

Basketball Team Sets Sights On Another Winning Season

If their pre-season scrimmages are any indication, the Delco men's basketball team should enjoy a winning season this year. After taking a close loss from Montgomery County Community College, the Delco courtmen beat both Neumann and Swarthmore.

Regular season play began November 19 against Muhlenberg College's JV, but by then the Delco Lions were already plagued with injuries, and the team suffered a 75-62 loss. Sophomore starter John Sych broke his wrist in practice, freshman Joe Giunta is out for the year with torn ligaments in his ankle, and freshman Andy Smerigan is nursing a fractured foot.

Despite the bad luck, the team is amazingly optimistic about what lies ahead.

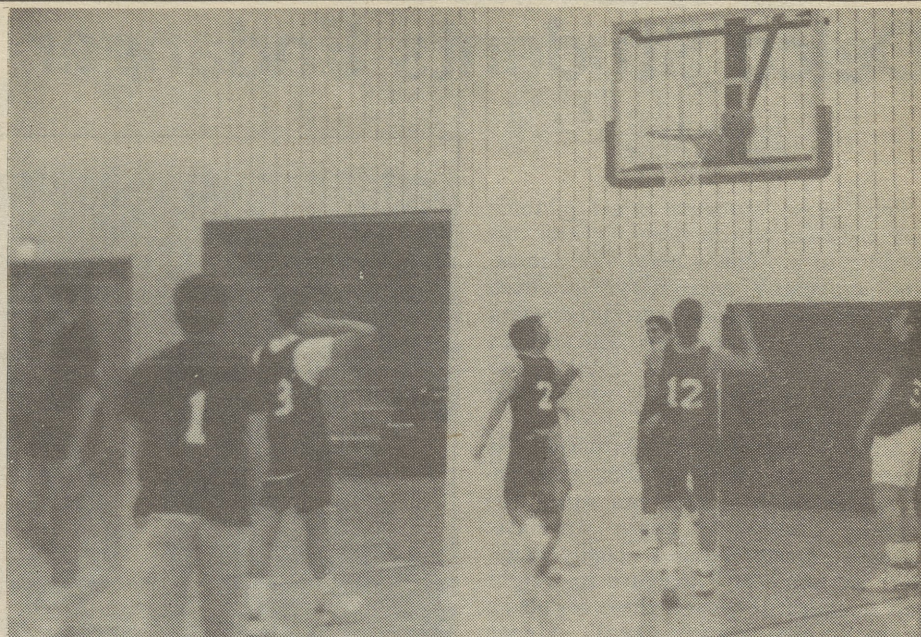
"We have a talented team," said freshman guard Dave Fisher. "We may not be together yet, but with practice and effort we'll come through. Even though we don't have any really big players, we have three or four very good ones, plus rebounders who can do the job."

Actually, the freshman players are the best group Delco has ever had, according to Coach Bill Wiley. They will help compensate for the ten men lost from last year's winning team, which posted an 18-6 season (9-1 conference record), the best in Delco history.

So, with strong returnees, the prospects look bright, despite a tough schedule ahead.

Good coaching will help too. "Wiley's a good coach," commented Fisher. "He knows how to relate to players. He sees their point of view. He gives people a chance." And Coach Wiley gets excellent help from Assistant Coach Lou Tosti. Sounds like a winning combination.

Conference games against PSU commonwealth campuses begin Saturday, January 6, with a home game against DuBois at 4 p.m. Be there to see our Lions fly!



Delco courtmen look forward to a good season with the help of strong freshmen players.

Photo by PATRICK KIM

1989-90 Lady Lions Look Like Winners Second Season Begins Enthusiastically

by Bridget Bentshetler

It's 1989, soon to be 1990, and as one era is ending, another era is beginning. For the second year in a row there will be a women's basketball program at Penn State. 1987-88 was the first time in several years that the Delaware County campus had a women's team to watch and be proud of. With the addition of the new gymnasium, the former athletic director projected a rekindled interest in women's basketball and asked me to capture that hopeful new enthusiasm.

Before going any further I had better

introduce myself. My name is Bridget Bentshetler, and for the second year in a row I have been given the glorious opportunity, along with Kitty Jones, of coaching, directing, molding, and enjoying eleven of Penn State's finest.

