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Men's Basketball: Speedy 'David' Hopes To Keep 'Goliath' On The Run

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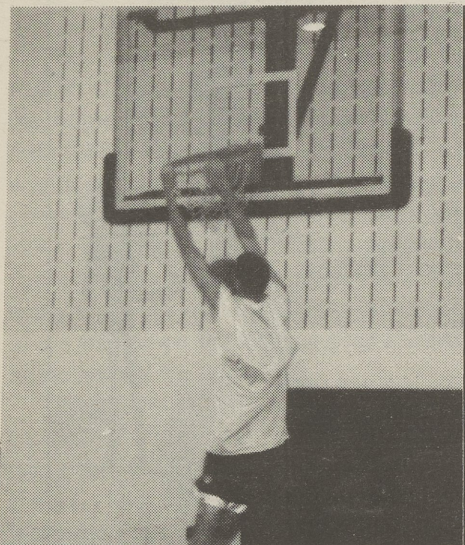
This year at Delco, the men's basketball team will probably win gold medals for all the running they will do. In a sport where big men and not so big men co-exist to form a team, there are often exceptions. When the regular season kicks off at home on November 17 against Williamson Trade School, the starting five may look a little different from the traditional lineup.

For a start, forget about the idea of having someone at least six and a half feet in the middle because that is not going to happen this year. Also, if two guards, two forwards, and a center are what is to be expected, get ready for the ultimate fun that is small ball. That is, basketball in the form of quick motion offenses, transition scoring, and plenty of footwork on both ends of the floor so the court cleaning crew has something to do after the game. The Delco millennium team is a quick one.

"Since we're smaller than last year, its going to be a run and gun type offense," said Melvin Hicks who plays guard.

When teams have a lack of size they often turn to this style of basketball. NBA teams such as the Phoenix Suns used this when their lineup had no one over 6'9. For players like Hicks who will swing from shooting to point guard and vice versa, this line-up asks an increase in court awareness and in overall coverage of the court because of defensive compensation.

On the line-up, the team has ten people under 6'2, and the remaining two other roster spots are occupied by 6'4 James Johnson and 6'5 Colt Blithe. So,



He got game: Sophomore Colt Blithe displays his skills during practice.

inevitably this was the best decision that Coach Bill Wiley could make for his team.

"We are absolutely a smaller team this year, but I think we have good foot speed. Our big problem right now is we need more inside depth," said Wiley about his roster.

One of the major problems smaller teams have is not only getting other teams to respect what, if any, inside game exists, when your possession is over and they get the ball. David and Goliath is still a modern day reality. When a team has no one taller than 6'5 to throw at teams who may have more than one person in that category, the game can get a little frustrating.

When asked how the team will handle this situation, Coach Wiley replied, "We're trying to run a motion offense this year because we want to extend the floor and play 94 feet. If it comes to playing a half-court game, teams may out size us. We want to get it to a scramble situation where teams would have to adjust to our foot speed."

Definitely this year the scoring will be done in transition, which means the offense will get most of its scoring opportunities on the defensive end by getting turnovers or making the other team force shots.

In most cases that occurs when the quicker guards out on the perimeter and quicker forwards in the paint distract the routine of the opposing team's offense. As a result, teams normally come up with poorer shot selection or less time to get off the shot.

Weldon Blount, a 6'2 swingman, will offer a dynamic to that defensive-offensive equation by giving a bigger, quicker, body in and around the paint.

"This year I am going to play small forward and power forward. I might go to the guard spot, but the majority of the time will be at the forward spot."

Coach Wiley agreed with Blount adding, "Weldon is going to have to play inside a little bit."

For the most part this year our team will have to adjust to small ball, but other teams will also have a difficult time guarding our players. The season will definitely see its share of miles covered by all the players on this year's squad, but that will be the primary method of winning.

"That's how I like to play," said Wiley about the squad, and if the squad is going to play fast, then much like NASCAR, it will be worth watching the speed.



