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Rebounding From Adversity

Freshmen Duckett and Kirch excel in new starting backcourt roles

By JASON YELLIN

This was supposed to be their year.

The Stony Brook men's basketball knew going into the 1992-93 season that there was great potential for many records, wins and perhaps a run at the national championship.

With the All-Time men's leading scorer back for his senior season and two starters returning from the 1990-91 team that made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament all the pieces seemed to be in place.

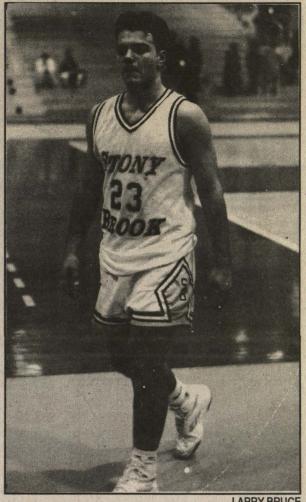
But no one could ever imagine what would happen to alter all plans. Vincent Farmer, who sat out last season, left the team for personal reasons and on January 16 the Patriots were dealt a most devastating blow. Emeka Smith, an all-American candidate and leading scorer and Curtis Bunche, the team's second leading point maker were arraigned for alleged robbery and suspended.

Two weeks later the Patriots are on the comeback trail attempting to put all of the misery behind them. "I think the team is still disappointed that this all happened," Head Coach Bernard Tomlin said. "But there is not much they can do about the situation. I really admire the players for their ability to stay focused on basketball." Everybody on the team has stepped up their play a notch and not gotten down on themselves or the team.

Team members were concerned when the two top scorers went out. "I'm surprised because we are still a good team," junior center Luc Baptiste. "With all that we have been through, everyone is stepping up."



Please see REBOUND on page 7 Ron Duckett has become the Patriots go-to-guy



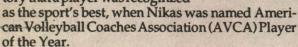
Joe Kirch has confidence he can run the team

Nikas Honored As Nation's Top Player

By Marco Aventajado

It was a year of firsts for the Patriot volleyball

team. It was their first time to go to the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament. It was the first time a player, in fact two were named First Team all-Americans, senior Stasia Nikas and sophomore Janna Kuhner. This year was also the first time in the team's history that a player was recoginzed



Nikas' naming marked the first time that a Patriot performer was named tops of their sport.

In the beginning of the season, Nikas said that helping the team make it into the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament was ahead on her list than being an all-American.

The team oriented Patriots did make it to the "Final Four" and Nikas was named first team all-American but little did she know that there was something more waiting for her for the trip to St. Louis where the semi-finals were held. During the banquet for the NCAA Championships, the Player of the Year was to be named. Everyone deferred the award to a Washington University (MO) player, so

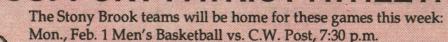
it came as a surprise when Nikas was named Co-Player of the Year with Washington's Lisa Becker. "I never expected it," Nikas said.

The ceremony of the award came after the championships and was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico. For Nikas, this was the culmination of her four years in the Patriot volleyball system. She has been the all time leader in kills with 1639. "It's a real credit to the volleyball program," said Head Coach

Not only did Nikas have a tremendous season in the volleyball court, finishing with 503 kills, 266

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Sat., Feb. 6 Women's Basketball vs. Vassar, 2 p.m.

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HE WEEK

WRITE OFF THE BAT

Exactly three years ago, the day after the Super Bowl, the National, an all-sports

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FROM THE

EDITOR,

JASON

YELLIN

The Signal put sports where it should be on the front page, no back page. Sports are the upbeat part of the paper dealing with victory and records and heart-warming stories. As the Supreme Court Justice Byron "Whizzer" White said if I want to be depressed I'll look at the front page of a newspaper. If I want to be happy I'll turn to the back. The Signal would allow the Justice a chance to look at the front page and have smile that the men's basketball team is coming back strong after

adversity and the school's star volleyball player was named

tops in her sport.
In the Patriot SportSignal we look to bring the positive side of sports with in-depth coverage of all teams. That begins with "A Look Ahead To This Week's Action" every week on page three, and moves on to cover each sport with features. A look into Stony Brook's deep and rich sports history, that most don't know about. A chance to express your opinions in "Pro Talk." Fans get a chance to read what the coaches think about the NCAA and other issues in "Coach's Corner."

We will also provide a cornucopia of stats andfacts that you can talk about at the next basketball game, or squash match, or any time at all.

The Signal is for you, so don't hesitate in holding back your opinions we want to know what you think tell us. This paper is for you and by

NTRAMURAL NEWS

 Nick Brown and Terry Munzing have been chosen the November Intramural Athletes of the Month. Brown is a 21-year old senior, who majors in Politcal Sceince. Brown has played Intramural football, basketball all four years at Stony Brook. He also was a 3 on 3 Schick Super Hoops winner and will compete in the Regional Tournament at Columbia University in March. "Through the Intramural Program, my teams were able to become more like by family and also meet genuine people in the Intramural Program," said Brown.

Munzing, also a senior,

who majors in Mathematics and minoring in Business. Although she has a tough academic schedule, Terry participates in both Intrmural soccer and voleyball. In fact her Co-rec Outdoor Soccer Team the Gym Rats were crowned champions this past October. "The Intramural Program has given her a chance to play recreationally competively, while maintaining fun and excitment with my teammates and friend," said Munzing.

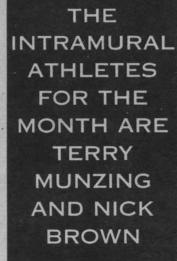
 The fourth annual lower New York State Flag Football Tournament was held during the end of the first semester.

Nine teams from eight lower New York State Colleges participated in the tournament hosted by Adelphi University.

The tournament consisted of two phases, pool play, where the teams were broken up into three pools, playing two morning games, followed by a single elimination tournament in the after-

Pool A consisted of Tech, Purchase, and Adelphi. Adelphi scored a 2-0 record.

Pool B included Stony Brook, Culinary Institute and York College. Stony Brook completed 2-0 after the pool

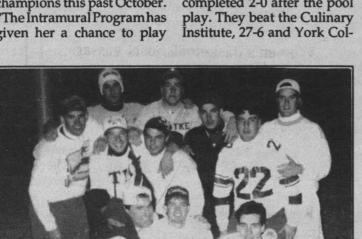


Pool C had Columbia, Nassau and the other Purchase team. Columbia posted a 2-0 record.

