

Intramural Softball Playoffs Underway

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Penn State Harrisburg's Intramural Softball League finished its regular season on Sept. 30. The final regular season standings are as follows:

TEAM	WINS- LOSSES
Lollipop Gang	6-0
Deez	3-2
Pipelayers	2-2
NQTY	2-4
XGI's	0-5

Playoffs commence Monday, Oct. 4 at 9 p.m. Every team makes the playoffs. The playoff schedule looks like this:

Oct. 4: 9 p.m.
XGI's (5) vs. NQTY (4)
(Game 1).

Oct. 4: 10 p.m.
Pipelayers (3) vs. Deez (2)
(Game 2).

Oct. 5: 9 p.m.
XGI's (5) or NQTY (4) vs.
Lollipop Gang (1)

(Game 3).

Oct. 6: 9 p.m.
Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner
of Game 3
(Championship Game).

The Penn State Harrisburg League Champions will play the Penn State Schuylkill League Champions at Penn State Harrisburg on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. for the Capital College Intramural Softball Championship.

Your Horoscope

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Libra (September 24- October 23): In days to come, playing the diplomat will be the best course of action for you to take. You don't need to choose sides, just play mediator. It is better not to get involved, especially if the parties involved in the duel are family members. In this instance, it is better to ride the fence.

Scorpio (October 24- November 22): If you are feeling a little compulsive lately fight the urge. You need to think things through before making a decision. Rash actions will only cause harm to you and could hurt others. Exercising caution is something you do not do often, but should to avoid sticky situations.

Sagittarius (November 23- December 21): When people say look on the bright side, you have no problems doing so. Your good outlook on life is contagious. Spread your sunshine to others who need it right now. Your optimism will help to make an unpleasant situation a little brighter.

Capricorn (December 22- January 20): Patience is certainly one of your virtues. Being patient in a trying situation is very advantageous. People will look at you in a different light because of your ability to stay cool under pressure. Your level-headed approach will encourage others to include you in their activities.

Aquarius (January 21- February 19): The excitement in your life has helped you to focus on what is important to you. Try and remain patient and avoid having unrealistic expectations. Through hard work, determination, and some heart and soul you should be able to see your dream through.

Pisces (February 20- March 20): Don't wait too long to apologize for something you might have done to upset a friend. You will only create hard feelings and lose a friendship. Say you're sorry, even if you don't think that you have done anything wrong; for how many times have you been needlessly angry at someone and they offered their apologies?

Aries (March 21- April 20): You are an adventurous type- do something new to liven up things. You have had your nose to the grind at work. You need to have a little fun though. All work and no play makes for a pretty boring existence. So loosen up and do something out of the ordinary, something for you.

Taurus (April 21- May 21): Your love life has been a roller coaster ride lately. A big high followed by an even bigger let down. Have faith and keep your options open. You are bound to find what you are looking for when you least expect it. Just be yourself.

Gemini (May 22- June 21): Keep the faith. Things haven't been going well for you lately be it love/friendship, family or work/school sector. It is hard to believe that things will get better when you don't see how they ever could but they will. Try to be positive and remember that what comes around goes around!!

Cancer (June 22- July 22): You are a truly great friend to have. If you helped someone out lately and feel as though you need a shoulder to cry on- don't be afraid to ask. You certainly have lent a shoulder numerous times to others. In friendship, you get what you give, so you should have an abundance of friends.

Leo (July 23- August 22): Love is rough. You know all about that first hand. Relationships are difficult to maintain without the stress of other lovers being involved. Face it, come out the victor in a love triangle. Even though it may hurt to sever the ties, go and lick your wounds. You will be much better off this way.

Virgo (August 23- September 23): Life has been treating you well. You have managed to balance all aspects of your life, which is unusual for you. If you feel you need to add something to your life, now is the time. You are good at juggling many balls at once and right now you may find another ball to catch is just what you need.

Trent Reznor Serves Up Cocktail of Emotion

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Just when you thought rock was dead, Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) returns after a five year hiatus to stir up the music industry again with *The Fragile*.

Reznor's last release *The Downward Spiral* (1994) shocked the music industry and was declared as the pinnacle of what angry music was as well as what Reznor could do. Oh how the critics were wrong!

The Fragile sits as Reznor's return to music as it shells out 23 tracks in all on 2 CD's. Reznor mixes complete songs with instrumentals so that each disc flows as one complete unit, cross fading one song into another as if *The Fragile* were a musical score, perhaps to Reznor's life.

As usual Trent Reznor wrote, performed, and produced almost the entire album. For me, this hails just as good, and perhaps in some ways even better than his last album.

And yes I know that is a strong thing to say since *The Downward Spiral* was declared as one of the best albums of the 90s as well as of the past 25 years.

But Reznor has a gift for being able to blend passion and anger into music that rages blistering guitar riffs with pounding drum beats alongside warm piano melodies.

The album feels as if it begins right where *The Downward Spiral* left off, though the first disc weighs heavier than the second disc.

This cocktail of madness, sadness and happiness opens up with "Somewhat Damaged." The first 20 seconds are a classic Nine Inch Nails sound, which lets you know that Reznor isn't leaving his roots, only maturing them.

Reznor is in full effect as he vents his anger through the lyrics "broken bruised forgotten sore/ too f**ked up to care anymore/ poisoned to my rotten core/too f**ked up to care anymore."

If anyone is wondering whether or not Reznor still sings about his anger towards God, then listen to either "The Wretched" or "The Great Below".

Reznor is known for his descriptive and explicit lyrics, and in "The Wretched" Reznor sheds his soul with "the clouds will part and the sky cracks open/and God himself will reach down his f**king arm through/just to push

you down/just to hold you down."

This atheistic song fades passionately into the album's first single "We're In This Together Now" which showers feedback and shredding guitar chords and Reznor's classic screaming vocals.

Surprisingly though, this song doesn't reflect hate or anger, but love. The lyrics suggest commitment and feelings about a relationship as Trent sings proudly "you and me/we're in this together now/none of them can stop us now/we will make it through somehow/you and me/even after everything/ you're the queen and I'm the king/nothing else means anything."

Another key track on the first disc is "The Fragile" which was the song Reznor and company performed at the 1999 MTV Video Music Awards.

The catchy chorus "I won't let you fall apart" coincides with the opening words "she shines in a world full of ugliness/she matters when everything is meaningless."

The second disc does boast some great songs as well, but they don't measure up to the power of the first one. Don't get me wrong, they're not horrible, it's just that the second disc doesn't have the same feel, but for some that could be a good thing.

Some of the songs take a while to get into and that's what brings them down. The highlight on disc two is the track "Starf**kers, inc." which again displays Reznor's anger towards God and his disbelief.

All in all "The Fragile" is in no way a let down. For die hard Reznor fans two full discs is just what they needed after a five year break, but for other fans they might find it overwhelming. So much so that you might end up only listening to just one of the discs or allow some great tracks to fade away because there are so many.

If you love what Reznor has done before, then pick up *The Fragile*, but if you are not sure about spending money on a double album, then wait for some other singles to be released. It'll probably be a really long time till something else from Reznor is released, so don't feel rushed. Two albums worth of material can allow a lot of radio singles.