Winter Sports Special

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Civic Center home
for many Friar victories

By Al Palladino

UCLA has Pauley Pavilion and Notre Dame has the Convocation Center. Villanova has the Palestra while Kentucky plays in Rupp Arena. All these teams are virtually unbeatable in their own gyms. Add to that list the Providence Civic Center and the PC Friars.

Over the past six years PC has fashioned an astonishing 52-6 record at the Center. Included in those wins are a 41-game winning streak and numerous upsets. One such upset was the last second win over the Russian National Team.

But they knew plenty before it was time to depart. A crowd of 12,150 partisan fans braved the snow and sleet to see Providence play giant-killer once more. The game itself was a dream. Cooper blocked shots while Soup Campbell threw in running one-handers. After regulation the score was knotted at 62-all. The Friars was in full glory as the game went into overtime. Everyone came to their feet when Misevicius hit a 12-footer to send the game into overtime number two.

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November 10, 1975. That date marks the first time I experienced the Civic Center. Russia was making an American tour and their stop at Providence was probably considered no more than a tune-up for the better teams they were to yet face. The "experts" picked USSR in a romp and I personally agreed with them. How could the Friars possibly stay even with a bunch of professionals from another country while playing their rules. I didn't know about the Civic Center.

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The first annual Industrial National Classic saw number one ranked University of Michigan make its initial appearance in the Center. The Wolverines knew nothing about the Civic Center when they arrived for the tourney and shuffled a pass to Misevicius. At this point I wondered if we were destined to lose this game on our home court. As "Boof" went up for THE shot, I wondered if Michigan might finally conquer PC and the Civic Center. As the shot rippled the nets, I bit my lip for having ever doubted.

This season Louisville came back to Providence. The Cards, led by Darrell Griffith and Ricky "Providence is cold and nasty," Gallay, seemed sure winners. Behind the play of Dwight Williams and Misevicius (once again), the Friars won 70-51. The Civic Center had spoken once more.

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- wrapping toys - Santa Clause

- sandwiches and beverages will be served

The trees that will be decorated along with the toys that will be wrapped will be given to the boys at the Saint Aloysius Home in Providence.
Athletes’ performance improves by leaps and bounds

By Steve Latimer

Tucked in the inner depths of the Women’s Athletic Center here at PC is a mysterious new machine. The Leaper, made by Mini Gym, Inc., was bought by the athletic department to increase the vertical jump of its athletes.

Through the use of iso-kinetics, which is resistance through a range of motion, the leaper has helped students increase their jumping ability.

"Anybody can use the machine," commented Cerra. "If students wish to use it, just see me and I will put them on a program four days a week that will definitely increase their jumping ability."

Besides increasing vertical jump, the leaper has three other stations to develop other muscles. Two of these stations are designed to increase strength in the arms and the third station, making use of an underinflated basketball, helps to increase rebounding strength. Programs have been designed for the volleyball, basketball and baseball teams.

"The women’s volleyball team has gotten wonderful results," Cerra stated. "The minimum increase in any women’s jump was three inches. Coco Joyce increased her jump about five inches."

In order to get optimum results, the jumping program should be started in the pre-season and continue on into the playing season.

The machine is available for use at any time during the day, and unlike weights, can be used as often as desired.

"I would like to stress that women should not be afraid to use the machine. A woman’s muscle will tone up but will not bulk up. There is no chance of women developing large muscles from using the Leaper," said Cerra.

So, if you have visions of flying through the air like David Thompson or just want to avoid the flab associated with a winter of inactivity, why not go down to the Women’s Athletic Center, talk to Cathy Cerra and try the new Leaper.

Hockey all-opponent team

Goalie-Paul Skidmore, Boston College

One of the nation’s top goalies, Skidmore was all-East last year and the ECAC Rookie of the Year two seasons ago. 1976-1977 - 714 saves, 4 17 goals against.

Defensive - Bill Blackwood, Clarkson

An all-American last season and almost a sure bet this year. Pin-point passer who excels in setting up plays. Excellent on the power play. 1976-1977 - 17 goals, 34 assists.

Defensive - Dick Lamby, Boston University

An experienced defenseman who enjoys contact and really got to the net. According to BU coach Jack Parker, "Dick is as good as anyone in the East."

Winger-Ralph Cox, University of New Hampshire

Cox possesses a potent shot as evidenced by his 40 goals. The junior winger is UNF’s main man on the power play. 1976-1977 - 40 goals, 36 assists.

