

Men's Volleyball Team Posts Outstanding Record

By Robert Cunningham

The Delco Volleyball Team started their season off on the right foot at home against Cabrini College on February 4. Our Lions came out roaring as they took the match from Cabrini, winning in three straight games (15-12, 15-5, and 17-15)

(Men's volleyball matches consist of five fifteen-point games with the team that wins three first the winner. During tri-matches, which are the team wins two first wins the match).

The next match was a tough one. Last year Eastern College played our V-ballers here at Penn State Delco and our fans were pretty loud. The match was an emotional one and to top all that off, a fight broke out between some of the players. This year Eastern wanted to have the match at their gym to repay our team for last year's loss. So on February 7th, the V-ballers traveled to Eastern College. As the match opened, Eastern took a one-game lead. But to the surprise of a loud crowd, our Lions came back and won the next three games, to upgrade their record to 2-0.

On February 24 a true test of the Volleyball team's play would come to witness. For this was the day that they met both Penn State Berks and Villanova University (two potentially great teams) in a Tri-match. Villanova played Berks first. Villanova wasted no time getting off to a quick start by all but dominating Berks in two straight games.

A loose and carefree Delco team then took on Berks. After two games, the match was decided. Delco added to Berks' losing problems that day by also sweeping them two games to none (15-6, 15-12) and improving their record to 3-0. As Penn State and Villanova took the court the intensity increased. As Delco jumped out to an early lead, it appeared they would run away with the game but, something mysterious happened. Villanova came back from being down by at least seven points and won the first game (15-12).

As tempers flared on the Delco side from players on their team making "stupid mistakes", Villanova's squad began to "CLICK" as a team. As the attitudes began to collide, the team began to break down. If only there was a loud boisterous crowd to help the fallen Lions regain their pride.

But Not that day or any other day has there existed such a cheering section for Our V-ball Lions.

As the second game opened, it appeared the team would just fold by falling behind early on. As the game proceeded, the Lions made their move to recapture the lead, but the Wildcats of Villanova put the

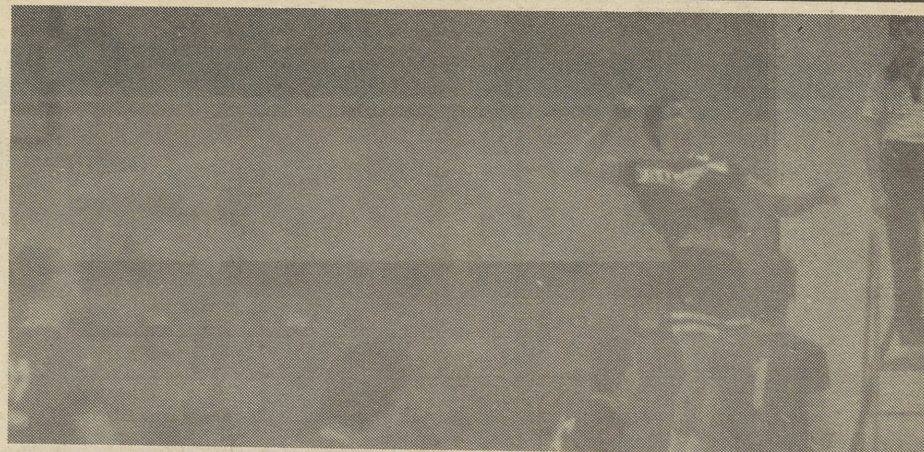
finishing touches on the Lion's hopes of an undefeated season, by beating our lions 16-14.

That first loss brought a few tough questions. Could the Lions regain their team play and continue their winning ways? Why weren't there any fans for this good team? And how would they do the very next night?

The next night brought the University of Delaware to town. As The Lions took the court for their first game of this match, the players seemed loose and carefree. Delaware took the first game 16-14. But then, as if The Lions were just toying with their opponents, they won the next three games (15-8, 15-11, and 15-10) to improve their record to 4-1. As you can see by these scores of the team wasn't going to just fold.

On February 27 Swarthmore College was the Volleyball Team's next challenge. Delco's Coach Saba told his team that Swarthmore was supposed to be a good team and to keep to the game plan; no fancy stuff. After "SWAT" (a nickname the opponents commonly called themselves) won the first game, "PSU's People Packin' Party" then took over once more with good passing and great team work. Our Lions then won the next three games to boost their overall record to 5-1!

After more than a week and a-half off because of spring break, the Volleyball Team was to face their toughest opponent yet: Lehigh University. Lehigh came to Delco on March 11 with an 8-1 record and



Greg Runk of Delco's Volleyball team goes for the kill as the team attacks.

Photo by: RICH KULAKOWSKI

currently first place in the league. To say the least, The Lions were just a little nervous. Penn State lost the first game 15-4. That first game was the worst the team ever played. They just broke down as team.

