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Another Tough One

Floyd and Friars Fall Short in 70-68 OT Lossby John Raposo
Sports Editor

They came back from the dead. Well, sort of.

After being buried in a mass grave somewhere underneath UConn's Cappel Pavilion, the Friars nearly played the role of Lazarus, returning to The Land of the Living, instead of the role of Jimmy Hoffa. In the vernacular of college basketball, The Land of the Living denotes post-season play, some 64 teams in the NCAA tournament and another 32 in the NIT, some 96 spots for 300 Division One teams. Could the Friars be among the 204 grave markers in the 1992 cemetery?

At 13-15, 5-10 in the Big East, even those derogatory chants of "NIT.NIT.NIT" raining down from the Gampel faithful may have been asking for too much. In Monday's nationally televised showdown with St. John's, the Big East's hottest team with seven straight wins, the Friars matched the Redmen steal for steal, turnover for turnover, and elbow for elbow in an old-fashioned, knock-down, drag-out, rock-n-roll shootout at the PC Corral. In the end, though, it was the Friars who were left on the short end of a 72-68 overtime thriller.

Vital signs below normal. Pulse faint. Heart still beating. Barely. "We only have two regular

season games left, so we have to go to New York for the Big East Tournament) and win the whole thing if we want to play in the post season," conceded Rick Barnes—his heart beating heavily—after the draining game. "We just have to get that hunger back."

In a game that featured 14 ties and 16 lead changes, the first three minutes, with three turnovers for each team, proved to be a harbinger for the remainder of the game. Marques Bragg's foul shot made the score 14-14 after eight minutes of play. At that point, St. John's massive 6'11" Shawnelle Scott equalled his seasonal average with nine points. Troy Brown paced the Friars early with 4 points on a layup and a pretty baseline jumper.

Dickey Simpkins, the Friars' high scorer with 16 points, staked PC a 20-18 lead with an 18 foot bomb with only seconds left on the shot clock. St. John's tightened the jaws of its defense, and they ran off a 9-3 run to end the half. Jason Buchanan kissed a running leaper off the backboard to give St. John's a 31-23, their biggest of the game. A Rob Phelps three and a Bragg free throw would cut the deficit to four points.

In the first half, the Redmen defense induced 12 PC turn-

overs, while the Friar defense held its own forcing eight and holding the explosive Malik Sealy to 1-7 from the field. When the half ended, the once intimidating crowd—remember when?—stood silent. A young girl in section 221 dropped her hair ribbon and it could be heard on press row.

No vital signs from the fans. No pulse. No heartbeat. Brain death.

"They put a lot of pressure on Malik," whispered the venerable Lou Carnesecca. "All of the defenses are geared to stopping him. Providence is just vicious underneath the boards. They just explode at you."

Simpkins cut that lead to one with a foul-inducing fallaway jumper from the low post. That basket as they claimed a 44-40 advantage. Simpkins led the spurt with eight points including an alley oop on a lob from Bragg. The Redmen stormed back with the unlikely of catalysts, David Gain, a defensive specialist who averages only 8 minutes a game. His two layups along with a Sealy, who would end up with 21 points, slashing drive gave the Redmen a 49-44 lead.

Simpkins again closed the gap to 52-51 when his dribble

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PC Hockey Is Maine-ly Hungry



Freshmen Craig Darby (#27) and Chad Quenneville (#13) lead the Friar attack against the Maine Black Bears this weekend

by Russell Newell
Sports Writer

The men's hockey team sits in a familiar position in Hockey East this week. They head into the final week of the regular season tied with the University of New Hampshire for second place after last weekend's loss to Boston College and tie with Boston University. The Friars' 11-6-2 record in Hockey East give them 24 points, two ahead of BU and six behind league-leader Maine.

Last week the Friars lost a tough one at Boston College on Friday night. Providence outshot the Eagles, 28-18, with goals by Mike Boback and Chris Therien, but it was not enough to overcome a third period BC rally that sealed the 4-2 loss. Brad Mullahy made 14 saves in goal.

On Saturday night, Schneider Arena witnessed a physical battle between the Friars and the Terriers. It was also the last home game for the seniors.

Mark Devine put PC on the board first with his fourth goal of the season. His line included Brian Rickoff who made his return after missing

14 games due to a broken wrist. The Terriers tied the game early in the second period, but Gary Socha slammed home a goal on the power play to give the Friars another lead.

The Friars then committed two penalties and BU took over the lead, 3-2, after two periods. Brian Ridolfi showed that his layoff did not hamper his scoring skills when he scored a goal in the third period to tie the contest again. The two teams were not able to find the net in overtime, resulting in the 3-3 tie. Brad Mullahy made his eighth straight appearance and collected 32 saves on the night.

The results of last weekend leave the Friars with a strong chance of maintaining second place in Hockey East. Any combination of PC wins and UNH losses equalling four points will give the Friars second place. The Friars swept UNH 3-0-0 in this season's series, so they would take any ties in points. For PC to finish third, the Friars need any combination of wins and BU losses equalling two points.

Providence's remaining two games are at Orono,

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Lady Friars "Go For All the Hardware"

Top Seed in ECAC Championships This Weekendby Beth Albertini
Assistant Sports Editor

It's that time of year again. It's championship time, and the Lady Friars are ready. The women's hockey team closed out their regular season on Monday night and head into the ECAC Championships as the number one seed and the host team.

