

PSU Men's Volley Team Successful

The Penn State Hazleton Men's Volleyball team capped off a successful season recently by finishing third overall in the CCAC tournament at University Park. The CCAC consists of all Penn State Commonwealth campuses.

They cruised to easy victories over the Altoona Campus, the Wilkes-Barre Campus, the DuBois Campus, and the Schuylkill Campus before losing to the New Kensington Campus in a close match. The Hazleton team dropped another tough match to the York Campus following its loss to New Kensington.

It was the fourth third-place finish in four years for Coach Bruce Young's spikers, who were 6-5 going into the tournament. The men emerged with a respectable 12-7 record for the season.

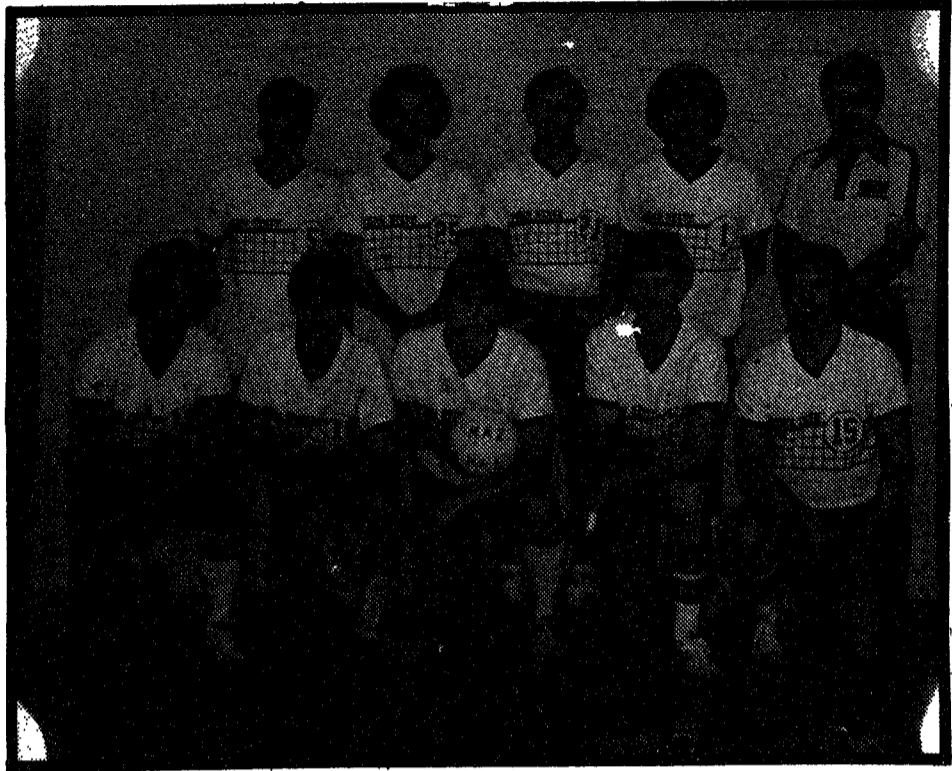
The "starting six" this season consisted of sophomore Dave Albright, captain; sophomores Joe Curto, Greg Fortna, Brent Krieder, spiker Dave Schultz, and 6'3" freshman Will Robertson. Coming off the bench to give the team

an extra punch when needed were sophomore setter/spiker Scott Monticello, freshman Craig Murray, and mid-season addition Jim "Spaz" Schmitz.

Coach Young said, "We had a good season but it could have been better." He went on to note, "We had all first-year players who never played organized volleyball before. Other negative factors effecting the team were: only three of 17 games were played at home, and the team didn't play in a league, so it had nothing to shoot for except the tournament at U. Park.

Despite these negative factors, Coach Young was pleased with the season overall, and said, "We came a very long way from tryouts. The team really had an excellent attitude."

Besides the third-place finish at U. Park, another highlight of the season was a Tri-match in Philadelphia in which the team fared well. They defeated North East Christian Junior College, and lost a tough match to the University of Pennsylvania, a Division I school.



Tony Lesninski

The Penn State men's volleyball team, top row, left to right, Brent Krieder, Jim Schmitz, Dave Albright, Scott Monticello and Mr. Bruce Young. Bottom row, Joe Curto, Will Robertson, Craig Murray, and Schultz.

Intramural volleyball team wins title

After hours of sweat and a dozen floor burns, the "Sex Offenders" have earned the right to be called the number one volleyball team at Highacres. The "Sex Offenders" entered their last match with an impressive 20-1 record with their only loss to the second place team the "Faculty All

Stars." According to team member Robert Zima, the competition was not as easy as the win-loss statistics show. "Our toughest competition was the Faculty All Stars, but every time we played a team we had trouble until we found out what their weaknesses were like."

Much of the success of the team can also be attributed to the skills of its members. In an interview after their last game of the season, the

team agreed that their main objective was to have fun more than to win the championship. Some of the more memorable events for the team was the winning of the intramural championship shirts and the time one of the team members spiked a ball off Dr. Jerry Covert's head. This year's championship team consisted of Jerry McGuire, Karen Whitebread, Mark Findishun, Daniel Sist, Mandy Amsle, Pam Weeks, Mike Shrauder, and Robert Zima, captain.

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Women's Tennis lining up

Hazleton Women's Tennis Team, lead by coach Diedre Jago, are an inexperienced group. "We have a tough season ahead of us," says Jago. "We don't have as much high school experience as I would like. Playing in the Bloomsburg State tournament should provide a lot of experience though."

Hazleton's only returning player is No. 2 Vanessa Lalli, up from 5 a year ago. Filling out the remaining singles spots are: No. 1 Lynn Rockwell, Freshman; No. 3 Elizabeth "Bitsey" Bauman, Freshman; No. 5 Barbara Ann Mancini, Freshman; No. 4 Debbie "Gouda" Gorman, Sophomore; and Patty Diacont, Freshman. Doubles pairing will be: No. 1 Rockwell-Lalli; No. 2 Baumann-Yvonne Cormier, Sophomore; No. 3 Diacont-Allison Jones, Sophomore.

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