

## SPORTS

## PSH hoopsters rolling, break for holidays with 4-4 mark

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The PSH Men's basketball team heads into the Christmas break with a record of four wins and four losses, with one game remaining at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa. Here is a rundown of the first eight games.

## PSH 53 Alvernia 67

In the home opener, the Lion's struggled to score against a quick Alvernia zone defense, scoring only fifteen points in the first half. The Lion's made a late run, but Alvernia capitalized on strong foul shooting. Tom "The Man-Child" Strohm, Mike "What? no" Watts and "Fast" Eddie Miller all scored 15 points.

## PSH 74 Lancaster Bible 52

After a sloppy first half, the Lion's put together a solid effort in the second to soundly defeat Lancaster Bible. Mike Watt's led the Lion's with 19 points and James "Too good to be" Truhe chipped in with 16.

## PSH 73 IUP 116

At Indiana University of Pa., the Lion's found themselves in over their heads as bigger and more talented IUP squad man handled the Lions. James Truhe led PSH with 22 points and Mike Watts added 15.

## PSH 77 Wilmington 73

In Delaware, the Lions defeated Wilmington College for a big conference win on the road. The Lions defense held the Wilmington "system" in check, and big offensive performances from Mike Watts (27 points) and Tom Strohm (25

points) keyed the big road victory.

## PSH 95 Beaver 57

PSH proved to strong for Beaver College in their second of two home games in the fall semester. The Beavers never challenged the Lions led by a balanced attack as all starters scored in double figures. Tom Strohm led all scorers with 28 points and "Jumpin" Jim Mullane added four points.

## PSH 46 Bridgewater, Va. 55

In the opening game of the Bridgewater Invitational Tournament, the Lion's played stingy defense, but poor shooting plagued them. The Lions made some late runs at the Eagles, but some questionable officiating eliminated any Lion hopes of winning. The Lions were also outshot from the free throw line by a margin of 35 to 13. Mike Watts led

the Lions with 17 points.

## PSH 86 Christendom, Va. 70

In the consolation game of the tournament, the Lions played tough "d" once again limiting Christendom's prolific scoring duo to 12 and 13 points below their average. James Truhe led the Lions with 25 points, Mike Watts scored 23 and was named to the All-Tourney team. Tom Strohm added 17.

## PSH 64 Holy Family 82

In a big conference game with the 15th ranked NAIA team in the nation, the Lions hung tough until the nine minute mark. The Lions watched a two point lead with nine minutes to play fall into oblivion as Holy Family caught fire and the Lions went cold. Mike Watts scored 24 for the Lions and Dave Ellis added 19.

## Miller's Corner

## Merry Christmas sports fans

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'Tis the season to be jolly, and I would like to take this opportunity to play the role of Santa Claus and extend my Christmas wishes to the many faces of the sports world.

To "J" the Greek: The Pete Axthelm Guide on "How to make Predictions."

To Al Michaels and Frank Gifford: A pair of ear muffs or a new colorman.

To the Philly Eagles: A playoff spot and then, a new coach. Perhaps Jerry Glanville.

To the Pittsburgh Steelers: The AFC Central division title.

To the Penn State football team: A victory over Florida St. and a number one ranking.

To the Pitt football team: A few miracles or the cancelation of the football program.

To the Houston University football team: A game against Penn State, Miami, or Notre Dame (then we'll see how high David Klinger can run up the score).

To the Philly 76ers: A healthy Johnny Dawkins.

To the Denver Nuggets: A defensive system.

To the Penn State basketball team: A couple of blue chip recruits.

To the Pitt basketball team: A healthy Brian Shorter and the Big East crown.

To the Syracuse basketball team: A coach.

To the Notre Dame basketball team: More games against Butler.

To the PSH basketball team: Meal money instead of snack money. For next season: 16 home games rather than just eight.

To all PSH athletes: More school and administrative support.

To Lisa Olson: An interview with James Worthy and/or Billie Jean King. Better yet, how about Renee Richards?

To Chris Berman: Immortality.

To all PSH students: The CUB hours extended to ten o'clock.

To my predictions: More like my Penn State-Notre Dame prediction.

To all PSH students, faculty and staff: A relaxing, joyous holiday.

To my roommate Miguel (Michael): A safe trip home and a happy holiday (and a bottle of sun tan lotion).