On Tuesday, February 11, Providence travelled across town to the Meehan Auditorium to face the Brown Bears. Trailing 1-0 after one period, the Lady Friars shut down the Brown offense and extended for six goals in the second to put the Bears away, 6-1. Stephanie O'Sullivan got Providence on the board 1-54 into the period with an assist from Cammi Granato. Goals two and three came just 19 seconds apart by Kathy Brophy on the power play from Vicky Movsessian at 6:00, and Wendy Cofran with help from Movsessian and Granato to put the Lady Friars up 2-1. Lynn Manning netted PC's fourth goal and O'Sulli-

van and Manning got their second points of the night from the assists. Granato scored PC's last two goals, the first from O'Sullivan and Manning and the second from Cofran.

The Lady Friars headed to Boston on the 13th to face the Northeastern Huskies. The Huskies, who beat Providence earlier this season, and the Lady Friars battled to a tie. Northeastern scored the first goal of the game late in the first period, but Providence netted the next two goals. Granato, O'Sullivan and Manning combined for the first, with Beth Beagan, Sara Coan and Laurie LaShomb getting the second. Northeastern came back with two of their own to end the period with a 3-2 lead. Granato set the game into overtime with 12 seconds left on a goal from Beagan and O'Sullivan. Although the Lady Friars out-shot Northeastern 5-5 in overtime, they couldn't get the winning goal across the goal line.

"We were probably playing as well as we have played all year the week of Brown and

Northeastern," said Coach John Marchetti. "We really dominated the Brown game, and against Northeastern we were a little bit nervous in the beginning. We were down 3-2 after the second period, but we really, really put on a barrage of shots in the third period and finally one went in. We could have very easily beaten them in overtime, so we overall playes well and out-played them."

Over the break, the Lady Friars were on home ice for games against St. Lawrence and Princeton, and away at Harvard and New Hampshire. PC Friars came away with two victories on the first weekend, but lost defender Chris Bailey with a broken arm in the St. Lawrence game.

Providence got started early against St. Lawrence with four goals in the opening period. O'Sullivan began the roll with a power play goal 7:46 into the game. Coan and Beagan added the assists. Coan notched a goal of her own two minutes

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Lucie Fontanella The Best Answer the Call

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

Let's take a look back. It's February 23, 1991. The place was Alumni Hall. The scenario was as follows. PC's Lady Friars were hosting the Huskies of Connecticut and needed a win to keep alive any chance of sharing the conference title. UConn's All-American Kerry Bascom had just tied the game with a three pointer. So with one second remaining in the contest a freshman from Toms River, NJ, stepped to the line. All of the pressure that has become a fixture in this rivalry and especially in that must win situation simply lost its power against the rookie because frankly, she enjoys it. Lucie Fontanella calmly put both shots through the net to give the Lady Friars one of their best wins ever.

"I like playing in big games and getting the ball," she explained.

The more things change the more things stay the same. That was Lucie then and she is even better now. It was exactly one year later and Providence found itself experiencing a severe case of *deja vu*. They needed a victory in order to secure their second place position in the Big East standings and keep their NCAA Tournament chances alive. Once again

mighty Connecticut stood in the way. The crowd of over 2,500 didn't need a hint to discover who would step up to the challenge. Fontanella scored a career high 29 points but perhaps more important to her were the 9 rebounds she accounted for.

"I don't focus that much on scoring, just on rebounding and hustling," the 5-10 sophomore forward elaborated.

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Women's
Basketball
team, see page 6

Good old fashioned hustle and practice has been the basis for her success. In just under two years at PC, Lucie has gained a reputation as a terrific practice player with a great attitude which is one characteristic often left out of an athlete's personality.

"I want to be a complete player," she comments. "Probably the one thing I work on the most is my concentration. Just going out there and playing and not thinking too much."

Unlike others, Lucie brings those skills to the games. In her

rookie year Fontanella was the Lady Friars to reserve as she averaged 8.9 points and 5.0 rebounds. Her honors included Big East Freshman of the Week three times along with selection to the league's All-Rookie Team.

All of us at some point were taught to build upon our past successes. Going into this season Providence knew that they needed several players to step in and fill the voids left by starters lost to graduation. Fontanella responded. She has started every game this year and boosted her average up to 12.4 points and 11.5 rebounds per game. In a recent game against Syracuse, PC was outrebounded 46-34 but Fontanella provided just enough. She grabbed a career high 12 boards just when the Lady Friars needed them the most.

On a team already loaded with established talent (Tracy Lis and Stephanie Cole) Lucie Fontanella is a rising star. She is playing the kind of basketball usually reserved for veterans of the game. Nevertheless she still ponders her place in the Lady Friars organization.

"I don't know what my role is," Lucie claims. "Everyone else has one but I'm not really sure."

She is PC's clutch performer and nothing less.

Men's Hockey Faces Tough Test at Maine

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Maine, where the Friars face the number one ranked Black Bears. How did that happen? With a chance to claim second place in Hockey East, the Friars play the top team in the nation in one of the wildest arenas. The team teams met once this year at the Providence Civic Center and Maine skated off with a 7-3 win.

Coach McShane talked about how the Friars would have the play against the Black Bears this weekend: "We have to do a good job checking them and take advantage of their mistakes." Coach McShane will have some more fire power to throw at Maine with the return of Brian Ridolfi and Todd Huyber from injuries. He also said that the line combinations would be Boback-Socha-Darby, Cowan-RidoIfi-Peterson, Quenneville-Kramer-Breen, and Devine-Doshan-Concannon.

Bob Cowan expressed the Friars' attitude going into the big weekend at Orono: "We've been playing all right, we'll play hard. Everyone is back from injuries and we're getting scoring from every line. We'll have to capitalize on their mistakes and wait for them to make bad plays." Mark Devine added, "We have four good lines so we should give them a go."

