

Gorniak in Spotlight for Cubs 1986-87 Season

University Relations—The Penn State-Behrend Cubs officially launched their 1986-87 basketball season when they suited up for practice Wednesday, October 15.

Returning lettermen for the Cubs basketball team Randy Gorniak, John Sargent, Jim Webb, Joe Weed, Rich Irr, Gene Gorniak, and Jack Beaver will be joined on the court by seven newcomers this year. The latest additions to the Cubs roster include: Wayne Snyder, a 5'10", 175-pound junior from Pittsburgh's McKeesport High School; Bob Quarture, a 6'7", 205-pound junior hailing from Washington High School in Washington, Pa.; Gary Zang, a 6'3" 185-pound junior from Pottsville High School in Pottsville Pa.; McDowell High School's Mike Moller, a sophomore who checks in

at 5'10" and 175 pounds; Tracy LaBow, a 5'10" 175-pound sophomore from Titusville High School; and freshmen Brian Phillips (6'2", 180 pounds) and Rob Elchynski (6'2", 170 pounds), from Seneca High School and Corry High School respectively.

The most promising returnee is Randy Gorniak, the 6'8" senior forward and All-American hopeful. Last season, Gorniak averaged 13.2 points per game and 12.9 rebounds per game. "Obviously his strength is inside," said Cubs Head Coach Doug Zimmerman. "Offensively Randy can do about as much as anybody we'll play all year."

Predicting Gorniak's success on the court will continue, Zimmerman is hoping the senior will become a mentor for the team's

newcomers. "I think he'll blossom as a leader on the team. Since he's a returning senior, with success under his belt, he can have a lot of impact on the floor." While Zimmerman is pleased with Gorniak's past performance, he's not about to let the high-powered player rest easy this season.

"I think he has the capability to reach that status (All-American). With his finish last season, he's already got a foot in the door," said Zimmerman, who is returning for his fourth year with the Cubs. "But Randy's intelligent enough to know that he has to go out and perform, too. You're not voted honors on what you've done in the past or what you've done yesterday. What you did on the court today is what matters."

In addition to Gorniak and the

other top returnees, Zimmerman is counting on newcomers Zang, Snyder, and Quarture, all junior transfers and seasoned collegiate athletes from other Penn State campuses, to bring added court experience to the Cubs' season. "Zang fills a spot (point guard) where we needed him the most. Snyder's another good point guard, and Quarture is a good inside shooter. Those three give us some playing experience we normally wouldn't have on a team with a lot of newcomers," explained Zimmerman.

With an overall record of 6-19 from last year, the Cubs enter into their 1986-87 season on November 22 against Gannon in the annual Gary Miller Classic in Erie. And, if all goes well, Zimmerman says the

Cubs will be ready.

"I think the key for us is finishing a year with everybody we start out with, without having to worry about serious injuries. That's something we haven't been able to do in the last three years (last season, four key starters were on the Cubs bench because of injuries)," said Zimmerman. "If we

do that, I feel comfortable knowing what we can get accomplished. We have as much upperclass experience as we've had since I've been here. Some of that is new (Quarture, Zang, and Snyder) and it may take some adjustment for them. But we're going to improve faster throughout the season than we would if we lacked experience."

Cubs drop tough match to Allegheny

by Angela Papaleo
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What started out as a sure fire win turned out to be quite the opposite. On Saturday October 25th at 1:00pm the Penn State Behrend Men's Varsity Soccer Team lost to Allegheny College 2-1. The only goal was scored by Junior Captain Mike Hockenberger on a direct kick in the first half. After 30 minutes into the second half Allegheny's Shawn Allen kicked the ball just enough to soar past the fingertips of freshman goalie Mark Yingling. The second goal scored by Allegheny occurred off a throw-in with 4 minutes and 42 seconds left in the game by Greg Sprout.

