

Lions scream at black clouds

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The Penn State-Behrend Women's Tennis team continues to battle not only their competitors but also Erie's wet weather. The Lion's first match was against Clarion, a Division two team. The final score was 0-9. "Even though we knew our competition would be tough, being a fairly inexperienced team did not help matters any," said Coach Karin Sobotta.

The women are working hard, but practice in the gym is a lot different than practice on the courts. Because of the rainy weather, Erie Hall has become too familiar to the tennis team. Practicing indoors

allows for concentration on skills, but it is impossible to play practice matches indoors because of limited space.

"Black clouds make us scream because we know that any minute we'll be back in the gym trying to fight the glare from the floor," said Coach Sobotta. "The girls even brought up the idea of using black tennis balls to win the battle against floor glare," said Coach Sobotta.

Fredonia State was next on the schedule, so the Lions hopped into the vans and away they went. A final score of 4-7 left the Lions dissatisfied, yet proudly purring. "There was definite skill improvement and concentrating on doubles in practice helped the team sharpen their skills at the net," said Coach

Sobotta.

The match was fairly close but when Coach Sobotta was asked about the score, she said, "Losing tie breakers are the worst! We were so close, but it just did not happen...this time."

Buffalo State was next on the schedule, but the Lions lost by a score of 3-6. Two returning players, Stormy VanHees and Kathy Veazy won their doubles match, and the doubles team of Kelly McConnell and Jane McKnight also won. "These two teams are both double winners and they are unbeaten in Division three," said Coach Sobotta.

Boasting a 6-3 win over THiel, Coach Sobotta again relied on her undefeated doubles teams.

VanHees-Veazy won 6-4, 6-4; and McConnell-McKnight won 6-3, 6-1. The doubles team of Richann Bryant and Kathy Miller also won 0-6, 6-3, 6-4. Winners of singles matches against Thiel were: Jane McKnight, Shari Stumpo, and Kathy Veazy, all of whom won in straight sets.

"We are using every match to prepare for that St. John Fisher Tournament in October because when we go to Rochester, our goal is for our playing to be at its peak," said Coach Sobotta. The girls are excited about traveling and after their visit, New York will probably never be the same again.

The Lion's next match is at Merichurst College and then the travel to Westminster College.

Prediction, cont.

front to help Bill Fralic. Again, these predictions are only in effect if players and management solve their disagreement and the games resume. Unfortunately, that appears doubtful in the near future.

Since a National Football League Players strike looms over this season, it might not be necessary to predict who will win or lose. However, the possibility remains that the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) and the owners could get their act together. Predictions could shed some light on an already cloudy season.

Last year's champions, the New York Giants, are from the National Football Conference (NFC). Taking this into consideration, we will begin with the American Football Conference (AFC). The NFC will be scrutinized in a later issue.

Boomer Esiason fuels a high octane offense with wide receivers Eddie Brown, Tim McGee, and Cris Collinsworth. Unfortunately for the Bengals, last years defense was known more for the holes it had rather than for the holes it stopped. The holdout of number one draft pick Jason Buck will not help matters. Cincinnati will finish a strong second.

Too many puzzles could easily piece together the season for the Steelers. Number one pick Rod Woodson would rather run in Europe and Seoul than in Three Rivers Stadium. The Steelers aren't going anywhere with Mark Malone at quarterback, and Bubby Brister is not the answer.

The Oilers bring up the rear of the AFC Central. Warren Moon will never be successful at quarterback in Houston. The Oilers front office doesn't want to pay the big bucks for the big talent. Number one pick Alonzo Highsmith is holding out for more money.

The AFC West has last season's AFC Champions the Denver Broncos falling to fourth place, only bettering the San Diego Chargers. The Raiders should clinch the West, and eventually the AFC.

The Raiders were bitten with a case of the injury bug last year. A healthy Howie Long and Marcus Allen should comfort owner Al Davis. Rusty Hilger, an unproven quarterback, will have the seasoned James Lofton and the Canadian Football League's standout receiver Mervyn Fernandez catching his passes. Bo Jackson will be able to have fun with his new hobbie, while earning an extra million a year.

The Seahawks should manage a close second place. Seattle resembles the New York Giants of a few years ago. The talent is finally coming together. The only ingredient needed is a little maturity. Running backs Curt Warner and John L. Williams scare many defensive coordinators throughout the league. Dave Kreig is a reliable quarterback with a very reliable, veteran receiver in the form of Steve Largent. Brian Bosworth, the "Boz" will add tenacity to an already tough defense. The Chiefs are still in their rebuilding plan. There is some good news for the champion-starved Kansas City fan, the plan is starting to take some positive form. Runningbacks Paul Palmer and Christian Okoye may lift the offense, but Todd Blackledge is not the answer at quarterback.

