

Men's Basketball

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club. There are five returning players from last year's squad, including 6'7" Kirk Farbacher, the tallest player on the club, and last year's leading rebounder, James Carr, (last year's scoring leader with 372 points and an average of 17 points per game) and Bernard Orr, the team quarter back and leader in assists and free throws. Also back from last year's squad are senior guard Vince Unice and sophomore Kurt Gordon. Returnin after sitting out last year a e sophomore Ron Williams and junior Eddie Evans. There are also seven freshmen on this year's squad, led by 6'2" Shep Robinson and Randy Barr, 6'1" Charles Smith, 5'11" Mike Powell, 6'3" Greg Vaughan, 5'7" Kevin Hudson, and 6'4" Ken Laney.

Coach Wright has been satisfied to some degree with the team's play through the first four games. He is pleased with their fast break but admits that the defense has been lackadaisical at times and that their freethrows shooting has hurt them badly in their two losses. Here are the details of the first four games: The club started off the season

with a win, knocking off LaRoche at home 103-93. Kirk Farbacher led the scoring with 22 points and also led in rebounds.

Next came a loss to Thiel College at home, 94-81. Ron Williams and Shep Robinson led a balanced scoring attack with 12 points each, and Robinson contributed 11 rebounds.

Behrend's first road game of the season ended in a loss at Fredonia State, 101-91. The game was lost at the free-throw line as the Cubs hit less than 50 per cent of their shots. Bernard Orr led in points with 19 and assists with 3.

Victory number two came last Friday in an 81-75 thriller against Allegheny. Ron Williams' 21 points led the scoring while Bernard Orr added 13 assists, two short of his own club record set last year.

Statically through four games, Farbacher, Williams, and Orr are each averaging slightly over 13 points per game. Charles Smith and Shep Robinson 8 points per game, Eddie Evans 7.7, and Kurt Gordon 6. Robinson, Farbacher and Evans are each averaging 7 rebounds per game and Randy Barr 5.6. Bernard Orr leads in assists (8), Randy Barr in freethrow percentage (85 per cent), and Vince Unice in field goal percentage (63 per cent).

Women's Basketball

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Tuesday, Dec. 13th, Behrend's Women's Basketball team will open its season against Fredonia State College. Coach Amy Atkinson says that Fredonia is a "a big school, has a new coach and has huge players." She says that they are usually quite tough and should be even more so this year. "Definitely a tough team to open up against," says the coach.

The coach has ten players on her team. They are Leslie Stinson, sophomore guard, 5'4", Erie; Jane Rohrer, sophomore, wing-forward, 5'8", Towanda, N.Y.; Laurie Potter, sophomore guard-forward, 5'7", Rockland, PA; Sue Deck, freshman guard, 5'3", Erie; Sharon Vinston, sophomore guard, 5'7", Pittsburgh, PA; Melinda Patterson, freshman center, 5'10", Erie; Gail Downor, sophomore forward, 5'5", Union City, PA; Charmaine Green, sophomore center, 5'10", Philadelphia, PA; and Heidi Rudolf, sophomore forward-center, 5'9", Pittsburgh, PA. The coach's two managers are Carol Will and Robin Baulding.

Sharon Vinston, Laurie Potter, and Heidi Rudolf are the return-

ing lettermen this year. Coach Atkinson maintains that Sharon Vinston is an "excellent ball handler; she moves well and has the best jump shot on the team. She's quick, smart, and is definitely an all-round basketball player. I will depend heavily on her talents." As for Laurie Potter, "she is good on defense, very "ball-wise," and anticipates well. She keeps a cool head when necessary."

However, the coach says that returning letterman, Heidi Rudolf, "won't see action 'till after Christmas because of a tonsillectomy over Thanksgiving."

What about the rest of the team? Well, the Coach says that Cheryl Ramsdell and Melinda Patterson will share the rebounding duties. "Both are very agile and perform beautifully under the basket, both offensively and defensively." So far, the coach doesn't know who her best player is because no games have been played yet. However, she does say that the team is "pretty balanced", Sue Deck, Sharon Vinston, and Laurie Potter play good defense, and according to the coach, Cheryl Ramsdell and Melinda

Patterson "have the ability to do damage."

What are the strengths of the team? "We don't have a lot of strength. We are not necessarily big, and we don't have much depth. At this point, I'd say our strength is our camaraderie and attitude because the girls are still trying to do their best for me. I realize that good intentions don't necessarily win games, but the team unity and spirit is an important step in cementing teamwork out on the court."

Coach Atkinson says that "little depth, not too much height, and a lack of experience (all freshmen and sophomores playing juniors and seniors) are the weaknesses of the team."

Mixed zone and-or man-on-man will be the offense the coach will use, "depending upon the defense we run up against. Likewise, our defense will depend upon the certain offenses we meet."

Does Behrend have a chance to take championship? "I really can't say because I personally have no idea what level of competition our league maintains, since this is my "rookie" year. It therefore is difficult to judge this question. I will, however, say that we have the potential to give any small, college team a good run for their money."

Stereos

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shopping is whether or not a cartridge is included in the price. A magnetic cartridge is an additional cost of \$20-\$40. If you are opting for one of the compact stereos it would be worth the trouble to make sure it is equipped with a magnetic cartridge as compared to a ceramic one as many low-priced systems are. The difference in the quality of sound due to this one small item is extremely noticeable.

The best way to compare speakers is just by listening to them. The average low-priced speaker system will consist of a 6-8 inch woofer for bass responses and a 1 1/2-3 inch tweeter for mid-range and treble responses. They will range in price from \$90-\$150 per pair. When buying speakers be sure that they are compatible with your receiver. Most speakers require a certain minimum of power to make them function and can withstand only so much power output. Buy speakers which will work well with the power your system provides.

Perhaps something which is just as important as what you buy is where you buy your audio components. A large audio specialty store will offer the widest variety of equipment and probably the best service if something should go wrong, but they have a large inventory which could keep prices up. Many appliance and furniture stores carry a limited supply of audio equipment. This type of outlet may be more convenient since they may be located closer to your home than the less abundant audio stores. A third alternative are the audio mail-order houses. These places offer a great reduction in price, the convenience of catalog shopping, and delivery to your door, but be prepared to go looking for a repairman if something goes wrong. Many audio stores don't appreciate repairs of equipment they did not sell. Another thing to remember when you go stereo shopping is that most stores offer package deals on systems at a great savings over buying the components separately. Keep your eyes open for these package deals and sales on over-stocked equipment.

Hopefully the buying tips included in this basic guide will be helpful to those people in the market for a stereo system. But the single best way to compare audio equipment is by listening to it with a critical ear. No matter what type of equipment you buy, where you buy it, or what you pay for it, you should always listen carefully to it and compare it to the sound of other systems before buying. After all, the sound you get and your enjoyment of the music is what buying a stereo is all about.

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