

Winners! Basketball Team Fights Hard To Match Last Season's Record

Even in a season marked by injuries and a game-stopping brawl, the 1990 men's basketball team members echo almost unanimously the feelings of their coach, Bill Wiley. "This team has the potential of having one of the best records PSU Delco has ever seen."

Riding high on a recent 6-game winning streak, sophomore guard Jeff DellaFranko agreed. "We're shooting to beat last year's record of 18-6 (Delco's best-ever). This campus has never seen two consecutive seasons totaling over 30 wins."

The 1990 Hoopmen are on their way to that goal with an overall record of 10-5. In PSU Commonwealth Campus Conference play, the Delco men have quickly shot to the top of the Southern Division with a 4-1 record.

Recent victories over PSU York and PSU Scranton have been sweet, but close. In the York game against their toughest opponent this season the Delco Lions were behind 12 points with 12 minutes to play. With outstanding effort they came back to claim a 80-78 victory. Sparking the effort was sophomore forward Scott Scoffone, who posted 31 points and 12 rebounds during the game.

In the contest with Scranton, Delco was down 10 points most of the game, but fought back in the last ten minutes to win by six, 80-74. "Even though three of our main players were hurt that game, the rest of us just played harder and pulled it through," explained freshman forward Dave Fisher. "Actually, there have been a lot of injuries this season," added Scoffone. "We haven't had a game when everyone was fine."

Other high points in the season include playing at the Palestra against Penn's JV and hard-fought wins over Phila. Community College, Ursinus JV, Williamson, and PSU teams from Berks, DeBois, Schuylkill, and Ogontz. The victory over Delco's arch-rival Ogontz was made all the sweeter by freshman center Scott Smith's 21 rebounds during the game, a school record.

Low point of the season came during the first league game, against PSU Hazleton. With two minutes to go, Delco was behind 8 points, but confident they could pull out a win. Suddenly, a punch from a Hazleton player connected with a Delco hoopster, who retaliated, bringing the whole Hazleton team off the bench. When the Delco team did the same, the game was called, leaving the Delco Lions with their only league loss so far.

Volleyball Season Starts Friday For Delco Net Men

by Jennifer Darr

The Men's Volleyball season is starting soon and we're anticipating a great season. Twelve games will be played by the Delaware County campus team and they're all home games. Last year's team won one game out of nine; however, this year's team is aiming higher.

There are thirteen teams in the Atlantic Men's Intercollegiate Volleyball league (AMIV), but only twelve make it

to the final tournament, which is being held at Villanova on April 7, 1990. Coach Robert Saba hopes this year's team will get experience from playing the tough four-year college teams, such as University of Delaware, Temple University, and Villanova, to name a few. Such experience will help them at Penn State University's Invitational at the end of the season at University Park.

Although Scoffone is often mentioned as the most consistently outstanding player, the team sees itself as a unit working together rather than a bench headed by a few stars. DellaFranko points out, "Everyone - whether on the court or on the bench - always gives his full support to the game."

The hard-playing hoopsters include sophomores John Sych, Jeff DellaFranko, Scott Scoffone, Burt Socha, and Kurt Ruch, and freshmen Andy Smerigan, Scott Smith, Dave Fisher, Tim Tayer, John Kealey, Joe Rienzi, and Chris Litwinko.

DellaFranko sees only the best for his team in the next few weeks. "If we keep the pace we're going, we will have the best record Delco has ever seen," he predicts.

