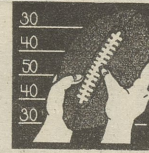




# Sports



Anthony Avagliano cases the field against PSU Mont Alto.

## PSU Soccer Kicks Off a Promising New Season

By Ryan Boldosser

The Penn State Delco Varsity soccer team kicked off its '97 season Sept. 5th and 6th when they competed in the Gloucester CC Tournament. The team lost its first game in the tournament with a score of 5-0, but came back the second game and won in a 5-1 victory.

Team members Jeff Forney and Matt Potts were impressed with the team's performance in the tournament and think that the team has a good chance of doing well this season. "The tournament was made up of some of the best competition we will face and I think we played really well," said Matt Potts (3rd semester, Business Administration). "I was really pumped up and impressed by the team's performance."

The Varsity soccer team this year includes freshman Joe McCall, Jim Staeger, Paul Avagliano, Kyle Luis, Robert Baah, John Peterson, and Jonathan Toomey; sophomores are Tim Stapert, Jim Forney, Karl Erikson, Chris

Bulla, and Matt Potts; also playing is junior Anthony Avagliano.

Varsity Soccer coach Mike Clark anticipates that this will be a very rewarding season for the team. He expects good things from all the players.

Players to especially watch over the course of the season are Kyle Luis (goalie), John Peterson and Chris Bulla (defense), Paul Avagliano and Anthony Avagliano (midfield), and Jim Staeger also in midfield. "So far I am real happy with how the team looks," commented Clark. "At first I felt a little uneasy because I only had four returning players. I have a lot of skilled players who mesh together easier than I thought they would. Things for this season look promising".

Involved in athletics almost as much as the athlete is Tiz Griffith, the Athletic Director at Penn State Delco. Commenting on the soccer team, she said, "It's a wonderful group and everyone is working hard. They have already started off better than they did last year".

### SOCCER '97

Sept. 25	R	Phila. CC	H
Sept. 27	S	PSU Scranton	A
Sept. 30	T	Manor College	H
Oct. 2	R	Cabrini JV	H
Oct. 4	S	PSU Wilkes Barre	A
Oct. 9	R	Manor College	A
Oct. 11	S	PSU Abington	H
Oct. 18	S	EPCC Final	TBA
Oct. 25	S	CCAC Finals	UP

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL '97

Sept. 24	W	Harcum & DCCC	HAR
Sept. 27	S	CCAC South	H
Sept. 30	T	Harcum	A
Oct. 4	S	CCAC Eastern Championship	TBA
Oct. 7	T	Phila. CC & Delaware	H
Oct. 9	R	Manor & Central	CP
Oct. 18	S	EPCC Championship	TBA
Oct. 27	SN	PCAA Championship	TBA

## Fall Baseball: Fantasy, Freaky, or Penn State?

By Rob Coyle

The arrival of fall is a double-edged sword for baseball fans. On one hand, fall brings with it pennant races and the World Series, baseball at its best. But on the other hand, fall is also the end of the season, with little to look forward to until spring training begins (which anymore is something like a week after the season ends).

At this point, the fan base is divided. The really freaky, hardcore fans join fantasy baseball leagues and spend countless hours and hundreds of dollars in Internet chat, pondering which prison the Yankees will draft from this year. The normal fan has football. But Penn State, and their fall baseball league, has the thrill of great baseball without all the fuss of the majors, and could be exactly what you are looking for.

Delco's team comes into this season riding high from last year's 2nd place finish overall in the Commonwealth College Athletic Conference (CCAC). This season's team, although young, looks poised to continue Delco's winning ways, led by CCAC Coach of the Year, Adam Winters. But that is not to say the road to the title won't be rough.

One true concern will be pitching. Mike Daloia is the only true pitcher on the staff, and will be looked upon to carry the load as Coach Winters tries to mold other players into pitching roles. Delco's powerful offense should help to lessen Daloia's burden,

however, and Coach Winters agrees. "Although we had more power last season, this team is made up of more gap and contact hitters, and overall may be a better hitting club (than last season)."