Center - Randy Koch, University of Vermont

Ranks eighth on UVM’s all-time scoring list with 129 points. A very smooth skater who never seems to get hit solidly. 1976-1977 - 19 goals, 21 assists.

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Friar miracle team?

'63-'64 ECAC hockey champs

By Andrew K. Finnic

There have been many notable moments throughout the last 35 years of Friar hockey. Some that bring back fond memories include: the night Ed Monahan scored six goals, the years PC won the RPI Christmas Tournament and the night PC beat Rutgers, 20-0.

Yet, I think everyone would agree that the most exciting moment in Friar history was in 1963-64 when the PC icemen won their first ECAC Championship. That year, the Friars swamped all their opponents and became the kings of Eastern college hockey.

One player who won't soon forget that season is Larry Kish.

Kish is now coach and general manager of the AHL's Binghamton Dusters in New York. But in 1964, he was the co-captain of the PC hockey team. Kish remembers very well what it was like to play on that team.

The team Kish led was very closely knit, in spite of the fact they had no on-campus rink in which to practice or host games. In those days, "home" meant the Rhode Island Auditorium.

"Naturally when one does not enjoy the luxury of an on-campus facility there are bound to be countless inconveniences," Kish remembered. Yet, Kish didn't feel these problems hurt the team. "I sincerely believe that despite the adversities, our team was able to capitalize and appreciate winning," he added.

As in any year, each game was important to the squad. Every win brought them closer to gaining a home ice advantage in the first round of the ECAC play-offs. The opposition teams were not pushovers, though. One of the Friars' long-standing policies is to always play a tough schedule and the 1963-64 one was no exception. Some of the powerful opponents included Boston College, St. Lawrence and Clarkson from the ECAC, Colorado College from the Western College Hockey Association, and McGill University from Canada.

Although the competition was grueling and there were many close games, the Friars consistently responded to the occasion. By season's end, they had won 19 games and lost only seven.

Was there one game that marked the squad's turning point? Kish didn't think so. "I can't really say that there was any one game that was a turning point," he noted. "But I will say that, when we started to win on the road regularly, especially at Boston College, Clarkson and St. Lawrence, the team really pulled together." It was this unity that proved to be the team's strongest point throughout the last part of the season and the play-offs.

One thing that always helps a team is the support of its fans. Friar hockey fans are just about the best in the East, Kish noted. The Friar hockey team's coach, Tom Eccleston, also knew this.

Coach Eccleston came to Providence in 1955. He wanted very much to make Friar hockey a name known throughout the East. It was one of the team's goals to have a PC sextet win the Eastern Championship in 1964. The team's coach, Tom Eccleston was coach. With hard work, the building years of the late '50s paid off with winning teams in the early '60s.

The 1964 championship team was Eccleston's last with PC. When he retired, his goal had been accomplished. Eccleston made a lasting impression on all his players. Kish feels his college coach greatly influenced his life. "When I first arrived on campus, I formulated different opinions on Coach Eccleston. Aside from being an astute tactician, I will always admire his loyalty and, of course, his different ways of trying to help his players get into school, employment, etcetera."

The former PC forward added, "I certainly feel that he influenced my personal philosophy on coaching, especially in being honest and fair with the professional players I deal with." Coach Eccleston has since been inducted into the College Hockey Hall of Fame in 1985. His accomplishments will always be appreciated and admired by others.

In retrospect, the 1963-64 sextet accomplished a great many things. They won for Providence it's only Eastern championship and showed how good Friar hockey had become, among others. There were many key players on the squad and every one did his job to the best of his ability. It was this team effort that counted above all.

Some have implied that the champion Friars were a "miracle team," because never since has a PC sextet won the Eastern championship. Larry Kish, for one, never believed that at all.

"We definitely were not a miracle team," he insisted. "If anything, we were a team of few. We worked hard and most important, we were a team harmonized to a certain goal and with this in mind, enjoyed playing no matter what the results would be."

That philosophy has come down from Kish's team to the present. It has helped make the teams of the 1964 squad some of the best in all college hockey. Sportmanship and teamwork have led the icemen from Providence down a successful path and for 1964 captain Larry Kish, it was a voyage he'll never forget.
Wednesday, December 7, 1977

Hoopers to play diversified schedule

By Steve Lamier

Once again Providence's basketball fortunes play a diversified schedule. It has the usual group of pushovers (North Carolina, Louisville, Holy Cross) as well as some competitive Ivy contenders (Penn, URI, Princeton, Penn State) and some hard-to-define competitors (Long Island University, St. John's University). Only a few contests with teams like Long Island University and St. John's University are a definite chance for a 500 mark. (They are in the competitive Ivy contender group.)

