

# JUST SOME RANDOM, INCOHERENT THOUGHTS

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The vacant women's basketball coaches' spot has yet to be filled. Athletic Director Herb Lauffer is talking with at least one applicant for the post, which has been open since Karin Sabotta resigned last month.

While the men's baseball and tennis teams are struggling, the women's softball team is playing fairly well, thanks to strong freshman such as Theresa Sumner and Jennifer Mouris. Their record is 3-5 which is not bad considering the strength of their schedule and the youthfulness of the squad.

On a national note, Pittsburgh hockey fans are about to see a silver lining in the dark cloud of the Penguins season. Due to a unique promise made by the N.H.L. franchise, every season ticket holder will receive a partial rebate because the Penguins did not make the playoffs.

The Cleveland Indians are once again the talk of the A.L. East. Last

year it was the story of an over-hyped team that fell flat on their faces. This season the Indians were not expected to do anything, but they are 6-1 with a staff E.R.A. of just over 1.00. They are tied for first place...but we will see in September if it is for real.

Speaking of last season, the Erie Times-News ran a story of former Behrend standout Tom Lawless and his attempt to stick with the St. Louis Cardinals' 1988 squad. Lawless, who shocked the baseball world with a game-winning homer in Game 3 of the 1987 World Series, is expected to see more action this season, mostly as a pinch runner. Last season Lawless was the emergency catcher and as a result, would not play very often.

There may be a boxer capable of challenging heavyweight champ Mike Tyson. Evander "Real Deal" Holyfield is now the undisputed cruiserweight (190 lb.) champ and he is looking to move up to the heavyweight division. Holyfield is a no-nonsense, aggressive fighter who can take a punch and is fast enough to elude the, too. He could actually give Tyson a bout, that is, if Michael Spinks doesn't beat him first.

If anybody doubts the value of the Laker's Magic Johnson, take a look at the team's performance since he suffered a groin injury. They have lost to such N.B.A. powerhouses as the L.A. Clippers and the Portland Trailblazers. With Johnson in the line-up, the Lakers are the best team in the league (Celtic and Piston fans can reach me at 454-1178).

In the N.H.L. playoffs, look for the survivor of the Buffalo-Boston bloodbath to win it all. After the violence of that series, the rest of the playoffs will seem like a walk in the park.

The Pittsburgh Pirates are setting all sorts of records so far in this young season. They had a sell-out on Monday, for the first time in over five years, and centerfielder Barry Bonds has had a leadoff hit in all six Pirate contests.

Finally, about the fact that the Pittsburgh Steelers are attempting to trade much maligned quarterback Mark Malone to San Diego. If they can get anything for Malone, even if it is only a tenth round draft pick and a dozen cheerleader uniforms, it would be a steal for the steel city.



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LADY LION LISA BUTCH MAKES CONTACT AGAINST EDINBORO

## LADY LIONS TAKE THE FIELD

by Rick Cain  
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Head Softball Coach Ann Burbules led her squad of Lady Lions onto the diamond last month for the opening games of the 1988 season. On March 28, the Mt. Union. It was here, in Ohio, that the young, inexperienced Lady Lions received their first taste of defeat. The final scores of the doubleheader were 6-1 and 6-3. Freshmen Theresa Sumner and Jennifer Mouris pitched the complete game losses.

Their next contest was at Thiel on March 30. Here the Lady Lions showed their talent taking both

games by the score of 12-4. In the first game Sumner pitched a brilliant three hitter while tallying four hits of her own. The second game proved to be another solid pitching performance for Mouris with Co-Captain Lisa Butch recording three hits and four runs scored.

Their next opponent was Buffalo State on April 8. The Lady Lions came through in the first game of their home opener with an 8-4 win. Co-Captains Lisa Butch, Lisa Dorenkamp, and freshman Brenda Rose all had three hits with Sumner getting her second win on the mound. In the second game, the Lady Lions came up short, 9-7. Sumner had a single and a double

and Dorenkamp had a double.