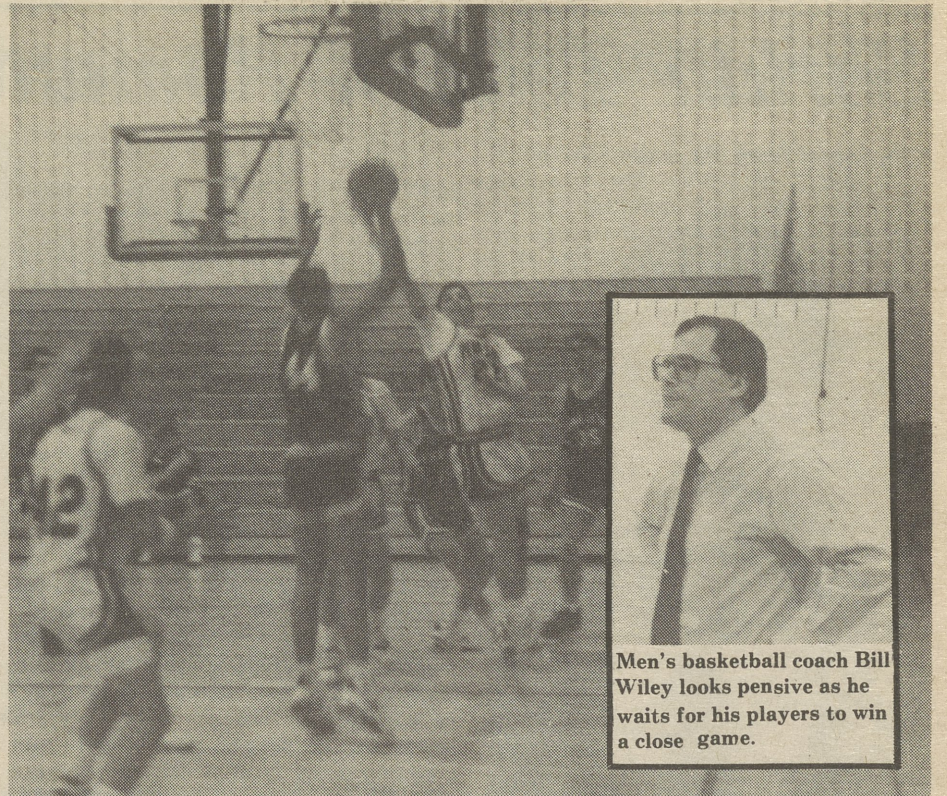
You can catch the Delco Lions playing their winning style of basketball in the campus gym on February 7 and 8 at 7 PM and on February 10 at 1 PM. Help them close the season in style!

Lady Lions Looking for Playoff Spot

Delco women's basketball, only in its second season, has already seen a 400% improvement in this year's record over last year's, when the team failed to gain a single victory.

The 10-member team has logged a non-league victory over Gwynedd-Mercy and three league wins: twice over Delaware County Community College and over PSU Ogontz. The Ogontz game was a decisive victory, with Chrissy Perangeli, a sophomore transfer student from St. Joe's, posting 26 points. But the most gratifying win was the second game against D.C.C.C. According to sophomore point guard Maria Pardini, "It was a buzzer beater," with freshman Gini McDowell getting one in at the last second to pull out the win 51-50.

In league play, the Lady Lions have lost two close games to Northampton Community College, one in overtime, and one to PSU Schuylkill.



Men's basketball coach Bill Wiley looks pensive as he waits for his players to win a close game.

The Delco Hoopsters in recent action against a Commonwealth Campus Conference opponent.

Photo by: PATRICK KIM

But the toughest opponent has been Bucks County Community College, currently first place in the league, who handed the Lady Lions a loss in January. The Delco ladies must beat them this month, as well as PSU Ogontz (last year's league champions) and PSU Schuylkill, to be in the running for the play-offs.

"It's been a good season so far," said Pardini. "This year we're competitive; we know we can win and hold our own in the league."

Complementing offensive standout Gini McDowell is freshman Mary Varano on defense. But according to Pardini, "Everyone contributes a lot." This includes sophomores Sandra Kutesa, Dale Robins, Alissa Urick, and Monica Whayland, as well as freshmen Chris Panton, Chris Pierangeli, and Anne Marie Stanley.

"And our coach Bridget Benshetler never gives up on us," said Pardini. "She believes we can make it to the playoffs."

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL 1990

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Feb. 9	F	Spring Garden	H	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 14	W	Swarthmore	H	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 16	F	LaSalle	H	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 17	S	Northeastern	H	1:00 P.M.
Feb. 19	M	Villanova	H	7:30 P.M.
Feb. 21	W	Cabrini	H	7:30 P.M.
Feb. 24	S	Eastern & Temple	H	12:00 P.M.
Mar. 9	F	Haverford	H	7:00 P.M.
Mar. 12	M	Delaware 1 & 2	H	6:30 P.M.
Mar. 21	W	Lehigh	H	7:30 P.M.
Apr. 7	S	Final Tournament at Villanova		

Head Coach - Robert Saba