With the help of a loud bench the V-ballers came back and won the next three games (15-8, 15-10, and 15-13). Victory against Lehigh meant that they were no longer in first place, and PSU's record was now 6-1.

Two days later on March 13 PSU faced Widener University. Penn State wasted no time in knocking off Widener. Our V-ballers swept Widener three games to none (15-11, 15-6, and 15-11). The team jumped their record to 7-1 with this victory over Widener University.

The third Friday in March 15 brought the Volleyball Team's first non-league game. Spring Garden was the opponent on this cool March evening. Spring Garden was an okay team, but PSU Delco. They were not a match for Penn State, who won the first game, dropped the second, and won the next two to claim yet another victory.

At present the team's record is 8-1. Volleyball is a team sport and this group definitely plays like a team. The following players start for the team: Greg Runk, Steve Hunter, Rob Mulloy, Bill Bolinas, Rich Crystle, and John Wertz.

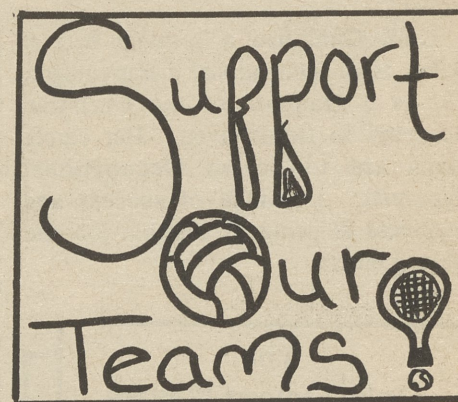
If you had to pick a Most Valuable Player, three players would probably share it, team Captain Rob Mulloy, Bill Bolinas, and Greg Runk. These three have not only played well on the court, but they have helped teach the newer players the basics.

Lacrosse Club Takes Clobbering From Coor's Lite

by John Terrell

The opening game for the Penn State - Delaware County's lacrosse club was not a good game. It was a wonderful day on which to play lacrosse, but unfortunately our team never got into the game. The final score was 15 to 2. The opposing team, Coor's Lite Lacrosse Club, simply overwhelmed us. Coor's Lite has been together five years and has many players who played lacrosse in college. And contrary to popular rumor they were not overweight, out-of-shape players. These "old guys" were in better condition than our young players. Coor's Lite would like to become a dominant team in club lacrosse circles and it looks like they are on their way to becoming that.

On a brighter note special mention goes to Jim Schorn who had as good a game as one could have when his team is being overwhelmed. The proverbial game ball goes to Jim.



— APRIL SPORTS SCHEDULE —

BASEBALL

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 4	R	York	A	3:00 pm
April 6	S	Monto Alto	H	1:00 pm
April 8	M	Altoona	Capital	2:00 pm
April 11	R	Hazleton	A	3:00 pm
April 15	M	York	H	3:00 pm
April 17	W	Monto Alto	A	3:00 pm

Head Coach - Jim Diskin

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

April 1	M	Northeastern	H	7:00 pm
April 4	R	Haverford	A	3:00 pm
April 6	S	PSU Ogontz (DH)	H	12:00 pm
April 9	T	Williamson	H	3:00 pm
April 13	S	Montgomery C.C.C. (DG)	A	3:00 pm
April 15	M	Neumann	A	3:00 pm
April 18	R	Williamson	A	3:30 pm
April 20	S	PSU Scranton (DH)	A	1:00 pm
April 23	T	Delaware C.C.C.	A	3:30 pm

Head Coach - Robert Saba

MEN'S LACROSSE CLUB

April 6	S	Moravian	A	2:00 pm
April 10	W	Academy New Church	H	4:00 pm
April 13	S	St. Joseph's	H	2:00 pm
April 17	W	Penn	H	5:00 pm
April 20	S	Lehigh	H	2:00 pm
April 27	S	Millersville	A	2:00 pm

Coach: John Terrell



Volleyball Team — Front Row: Eric Hatton, Sean Sutton, Greg Runk, Rob Mulloy, Rich Kulakowski, Rich Crystle. Back Row: Coach Robert Saba, Bill Bolinas, Tony Diotino, John Wertz, Steve Hunter, Jim Smith, Robert Cunningham.

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Coed Tennis Intramurals Set To Start Next Week

by Chuck Spector

Intramural tennis will be starting in about a week, as soon as the volleyball season is completed. Once the program is on its way, participants will begin playing around mid-day and continue though out the afternoon.

The matches will be divided into three sections: singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. The first two weeks will only consist of practice games, in order to get the students prepared

for the real matches.

The tennis players will be involved in a double elimination tournament, where they will continue to advance until each person losses two matches. The winner of the tournament will also receive a small prize.

The only requirements needed are a tennis racket and the desire to play. Since the students who are participating are on many different levels, the matches will be equally fun for everyone playing.