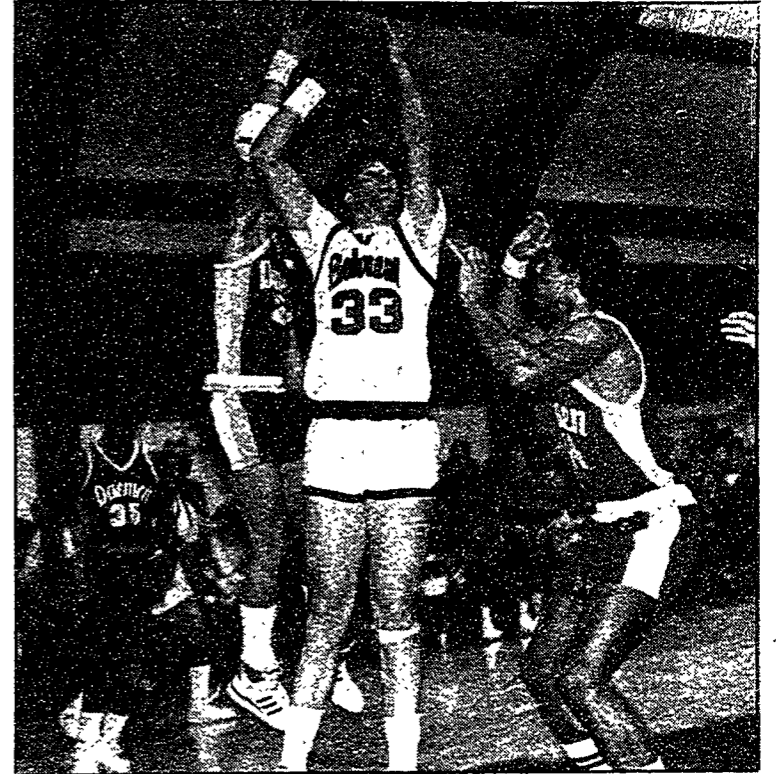
There's always hope, as the old cliché goes. But this may not be the case with the playoff situation. After speaking to junior Scott Coykendall, whether the team will qualify or not depends upon the evaluation they receive from the NCAA at the end.

babies. After playing with teammates for a few seasons you begin to work well together because of the confidence you receive. You interact well because you're accustomed to this style. This is lost here at Behrend. There are no seniors on the team either. Therefore experience is also missed. With all this against them, this year's team is beating the odds. "This year has been the best so far," says junior Scottie Coykendall. A majority of the team consists of freshmen. Contributions from freshmen Jay Varcoe, Ken Crumb, and Dave Pollack are a great asset to the team. So is the talent of junior captains Todd Lindenmuth and Mike Hockenberger.

Overall the season has gone well. There have been no serious injuries. The guys started out strong, but have had a rough time these past few games. "We play really good but then something happens," says Scottie. "We have a



Sue Holmes goes for a lay-up.



Randy Gorniak, All-American Candidate



Mike Hockenberger and Todd Lindenmuth get ready for a direct kick.

Behrend College for the most part is a two year school, then students transfer down to University Park for the remainder of their career. This makes it difficult to build and concentrate on an extremely good athletic team. Some participants don't take it as serious as opposed to other colleges because it's only 2 years, therefore they tend to lose a lot of talent. Also, it's different from high school in the way that everyone on the team hasn't played with their team members since they were

mental let down in the middle of the game. That's when the opposing team scores and those goals are the most difficult to recover," says teammate Chris Steiner. That was the reaction of Coach Herb Laufner after the Allegheny game. The coach was very disappointed. They were better than the other team but got a late start in the second half.

The Behrend Cubs have the potential of having the best record thus far. What they lack in experience they compensate with skill.

Women's Basketball ready for season

by Dave Bruce
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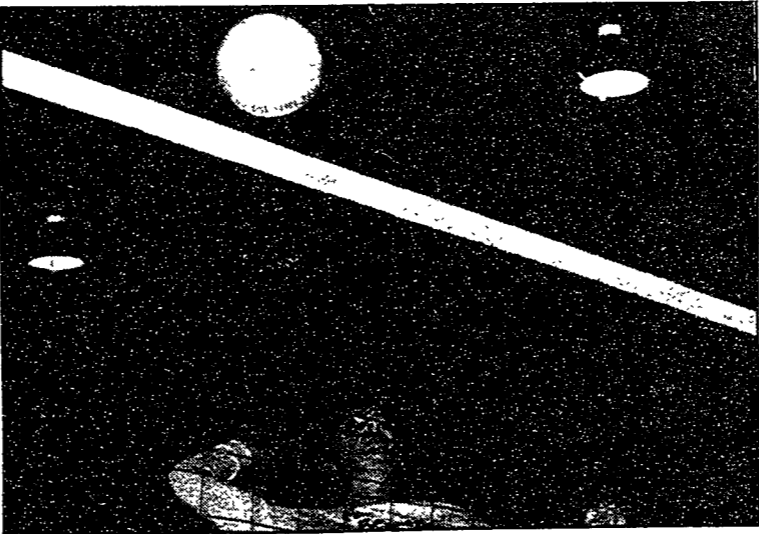
"We have more depth, and stronger competition at each position." This was the description of the Behrend Women's Basketball Team from one of its returning veterans, Paula Skaggs.

Paula and returning letterman Sue Holmes and Chris Huff, recently talked about the upcoming season and related subjects. Besides depth and competition,

scrimmaging, on their own, for the past month. "Three times a week, for one hour and a half each day," added Chris.

When asked for the reasons why they decided on a school with a limited budget, Paula answered, "I'm from Texas and I wanted a Penn State degree, they (in Texas) know what a Penn State degree is..."

