

Memories of Baseball Trip to Florida

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Friday, Feb. 26 - We left Behrend at 3pm, right on time. The team appears to be excited, Neil Higgins brought along what is perhaps the ugliest cowboy hat I have ever seen. It looks like an ostrich crawled on his brim and died.

We're about two hours into the trip, just outside Pittsburgh and I have already lost \$1.50 in poker. Hopefully not a sign of things to come.

The big poker winner was Craig Fusina, Craig is an upbeat, talkative, almost hyper guy; just the type of person I want to spend 24 hours with on a bus.

...It's now almost 9pm, many of the players are playing Pictionary, while the rest of us are trying to sleep. Unfortunately, one shrill voice rises above the others...Coach Bari's.

Saturday, Feb. 27 - A little after 7am, we pull into a truck stop in

Savannah, Georgia. About ten of us discover a game room with the strangest video game I have seen. It's a video poker machine, but instead of winning or losing points, there is a t.v. monitor above the game and a girl (or guy if you want) takes off an article of clothing. A strip poker machine!

Of course we start playing, but an interesting pattern develops, we win the first hand, watch this woman take off her headband, then we lose a poker hand and she puts it back on. What a rip off. But boys will be boys, and we spent almost \$5 before the bus pulled out.

...Now its just past 1pm and we are going through what is perhaps the cleanest city in the country, Orlando, Florida. There is no litter, no pollution, no people. Everybody must be locked up inside.

We pull into our hotel in Lakeland at 2:30, but there is a mix-up, our rooms aren't ready. I feel sorry for the hotel manager for

he is about to deal with Coach Bari's temper. Anyway, the rooms are soon ready so we change and go to practice.

Warner Southern College is playing Grand Valley State - two teams that we are playing this week so we watch their game before we practice. Neither team is playing very well and we go to bed quite confident.

Sunday Feb. 28 - We sleep until 11 since practice is at three. Many of the players go to the motel pool and bask in the scorching Florida sun, not realizing how powerful it is.

As a result, it was a slightly burned baseball team that practiced that afternoon.

Tonight, several of us wandered around the city of Lakeland, looking for something to do. We end up in our room, playing cards. Coach Bari has succeeded in

removing all temptation and excitement from our trip.

Monday, Feb. 29 - After a morning practice, we again lay out by the pool and deepen our burn. After dinner we play poker - this is getting monotonous, and watch one of my all-time favorite movies, *Animal House*.

While we play cards, we talk about tomorrow's game against Warner Southern, we don't think we will have any problems...

Tuesday, March 1 - Not the best of days, we lost 13-10. We hit well and we only made one error, but our pitching was terrible. Steve Davido, a freshman, started. He looked good in the winter, but he was obviously nervous today. That's to be expected, I know he will improve as the season goes on.

As for myself, I was not proud with my relief appearance today. I was wild, four walks, and three of

those walks scored. I hope I improve on Saturday, when I start.

The loss didn't have an effect on our nightly card game, but when Joe Cunningham brought along several of his friends from Punxsatowney, all girls, it became a different matter completely. It was as if had been three months, not three days, since we had seen women.

The appearance of the girls didn't have an effect on Shawn Selby who won \$8 tonight.

Wednesday, March 2 - Our off day, we got up at 9:30 and went to Boardwalk and Baseball; a combination amusement park and baseball complex.

We watched the K.C. Royals play an intrasquad game. We also saw some really cute girls. Part of this over-reaction to girls is the fact that there are no women at our motel, or in all of Lakeland for that

matter. This situation was so serious at one point that three of the players, who shall remain nameless, tried to flag down cars on the highway in an effort to meet girls.

Thursday, March 3 - This morning most of the team traveled to the Cincinnati Reds' training camp. Good News - we were able to see Eric Davis, Mario Soto, Pete Rose, etc. up close and personal. Bad News - We had to walk three miles around the outside the complex to get from one field to another because of overzealous security guards.

We played Southeastern College tonight, a game we should have won easily. We lost 8-7 when they scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth. We played rotten defense and struggled at the plate, we aren't improving with each game, we're

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Olympic Afterthought

by Rick Cain
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Thinking about the 1988 Winter Olympics in retrospect, a number of images come to mind. Remember the tragedy of American speed skater Dan Jansen and the non-chalant of Italian playboy/skier Alberto Tomba. Remember the gaudy make-up of East Germany's graceful Katarina Witt and the unbreakable spirit of Great Britain's high flying Eddie "The Eagle." But most of all, remember that the greatest country in the world (our own U.S. of A.) was capable of obtaining a mere six medals, only two of them gold.