The results of the first round games were: Stony Brook, 28-0 over Purchase, York defeated Nassau, 27-13. Columbia outscored Tech, 39-19 as Gotello connected with Steve Cohen for Four touchdowns. Adelphi upended Purchase, 33-6.

In the semi-finals, Stony Brook faced a return match with York. They passed the test with a 19-6 victory. Ither game Adelphi came up big, 27-12.

The opponent for the Championship game were set, Stony Brook faced off against Adelphi. With the defense dominating and darkness looming, Adelphi held up against Stony Brook, defeating them 13-0, in a hard fought



Stony Brook's finalist flag football team, the Cajun Crew.

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The Patriots suffered a 79-65 loss at the hands of nationally ranked Scranton yesterday in the Indoor Sport Complex. The Patriots were paced by Joan Gandolf's 20 points.

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The Patriots recorded a double victory on Saturday as they routed Hunter and Manhattanville at University Pool as they prepared for the Metropolitan Championships.

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The date was November 30, 1985. The men's basketball team knocked off Division I foe Hofstra for a stunning upset.

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A LOOK AHEAD TO THIS WEEK'S ACTION

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Patriots (10-5) following their loss to Division I Hofstra on Saturday will face their second consecutive non-D-III opponent tonight. The Patriots play host to C. W. Post (14-3) at 7:30. The Pioneers are led by Delano Chandler, who is averaging 19.5 ppg. and 8.5 rpg. Scott Parker (14.2) is a three-point threat for Post.

On Thursday the Patriots will face Skyline rival Manhattanville (4-8). The Valiants top offensive threat is Brian McDonagh who averages 21.3 ppg.

Fellow SUNY center Albany will be next up for the Pats on Saturday at the capital. Six foot five inch Jason Graber leads the Danes with 22 ppg and a 53percent mark from the floor.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hunter will host the Pats tonight at 6 p.m. in the City. The CUNY team's top weapon is Jill Cipriano (14.2 ppg). The guard is the team's top three-point bomber shooting almost five a game and making 35 %. Teresa Cherry, a forward for the Hawks tops the team in boards with 11 along with 13.9 ppg.

The team will play in a make-up game on Thursday. Earlier this year a December 12 showndown with Albany was cancelled due to a snow storm.

The Lady Danes attack is headed by senior Ikeuchi Franklin. She leads the squad in ppg and rpg with 16.2 and 11.2, respectively.

Stony Brook will play host to Vassar on Feb 6 at 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The swimmers are gearing up for the Metropolitan Championships to be held on Feb. 5 through Feb. 7. Kings Point will host the event.

The Patriots are one of 15 teams to take part in the Mets. The group includes several Division I schools such as Marist and Fordham.

Last season the Patriots placed 13th in the 14 team field. Stony Brook managed to muster on 84 points. Glassboro State (now Rowan College) captured the title easily with 924 points beating out second place NYU (754).

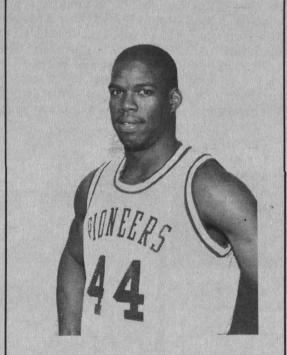
The Patriots are looking to perfrom better with the addition of many young and talented freshmen swimmers and divers.

MEN'S SWIMMING

After being handed a blowoutloss at the hands of Rowan College, Patriots will have some time off to retlect and prepare for the Metropolitan Championhsips to be held later this month. The Patriots will compete at Trenton State College in New Jersey on February 15 through February 17.

Last season the Patriots put forth a strong showing in this similar competition. This season the team will look to leadership from Larry Sullivan and Mark Palagiano to reach the title.

On the diving side Larry Sawyer and Dan Tesone will handle to chores.



C.W. Post's leading scorer Delano Chadler

SQUASII

Squash team members are looking forward to a rematch later this week with a chance for revenge. Earlier in the year on December 9 the Patriots fell to Fordham 7-2 in a match held in the Bronx. The Rams are currently 6-1.

Head Coach Bob Snider looking forward to geting back at Fordham. "We were flat then," said the coach.

The Patriots will then move on to Vassar College up in Poughkeepsie for a double-match. The Pats will face Hobart at 12 p.m. and Vassar at 2 p.m. The Brewers have a record of 6-5.

If the Patriots defeat Vassar and Fordham they have a good chance of becoming New York State Champions in the Team Tournament at Cornell.

INDOOR TRACK

Both Women's and Men's teams have busy weeks as they compete in the Melrose Games which will be held in Madison Square Garden on Friday February 5 at 6 p.m.

After the Melrose games the teams will have one day to recuparate for the PAC Championships which will be held in the Indoor Sports Complex on Sunday February 7 at 11 a.m.

Look for Julie Bonura, Marissa Forsing and Loretta Varbero on the women's team.

On the men's side John Pikramenos, Victor Rugg, Roger Gill and Yariv Pomeranz come off impressive showings from the Stony Brook Indoor Invitational held last weekend

SCHEDULED SPORTING EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday Feb. 1—

Men's Basketball hosts C. W. Post, 7:30 Women's Basketball at Hunter, 6 p.m.

Tuesday Feb.2 —

No Stony Brook Action

Wednesday Feb. 3—

Squash hosts Fordham, 4 p.m.

Thursday Feb. 4—

Women's Basketball hosts Albany, 5 p.m. Men's Basketball hosts Man'ville, 8 p.m.

Friday Feb. 5-

Women's Swimming at Met Championships at Kings Point (through Feb. 7) Indoor Track Teams at Melrose Games at Madison Square Garden, 6 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 6—

Girls and Women in Sports Day held in the Indoor Sports Complex, registrationbegins at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Basketball hosts Vassar, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Albany, 8 p.m. Squash at Vassar, plays Hobart, 12 noon and Vassar at 2 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 7—

Indoor Track hosts PAC Championships, 11 a.m.

