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Nine Swimmers Record Career Times At Mets

BY REBECCA PHELAN

Stony Brook's men's swimming team finished what has been termed a turbulent season with an excellent showing at the Metropolitan Championships at Trenton State last week. Competing in a field against Division I, Il and III the Patriots ranked ninth in a pool of seventeen teams, bettering the 11th place received last season.

The highlight of the event for Stony Brook came from junior Marc Danin. He placed second in the 200 backstroke, but on top of that the time of 1:56.39 qualified him for the nationals to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. Danin's time was just off of the backstroke champion Mark Arnold of Montclair State. The time also smashed a University record.

Danin finished second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 54.39 to break another school record.

Out of tle dozen Patriots competing at the championsh o, nine of them achieved lifetime best times. After returning from an intercession injury Peter O'Connor scored best times in both the 100 and 200 freestyle. Lifetime highs were also achieved by Mark Sutera in the 200 butterfly and the 200 individual medley, Michael Rodriguez in the 200 butterfly, Larry Sullivan in the 200 freestyle, Justin Kulchinsky (200 freestyle). Several other swimmers had career best times; Joseph Morawski in the 200 breaststroke and 200 individual medley, Eddie Gross in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley, Jimmy Lester in the 100 freestyle and 500 freestyle and Joe Whelan in the 50 freestyle.

Senior Larry Sawyer proved to be extremely competitive, placing fourth in both the one and three meter diving events.

After completing a rough season, due to illness and injury, senior co-captain Mark Palagiano has high hopes for the team next season. "Being that the team is only losing two seniors, recruiting should be extremely beneficial," said the graduating senior. He further commented on how well the team did in lieu of the injured divers and ill swimmers.

The Patriots finished out the season with a regular mark of 6-5 and are expecting a much improved campaign next winter.

Party At The Garden, Monday

By JASON YELLIN

After a season filled with much adversity the men's basketball team will have time to celebrate as they close out their 1992-93 regular season with game at the famed Madison Square Garden this Monday, March 1.

The Patriots will be taking on fellow SUNY Long Island school, Old Westbury. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m., the game will be followed by a Big East clash featuring St. John's and Syracuse at 7:30 p.m.

The game will have double the prestige for two Patriots. Ricky Wardally and Patrick Cunningham will honored as the team's graduating seniors. Stony Brook President John H. Marburger will be on hand to present the players with awards to commemorate the occasion. At halftime Marburger will be presenting the players with plaques of recognition.

"It's a very nice way for our seniors to go out," said men's basketball Head Coach Bernard Tomlin. Cunningham was extremely pleased because the honor would take place in the Garden with his relatives on hand. "It really nice because all of my family will be there to share the moment with me," said the senior.

For Wardally the night will be very special as he concluded his fourth and final year with the Patriots. He is looking forward to returning to the ECAC playoffs and capturing them. "In my freshman year we won ECAC's," said Wardally. "Now we can win when I'm a senior." The Patriots are 13-10 entering the week and with a win versus Western Connecticut this Friday and one at MSG against Old Westbury the Patriots should seal a playoff bid.

The University is having a big push for tickets to the game this week. The school in conjunction with Madison Square Garden has instituted several prizes to the students, who sell or buy the most tickets. Tickets to Knicks games versus the Boston



REBECCA PHELAN

Wardally is hoping to reproduce this dunk at MSG

Celtics, Orlando Magic, Los Angeles Lakers, and Indiana Pacers will be awarded to the best sellers.

For more information on purchasing tickets

Pats Draw Fifth Seed In States

By Marco Aventajado

The women's basketball team qualified for the New York State championships which will be held in Ithaca College. Stony Brook ended the season beating Clark College 74-60 and upped their record to 16-8. "We were all excited when we heard that we made it," said forward Joan Gandolf.

The Patriots did not make the tournament last year but Head Coach Dec McMullen had confidence that his team would win if they play as well as they did in their last two games. "I think we could win states, and win it going away," said

Stony Brook will face St. John Fisher in the first round of action which will take place on February

26. The Cardinals are 19-6 and are seeded fourth for the tournament.

The Patriots beat Clark in blow-out fashion as their defense just stifled the Cougars. "Defense was key," said guard Renee Raleigh. In the first half alone, Stony Brook forced Clark to 22 turnovers which parleyed into a 36-27 lead. Gandolf was leading the team in the half with eight points and seven rebounds. Raleigh chalked-up seven points by the break.

In the second half, Stony Brook's defense didn't let up and went on to win the game. While the Cougars scored more field goals that the Patriots (26-20), Stony Brook had more conversions form

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SUPPORT PATRIOT ATHLETICS

The Stony Brook teams will be home for these games this week: Fri. Feb. 26 Men's Basketball hosts Western Connecticut State, 7:30 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 1 Men's Basketball versus Old Westbury at Madison Square Garden, 5 p.m. proceeding St. John's/ Syracuse

Wed. Mar. 3 Lacrosse host Michigan State, 3 p.m.

