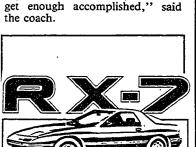
An inconsistent season hampers the Lady hoopsters

Collegian Staff Writer

"It was an inconsistent season," said Karin Sobotta, coach of the Behrend Women's Basketball team,"We began the season 1-8, but we went 8-8 in the second half of the season to finish 9-16."

Much of the inconsistent play can be attributed to the youthfulness of the team. Six freshmen and two sophomores were on this season's roster. "We would play great during the first half, but lousy the second half,"said Coach Sobotta.

Still, there was improvement over last season's 8-17 record. "We ended up 9-16, an improvement. We played a tough schedule, and I expected a lot from this team, maybe too much. But you have to expect a lot, otherwise you do not get enough accomplished," said



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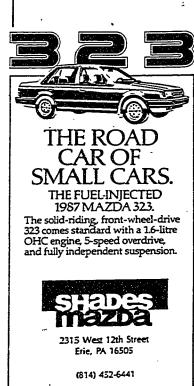
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As for individual performances, Coach Sobotta was especially pleased with Sonya Sickles and Michele Madison.

"Sonya came to the team in January (from West Virginia) and immediately became an impact player. She is strong and plays excellent defense. She knows how to play the game," said Coach

"Michelle was the second leading rebounder on the team and made many clutch baskets, she is an excellent outside shooter."

As for the team, the coach said that the best performances were against Frostburg, Geneva and Buffalo State.

POINTS

Butch

Holmes

Madison Dorenkamp Erikson Sickles Marinos Beck Huff

Women's basketball stats

Seniors Paula Skaggs, Chris Huff and Sue Holmes

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"The games against Frostburg and Geneva were our most consistent games of the season, we played well and defeated good, stron

"The game against Buffalo State was the highlight of the season. We played them at Buffalo, and they were ranked fourth in the country. At halftime we were losing by fif-teen points and I told my players to decide whether they wanted to play or not. In the second half, they scratched their way into the lead with 1:30 left in the game. After trading baskets, we finally won 70-69, definitely the highlight of the season," said Coach Sobotta.

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1987 women's game by game stats

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51	CMU	75	M. Madison		M. Madison	11
56	Mt. Union	67	Lisa Butch	17	Kim Erikson	8
					M. Madison	8
37	St. John					
	Fisher	67	Sue Holmes	16	M. Madison	8
35	Thiel	77	Sue Holmes	12	Sue Holmes	8 ′
37	Grove City		Sue Holmes	14	Lisa Butch	8
52	Allegheny		Sue Holmes	18	M. Madison	10
54	Brockport		Sue Holmes	22	M. Madison	12
51	U. Buffalo	39	Lisa Butch	12 .	M. Madison	14
			Paula Skaggs	12		
70	Buff. State		Paula Skaggs	20	Sue Holmes	10
49	Edinboro	58	M. Madison	13	Paula Skaggs	11
59	Wooster	53	Lisa Butch	20	M. Madison	9
			Paula Skaggs	20		
45	Gannon	83	Paula Skaggs	10	Sue Holmes	8
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56	Mercyhurst	67	Lisa Butch	20	Paula Skaggs	11
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Overall Record: 9-16						

Lady Cubs practice

by Michael Cifelli

The women's softball team is back in the swing. Coming off a 3-16-1 mark from a year ago, the Diamondettes hope to turn things around this year. Leading the girls' spring campaign is first year coach Anne Burbules. A Mercyhurst graduate, coach Burbules has the team conditioning 6-7 days a week. Their workouts concentrate on the basics: hitting in the cage, bunting, and infielding, with a half-hour devoted to pitchers. In the earlier portion of the pre-season, the team worked on flexibility and strength training. "I want to keep them working," says coach Burbules.

Inexperience will be a factor in the Cubs season, with only two letter-winners returning. Sue Holmes and Lisa Butch will be counted on heavily to provide freshmen.

Due to last year's record, coach Burbules expects her squad to be underestimated by many opponents. One of her goals is, "to gain respect." The coach went on to say she wants everyone to "play like a team. I want to get everybody to know each other's playing style."

Coach Burbules thinks highly of the talent she has to work with. She listed a couple of the team's strengths as being a solid infield

and good defense. An added feature to college softball this year is a change in the distance between the pitcher's mound and home plate. Increasing the distance from 40 feet to 43 feet. Burbules sees this as a little more excitement potential added to the

"I think teams will try to steal ter chance to hit in what used to be a pitching-dominated game. There is an opportunity for more offense, resulting in higher-scoring games.

As the spring weather makes its first appearance, so will the Ladv Cubs. They'll take to the field for the first time on April 1, against Thiel College in their season

${f Women's}$ softball schedule

April 1 Thiel College Home 3:00 4 Buffalo State Away 1:00 7 Clarion University Home 2:00

9 Pitt-Bradford Away 2:00 11 St. Francis Home 2:00 14 Gannon University Away 2:00 16 Mercyhurst College Away

21 Allegheny College Home 2:00 23 Geneva College Home 2:00 241/45 Ohio Northern Tourney Away TBA

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