Monday Feb. 8—

Men's basketball hosts Hunter, 7:30

Tuesday Feb. 9—

No Stony Brook Action

SCORNER

COACH



This week's guest columnist is—women's assistant soccer coach Lizanne M. Coyne. She is serving as director of Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert. Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Joan Benoit-Samuelson. Nadia Comaneci and Mary Lou Retton. Nancy Lopez. Dorothy Hamill. Stasia Nikas.

Some might wonder what these names all have in common. Some might already know! These women are among thousands of other women who have "broken barriers" and have lists of achievements mile long. Not only are these women achievers, but

they are competitive, committed and dignified female athletes - the best in the country, if not the world.

On the first Thursday of each February, these women participate in a celebration - a celebration meant specifically for girls and women, though observed by many Americans, including many men. In 1987, Congress proclaimed Nation Girls and Women in Sports Day to recognize the progress that girls and women of all ages have made in the field of athletics.

The Stony Brook Division of Physical Education and Athletics is proud to present the Second Annual Girls and Women in Sports Day scheduled for Saturday, February 6. "Breaking Down the Barriers" is this year's theme. This day serves to bring attention to the achievements of all female athletes and to the issues facing females in sports. "I hope that this day will serve as an educational forum for both men and women," said Traci Thompson, Stony Brook's Girls and Women in Sports day chairperson. "We're excited that we have three dynamic women speakers and the barriers that women once had are now being replaced with celebrations like

Stony Brook's action-packed day will begin at 10 a.m. in the Indoor Sports Complex. Ms. Rachel Shuster,

Stony Brook Celebrates Girls and Women in Sports Day

a 1976 Stony brook alumnae will step to the podium to discuss "Women in the News Media." While at Stony Brook Shuster was an integral part of the WUSB Sports and is currently one co-captain Statsia Nikas earned first team All-American honors and Coplayer of the year naming her the best Division III Volleyball Player in the country. Volleyball co-captain Kelly

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TRACI THOMPSON
GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY CHAIR

of a select few prominent women in sports journalism for USA Today.

Stony Brook's volleyball head coach, Teri Tiso will then share her insights on "The making of a championship team." This past fall Tiso's volleyball team posted an incredible 38-4 record, captured the New York State Championship, NCAA East Regional Championship and advanced to the National Division III "Final Four." This very same season, senior

Grodotzke, who will emcee the day, is aware of the effort needed to reach a higher level in athletic competition. "Looking back on the whole experience, I'll never forget what it took and how it felt to be in the 'Final Four'," said Grodotzke. "No matter what I do, this is an experience that will be with me for a lifetime."

Dr. Gai Berlage will close out the

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Twin Killing In Prep For Mets

BY ERIC HUNTER

The Patriots women's swimming team spanked two New York City schools in a tri-meet held at University Pool last Saturday. Stony Brook whipped Hunter College, 97-16 and Manhattanville College 76-37. "This was a much need ego boost heading into the Mets," said freshman Amy Jo Scoca, who took first in the 50-meter freestyle.

The Patriots lost only three events on the day while sweeping through the compeition. The team posted three triple winners. Terri Lukemire captured first place in the 200-freestyle, and 100-backstroke. Lori Bohn, a recent transfer won the 100-freestyle and the 50-breastroke. Corinne Jones placed tops in the 100-breaststroke and 100-individual medely. The trio teammed up to win the 200-indidual medely to cap of the Patriots domination.

"We really needed to do well in the tri-meet," said Bohn. "And we came away with a double win in preparation for the Mets next week." WOMEN'S SWIM

The Patriots will travel to Kings Point for the Metropolitan Championhsips to be held on February 5 through 7.

The team posted a 5-5 mark for the season winning the final four comeptitions. They have been coming on strong in the recent compititions."We have all come along way since the beginning of the season," said Scoca. "We have all gotten to know each other a lot better." She added that the transfers have given a big lift to the team.

In looking back on the season the Patriots now feel as though they can beat anyone. "We'd beat Queens (a top rival, who knocked off Stony Brook early on) right now," said Scoca. "We are very deep and a wide range of ability and picking up those thirds and fourth that put us on top."

Rebecca Phelan contributed a win in the 50-meter butterfly.

On the diving side the Patriots perfromed superbly as Vicki Roebuck

easily won the one-meter and threemeter platform competitions.

The Patriots honored their graduating seniors with a brief pre-swim ceremony. Honored were Lukemiere,

and Jen Cuniff.

The team will begin to workout for the meet early in the week. According to Scoca the team will decrease the distance and increase the quality of the swimming for the Mets.

Transfer Bohn Adds Spark

It's seldom when one ingredient makes a whole recipe work. But for the Patriots swimming team that one thing has put them on top. When Lori Bohn arrived at Stony Brook the team was 1-5, now the Patriots are 5-5. "In the four meets since Lori has come we've won," said fellow freshman Amy Jo Scoca. "She has really made a difference.

In the Patriots most recent meets last Saturday Bohn captured first place in three events to help the team to a double win. She is one of the team's top breastroke swimmers and has won events in the 50-meter, 100-meter. Bohn also swims the breast-stroke leg of the 200 individual medley

Bohn, who transferred to Stony Brook from Purdue University in Indiana, has fit right in with the team. "I came on to the team and everyone was so nice and helpful," said Bohn.

Bohn has a long standing relationship with the Patriots Head Coach Dave Alexander. "I have known coach for a long time," said Bohn. "I swam for him at North Shore Aquatics since 11th grade."

A Setauket native, Bohn is experienced a sort of homecoming by returning to Stony Brook. At Ward Melville High School Bohn was a member of the New York State qualifying team.

- Jason Yellin

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Swimmers Take One On The Chin

By ALEX BARD

Going into the meet the Patriots knew they were in for a challenge. Rowan College (formerly Glassboro State) has one of the top swimming programs in the nation. The there women's team captured the Metropolitan Championships last season and the men were looking for that same goal in 1993. The Profs entered the meet with a sparkling 10-0 record.

The Patriots preformed their best but came up short by 22 points, as the Profs topped them 126-104. The loss closes out the Patriots' season with a mark of 6-5.

In the meet the Patriots did very well in diving as they won two events. Jason Weed, a sophomore, took first as did Senior Larry Sawyer.

In the pool the Patriots picked up victories from Joe Morawski, who swam the best time in the 100meter breastroke. Marc Danin, who

MEN'S SWIM

has been one of Stony Brook's most consistent swimmers all season finished first in the 100-meter backstroke.