Don't Forget -

Men's Basketball game on Friday will be Fraternity/ Sorority Night.



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FROM THE

EDITOR,

JASON YELLIN

Within the week pitchers and catchers reported to all 28 camps in the Grapefruit

and Cactus Leagues, to begin the eight month journey other wise known as the major league

baseball season. The sights and sounds of Dwight Gooden popping a fastball, Barry Bonds cracking a homer are only in their early stages, but they have already begun!

There has been a lot of talk about what is wrong with baseball—lack of organization, and problems

I love this time of year! with the massive and seem-

ing salaries. But the game is still the great American pastime that most of us love.

The greatest pictures are taken at spring training— kids climbing the

fences at St. Petersburg or Tuscon just trying to get a glimpse of Jose Canseco, Nolan Ryan or Dennis Eckersley. And hopefully maybe that glimpse will follow with a smile of recognition and even an autograph.

That is what the game played on the diamond should be about—the kids. Restore the quaintness and closeness of the sport. Make

it one where everyone can afford to attend a game and then even make it so that all kids, even if it just once, can sit in the front row at a big league game.

For families they should be able to go to several games during the season without spending an arm and a leg. Somehow the ballplayers have to become like most Americans even if their income is substantially higher. I can only read about the days of Whitey Ford, Duke Snider and Bob Feller, but from what I read and hear it was good ole' fashioned hardball for family entertainment.

Remember Opening Day is April 5, so get out and see at least one ballgame this spring.

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INTRAMURAL

The Intramural Department has a very busy but fun month coming up. Many of the winter seasons are already underway and others will be starting later this month.

The many basketball leagues are in session and most teams have two games under their belts. Wallyball is also kicking into gear this week as the roster deadline passed on February 17.

Campus Lifetime will have four exciting and very different type of sporting events over the next few Wednesdays. This afternoon, February 24, the H-O-R-S-E Basketball Tournament is being held in the gym.

To start the month of March off right Intramurals is running a Wallyball minitournament on the third. On March 10 Pickleball singles will take place during Campus Lifetime and on March 17 the longest golf drive competition will be held.

Don't forget Campus Lifetime is every Wednesday from 12:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., no classes are in session so you have no excuses.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Race will be taking place on March 13, a Saturday. The race will start up at 10 a.m. All of the Stony Brook students, faculty and family are urged to run.

The rate for entering the race are very inexpensive. Stony Brook students will run for \$5.00, community members, faculty and staff will be able to race for \$8.00.

The pre-registration deadline for the race is March 5. Those who wish to race, but do not get their payment in by March 5 will have to pay \$10.00 to participate.

All runners will receive special commemorative tshirts to celebrate the St. Patty's Run.

Later this month Intarmurals will be hosting

the All-Night Volleyball Tournament. That event will be taking place on March 25, and will be gin at 6 p.m. and run through the night in the Indoor Sports Complex.

Registration for this Stony Brook tradition begins on March 1. The cost is \$40.00 per team and only 25 teams may enter so get your money in as soon as possible.

A reminder— Aerobics are held every Monday and Wednesday in the small gym at 6 p.m.

The winter season are just now in full swing but don't forget about the sun and spring. Roster deadlines for five sports will be on March 16. The Indoor soccer, softball, 4-on-4 volleyball, handball doubles and tennis doubles rosters are due in mid-March.

For more information on any of these events call the Stony Brook Intramural department, at 632-7168.



A LOOK AHEAD TO THIS WEEK'S ACTION

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday afternoon the Patriots leave for Ithaca to compete in the New York State Championships. The Pats, who are seeded fifth in the eight team bracket will face St. John Fisher College this Friday night at 6 p.m.

The Patriots, who finished the season 16-8 are facing a very well rounded squad in St. John Fisher. They finished the regular season with a mark of 19-4. The team had six players averaging over eight points a game.

St. John Fisher outscored their opponents by an average of 18 points a game. While out rebounding their foes by nine a game. They play an inside game and do not shoot many treys.

Should the Patriots win they would face the winner of #1 Hamilton- #8 Skidmore, Saturday at 6 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Patriots close out the regular season with two games, this Friday hosting Western Connecticut State and Monday, March 1 versus Old Westbury at Madison Square Garden.

The Patriots need a good showing to qualify for the ECAC playoffs to be held next week.

WSCU is led by junior Lonnie Brooks. The guard averages leads the team in all three major offensive categories, 16.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg and 2.7 apg.

On the front line junior Paul Ellis holds his own shooting 50 percent from the field and averaging 13.1 ppg and 6.2 rpg. The Colonials record stood at 17-4 on Monday, as the team was ranked 5th in the New England NCAA.

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The challenging slate begins this Saturday for the Patriots as they go down south to North Carolina and play in the Nation's Bank Classic.

In an unusual set-up the Patriots will face Duke on Saturday, (1p.m.) at Chapel Hill and then on Sunday (1p.m. face-off with North Carolina at Duke.

Both of the teams from tobacco road are coming off years in the Top 10.

