

Eye on Sports

PSU Brandywine Tennis

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This season the Penn State Brandywines tennis team is doing a phenomenal job. The currently have a 5-2 record and began the season on a three game winning streak. Their first win came on September 8th as they defeated Penn State Lehigh Valley 6-3. A few days later, the team beat Penn College of Technology with a 6-3 score.

The team then dissected the Penn State Wilkes Barre team on September 14th with a 9-0 victory. On September 20th the team suffered their first lost at the hands of Penn State York with a score of 5-4.

The team redeemed themselves going on a two game winning streak against Penn State Mont Alto and Penn State Hazelton. The score for both games was 6-3. On September 29th, the team lost to Penn State York again with the score of 5-4.

The team is lead by head coach Lloyd Vernon who was a former Penn State tennis player back when the campus was known as Penn State Delaware County. Coach Vernon has had multiple successful jobs since getting his Bachelor degree in Business Management from the university, but tennis is his passion. The Upper Darby native says, "Nothing



would please me more than working with student-athletes and guide them to a championship that they will be proud to add to their resume of achievements. Determination, grit, hard work and a willingness to learn go a long way in being successful both on and off the court. It worked for me and I want it to work for them."

The team consists of three females; junior HDFFS major Natasha Ciminera, sophomore Pre-Med major Melissa Creely and Amy Reimer. The team also has five males; sophomore Finance major Max Berry, senior IST major Marc Frayne, senior IST major Kevin Kelleher, junior Kinesiology major Tom Sharp, and freshman Karol Wojcik.

The team has three games remaining this season, two of which are home games. The schedule for the home games are as followed; Saturday October 9th against Penn State Mont Alto at 12pm and Tuesday October 12th against Penn State Hazelton at 3pm. The last game will be on October 20th on the road against Penn college of Technology at 3 pm. Come out and cheer on the team as they attempt to end the season on a high note.

Lady Lions Spike Again

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This season the Penn State Woman's Volleyball team has dominated the courts. They started off the season with a six game winning streak. In just the first three weeks of the season they attained the record of 8 and 1 overall and 5 and 1 in the PSUAC (Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference). They have had a great year so far, with an overall record of 13 wins and 5 losses for the season placing the team well over

500. Within the PSUAC, the volleyball team stands with a record of 10 wins and 4 losses. This season's team is comprised of eight talented female athletes who show great dedication on and off the court.

This year the team consists of two juniors, Melanie Tyson, # 7, and Kimi Gardiner, # 2/#30, four sophomores, Kate Algeo, #18, Kate Cowan, #12, Gurpreet Kaur, #6, and Kathleen Sheppard #22. This season there are two new comers, freshmen Kate Curley, #8, and Amanda Rasley, #13.

The girls are guided by head coach Melissa Leinen and assistant coach

Samantha Mascony. In addition to coaching the volleyball team, Coach Leinen is Penn State Brandywine's Sports information Coordinator and helps coach at Unionville High School and at the Sparks Volleyball Club during the winter and spring. This highly qualified coaching staff has helped lead the team to its 12 wins.

"Brandywine's team is led by junior Melanie Tyson and sophomore Kate Cowan who together bring

energy and positive play to the court and encourage the rest of the team to play to their potential," spoke Coach Leinen. "We have a dedicated group of eight girls who are willing to play multiple positions from match to match and have new plays and ideas tossed at them daily. They take everything in stride, work hard and fight as a team. We are having a very strong season with 5 matches remaining."

Be sure to support our Lady Lions as they play a home match against Bryn Athyn College at 7 PM on Wed. October 13 and a doubleheader against Penn State Mont Alto at 1PM and 3PM on Sunday, October 17.



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The New Red Machine: Phillies sweep Reds. Await date with Giants