The Patriots will have some time off before their next competition. The team does not swim in a meet for two and one-half weeks. They close out the season when the travel to Trenton State for the Metropolitan Championships to be held in mid-February.

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Men Hoopsters Still Have Bright Outlook

From REBOUND on front page

Two freshmen, Ron Duckett and Joe Kirch have been put in the spotlight to fill the vacated backcourt. The duo has done an exceptional job in their own individual ways. Duckett, a six-foot-three inch guard, who gradu-ated from Long Island Lutheran last year has been leading the team in scoring over the five games since the incident. "Ron is a real scorer and he's also is becoming a leader," said Tomlin. "We always recognized he had ability to put the ball in the hoop."

Duckett is very confident with himself and knew all along that he could do the job. "I'm not really surprised," said Duckett, who average 17 point per game in his senior year. "I have just had the opportunity to play. I always had confidence that I could do it." Duckett has been averaging 22 points per game since entering the starting lineup, including a 26 point performance at Division I Hofstra.

The second half of the kiddie corp backcourt is Kirch. Kirch is an excellent defender with great ball movement. The Patriots recruited the fivefoot-11-inch guard from Governor Dummar Academy up in Boston.
"Joe really has the confidence that

he can run this team," said Tomlin.
"And he is doing and excellent job." Tomlin pointed out the a true barometer to show Kirch's success is not in the points column but by his assist to



Despite all of the problems the Patriots are building charachter as a team

turnover ratio. Through his five game starts Kirch is averaging 2.7 assists for every turnover. "Just like myself Joe has had to step up his play and is sur-prising to a lot people," Duckett said.

Through all of the tough times the Patriots have rallied together in fact the team is stronger as a unit than earlier in the season. "These guys have shown real character," said Tomlin. "I'm so encouraged by all of the young players and feel good for the senior members of the team still having a

strong group of guys to play with."
Those senior members of the team, Ricky Wardally and Pat Cunningham have been very important in providing leadership for the sudden young Patriot squad. Pat and Rick have been a real big part of holding the team's unity during these times. "We have to show our leadership," said Cunningham, who is in his second year at the school. "Everyone has roles and everyone has had to pick up their performance."

Many valuable contributions have been added by Vernanrd Williams, in his third season with the Patriots. He has scored an average of 13 points with several starts due to ankle injuries to Wardally. Michel Lamine, a sophomore has also added muscle in the middle with strong rebounding.

Duckett said there is a noticeable difference in how close the team has become over the past two weeks. "We are all doing a lot together," said the freshman. "It 'snot like we have one or two stars were a team."

The Patriots ought not to be taken for dead as many might think in fact Tomlin, in his second season at Stony Brook, still senses that the Patriots can have a good year and be very challenging. "We still have a good chance at winning our conference," said Duckett.

D-I Hofstra Dusts Off Stony Brook

By Jason Yellin

When the Hofstra Flying Dutchmen looked at their schedule at the beginning of the season they saw the names, UNLV, Tulane, St. John's, South Alabama and Stony Brook. They figured that they would have an rough time against the first four teams and a relatively easy time with the fifth teams. Well they were right. The Dutchmen fell to the first four powers and defeated Stony Brook, 78-57, but not as easily as they might have imagined.

"You can never look down on a team, even if they are Division III, like Stony Brook," said Hofstra Head Coach Butch van Breda Kolff. "I remember a few years ago when St. Joe's of Patchogue (an NAIA team) came here and won our tour-nament." All levels of basketball are comparable said the 70-year old coach, who wears an NBA Championship ring.

The Patriots, already shorthanded, only played with six players for most of the game. Starting forward Ricky Wardally missed his second game in a week with a severely sprained ankle. And if things couldn't get any worse starting center Michel Lamine was helped off the court midway through the first half with an injured knee and did

The Patriots put up a good fight throughout the game using five player, none of which started the year in the starting lineup. "The guys should really be congratulated for their effort," said Stony Brook Head Coach Bernard Tomlin, who is a Hofstra alumnus and was honored in a pre-game ceremony for his dedication and work with the school. "Under the circumstances there is no way to prepare for as many losses we have had."

On the positive side for the Patriots, Ron Duckett, who is emerging as the team's top scorer posted a career high 26 points as he made 13 of 15 free throw attempts. "Ronnie is really doing the job for us," said Tomlin.

The Patriots opened the game timidly as they fell behind by margins of 12-2 and 18-7. The Patriots had several opportunities to cut the lead but were unable to capitalize. Midway through the first half Hofstra did not score 7:31, while the Patriots only could manage five points in the same span.

The Patriots shooting was off all day long, in the first half they shot 29 percent connecting on just six field goals, and trailed 31-17 at halftime.

The second half was more action paced as Demetrius Dudley of Hofstra was knocking down three pointers to finish the game with a Hofstra-high, 25 points.

The Dutchmen were on fire from the floor all day long as they made 58 percent of their shots (62% in the second half). Stony Brook finished the afternoon with a 37 percent mark.



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Pats get the flu

BY JOSE SANTOS

The women's basketball team was plagued by the flu as they played their last two games this past week. After beating Binghamton 61-58, most of the players caught the flu before their game against NYU on Wednesday January 27, and it showed.

Stony Brook opened up the game

Stony Brook opened up the game shooting two for 28 which was only good for eight percent in the first half. In the second period the Patriots stepped up their game, firing at a 12 for 31 clip. The Violettes, shot 31-73 from the field in the game, were overwhelming as Stony Brook lost 69-39. Junior Joan Gandolf lead the way for the Patriots with 13 points and eight rebounds as well as four steals. Freshman Ngozi Efobi scored nine points and and five boards coming off the bench for Stony Brook. Donna Layne had a double-double for NYU when she scored 19 points and cleaned the glass 17 times.