Of course winning isn't everything, and every athlete on the Olympic team deserves the utmost respect. But for a nation as blessed with talent as our own, a decent showing in each event should be a given. So why did the red, white and blue fail so badly? The answer is simple, money. Absurd, you say, the United States is one of, if not the, richest country in the world. How can money be a problem. The problem is that the government of this grand country did not give, and has never given, financial support to our athletes.

The funding for our athletes was left up to the American people. A people who are taxed annually by the same government that supplied nothing for their olympic team. Now I cannot speak for everyone, but I myself would rather have my tax dollars go to athletes competing for the pride of the country instead of going towards the construction of mass annihilating weapons or to a bunch of psychotic South American rebels.

The Soviet Union and East Germany, we are told, engage in the building of weapons and fighting of foreign wars every day. So how were they able to subsidize their athletes to a degree that they won a combined total 54 medals, 20 of them gold. What does this mean? Is the communist government better than our democratic system? I think not, but until the government of the United States finds it in their heart, and wallet, to help the cause, our present olympic sponsor (Spuds something or other) has a better chance of winning than the American athletes.

Spring Volleyball Kicks Off

by Ray Van Dusen
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Volleyball is in the air! While the women's team gears up for the spring season, the men's club team prepares for a busy schedule.

Women's coach Jan Wilson is looking forward to productive practices to build a solid team from. Last year's team was plagued with injuries and other problems, and Wilson hopes for a better season this spring and next fall.

Practice began March 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be held every Sunday at the same time. Coach Wilson expects to begin with 16 people. Three of last fall's team members will participate this spring along with some new prospects for next fall's team. Three of the girls who played on the team are involved in other sports and will be unable to play until next fall.

Included in the spring schedule will be four tournaments, the first of which will be held here at Behrend on Saturday, March 26 from 10 until 2, with Edinboro, Mercyhurst, Clarion, and Ashland Universities expected to attend.

After Behrend's tournament, the girls will go over the road to play at Ashland, Clarion, and Allegheny Universities. These tournaments will be competitive, but will also provide a fun time for the women. The Behrend tournament will be one that is officiated by members of the four women's teams which will

remove the pressures that may accompany the regular season matches.

Next year's team is hopeful, according to Coach Wilson, "I have six returning students back for next fall," this will give the team some experience.

"If I get the recruits I'm hoping for we will look really well," said Coach Wilson, "I am looking at a real good middle hitter blocker out of Sharpshooter High School and I think she will help us out a lot. I have two transfer students coming in that will be juniors, they are

transferring from Wilkes-barre and Altoona. They should add a little poise to the team."

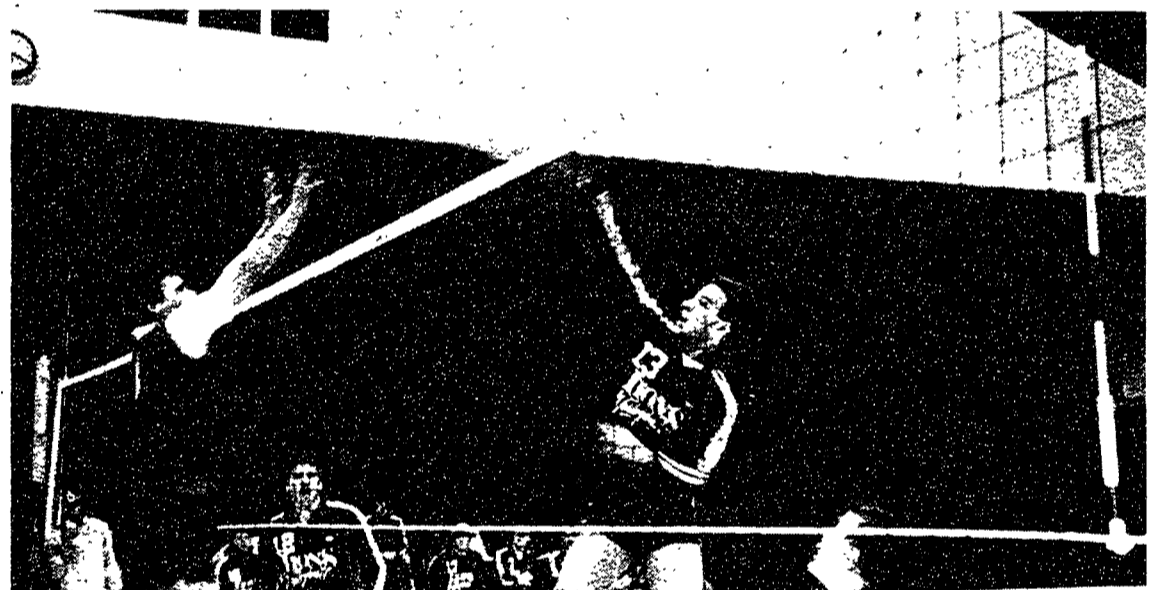
Having a tough schedule next fall and these tournaments to prepare, the women will undoubtedly be well tested.

