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# SERIES STAR COMES HOME

Lawless' uniform retired during Behrend ceremony

by David Bruce

"Everyone will be famous for 15 minutes." -Andy Warhol

Warhol's famous quote came true for Behrend's most famous athlete when Tom Lawless slammed a three-run homer in the World Series last month. On Nov. 9 Behrend celebrated Lawless' achievement by inviting him on campus and retiring his number.

At the ceremony to retire Lawless' number three, both Dean Lilley and Athletic Director Herb Lauffer lauded Lawless' accomplishments to a crowd of reporters and the public. Lauffer also talked about all "The Lawless-types in their own professions...returning something to the community."

They then unveiled Lawless' old Behrend uniform, enclosed in glass with a current picture of him in a

Cardinals uniform. He was obviously pleased to back at Behrend, "It's a great thrill to be back here...so many memories that I'll remember for a long time."

After the unveiling, Lawless answered questions for over 30 minutes. When asked about his career at Behrend, Lawless replied, "It's surprising, I don't remember much about the minor leagues, but I remember so much from my days at Behrend, especially the friends I met...they will be a part of me for the rest of my life."

Lawless was asked questions on a wide variety of subjects:

-(Has the fame hit you yet?) "I don't think so, I'm not a big star and I'm going to be the same type of player next year."

-(Did you know the ball was a homer when you hit it?) "I knew I

hit it well, but the park is so big..."

-(Do you want to be a manager?) "It depends on how long I play. My wife isn't too thrilled about all the traveling, but I don't know."

-(Was it difficult playing in the Metrodome?) "It's bad...especially not being able to see the ball...the noise wasn't so bad, you get used to it."

After the press conference, the ceremony moved to the Reed Seminar room where Lawless talked and signed autographs. People were able to talk at length with the Cardinal utility player, as well as with his wife, parents and in-laws.

As for future plans, Lawless said that he has signed for next season, and is also considering several endorsement offers. But for now, Tom Lawless simply wants to bask in the sun.



Tom Lawless poses with his retired uniform and current official St. Louis Cardinals picture.

## Profile: Karin Sabotta

by Marjorie Suroviev

She graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.S. degree in Physical Education. She also earned a minor in Psychology and in Athletic training. She came to Behrend in 1984 after obtaining her master's degree in Sports Medicine. She is professor and coach, Karin Sabotta.

At college, Karin played both basketball and tennis, even then she knew that she wanted to teach athletics at the college level. "My friends always asked me why I didn't want to teach at a high school or grade school level. I just knew right away that after being in college for six years, I wanted to teach at the college level. I saw all the potential and learning and I wanted to be a part of that."

When Karin made the trip from Oregon to Erie, she didn't know what to expect. She was told that easterners were a snotty bunch, but when she arrived, that wasn't the case.

"I was really impressed with this institution. I knew it was nationally recognized, but more than that, the people were very friendly and made me feel at home," said Karin.

Karin brought her friendliness, as well as fresh ideas to Behrend. One of these ideas is the "found-money fund". This idea is the gradual accumulation of found money which is placed back into the University to help the students. Presently there is over \$100 in the fund.

Karin is definitely an important part of Behrend's athletic and academic family. She teaches bowling, tennis and basketball classes, besides coaching both the women's basketball and tennis teams.

She truly cares about her students. "Even after they graduate, I want to know how they are, how they like their job and if everything is going fine," said Karin.

While the students are still at Behrend, Karin tries to encourage them, "Believe in yourself, and know that everyone has some talent that they can use to make a significant impact on at one person's

life," Karin suggests.

Not only is Karin Sabotta a faculty member who is highly involved with her students but she is actually a player, coach, athlete and student (of life, that is).



photo by Rick Brooks

## Nittany Lions back on path

by Richard Cain

On Halloween, the Penn State football team got back on the winning track with a come-from-behind, 25-21 victory over West Virginia. Down 21-10 with five minutes left to play, Leroy Thompson, the Lion's freshman kick returner, ran one back to the 42-yard line.

This set the stage for quarterback Matt Knizner to lead the Lion's comeback charge. Knizner took the team in for a score in six plays with passes to Michael Timpson and Michael Alexander mixed in with strong running from tailback Blair Thomas (36 carries for 181 yards, a career high). Thomas capped it off with a one-yard dive and a two-point conversion catch to narrow the margin to 21-18.

The game was now up to the defense who met their task by forcing the Mountaineers to punt on their fourth play. This placed the ball back in Knizner's hands for hopefully another scoring drive. He did so in typical Penn State style by running the ball right down West Virginia's throat.

Head Coach Joe Paterno discussed Knizner's performance with the Daily Collegian's Robert Wil-

liams, "I was proud of Knizner. He wasn't playing well and he came back. He didn't give up on himself. It was the kind of game I like to see Penn State play."

Mountaineer quarterback Major Harris said, "I thought late in the game we had them worn down, but they have some great running backs and they made some great plays and scored on us."