Coach Burbules is very happy with her team's progress. "We have the talent, depth, and attitude needed to be a winning team," commented Burbules. "Theresa has come on well and Jennifer has had good control." Burbules went on to add, "We have not yet realized our potential and we all have good expectations." Having already bettered last years 2-21 record, the Lady Lion's goal of a .500 season is very possible.

At press time, the Lady Lions dropped games to Claion (5-2 & 12-2) and Edinboro (12-1 & 8-1), dropping the overall record to 3-7.

# KANSAS JAYHAWKS #1!

by Jack Grow  
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The NCAA Men's Basketball Championship came down to the Kansas Jayhawks and the Oklahoma Sooners. This was a result of the semi-final games in which Kansas defeated Duke and Oklahoma defeated Arizona.

Kansas played a smothering defense against Duke which gave them an early 14 point lead that they never relinquished. Surprising many, Duke's exclusive use of Billy King against the opponents leading scorer worked against them. Danny Manning was too big for King to cover so he was switched to Milt Newton. The net result, Manning and Newton destroyed Duke inside to lead the Jayhawks to victory, 66-59.

Oklahoma surprisingly cruised to a 86-78 victory over Arizona as they led the Wildcats Steve Kerr to a mere two for thirteen shooting. The only bright spot for Arizona was forward Sean Elliot's 31 points which led all scorers. The up-tempo pace that Oklahoma set early on was just too much for the Wildcats to keep up with.

On to the final game. I believe that, although they did not exactly cruise to the Final Four, Kansas did escape from playing a number of quality teams. North Carolina State, Pittsburgh, and Purdue were all upset by weaker teams thus eliminating the top three seeds in the Midwest Region. Then, as luck would have it, Duke and Oklahoma had both beaten Kansas earlier in the

year giving the Jayhawks an emotional advantage. Combine this with the fact that the Final Four was played in Kansas City and you have a championship tailor made for the Jayhawks.

The statistical key to the final game was Kansas' phenomenal 64% shooting. How did they shoot so well? The answer is simple, the Jayhawks broke Oklahoma's press (the only team to do so all year). By using their big men to dribble and pass up the court, Kansas broke through the Sooners ranks to convert easy baskets giving them the victory, 83-79.

This tournament proved to be one of the best ever and will always be remembered as the year of Danny Manning and the Kansas Jayhawks.

## A RUNNER'S DREAM COME TRUE

by Ray Van Dusen  
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On April 18, 1988, a runner's dream will come true. Bill Stewart, a twenty-five year old freshman, will participate in the Boston Marathon. A native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of North Allegheny high school, Bill has been running seriously for five or six years.

"My first marathon was the Pittsburgh Marathon," Bill stated, "I then ran the Marine Corp and the Columbus Marathons." In Pittsburgh Bill posted a respectable first time of three hours and forty minutes. He then set out training for the Marine Corp where he bettered his time by twenty minutes. Shortly after this race, Bill was talking with a pair of fellow runners who told him that they had qualified for the Boston Marathon. It was here that Bill set his ultimate goal, to break three hours and qualify for Boston.

Bill trained for a year

preparing for the Columbus Marathon where his goal was realized. Bill crossed the finish line in two hours and fifty-seven minutes setting the stage for his dream date with Boston.

Bill has been training constantly, running whenever his schedule allows. "I run whenever I can fit it in but I don't let it interfere with my school work," said Bill, "I feel running helps me study, it keeps me on schedule." Bill runs alone here at school but he enjoys running with others at his own pace. To accomplish this, Bill travels home to Pittsburgh frequently where he is a member of Hot Harry's North Park

Runners.

Boston is one of the most prestigious marathons in the United States. Qualifying is a feat in itself. Becoming one of the 3,500 qualifiers in the race has enabled Bill to look beyond where he plans to run both the New York and San Francisco marathons in the future.

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