Why pick the defending AFC Champs to finish fourth? The fact that several key players are retiring could help answer the question. Players such as Jackson, Carter, Wright, and Foley have left the fabled "Orange Crush". John Elway will keep the Broncos competitive, but the lack of any serious ground attack will prevent the Broncos from repeating as AFC Champs.

With Dan Fouts in the twilight of his career, the San Diego Chargers bring up the rear of the AFC West. Gary Anderson and Wes Chandler are still around, but the defense is still lacking. Especially with the injury to linebacker Chip Banks.

Next issue we will find out why the Giants will be the first team since the 1978-79 Steelers to repeat as Super Bowl Champions.



Homecoming 1987



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Inconsistency plagues Volleyball team

by Andy Dobry
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With only two starters returning and a roster that is made up of mostly freshmen, the women's volleyball team will have a difficult time improving on last year's 15-26 record. Coach Jan Wilson, however, is optimistic about her young team.

This year's team has compiled a record of 3-7 so far, including a milestone victory on September 22nd. A 15-11, 15-9 win over Case Western marked the 200th victory for the Behrend women's volleyball program. Coach Wilson was pleased with her team's performance. "We needed to show more poise on the court. We have good material and good hitters, and against Case Western the team began to show more poise."

Sophomore Chris Zurkan is the only returning starter who has played extensively so far this season. Beth Beres, a starter last year, returned to the lineup for the first time against Case Western after missing the first part of this season with an injury. Wilson counts heavily on freshmen Erica Scribner, Gwen Jones, Linda Cooper and Chris Cadonic to mature and play together as a team.

"Serving needs to be more consistent," said Coach Wilson, "I've never had a team serve so many aces, but then I've never had a team make so many errors. Our strength are in the middle and in blocking, but our weakness is in setting."

"We play a top-grade schedule against some of the best schools in the country, and right now we are just too young", continued Coach Wilson. Members of the team expected to pick up the slack are Freshmen Christina Cole and Sandra Taylor, Sophomore Sonya Sickles, and Junior Kathy Williamson.

After an extensive road trip, the team returns to Behrend to face Merichurst and Westminster College on October 6th at 6 P.M. in Erie Hall.

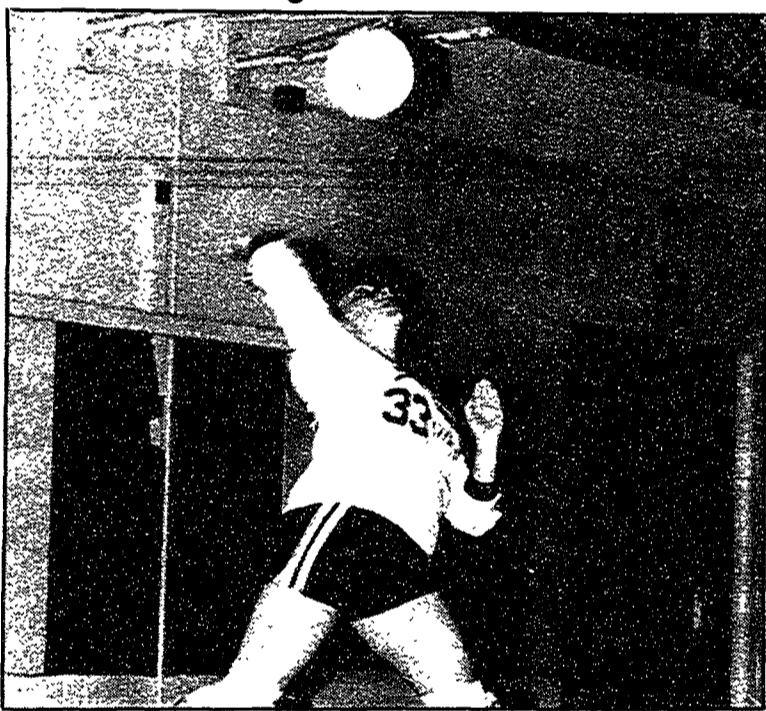


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What goes up must come down

by Wally Kemp
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Summer will soon be over and, unfortunately, it will be time to get the long pants and jackets out from the closet and get prepared for cooler weather. For skiers however, this is a promising sign that winter is just around the corner and snow is on the way, hopefully in large quantities, unlike last year. To all you skiers, let it be known that the Penn State-

Behrend Ski Club is already organizing this winter's activities, and plans on having a good year.

