

Condors Open Season With Decisive Win

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An abundance of rebounding power coupled with an impressive fastbreak that forced many turnovers, spelled victory for the Hazleton Condors' 1977-78 basketball debut as they defeated Baptist Bible College 111-85 December 5th. The lead was exchanged early in the game, but Hazleton eventually held a lead of eight points by the end of the first half and protected the lead for the rest of the contest.

Nick Young of Hazleton lead all scorers with 22 points; with John Galasieski and Joe Bruno canning 18 points each for Coach Tom Caccese's Condors. Terry Havens led Baptist with 18 points, Dave O'Neal had 16, and Doug Wiseman and Steve Moisoff got into double figures for the Defenders with 12 points each.

Baptist outrebounded the Condors 46-31, but were unable to make efficient use of it as did Hazleton. The Condors shot 53 percent from the field; while Baptist shot 41 percent. Hazleton made a total of 14 turnovers in the game, which also led to the victory.

Attendance was marred by poor weather, with a crowd of about 250 on

hand, including campus director William J. David. The student attendance was also down for the contest, but those that were there were very supportive of the team.

Other activities that occurred for the game included the first ball being tossed up by Hazleton Standard-Speaker's Sports Editor Ray Saul, and a giveaway of prizes at halftime. Officials for the game were Jack Shema and Sam Esposito.

In their second exhibition encounter, the Condors weren't as successful, losing to Keystone Junior College 106-75. Details coming up on that game and the C.C.A.C. opener against Scranton Campus will be featured in the January issue of The Highacres Collegian.

The box score is as follows:
Hazleton: Young 11 0-0 22, Stepanski 5 7-8 17, Creasy 2 0-0 4, Bruno 9 0-0 18, Galasieski 7 4-5 18, Weirick 4 0-1 8, Palmieri 1 0-0 2, Imperiale 1 2-2 4, Simpson 1 0-0 2, Kuzo 2 0-0 4, Boyle 3 0-0 6, Minier 3 0-0 6.
Baptist: Moisoff 3 6-10 12, Wiseman 6 0-0 12, Muller 2 4-4 8, Spink 1 0-0 2, O'Neal 7 2-3 16, Carman 1 0-0 2, Cughan 0 0-0 0, Bargfeldt 1 0-0 2, Hutchings 0 2-3 2, Havens 5 8-10 18, Chittock 1 6-7 8.



Condor co-captain Dave Stapanski jumps high to grab this rebound during the intercollegiate basketball season opening game against Baptist Bible College. (Photo by David Kraft)

Bowl Decision 'Unfair' According To Cerula

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On Christmas Day, Penn State will meet Arizona State at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona. The game will be telecast on CBS and is assure of filling the 58,000 seating capacity of Sun Devil Stadium.

Asked to share his views on the game, Paul Cerula said he was disappointed in that he would have liked to see Penn State in a game that would decide the National Championship, such as in the Cotton, Sugar, or Orange Bowls. He believes Penn State was the victim of conference politics, in that since Penn State is independent, it does not belong to a conference, the conference members ganged up with the Bowl people, trying to get their own members in the Bowls. The reason for this being money; they share the receipts of the Bowl among the conference members. He believes we were unfortunate in that the independents don't have the backing of influential sports writers as much as the conference members do, we didn't have the numbers backing us that spread influence. He also believes the University

made a mistake in postponing the University of Pittsburgh game. The Bowl people were picking the teams the week before Penn State played the game, and since Penn State won, if the game would have been played at the scheduled time, it would have had some influence in which Bowl we played in.

Besides that, Mr. Cerula is sure it will be a good game and that Penn State will win. Also, that the players will have a good vacation in the Arizona area, since they will be staying there from December 19 to 27. All the teams which have previously been in the Fiesta Bowl have agreed that the Fiesta's hospitality was the best they have experienced. Their schedule of events include a Desert Mardi Gras, banquets, luncheons, the famous Fiesta Bowl Parade, and many other exciting happenings. The State of Arizona actually begins celebrating the 21 event Fiesta Bowl festival the first weekend in December until December 31. It should be quite an unforgettable event.



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The question has been raised by many students as to what the requirement is for swimming in physical education. It came to my attention as to many others on just what the requirement was. I had heard many rumors but nothing concrete. So, as an interested student and as an official duty as Sports Editor, I approached Mrs. Deidre Jago, swimming instructor of Hazleton Campus. Mrs. Jago informed me that ALL, I repeat, ALL, students must pass a test in order to graduate. That test constitutes diving in the deep water of the pool, circling around once and remaining in the water successfully for 10 minutes afterward. Another rumor I heard in

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regard to the requirement was that if you already completed the necessary Phys Ed credits you didn't have to take the test. WRONG. You MUST take the test either here or at University Park. If you haven't completed all Phys Ed credits and fail the test, you must take a beginning swimming course. So, all of you, including me, get your flippers on and practice!

The Hazleton Condors started the season out in impressive style with a rousing 111-85 victory over Baptist Bible College. The Condors combined their exciting fastbreak with an ample amount of rebounding and an all-around aggressive style of play that forced a total of 14 turnovers. This fast-break tendency was exhibited in a scrimmage with Williamsport Area Community College, but a lack of rebounding there was crucial.

The Condors managed to shut down the Defenders' big gun, Bill Muller, who had scored 31 points against Scranton Penn State, to only eight points. Hazleton made better use of their rebounding, shooting 53 percent from the field while BBC only shot for 41 percent. The BBC outrebounded the Condors 46-31.

In their second exhibition tilt, Hazleton wasn't as successful, running into a much taller team in the person of Keystone Junior College and losing 106-75. More details on that game and on the league opener against Scranton Campus coming up in the future.

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