The Friars hope to at least gain a measure of consistency, something that has been lacking in recent years. Providence, with a 5.6.9 record in the Big East, and looking at a 6-20 record, is also looking for some national recognition. This year's schedule has the Friars playing in some of the top venues in the country. Providence has played in the Big East Classic and the Industrial Classic and will play in the Blue City Classic. They play the game with Providence for an extra game in the Big East Classic.


Weaknesses: The height will have to be provided by the freshmen, who can give Booth a headache until they gain some experience. This team, although not very flashy, St. Joe's will provide its fans with a very solid season.

PENNSYLVANIA

January 14 at Civic Center. Coach: Chuck Dale. 76-77 Record: 14-11. Strengths: Top returning player is forward Kevin McDonald, who averaged 15.8 ppg and 7.1 rpg. Price (16.8 ppg) and Tim Smith (17.8 ppg). The Quakers boast a strong front line.

Weaknesses: Lack of scoring leadership in the backcourt could lead to some problems. Price, Penn, as they do year after year, should challenge for the Ivy League title.

CONNECTICUT

January 21 at Hartford Civic Center. Coach: Dan Pasqual. 76-77 Record: 16-6. Strengths: First-year coach Pasqual will bring in Joe Wilton (13.3 ppg) and transfer John Dastyak to carry the bulk of the offense.

Weaknesses: Tony Hansen has graduated and is expected to be the first offensively. UC will have to replace his points and his rebounding. In a rare season he returns without a strong front form and Jim Alonzo and Dave McRae can carry the load, but an ECAC bid is not out of UC's reach.

BOSTON COLLEGE

February 4 at Civic Center. Coach: Tom Datis. 76-77 Record: 12-8. Strengths: The Eagles should be a strong defensive team with Whitey Rigsby (17.4 ppg) leading the offensie. The Eagles boast a solid nucleus and are a very solid team. Outlook: For the present.

Weaknesses: There will be a major dependence on the new recruits, especially on the floor front.

NORTH CAROLINA

February 11 at Civic Center. Coach: Dean Smith. 76-77 Record: 17-10. Strengths: The Tar Heels will feature returning forward Chris Potter (19.1 ppg) and Mike O'Koren (13.9 ppg) and forward Billy Melton (14.2 rpg).

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BROWNR

December 19 at Brown Memorial Classic. January 5, February 14 at Civic Center. Coach: Paul Wachendor. 76-77 Record: 13-17. Strengths: Four veterans return from last year's successful season. Varin Wesley, senior guard (3.8 ppg) should be this year's leader. Mike Citi, John Goy and Scott Stauffer have to fight to make his mark for a future season that looks to be the best returning forward.

Weaknesses: Besides the players already mentioned, there is no an abundance of quality players. Could possibly have a better front line this year with transfer Mark Haymore does not come off the bench.

Outlook: Look for another exciting meeting between BU and LIU, as the two schools continue their intense rivalry.

CAMPUS

January 26 at Civic Center. Coach: Ray Meyer. 76-77 Record: 13-13. Strengths: Dave Gogel, 5-11 center, is the Friar stars return. The Friars averaged 19 points per game last year and should contribute to board strength also.

Weaknesses: John Dastyak’s graduated John Fite and the Friars return to the backcourt.

Outlook: For the present, the Friars should have no trouble.

CAMSUS

January 7 at Civic Center. Coach: Dick Magruth. 76-77 Record: 13-13. Strengths: Probably the biggest strength of the roster is the familiarity of the returning freshmen.

Weaknesses: There is a general lack of experience on the roster. This team should be solid learning Macrath's system.

Outlook: For the present, it looks like Macrath is building for the future.

VILLANOVA


Weaknesses: The Friars have a quality big man in Steve Napolitano.

Outlook: Villanova is a typical Philadephia team. They will be in all the close games this year and could upset Providence.

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

March 7 at Civic Center. Coach: Paul Loria. 76-77 Record: 14-14. Strengths: One returnee, John Johnson (11.9 ppg) and the Friars have to fight to make his mark in life. This team, the Friars, will not help the team.

Weaknesses: The Fighting Gaels were hard to get any respect and are expected to stay near the top of the Ivy League.

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February 25 at Civic Center. Coach: Don Cunanan. 76-77 Record: 22-14. Strengths: Phil Foltz and the return of Phil Smith (13.7) and add the coaching of Smith, and there is the makings of a very strong unit.