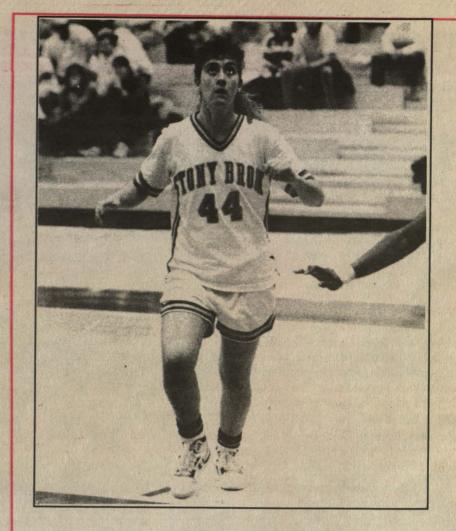
The recuperating Patriots faced the University of Scranton on Saturday January 30. The nationally ranked Royals came into the match-up with a record of 17-1 with the experience of their five seniors. Stony Brook was

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having trouble with the Royals' perimiter shooting and back door plays as their lead was in double digits at the end of the first stanza. Defense was key for the Royals as they used the press to hamper the Stony Brook offense which only shot 28% for the half. Sophomore Richshawna Sims was tops for the Patriots in the half as she was on the offensive boards most of the time for the follow-ups. Sophomore Kim Douglas was held to only one point for the half, shooting 0-6 from the field.

In the second half, Scranton led up on their defense as the Stony Brook cut the lead down to eight with seven minutes to play. But an 8-0 run late in the game made the contest away of the reach for the Patriots. Scranton used their defense again to shut down Stony Brook as well as their offensive sets. The Royals won 79-65. Gandolf led the team again with 19 points and nine rebounds.

Head Coach Dec McMullen was first to say that Scranton was playing like a Women's Final Four candidate.



Q's & A's With Athlete of the Week Joan Gandolf

Junior Joan Gandolf led the women's basketball team to a 3-1 record for the week of January 18-25. Gandolf averaged 19 points and ten rebounds per game for the week. Her best game was a 25 point, 12 rebound effort in a 58-47 victory over Mount St. Mary College. She scored 16 points and added eight rebounds as the Patriots won 61-58 in an overtime game at Binghamton, handing the highly ranked Colonials their second loss of the year.

Full Name: Joan Mary Gandolf

Age: 20 Year: Junior

High School, Year: Centereach High School, graduated 1990

Major: Sociology

Siblings: Margaret, 24 and Mark, 30

Dating: Eric for two years

Favorite School Subject: Any Sociology class

Least Favorite Subject: Math

Favorite Food: Pasta

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Vanilla
Favorite TV Show: Home Improvement

Favorite movie: Top Gun

Favorite actor/actress: Kevin Costner Favorite Musical Artist: Billy Joel

Biggest Influence on sports career: Both of my parents Who taught you the most about basketball: My father

Toughest opponent: Scranton

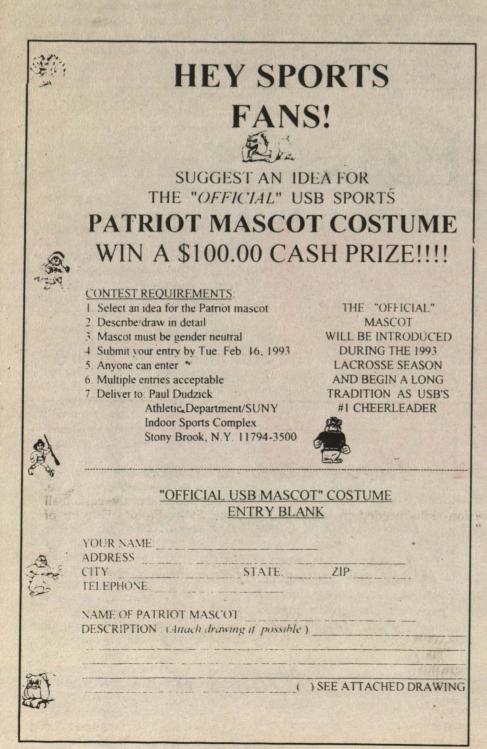
Favorite Pro Team (your sport): New York Knicks

Favorite Player (your sport): Patrick Ewing

Favorite Pro Team (not your sport): New York Jets Favorite Player (not your sport): Browning Nagle

Hobbies:Reading Car: Madza RX7

Game day ritual: Eat four hours before game, get a good night sleep Biggest moment of basketball life: Beating nationally ranked Keuka in my freshman year



Turn Back the Clock to - Nov. 30, 1985

Hofstra Stunned By Stony Brook

Stony Brook, a Division III school, rallied from 15 points down in the first half to defeat Division I Hofstra 86-75, yesterday at the Hofstra Physical Fitness Center. "What can you say, you're not expected to beat a Division I team," assistant coach Jerry Wiesmann said. "We were completely prepared for the game."

With the score tied at 54, with 10:55 to play, Stony Brook went on a 15-4 tear to take the lead for good. Center Dave Burda led the Patriots, who trailed, 35-20 with 6:01 left in the first half, with 24 points and 11 rebounds.

Stony Brook outscored Hofstra 52-37 in the second half after the smaller Patriots started to run. "We felt we were quicker. They certainly were bigger," Wiesmann said. "We wanted to get into a quick-paced game and pull their big men away from the basket."

Ron Miner scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Flying Dutchmen (2-1). Stony Brook is 4-0.

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Stony Brook Bridges College Basketball Gap

By MIKE CANDEL

The Difference between the men's basketball program at Hofstra and Stony Brook are Stark

Stony Brook plays in Division III; Hofstra is in Division I. Stony Brook doesn't give athletic scholarships; Hofstra does. In the previous six meetings, Hofstra had won every game. Just in case one more of an advantage was needed, the Dutchmen were playing the friendly surroundings of Hofstra Physical Fitness Center.

So what was the final score when the two teams met Saturday night? Stony Brook 86, Hofstra 75.

"I'm sure no one thought we had a chance," said Joe Castiglie, Stony Brook's second-year coach, "except the 20 peopleconnected with our team. Sure, I thought we'd lose. But I felt if we played great and Hofstra had a bad game, there was a chance - a slim chance, but a chance - we could pull an upset. the funny thing is Hofstra didn't play badly. We just played great."

