

Sports Beat

Capitol B-Ball sets scoring record

By Angelo Vecchio

If the Capitol Campus basketball team's home opener is any indication of what the 1984-85 season has in store, everyone is in for quite a year. The Lions defeated Swarthmore in overtime, 134 - 128, before a good-sized crowd at their Nov. 17 home debut.

Bill Ochall's 52 points established a new Capitol Campus record for the most points scored in a single game by one player (Jack Wilson held the old record of 49 set in 1981). The team also set a game-high

record by scoring 134.

Coach Charlie Bowen and assistant Jack Messinger took Capitol into the locker room at half-time, leading 58-57. But a strong second-half performance by the visitors, led by Tole Hart (who pulled in Swarthmore's game high of 33 points), left the game tied at the end of regulation play, 117-117. The Lions outscored Swarthmore in the overtime period, 17-11, to capture the win.

Ochall's sterling performance was supported by four other Lions scoring in double figures: John Thomas, 21; Bill Styche, 20; Greg Bensing, 17; and George Nelson, 16. Barry Richards scored 5 and Jeff Godzak added 3, all crucial points in the close match up.

The game provided enthusiasm among fans. As 1984 graduate Bob Zalno commented at half-time, "This is exciting. The team is much improved in all aspects of their play. The high scoring is great, but so is the key passing. Players like Barry Richards

have really come along."

Zalno added that he was encouraged by fan turnout, but that a high percentage of those in attendance were parents and other family, and that more students here should come out to see the team. Athletic Director Bud Smitley shared Zalno's view.

"This year's team gives us an opportunity to see exciting games. And it's a chance for the people on this campus to see a bonafide All-American quality player in Bill Ochall. It's be a shame if these performances go unnoticed," Smitley noted.

The team's record, as of this writing, is three wins and one loss. The next game, Dec. 1 at home, is against Gallaudet (from Washington D.C.).

Alumni compete in hoop contest

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Immediately preceding the exciting Capitol basketball home-opener was another exciting game: Capitol Campus defeated Capitol Campus, 78-75.

That's right, basketball-playing alumni from the odd years, 1973-83, defeated Capitol grads from the even years, 1974-84.

Top scorers from the odd years included Charlie Stokes, '83, Lee Holtz, '83, Jack Wilson, '81, Terryl Ferrel, '81, and Paul Hook, '73. Leaders for the even years were Bob Zalno, '84, Brian Gauger, '84, John Portz, '82, Cliff Lewis, '80, and Ben Fox, '80.

The game provided a fun reunion for many, and a good time for others.

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The Capitol Campus cross-country team won the Keystone Athletic Conference (KAC) Championship Nov. 3, although the achievement was tarnished by the fact that only one other team, Alvernia, showed up for the KAC meet.

Capitol won, 22-36, led by Al Newhart, who ran a time of 29:50, well off from his usual pace.

Newhart wasn't the only player turning in an unusually high time, according to coach Bud Smitley.

"The performances didn't

show good times," he said. "Most of the guys were off pace, and I think the hot weather had a lot to do with it." Still, Smitley was quite pleased with the team's overall performance over the 1984 season.

"Last year, we had a more balanced team, with a healthy Joel Hagger. This year, Joel had a nagging foot injury. He'll still be eligible next year. But other guys picked up the slack -- guys like Rich Bergins and Rob Legath, who hadn't competed before -- improved all year long. That's how we finished with a record of 12 wins and 4 losses."

Four out of the team's five starters graduate this year, including Brian Bachman, Dan Miller, Greg Nissley, and Newheart. In addition to Hagger, Bergins and Bob Jurinko could return next year. Still, the outlook isn't all bright. As Smitley said, "Next year we'll be hurting. We just have to hope that we get an influx of several runners to join the guys coming back. It won't be easy, but we'll pull it together."

Athletic Assoc. meets goal

A recent attempt to raise money for Capitol Campus' athletic department nearly reached this year's goal, according to Athletic Director Bud Smitley.

The Capitol Campus Athletic Association's third annual Jog/Walk-a-thon was held recently and Smitley said that total contributions, when fully counted, will be close to this year's goal of \$2500.

Fifty runners participated in the fund-raiser, designed to help with athletic equipment and expenses on campus. Smitley seemed pleased with the event.

"In the three years that the Jog/Walk-a-thon has been held, the CCAA has managed to raise over \$5000. This money is used for things like uniforms and equipment," Smitley said.

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