

# Sports Rap

by Eric Riedinger

Steve Podgorski? Never heard the name? Well, neither did I until recently. He's a Canadian who's been tearing up the World Cup skiing circuit this winter. He has won three consecutive World Cup downhill ski races in the past month, which is something that doesn't happen that often in skiing. Skiing in the past has been dominated by the Europeans but it looks like Podgorski might just change that fact.

Skiing in the Poconos this winter has been very good with all of the heavy snow we have received this year and many P.S.U. at Hazleton students have been taking advantage of the opportunity. I have enjoyed skiing for a long time and would encourage anybody who has never been skiing to try it this winter. If you can't convince yourself to get up early enough to go in the morning, there's always night skiing at Camelback.

Well, the Sixers still have the best record in Pro Basketball and I think they deserve it. What makes this year's Sixer team so good is that they are playing

more team ball instead of relying on individual talent, which they have done in the past years.

Major League Baseball's first trade this season happened recently when Fred Lynn, the Boston Red Sox standout center-fielder, was traded to the California Angels. Boston made a smart move in trading Lynn, knowing that his contract was ending this year and he would become a free agent after that. If Lynn would have been able to play out his option with Boston, the Red Sox would have received a sweet goodbye note from him instead of Joe Rudi and Frank Tanana, the players they acquired in the trade.

The New Orleans Saints, pro football's worst team this season with a 1-15 record, have just officially named Bum Phillips as their new head coach. I think Texan Bum Phillips would be better off milking cows on his Texas farm than taking over the hapless Saints.

So why couldn't the Eagles have been as lucky as the Phillies?

## Condors fly back despite slow start

by Donna Roberts

After starting out with no wins and two losses in the conference, the Condors came storming back with five straight victories, before dropping Saturday's game to York P.S.U., 58-56. The losses came at the hands of Scranton P.S.U., 69-72, and York P.S.U., 58-59; York's victory came with a basket at the buzzer. The victories were over: Ogontz P.S.U., 48-44; Mont Alto, 62-61; Schuylkill P.S.U., 83-45; Berks P.S.U., 59-55; and Delaware P.S.U., 83-52.

The record of the Condors overall is ten wins and five losses. Recently, they took on Alvernia College, which is a four year institution. Except for playing Hazleton, the Patriots only play other four year schools and have a record of five wins and three losses. "Beating Alvernia, 67-66, was a real lift for everyone involved with the team," according to Coach Tom Caccese.

"At the beginning of the season, our defensive goal, points scored against us, was fifty-five points per game. Right now, the average is 58.7 points per game, while offensively we are averaging 65.7 points per game."

The Condors have been dubbed the 'Cardiac Condors' and so far we have been involved in ten games where the difference in scores was by four or less points." Highacres has won seven of those games.

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Fran Roman of Alpha Beta Brewsky recently placed third in the Third Annual Joe Walsh Steel/Royal Courts racquetball open in Wilkes-Barre. He survived three rounds only to lose in a tie-breaker game in the semi-finals. Fran is a fourth-term student majoring in Business Administration.



Condors' Bob Stoffa faces strong opposition while attempting shot in early moments of game.

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