When Hofstra sank its first nine field-goal attempts, and built a 35-20 lead in the first half, un upset didn't appear in the making. But when Stony Brook pulled even at 54 with 10:55 left in the game, thenm went on a 15-4 surge to take a permanent lead

"It was a great win for Stony Brook," said Hofstra coach Dick Berg. "There will be people who think I should be devastated by the loss, but they'er wrong. I coached at Dowling for a long time and I know the caliber of basketball the local colleges

Indeed, Berg guided Dowling to an 83-79 win over Hofstra in 1977 after a 68-65 loss to NCAA-bound Dutchmen in '76. "There is a gap between Divisions I, II and III, but it's not as big as people think."

"There are so many good high school players who get overlooked. Maybe they play on bad teams, or there are better players on their team, or they are just late bloomers. They go to Division III and by the time they are juniors or seniors, som eare Division I caliber."

Berg's description would seem to fit Stony Brook's 6-9, 200-pound senior center, Dvae Burda, who had 24 points and 11 rebounds against Hofstra.

"Burda was a Division I player Saturday," Berg said.

"Dave has developed into a legitimate Division I playe," Castiglie said, "who happens to play in Division III."

Burda is surrounded by forwards Andrew Adams, Frank Pranti and Tony Briscoe, and a quartet of guards - Charlie Bryant, Kurt Abrams, Eljay Scott and Scott Walker - who pressed Hofstra into 25 turnovers. "Beating Hofstra is a credit to our players," Castiglie said. "They are not fazed by a heck of a lot. There is a terrific chemistry here."

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USB Athletes Run Kids Clinic

BY LIZANNE M. COYNE

Stony Brook's Division of Physical Education and Athletics is sponsoring a free All-Sports Clinic in conjunction with National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The All-Sports Clinic will be held in the Indoor Sports Complex on Saturday, February 6. Participants, boys and girls age 6-12, will rotate in a circuit of stations which include instruction in volleyball, soccer, lacrosse, and athletic training. Stony Brook's very own volleyball all-American Stasia Nikas, soccer standout Sue Scheer, Lacrosse Club President Shelby Collier, and Athletic Trainer Kertty Estevez are among the talented clinicians.

The clinic is not sport specific in order to provide the participants the opportunity to learn a variety of skill. "I think it's a great idea," said Kerri Horst, 12, a seventh grade student at Oregon Middle School in Medford. "If the participants, especially the younger one, stay at one station the entire time they may get bored doing that particular sport. This way we can move from station to station and get different experiences."

Lacrosse and athletic training were what attracted Kerri most to the

I VE NEVER PLAYED LACROSSE, BUT, I VE ALWAYS WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY.

> 12-YEAR OLD KERRI HORST ON THE KIDS SPORTS CLINIC

clinic. "I've never played lacrosse," said Horst. "But, I've always wanted to learn how to play and to be able to tape ankles and assist injuries."

Many people agree that age six is crucial time to begin introducing sports involvement. Sports involvement leads to social interaction which professes to teach young children many of life's important values, such as confidence, cooperation, commitment, and achievement. Learning to cooperate (teamwork) with other people is an important aspect for survival and needs to be instilled in all

individuals in order to increase interaction skills needed in home and school.

Children may join sports activities in order to be with other children. Therefore, social interaction is being accomplished. From a physical standpoint, participation in sports strengthens motor skills without the participant consciously knowing.

"Six years old is a good age to begin this type of training," said Horst. "Most of my friend began playing certain sports at age six and have continued to pursue those sports. Now they're really decent athletes."

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prestigious speaking forum. Berlage is an established author and speaker on women in sports. She has more than 45 publications including her most recent book "Women in Baseball— the Forgotten History."

"I'm encouraged to see that this celebration has grown to the extent that we can bring in an individual of Dr. Berlage's caliber," points out Sue Ryan, Stony Brook's women's soccer head coach. "Stony Brook is broadening horizons by having Berlage who is nationally known and can share her numerous works and invaluable experience with all of us."

GWSD concludes with a Stony Brook women's basketball game. During halftime of the basketball game, Stony Brook's Director of Women's Athletics, Sandy Weeden will be presenting awards to 15 of Suffolk and Nassau's prominent women in the field of athletics.

"I am proud that the University at Stony Brook has initiated this long overdue recognition of women in Nassau and Suffolk who have devoted their lives to developing and sustaining programs for girls in sport in their communities," said Weeden. "It is indeed an honor and privilege for me, on behalf of the university, to acknowledge their contributions and thank them for their dedicated effort."



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Volleyball Star Named Player of the Year

From NIKAS on front page

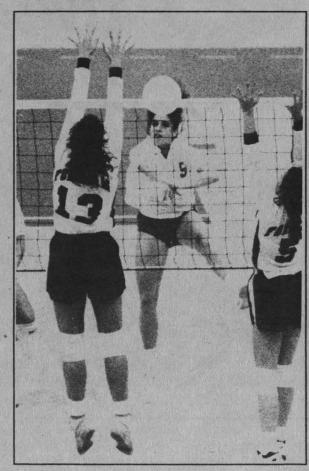
digs, 61 blocks, and a .332 kill percentage, but also in the classroom. "She has had one of the highest "Cum's" in the team," said Tiso. Nikas ended the semester with a 3.0 average.

During the award ceremony, Nikas felt misplaced. "After the night I had a stiff neck looking up at the other winners," Nikas said. "I was the shortest [recipient at 5'7"] there." Though physically she may be diminutive in comparison with her contemporaries, Nikas was big in the reputation she had as she was received warmly by the audience as she

Off the court she is always busy with extracurricular activities. Nikas is very active in the Patriot Athletes and Trainers (PATS) Club. During the holidays, Nikas along with numerous Stony Brook Athletes and Trainers were among the people distributing gifts to children in the Children's ward of the University Hospital. This Saturday, February 6, Nikas will be one of the instructors for a free clinic the PATS Club is holding to coincide with Girls and Women in Sports Day. She will be in the, you guessed it, volleyball station of the circuit (See

related story on page 9)
She is also involved in Stony Brook's Intramurals program. In the past intramural season, Nikas was a referee in the volleyball games along with some other members of the team.

She also serves a coach for the "Elite Team", which is a volleyball team comprised of Long Island Players 15 years and younger. Nikas is joined in the coaching staff by Patriot Volleyball Assistant Coach Kim Taylor.