The men's club team has a tough road to haul. The men recently returned from a tournament at Genesee where they finished in fifth place.

The team, with a 1-2 record, will take on a packed schedule. Both losses were handed to them by Allegheny College, one of the top

teams in their league. Starting a schedule against Mercyhurst on March 10th, the men would spend in the next few weeks playing seven matches in nine days.

President of the club, Ken Fisher, remarked "the team looks really strong this year. We have a really balanced team with two good setters, big hitters all the way around, and a real supportive bench."



Unidentified Lion volleyball player spikes the ball

photo by Rick Brooks

1988 WINTER OLYMPIC RESULTS

Courtesy of The Sporting News

Biathlon

Men's 10-Kilometer: 1. Frank-Peter Roetsch, E. Germany. 2. Valeri Medvedtsev, Soviet Union. 3. Serguei Tehepikov, Soviet Union.

Men's 20-Kilometer: 1. Frank-Peter Roetsch, E. Germany. 2. Valeri Medvedtsev, Soviet Union. 3. Johann Passler, Italy.

Men's 30-Kilometer Relay: 1. Soviet Union. 2. W. Germany. 3. Italy.

Bobsledding

Men's Two-Man: 1. Soviet Union. 2. E. Germany. 3. E. Germany.

Men's Four-Man: 1. Switzerland. 2. E. Germany. 3. Soviet Union.

Cross-Country Skiing

Men's 15-Kilometer: 1. Mikhail Deviatarov, Soviet Union. 2. Pal Mikkelsplass, Norway. 3. Vladimir Smirnov, Soviet Union.

Men's 30-Kilometer: 1. Alexei Prokourorov, Soviet

Union. 2. Vladimir Smirnov, Soviet Union. 3. Vegard Ulvang, Norway.

Men's 50-Kilometer: 1. Gunde Svan, Sweden. 2. Maurizio Dezolt, Italy. 3. Andy Gruenfelder, Switzerland.

Men's 40-Kilometer Relay: 1. Sweden. 2. Soviet Union. 3. Czechoslovakia.

Women's Five-Kilometer: 1. Marjo Matikainen, Finland. 2. Tamara Tikhonova, Soviet Union. 3. Vida Ventsene, Soviet Union.

Women's 10-Kilometer: 1. Vida Ventsene, Soviet Union. 2. Raisa Smetanina, Soviet Union. 3. Marjo Matikainen, Finland.

Women's 20-Kilometer: 1. Tamara Tikhonova, Soviet Union. 2. Anfissa Reztsova, Soviet Union. 3. Raisa Smetanina, Soviet Union.

Women's 20-Kilometer Relay: 1. Soviet Union. 2. Norway. 3. Finland.

Figure Skating

Men's: 1. Brian Boitano, U.S.A. 2. Brian Orser, Canada. 3. Victor Petrenko, Soviet Union.

Women's: 1. Katarina Witt, E. Germany. 2. Elizabeth Manley, Canada. 3. Debi Thomas, U.S.A.

Pairs: 1. Soviet Union. 2. Soviet Union. 3. U.S.A. (Peter Oppegard & Jill Watson).

Ice Dancing: 1. Soviet Union. 2. Soviet Union. 3. Canada.