Mike Boback also did not seem worried about facing the

number one team in the nation, although he knows PC has to play at the top of their game this weekend. "We have to play them very defensively because they are strong all around," he said.

As the Friars' regular season draws near the end, the senior class soon will finish their distinguished careers. Coach McShane praised them, saying "They are a good group as a whole. Boback and Gaudreau have played a lot of minutes together and have accounted for much scoring. Robison and Kane have logged a lot of solid ice time at the points. Bobby Creamer is a good checker and we missed him at the end of this year. Dave Berard improved greatly and Mark Doshan improved every year and is playing his best hockey now."

Some memories that stick out for the seniors, according to Boback include "beating Northern Michigan freshman year, beating Maine away at the quarterfinals freshman year in double overtime, the disappointing sophomore season when UNH beat us in the tournament, and freshman year against Northeastern when the biggest clutz on the ice, Steve Higgins, fell during the warm-ups, took out Mark Romaine, hit his face against the boards and was counted out by the Northeastern band."

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Sports

Friars Run Circles Around Big East Competition

Hendricken, Keith and Two Mile Relays Highlight Meet Performances

by Beth Albertini
Assistant Sports Editor

The lead stories when it comes to PC track for 1991-92 have been senior Geraldine "McColgan" Hendricken and sophomore Andy Keith. At the Big East Track and Field Championships last weekend at Syracuse, nothing changed. Hendricken won the 1000-meter race and the 3000m, as well as anchoring the two mile (4 x 800m) relay team which finished second. She earned Woman Athlete of the Meet honors, the first PC runner, man or woman, to win the award in the eleven year history of the Big East. Keith anchored the winning men's two mile relay, as well as finishing first in the 1000m.

The relay events took to the track on Friday night. Perhaps the highlight of the night was the win by the men's two mile relay. Mark Carroll, Chris Teague, Jack Davidson and Keith finished in 7:29.73 and earned a berth at the NCAA Championships.

"We've been trying, since I've been coaching, to win that event," said Coach Ray Treacy. "We've been second a couple of times with great teams, but this team did something they haven't done. It was certainly helped by Andy's 1:48.5 anchor

leg." The women's two mile relay finished second to Villanova and qualified for next month's NCAAs in 8:44.73. Sinead Delahunty, Anita Philpott and Amy Rudolph had the Lady Friars in third place after three legs. Hendricken anchored the relay and, with a 2:08.2 split, moved Providence into a second place finish.

Leanne Burke, Dionne Wilson, Geraldine Nolan and Philpott combined for a third place finish in the distance medley on Friday night. Burke got the Lady Friars off to a good start with a 2:12 opening leg in the 800m. Wilson was also strong, finishing the 400m portion in 56.6 seconds.

Saturday was a day for the individuals to shine at Syracuse. In the span of two hours, Hendricken won the 1000m in 2:50.51 and the 3000m in 9:17.78. Her time in the 3000m, run at the end of the meet, was still the third fastest time in the country this year. "She must be considered the favorite for the NCAAs in the 3000m," Coach Treacy said.

Sinead Delahunty also ran the 1000m and the 3000m. After running a 2:10 leg in the two mile relay on Friday, she was a close third behind Hendricken and a runner from Georgetown in the 1000m, but she did not have the strength to come back

in the 3000m.

Geraldine Nolan won a very competitive 800m in 2:10.89, earning her first Big East title. Leanne Burke, a freshman, finished a close fourth in 2:11.7.

Andy Keith won the 1000m in 2:23.52 on Saturday and "right now is looking just unbeatable," Coach Treacy commented. "It will take something special to beat him, I think, at the NCAAs. He's got the confidence and he's ready to go."

Chris Teague also solidified his position going into the NCAA Championships with a confident win in the 3000m in 8:09.6. "He completely dominated the last two," said Coach Treacy. "He just went about his business the last two laps and just pulled right away."

The men's mile came down to a two man race between PC's Mark Carroll and Steve Hollman from Georgetown. Hollman won the race at the wire in 4:30.57, with Carroll a very close

second in 4:00.81. Carroll's time was a personal best as well as an NCAA qualifier.

Paul Logan also ran a personal best on his way to a fifth place finish in the 5000m in 14:19.19. Dominique Fernandez added the Friars' first points in the field events in a long time with a sixth place finish in the long jump, leaping 6'7 1/2".

For the women, Anita Philpott and Amy Rudolph, the other two members of the two mile relay team, finished third and sixth in the mile. Philpott crossed the line in 4:48, and Rudolph in 4:55.

Dionne Wilson, in addition to running the 400m in the distance medley, finished fourth in the 500m in a personal best of 1:13.11.

Maggie Morecki gave the Lady Friars points in the field events, finishing fifth in the pentathlon.

Both teams finished fifth in the meet, but Coach Treacy was very pleased with the performances. "We were involved in the meet right up to the last couple of events. It was nice to be in it and doing the best we could. They all gave their best and there were great performances."

This weekend, the Friars are at Boston University for the New England Championships.



For two firsts and a second, Hendricken earned Woman Athlete of the Meet honors at Big East

Free-Loading Fans Frolic Down at the Civic Center

by Chip Scutari
Sports Columnist

FAN-a device used to separate the chaff from the grain; stir up activity; or to stimulate. Webster's Dictionary

The St. John's "thing" is over, but not forgotten. Granted, it was another tough, tooth-pulling, frustrating loss. Then, again, that's nothing new in these trying times of '92. It's been a time of unfulfilled potential, Jekyll and Hyde point guard play, a lack of poise and composure come crunch time, and an embattled coach with a critic every street corner. One aspect, however, hasn't received the notoriety it deserves. It's something I must get off my belly, and a rotund belly at that.