Nikas performing one of her patented kills

Nikas File NAME: ANASTASIA NIKAS AGE: 22 HIGH SCHOOL:BAY SHORE YEAR: SENIOR MAJOR: BIOLOGY HEIGHT: 5'7" 1992 SEASON STATS: 503 KILLS 266 DIGS .332 KILL PERCENTAGE 3.0 G.P.A

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What's New, A Not So Super, Super Bowl

By Todd Ross

Even before the participants of Super Bowl XXVII were ever conceived to be, there was already controversy.

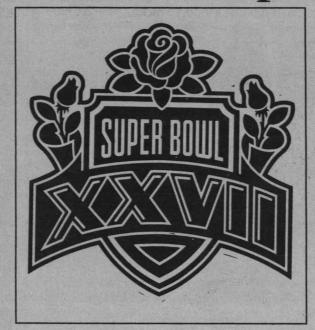
Two years ago, after voting down a measure to have a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the people of Arizona were stripped of its privilege of hosting of the bowl game by the NFL and it was moved to the Rose Bowl.

A couple of years later, the match-up was set and the fans braced themselves for the blitz the media was going to do, hyping up the big game.

Well you've heard all the hype of the Super Bowl during the week before the big game, and watched the event itself. Did the hype match-up with the game, NOT.

Lets start with all the hype. The media had a field day predicting the game, USA Today even had a computer calculate the final score based on statistics.

"Will Thurman Thomas forget his helmet again this year," was on everywhere. Then on Wednesday, Emmitt Smith was on the Arsenio Hall show and created more controversy after a very uneventful Press Day which was blown out



of proportion.

All of you Buffalo fans, after saying in Super Bowl XXV that the Giants weren't really a New York team, I think you should reconsider then move out of the state, in light of the fact that the Bills have not shown up for the game the past three times they were in it. I'll take the Super Bowl XXV Champion Giants over the "Been there three time already" Bills. I know you don't want to hear about it, but you guys lost so you have to hear it.

Well Thomas did bring his helmet this time and scored on a three yard run, and I respect that. But what about the fumble by Clifford Lett late in the game, come on Cliffy what the hell were you doing waltzing into the end zone, at least it was blowout for your sake otherwise you'd never hear the end of it I will say no more. I'll be the first to admit that Buffalo did have a horrendous time in their third chance at it.

Despite the most recent blow-out of the Bills, they will be probably have their fourth crack at it next year because the AFC is so weak. No matter what, the NFC will still win the Super Bowl anyway.

If pattern holds true the Bills will lose to the Eagles in Super Bowl XXVIII and then the Cardinals (well maybe) to complete the cycle started by NFC East teams two years ago.

Diamond has lost its luster for everyone

By John C. Manuel

My heart is broken.

Slowly, tortuously, Major League Baseball is turning the knife. I and millions of baseball fans across the country are hemorrhaging, and there is no one in sight to stop the bleeding.

In fact, no one seems to want to.

When baseball's winter meeting convened in Louisville, Ky., in early December, a dark cloud already hung over the nation's pastime. No one players, owners, the commissioner, no one - seemed immune to the virus of greed and the disease of conceit that had gripped the game. Nowhere was it more evident than at the meetings. Players had been contributing their share to the malaise throughout the year with mind-boggling regularity. Cincinnati Reds pitcher Rob Dibble continued the embarrassment to the sport, whether it was throwing behind the head of Eric Yelding, tearing his uniform off the field after yielding a game ending home run or, most prominently, fighting with then-manager Lou Pinella.

In October, New York Yankees pitcher Steve Howe, banned form baseball after seven drug-related offenses, was reinstated by baseball arbitrator George Nicolau, making a further mockery of baseball's drug

At the winter meetings, players salaries reached absurd, insulting levels. First, San Francisco won the Barry Bonds sweepstakes, signing the former Pittsburgh outfielder for \$43.75 million over six years. Even more revolting were the deals involving mediocre players and star players, like Spike Owen's pact with the Yanks (three years, \$7 million) and scatterarmed reliever Randy Myer's contract with the Chicago Cubs (three years,

\$11 million)

This spending comes to baseball's cash cow, its television contract with CBS and ESPN ends this season, and the revenue from TV will decrease after the networks lost millions. All this was sideshow to the center-stage folly of Reds owner Marge Schott.



Already known as an eccentric blowhard, she drove out competent general manager Bob Quinn and manager Pinella with her bizarre running of the club, which included giving her Saint Bernard, Schottzie, free reign of Riverfront Stadium turf.

Then Schott was accused of making racist comments about former Reds Dave Parker and Eric Davis. The Cincinnati front office was surprisingly bereft of minority employees, and a former employee alleged that Schott had a swastika arm-band in her home.

Schott struggled to apologize or, as she pronounced it at her news conference, "apologize," for her actions, and she said didn't know anyone would be offended by the swastika. Confusing all this was the hiring by Schott of minority, former Big Red Machine star Tony Perez, as manager.

Now, as the 1993 season approaches, the model of bad owner-ship—The Boss, George Steinbrenner—returns to take control of, like it or not, baseball's flagship franchise. Steinbrenner was bad for baseball before his banishment related to his involvement with gambler Howard Spira. Now, have two years away from the everyday operation of the club really made her a better owner.

Finally, Commissioner Fay Vincent, betrayed by greed, overbearing owners and his own mistaken vision of the game, resigned September 7. No replacement has yet been named, and other top-ranking baseball officials are leaving as well.

Deputy Commissioner Steve Greenberg resigned this month, citing an increase workload due to the lack of a commissioner. And National League president Bill White will leave office after his term ends in March, expressing deep concern for the future of the game and frustration over his inability to stem the tide.

That is the attitude many fans have taken towards the game. A growing disillusionment hangs over the game, a feeling of impending doom that has gripped lovers of America's Pastime everywhere.

The young fans care more about how much a player's card is worth than whether he can hit the cutoff man. The owners concern themselves with playing cities off against each other to get sweeter stadium deals.

And players go on the disabled list after slamming their hand in the door of their Porsches on the way to the bank.

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Pats Easily Capture SB Invitational Title

By LANCE MANION

The women's track team used a total team effort in registering a first place finish in their second home meet of the season. The Patriots won the Stony Brook Invitational last Saturday, January 23 in the Indoor Sports Complex.

The Lady Patriots finished 19 points ahead of their nearest competitor, Trenton State. Stony Brook

beat them out by a score of 106 to 87.

