

# Sports

## Intercollegiate sports return to PSH

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After nearly 12 years without intercollegiate sports, Penn State Harrisburg will give them another try this fall.

The new era kicks off when the men's soccer team hosts sister campus Penn State Schuylkill on Sept. 10. Six more teams will take the field during the 2005-06 school year.

The college's Provost and Dean Dr. Madlyn L. Hanes made the announcement on March 16 as students applauded from their seats in the Olmsted Building's food court. Behind Hanes, the Nittany Lion mascot - whose workload will increase considerably by next fall - raised its hands in celebration before hitting the halls to entertain students.

Three more teams - men's baseball, women's volleyball and co-ed cross-country - will begin playing in the fall. Men's and women's basketball will tip off in November and women's softball will begin in March.

The teams will compete against other Penn State branch campuses as part of the upstart Penn State University Athletic Conference, formerly known as the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference.

"Our students who wish to continue their athletic careers after high school now have a four-year opportunity here at Penn State Harrisburg," said Dr. Donald Holtzman, the college's senior director of student life and enrollment services. "Extra-curricular activities should play an integral and constructive role in the lives of our students, enriching their college experience. For this reason, Penn State Harrisburg's administration is reintroducing athletics for the benefit of our entire student population."

PSH cut its intercollegiate athletics program after 20 years in 1993, primarily due to budget constraints.

"[The program] really didn't have the support it needed to survive," said Holtzman.

At the time, the college offered classes for juniors and seniors only, with most students older than the traditional 18-22-year-old college demographic.

That changed when PSH opened its doors to more freshman and sophomores last fall. Holtzman said the move was critical to bringing back intercollegiate sports, which more and more students have been asking about in recent years.

While schedules for each sport have been released, coaches have yet to be named. Bud Smitley, the college's coordinator of recreation and athletics, said the campus is accepting resumes and hopes to have coaches for fall sports in place by mid-July.

The announcement that intercollegiate sports will return to PSH has brought about an influx of inquiries from aspiring coaches and athletes.

"On Friday alone, I must have emailed 20 people who inquired about coaching the various sports," Smitley said.

That same day, he also responded to 20 students who expressed interest in playing.

"It's a good sign," Smitley said. "I'm happy it's coming along the way it is."

Even when faced with the task of getting a seven-team program off the ground, Smitley and Holtzman both have ambitions to further expand athletics at the college. Holtzman said the college hopes to add one or two

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## A tale of the tape from Wilt's big night

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PHILADELPHIA - "Here's the big fourth quarter and everybody's thinking, 'How many is Wilt going to get?' He's got 69 going in. Here's the pass to him. (The crowd roars.) He's got another one!"

Those words from Philadelphia Warriors broadcaster Bill Campbell at the start of perhaps the most remarkable quarter in NBA history - and all the words that followed in the next 20 minutes or so - were presumed lost for more than a quarter-century.

And, if not for a water pipe, a starry night, and several fraternity parties, they might have been.

On March 2, 1962, the night of Wilt Chamberlain's memorable 100-point performance, Jim Trelease, a 20-year-old English major at the University of Massachusetts, taped the radio broadcast of the fourth quarter on a reel-to-reel recorder in his dormitory room.

Assuming thousands of fans had done likewise during that historic Warriors-New York Knicks game, Trelease soon forgot about the recording. A quarter-century later, he learned that his was believed to be the only existing electronic record of Chamberlain's historic final period.

That recording of Campbell's play-by-play on WCAU radio has helped author Gary Pomerantz accumulate valuable details from that historic Friday night at the Hershey Arena in Hershey, Pa., for his new book, "Wilt, 1962."

"It was absolutely invaluable," Pomerantz said.

Trelease, now a 63-year-old education consultant in Springfield, Mass., conceded that his recording was something of a miracle.

"All the stars," he said, "were

aligned just right."

The late-season game between the Eastern Division's second-place Warriors and last-place Knicks was an unappealing one - especially since the teams would play a night later at Madison Square Garden.

Only 4,124 fans showed up at the Hershey Arena for the contest, one of the occasional out-of-town home games the Warriors played. Only two sportswriters from Philadelphia were present. There were none from New York.



A recording of the announcing from Chamberlain's historic game was recently uncovered.



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**Chamberlain scored 100 points in Hershey on March 2, 1962.**

And not only wasn't the game televised, it wasn't even on radio in New York.

Trelease was a Knicks fan and a fledgling play-by-play man for the UMass student radio station. That Friday, a warm and perfectly clear night in New England, he couldn't find the Knicks game on any New York station.

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## Herb counts down baseball's greatest teams

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- 5) 1989 Oakland A's
- 4) 2002 Anaheim Angels
- 3) 1975 Cincinnati Reds
- 2) 1969 New York Mets
- 1) 1998 New York Yankees

Over the past 50 years, some great teams have come and gone from the diamond. Picking just five was difficult enough, and to be fair to all the decades, one team was taken from each of the past five decades. Each one of these teams defined their decade, by not only winning the Fall Classic, but by playing great baseball from April to October. These teams didn't have all-stars at every position, but they played as a team and that ultimately led to their success.

