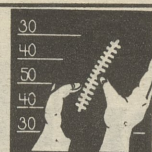




Sports



Men's Basketball:

Men's Team Ready to Play

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Even though they did not make the playoff's last season the Nittany Lions men's basketball team did finish on a promising note. Because of eligibility problems the team got off to a very slow start, but once the team, that would finish the season, was assembled the wins started to roll in. That is why their record of 10-14 is a deceiving one, and what appears to have been a tough season was really a step in the right direction for a team that is looking to return to the postseason.

The team is certainly going to have a good chance at doing just that. The team is already developing into a running team that also has the capacity to play tough defense.

This is because this year's team is not only athletic, but also has good overall size. Jon Daniel, Dave Kelley, and John Newdek return as starters from last year and new guys Melvin Hicks, Holus Sanders, and Weldon Blunt will help carry the load. Of the new players Melvin Hicks is the early standout as he is shaping up to be this teams talented true point guard.

Coach Bill Wiley is optimistic of this blend of freshmen and sophomores. "The sophomores are excepting the leadership roles and the freshmen are responding to them" says coach Wiley.

Key match-ups for this team are PSU Hazelton, who return most of their starters and PSU Scranton, who are the defending league champions.



More good play ahead for the women's team? We will have to wait and see.

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Cheerleading Now Coed

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The Penn State Delaware County Campus cheerleading team goes coed.

This year's cheerleading team had a great turnout. They have six returning cheerleaders, 13 new female cheerleaders, and four male cheerleaders.

This is Penn State Delaware County's largest squad ever, so much so that they are holding fundraising events for more uniforms. They had a car wash on Family Day and are now selling cookbooks for Christmas.

Their new coaches are Carol Meliti and Danielle Raech, and their advisor is Sally Ent. The captain is

Shannon Newkirk and Jen Gorman is co-captain.

This is their first year of aerial acrobatics and mounting. They have quality flyers and strong bases. They also have experienced gymnasts that have gone to national competitions during high school. They may even have exhibitions.

"There's more excitement and enthusiasm this year," said Terry Morant, male cheerleader.

"We're looking forward to a fun and spirited year and getting the crowd involved. Hopefully it will bring a big turnout for the games," said Missy DeLuca, female cheerleader, "There's more unity than there was last year."



What will this season hold for the men's basketball team?

Women's Basketball:

Young Basketball Team Looks Ahead to Season

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Coming off an 8-14 season, during which they were ousted by the champs to be in the first round of the playoffs, the Lady Nittany Lions prospects are good. Even though they return with only one starter, who happens to be all league point guard Joan Zimmerman, this youthful squad comes direct from quality programs like Cardinal O'Hara, Upper Darby and Saint Maria Goretti. New players who look to make a big impact are Lauren Keller, Sharena Robinson, Jennifer Wasco, and Rachel Hurwitz.

The team should be athletic and knowledgeable and have a good

shot at the CCAC championship. Coach Brian Donoghue says that with, "Ten new faces out of 11 their immediate success will depend on how quickly they pick up the system."



Games to look for will be match-ups between Delaware County Community College, P.S.U. Mont. Alto, and P.S.U. York.



Lions Eye member Lori Craddock greets with a smile on Family Day.