

SPORTS

Sobotta Wins Racquetball Tournament

by Rob Roth
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Karin Sobotta, Lady Cubs basketball coach and health and physical education instructor, has been crowned champion. She won the women's racquetball competition in the Mayor's Racquet Quad Tournament. The event took place at King's Court Racquetball Club.

When asked about entering the tournament she said, "Dr. Sweeting talked me into the quad event because he thought I could do well and because I'm very athletic. He knew I would enjoy it."

Because of a Cubs basketball game later in the day, Sobotta almost didn't attend the opening event of the four-part games but decided otherwise. Since she was



Karin Sobotta
Racquetball Champion

able to win her first three matches, she finished by 10 a.m. and earned the right to return the next day to play two more matches. In the finals, she edged Maxine Lundberg 15-14, 15-8, to clinch the women's racquetball event.

With only eight women competing, Sobotta said, "I wish that more women were involved, it would be more fun. More competition makes it better." Sobotta will compete next in the squash event at the downtown YMCA, followed by tennis May 11-12 at Pennbriar Tennis and Health Club.

"Tennis is my strongest event and I expect Karen Morgan (no. 1 singles player from Edinboro) to give me all that I can handle, but I'm still looking at a strong finish.

Sobotta received her tennis experience at the University of Idaho where her team qualified for four national titles. She had to face excellent competition which has given her an edge over many of the other competitors in the quad event.

Sobotta will have the confidence of the first event victory to carry her through the rest of what may be a successful tournament.

Baseball Season Looks Optimistic

by Darlene Kasbee
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The outlook of the 1985 Behrend Men's Baseball Team is optimistic. First-year coach Doug Young feels that the Cubs have a "good chance of winning District 18." The team has the talent to do it. The only thing lacking is experience. The team is young, fielding one senior and two juniors.

The lone senior, team captain Jon Hanson, in Coach Young's opinion is a "possible pro prospect." The centerfielder from Cathedral Prep High School has "talent in that range," according to Young.

The team is especially strong in the outfield, where Ted Hinsman and John Cunningham surround Hanson. Hinsman, a sophomore, will be in right field and Cunningham will cover left.

Lance Harbison will back up Cunningham and Danny Rieg can also be expected to see action in the outfield. Rieg will also back up the infielders.

The infield will have sophomore Joe Stanger at third base, with Joe Ceresa, out of Strong Vincent High School, backing him up. Shortstop Denny

Pauline is nursing an ankle injury but will play a few innings in the team's opening game.

Greg Bohl and Jim Mort will share duties at second base and Ray Duerr will play first base for the Cubs.

Junior Mike Angelo, from McDowell High School is the Cubs's catcher. A "good all-around player," says Young, "should be a tremendous help to the team."

Pat Hunt, a Corry High School graduate, will back up Angelo to give Behrend strength behind the plate.

Stanger and Hinsman will give the Cubs hitting strength in the middle of the lineup, batting in the fourth and fifth positions. The team has a lot of power-hitting and Stanger and Hinsman make the middle of the lineup especially strong.

Coach Young wants to improve the pitching. The Behrend pitchers have strong arms but need to improve their location. Young is looking at sophomores Troy Williams and Rich Hill, junior Dale Wehler who transferred from DuBois Campus, and freshman Mike Utzig out of Baldwin High School to lead the team on the mound.

Chris Cook, David Bruce, Steve Tunall and Tom Prusaczyk will also be on the mound for the Cubs this season.

Washington and Jefferson, the Cubs's first opponents, are an experienced team. They have strong pitching and field a lot of left-handed hitters, but the Cubs are ready for them.

A young but talented team, the Behrend Men's Baseball Team is confident of their ability and optimistic about the season. They have a good chance of winning the 1985 District 18 title.



Doug Young
Men's Baseball Coach

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Women's Softball Team Could Top Record

by Tammie Starcher
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It's spring again, and although many of us are still trying to shake off the Erie winter chill, the Women's Softball Team has been practicing hard in preparation for their sixth National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (N.A.I.A.) season.

Coach Jan Wilson is very optimistic about the spring lineup. Cubs pitcher Darlene Leopold, a junior, is strong and fast and senior Missy Stasenko will pitch and play shortstop. With a batting

Wrists Wrestled

Kappa Delta Rho, a service fraternity, sponsored a wrist-wrestling competition from Mar. 18 to Mar. 21. Out of 27 contestants, the four final competitors wrestled-off on the 21st for the championships in two divisions, below 160 lbs. and above 160 lbs.

In the 160 and below division: Dan Kweder squared off against Bryan Miraszek. Miraszek won the match in 55 seconds.

In the 160 and above division, Guy Marchal squared off against Pat Sample. Marchal won the match in 45 seconds.

Off the record, Marchal challenged Miraszek. Miraszek came out on top.

average of .316 last year, she is a definite asset to the team.

Senior Mindy Stasenko will cover first base and left field. Catcher Kathy Snider, a junior, is likely to provide powerful hitting. Senior Kathy Ott will be in center-field and Renee Harrison will pitch and cover the infield.

Freshman Laura Conley will take charge of both the infield and outfield along with Rosalind Goodman. Sophomore Renee Wirth and freshman Maria DiDonato will also play outfield, and freshman Kathy Fox will cover second base.

Wilson feels their stronghold lies in their defense, but offensively they are also looking well.

The women's first game is Tue., Apr. 2 at 2 p.m. when they play a double-header at home against Clarion. Their next game will be played Apr. 14 against Buffalo State, and then they will play every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday throughout the month of April.

Last season the team was 8-7, and second in District 18. Wilson hopes to top that record this season.

"Although we've had to move a lot of people around to new positions, they learn well. I think we can hold our own," Wilson said. "They're good players with a good attitude about the game."