The following week, the Lion's met the Maryland Terapins in another tough game in which Penn State won, 21-16. Blair Thomas had another superb game, adding 138 yards to his 1,000-plus season, but the real star of the game was the Lion defense. Defensive back Dwayne Downing returned an interception for an early score to give the Lions the spark they needed.

Downing told Williams after the game, "We came out sluggish, we were looking for the big play and it just happened to be me. I think that it kind of got everybody going."

The other big plays came from linebackers Brian Chizmar and Pete Giftopolous. Chizmar nailed Terp's quarterback Neil O'Donnell on the goal-line, saving a touchdown and knocking O'Donnell out of the game. Then, on the final play of the

game, Giftopolous picked off a Maryland last-chance pass.

These two victories set the stage for the Lion's annual bloodbath with Pitt. For the first time since 1955, the Lions were shut out by the Panthers, 10-0, in what turned out to be a vicious defensive battle.

Craig "Ironhead" Heyward (160 yards rushing) led Pitt to the only offensive points of the day, a 44-yard field goal by Jeff Van Horne, on their first possession. Strong defense by both teams kept the score at 3-0 until the final minutes of play when, with Penn State desperately trying to get on the board, Pitt defensive back Billy Owens intercepted a Lion pass and returned it for the only touchdown of the day.

The Nittany Lions will finish their regular season on Nov. 21 with a home game against Notre Dame. The Irish, led by Heisman candidate Tim Brown, come to Beaver Stadium with an 8-1 record and ranked seventh in the country.

Regardless of the outcome of the Notre Dame contest, the Lions have been given a bid to play in the Florida Citrus Bowl against Clemson. All things considered, Joe Paterno should be happy with that.

## N.B.A. Predictions

by Andy Dobry

With the NBA season now in full swing, it's time once again for annual predictions.

In the Atlantic Conference, Boston is the only team with a chance to make it to the Eastern Conference finals. However, old age combined with lack of speed and depth will keep the Celtics from reaching the championship series. The Celtic starting five will once again be forced to carry the team, and only a miracle will keep these aging players from injury. The rest of the Atlantic Conference will struggle to play .500 basketball. Bernard King could be the spark to put the Knicks on the right track. New coach Rick Pitino will whip Patrick Ewing and the rest of the Knicks into a much more competitive group. The 76ers will battle New York for second place solely because of Charles Barkley. Washington deserves to wind up in the basement of the division for wasting a first-round draft pick on 5'3" Tyrone Bogue, but that honor will go to New Jersey. Both the Bullets and Nets will struggle to win 30 games.

Atlanta will emerge from the Central Division to replace Boston as the best of the East. Dominique Wilkins will carry the team, and either Doc Rivers or John Battle

should be the point guard needed to put the team over the top. If Atlanta doesn't eliminate Boston, then surely Detroit will. Isiah Thomas, Adrian Dantley and basketball's best bench will push the Pistons toward the Championship Series. Indiana, Chicago and Milwaukee all have legitimate chances to make some noise in the playoffs. Reggie Miller gives the Pacers much needed bench strength to go with Rookie of the Year Chuck Person. Michael Jordan is still the main man in Chicago, but Charles Oakley is coming around as one of the league's best rebounders. Milwaukee is always a safe bet to win 50 games, and the Bucks will surely be in the playoffs when spring rolls around. Cleveland is the Central Division's cellar dweller, but the Cavs may still be good enough to make the playoffs behind their great sophomore group.

Dallas is clearly the class of the Midwest division. The Mavs are strong in all areas and finally have a strong center in 7'2" James Donaldson. Houston will return to their 1985 form, especially if they can find a way to deal Ralph Sampson for a true point guard. Utah will begin to fade into a mediocre team, especially after trading Dell Curry,

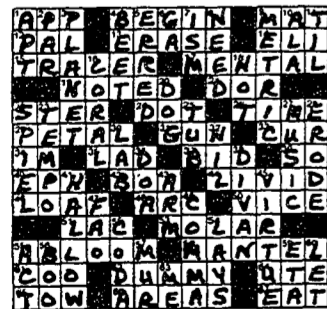
considered by many to be the best small player in last years draft. Bill Russell will turn Sacramento around even without a real star. Denver may miss the playoffs, especially if a healthy Calvin Natt doesn't return to the starting lineup. San Antonio rests their hopes on Peter Gunderson, which is a sign of where they'll be come playoff time. Spur fans will be better off leaving the country for a while until David Robinson becomes eligible.

In the Pacific Division the, the Lakers will once again run away with the title. With no weak link, Los Angeles should coast to 60 wins and a repeat NBA title. Seattle will assert itself as an NBA elite behind Nate McMillan and Tom Chambers. Joe Barry Carol and Sleepy Floyd have Golden State on the upswing, while the loss of Sam Bowie for another season will keep Portland below .500. Phoenix and the LA clippers will miss the playoffs and will spend 1987 looking forward to the lottery draft for future improvement.

Look for the Lakers to battle either Detroit or Atlanta for the championship in May, and look for every team in the NBA to search for a way into luring San Antonio into parting with Mr. Robinson.

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