Ice Hockey

Men's: 1. Soviet Union. 2. Finland. 3. Sweden.

Luge

Men's: 1. Jens Mueller, E. Germany. 2. Georg Hackl, W. Germany. 3. Iouri Khartchenko, Soviet Union.

Men's Pairs: 1. E. Germany. 2. E. Germany. 3. W. Germany.

Women's: 1. Steffi Walter, E. Germany. 2. Ute Oberhoffner, E. Germany. 3. Cerstin Schmidt, E. Germany.

Nordic Combined

Men's: 1. Hippolyt Kempf, Switzerland. 2. Klaus Sulzenbacher, Austria. 3. Allar Levandi, Soviet Union.

Men's Team: 1. W. Germany. 2. Switzerland. 3. Austria.

Skiing

Men's Downhill: 1. Pirmin Zurbriggen, Switzerland. 2. Peter Mueller, Switzerland. 3. Frank Piccard, France.

Men's Slalom: 1. Alberto Tomba, Italy. 2. Frank Woerndl, W. Germany. 3. Paul Frommelt, Liechtenstein.

Men's Combined: 1. Hubert Strolz, Austria. 2. Bernhard Gstrein, Austria. 3. Paul Accola, Switzerland.

Men's Giant Slalom: 1. Alberto Tomba, Italy. 2. Hubert

Strolz, Austria. 3. Pirmin Zurbriggen, Switzerland.

Men's Super G: 1. Frank Piccard, France. 2. Helmut Mayer, Austria. 3. Lars-Boerje Eriksson, Sweden.

Women's Downhill: 1. Marina Kiehl, W. Germany. 2. Brigitte Oertli, Switzerland. 3. Karen Percy, Canada.

Women's Slalom: 1. Vreni Schneider, Switzerland. 2. Mateja Svet, Yugoslavia. 3. Christa Kinshofer-Guethlein, W. Germany.

Women's Combined: 1. Anita Wachter, Austria. 2. Brigitte Oertli, Switzerland. 3. Maria Walliser, Switzerland.

Women's Giant Slalom: 1. Vreni Schneider, Switzerland. 2. Christa Kinshofer-Guethlein. 3. Maria Walliser, Switzerland.

Women's Super G: 1. Sigrid Wolf, Austria. 2. Michela Figina, Switzerland. 3. Karen Percy, Canada.

Ski Jumping

Men's 70-Meters: 1. Matti Nykanen, Finland. 2. Pavel Ploc, Czechoslovakia. 3. Jiri Malec, Czechoslovakia.

Men's 90-Meters: 1. Matti Nykanen, Finland. 2. Erik Johnson, Norway. 3. Matjaz Debclak, Yugoslavia.

Men's Team: 1. Finland. 2. Yugoslavia. 3. Norway.

Speed Skating

Men's 500 Meters: 1. Jens-Uwe Mey, E. Germany. 2. Jan Ykema, Holland. 3. Akira Kuroiwa, Japan.

Men's 1,000 Meters: 1. Nikolai Guliaev, Soviet Union. 2. Jens-Uwe Mey, E. Germany. 3. Igor Zhelozovskiy, Soviet Union.

Men's 1,500 Meters: 1. Andre Hoffmann, E. Germany. 2. Eric Flaim, U.S.A. 3. Michael Hadschoff, Austria.

Men's 5,000 Meters: 1. Thomas Gustafson, Sweden. 2. Leo Visser, Holland. 3. Gerard Kemkers, Holland.

Men's 10,000 Meters: 1. Thomas Gustafson, Sweden. 2. Michael Hadschoff, Austria. 3. Leo Visser, Holland.

Women's 500 Meters: 1. Bonnie Blair, U.S.A. 2. Christa Rothenburger, E. Germany. 3. Karin Kania, E. Germany.

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Women's 1,500 Meters: 1. Yvonne Van Gennip, Holland. 2. Karin Kania, E. Germany. 3. Andrea Ehrig, E. Germany.

Women's 3,000 Meters: 1. Yvonne Van Gennip, Holland. 2. Andrea Ehrig, E. Germany. 3. Gabi Zange, E. Germany.

Women's 5,000 Meters: 1. Yvonne Van Gennip, Holland. 2. Andrea Ehrig, E. Germany. 3. Gabi Zange, E. Germany.

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