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Hoopster's Season Underway

By Michael Cocciardi

The '78-79 Basketball season got underway this month, and in its first three games the roundballers have come away with 1 victory and 1 defeat. The game with Philadelphia College of Pharmacy was cancelled due to inclement weather. The team's victory came at Lancaster Bible College in a hard-fought 73-64 win. Shepherd College, which led the nation in scoring last year with a 98 point average, dealt the hoopsters a 96-64 blow.

Coach Jim Baker said that this year's schedule is the best and toughest that Capitol has ever had. For the first time Capitol is playing 4 year schools exclusively. That includes such schools as Roanoke, a recent NCAA Div. II champion, Shepherd College, Spring

College Garden, a perennial NAIA playoff contender, and Alvernia College.

Coach Baker feels that his team's best strength is its experience. The Caps lineup includes returning players from last year. They are Kris Elish, Terryl Ferrel, Bobby Cara, Ed McKeown and John Joyce. Since playing together last year, there is a better team cohesiveness among the players.

Baker feels that his team's weakest spots are in rebounding and team depth. On a ten-man squad a major injury could prove detrimental to the team as a whole.

With a small squad and a demanding schedule ahead of them, the roundballers will need the support that students, faculty and administration can give them.

On December 7 the Caps will be playing Alvernia College at 5:30 p.m. in the Hersheypark Arena. It will be the opening game of a basketball double-header. The 8:00 game will feature Penn State's Main Campus against Maryland. This is an excellent chance to give our team the support they need, and to see some fine basketball action.

Bowlers Storm Back

by Mike Knill

After losing to Shippensburg in our first match the Caps stormed back with two impressive wins over Villanova and Maryland. This brought their record to 2-1 and into second place in the EPMIBC league, only one game behind U. Park.

Last Saturday the Caps crushed Villanova here at home. Pete Stefaniak lead the team with a 777 series and winning 4 individual points. The final score of the match was 15-10.

On Sunday the Caps showed their ability to comeback against a powerful Maryland University. After being down after the first game, lead by the clutch bowling of Pete Stefaniak, Jack Dean, and Cap't Mike Knill, the team stormed back to defeat the Ter-rapins 15-10.

The Caps next matches are this weekend against Temple and Villanova in Philadelphia.

Intermediate Bowling

This past Monday night the intramural playoffs were held at Middletown lanes. The order of finish was:

- 1) Outsiders
- 2) Delta House
- 3) Team #7
- 4) The Force
- 5) 11th Framers

If you interested in bowling next term, call Mike Knill (944-1791).

Reader's Pro Playoffs Forecast

Being the last issue before Christmas break, the NFL playoffs will have begun before the winter term. So here is a breakdown of the probable playoff teams in both conferences. The NFC will be handled by Mike Cocciardi, and the AFC by Jim Muselman.

NFC

DALLAS - The Cowboys have got to be everyone's favorite. The only thing that could keep Dallas out of the Super Bowl might be a serious injury to Staubach.

WASHINGTON - With a mobile Joe Theisman as quarter back, and excellent special teams the Redskins could get past the first round.

MINNESOTA - The Vikings have got to be this year's darkhorse. They have shown the capability of playing well in the clutch and with Fran Tarkenton anything's possible..

LOS ANGELES - The Rams will probably be in the Super Bowl, as spectators or course. They just don't have that killer instinct.

GREEN BAY - The longest shot of the bunch. Their talent is limited, but there is always the element of luck.

AFC

NEW ENGLAND - A sure bet to win the AFC East. New England had a tough start but are at their peak. My personal favorite for the big one.

MIAMI - Should be a wild card. Since Greise came back they're almost unbeatable. Another injury to the QB and Miami will be out of the picture.

PITTSBURGH - Started out strong and are now upsettable. Should clinch AFC Central. With a little luck, Bradshaw and Harris could take them to the Super Bowl.

HOUSTON - After a stumbling start Houston has turned into a powerhouse. Campbell has made the transition to the pros and leads the league in rushing. Tough to beat.

OAKLAND - Next week's game with Denver should decide the AFC West. Oakland will prevail. Always tough in the play-offs. Could be the longshot.