OUR FANS ARE PATHETIC—TOTALLY PATHETIC!!

Last Monday night was when the rudder fell off of PC's ship. Supposedly, there were 11,267 breathing organisms at the Providence Civic Center. That sounds swell on the surface. But, that number belies the deafening silence that existed from top to bottom at the Civic Center on Monday. College basketball is synonymous with energy, enthusiasm, and excitement. These qualities are supposed to reverberate and emanate from the rafters of a collegiate arena. Unfortunately, these intangible characters have gone awry down at

the corner of Atwells Ave. It's an open and shut case—the aura at Providence Civic Center is extremely lame, extremely lacking. Sad, but true.

Valor consists in the art of self-recovery—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

No college basketball team, be it the Blue Devils of Duke or the Governors of Austin Peay, can always find a means of self-motivation. It ain't possible. They need an emotional lift. Why not play the game in an abandoned warehouse? Because college basketball is an endeavor that feeds off sweat and adrenalin. A lot more so than its bigger brethren, the NBA does. There are more mistakes made, more mental lapses, the amateurism which makes this sport so unique. The Duke fans, preferably called the "Cameron crazies" are in jeopardy of losing the status of numero uno fans. Coach K vehemently chastised the Craziest for sitting down during a recent victory over Maryland. "Spilled fans" was the phrase he used. Gee, a yelp out of our Civic Center Craziest would suffice.

Back up your thoughts with examples I have been told. OK, here's a prime example of our "fanastic" fans. It's Monday night, an ESPN game against St. John's, a time to strut our stuff on national TV. But with less than 10 seconds into the contest, before a referee can wet his Big East whistle, there are cries from the bleachers to put

in the Aloha kid, more cries denigrating Coach Barnes every move. This part of my column isn't a defense of Barnesian coaching tactics, but rather a criticism of the people who cavort the Civic Center come tip-off time. A majority of the spectators don't know their ass from their elbow when it comes to basketball X's and O's. A missed free throw attempt, a costly turnover, or just bad shot selection—as tribal wisdom would have it at the Civic Center—blame it on the head man, why not. Condemn, rather than compliment, is their battle cry.

The saddest facet of this problem is that these people really, truly believe that they are top-notch basketball fans. Travel to the friendly confines of the Fitzgerald Field House or the Gampel Pavilion. Sometimes smaller is better. These fans love their hoops. These arenas have much smaller sell-out capacities, yet the excitement exudes, the rafters rock, and the intensity pulsates from the floor to the ceiling at each and every Big East battle at these basketball forums. It is an unfortunate day when opposing fans drown out the PC faithful at the Civic Center. Now, don't misconstrue my motives, here. I don't ask for drug-infested maniacs or rambunctious recluses, just an enthusiastic, fired-up crowd ready to support their Friars.

"Our team stinks, we're the worst team in the Big East. Why

should I waste my money on that stuff." That is pure hogwash. Look at the Charlotte Hornets-perennial pretenders with sellout crowds and the most vocal fans in the NBA. If you dismiss the "6th man" theory, take heed at the happenings up yonder on the UMass campus. The Curry Hick's Cage has been revital-

ized with students clamouring for more, unable to satiate their enormous basketball appetite.

On March 7th, the Friars take on Miami for their last home game of the 1991-92 campaign. Let's dispel these vicious rumors circulating about the bad fansupporter PC. After all, it's just a rumor, isn't it?

Top Ten Problems
With PC Hoop Fans

- 1) They use the Civic Center to catch up on their beauty sleep.
- 2) They exert more energy at halftime than crunch time.
- 3) They compare everything to the 1987 season.
- 4) The sudden fair weather attitude of the 6th man society.
- 5) The absence of shaved heads and painted stomachs in the student section.
- 6) The patience of a NY city cab driver with young players.
- 7) Minimal applause because hands are filled with all types of beverages.
- 8) The attention span of a dumb blonde in Geometry class.
- 9) The most loyal fans are ostracized to the upper decks of the Civic Center.
- 10) The failure to give Scoop Scutari a standing ovation on press row.

Allyson Dunleavy: Blowing 'em Out of the Water

by Michael Tripoli
Sports Interviewer

Everyone here at Providence College has had the experience of leaving high school and entering college. Some individuals never make the transition while others do, but after a certain period of time. There is another group of individuals who make a smooth transition. They fit in and feel like they belong in the college environment right away. Allyson

"I started swimming when I was about eight years old and realized I had some talent."

Dunleavy fits into the latter category.

Allyson Dunleavy is a member of the freshman class who came to Providence College by way of Oxford, Connecticut, and Luralton Hall High School. She is a valuable member of the PC women's swim team which just concluded its most recent campaign. Just as most gifted athletes do, Allyson began her

athletic career literally right in her own back yard. "When I was young there was a pool in my 'back yard,'" mentioned Allyson in a recent interview. "I started swimming when I was about eight years old and realized that I had some talent. Then I tried out for some teams and began to swim competitively."

Beginning to swim at such an early age has undoubtedly helped to make Allyson the swimmer that she is today. Though only a freshman, she has already had some record-breaking performances in the pool. In the New England Championships Allyson won the 200 butterfly as well as the 200 and 400 individual medley relays. She established New England records in the 200 fly and the 400 individual medley. The noteworthy performances at the New England Championships helped Allyson win New England Swimmer of the Year.

With three years to go, one might believe that Allyson has put pressure on herself to try and duplicate her performances or even try to better them, but this is not so. She doesn't worry too much about winning New England Swimmer of the Year four years in a row. "I am just going to take everything year by year," commented Allyson. "There are too many dual meets during the regular season for me to worry about doing well at the New England every year."

