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Baseball Team Confident

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Penn State Delco's baseball record is 5-0 in the Commonwealth Campus Athletic League (CCAC) season. With only two games left in the CCAC division, the team's chances of making to the playoffs look bright. Who's left to play? Abington and Berks. These last two games are not going to be easy wins, especially Berks who has almost double the number of players Delco has. Yet that does not seem to faze Doris "Tiz" Griffith, Director of Athletics. Griffith is very pleased with the team and is confident that Delco will make it to the playoffs.

If Delco wins their last game in the EPCC League, which consists of community colleges and area Penn State campuses, they will advance to the playoffs. If Delco does, in fact, win the Championships, it would not be a huge

surprise when one looks at their history. The baseball team has clenched the title from 95 through 97 in the CCAC Eastern Division.

Team player Chris Frye stated that Delco has "problems with the community colleges this season." Frye was quite optimistic about the upcoming games. According to Frye, the biggest highlight so far was his teammate David Boyle's save in the game against Roxborough. Sophomore Boyle came through in the sixth inning of the game with the bases loaded and two outs by hitting a much-needed home run.

The baseball team's success is not sheer luck but the product of hard work. Practicing two hours six days a week has paid off. Three more wins will send them on their way to the playoffs. Doris Griffith encourages all to support the team and welcomes prospective baseball players to join the winning team.



Penn State Delco baseball team takes batting practice in preparation for the opening game against Abington.

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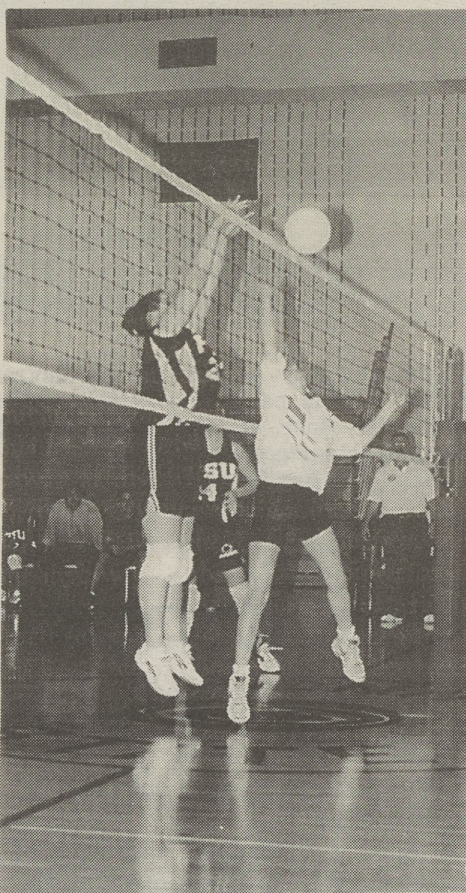
Tennis Team On Roll, Turning Season Around

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The Penn State Delco tennis team is on a roll. In the past ten days, they have won handily against PSU York, (8-1), PSU Berks (6-3), and Mont Alto (8-0). These were much appreciated victories since the team had lost earlier competitions against PSU Hazelton and PSU Abington with scores of 7-2 and 6-3.

"I see this team turning around. They had some losses but they're still working hard," commented Tiz Griffith, Athletic Director. The future still looks optimistic because Delco's tennis team still has many chances to win in several upcoming matches. Then, the men's and women's tennis teams have the opportunity to compete at the CCAC Open Tournament at University Park in October.

Coach Bill McCourt works to build teams of winners. An Shih, Stephen Spera, Jon Louderback, and Bill O'Berg play men singles and combine for doubles. Kathy Nguyen and Colleen Sullivan on the women's team play singles. Tara Martini, Nicole Culin, and Lillian Woo play double matches. Future matches against PSU Mont Alto and PSU York will be played at home on October 9 (1 p.m.) and 13 (3 p.m.) accordingly.



Delco's Sarah Stover spikes against Central Penn on the way to a team victory.

Photo by: Michelle King

Volleyball Season Short, But Players Having Fun

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"We are friends on and off the court," says Vanessa Behl. "Volleyball is a great sport."

The women's volleyball team is led by Tom Pflieger, head coach, and Matt Clark, assistant coach. The team consists of nine Delco students, four of whom returned from last year. They play other Penn State campuses and a variety of local colleges, such as Delaware County Community College and the Philadelphia Community College. To date, after their last game against Central Penn and DCCC, they are 2 in 9.

"It's refreshing to have a team with talent," says Pflieger. "We're really having a lot of fun this season. "The team has improved their record from last season and continues to improve and work hard on the court."

Practices are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights and run about three hours long. The season is short,

starting September 11 with the first tournament at PSU Berks, and only lasting about a month. If the team makes the playoffs, then the season will stretch until October 17 with the EPCC tournament.

The players are Julienne Balmer (freshman, LA), Dana Garling (Sophomore, Elementary Education), Kim Scali (sophomore, Hotel Management), Jen McGuire (sophomore, Administration of Justice), Christine Ferroni (sophomore, Criminal Justice), Colleen Kelly (freshman, LA), Vanessa Behl (freshman, Elementary Education), Eileen Carroll (freshman, DUS), and Sarah Stover (junior, English).

The team only has one home game left, but they encourage the Delco campus to come out and support them. The game is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 against Philadelphia CC.

"The Delco volleyball women are the sexiest women on campus," says team player Christine Ferroni while smiling. "Come see us play; we are good at everything we do."

Intramurals Showcasing Football, Tennis, Hockey

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This semester's intramural offerings are football, tennis, and street hockey. The football and tennis seasons have already started and will continue until bad weather sets in. Street hockey will be offered later this semester indoors, as well as in the spring, outdoors. Weather permitting, tennis will revive in the spring as well.

Intramurals are held during common hour, 12:30-1:20 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Although "it's best to get started in the beginning, it's never too late to come out," says Barbara Rostick, Kinesiology instructor. According to Rostick, student dropouts half way through the season will leave openings for new players. Gender is not an issue, as all teams are open to both sexes. "Please encourage the women to come," says Rostick.

Besides traditional sports, another option this semester is aerobics. An instructor paid by the Student Activity Fee Allocation Fund will teach classes every

Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 pm in the auxiliary gym. Because this program is functioning on a trial basis, its survival depends solely on high turnout.

In spring, three on three basketball will be added to the intramural roster. "We get more people for basketball than for anything," says Rostick. Each team is required to have a female student play part of every game. "Get the girls involved," says Rostick. Usually teams struggle to find female players, but once found, the co-ed team "makes it fun," says Rostick. For a challenge, students can play the faculty/staff team who won the intramural basketball championship last year.

Why should YOU play intramurals? Besides meeting new people and getting exercise, "it's just fun," says Rostick. As an added incentive, the winning teams in each sport will receive T-shirts. For students still unconvinced, the fitness room, gymnasium, and outdoor tennis courts are always open to any student with a valid ID. For equipment or intramural questions, contact Barbara Rostick, 610-892-1487 or email bar15@psu.edu.

Action At The Goal



Penn State Delco's soccer team sees action at the goal cage at a CCAC League game.

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