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Caps Keep Stumbling: On Losing Streak

by Mike Cociardi

After a dismal road loss to California State, the Caps were looking forward to a better performance at home this week. The homecoming was spoiled, however, by an 86 - 52 blitzing by Philadelphia Pharmacy on Saturday. The loss saddled the Caps with a 3 - 7 mark, and left them in the midst of a three game losing streak.

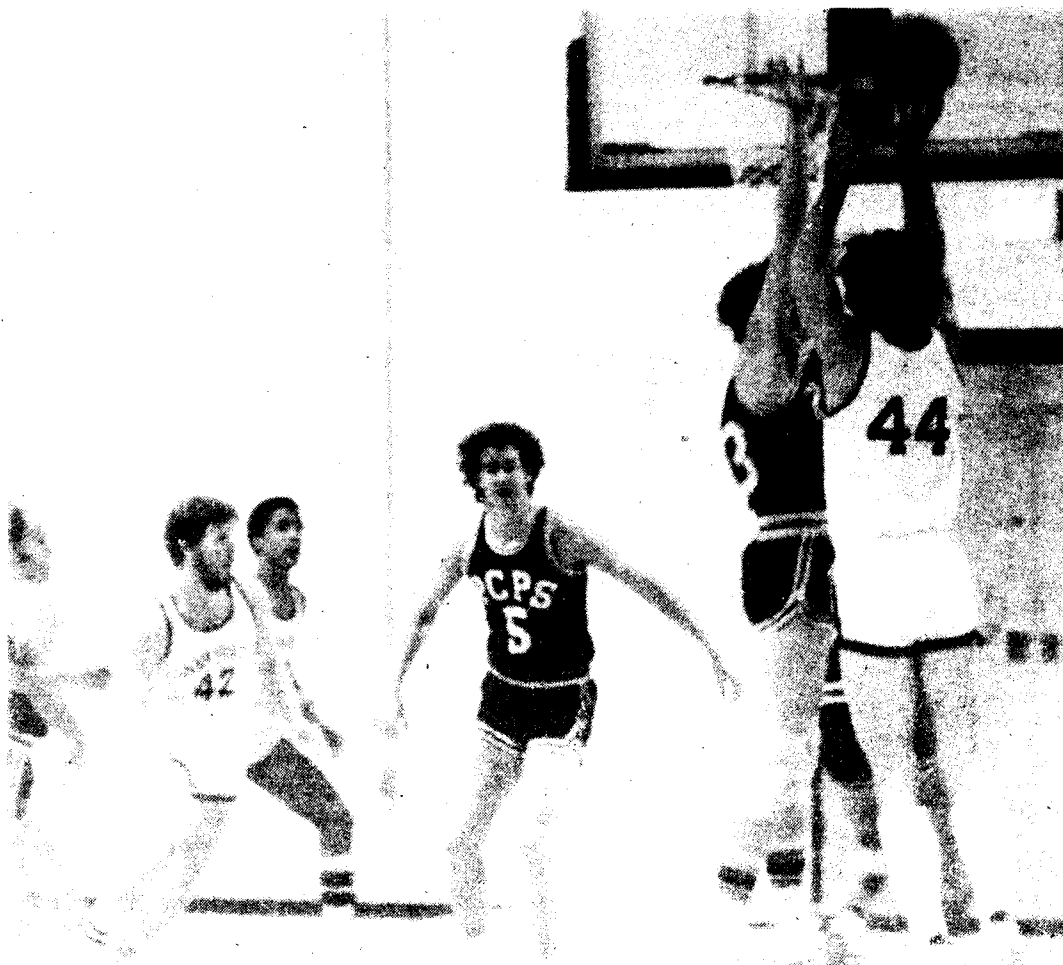
Despite a 16 point performance by Kris Elish, and a 13 point contribution from Tyrrel Ferrell, the Cap offense was unable to generate enough points to stay close. The rest of the Caps scoring broke down this way: Bennett Foxx 8 pts, John Smith 4 pts, Bob Hudrick 4 pts, Tom Gummo 4 pts, and Bob Cara 3 pts.