Last Friday while some of us were winding down from our pseudo Spring Break, Allyson and the rest of the PC swimmers were in Pittsburgh competing in the Big East Championships. Once again, Allyson did not disappoint. She finished third in the 200 individual medley and won both the 400 individual medley and the 200 butterfly. Allyson's performances were just a few of the contributions that enabled the women's team to finish in a respectable fifth place.

"I was happy with my individual performances at the Big East," remarked Allyson. "I felt good the week before and some of my times were the best that I've ever had."

Even with her impressive debut season Allyson still does have some weaknesses that she can work on to improve. "In the medley races the breast stroke is my weakest phase of the race," she admitted. "I try to get out of the blocks fast and get ahead as far as I can to make up for some of the time that I might lose in the breast stroke."

Just because the PC swim season is over does not mean that Allyson is all done swimming competitively until next fall. Allyson also competes for a club team at home. "In high school my swim season ended in April so I'd have only about three weeks before I had to start training for my club team," recalled Allyson. "Here we end in February so I have a little

more free time in between the two seasons."

Competing on a club team helped to make Allyson a better swimmer. It also gave her a different kind of competition to prepare for swimming at the college level. "The level of competition that I faced on my club team helped to prepare me for the college level," said Allyson. "On the club team there is more emphasis on individual performance. Here you think more about how you can help the team win. You want to do good for yourself as well as the team." Allyson's individual performances have parlayed into team success for

PC.

In the pool the emphasis may be on team effort, but in the classroom she must think about individual effort. One of the toughest things for college freshmen to deal with is time management, and Allyson is no different. "I have to schedule my study time around practices and meets during the season. Time management is important," stated Allyson.

So far Allyson has managed her time well in and out of the pool. With three more years to go we can all look forward to more impressive outings from Allyson Dunleavy.



This frosh has made quite a splash

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An Olympic Recap: All You Need to Know, and Less

by Brian Capello
Assistant Features Editor

For those of you that were too busy lounging on the beaches of some foreign soil to have witnessed the recent Winter Olympics, you're in luck. For those that did speculate the games, you are too rather fortunate as well. As a voluntary service to America, the Olympic Committee has asked me to deliver an official recap of the 1992 Winter Games, aimed at making the reader feel as if he or she had actually been there.

Figure Skating - Along with ice hockey, skating delivered the most anticipation and excitement of the games. On the men's side, the hero was Paul Wylie, who aside from winning the silver medal, was a finalist, along with commentator Scott Hamilton, in the Mr. Masculine freestyle. On the women's side, one certainly can't complain about the first three-four finish (best in US Olympic History) considering there was no US representative amidst the core of severely biased judges. I honestly believe that if Jeffrey Dahmer had hailed from their respective countries, they would have acquitted him (along with giving him a perfect ten for his actions). On the downside, the entire women's long program had more spills than the oil tanker industry. As one CBS commentator pondered, "Was this the Winter or the Fall Olympics?" To tell you the truth, I kept expecting to see Greg Louganis come out and perform given all the diving that was taking place.

Ice Hockey - The US assumed the role of the dark horse of the games after an exhibition tour in which they were spanked more often than Bart Simpson would be if his father was Mr. Evans from *Good Times*. Despite being outshot almost 3 to 1 in the majority of their games, they were often able to

prevail thanks to their goalie, who proved as valuable to them as censorship is to the PC administration. Yet despite their great success early on, my years as a Red Sox fan led me to recognize that sinking feeling that they just weren't destined to win the big games (a feeling that resurfaced during the PC-St. Johns game on Monday). Just like the Red Sox (in 1918), the US team had their day of glory (1980) and as fans we must be patient and give them the same 73 years (plus) to repeat that we've given the Sox. On a final hockey note, the Unies (ex-Russians) remained an impressive force even though with the new government, they no longer had that ultimate winning incentive which was the threat of castration.

Speedskating - Aside from Bonnie Blair's two gold medals, there really wasn't much for an American in France to "write home about." Oddly enough, the skaters greatest asset was not their skates but rather a knowledge of the Heimlich maneuver as it sure came in handy amidst the athletes' frequent choking.

Short-track Speedskating -

The only advantage I saw in this event was the fact that the US's two gold medals allowed us reach double digits in the total medals column. As far as the short track relays, all I can say is it's nice to see that the Olympic Committee has a sense of humor. This event proved more confusing than a high school indoor track meet. I really find it hard to believe that anyone actually knows who won. My theory is that they simply take the teams with the fewest medals and pick the winners out of a hat (which is why the US won a silver).

Alpine skiing - An impressive showing from the women's team as they won two silver medals. As far as the men's team went, they were about as threatening to the likes of Alberto Tomba as Jerry Brown is to the likes of George Bush.

Cross Country Skiing - To recap this event, I only need quote the *Boston Globe's* line of "thirty-four wasted plane tickets." At least the Olympic Committee was gracious enough to provide the US skiers with headphones to listen to the medal ceremony as they approached the midway point of the race.

Bobsled and Luge - Saturday Night Line described these events as having "no purpose. They're just stupid things you can do in the snow." I find it hard to believe that anyone watches the Luge for any other reason than to see an athlete get hurled off their sled into the wilderness; although I suppose a few, like my roommate, just like to see the athletes in those skin tight body suits. For some reason, while the bobsled, on paper, seems like an extremely boring and monotonous event, it is extremely popular and I must admit, I enjoy watching it even though most runs only differ according to the clock. Thank God for rookies like the Jamaica and Virgin Island teams who mix it up a little by traversing upside down (the direct result of too much sun poisoning on the brain).

