

Cubs See Competition For Diamond Positions

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Depth and versatility are the two key factors that will determine the success of the Behrend baseball team this year. An abundance of players at most of the positions should make an outstanding difference in their play throughout the season. Add to this fact that Coach Stoner is boasting one of his finest pitching staffs ever and you have the making of a championship team.

Looking back on last season, Stoner is optimistic about this year's outlook. Last year the Cubs sported a 6-14 record.

"We could have easily been .500 last season. In one of our first games we were leading ten to five going into the seventh inning and we lost in extra innings. This setback sort of set the tempo for the season," he said.

To make up for the loss of Roger Nolan, who was the man with the big bat for Behrend last year, Stoner is hoping that the added strength of John Marrucci on the pitching staff will make up for it. Marrucci had a good season in the Glenwood league this past summer and is expected to be starter for the Cubs.

Also on the pitching staff is returning pitcher Ray Fritts whose record didn't look too good, 2-4, but he had an ERA of 2.68. Fritts did some outstanding pitching last year but Cub errors caused him to drop four decisions. He is also expected to be a regular starter this season.

The Cubs also have a good relief staff this year. Brad Bova who is returning from last season is a good left handed reliever. Another pitcher at Behrend this year is Tim Slaven, a right hander who will probably play some outfield when he isn't pitching. He will most likely be the main relief pitcher for the Cubs this season.

"Tim is looking good with a bat and he has a good arm" Coach Stoner said.

Rounding out Behrend's pitching staff are John Farren, Terry Solvedt, Lee Niedzwecki, and Bill Sanders.

At the catcher slot, Behrend has three candidates. They are Jeff Cadden, who is returning from last year, Jim Swalley who is also returning, and Kevin Campbell who is a Freshman that hails from Fort LeBoeuf. All three are hitting the ball well and it is pretty much a toss up on who the starting catcher will be.

At first base is Jim Davis, another Freshman. Davis has been having a good pre-season bat and will most likely be a designated hitter if the Cubs choose to use one. Jack Weber is also a possible candidate for the spot but he will probably see more action in the outfield. Jack was one of the city's finest fielding first basemen last season.

Second base has the most competition this year to see who gets the position. Presently there are five players vying for it. Duane Zimmerman, who is the only three year man Behrend has, is on top of the list. He has in the past, been a steady player and last season hit a .250 average. Also going out for the second base slot is Lee Niedzwecki who has had a good bat so far this year in pre-season practice. Rick Kestle, a Freshman, has shown the good glove and quickness that might land him the job. Terry Solvedt and Joe Spinelli are the other two candidates for second base. Both are quick and have fairly good bats.

At shortstop, Myles Johns

appears to have the job wrapped up. He has good moves and a quick glove, and he has been hitting very consistently in practice. Johns, who is returning from last season also had a good summer in Legion ball. Backing him up will be Roger Schlosser, who has been looking pretty good at practice.

Third base is still up for grabs between three players, Leon Daniels, Larry McAleer and Mickey Brocius. Both Daniels and McAleer have good sticks and are hitting the ball well and will probably switch between the outfield and third. Brocius has a good glove and one of the best arms on the team.

Choices for who plays the outfield is still wide open. Both Slaven and Marrucci will play some when they're not pitching. Jack Weber will see a lot of action there, along with newcomer Wes Bregenti. Other outfielders include Lonnie Lindemuth, who was on the squad last year, Steve Prokaopchak, and possibly Jeff

Cadden. Both Cadden and Lindemuth had .216 and .250 batting averages, respectively, last season. Steve Motyka, another returning player will also see some action in the outfield and possibly some relief pitching as well.

Looking to Saturday's game with Mercyhurst, Coach Stoner is optimistic.

"We took them three out of four times last year with basically the same team. They haven't got many new players and we've strengthened our pitching staff so we should beat them," he said.

As for the rest of the season Stoner is equally optimistic "We should be at least .500 or better. We have more hitters that are hitting better, and we are probably more versatile than we have ever been. The toughest teams on the schedule will be Slippery Rock, Edinboro, Point Park, Allegheny, Youngstown State and possibly Westminster" he concluded.

Intramural Soccer Schedule

Teams:	
1. Santos	3. High Mighty
2. Shin Kickers	4. Heads of State
	5. Tyranny and Mutation

