

SPORTS

Returning Players Give PSH Baseball Bright Future

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The 1990 PSH baseball season has been one plagued by hard luck and injuries, and has had Coach Gary Pritchard looking over his shoulder and into the emergency room.

The Lion's lost three starters to season ending injuries. Starting centerfielder Mike Audi, who combined a solid bat and glove with greyhound-like speed, suffered a broken left wrist after being hit by a pitch in a game against Misericordia.

John White was then moved from shortstop to centerfield to Audi's shoes. White's season came to an end at Alvernia College when, while making an attempt at a ball, he slashed the palm of his right hand on a rock and received several stitches. This left Coach Pritchard with a powerful bat to replace in the three spot.

Starting outfielder and first baseman Ray Acri was also lost for the season due to an injury, leaving the coach with yet another strong bat to replace in the batting order.

Despite the lofty disabled list, the Lions have showed steady improvement

throughout the season. The senior trio of the Nye brothers, Ron and Rob, and Jim "Tank" Petrucci have provided strong leadership as well as some impressive statistics.

Pitcher and infielder Ron Nye leads the team in slugging percentage, batting average, and earned run average--proving to be the Lions' steadiest player.

Catcher Rob Nye, the deadliest arm in NAIA District 19, has thrown out 16 of the 30 baserunners that have attempted to steal on him. Nye also leads the team on base percentage while hitting in the lead-off spot.

Third baseman "Tank" Petrucci possesses a golden glove at third, as well as Jose Canseco's power in slugging the hide off the ball. "Tank" has slugged four homers in fourteen games.

The nucleus of juniors is strong and high hopes are building for a promising 1991 season. Rob Mitchell, a junior fire-baller outfielder and pitcher, has a cannon for an arm. He has showed flashes of brilliance on the mound and should be District 19's most feared pitcher next season. Mitchell also provides a solid bat with two homers, including a grand-slam this season.

The "Turf Rabbits", junior outfielders Don and Marshall Walters, provide both speed and stability in the outfield and also on the base paths.

Joel Strousse has shown improvement throughout the season and his speed should be a pleasant asset in the Lion outfield. Junior, Derrick Slocum, has played a solid first while showing flashes of hitting power.

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Hank's pen rambles

Hank Rappold
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All good things must come to an end, and so with much sadness in my heart I am rambling for the last time in the *Cap. Times*. Before I start tearing up, I better get busy. So let's get out of here...

ESPN must have been hurting for shows the other night. I was reduced to watching the *National Aerobic Championships* brought to me by *Reebok*. Oh what a show! What ever happened to the Battle of the Monster Trucks? Who ever conceived such a national championship? Aerobics are great but a national championship? Come on something is wrong here!... Who here knew that Penn State is the NCAA National Champion in fencing? Well they did! Boy-oh-boy and I thought we only had football and basketball teams... Back to ESPN and the national pasttime of baseball. Their coverage of games is great. Their commentary isn't. But hey all of us baseball fans can now see a lot of baseball and those who don't like baseball can suffer... Toledo, Ohio is once again the place from where our 'who cares' department comes from. The sport is squash and the event is the North American Open. John Nimick of Boston took it to David Boyum of Cambridge, Mass., 16-14, 8-15, 15-8, and 15-12 to win the event. YAWN-way to go John-ZZZZZZ...Bowling is still

on my pen and so is Jim Penack. Well it seems that Big Jim won 4 straight matches to set a record for consecutive wins at 15 in TV matches. Jim also won his third tournament title of the year by winning the \$150,000 Showboat Atlantic City Open. Penack hammered Purvis Granger, 231-215, in the title match... The baseball season is now in full swing and I guess it is time for me to dust off my crazy-eight ball and make a prediction on who will go all the way. To the series, that is. If I would go with the consulting firm of *Paul and Jay* it would have to be the A's, but I'm not. I still like the Cub's but might have to go with the Dodger's. It is to early to decide I can't really say... The NBA finals will soon be here. OK, not until June but they will be here. Not soon but they will be here. Who are the favorites and who aren't? I must go with the local favorite in the 76ers from Philly. Sir Charles will lead them far this year, and who knows where they will end up. No one thought they would win the Atlantic division this year, did they?... One last thing on the A's. I recently saw them in action against Baltimore and they are impressive. The parking in Baltimore, on the other hand, isn't. My car was stuck in the middle of a sea of cars. It took forever to get out of the lot. This means, never park at Memorial stadium... Mud-volleyball was held and
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