Biathlon - This event only differed from Cross Country in that the US team only wasted 18 plane tickets rather than 34. The whole idea of this event is acinine. Whoever thought of this must have also been behind PC having the dream lottery for the entire freshmen class in the Last Resort two years ago.

Exhibition events

Curling - Once again this event stole the show as the US captured third place. Actually I didn't hear a thing about it, and as far as I'm concerned, Curling should only be referred to in the weightroom.

Speed Skating - One word describes this event: insanity. The way I see it, the only reason this sport is just for exhibition is that the Committee figures that for putting their bodies, if not their lives, on the line, the athletes deserve more than a cheap piece of colored crystal. The only way I would consider trying this event is if either I had ten minutes to live or if I were being chased by my aunt Bertha looking to give me "a big wet one."

Olympic Facts:

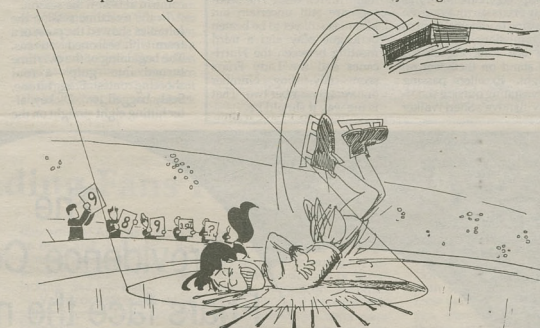
- Though a Unified Germany won the Olympics with 26 medals, East Germany alone had 25 medals in the last Winter Games.

- Though the US had the most athletes (144), their medal output (11) was almost doubled by Austria (21) and Norway (20), who, coincidentally, had half the number of athletes.

- Luxemborg, which sent only one athlete, won two medals (in skiing) for an average of 5 medal per athlete (as opposed to Germany's average of 4.0, US's 13.3, and the Czech's 31.0). Just imagine if our hockey team had that number for a player per goal ratio.

- The vast time difference between here and France allowed many to hear who won what before the event was actually shown on TV. Thanks to this phenomenon, I was able to win \$550 by betting my little sister on the exact results (I would have made millions if she didn't figure it out after the fifth day of competition).

- The next winter Olympics take place in Norway in 1994, due to the Committee's decision to offset the winter and summer games by two years (so make your reservations soon).



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later from Lashomb and Movsessian. O'Sullivan netted her second of the night less than thirty seconds later, with the assist from Granato. Granato finished the first period scoring barrage on a power play goal from O'Sullivan and Melissa Mills.

The Lady Friars scored four more goals in the second period before St. Lawrence got on the scoreboard in the third. O'Sullivan completed her hat trick, with Manning, Mills (short-handed) and Granato (also getting on the scoreboard) in the period. Lashomb added a third power play goal in the third to give Providence the 9-1 victory.

St. Lawrence really didn't present much of a problem. "I commented Coach Marchetti. "They fell behind early in the game, 4-0. They changed goaltenders and the second one appeared to be very weak. We scored a couple of goals we normally wouldn't score. St. Lawrence has a pretty good team, they just came out very, very flat and they never got

anything going."

The best game of the two weeks came against Princeton the following afternoon. After a scoreless first period, both teams came out fighting in the second. Princeton scored first, just forty seconds into the period. The Lady Friars came right back with a power play goal by O'Sullivan from Movsessian. Princeton got the next two goals before Beth Beagan and Lashomb brought PC to within a goal. Movsessian opened the third period with the tying goal from Lashomb and O'Sullivan. The two teams battled back and forth, with Princeton finally taking the lead on a penalty shot at 13:54 in the period. Movsessian scored from Michelle Johanson with a second left in the game to send it into overtime. Granato gave the Lady Friars the victory with five seconds left in overtime, on a goal from Lashomb.

"Against Princeton we struggled," said Coach Marchetti. "They played very well against us and really shut down our offense. We outshot them, I think 47 to 12, but their goaltender really played excep-

tionally. We were a different team without Chris [Bailey] and I think we were beginning to think about it a little bit. It was a different type of game, one that we hadn't been in all year, but somehow we found a way to win."

The Lady Friars again got off to a slow start against the Harvard Crimson, falling behind 1-0 in the first period. Two quick goals early in the second got Providence back on track. O'Sullivan continued her strong play with the Lady Friars' first goal at 2:14 from Johanson and Granato. Beagan gave PC the lead thirty-five seconds later, with assists by Coan and Lashomb. Granato and Manning combined for two goals in the third period. O'Sullivan had an assist on the first goal, and Movsessian on the second. Harvan added a goal in the third, but the game was out of reach for the Crimson. Beagan had an empty-net goal with five seconds left from O'Sullivan.

"Up at Harvard, we played very well," Coach Marchetti commented. "I think we were starting to rebuild our confidence. It was the type of game

we felt we played well enough to really deserve to win and we did."

Providence suffered only their second loss of the season at New Hampshire last Saturday, losing 3-2. The Wildcats netted the first goal with PC's Johanson in the penalty box for interference. The Lady Friars came back with two goals in the second period by Manning, from Shannon Stoneking and Kathy Trophy, and Coan, from Laurie Lashomb. New Hampshire tied the game early in the third and then took the lead and the win with a minute left.

"We went up to UNH and played a great game," said Coach Marchetti. "We pulled the goaltender, and I thought we won 4-3, because it looked like we were going to score twice there, but somehow the puck just did not go into the net."