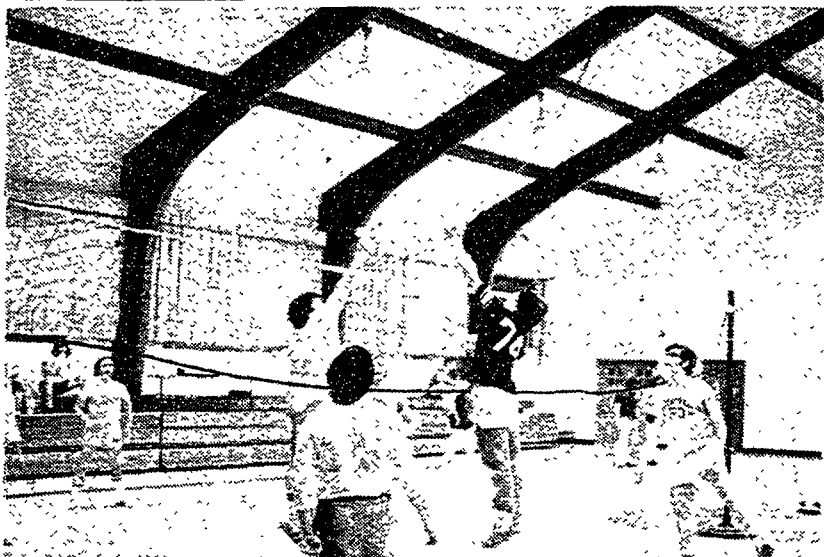
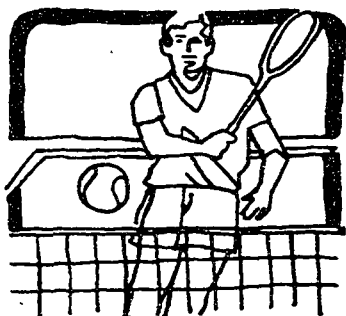
SCHEDULE:

Date	Time	Opponent	
April 3 (Wed.)	4:45 vs. 4	April 8 (Monday)	4:45 vs. 5
	5:15 vs. 5		5:15 vs. 2
April 4 (Thursday)	4:45 vs. 1	April 9 (Tuesday)	4:45 vs. 2
	5:15 vs. 4		5:15 vs. 1
			5:45 vs. 3
April 11 (Thursday)	4:45 vs. 3	April 16 (Tuesday)	4:45 vs. 5
	5:15 vs. 2		5:15 vs. 3
	5:45 vs. 5		5:45 vs. 4

Men's Intramural Volley Ball Standings As of April 2

National League			
Team	W	L	
Faculty	16	2	
Tastee-Firm, Inc.	10	8	
The Ragged Elves	11	7	
Heads of State	10	8	
Hail Yun's	8	10	
Waaah	7	11	
Carn's Crusaders	5	13	
I.M.S., Inc.	5	13	

American League			
Team	W	L	
Beaver Shooters	18	0	
Bork Shots	13	5	
East Siders	10	8	
East Westchester			
North Stars	9	9	
Gram's Boys	9	9	
The Burnouts	8	10	
Vets	4	14	
The Deltoids	1	17	



Men's Intramural Volleyball approaches end of season.

Golf And Tennis Underway at UP

University Park, Pa., Penn State's defending Eastern champion golf and tennis teams open their seasons this week with home matches against good competition.

Coach Joe Boyle's gold team has a match against Villanova on the Penn State Blue Course Wednesday (April 3) at 1 p.m. The Lions will play Navy and Columbia on the Blue Course Saturday, also at 1 p.m.

Penn State's Tennis team, 10-2 the last three years in a row will open its season against Georgetown on the varsity courts Thursday (April 4) at 3 p.m.

Sports This Spring BASEBALL

Coach - Clarence Stoner

SAT. APR. 6	MERCYHURST (DH)	H 2 P. M.
TUE. APR. 9	SLIPPERY ROCK (DH)	H 1:30
FRI. APR. 12	W. VIRGINIA WESLEYAN	A 2 P. M.
SAT. APR. 13	OPEN	A 1 P. M.
TUE. APR. 16	DUQUESNE (DH)	H 1 P. M.
SAT. APR. 20	MERCYHURST (DH)	A 1 P. M.
MON. APR. 22	EDINBORO (DH)	H 2 P. M.
THU. APR. 25	ALLIANCE (DH)	A 1:30
SAT. APR. 27	GROVE CITY (DH)	A 1 P. M.
WED. MAY 1	WESTMINSTER (DH)	A 1 P. M.
SAT. MAY 4	HOUGHTON (DH)	A 1 P. M.
TUE. MAY 7	GANNON (DH)	A 2 P. M.
FRI. MAY 10	POINT PARK (DH)	A 1 P. M.
SAT. MAY 11	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (DH)	H 1:30
WED. MAY 15	ALLEGHENY (DH)	H 1:30
FRI. MAY 17	AND	
SAT. MAY 18	NAIA DIST. 18 TOURNEY	A

GOLF

Coach - Edward Onorato

FRI. APR. 5	STUEBENVILLE	A 1 P. M.
THU. APR. 11	GROVE CITY, WA., JEFF.	A 1 P. M.
TUE. APR. 16	ALLIANCE	H 2 P. M.
FRI. APR. 17	MERCYHURST	A 2 P. M.
WED. APR. 24	MALONE	H 2 P. M.
FRI. APR. 26	HOUGHTON	H 1 P. M.
MON. APR. 29	EDINBORO	H 2 P. M.
	THIEL	H 2 P. M.
FRI. MAY 3	GANNON	A 2 P. M.
MON. MAY 6	WESTMINSTER	A 1 P. M.
FRI. MAY 10	POINT PARK	A 1 P. M.
WED. MAY 15	ALLEGHENY	H 1:30
THU. MAY 16	AND	
FRI. MAY 17	NAIA DISTRICT 18 TOURNEY	

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