The greatest team in the past half century was undoubtedly the 1998 New York Yankees. The Bronx Bombers won 114 games in the regular season that year without the all-star lineup of present day. Instead of names like Giambi, Johnson, and Rodriguez, the 98 Yanks had names like Irabu, Knoblauch and Curtis. Their leading home run hitter was Tino Martinez with just 28. The team won because of a great bullpen and timely hitting, plain and simple. That was the secret to the Bombers' success. And if they hope to ever win the title again, they may want to try the old method instead of buying up high priced home run hitters.

How can we forget those amazing Mets of 1969? What made them amazing? It was a combination of what they did in 69 plus what they had done in the previous seven

years. Saying the Mets were bad in the early sixties is a big understatement. They were the worst group of ball players ever assembled, losing 100 games in each of their first four seasons. The Big Apple was happy to get a team back after losing both the Dodgers and the Giants in 1958. But after watching year after year of losing, New York fans were wishing the Mets would go to California. What the Mets did in 1969 was so unexpected, it made the team great. Tom Seaver and Nolan Ryan and a bunch of forgettable names comprised this unforgettable team. The Mets fell back into oblivion in the 1970s before a few glory teams of the 1980s. But what the Mets accomplished with the talent on their roster makes them one of the greatest ever.

A discussion of greatest teams must include the Big Red Machine. The Cincinnati Reds of the 1970s dominated the league. Three years of 100 wins and two World Series titles capped off the decade for the Reds. This team, just like the two teams ahead of it on the list, had a few hall of famers mixed in with a group of hard working average players. Names like Rose, Morgan and Bench played alongside such widely successful players like Cesar Geronimo and Merv Rettenmund. These teams mixed their talent well and found ways to win ball games. The Reds won 108 games in the 1975 season before beating the Red Sox in October.

The Anaheim Angels had been around for a few years, winning some games, making a little noise, but nothing to draw notice from most fans. In 2002, the

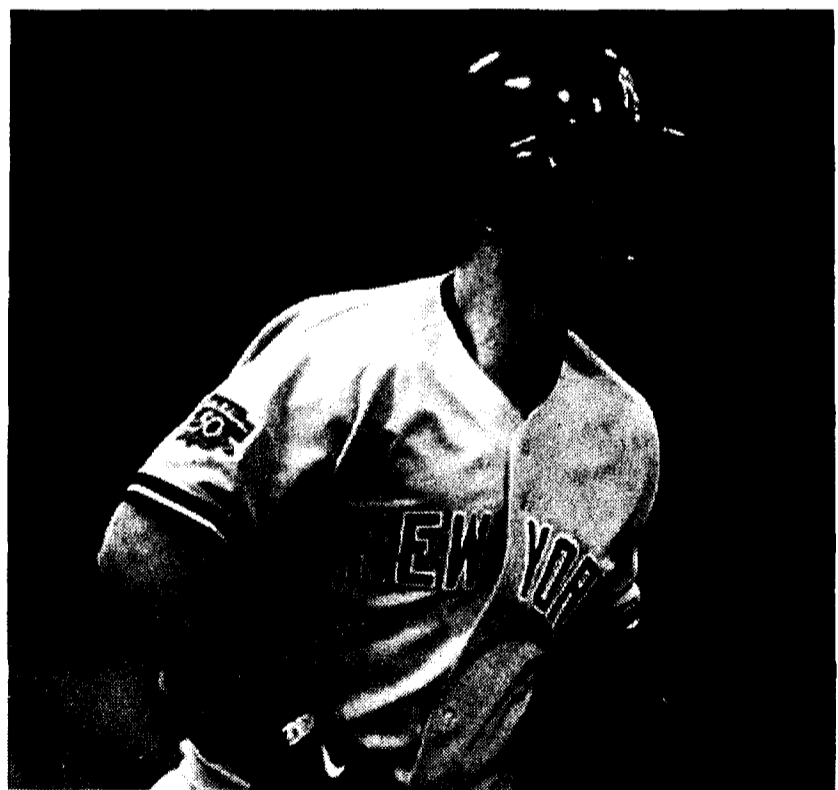


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**Tino Martinez played on the 1998 New York Yankees team.**

Angels quietly won 99 games, slipped into the playoffs with the Wild Card and "small-balled" their way to a World Series title. This team played baseball the way it was meant to be played. Bunts, steals, sacrifices and good pitching will beat a team that lives off the long ball every time. For proof, one only needs to look at the 2002 Division playoffs against the Yankees. The Angels put on a clinic and completely overwhelmed the high priced Yankees on their way to winning it all. A team that plays the way the Angels did is always dangerous. Just ask the Yankees how dangerous they can be.

Rounding out the top five is the 1989 Oakland A's. This team had talent bursting out from all sides, led by bash brothers Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco.

While those two were a big part of the offense, this team had skilled players like ace pitcher, Dave Stewart and the league's best closer, Dennis Eckersley. This A's team has a bit different make up than the other four on the list but they make this list based on pure dominance.

These teams were all very successful and each dominated their respective decade. To compare different players from different years is very hard, but remembering all these great teams is the fun part. Can you just imagine Eckersley and Rivera dueling closers in a World Series? That would be a baseball fan's greatest dream. And while that dream can't come true, arguing about what would happen is the fun part.

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