

Coming To A Halt

By John Blimmel
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Well, after six months and 162 games, the baseball season has finally come to an end. At the beginning of the season, back in April, hopes were high and many of the teams had visions of a championship flag hanging high above their stadium. But as the summer dragged on, reality soon sunk in for most of them, as they realized that this was not to be their year. Thus, there are only four teams left, and they will continue to fight it out for the world-championship honors. The rest of the teams will go home, and spend the winter trying to figure out what went wrong this year and what moves must be taken to get themselves back into contention next season.

Three of this year's play-off teams are repeaters from last year. The Philadelphia Phillies, Kansas City Royals and New York Yankees each won their second consecutive division title. The only newcomer to the playoffs are the Los Angeles Dodgers, who ended the Cincinnati Red's two-year reign atop the National League west. The Yankees, last year's AL champion were the last team to clinch their division, waiting until the next to last day of the season before wrapping it up. Many people figured New York would run away with the division title after last year's signings of million-dollar free-agents Reggie Jackson and Don Gullett; but the Yanks finished only two games ahead of second place Boston and three and one-half games ahead of Baltimore. Kansas City was the hottest team in baseball over the last month and a half, turning what had once been a close division race into a runaway.

There never was a race in the NL West as the Dodgers took over first place in the second week of the season and never gave it up, while the Phillies started off slowly, but then came on strong after the All-Star break to win their division.

For the first time in baseball history, there will be night playoff games. They got underway on Tuesday night with Philadelphia playing in Los Angeles. The American League playoffs began Wednesday afternoon in New York. There will be games this afternoon and evening, tomorrow night, and, if necessary, over the weekend. All games are being shown on TV. The World Series begins on Tuesday, October 11.

Baseball isn't the only thing taking up the sports pages these days. Football is also in full swing. Penn State had been ranked number 4 in the polls last week, after sweeping through their first three games. But the Nittany Lions were upset by Kentucky last Saturday, 20-24. Interceptions proved to be their downfall, as quarterback Chuck Fusina, who had thrown 71 straight passes without being intercepted, had three passes picked off. PSU will try to get back on the winning track this weekend with a Homecoming game against Utah State. They will then go on the road to face Syracuse before returning home to play West Virginia and Miami.

In a final note, Pele, the great Brazilian soccer star, who is probably as responsible as anyone for the boom in soccer in the U.S., played his final game last Saturday in a contest between the New York Cosmos and the Santos of Brazil. He played one half for each team and scored one goal.

Team Looks For Bounce

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The Behrend College Soccer Team will attempt to bounce back into action for a number of upcoming important intra-divisional games after combating numerous illnesses and chalking up a 1-1-1 slate for the last 3 games. The Cubs currently show a 3-2-1 mark on the year.

They started off on a high note defeating Mercyhurst College in a home game 2-0. Paul Heasley did all the scoring for Behrend, scoring a goal in each half, while goalie Bill Stara posted his first shutout of the season.

Behrend and Gannon then played through two periods and a ten minute overtime period without either team being able to score. Gannon outshot the Cubs 30-21, but the Behrend goalies recorded 25 saves.

Behrend's second loss of the season, and first since their opening game, came at the hands of undefeated Indiana (PA) last Saturday. The final score was 2-0.

The Cub's leading scorer after six games this year has been junior Paul Heasley, who has

accounted for six of Behrend's nine goals. Mike Oliu has scored twice and Tony Orlando once.

As always the Behrend defense remains tough. They never allowed more than three goals in any one game last year, and thus far this season have allowed 3 goals only once, while also recording two shutouts.

Coach Herb Lauffer admits his team has been inconsistent of late, but he sees encouraging signs as they continue to play together and begin to gel as a unit. As mentioned earlier, the team is not completely healthy, as a variety of nagging injuries to several players have prevented them from playing at full strength.

The Cubs play a home game against Alliance on Wednesday, October 5. The two teams played to a 2-2 tie last year. They then take to the road for the next three games starting off with Pitt-Johnstown on October 8, and following up with two important intra-divisional games against Edinboro and Slippery Rock. Behrend's next home game will be on Tuesday, October 18, against Allegheny College.

Young Team With High Hopes

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Behrend College is entering its third year with a women's varsity tennis team. Coach Amy Atkinson, who is a pleasant addition to the Behrend 1977 faculty, had this to say about the young team: "I believe we can hold our own against most teams, although some of the larger four-year colleges will really give us a run for our money."

She sat at her desk, looking so relaxed and comfortable, that I mistook her for a student as I walked into her office to interview her last week.

Amy feels that the team is young, yet all the girls are working hard to overcome their relative inexperience. Getting

the experience has been posing somewhat of a problem, though, due to the inclement weather we have been having here in the Erie area. It is difficult to finance continuous inside practices at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center, although the team has benefitted from several visits there.

The team is made up of three freshmen and six sophomores with freshman Marcia Meehan holding the number 1 position.

Amy feels that the team as a whole has a good mental outlook, and also that the girls have helped make her first year of coaching a very enjoyable experience.

For all you tennis-minded fans, the present results, as well as the up-coming schedule is below.

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PHEAA Aids Flood Victims

Emergency steps have been taken by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to provide state grants for higher education to families that sustained substantial losses during the flood in Johnstown and either surrounding counties.

The Agency announced today that it will waive the normal May 1 filing date in those flood cases so as to be able to extend special consideration. Normally, May 1 is the deadline date for filing for State Higher Education Grants. Applications received after that

date are considered "late" and—depending on the Agency's funding situation for a particular year—they can either not be considered at all or be given late consideration, funds permitting.

In the case of the flood victims the Agency will consider them "on-time" if their applications are already on file or are received by November 1, 1977. About 700 students from the flood area had filed and may now be eligible for reconsideration if they have suffered flood losses. Affected families should file a Flood Loss Form which the

Agency has sent to them.

Besides this group of 700 who currently are on file as late applicants there are a number of others who did not submit applications but now have either enrolled in school or have decided to enroll. These potential applicants have until November 1, 1977 to apply. There is no firm estimate as to how many are in this group.

Explaining the action taken by the Agency, Kenneth P. Reeher, Executive Director of PHEAA, said that in the past the Agency continued on page 4

Date	Varsity Tennis (Womens)	Time	H-A	Results
Sept. 15	Lakeland C.C.	3:00 p.m.	A	won 5-2
Sept. 17	Slippery Rock Trny.		A	rain -
Sept. 20	Geneva	3:00 p.m.	H	rain -
Sept. 22	Gannon	2:00 p.m.	A	lost 3-4
Sept. 24	Clarion State	1:00 p.m.	A	rain -
Sept. 29	Villa Maria	2:00 p.m.	A	won 6-1
Oct. 1	Allegheny	10:00 a.m.	A	rain -
Oct. 4	Grove City	3:00 p.m.	A	
Oct. 6	Mercyhurst	3:00 p.m.	H	
Oct. 7	Clarion State	2:00 p.m.	H	
Oct. 8	Edinboro State	1:00 p.m.	H	
Oct. 10	Westminster	3:00 p.m.	H	
Oct. 12	Geneva	3:00 p.m.	H	
Oct. 13	Fredonia State	3:00 p.m.	A	
Oct. 15	Allegheny	10:00 a.m.	H	