



WENZEL STANDS TALL — All-Tourney 6'9" center George Wenzel harasses the Bears' Scott Culler as he attempted to take a shot during Saturday's championship game of the Kenneth A. Gant Invitational between Augustana and Potsdam College. Wenzel, along with MVP forward Dave Anderson controlled both the offensive and defensive boards in the second half, mounting an inside attack which gave the Vikings a three point victory. (Jim Murphy photo)

Bears And Vikings Display Playoff Caliber Basketball In Kenneth Gant Invitational

Forget the fact that the collegiate basketball season is still in diapers and the fates of both teams can turn over as quickly as a double dribble. Augustana and Potsdam College battled for the NCAA Division III Championship all over again Saturday night in the championship game of the Kenneth A. Gant Potsdam College Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Whether it was a flashback to the last time these two powers battled for the national championship or a preview of what to expect in post-season play, the 2,800 fans that packed into Maxcy Hall this weekend were treated to a performance that is still many months away — playoff caliber basketball.

There was no 30-foot miracle shot to save the Bears this time around as the Vikings' skill and patience triumphed in the end of the back and forth tug-of-war, 87-84, but for Potsdam to play so well so early against so good a team has to be considered a victory in itself.

"This was Division III basketball at its best," said Viking Coach Jim Borchering, "and it was a pleasure to have a tremendous basketball program and one of the top coaches in the country in Jerry Welsh. I fell in love with this place."

Bears coach, Jerry Welsh, echoed Borchering's comments by saying, "We played against one of the best teams...and against one of the best coached teams in Division III basketball."

Coaching tactics, however, had little to do with the first half of Saturday's battle. The first half was simply a shootout which, when the smoke finally cleared and the fans had a chance to catch their breath, ended in a 50-50 stalemate.

"For a while in the first half I thought it was going to be the shootout at the O.K. Corral," Borchering said. "But we stress defense like crazy, and we couldn't stop each other at all."

The Bears shot a torrid 76 percent from the floor in the first half, led by

the team's usual leaders, Gary Sparks who had 16 points and Leroy Witherspoon, who added seven in the first half.

The Bears, however, needed a superhuman effort from a less than usual source in the second half to stay in the game when Sparks' effectiveness was severely limited by foul trouble.

That effort came from guard Marty Groginski, whose almost perfect outside shooting almost single-handedly kept the Bears in the game. Groginski shot an incredible 12 for 13 from the floor and three for three from the line for 27 points.

But on the other side, Augustana had some players who also stood tall in the game — literally.

Tournament MVP Dave Anderson, playing taller than his listed 6'5" and 6'9" sensation George Wenzel had a field day on the offensive boards, especially with Sparks out most of the half, mounting an inside combination which proved to be unbeatable. Anderson ended with 28 points, followed by Wenzel's 25 points and six rebounds.

The Bears, down by six late in the game, battled back to take a one point lead, 80-79, with just over two minutes remaining. Augustana, far from panicking over the turn of events, worked patiently for the good shot to take the lead, Potsdam with late turnovers and less than prudent shot selection simply wilted under the pressure exerted by the Vikings.

"Late in the game there were times that we could have moved the ball more and didn't," Coach Welsh said.

Sparks ended with 21 points and Witherspoon added 15 for the Bears. Scott Culler also was in double figures for Potsdam, coming off the bench to contribute 10 key points.

In the consolation matchup between the other tourney participants, Clarkson, behind the 23 point performance of Tim Spafford, downed St. Lawrence University, who had all sorts of problems in the tourney, 62-49. Tom Macek, with 12 points, and Kirk Murad, with 11 points, were also in double figures to pace the Green and Gold. The Saints' Mark Coleman led his team with 10 points in what was a dismal performance for the St. Lawrence squad.

Bears Women Hoopsters Edged By RPI, 51-50

It's hard to call a one point thriller "typical," but Friday's 52-51 heart-stopper between Potsdam College's women's basketball squad and RPI was just that for both teams.

This season RPI was the one-point victor. Last year, the Bears eked out a 53-52 win and in the past four years the games have all been decided by three points or less.

On Friday, Lorraine King accounted for nearly half of the Bears' offense, scoring 21 points. Donna Finley with six points was the Bears' second leading scorer.

Colkin Greaney, with 18 points, and Marylou Murrock, who added 14 points, paced RPI's attack.

Bears Down Brockport In First Home Match

There's no place like home. That is especially true for the road-weary Potsdam College men's hockey squad, who returned to Maxcy Hall after playing five straight away contests to defeat Brockport in an 8-5 shootout on Sunday afternoon.

A shootout is a good way to describe Sunday's victory, which evened the Bears' record to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play. Potsdam mounted a 60-shot offense attack and exploded for five unanswered markers in the third period to roar back from a 3-3 deficit.

Mike Pratt and Yves Marcoux led the Bears' offense with two goals, while Ted Bach, Denis Marcoux, Pierre Marcoux and Brett Lowe contributed singletons. Steve Malhot, Jim Tyo, Dan Williams, Dave Palmisano and Brian Bell also contributed to the total team effort. Jeff Manke and Stephan Laperriere split the goaltending duties for the Bears.

