

Eye on Sports

Walking wounded

Women's team persists despite illness, injuries

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The Penn State Delco women's basketball team has taken a beating this season.

Literally.

The Lions, who has a roster consisted of nine players before winter break.

The injuries occurred during two games, Dec. 6 against Penn State Hazleton and Dec. 9 against Penn State York.

The injuries included Dana Johnson (forward), who had with an MCL sprain, Katie McBrearty (forward), who suffered a torn meniscus, and Kara Zibleman (guard), a partial torn meniscus.

Forward Brooke Edwards also had to sit out with a stress factor to her ankle.

Kim Brennan has been out all season with bad knees and has been awaiting test results after undergoing tests.

Plus, Emily Jackson has been out sick with a virus and has been in and out of the hospital. And Megan Peterkin has been playing all season with a bad knee.

The Lady Lions may be falling apart physically, but emotionally they are trying to stay intact. The Lions had to forfeit their game on Saturday, Dec. 11, against Central Penn because, they only had three girls able to play.

Over winter break, the girls had two weeks off from basketball and as of their return, Wednesday, Jan. 12 against Manor College, four girls were ready and able to play. Jackson was still sick and Brennan was awaiting news about what is causing the pain in her knees.

The Lady Lions will be adding a new player to their roster this semester in Megan Russo, a freshman who is a transfer from East Stroudsburg. The team believes she will be adding a lot for the second part of their season.

The Penn State Lady Lions record stands at 6-6 after a 60-44 win over Lehigh-Carbon Community College Saturday, Jan 15.

Zibelman, McBrearty and Johnson all played, wearing knee braces.



Photo by Matt Kelly

Despite a rash of injuries and illness that struck late in the fall semester, the Penn State Delco women's basketball team has persevered. Though the team huddle still provided evidence of the walking wounded Saturday, Jan. 15, the Lions scored a 60-44 victory over Lehigh-Carbon Community College.

Athletic programs go to four-year eligibility

Over the winter break a major change was made in the Penn State Delco athletic program.

All athletic teams at Penn State Delaware County will have four-year eligibility, effective for the Fall 2005 semester.

All of the programs which now have two-year eligibility — soccer, tennis, baseball, and women's basketball — will go to four-year eligibility and the players can compete for two additional years.

Four-year eligibility is already

in place for the volleyball and men's basketball teams.

The change is expected to result in scheduling and recruiting improvements for the campus programs. Four-year eligibility will also mean the end of competition with schools, like Delco Community, which offer only two years of eligibility.

Stop by room 138 in the Commons building if there are any questions about eligibility requirements.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team hopes to improve on its 3-5 record this second semester.

"I think we'll do well," said senior Hisham Rahmi. "The team is very cohesive now. No one is selfish."

After a trio of away games (Jan. 11, 14, 15) the men have home-court advantage tomorrow, Jan. 19, against Penn State Mont Alto.

Volleyball workouts set

Head women's volleyball coach

Brian Phipps will be offering open workouts Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The workouts are open to both men and women. The first workout will be held Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

Coach Phipps can be contacted at BRP108@psu.edu or stop by the athletic office in room 138 in the Commons building.

3-on-3 league forming

A 3-on-3 basketball league will begin Monday, Jan. 24, during common hour, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Students interested in participating can sign up at bulletin boards at room 138 in the Commons building.

The signup deadline is Jan. 19. Forms should be returned to Athletic Director Joe DiAntonio in room 138. Late registration won't be accepted.

Games will be played Mondays and Wednesdays during common hour, throughout the semester.

Julia Hagan contributed to this story.