

Season of Potential About to Unfold

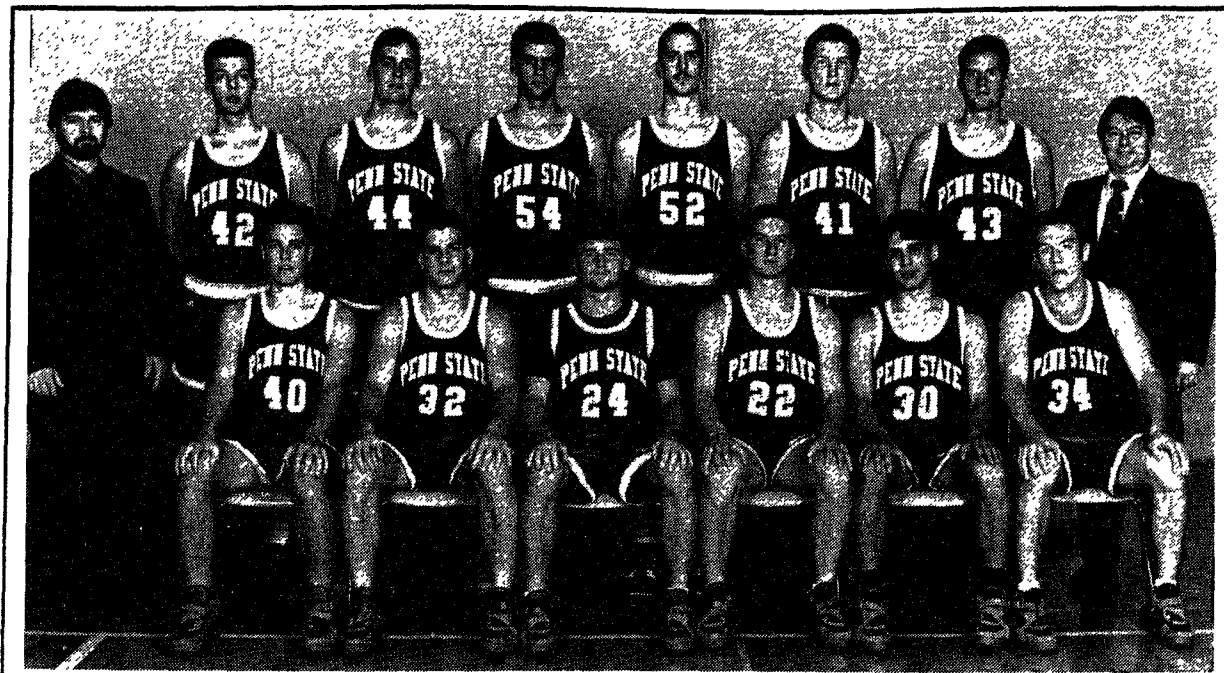


**Sports
Editorial**
By David A.
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The basketball team has been getting ready for this season for almost two months now. They have put a hardtime in the gym and on the court. The team's coach, Dr. Tom Caccese, is ready to see the results. whenever asked about the team's chances this season, Coach Caccese always replies by saying that if the team plays up to their capabilities they will have an excellent chance to go all the way.

The team is ready to start the season and show everyone the result of their hard work. They have a lot to prove this year to their coach and to themselves. Everyone on the team knows that they cannot win unless they play as a team. Not one player has said one negative comment about this year's team. Whenever one of them is asked about the team it is always the same answer: "I like the team because everyone has enormous amounts of talent and we seem to play well together." This team is truly ready for a good season.

The season is not without its bad news. Freshman Scott Steinhart will not be



Standing (left to right) Assistant Coach John Ambruch, Scott Steinhart, Joe Bocherer, Marty Snyder, Tom Edwards, Paul Reilly, Jason Bodnar, Head Coach Tom Caccese, Sitting (left to right) Brendan Burns, Ed Opella, Jimmer Kane, Ricky Surmick, Joe Marsilio, Chris Kuhn

available for the opener and possibly other games because of a sprained ankle.

The starting five for the team will be Jimmer Kane, point guard, Ed Opella, shooting guard, Jason Bodnar, small forward, Paul Reilly, power forward, and Tom Edwards, center.

Good luck to Scott Steinhart to heal

up quickly and get back to playing, and good luck to the team for a successful season. Hopefully, when the paper returns from the press the team will be 1-0.

The student body is encouraged to come out and support the team throughout the season. Admission is two dollars or free with your Penn State I.D.

Sports Profile:

Edwards Takes Care of Business On and Off Court

By David A. Scopinich

The purpose of this feature is to focus on an athlete who sets an example to his or her fellow students on and off the court.

When you watch the basketball games this season, you will notice that Hazleton has a very talented basketball team. Every successful basketball team needs a versatile center, a player who can score underneath the basket, block shots, and function as the centerpiece of the defense. Hazleton basketball is lucky enough to have a player such as this. Tom Edwards, a sophomore, fits this profile. Tom played a prominent role in last season's team's success. He is now ready to help take his team to new heights.

When asked about the team's chances to win the championship this year, Tom replied, "If we play to our ability I think that we will take the championship." Tom also said, "I believe that there is no one player

that will carry the team this year but that it will be a total team effort. I am confident that on the games where I don't have my best day, my teammates will pick up the slack and that goes for everyone on the team."

Tom has already had his ups and downs this season. Two weeks before practice started, Tom had caught a case of mono and was not able to play for quite a while. Tom said that getting back in shape and getting his timing back were his greatest worries about the start of the season.

Tom is from Tamaqua and is a business major. He is undecided about transferring to University Park next year but he said he is leaning towards it.

When asked how he would promote the team this year, Tom simply said, "If you want to see exciting basketball, come see us because we have a high-caliber team."

PennState Hazleton



Basketball Roster

Joe Bocherer	44	6'2"	Soph
Jason Bodnar	43	6'4"	Fresh
Brendan Burns	40	6'0"	Fresh
Tom Edwards	52	6'7"	Soph
Jim Kane	24	5'10"	Soph
Chris Kuhn	34	6'3"	Soph
Joe Marsilio	30	5'8"	Fresh
Ed Opella	32	6'0"	Fresh
Paul Reilly	41	6'5"	Soph
Marty Snyder	54	6'5"	Soph
Scott Steinhart	42	6'3"	Fresh
Ricky Surmick	22	6'0"	Soph

Head Coach: Dr. Tom Caccese

Asst. Coach: John Ambruch