Knights Have To Settle For Tie After Mounting 65 Shot Barrage

Despite pounding away at the Colgate goal with a 65-shot attack, the Clarkson Golden Knights had to settle for a 5-5 tie with the Red Raiders in collegiate hockey action on Saturday.

The Green and Gold, now 4-0-1 overall and 2-0-1 in ECAC competition, will take on Concordia University in a special Thanksgiving contest at Walker Arena. Thursday night will also be Pee Wee Jersey night. Anyone 18 or younger and wearing a hockey jersey will be admitted to the game free. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The Knights returned to the friendly confines of Walker Arena on Saturday after a successful road trip which saw the Green and Gold win the Empire Cup Tournament and their first ECAC match-up with Vermont, 4-2.

The success of the trip seemed to carry over in the Knight's contest against Colgate as Clarkson came out on fire in the first period, jumping out to a quick three goal advantage.

Bruce McDonough scored back-to-back goals for the Knights at 3:13 and 10:07 of the first period to open the scoring. Deron Bauer and Pat Haramis assisted in the first goal, while Bob Armstrong and Mike Harvey helped set up the second tally.

Haramis, with assists by Bauer and McDonough, tallied the third Clarkson goal at 14:00. Colgate's Dan Maillet countered with a goal 48 seconds later to close out the scoring in the initial stanza.

Despite allowing three goals, Colgate's netminder, Jeff Cooper, put on what proved to be an outstanding performance facing incredible pressure throughout the period and faring well under a 28 shot Green and Gold barrage.

Freshman Charlie Meitner got things started for the Knights in the second period with a marker at 5:02. Harvey and Ted Fauss earned the assists.

The Red Raiders stormed back, with a Mike LeBlanc tally just 25 seconds later. Colgate's Lou Wagar then closed the gap to just one with a goal at the 16:12 mark of the period.

Golden Knight Captain Colin Patterson tallied early in the third period to give Clarkson a two goal margin, but a power play tally by the Raiders' Mike Houle again narrowed the gap. Peter Ens tied the game at 5-5 with a goal at the midway point of the final stanza.

Bears Wrestlers Lose In Opener

Potsdam College's wrestlers were more than a little surprised by a very tough Cortland squad, dropping their opening match of the wrestling season on Saturday, 35-10.

"They were much better than we thought they would be," Coach Neil Johnson said after a match which saw only two Potsdam wrestlers emerge victorious.

Those two victories came from two wrestlers who are expected to spark the Bears this season. Kregg Bruno, who earned All-America status as a sophomore, outpointed Al Ciclo, 15-7, in the 142 lb. weight class.

Terry Bernat, at 190 lbs., pinned Joe Harrison for Potsdam's only other victory in the match. Bernat had an outstanding freshman campaign last season.

Area Runners Selected

Duncan Douglas of Potsdam and Leo Foster of Norwood-Norfolk were named first team All-Northern boys cross-country runners in Section 10 this season.

Leslie Revier, who led Norwood-Norfolk's girls was also named first team All-Northern.

Jeff Cryder of Potsdam and Dave Steele of Norwood-Norfolk were named to the second All-Northern team for Division I and II respectively, while the Stoners' Brian Collins received honorable mention for his fine year.

For the girls Deanna Smith of Norwood-Norfolk received honorable mention to round out area winners.

Football Banquet Nov. 29

The Potsdam High School Booster Club will sponsor its fall football awards banquet on Nov. 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

This dinner will include all varsity and j.v. cheerleaders and all football coaches.

A \$5 fee will be charged to each parent, friend or relative. Children under 12, \$3. Tickets will be available at the door.

After the banquet, the booster club will present this year's football awards.

Providence Stops Bears

Potsdam's Bears women's hockey team dropped both ends of a two game series with national powerhouse Providence College in collegiate hockey action over the weekend.

On Friday, the Bears kept close but were really no match for the powerful Providence squad, who last year placed second in the Eastern AIAW tournament. Scoring sensation Kathy Lawler had two goals and three assists to pace the Bears, with Kim Wood also scoring twice. Kim Michaud and Cindy Gates each added goals in the loss.

On Saturday Providence was held to just one assist as Providence again showed their superiority, 6-4. Buffy Bach, Monique Stevens, Wood and Michaud tallied for the now 1-2 Bears.

Bears Swimmers Win

Potsdam College's women's swimming squad upped its record to 3-0 with a 73-59 victory over Hartwick last Thursday.

Ann Donato was a triple winner, taking the 500 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 50 butterfly competitions. Renee Hotter, with victories in the 100 and 200 individual medley races, and Cathy Riley, who took the top spot in the 100 and 50 breaststroke competitions, also paced the Bears.