For those familiar with the ski club, there is a chance that you were discouraged with last year's organization, but Sam Avampato, president of the ski club, wishes to inform the student body that, "things will definitely be better this year." Avampato also said, "We are now 'under new management', which means that there is a whole new collection of officers ready to make the necessary changes that

will benefit the club's members." These new officers include Avampato as president; Mike Tonini, vice-president; Holly Sabacinski, treasurer; and Chrissy Merritt, secretary.

When one thinks of a ski club, of course they think of skiing, snow, and nothing but skiing. This year, that is exactly what the ski club intends to do. After paying a mere \$5 due, members will be given the availability of many bus trips, with discounted lift ticket rates to the Peek 'n' Peak-ski resort. Also on

the agenda for this winter's activities are a discounted trip to Holiday Valley and, depending on membership size and funds available, a trip to Sugarbush, VT. Nonetheless, you skiers are probably getting an "itch" for the snow, but leaves are still on the trees, and snow seems much too far away. So, to get you into even more of a skiing mode, throughout the fall, the ski club plans on showing skiing movies of, possibly, skiers either doing "helicopters" off of "bumps" in the middle of mogul fields or maybe even a helicopter dropping skiers off at the top of a mountain or glacier of fresh, untouched powder.

Students planning on joining the ski club will be informed of all activities in greater detail when the club meets for the first time at the end of September. So, for all students eager to "hit the slopes", and those discouraged about last year, remember that things are "going uphill" for the ski club this year.

Pennant drive, cont.

these two, the Twins are suspect on the mound. This weakness will rear its ugly head come playoff time, and Detroit will take quick advantage of it. The Tigers should roll over Minnesota.

In the National League East, the St. Louis Cardinals and New York

Mets are racing neck and neck. The Card have incredible speed, featuring Vince Coleman and Willie McGee, timely hitting, and John Tudor, back from a knee injury, on the mound. The Mets have the slugger Darryl Strawberry, Keith Hernandez, and Gary Carter. They also have Dwight Gooden on the hill, drug-free and as unbeatable as ever. But after Gooden, the pitching that was so outstanding in 1986 has become inconsistent at best. The Mets have fought their way back into contention after a horrendous start, but it just might

be too little too late. Go with St. Louis to capture the NL East.

The National League West was a tight race a month ago, but the San Francisco Giants have moved ahead to stay. Rick Reuschel has performed brilliantly since arriving from Pittsburgh, and appears to be the final link in manager Roger Craig's two-year revitalization of a once laughable starting rotation. The hitting is quite good, led by Candy Maldonado and Will Clark. They lack depth in the bullpen, however, something they will dearly need to stop St. Louis. With this in mind, take the Cardinals in the National League Championship series.

That leaves Detroit and St. Louis in the World Series. It will be a classic confrontation of power versus speed, with two modern managerial giants, Sparky Anderson of Detroit and Whitey Herzog of St. Louis, using all the knowledge they possess to come out on top. The winner? Go with the Detroit Tigers in an exciting finale to the 1987 Major League Baseball season.

Welcome, cont.

Previously, he held a position as Public Recreation Director in Grove City. He plans on finishing his degree and as a parallel career change, leaving the public sector and working in higher education. Bob's tentative career goals include teaching at the college level and eventually obtaining a position as an Intramural Director.

Water polo is Bob's new special event this year. This exists mainly for recreation as opposed to competition. It would be a modified version using inner tubes and nets in the outdoor pool by the Glenhill Farmhouse. Weather permitting, Bob would like to have the teams playing by September 24.

Intramurals are difficult to organize because there are over 300 students in the sports program and a limited amount of time to schedule all the popular sports. When I asked Bob about his feelings concerning intramurals he said, "It's a worthwhile service for the students, and it helps them relax from their hectic lifestyle. It also means to form friends and relationships and it offers an extra change if you're interested in officiating the games." He's always ready to listen to new ideas or programs that students would like to have. If you have any comments or suggestions or if you are interested in participating in intramurals, stop by Bob's office which is located in the Reed Building by the Student Government Offices.

Crime Watch or mushrooms, anyone?

Northwest Poison Control reports that wild mushrooms should be left alone. Any form of consumption is potentially fatal and should not be attempted.

Police and Safety will be holding an Operation I.D. program on Wednesday, October 21st from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Niagara Lobby. Everyone is invited to bring their belongings to be engraved and attend the open Crime Watch meeting. There will also be a Crime Watch meeting held in the Reed Building TV Lounge from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th. Topic: Residential Security.

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