Chris also wanted a Penn State degree, plus Behrend was "the closest, and the least expensive."



Anne Hatton goes high to put down a spike.

they believe that this year's players have better attitudes, and the team has stronger leadership because of the number of more experienced players on the team.

Last year, there were no senior players, but this year there are two seniors. However, Sue said, "injuries have taken a toll on some of the players, especially to Michele Madison (broken ankle) and Kim Erikson (appendicitis)."

All three veterans agreed that the team is better conditioned, mainly due to a program of running and

Sue transferred from The Shenango Valley Campus of Penn State, and came to Behrend because she did not want to go to University Park. She also wanted to continue her basketball career.

They bragged about the support that the team receives, especially from a group of loyal fans who go to every home game. They also hope that the support will grow this season starting with the season opener, at the Fredonia Tournament, on November 22, which they won last year.

Notes from the Series:

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--If my team had the bases loaded and two out in the ninth; I would want Keith Hernandez at the plate. --John McNamara made the right decision starting Al Nipper in Game Four, but in baseball, sometimes luck is more important than strategy. --Mel Stottlemyre, New York's pitching coach, will definitely be working on Dwight Gooden's pitching mechanics this spring. --Why did Boston have "Old Man" Buckner at first base in the tenth inning of Game Six, when Dave Stapleton was his late-inning defensive replacement all season? --I wonder if Tony Armas has any chance at reclaiming centerfield from Dave Henderson next season? --The Met's fans are the most obscene and dangerous fans in all sports. The jerk who tossed the smoke bomb onto the field during Game Seven should be forced to eat a Roger Clemens' fastball. --Game Six was the most exciting, though not best played, World Series game in recent memory. Yes, even more exciting than Game Six of the 1975 World Series. --I hope that the rumor questioning "Oil Can" Boyd's mental health is unfounded, baseball needs his exuberance on the field. --Despite his wildness, Calvin Schraдли looks to be Boston's relief ace next season, especially since Bob Stanley can not seem to get anybody out. --Do you realize that Marty Barrett tied a Major League record for the most hits (24) in post-season play? --Look for Mookie Wilson and Bob Stanley to be traded this winter. Mookie's trade value has never been higher, and the Boston fans will never let Stanley forget his World Series performance. --Finally, with everything this Series had to offer, just think if Tom Seaver would have pitched at Shea.

Young Cubs gain experience

by Andy Seneta
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Three matches remain in the Women's Varsity Volleyball season. The team has been hit lately with many injury problems, but have still played well together. The Lady Cubs' record of 15-25 doesn't quite tell the entire story of the problems injuries have caused.

Senior Sue Holmes commented on the injury problems by saying, "We have a young team and with the experience that they have acquired this year it will help them next year. Still, I think we've developed into a strong team. It's hard to have freshman come in and play well without playing college ball before because it's a tough transition from high school to college volleyball."

Coach Jan Wilson has had the tough task of filling up the lineup due to the losses of Julie DiFrancisco earlier in the year, Michele Williams and Michele Madison have also been injured.

Even though the squad has faced some problems early this season they have still gotten inspired play from Sue Holmes and Julie DiFrancisco.

The Lady Cubs will be finishing up their season within two weeks and will be looking to better their overall record. The team faced Grove City and Case Western on Saturday, November 1st. They beat Case Western and lost to nationally ranked Grove City. Then the final match of the year will see our Lady Cubs traveling across-town to face nationally ranked Gannon University and also Canisius on Tuesday, November 4, at 6 pm. Holmes said, "We'll have to play well against Gannon, who's nationally ranked. It will be tough, but it would be really nice to beat another Erie school."

The Club dropped their last two matches against Westminster and Edinboro and through the second half of October and hope to improve on these performances in their last two games.

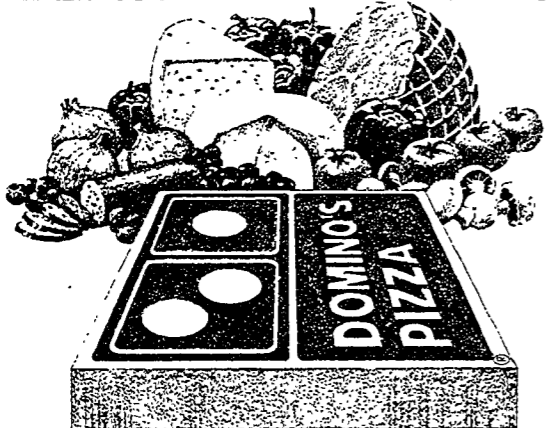
Win or lose it's been a successful season for the Lady Cubs. Jan Wilson, we can only look forward to next year when all the freshman will have experience under their belts.



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