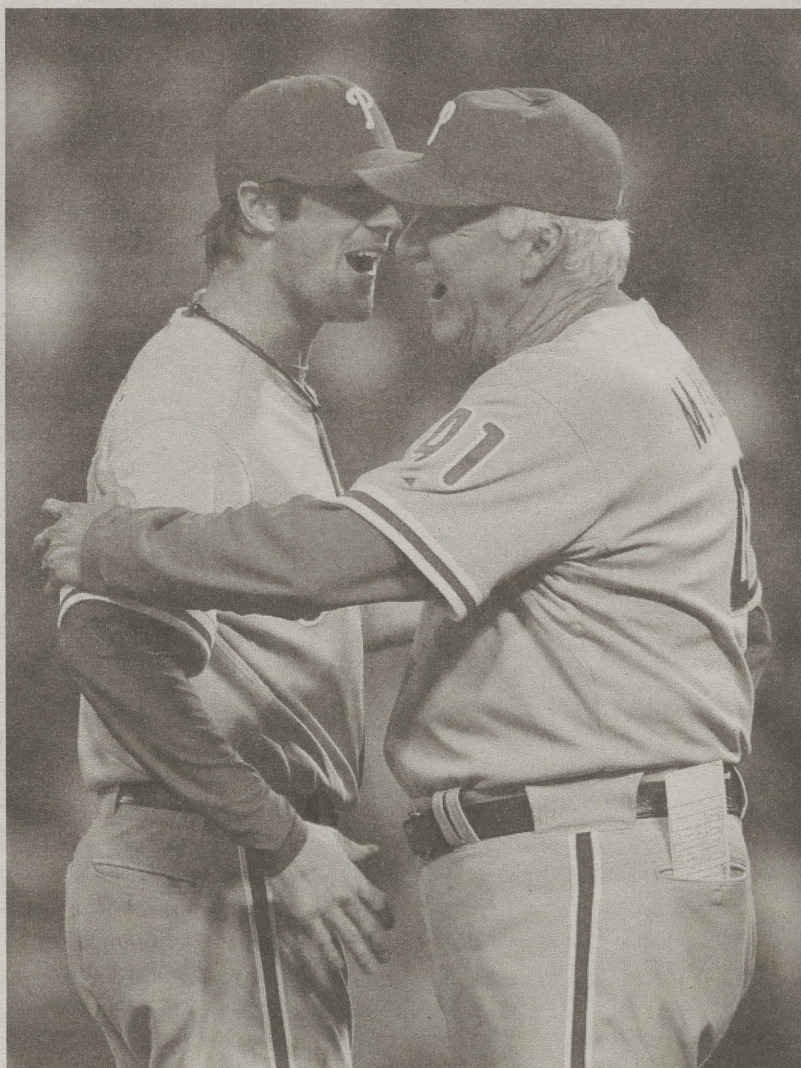
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NEXT!

A no hitter, a shocking comeback and a complete game shutout to complete a sweep. The Phillies had no problem entertaining their fans and a national audience in their short three game sweep of the Cincinnati Reds. Now, the Phillies look to continue their winning ways as they get set to meet the San Francisco Giants in the NLCS. "This is an incredible run we're on, but we feel like this is what we need to be doing. This is what we should be doing," spoke closer Brad Lidge who picked up a save in game 2.

Despite its short length, the NLDS against Cincinnati will be one to talk about for years to come. Game 3 saw Cole Hamels return to where his major league career began and shutout the Reds potent offense in their own home park. That game completed the Phillies first ever sweep of a team in the postseason. Game 2 saw the Phils erased a four run deficit and scored seven unanswered runs, four of those runs coming off the supposedly much better bullpen of either two teams. Last but not least, who will ever forget the history Roy Halladay made in his first ever playoff start? Halladay became only the second pitcher in MLB history to throw a no hitter in the playoffs, the first since Don Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series.

For the Reds, it was a tough end to a long season. "You know, pitching is the key, and they threw three excellent pitchers against us," said Reds manager Dusty baker. "You know, it's a tough pill to swallow when you work so hard from Spring Training to get to this point. And you know you achieve one goal and you're trying to achieve another goal." Dusty and his Reds simply drowned in the H2O. Also leading to their demise was seven very costly errors and a combined eleven



Manager Charlie Manuel congratulates Cole Hamels after his great outing.

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hits over the three games. Pretty shocking when considering they were the best defensive and offensive team in the league.

Next for the Phillies will be the NL West division champion San Francisco Giants. The Giants (92-70) defeated the Braves three games to one in the NLDS. Unlike Cincinnati, San Francisco has been known for their strong rotation this season and not their offensive capabilities. Going against the H2O will be Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain and Jonathan Sanchez. With the Phils offense not exactly running up the scoreboards, some have wondered what this series will bring.

"It's going to be an interesting little series," spoke Shane Victorino. "We know what we're up against. Are we going to do anything differently? Yeah, we need to hit. But I think as long as you get a 'W' at the end of the day, whether it be through good pitching or good hitting, that's what it's about."

The Phils and Giants split the six game season series with the Giants taking 2 of 3 in late April by the Bay and the Phils taking 2 of 3 in mid August at the Bank.

The series kicks off this Saturday night at 7:30 on FOX. Roy Halladay will meet Tim Lincecum in a pitchers duel even the FOX broadcasters are looking forward to. Some say that given both sides have strong rotations, it will come down to offense. In that case, if the Phils can repeat previous NLCS performances and get the big bat of Ryan Howard going, there might just be another late night celebration on Broad Street in the coming weeks.