To my mother, father, brothers, and sister: God's blessings and a joyous holiday together.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

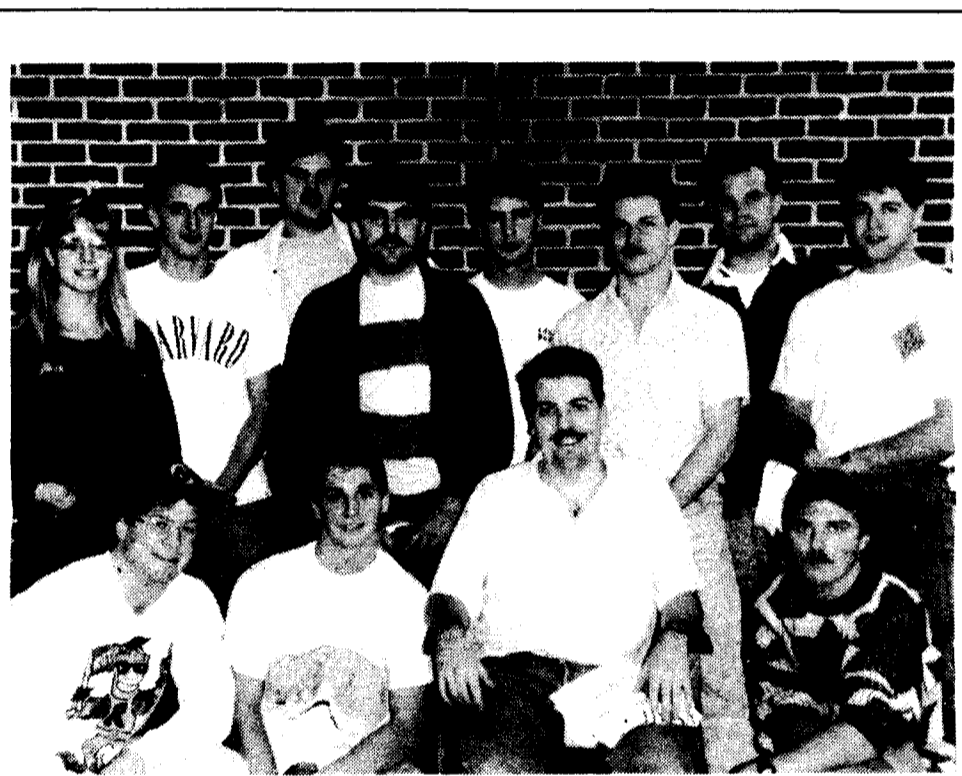


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## Intramural football champs

The Screaming Virgins recently won the IM football crown by finishing the season with an undefeated record of 6-0. Team members are pictured above from l-r, front: Pat Kerod, Tim Kurek, Shawn Connington, and Rick Henigan; rear: Kim Murray, Dave Kupres, Matt Hagelgans, Dennis Reist, Greg Augustine, Gregg Shetty, Henry Reed, and Rick Zika. Missing from photo are Tom Thiede, Mike Madison, Sean Prendergrast, and Eric Wissner.

## Tagliabue fumbles ball over Arizona-King issue

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Yes, Paul Tagliabue is at it again. The beloved NFL Commissioner likes to get himself in the news these days. Tagliabue recently reinstated Dexter Manley soon after his one year suspension was issued. However that genius move begs for a story at another time.

What I am having trouble understanding is this NFL-Arizona issue. Tagliabue may have caused the state to lose sponsor money for the upcoming Copper and Fiesta bowls. He is also threatening to yank the 1993 Super Bowl from the state, and in the process yank \$200 million from the state's revenue.

Why? Because Arizona voters voted down a referendum last month that

would have given Arizona a paid state holiday for Martin Luther King's birthday. There are, of course, some interesting twists to the story.

The commissioner's office told NBC's NFL Live Show that if the referendum, which was to be voted on in two days, did not pass, then the state could possibly lose the Super Bowl.

Tagliabue's genius blackmail move backfired. The referendum was voted down 51-49%. A survey out last week estimated that 60,000 voters changed their minds, and voted against the referendum after learning about the commissioner's "warning". Nice work Paul.

This is not a black and white issue. Arizona does recognize the great work and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King. They just do not recognize it with a state holiday, as 47 other states do. Is

that grounds for the state to lose respect and revenue? Of course not.

Tagliabue was trying to make himself and the NFL look good with his pre-referendum ultimatum. Now, he must follow through on it.

King Paul has forgotten that democracy is this country's cornerstone. King Paul still does not realize that politics and sports do not mix. Remember the Olympic boycott in 1980, Paul? That accomplished a great deal.

Finally Mr. Tagliabue, just why did you create this mountain out of the proverbial molehill? Is it to make yourself look good so you can run for president in '96, or is it because of money that the NFL would lose due to the loss of sponsors?

It can't be the latter. His excellency said so himself that the Super Bowl is

not done for money. I guess that's why the game has been pushed so far back into prime time.

Since the NFL is so opposed to the state, of Arizona's actions, I hope it is not taking any revenue from the Phoenix Cardinals' home games. Tagliabue wouldn't be that hypocritical, would he?

The most appropriate way to close out this article would consist of something I saw on TV a few days ago. Dr. King would be upset if he were alive today, knowing that this much fuss was being made over his birthday. There are so many more important problems in the world today: the Iraq crisis, AIDS, the homeless.

I hope that Mr. Tagliabue receives a shoe horn for Christmas this season and that it is big enough to pry his foot out of his mouth. Now there's a newsworthy scoop.