Delco cheerleaders showed their spirit at Media's Halloween Parade as one of their service projects for the campus. They will be cheering at the men's and women's basketball games starting next month.

Photo by Sally Ent

Book Review

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not accept this work as a commentary on the break down of what is labeled human nature or behavior.

In modern light, this story shares many of the same principles that created the feel and vibe of *The Blair Witch Project*, where students in the woods went through a wide range of emotions

brought on by the paranoia and despair of being lost and hunted by an unknown force. Both the characters of the movie and in the novella experience a form of "stir craziness," that makes for audience members can identify with. Altogether Conrad provided a universal work some hundred plus years ago that has not lost impact even on society today, and more than likely never will.

Hockey Team Undefeated In Divisional Play

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In the first weeks of their third season as a Delco club sport, the ice hockey team is undefeated in divisional play with a 2-0 league record. Their overall record is 2-2, having played Neumann and Loyola who are not in their league. All of the team's upcoming games are in their division, and the majority are home games.

On the team's overall play, coach Chuck Gorman said, "We have a lot of new players on the squad. Having said this, we are just now starting to pull everything together. You will see a lot of improvement as the season progresses." In their home game on October 23, the team lost to Neumann by a score of 7-4. Sophomore Jim Gregg contributed two goals. Freshman Pat Cleary and Sophomore Ben Seidman also scored. Assisting were Sophomore Mike D'Alonzo and Freshman Paul Casciello. Goalie, Sophomore Jason Canavo was

credited with 35 saves.

In their home game on November 13, the team defeated Catholic University by a score of 7-2. Team co-captains Derek Rieck and Ben Seidman, along with Rob McCleod, Steve Wolfe, and Kyle Hihn, each scored one goal. Jim Gregg was credited with two goals and two assists. Goalies Jason Canavo and Mike Gillespie excelled in their split time in the net.

Scrimmaging at the First Union Center on November 14, the Blue team edging the White team 6-5. Reick said it was "A fun day for players and fans." The team plays November 20 at Dickenson's Twin Ponds rink in Carlisle, PA at 8:30 p.m.

Their next home game is against George Mason University on December 4 at Ice Line in West Chester at 10:30 p.m. "It is their [George Mason's] first year in this league. They applied to the league at the same time as us," said Rieck.

"We appreciate any and all of the support that our fans can give us," said Gorman.

Men's Basketball Schedule

November 20	at Cabrini JB 3:00 p.m.
December 1	vs. Valley Forge Junior College 7:00 p.m.
December 4	at Penn JV 7:00 p.m.
December 8	vs. PSU York 8:00 p.m.
January 8	at Valley Forge Junior College 2:00 p.m.
January 12	vs. Delaware CCC 7:00 p.m.
January 15	at PSU Schuylkill 1:00 p.m.
January 17	at PSU Berks 8:00 p.m.
January 19	vs. PSU Hazelton 8:00 p.m.
January 22	vs. PSU Wilkes Barre 3:30 p.m.
January 27	vs. PSU Abington 8:00 p.m.
January 29	at PSU Mont Alto 3:00 p.m.
January 31	at PSU Scranton 7:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey Club Schedule

November 20	at Dickenson (Twin Ponds) 8.30 p.m.
December 4	vs. George Mason (Iceline) 10.30 p.m.
December 5	vs. Neumann (Iceworks) 2 p.m.
December 11	vs. Shippensburg (Iceline) 9:30 p.m.
January 9	Alumni Game (Iceline) 9 p.m.
January 15	at Bucknell (Sunburry) 4:15 p.m.
January 22	vs. Loyola (Iceline) 9:30 p.m.
January 29	vs. Dickenson (Iceline) 8:45 p.m.
February 5	at Rutgers (Colesium) 12:15 p.m.
February 11	vs. Bucknell (Iceline) 1:45 p.m.
February 12	vs. Rutgers (Iceline) 9:30 p.m.
February 19	vs. Shippensburg (Iceline) 9:15 p.m.
February 20	at Georgetown (Fort DuPont) 9 p.m.