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Outlook: The Campbell Classic picked the naming year for entering Division I commissioner. Scheduling such teams as Providence will not help their case.

ST. JOHN'S

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Senior stars:
Three's not a crowd

By John Mallaney

The year was 1974. Graduates Marvin Barnes and Kevin Slagl had signed professional basketball contracts and were embarking upon new careers. Providence College basketball was in the past now, as it was for NBA Rookies of the Year Earnie Stotts, who had been out one full year at that point.

During the three previous seasons, Friar fans had witnessed their team post a record of 77 wins and only 14 losses and advance to the NCAA post-season tournament every year. There was all history now, PC, its players, coaches, and fans were looking toward the future now. What would it bring? Who have we got to replace last year's starters?

There were just a few of the questions that were being asked as Bob Misevicius, Bruce Campbell, and Bill Eason dawned Providence uniforms for the first time.

All three came from excellent basketball backgrounds. Misevicius was straight from Power Memorial High School in New York. There he started on teams that posted records of 19-5, 20-4, and 18-4. He was named to the first team New York City All-Stars in his final year at Power.

Campbell led his team to three consecutive state titles in his four years at St. Joseph's in New Haven, Connecticut. In fact, in the last two years, Campbell and his teammates suffered at that only once in 12 contests.

Eason, meanwhile, attended both Holy Cross H.S. and St. Thomas More Prep in Connecticut. While attending the Prep, Bill led his team to consecutive New York City championships and was twice selected as the New England Prep School player of the year.

Together they have experienced "our share of ups and downs," according to PC Assistant Coach Jim Adams. "I think they've got a great career here. That career to this point in time has seen the three seniors continue the Friars' string of 20-win seasons, which presently stands at seven.

Their freshman year, Providence recorded 20 wins and 11 losses. It was a difficult time, following a team that had registered a mark of 28-4. It had its good moments though. Like when PC knocked off powerhouse Syracuse, 80-57, in the fourth game of the season. The Orange went all the way to the final four of the N.I.T. tournament. They celebrated that invitation by defeated number eight nationally ranked Clemson. After that it was victories over Pittsburgh and St. John's that put PC in the final against Princeton. The Black and White had surprised everyone by going the distance. In the final contest, those two teams ran out of steam, losing to the Tigers, 86-69.

The following year it was the Louisville Cardinals and the Boston College Eagles who fell by the side at the hands of the Friar attack. Another N.I.T. invitation was waiting at the close of regular play.

PC went to New York again with the right formula as they advanced to the semi-final round of action. It was there that a talented Kentucky squad stopped the Friars in their tracks.

Then there was last season. The big upset came over number one nationally ranked Michigan Wolverines in the final of PC's own tournament, the Industrial National Bank Classic. That victory came just a couple of weeks after Misevicius and Eason reaped their academic eligibility, which had sidelined them for the first six games of the campaign.

In the NCAA Tournament summary, a look at the past three years for the "big three" of the PC, Bruce Campbell, Bob Misevicius, and Bill Eason is well defined experience of the three, though, there are ups steps behind each individual player.

Despite his size (6-9, 230 lbs.), "Soup" had a high point guard during his tenure with St. John's. He is considered to be a rather exceptional passer for a big man. Soup started in 94 games, therefore, a lot of the rebounding responsibilities were other than the Friar roster. That is evidenced by the fact that during the past three years, Bob averaged only 4.3 rebounds per contest.

On the other side of the coin. Misevicius has averaged a little over four assists per contest and his total of 326 places him fifth in career assists in the Friar record book.

As his noteworthy accomplishments, are his two shots in the Michigan game, one sending the contest into a second overtime and the second one that gave PC the victory. He also posted career highs of 26 points vs. St. John's in his sophomore campaign, and 17 rebounds against Niagara last season.

Bill's career for PC has not been the smoothest though, his freshman year, "Beef" was sidetracked for the latter portion of the schedule with mononucleosis. Then last year, he was ruled academically ineligible by the school for the first semester. Finally, this season he was suspended for three weeks during the in-season practice period by Coach Gavitt for failing to take his studies seriously.

So, it hasn't been all roses for the Ozone Park, N.Y. native. Misevicius has proven in the past three years, though, that when he comes to the arena to play, few opponents are going to stop him. What Beef does the remainder of this season should decide his agent as a 6-3 rebounder per contest if anything like the past three, it should be interesting.