Look for 1st baseman Bill Twaddel and freshman outfielder Brian McCoach to lead the offense while Tom Keough anchors a very strong infield.

As for a prediction on the upcoming season, Coach Winters is not concerned. "Whether we go 15-0 or 0-15 is really not important, we really don't set a specific goal for wins and losses." But don't get the coach wrong, he wants to win. "As long as they play hard every game, the wins will take care of themselves." So far the team is holding their own, with a 0-4 record after two games.

So before you quit school and move out west to watch the Arizona Fall league, why don't you give PSU's version a chance.

### BASEBALL '97

Sept. 23	T	PSU Wilkes Barre	A
Sept. 27	S	Phila. CC	H
Sept. 28	SN	Luzerne Co. CC	A
Oct. 1	W	PSU Hazleton	A
Oct. 4	S	PSU Berks	H
Oct. 11	S	EPCC Tournament	TBA
Oct. 12	SN	EPCC Tournament	TBA
Oct. 16	R	PSU Abington	H
Oct. 22	W	CCAC Regionals	TBA
Oct. 25	S	CCAC Championship	UP



Delco players prepare for their game against PSU Mont Alto.

## PSU Volleyball: Dig It!

By JoAnne Johnson

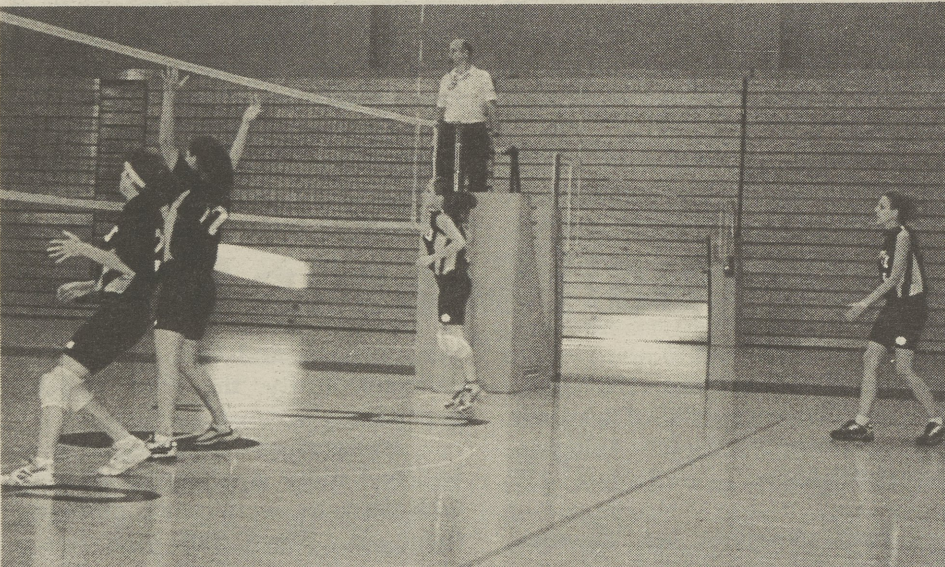
Despite many hardships that have plagued the women's varsity volleyball team from the start of the season, the ladies have continued to play hard.

Only three veterans returned this year, and finding some fresh faces proved to be a difficult task before the team's first game, September 6. After a sudden influx of interest in the team, though, Coach Matt Clark, (with assistants Rob McCoy and Scott Hoffman) had to schedule overtime training and conditioning. "It's been

difficult starting out, because most of our team had little or no prior experience before this year," commented Coach Clark. "I am definitely optimistic, because even though we are lacking the benefit of experienced players, our new players have more than enough determination to make up the difference." Assistant Coaches Landosky and DiRienzi keep the mood light, and the motivation flowing.

The ladies' first tournament was discouraging. The team suffered 2-0

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Delco's women on their way to a victory against Philadelphia Community College.