Freshman Julie Bonura, a local product from Port Jefferson Station continued her winning ways with by capturing three events. Bonura took first in the long jump with a distance of 18 feet- three

Women's Indoor Track

inches. That jump qualified her for the NCAA Division III Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships to be held in Brunswick, Maine in mid

Bonura also took first in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.0 seconds and then changed gears to win the 200-meter dash at 26.51.

Claudia Puswald was also impressive at the meet as she won the women's weight throw with a

toss of 34 feet-four inches.

The Patriots put up two second place winners to aid the overall victory. Remember its the little things like coming in second that put you ahead. Marissa Forsing came in second with a 9.3 time in the 55-meter high hurdles, just a bit off of the pace.

Sophomore Loretta Varbero was second in the 400 meters recording a time of 63.01.

The Pats ran at Boston University last weekend. Some of Patriots will travel with the men's team into the City for the Milrose Games, before returning home for the PAC Championship this coming weekend.

Close But No Cigar For Male Tracksters

BY LANCE MANION

My Father always said that it only takes one point to win. The Patriot men's track team had a good showing in the Stony Brook Indoor Invitational as they finished second one point behind Monmouth College, who accumulated 133 points.

Stony Brook finished first in six of the 16 events held in the Indoor Sports Complex on Saturday,

January 23.

Victor Rugg set a Nertz Track record in the 1500 meter run in a time of 4:07.24 while Roger Gill provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Indooor Track and Field Championships when he won the 400 meter run event in a time of 50.38.

Gill also won the 200 meter run with a mark of

Men's Indoor Track

23.00 seconds, Chris Paul placed fourth in the event 1.11 seconds off the pace. Mike Peterson won the pole vaulting event when he cleared 11 feet while Jeff Vitale scored a third place finish with the clear-

The Patriots placed first and second in the long distance event. John Pikramenos won the 3,000 meter run when he registered a 9:06.65 while Pat Rigger finished second with a time of 9:10.22.

Not to be an unbalanced team, Stony Brook also won the 1,500 meter walk behind Yariv Pomeranz's time of 6:25.46.

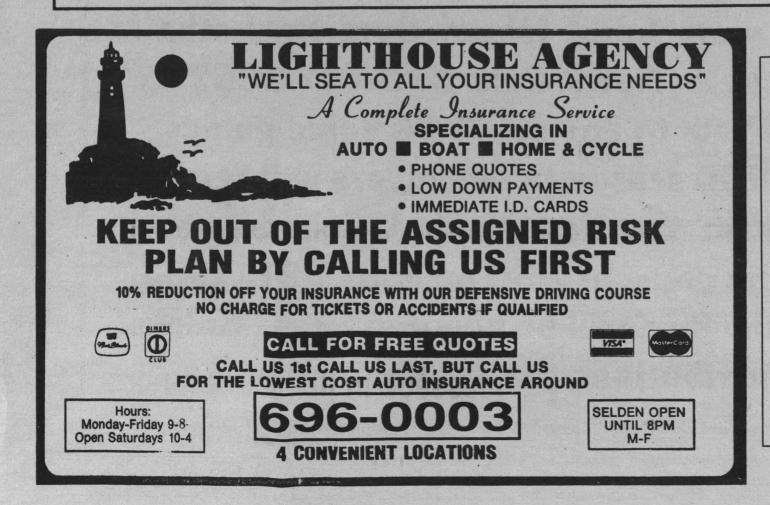
In the relays, the Patriots ended up in second place in both events. In the 4 x 800 meter relay Stony Brook completed the race 9.1 seconds off the leader Marist College while in the 4 x 400 Stony Brook was short by .38 of a second off the pace of Monmouth

The team ran like dogs in the Terrier Classic at Boston University but results were late for press

The Patriots will have qualifiers in the Melrose games which will be held in Madison Square Garden in New York City on Friday, February 5. Stony Brook will have two days to rest up and host the PAC Championships which will be held in the Indoor Sports Complex on Sunday, February 7.

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Patriots beat up on the Army after 1-1 trip

By Marco Aventajado

The Patriot squash team had a good week as they amassed a record of 2-1 for the week.

Stony Brook was home to face Army Sunday, January 31. The Patriots blew the Cadets away 7-2. All wins were of the straight game variety with the exception of a five game thriller of Ali Bukari. Him and his opponent traded games for the first four games but it was Bukari stopping the Army player 15-9 in the last game to snag the victory for Stony Brook.

Stony Brook played Tufts University (MA)on Wednesday January 27 and as Head Coach Bob Snider predicted, the Patriots won 8-1. The first three seeds of the team out played the top three of the Jumbos.

Number one seed, Gavin Appel had some troubles with his opponent in the start of his match but ended up sweeping the match 3-0. Sophomore Scott Winokur played tough against his foe as he won 3-1 in all great matches. Ali Bukari, who rounds off the top three seeds, had no troubles making quick work of his opponent 3-0.

The lone setback for the Patriots was fifth seed Oliver Dick losing 3-0 but whose score doesn't show the closeness of each of those games.

Stony Brook played host Dartmouth College the next game and was disappointed by the Big Green 6-3.

"The top seeds played not as well as we expected," said Snider of his team. "Our lower seeds played better than what we expected."

The fifth-seed Dick atoned for his lone loss the

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day before with a 3-0 match sleeper as he was just too much for the Dartmouth player. Sixth-seed Sebastian Shap was taken to five games by his opponent but ended with a 3-2 victory. Seventh-seed Sherry Irshad also converted the last victory for the Patriots as he won 3-0.

With the win against Army, Stony Brook clinched an above .500 record for the season as they are 13-7 with three season games left. The team is already resolving for a better season in the following year. "I think with only one senior this year, the team will do well next year," said Snider. Snider

cited the players maturing this season and in the off-season will make for a better record next season but warns that over confidence might be detrimental. "Mental confidence isn't worth a damn if you can't hit the ball," said Snider

The Patriots looks to avenge their 7-2 loss to Fordham College on Wednesday February 3. "We were flat," said Snider when he characterize their last meeting with the Rams.

Stony Brook will then play a twin-bill at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York as they play Hobart College and host Vassar this weekend on Saturday, February 6. The Patriots will first face the Statesmen of Hobart at noon and then play the Brewers of Vassar at 2 p.m.

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