Bruce Campbell
Known as "Soup" to PC fans, Campbell entered the picture three years ago with a wealth of talent, but with an independent spirit that didn't quite coincide with what Dave Gavitt was trying to foster among his players.

That initial year, therefore, was a difficult one. Bruce had to learn to adjust his style to the team's. The transition took its toll as the high school star played an average of only 22 minutes a game and finished with an 11.3 point scoring average.

Rumors circulated that the former first team high school all-Americans was looking for a new college at which to show off his skills.

Soup stayed, though, and since then has made the necessary adjustments in his play. That has resulted in scoring averages of 15.8 and 14.9 in the past two seasons. If it is not the scoring averages that tell the story, though. Instead, it is the overall improvement that Campbell has made to his team.

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He has been PC's leading rebounder for the past two years, amassing a total of 706 boards. He contributed either directly or indirectly toward five PC wins last season, Michigan, Seton Hall, St. Joseph's, Rhode Island, and St. John's.

Bill Eason is regarded as a good all-around player. He can shoot the ball well from the outside. He is tough underneath the boards. He参与at the fast break, well, and he is often times called upon for the most difficult defense.

Once Bruce is finished, he may very well go down as one of the finest forwards ever to attend Providence. Following graduation, more than likely, there will be pro offers waiting for the 6-9 forward. It will be at that time that Soup will have a shot at following perhaps career goals before the departure of the Friars.

Bill Eason
In his final year here at PC, Eason will be attempting to recover from a rather mediocre year in which the 6-6 Connecticut native was sidelined for the first time due to academic problems. In fact, he has been a part of five PC wins this season that posted records of 19-5, 20-4, and 18-4. He was named to the first team New York City All-Stars in his final year at Power.

A successful operation over the summer has hopefully solved the physical problems and will enable Bill to demonstrate what he terms "the real Bill Eason."

In his freshmen year, Eason showed that he had the necessary talent to do the jobs as he scored over 11 points and pulled down nearly 11 rebounds a contest in that his junior season outings.

The following year he picked up where he left off as he averaged 11 points and six rebounds over the first six games of the campaign. Their shoes, are his two shots in the Friar roster. That is evidenced by the fact that during the past three years, Bob averaged only 6.3 rebounds per contest. His total of 326 places him fifth in career assists in the Friar record book.

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Eason has stood out as a good outside shooter during his college career at player that takes the percentage shot when it's available. He has also been noted for his capabilities as a rebounder.

As they enter their final season of play, the "big three" have made some noteworthy contributions to the PC basketball program and have played in pair for the past three years. Some major victories posted in that trio's careers. Their shoes, will be hard to fill, but their memory will remain for quite some time.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from The Cowl
Pucksters to face Ivy League rivals

By Al Palladino

December means more than the first of the season: it brings the end of basketball and hockey seasons into full swing. In the midst of final exams, papers, and reading preparatory exams, teachers were quoted as following the winter sports. Below is a sample of opinions from faculty concerning Friar athletics.

PC's victory over Louisville last week brought enthusiastic comment from Robert L. Deasy, director of the humanities program.

"They did what they had to do with what they had, which has been the hallmark of PC basketball since they've been on the court," in the early Mullaney days," stated Deasy.

Deasy would not see the Friars to win the national title. "It's better to be a giant killer than a giant," he said.

PC's victory over Holy Cross if it was in the Industrial National Championship brings the "Tamson Civic Center advantage." It would be kind of hard not to classify myself as a big fan of Friar basketball," said Raymond C. Cote, chairman of the history department.

"I was a fan long before I was even a student," he said in a student interview. "I lived in Rhode Island and there's something about PC as a school and the Friars as a team in Rhode Island." While in high school I had a chance to play basketball once in the Civic Center. It was very restricted then, with the actual players. It was like a dream come true. I wish I could have played for any team in the area," reflected Cote.

Rev. Paul Bernardin, O.P., a science professor, is the College's unofficial representative to the games of the women's athletic teams. Father Bernardin said he tries to get to as many basketball and hockey games as possible and also attend many of the Lady Friars' field hockey and softball games.

According to Father Bernardin, "the hockey team should have a very good season; it should be better this year because the freshmen had a lot of playing experience before they came to PC."

He is "looking forward to an exciting season" for this year's Lady Friars basketball squad, which faces "a very rough and demanding schedule. Coach Tim Gillette has a lot of depth on the bench, a lot of new talent" to complement the returning starters. Father Bernardin is planning to see the team play in the Queen's Invitational Tournament during Christmas vacation.

