

Sporting View

Orioles leave Erie

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Professional baseball in Erie is gone.

In case you missed it, Baltimore Orioles General Manager Roland Hemond announced that they have terminated their player contract with Erie. The reason? The clubhouse, which was actually the locker facilities at Roosevelt school, just wasn't fancy enough for the ritzy Orioles organization. This is what Erie Orioles Acting General Manager R.J. Zonna received over the fax machine last week as one of the main reasons for the termination of the contract.

Most likely, though, the real reason was probably the one given by Baltimore's public relations man Rick Vaughn. According to Vaughn, the Orioles wanted their Class A ballclub playing a longer season than the one played in the New York-Penn league. The NY-P plays only a 70-game season, and the Orioles want their A team playing in a 140-game league.

The O's certainly couldn't claim that the city of Erie wasn't supporting the team. Over 56,000 fans squeezed into Ainsworth field this year to watch a team that spent almost all of the summer in the NY-P dirty clothes hamper.

Is this the end of pro baseball in Erie? If Erie club owners Bill McKee and John Wendel have anything to say about it, baseball may return to Ainsworth as soon as next summer. McKee and Wendel are presently exploring three possibilities: affiliation with another Major League ballclub, running the team independently with no affiliations, or run the team as a co-op with players coming from several Major League teams.

Whatever they end up doing, lets hope that McKee and Wendel are successful in keeping the national pastime in Erie.

• Does anyone remember Al Campanis, former vice president of baseball operations for the L.A. Dodgers? If you're an aspiring black Major League manager, you probably remember Big Al and what he said a couple summers back about blacks not having the right tools to manage a baseball team to a pennant winning season.

After looking at the standings of the American League East on Monday morning, I found it very interesting that the Toronto Blue Jays and the Baltimore Orioles were perched atop the division by no less than seven and four and a half games respectively over the next closest team. With less than a dozen games left to play, the race most likely will be won by one of these two teams. The Jays and Orioles just happen to be managed by black managers Cito Gaston and Frank Robinson, respectively. I wonder how Al

would explain that.

• Ever notice how most people in the sports world refer to some managers, at least those that are black, as black managers. Just in case you don't see how silly this is, trying reading the beginning of this next sentence. "Jim Leyland, white manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates,...."

• With all due respect to Pittsburgh fans, which Pittsburgh doesn't seem to get much of anymore, the Steelers really, really suck. But then, that's just one man's opinion.

• After two weeks, some people think that the Browns are looking a lot like a championship team. Not to put a damper on things, but the season is only two weeks old, and the combined record of Cleveland opponents is a less-than-mighty 0-4. Expect to find out more about Bernie and the boys when they play their first real game next Monday night in Cincinnati, a club that also has something to prove.

• Do you think we really need the World League of American Football? I didn't think so either.

• Still think Philly quarterback Randall Cunningham isn't a complete quarterback? Not only did Cunningham have the big numbers (34 completions, 46 attempts, five TD passes, one interception and 447 passing yards), but he also had the poise to hold his team together after the Redskins jumped all over the Eagles for a quick 20 points. The Eagles came back to win on the strength of six Washington turnovers and a Cunningham TD pass with 52 seconds left in the game.

All of this happened after Cunningham worked out a five-year extension on his multimillion megabuck contract. Somebody forgot to tell him he didn't have to earn it all in one day.

• I think we can all feel better about ourselves now that Penn State has gotten its first win under its belt against Temple, a team that features a no-quarterback offense.

Behrend soccer team wins its first game of the young season

Lions shut out St. Vincent College

The Behrend men's soccer team had to use their heads, in addition to overcoming a lot of obstacles, before they could chalk up their first win of 1989.

The Lions first taste of victory came last Saturday in a 1-0 road victory against St. Vincent College, who came into the game with a 2-2 record. Head Coach Herb Lauffer felt Behrend could have easily made the game a blowout.

"We really dominated the first half and could easily have been up by two or three goals. Their goalie played well, but a couple of shots caught the posts, or we might have walked off the field with a lead."

The Lions continued to apply pressure in the second half, eventually cracking St. Vincent for the game-winning score. Senior Ken Crumb scored on a header off of a perfect pass from sophomore Mathew Gallagher's corner kick.

"This St. Vincent squad was better than Elmira and at least as good as Allegheny," said Lauffer, mentioning teams that narrowly defeated Behrend. "Hopefully, this proves we can win a tight, defensive struggle."

Sophomore netminder Ken Granholm stopped six shots, including four in the second half to preserve the shutout.

The Lions managed nine shots on goal for the game, with senior midfielder Tom Kerr leading the way with four.

On September 13, Behrend lost a double overtime heartbreaker to SUNY-Fredonia, 3-0.

Junior goalie Chris Hahn saved six shots in regulation, including three big ones in the first eight minutes.

In overtime, Fredonia bombarded Hahn with seven shots, scoring three goals. Brian Charles scored the game-winner for the visitors at 10:26 of the first overtime period, when he blasted a corner kick pass off the crossbar. Charles added a second

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Soccer Coach**

the final goal with 1:26 remaining in the second overtime.

The Lions will be looking for their first home win when Geneva College visits Behrend today at 4:00.

Behrend coach named to national academic committee

For the third time in the past four years, Behrend Head Basketball Coach Doug Zimmerman has been selected to serve on a national committee on academics.

Zimmerman, in his seventh year at Behrend, will serve on the committee which is a body of The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). The NABC president, Clarence Gaines of Winston-Salem State University, made the appointment of Zimmerman.

Zimmerman is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally for his outstanding commitment to athletics. In his ten years of collegiate head coaching, four at Slippery Rock and six at Behrend, Zimmerman has graduated over 95 percent of his student-athletes.

"Doug Zimmerman has been steadfast in his efforts to bring not only talented athletes into our program, but also students committed to earning a degree," comments Athletic Director Herb Lauffer. "I am pleased that the NABC has once again recognized Doug for his interests in developing young minds as well as bodies."

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