

Oopsters a Dominating Force in PSH Intramural B-Ball

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On Wednesday, Feb. 9, I had a chance to watch one of the more dominating teams in the Penn State Harrisburg Intramural Basketball league, the Oopsters.

In this game, the Oopsters put their undefeated 3-0 record on the line against the 0-2 Dynasty.

From the start, the Oopsters dominated the contest rushing out to a commanding 26-6 lead before letting their starters rest.

Guard Dennis Fernandes scored 10 of his 20 points in the opening ten minutes. Center Mike Pohronezny and Forward Allen Wolfe totally dominated under the boards in the first half, creating havoc in the paint for the Dynasty.

The reserves, known as the "lake squad", also dominated all aspects of the game, setting the score at a 48-14 halftime lead.

At the beginning of the second half, Captain Mike Borden led a 12-0 Oopster run hitting three consecutive 3 pointers. Borden finished with 20 points for the night. The "lake squad" came into the contest again after the starters totally dominated the game.

Amadeu Balide highlighted the reserves with a spectacular slam dunk near the end of the game. The final score was 80-24. It could have been a much wider

margin had it not been for Captain Mike Borden's decision to take the starters out in both halves.

Fernandes and Borden led the winners, each scoring 20 points. Pohronezny had 14 points including eight rebounds and Travis Eckert also had a solid game, finishing with 8 points.

The Oopsters put their unblemished record on the line again yesterday against the undefeated Roody Poo's. The results of that game along with playoff news will be in the next issue.

Standings as of Feb. 14:

	W	L
Oopsters	4	0
Roody Poo's	3	0
Da Bulls	2	2
Silver Bullets	1	3
Jagedas	0	3
Dynasty	0	3

Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, Feb 16 - Roody Poo vs. Oopsters; Jagedas vs. Da Bulls

Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Silver Bullets vs. Da Bulls

Playoffs begin Wednesday, Feb. 23. At 9 p.m., 3rd place team vs. 6th place team; at 10 p.m., 4th place team vs. 5th place team. The 1st and 2nd place teams receive a first round bye.

Who's Athlete of the Century?

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Who is your pick for athlete of the century? Quokka Sports, a digital sports entertainment and information web site, asked the best athletes in the world for their opinions. Here's a sample of what they are saying:

Red Auerbach, who won more NBA titles with the Boston Celtics -- nine in the late 1950s and '60s -- than any other coach in history of the league, had this to say:

"When you talk about the greatest athlete, to me that entails more than one sport, so I'm gonna say Jim Thorpe."

The Native-American Thorpe was a college football and track star. In the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Thorpe won both the decathlon and pentathlon. He also played professional baseball for the New York Giants -- and professional football.

Carl Lewis, winner of nine gold medals in four different Olympics from Los Angeles in 1984 to Atlanta in 1996, is the most successful athlete in the history of track and field.

Lewis has always enjoyed watching soccer and one of his brothers played professionally, so there is both passion and understanding of his pick: Pele, the great Brazilian soccer star who first played in the World Cup in 1958.

Pele ultimately scored 1,280 goals in 1,362 games. Says Lewis, "I think he's probably the one person in sports who made the biggest impact around the world."

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Nittany Lions' Big Recruiting Class One of Nation's Best

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On Feb. 2, the Penn State football team signed 29 players on National Signing day.

This first signing day of the new millennium was a great one for the Nittany Lions and should make most Lion fans happy after a disappointing 1999 season that saw the team finish 9-3 after winning their first nine straight games.

This class not only has quantity, but also some great quality and because of that, many recruiting analysts rate this group as not only one of the best classes in the Big Ten, but also in the entire nation.

In last year's somewhat dismal recruiting class, only 11 players were signed and the recruiting class did not even crack the top 20. This year's picks should make up for that.

The Lions signed four Parade All Americans, two from State College Area High School: place-kicker David Kimball and

tailback Tony Johnson. Johnson is the brother of sophomore tailback Larry Johnson Jr., and son of defensive line coach Larry Sr.

Lineman Chris McKelvy of North Penn High School in Lansdale and quarterback Zac Wasserman of Westlake High School in California are the other two Parade All-American recruits.

These four selections are the cornerstones of a recruiting class made primarily of defensive players.

The Nittany Lions also signed six players from eastern

Pennsylvania: Exeter's Jimmy Mitchell, Wilson High School's Peter Gilmore (running back), Cumberland Valley's Jesse Newmeyer (linebacker), Bishop McDevitt's Dan Acri (defensive end), Wilkes-Barre's Paul Jefferson (fullback), and Lebanon's J.D. Benson (linebacker).

Head coach Joe Paterno recently signed a five-year contract extension. This year's recruiting class coupled with the returning players should give JoePa many more wins to add to the 307 he already has.

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vs. New York Blast

Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m.

vs. Morris Revolution