"In the short time that women's basketball has been an athletic program has amazed many of us," he said. When asked why he is so interested in the women's athletic program, Father Bernardin replied, "There is enough competition for men's teams. Someone on campus should show some encouragement to the women's teams, and I like to support them."

The great team cooperation. The only problem I could foresee is cockiness. Gustave C. Cote, chairman of the business department, reminisced about past days of Friar basketball in Alumni Hall.

"I've always been a sports fan for years. Certainly I have taken a very deep interest in athletics is general at Providence College. But the minute the basketball team left the campus I lost enthusiasm somewhat," Cote said.

"My wife always attended every home game from the time when team moved to Alumni Hall, but I can count on one hand the number of games I've attended since they moved to the Civic Center." Cote had a very low opinion about the athletes of PC. "Just because they are successful, my own reaction is that athletes shouldn't be treated any differently from other students. Their main reason for coming to PC is academics, in the long run, that is what will win," stated Cote.

"If you are a Friar, you should be a Friar, not a non-Friar," said Brian O'Connell (13 goals, 45 assists) a proven scorer in the nets Gary Murphy (25 goals, 28 assists) and Grant Murphy (24 goals, 46 assists) and Dave Ambrosia (24 goals, 32 assists) may be one of the best in the East along with Tim Donahue (27 goals, 41 assists)."

"Weaknesses: Brian was hit hard by graduation (Scarpitti, 13 goals, 16 assists) and two all-stone-sitters, Bob Goggin and Bob McNamara. No real scoring threat."

Outlook: Could be a lean year for the Friars. Brian Goggin must establish himself. As coach John Crotty puts it, "the forwards are nowhere near acceptable." As this statement was made, the forwards were in practice."

"The forwards aren't that good. They have a lot of depth in the forwards area but they allow too many, too much. They do what they have to do is in sight."

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Outlook: For the forthright consecutive season. Northwestern has a good chance of missing the ECAC playoffs this year. NU always gives the Friars a tough time."

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Special to The Coast

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Pucksters win, 9-4
By Debbie O'Brien

It was a freshman-dominated game, as three members of the Class of '81 contributed two goals apiece to help defeat close-town rivals Brown, 4-1. Connie Richer, Kathy Lenahan and Rita Hodges are the three freshmen to be congratulated. Besides their goals, Richer and Hodges each had two assists and Lenahan had one.

Dawn Sprague led off the scoring spree by connecting with the first goal and also added an assist. She credited assistant coach Pamala Malamara with the assist. Malamara was pleased with both the offensive and defensive play of the team, claiming that it was a well-balanced game.

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PC's next tough opponent will be St. John's on January 8 in Alumni Hall St. John's, third in last year's New England regional participants. Under coach Tom Dacko, the Redwomen are very strong under the boards.

Women's hockey team very hopeful
By Al Palladino

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The Black and White's next game is Thursday at UConn. The next home contest is Saturday, December 18, at 1 p.m., when the Lady Friars take on UNH, a team they have never beaten yet.

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Last winter, many times in near zero weather, the team could be seen on the board track behind Dow Hall or on the highways and byways of Providence or Cumberland.

Winter track team prepares for season
By Bob Ratcliffe

The cross country team, whose season came to a close last week, has been preparing for the start of its indoor schedule. Although not running in its first meet until January 15 at the Dartmouth Relays, many of the runners are now putting in over 100 miles a week. PC, unlike most other schools, doesn't have a dual meet schedule or an indoor track to work out on.

Last winter, many times in near zero weather, the team could be seen on the board track behind Dow Hall or on the highways and byways of Providence or Cumberland.

The list of runners from last year's team is headed by four-time All-American John Treacy. Treacy will be alternating between the two- and three-mile this year. He ran against some of the best in the world last year in the likes of Frank Shorter and Rod Dixon, and nearly beat Dixon in the Olympic Invitational Meet held at Madison Square Garden.

Gerry Deegan will be concentrating on the two-mile. His ability to run exceptionally well in the longer distances combined with his devastating kick should make him unbeatable at this distance. Last summer while competing in England Deegan ran a 7:32 2000 meters, or about 8:25 two-mile, which puts him with the best in the world.

Peter Crooke will be dropping down to the half-mile to help his speed for the coming outdoor season when he will be running the mile. Crooke ran a super 4:07 4 mile leg on the four-mile relay team at Duke last spring.

