

# THE REAL WINNERS

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It has been a great season for the Penn State - Hazleton Nittany Lions basketball team. It was back on October 15th when tryouts for the team began to take place. At the conclusion of tryouts, Coach Tim Grazio, in his final season at PSU-Hazleton, selected the 10 best players on the campus. The starting lineup for the season consisted of Jeff Dutzer, Bill Lawrence, Ed Zukowski (Captain), David Maff, and Marty Biasi (the only freshman in the starting lineup). The rest of the team, whose contributions have been tremendous, are as follows: Jim Seamon, Brian Jackson, Mike Miller, Cecil Archbold, and Bob Hrusonsky.

The team started off the season on the wrong foot - beginning at 0-4 and finishing with a 2-5 record at the Christmas break. Upon their return, the Lions had to overcome the loss of 2 key players, Doug Palmeiri and Brian Cusatis. But with guts and determination, they proved worthy of the challenge and won 13 out of their next 15 games - 7 of which were league games. The team ended the regular season with a 17-7 record, 9-1 in the league, with their only loss coming at the hands of PSU - Mont Alto at the Mont Alto campus.

While enjoying a very successful season, several campus basketball records were broken. Sophomore Bill Lawrence broke 3 records, including the total amount

of points scored in 2 seasons at the campus (829), eclipsing the previous record held by Greg Slusser. Bill also broke the previous foul shots made in a season (held prior by Lawrence) and the foul shots made in a career (also held prior by Lawrence).

Meanwhile, Ed Zukowski, the 6'8" center, broke 4 other records. These include most blocked shots in a game (12), most blocked shots in a single season (124), and most blocked shots in a career (216). Ed also holds the record for most rebounds in a season. All of Ed's accomplishments eclipsed the records previously held by Brian Brassington.

On Monday, February 23rd, the Lions defeated PSU - York in the first round of the C.C.A.C. playoffs at the Highacres Fieldhouse. The score was close for the majority of the game. Yet it was the determination and perseverance of our team that was the decisive factor in our victory. The win symbolized a "payback" to PSU - York after they defeated the PSU - Hazleton Lions last year on a fadeaway jumper at the buzzer in an overtime period.

Then came a stiff challenge from PSU - Mont Alto. Their team was tough but their home crowd was twice as bad. Although many vulgar phrases and physical interactions were used by

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