This year we have six returning sophomores who are much improved from the previous season. Dale Robins and Maria Pardini have become real basketball players this year while also exuberating many characteristics of born athletes. Monica Whayland, Sandy Kulesa, and Yvette "Smiley" Harris

provide our inside talent, and I will be looking to them for more scoring, toughness, and rebounding this year. Alissa Vrick has just recently joined the team, so her improvements are yet to be seen.

Now that you have met the oldies, let me introduce you to the five welcomed newcomers. Chrissy Pierangeli is an exciting first year sophomore who will contribute instantly to our team's offense, rebounding, and defense. Tina Painton, who happens to be 6'1", is sure to plug up the middle and add an extra dimension to our offensive unit. Gina McDowell and Mary Varano will be asked to swing between forward and wing guard due to their versatility. Dawn Bauer is another first year guard whose upbeat attitude and encouragement is helping already.

Our season begins December 1st when we host DCCC at 6:00 p.m. We all look forward to another exciting and challenging year, which will most definitely be filled with many laughs and fun times. But for now, we will be busy preparing for our November scrimmages with plenty of wind sprints and repetitious drills... all the while dreaming that on December 1 we will emerge victorious.

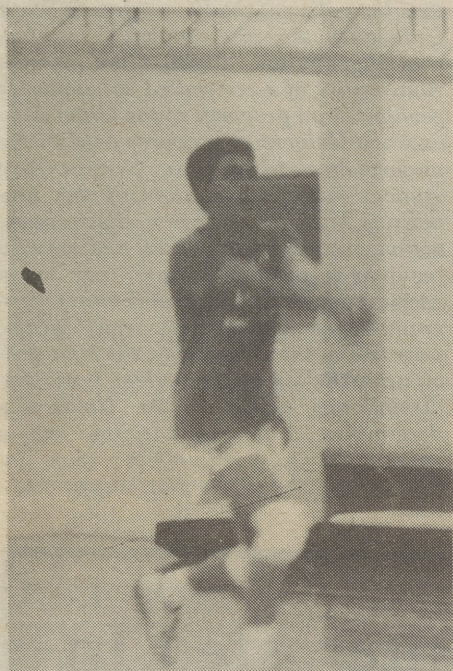
Intramurals Offer Fun, New Friends

What's a lot of fun, good exercise, a great way to meet people, and free?! Intramurals at Delco! You don't have to be a super-jock to join, either. Intramural sports are geared toward fun and learning, not toward serious competition.

Sign-ups for Basketball Intramurals are taking place this week, although the games won't start until spring semester begins in January. All teams will be scheduled to play two days a week from 11:30 - 12:20 in the gym, with the games continuing into March. All teams are coed. You can form your own 8-person team, or sign-up individually. Look for sign-up sheets on the hall bulletin boards, or stop by Room 134 in the Commons building first floor. Do it!

Co-ed Volleyball Intramurals have already started, but some teams are looking for additional members. Games will continue into next semester. Forty-two students are currently playing on six teams, with Team #6 in the lead and Team #2 close behind. Games are played simultaneously in the gym on Thursdays from 12 noon until 1 o'clock. Get in on the fun! Stop by on Thursday and join a team.

All intramurals are organized by Barbara Rostick. If you have any questions about joining either basketball or volleyball, stop by to see her in Room 134 in the Commons. She'll be glad to help you.



Volleyball team is practicing hard to get ready for next semester's schedule.

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The Delco Men's Volleyball team has been practicing hard these past weeks, but doesn't begin its regular season of play until next semester. However, the team recently took part in a tournament at PSU Berks and hosted a game here. The team is coached by Robert Saba.

Look for the team's schedule in the next edition of the *Lion's Eye*.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 1989-90

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Dec. 1	F	Delaware County C.C.	H	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	M	Northampton C.C.	H	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	F	Luzerne C.C.	A	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	T	Bucks County C.C.	A	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	F	Philadelphia C.C.	A	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	S	PSU, Ogontz	H	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	W	PSU, Schuylkill	A	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	M	Delaware County C.C.	A	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	R	Northampton C.C.	A	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	S	PSU, Mont Alto	A	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	T	Luzerne C.C.	H	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	W	Ogontz	A	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	F	Bucks County C.C.	H	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	W	Philadelphia C.C.	H	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	R	Schuylkill	H	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	S	PSU, Mont Alto	H	1:00 p.m.

Head Coach: Bridget Bentshetler
Assistant: Kitty Jones



At last, the long-awaited Lacrosse/Softball field between the gym and the library becomes a reality! Already the grass is growing. Can spring be far behind?

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