The other returning member of that four-mile relay team is Mick Byrne. The senior co-captain, who has a personal best of 4:04 in the mile, will be running the half and 1000 meters. Byrne hasn't had much of the Irish luck as far as injuries go. He ran 4:04 almost two years ago, and very well could have broken four minutes by now had it not been for his injuries.

Another member of the track team who made the trip to the cross country nationals is Larry Reed. Reed will run a few miles to start things off and then most likely will switch to the two-mile. Last year he placed fifth in the New England two-mile with a time of 9:19.

Eddie Hartnett was in excellent shape during cross country season until he came down with an infection and thereafter didn't run up to his potential. He appears in good form these days, however, and will be running the two- and three-mile this winter. Hartnett is best at the six-mile but will have to wait until outdoor season to run that distance.

One of the most underrated runners on the team is Moe Rafferty. With the departure of Mick O'Shea, Rafferty has to be about the best half-miler in this year's crop of runners. He was part of the New England Championship two-mile relay team from last year when he ran 1:53. Every year Providence sends a two-mile relay team to the Millrose Games in New York, and Rafferty should be on it this year.

Dave Ball, one of the freshman Irish recruits, will most likely be running the mile. Ball was a member of the Irish national track team in the 3000 meters (about two miles) but Coach Amato has decided to run him in the shorter race to give him some speed work.
I-M report

By Mike David

The winter sports schedule is now in full tilt as teams have begun play in hockey and basketball.

Bruggies Blades and the N.Y. Dolls currently lead their respective divisions in the hockey circuit.

With returnees John McCarthy, Joe Judge, and Brian Flemery, the Blades have skated their way past several overmatched opponents on their way to a perfect 3-0 record and sole possession of first in the A division of the circuit. Other teams that could make the chase interesting are SMA, sparked by Bert Palmer and Doug Troy; and Back Dore led by Mike O’Riordan, Marty Olafio, and Kevin Fox.

In the B division the N.Y. Dolls lead the way with an unblemished 3-0 mark. Bill Brennan, Gary Enes, and Tom Palamara, along with Jack Kilroy have been driving forces in the team’s early success thus far. Back Dore (2-1) will not make life easy for the Dolls, who boast the likes of Derick Claiborne and Larry White.

JOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

By Mike Callahan

PC’s JV basketball squad appeared to be on the upswing as they went on to beat Becker Junior College team, 70-39, last Wednesday. High scorers for the Friars were Art Vallely with 16, Chris Collins and Pete Wassilyk with 12, and Nolan shut him off last year.

By Mike David

Williams quarterbacked the team as only he can, exhibiting good control while running PC’s low tempo offense. He had 16 points.

Against Seton Hall over the weekend “all” PC needed was Williams and Misievits to edge the New Jersey outfit 60-58 at the buzzer. Bob tapped in a missed Williams layup with two seconds left on the clock. Dwight finished with 19 points and Misievits had 10 rebounds.

Hockey

At the end of the third period in the Harvard PC contest the game was tied 3-3. The Crimson scored again to make it 4-3 before Tim Whaler knotted it again a minute later. Harvard got the last laugh however, netting two to win it.

I-M report

The Lady Friars buried Assumption, 70-28, in their season opener. Ms Buchanan finished with 16 points and from Sue Hutson hit three 20-footers in the second half.

First indications good for basketball teams

Basketball

Although it’s still early in the season, with Bob Misievits and Dwight Williams in the lineup, Providence is definitely a force to be reckoned with. The Friars made Louisville’s self-proclaim ed “Doctors of Dunk” look like a bunch of pre-med interns, in a 92-51 upset. The Cardinals shot poorly from the floor and only guarded Ricky Wilson exhibited any kind of outside scoring touch.

Forwards

George Johnson 6-7
McDonald
6-7

Kevin Misievits 6-8
Chris Cooper 6-7

Keith Herren 6-8
Sly Williams 6-7

Mike Pyatt 6-7

9 rebounds.

 Guards

Jiggy Williams 6-1

UWI 20.0 pg

19 points and Misevics had

Forwards

John Greer 6-11

UCoom 13.3 pg

14 assists

Whelton 6-10

UWI 12.7 pg

Joe钉ron 6-8

UCoom 12.3 pg

10 assists

Alex Eldridge 6-2

UWI 11.5 pg

10 assists

Derrick Claiborne 6-1

UCoom 11.9 pg

10 assists

Coach Lou Lamoriello, so he ordered his charges to report for a 2:45 practice the next morning. A hockey players life isn’t all glamour.

