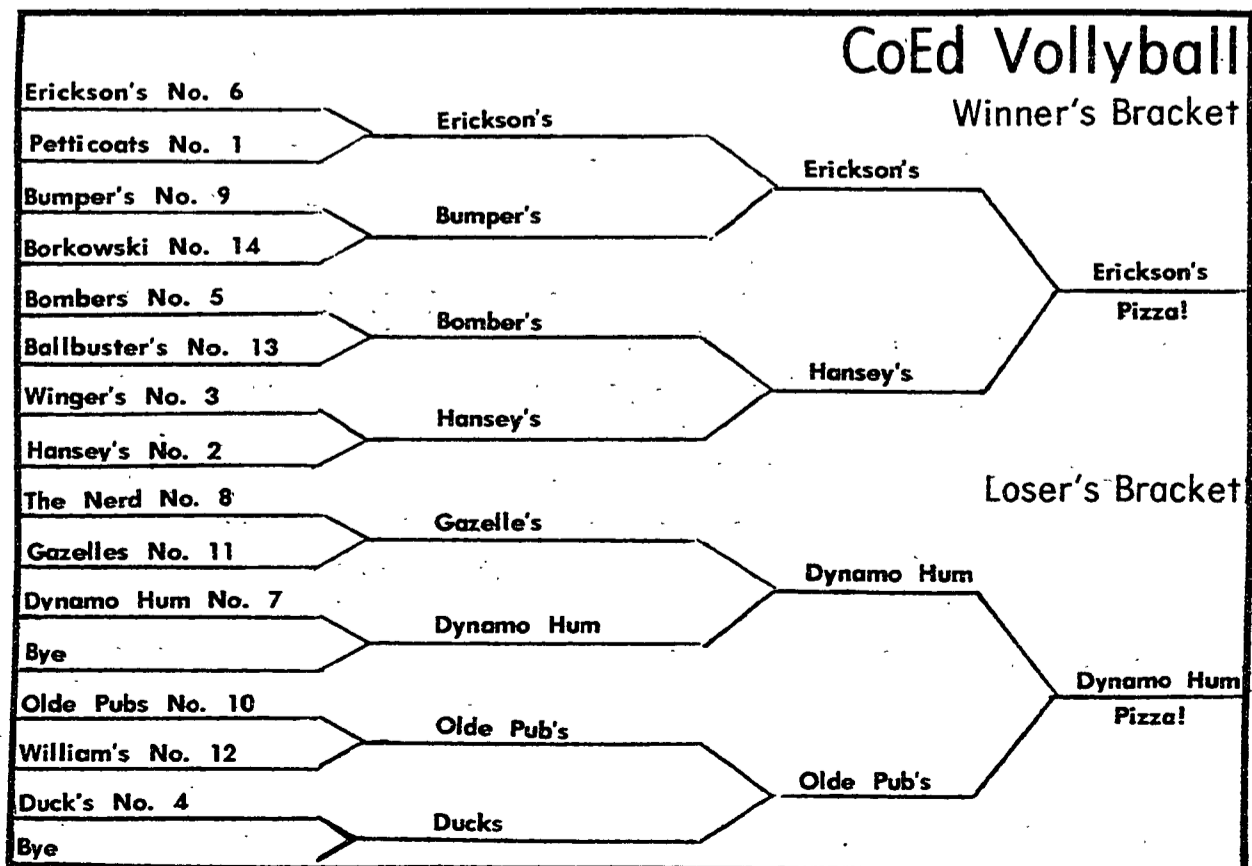
Indoor Soccer Team 3-1-1 at Indiana

by Caesar Jones
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Behrend placed first, in the first round of the indoor soccer tournament. Five goals assisted Behrend in taking first place in the round robin Indoor Soccer

Tournament, held at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, last Saturday.

Thirty-two teams competed in the tournament with the teams participating being divided into eight leagues. The Cubs were placed in the D league, competing against, Gannon College-Team A, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Penn State-Team B. In the first game, the Cubs defeated Gannon 1 to 0. While in the next two games, the Cubs defeated Indiana 3 to 1 and played Penn State to a scoreless tie. At the end of the first round robin Behrend placed first with 2 wins no losses, and 1 tie. In single elimination, Behrend lost to Beadling, the seniors of the University of Pittsburgh, 5 to 1. We lost because, "Pitt is superior, aggressive, and pressured us into making mistakes" stated Coach Lauffer.



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