The Lady Friars got back on the winning track against Brown on Monday night in their last regular season game. The first period ended in a 1-1 tie, but Providence took over and beat the Bears 5-1. The Lady Friars pummeled Brown

goalie Kate Presbrey with 38 shots, 18 in the second period. Beagan notched the first two goals for Providence, the first from Coan and Lashomb, and the second from Movsessian. Cammi Granato then came out to net the first goal with PC's coming up with a hat trick in the last period and a half. Kim Dowd, Manning (2) and O'Sullivan (2) added assists on the goals.

Providence goes into this weekend's ECAC tournament as the number one seed. That earns them a first-round bye and the home ice. On Friday, the Lady Friars play the winner of Princeton and Dartmouth at 7:30, while Northeastern, the number two seed, will play the winner of Brown and New Hampshire at 5:00 also at Schneider. The championship game will be Saturday afternoon at Schneider.

"This is it, this is the end," Coach Marchetti commented. "If we win Friday, we advance to Saturday and we try to take home all the hardware. We're hoping that there will be a good turnout from the students."

Senior Night at Alumni Hall

Lady Friars Lose Game but Gain Scoring Leader

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

While most of us enjoyed a week of relaxation the Lady Friars engaged in three Big East battles and emerged with a 2-1 winter record.

The much anticipated rematch with Miami ended PC's six game winning streak. The Hurricanes did to the Lady Friars what PC had grown accustomed to doing to opponents. They blew them away. A 52 point Miami first half (their second highest of the season) put Providence away early. Vicki Plowden's 30 points led the way but Maura McDonnell represented a bright spot for the Lady Friars. PC's sixth woman extraordinaire had 15 points second only to Sonya Lewis' 22. The Lady Friars bounced back though with an 82-78 defeat of Syracuse followed by a routing of UConn on the 23rd.

Earlier this year it was the Huskies who played above and beyond the Lady Friars but now the tables have turned. Tracy Lis and Lucie Fontanella combined for 55 of the team's 97 points. Once again it was a great first half that enabled PC to pick up their 12th straight conference win.

Last night was the final home game for the Lady Friars and Providence's three seniors were honored before playing

in Alumni Hall for the final time. Ann Marie Kennedy, Stephanie Cole, and Tracy Lis accompanied by their parents were greeted with flowers and embraces by their coaches and teammates. All three players meant much to the success of the Lady Friars and will be difficult to replace. Meanwhile waiting patiently on the sidelines were the Villanova Wildcats having no qualms about spoiling the festivities.

The first ten minutes of the game were merely a countdown. Senior Tracy Lis needed only eight points to become the all-time leading scorer in Big East history. Let's begin at the top. Tracy sank two free throws for her first points and converted on a sharp pass from Cole to get half way there. Two more free throws followed and moments later it happened. It was a fitting combination. Steph Cole, who had assisted Tracy with so many buckets in the crowd dribbled at the top of the key and fired a crisp pass to a wide open Lis underneath the basket. The ball touched glass, dropped through and her 1,254 point was in the books. Play stopped momentarily as the Lady Friars surrounded the new scoring leader with shouts of congratulations. But it would be the last time the crowd would stand on their feet on this night. Excellent passing and devastating outside shooting by Villanova's Sheri Walker

gave the Cats a 38-31 halftime lead.

One scorer isn't enough! During the first seven minutes of the second half Tracy Lis was the lone shooter and her six points didn't equal Nova's effort. Up until five minutes remaining the visitors consistently held at least a ten point lead. But PC wouldn't leave without making some noise. The press finally got to the seemingly nerveless Wildcats as Sonya Lewis stole the ball at half-court. Lis was fouled on a short jumper but only made one of her freethrows. Villanova proceeded to run a post pattern down the left sidelines and it worked. The easy bucket symbolized PC's last minute efforts. Everytime they got close Nova simply shoved them back down again. Providence was forced to foul and like their men counterparts, the Wildcats took full advantage of the free tosses. The senior's final fling was spoiled.

Only one regular season game remains (Seton Hall) before the Big East Tournament March 6-9. The seedings are still uncertain but Miami is still yet to be beaten in league play and a third meeting between the Hurricanes and the Lady Friars seems only fitting. Number one verses number two. That is the way it should be.

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penetration through the lane resulted in two fouls shots, which he made. The next sequence of events featured four lead changes as St. John's took the lead 60-59. At 57-57, the Friars threatened to blow the game open. Corey Floyd fed Bragg for a layup on a two-on-one break. Floyd stole the St. John's inbounds pass, but Trent Forbes was whistled for a five-second violation to turn the ball over.

Down 60-59 after Sealy connected on a three pointer, the Friars were in need of a break. If PC's heartbeat was slowly fading, then Jason Buchanan was the electrode to resuscitate the Friar's flatline. Buchanan made only two of four foul shots in the last minute to give the Redmen a two, and not a four point, edge.

Floyd lofted a three pointer that went astray, but Forbes was there with the offensive rebound. Forbes, who scored seven of his 11 points in the final 5:03 of the game, pump faked and sunk a 12 foot bank shot with three seconds left. Buchanan's desperation heave fell short, and it was on to overtime, where the Friars came in at 0-3 on the season.

In the overtime session the Johnnies showed the poise of a team with seasoned veterans. The beginning of the overtime turned into—gulp!—a foul shooting contest. Bragg hit one, Sealy bagged two, Dickey, after hitting eight straight on the

night, clanged two as St. John's led 64-63. Floyd misfired for the third time in overtime, and Lamont Middleton, a monster on the boards with 13 (four offensive in the overtime), tossed in a lay up to make it 66-63. Buchanan, this time the killer, sunk his two free throws. St. John's unwisely fouled Forbes, an 87% foul shooter, calmly sunk the two freebies.