Annual Christmas Mass

FOR PERMANENT MEMBERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 1977

AQUINAS CHAPEL AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Refreshments immediately following in Aquinas Hall

How PC stacks up against the opposition

PLAYER STATISTICS

C Dave Corzine Matches up well with Bob.

F Mike Okoren Soup’s slight height advantage will help.

F Greg Sanders Gave frontcourt fits last year (Soup?).

G Phil Ford Dwight’s as quick but shorter Trouble!

G Ron Perry Nolan shot him off last year.

G George Johnson Jumpin’ George will be nixed out.

G Kevin McDonald Eason should be quicker.

G Keith Herren Let him shoot; nobody else can.

G Chris Potter Soup for the 8th time.

G Mike Pyatt Eason may dominate no other forwards.

G Sty Williams 5 for 23 in last year’s first game.

G Jiggly Williams Oristaglio will have his hands full.

G Joe Whelton Hot and cold Oristaglio.

G Greg Tynes Shoot him as he walks in.

G Alex Eldridge Dwight will have to keep him outside.

G Derrick Claiborne Oristaglio matches up, but.

DEFENSIVE MATCHUPS
PC Winter Sports

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oct. 4-8 at Johns Hopkins Intemational Cup, Madrid, Spain
Nov. 8 at Connecticut (St. Joseph's)
Nov. 16 at Southern Connecticut State
Dec. 1 at St. John's-
Dec. 6 at Connecticut (St. Joseph's)
Dec. 13 vs. St. Joseph's (CT)
Dec. 15 vs. Southern Connecticut State
Dec. 16 at Eastern Connecticut State
Dec. 22 vs. U of Delaware (Hammonton)
Dec. 29 vs. Rutgers (Hammonton)

PC, home team, power teams extra:

Jan. 2 vs. Delaware (Hammonton)
Jan. 7 vs. Marist (NY)
Jan. 9 vs. Monmouth (NY)
Jan. 13 vs. Raritan Valley (NJ)
Jan. 20 vs. Eastern Connecticut State
Jan. 22 vs. St. Joseph's (CT)
Jan. 24 vs. St. John's-

MEN'S HOCKEY

Nov. 2 vs. Babson (CT)
Nov. 4 vs. Ohio State
Nov. 5 vs. Ohio State
Nov. 10 vs. Merrimack
Nov. 14 vs. RPI
Nov. 18 vs. Clarkson
Nov. 19 vs. St. Lawrence
Nov. 27 vs. Boston University
Dec. 1 vs. Harvard
Dec. 6 vs. New Hampshire
Dec. 10 vs. Yale
Dec. 11 vs. Princeton
Dec. 15 vs. St. Louis
Dec. 20 vs. Minnesota
Dec. 27 vs. Minnesota-Duluth
Jan. 4 vs. Brown
Jan. 7 vs. Cornell
Jan. 11 vs. Pennsylvania
Jan. 15 vs. Brown
Jan. 19 vs. RPI
Jan. 22 vs. New Hampshire
Jan. 25 vs. Vermont
Jan. 28 vs. Northeastern
Jan. 31 vs. Boston College
Feb. 4 vs. Boston University
Feb. 7 vs. Dartmouth
Feb. 10 vs. Merrimack
Feb. 15 vs. New Hampshire
Feb. 19 vs. Yale
Feb. 22 vs. Colgate
Feb. 27 vs. Northeastern
Mar. 3 vs. Boston College

Name Games: Schneider Arena

LADY FRIARS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 1 Assumption
Dec. 3 Bryant
Dec. 8 Yale
Dec. 16 Stony Brook
Dec. 17 at Boston College (Holiday Tour)
Jan. 9 St. John's-
Jan. 11 Hofstra
Jan. 12 Holy Cross
Jan. 15 Massachusetts
Jan. 19 at Boston College (Holiday Tour)
Jan. 22 at Boston College
Jan. 24 at UMass-Lowell
Jan. 26 at UMass-Lowell
Jan. 29 at Northeastern
Jan. 30 at Stony Brook
Feb. 2 UMass-Lowell
Feb. 4 at Rhode Island College
Feb. 8 vs. West Chester
Feb. 11 at Southern Connecticut State
Feb. 13 at Hofstra
Feb. 15 at UMass-Lowell
Feb. 18 vs. Northeastern
Feb. 20 vs. Holy Cross
Feb. 22 vs. UMass-Lowell
Feb. 25 vs. Northeastern
Feb. 27 vs. Stony Brook
Mar. 6 vs. St. John's

Name Games: Provident Civic Center

NO APPEAL

PC Winter Sports