Many Ski Areas Already Open As Slope Season Gets Under Way

It is that time of year when the ski article starts to appear, and it is also time to start thinking about those Christmas presents. In spite of the warm temperatures and bare ground, there are a number of ski areas that are already open. Killington has been open since October and now has about seven trails that are open. You can ski from Killington peak from the summit lodge to the bottom of the snowdown triple chair, a run of about two miles. Rhime, a trail in the glades, is also open, so it is possible to use three different lifts at Killington. It is fall skiing and you should realize that only seven of the 84 trails at Killington are open. It is, however, quite a bit of fun to ski this time of year because it is something that you have not done for a year.

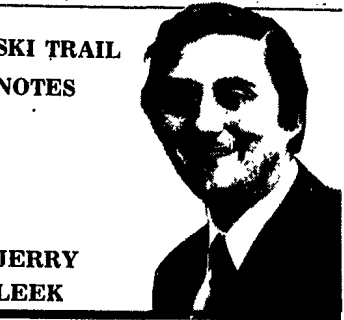
Most of the mountain at Grey Rocks Inn is now covered with artificial snow, and there is some pretty good skiing. Grey Rocks is near Mt. Tremblant, about three and one half hours away. Other areas that are open include Mt. Snow, Stowe, Stratton, Bromley and Sugarbush. As far as I am aware, there has been no attempt to make any snow at Big Tupper or Whiteface, but the snow guns are ready to go when it gets cold again this week.

Pico Peak near Rutland, Vt., is open and that area has its annual turkey dinner starting about mid-afternoon on Thanksgiving Day. This event is usually a good deal if there is some pretty good snow. There are only a few trails open on Pico Peak at the present time.

The best news from Big Tupper is that the upper mountain has been improved. While there are no new trails in the area serviced by the number three lift, there has been considerable improvement of the landscape to make it more serviceable to skiers. A multitude of boulders and stumps were blasted away making the area decent without the necessity of having a three foot base. It should be possible to ski trails 19 through 22 on about only

eight inches of consistent snow. Everyone who skied at Tupper thought that the number three chair was always a good one to ski, but there was never enough snow to ski on most of those trails. But now that should be able to ski the entire area without ruining your skis on rocks; assuming that there is only moderate base of snow.

Most of the day lift tickets for weekends in Vermont are running between \$20 and \$25 per person. Big Tupper is charging only \$14 per adult person on weekends, \$12 for students, senior citizens, and military and \$10 for juniors.



SKI TRAIL NOTES

JERRY LEEK

There are the usual fearless forecasts about the weather to be expected for this coming winter. As you might suppose, most of the forecasters predicted a severe winter after that very cold August. Since August, however, the temperature has been above normal. In fact there was more snow in August at Killington than in October. Just before the last weekend of August Killington got almost eight inches. In spite of all the signs to the contrary, the forecasters are sticking to their forecasts of a severe winter with lots of snow.

Extra Points Clarkson Sets Jersey Night

By JIM MURPHY Sports Editor

Pee Wee Hockey Jersey Night

On Thursday, Clarkson's undefeated varsity hockey squad faces Concordia University at Walker Arena. As a special Thanksgiving treat, anyone 18 or younger wearing a hockey jersey to the game will be admitted free. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Smith Rugby Champion

Robilee Smith, a native of Potsdam, is a member of the 1982 national champion Beantown Rugby Football Club of Boston. Smith was a part of a team which trounced all competitors at the women's finals held in Oak Brook, Ill. over Memorial Day weekend. Her Beantown club was ranked first among the 225 women's rugby clubs nationwide.

During the last rugby match I attended years ago in Oswego, a player was tackled hard by several of the opposition and had to be carried off bleeding badly from the nose and mouth. He was rushed to the hospital where it was confirmed that he had broken his nose. That player was then rushed back to the field and not only played but actually scored later in the game. Rugby is not for the weak at heart to play — or watch for that matter.

Robilee, who is assistant director and managing editor of the Northeastern University Press, has been playing three years for Beantown. She was named Most Improved Forward her first year and now is one of the club's officers.

WIBC Bowling League

Pat Hadley, Margaret Richards and Florence Powers were named as delegates to go to this year's state bowling convention in Rochester. The delegate to the national convention in Las Vegas is Arleen Boutvier. In addition, Bill Gains is now sponsoring a traveling team consisting of the 10 top bowlers from last season. They will be competing in local tourneys throughout the season.

Destroyer In Massena

Where it all started nobody knows because the where, why and when of the mysterious Destroyer has been a well-guarded secret. Rumors have it that the Destroyer may have attended Syracuse University. It is also rumored that he may have been on the wrestling team and played football while at the university. We do know that he was three time World Champion and he participated in a tournament against 10 masked wrestlers to win and become the top ranked masked wrestler in the world. This tournament took place in Japan where he resided for six years. He also was a regular on a popular Japan T.V. program called "Uwasa No-Channel" meaning Channel of Secrets. He has worn the mask for 20 years — his name a secret. Maybe this had something to do with the success of the T.V. show.

The Destroyer will be part of a five bout card at the Massena Central Gym Nov. 26. First match starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$7 for ringside. The card is sponsored by the Massena Central Wrestling team.

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