On the ensuing inbounds play the Friars made a cardinal sin by letting Sealy get behind the press for an easy dunk. Game over? Not! Forbes, the man who would be hero, drilled a three from the left elbow to make it 70-68.

Another crucial inbounds, but this time Sealy travels to turn it over. Fourteen seconds left. "I wanted them to take it to the hole," said Barnes after the game. Fourteen seconds left, and Floyd hoists a three pointer from the corner. Michael Smith rebounds the ball.

Pulse heavy. Heart beating faster.

Forbes, with eight seconds, shoots another three. Clang. St. John's rebound.

"Our guys wanted to rise up, but nothing came," said Carnesocca. "Their bodies have started to wear thin. This win was a godsend."

The Friars are still waiting for their godsend, but time is running thin. Time for the seniors, time for post-season play, time for respectability.

The vital signs are not good, but the heart is still beating.

The Providence College Friars face the new kids on the block, the University of Miami Hurricanes in a Big East clash.

Friars
vs
Hurricanes
Saturday, March 7
at 8:00 pm.

Student tickets are \$3.00 and will go on sale Tuesday March 3rd in the Friar Fan Attic.

Senior Night
Be there as we honor our five seniors and their mothers

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Larry's Better Than Michael and Size Isn't Everything Battle for A League Title

by Tim Sullivan
IAB Correspondent

With only six teams in the "A" League, any squad that generates some momentum for two or three games will likely find themselves the winners of the coveted t-shirts.

Although as their name might suggest, Larry's Better Than Michael, this team has been doing anything but dreaming on the court. Seniors Matt Rice, Mike Corbani and Mike Pomposelli have propelled this team into a first place tie with Size Isn't Every-

thing. Larry's Better Than Michael reached the finals last year and will in all likelihood be there again this year.

Another senior quintet who has a better than average shot to reach the finals are We're All Distracted. Three-point specialist Chris Woods and inside-outside threat George Bailey provide the offensive for this club.

Finally, juniors Todd Trapp and Rich Farrell have led Size Isn't Everything into a tie with Larry's.

Look for one of these three teams to win the championship.

Bigsticks Continue to Roll on the Ice

by Tim Sullivan
IAB Correspondent

In intramural ice hockey this past week, Bigsticks continued its fine play. Tom Muldoon, Gabe Canero and Carl Valentino led Bigsticks to a 10-4 win over the freshman squad Mother Puckers.

In addition, the Guatemalan National Team defeated the Hansons, 8-7, in an outstanding contest. Seniors Derek Deleo, Pat Cosgriff, Mike Girourd provided the leadership down the stretch which al-

lowed the GNT to defeat their junior counterparts.

Lungers II had an easy time of it in defeating Socco's, 9-1, in other league action. Billy Petrarca, Paul Portzmare, Jason Costa and Phil Olsen, all seniors, hope that they will be able to sustain the momentum from this win all the way through the playoffs. In the final contest of the week, Puckin' Repeaters, led by Bill Ruffin, Tom Murphy and Tom Sullivan defeated Haven't Won Yet. All you can say to Haven't Won Yet is "keep trying, maybe someday."

12 Teams Undefeated in B League Action

Senior Squads Hard-Pressed to Make Playoffs

by Tim Sullivan
IAB Correspondent

The latest glance at the Intramural "B" League standing reveals, that 12, that's 12 teams remain undefeated mid-way through the season. As it stands right now, teams with two or more losses will be hard-pressed to make the playoffs. The cold hard facts for the senior squads who already have a loss or two: Win the remaining games or become a spectator during the playoffs!

The question for John Reagan, Kevin Humason, Sean Coady and company is: Will the "third time be a charm?" Presently, they possess a 3-0 record and have a great opportunity to obtain the number one

ranking going into the tournament.

However, White Boys With Attitudes (3-0), led by offensive exploits of Tom Lenny and Kevin O'Brien, hope to have something to say about that number one ranking. Some feel they have both the desire and experience necessary to challenge for the title.

Surprisingly, last year's champions, Vinegar, already have a loss. But don't be fooled. This team will be there again in the Final Four ready to defend their title. Jeff Scott, Tim Bennett and Mike Dorsey provide the leadership for this talented squad.

Unlike their namesake, the Washington Generals of this league have done nothing but win. Mike Meyers, Pat Carnes

and John Harrington led this perfect 3-0 squad.

Two other teams to keep an eye on as the season winds down are Team Joe and Soul Train. If Team Joe can generate better offensive series in order to allow Mike Shannon or Brian Dunn to obtain open jumpers, there is no telling how far this team can go. Team Joe has outstanding spirit and won't do down without a vigorous fight.

Soul Train, the leading underclassman candidate to figure strongly in the playoffs, have a perfect 3-0 record at this point. Claude Johnson, Steve Charles and James Caldwell look to propel this team to the next level.

Good luck to all teams, but especially senior squads, as the season winds to a close.

"A" League Standings

1. Larry's Better Than Michael	3-0	4. Donadio Should Have Sold Out	1-2
2. Size Isn't Everything	3-0	5. McAdam's Family	0-3
3. We're All Distracted	2-1	6. Ohlagoofs	0-3

"B" League Standings

1. Third Time's A Charm	3-0	9. Spackled Hogs on Film	3-0
2. White Boys With Attitudes	3-0	10. Frankie and the Miracles	2-0
3. Utica Club	3-0	11. White Shadow	2-0
4. Washington Generals	3-0	12. Men of Pain II	3-0
5. Poop in the Second Stall	3-0	13. Vinegar	2-1
6. Soul Train	3-0	14. The Had Nots	2-1
7. Has Been	2-0	15. Rim Jobs	2-1
8. Hoe	2-0		

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