As has been their main

problem all year, the Caps lack of height has hurt them both offensively and defensively. It's difficult to score a lot of points when you are getting only one shot each time down the floor, without getting the offensive rebounds to get a 2nd or 3rd shot.

The one asset that a basically short team has over a taller opponent, is team speed. If the Caps are to compete more closely they will have to increase their team speed and work off of the fast break more often.

The roundballers will be the guests of York College on Sat. Jan. 27, at 8:15 p.m. A Monday night match-up against Eastern College will be played here at Capitol on Jan. 29, at 8 p.m.



Caps' Kris Blish goes up for 2 against Philadelphia Pharmacy Defender.

photo by bob foster

There's Friction Over Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team's schedule was cancelled on Jan. 12 by Athletic Director Teuben Smitley.

According to Smitley, the games were cancelled due to lack of interest by women students. However, some women students have complained that disorganization on the part of the administration, not student apathy, is to blame.

"I wish to hell they'd come over here to complain," says Smitley. "It's still not too late. If we could get a team up right now, most of the cancelled games could easily be rescheduled."

Smitley's interest does not seem to be mere rhetoric. He has run ads in the C.C. Reader. Put up posters, went to Hershey Medical Center to recruit members (which is technically part of Capitol Campus) as well as urged the few women students who expressed a desire to play basketball to bring any interested friends to practice.

One woman, who prefers not to be identified, says five of six women originally went out for the team in Sept., but there was no coach. At least it seemed like there was no coach since the women were never contacted for practice with a coach until late Nov.

Eventually other activities began to take precedence for some of the team members because morale was so low. She feels a more organized and forceful attempt by the administration could have resulted in a successful women's basketball

program.

Currently, according to Smitley, there are only two women remaining on the basketball team.

The women's basketball schedule was supposed to begin on Nov. 13, according to Coach Charlie Dodd. He agrees with Smitley in that, "There is no basketball team because there are no interested women."

Dodd says he began coaching in Oct.

The 78-79 P.S.U. Bulletin of Capitol Campus shows there are about 2,000 undergraduate students, of which approximately 30 percent are women. Of the 30 percent, only those that are full-time students with GPA's of 2.0 or better may participate in athletic competition.

The reasons why more women do not try out for the basketball team is the same as the reason more men don't try out for the men's team.

Belonging to a school team requires a large commitment of one's time in order to practice and actually play. Most students just don't seem to have the time, or the interest.

Director Smitley is trying to make the women's team a club. Perhaps as a club, rules for coming to practices and games could be made more flexible so that more women could participate.

If any women are interested please contact Director Smitley at the Multi-Purpose building as soon as possible.

Wrestling Room Gets New Equipment

The wrestling room, located on the second floor above the racketball courts will be receiving some new equipment according to Ruth Earehart in the REC/ATH Department.

The new equipment coming in will include three easy kurling bars, two chest expanders, two pair of hand grips, one set of giant crusher grips, a York chest-o-flex and a kurling stand.

This will be the last of the new equipment that will be brought in. At the last count four 5lb barbells and two 10lb barbells were missing.

According to Mrs. Earehart, the barbells will not be replaced because "We can't seem to keep them more than a month before they disappear."

The simple truth is, that the school cannot afford to keep replacing equipment over and over again.

The recent "missing" barbells were missing for the third time in as many sets as were purchased.

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The gymnasium is being reserved fri. evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. for indoor soccer. All soccer team members please note!!!

Thirteen Teams Competing In Intramural B-Ball

by Mike Cociardi

The Intramural Basketball teams will be beginning league play this week. Some thirteen teams have been assembled to compete in roundball action, but if you are not on a team and would like to be, there are some teams who are still looking for players. If you wish to play, contact the Rec/Ath office at 787-7751, or get in touch with a team captain.

Of the thirteen teams, 7 are

still in need of additional members. The 7 teams are Team Z, Red Neck Mothers, Joint Effort, Voit, W.M.C. Flying Wombats, M.A.S.H., and Heart Punch. The remaining teams are Miller Brewing Co., Rays, Passers, The Blues Brothers, Tetards, and the Brain Stems.

Scheduling for games is now in progress. All games will be played in the gym with referees calling the games.

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