



SPORTS



Varsity Baseball's Inaugural Year Comes to End

By Shawn Riley

Despite the horrors and heartaches involved with a winless season the varsity baseball team had some standout players, who performed quite well at this level.

Infielder Mike Rattigan was among the team leaders in at-bats, batting average, hits, runs, and steals.

John Dunn was also a standout this past season. His batting average, hits, and runs scored were among the leaders.

Jay Guss was another name that seemed to be forever hovering around the top of the leader's board. He was at or near the top in hits, RBIs, and walks.

As for pitching there were really only four guys who carried the load all season. They were Pete Ranaudo, Kevin Snow, Jeremy Sheils, and Mike Craddock. This pitching attack was quite balanced. Jeremy had a good ERA, Pete led in innings pitched, Kevin led in strikeouts, and Mike seemed to always be nearby when one or more of these guys had a rough outing.

The team held together well this season under many tough circumstances. We should not forget this inaugural season would not have been possible without the following players:

Tom Berrier
Bill Kelly
Dave Coates
Mike Rattigan
Mike Craddock
Pete Ranaudo
John Dunn
Chris Saunders
Tim Fallon
Jeremy Shiels
Andrew Gilroy
Kevin Snow
Jay Guss
Lance Spear
Bill Gagliardi
Larry Zhou

All of these players deserve our thanks for coming out this season and returning baseball to Penn State Delco, hopefully for a long time to come.



Delco Baseball Team Chris Jaunders, CF; Jason Guss, 2B; Jeremy Shields, 3B, Pete Ranaudo, P; Mike Rahigan, SS; and Larry Shockazolo, 3B, waiting to bat.

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Sports Analysis Don't Look Back; Look Ahead

By Shawn Riley

Forget the baseball team's disastrous losing record for a moment. This team really played hard all season long. They showed a lot of heart and gave each game their all, especially since most of this team aren't used to losing this badly. Many freshman and veteran players alike came from high-powered high school teams, district champions, or even the Senior Babe Ruth World Series. Certainly these are players not used to losing by scores of 12-0, 12-1, and 9-2 with any regularity.

First year head coach Joe DeMaio summed up the season best for his team when he said, "This year was a big plus for us, being our first year of existence and everything. I was a new

coach, and this was our first year together. Next year will be a different story."

Next year the team will be a season more experienced at key positions, such as catcher. This past season many opposing teams exploited Delco's catchers with their aggressiveness on the base paths. Yes, many a base were stolen against Penn-State Delco this season.

"We'll learn from that; we already showed much improvement in our defense as the season wore on," Coach DeMaio said.

Therefore, let us not dwell on the agony that was the dreadful "learning experience" of the 1994 inaugural season. But instead we should look with guarded optimism towards the future and the 1995 season.

Team Tennis Works for Winning Season

By Phillip Hoertz

At about midseason the Penn State Delco tennis team has a 3-3 record. The team notched victories against PSU York, 4-3 and 5-2, PSU Schuylkill 6-1, and fell to PSU Ogontz, 5-2, PSU Hazelton 5-2, and PSU Mount Alto 5-2.

"Right now the team needs more consistency, which is the key to winning in tennis, but I know that will come in time," said Tiz Griffith, tennis coach. Griffith has the team practicing five times a week and pushes them

hard. Three players who had a great start this season are freshman Tom Silbey, the #2 men's singles, freshman Karen Dyckman, the #2 women's singles, and sophomore Andy Savil, #1 doubles. All have a 3-1 record.

"I know this is a good team with good players and that is why I expect a lot from them," Griffith said.

The team is working hard and looking for a strong finish. Two home matches remain to play on Oct. 19 and 25. The team would like to see more student support.

P.S.U. Pummels Temple Owls

by T. Masticolo

Saturday October 1st dawned with a gray, overcast sky. Some might say it was comparable to Joe Paterno's mood after the Lion's met the Temple Owls at Philadelphia's Franklin Field. After PSU's 48-21 win the Lion's had a 5-0 record and a No. 4 ranking, but Temple showed more hustle than State anticipated. It was the three touchdowns the Lion's got on three successive plays that cinched the game, but some were still not happy. "No one expected that kind of spunk from the Owls," a devoted alumni said. Though PSU's 48 points were impressive, few expected the Owls to put up the fight that they did.

Dickerson's Owls certainly picked out some weak spots in the Lion's defense. Some speculated that the players were too busy

Cheerleading Now Here at Delco

By James Foltz

"For years this campus has gone without a cheerleading squad to help promote school spirit. Now we're back and hopefully with the support of others, we can get that spirit back to help bring us together," said Shannon Shisler, co-captain of the newly formed Penn State Delco cheerleading squad.

The squad has been practicing vigorously throughout this fall semester in order to get themselves into the physical shape required for this acrobatic sport. They have been practicing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday preparing themselves to support and cheer on the men's and women's basketball teams.

Unfortunately, since they are new, there are not enough uniforms for the entire squad. This year they will be needing to buy their own uniforms: shorts and a T-shirt. Later on they will be holding fund raisers to earn money for the purchase of higher quality uniforms for next year's squad and for the years to follow.

In addition to Shisler, the squad includes Nikki Fasciocco (co-captain), Javonne Broady, Judi Chrupcala, Terri Click, Tonya Corbin, Jennifer Kerr, Jenn Lewis, Kacy Ora, Gina Rumford, Stacy Rush, Laura Salamon, Jessica Smith, Elyzabeth Tompus, Kewana Walker, Kia Walker, Mandy Schooley.

Intramural Update

By Norm Castiello

It's that time again! Intramurals are here. Volleyball and flag football are being offered from mid-October until mid-November. Mondays and Wednesdays will be flag football, while Tuesdays and Thursdays will be volleyball. As of now, Friday is going to be a makeup day if needed. Both sports will be held during common hour.

The intramurals are being organized by students this year. Mrs Tiz Griffith, Athletic Director looks forward to the fun enjoyed in previously, continuing under this new structure. Any students who want to play and still haven't signed up should see Mrs. Griffith in room 136 at the Commons Building immediately.



Delco Tennis Team: Andrew Savill, Elaine Weyandt, Kimberly England, Karen Dyckman, Jason Loesche, Thomas Sibley, Chris Jeantet, and David Schaefer with Coach and Athletic Director Tiz Griffith.

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