

SPORTS

Zimmerman Sets Goals for Coming Basketball Season

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The 1984-85 edition of Penn-State Behrend basketball brings together a blend of the old and the new. The new will consist of some talented freshman athletes. Top newcomers include 6'3" Paul Cwalina (Pittsburgh-Bethel Park); 6'5" Bob Mudger (Meadville); 6' Jon Vreaver (Punxsutawney); 6' Bill Schildkriect (Marc) and 6'6" Larry Davies (West Chester-East). These five freshmen will impart the program immediately. "They are talented athletes and class individuals who have played at traditionally outstanding programs," reports Head Coach Doug Zimmerman who is starting his second year at Penn-State Behrend. The old will dy Gorniak, 6'8" forward; Greg

consist of returning starters Ran-Green, 6'5" forward; Ed Malinowski, 6'2" guard, and point guard Dave Blanks. Also returning are forwards John Sargent, 6'5" and Dave Harris, 6'6".

"Although Gorniak, Green, Blanks, and Malinowski are all starters from last year," explained Zimmerman, "they are only sophomores, and still do not have the experience of a junior-senior performer."

All four athletes performed well last year as freshmen and turned in excellent statistics by the end of the year. Gorniak, a big, aggressive, and mobile athlete was our average of over ten rebounds per game. Gorniak also scored an impressive average of 10.5 points per game.

Green, an athletic, strong and

mobile player will be a great benefit to the Behrend defense. Coach Zimmerman looks forward to Green "coming into his own this season".

Dave Blanks, known for his quickness and scoring ability was All District last year and finished the season with a total of 426 points.

Ed Malinowski, a competitor and strong force under the boards, is capable of scoring inside or outside. Malinowski carried an 8.7 points per game average through last season.

"A realistic goal for this year with such a young group is to double the amount of our 1983-84 victories. We would then approach the .500 mark which is where I would like to be in the second year of the program. The addition of the five freshmen with

the returning players, will give us much needed depth and allow us to dictate game tempo." Zimmerman further assessed the season in this way, "We're committed to building towards a nationally competitive program. Providing we have no unforeseen circumstances, this year will move us closer to that goal."

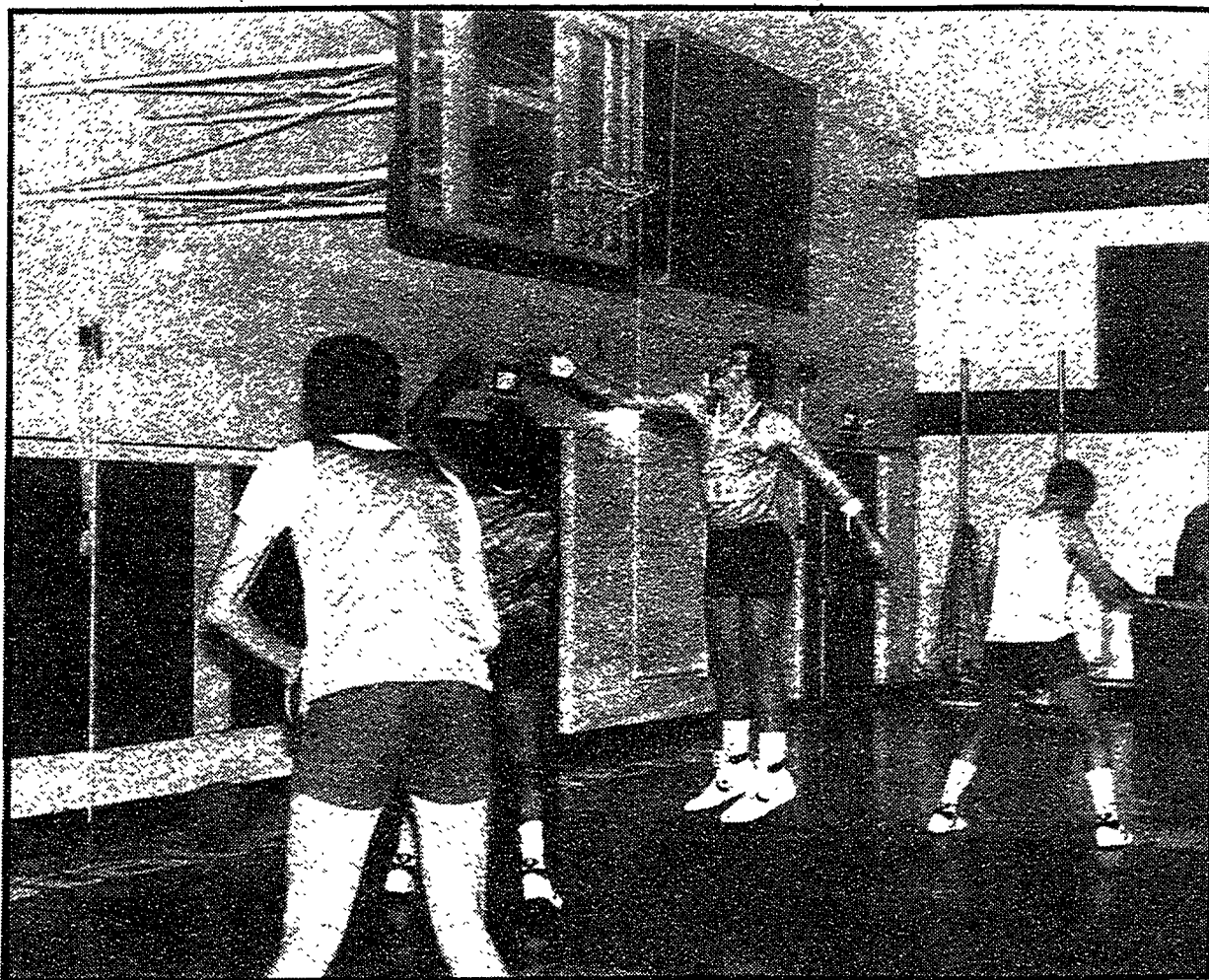
Once again Behrend's schedule will be extremely competitive; dotted with both NAIA District 18 and NCAA powers.

The schedule includes the traditional rivalries of the Big Five; Edinboro, Mercyhurst, Gannon, and Alliance. District 18 seems to be evenly matched with no team a

clear favorite. Expected to be contending will be LaRoche, Westminster, St. Vincent, Pitt-Bradford, and Point Park.

In keeping with Penn State-Behrend's goal to be nationally competitive, Behrend will participate in two tournaments where they will be pitted against the top 10 nationally ranked teams. Roanoke, who finished the 1983-84 season ranked second and Buffalo State, also a top ten finisher, will host these tournaments.

New additions to the schedule include Thiel and Carnegie-Mellon.



The Men's Basketball Team practices hard with the hopes of having a successful season.

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