North Carolina has a very experienced team that won the national title just two years ago. Last season they went 12-3. Returning for the Tar Heels is all-American attack Ryan Wade, who scored 27 goals last season, on defense Alex Martin an all-American adds leadership backline.

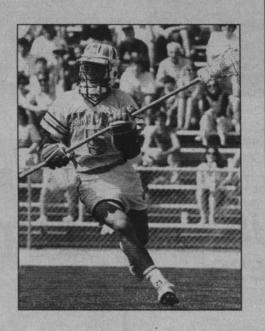
WOMEN'S TRACK

Stony Brook's women's indoor track team will be competing in the New York State Championships this weekend at Plattsburgh College,

Julie Bonura has the top seed in three events, the 55, 200, and long jump. Nicole Hafemeister is first in the 1000-meter and Loretta Varbero is seeded second in the triple jump, third in the long jump and fifth in the 400.

The Patriots expect strong competition from fellow SUNY schools, Geneseo, Fredonia along with Ithaca College

Action will get underway at 6 p.m. this Friday.



Holmes Harden of the N. Carolina lax team

Men's Indoor Track

Men's indoor track will be in New Jersey to take part in the Seton Hall Invite. The Big East school is hosting the tournament which features teams from Division I, II, and III.

The tournament is what Head Coach Steve Borbet called a "Last-Chance Meet."

What is meant by that is the team's scores are not recorded just individual records are kept. This allows for runners to qualify for Nationals or ECAC's.

The meet will take place in West Orange, on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

The ECAC's will follow the week after in Boston, Massachusetts. They will take place on Saturday, March 6.

SPRING SPORTS

After weeks of practicing, spring teams are ready for action.

Baseball season begins on March 19 when they play Dowling College at 3 p.m. and Lehman on Monday March 29 at 3:30 p.m. They will defend their ECAC Championship this season.

Men's Tennis opens up their season on Monday March 29, when they play Hunter College at 3:30 p.m. The Patriots will be under new Head Coach Tony McMullen.

Šoftball will start their season on the road against Manhattanville on Thursday April 1 at 3:30 p.m. and will have their home opener versus Staten Island on Saturday, April 17 at 12:00 p.m.

SCHEDULED SPORTING EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday Feb. 24

No Stony Brook Action

Thursday Feb. 25 —

No Stony Brook Action

Friday Feb. 26-

Women's Basketball versus St. John Fisher at Ithaca, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball hosts Western

Connecticut State, 7:30 p.m.,

Fraternity/Sorority Night

Women's Indoor Track at New York

State Championships at Plattsburgh, 6 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 27—

Lacrosse versus Duke at Chapel Hill, 1 p.m.

Men's Indoor track at Seton Hall Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Feb. 28—

Lacrosse versus North Carolina at Duke, 1 p.m.

Monday March 1—

Men's basketball versus Old

Westbury at Madison Square Garden, 5 p.m.

Tuesday March 2—

No Stony Brook Action

Wednesday March 3-

Lacrosse hosts Michigan State, 3 p.m.

Three Down, Two More To Go, For ECAC

By JASON YELLIN

Revenge, was the order of the day last Saturday as the men's basketball won their third consecutive game, by pounding Manhattanville College, 81-56 in Purchase, New York.

Earlier this year the Valiants upset Stony Brook at the Indoor Sports Complex with a stunning, 41-39 win. The entire Stony Brook squad including the coaches felt that

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STONY BROOK 6-4

MANHATTANVILLE 4-6

STATEN ISLAND 3-7

KINGS POINT

MEN'S HOOPS

Manhattanville had embarrassed the Patriots on their home floor and that, that needed to be rectified.

Enter February 20, the Patriots put together a total team effort that did not lack in many areas as they squashed the Valiants by 25.

22-3

20-3

13-10

7-15

13-10

6-17

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261

The win gave the Patriots a winning record (6-4) in the Skyline Conference behind league leaders Hunter and New Jersey Tech.

Stony Brook enhanced their chances at an ECAC playoff bid with the win. With two games remaining the Patriots are confident that they can win both, to close out the season with five straight wins and a high seed. "We've won three and hopefully there will be two more on the way," said senior Patrick Cunningham.

Ron Duckett, returned to form as he scored a game-high 22 points in the victory. With the Patriots leading 20-19 at 9:32 of the first half Duckett and the Patriots went on a 10-0 tear to pull away. The freshman scored six points in the sequence.

The first half was one of the cleanest halves played by the Patriots all season as they made an astonishing one turnover in twenty minutes as they built a 40-26 halftime lead.

At the half Duckett had registered 14 points. Manhattanville kept as close as they did due to three-point field goals. Mike Gormley and Brandan Waitkus knocked down several to keep the margin at 14.

In the second half Stony Brook's

shooting caught on fire, as the team posted 18 field goals in 23 attempts, a 78 percent clip.

There were many highlights in the half. Two stood-out. First Greg Alexandre, who had his best game as a collegiate scored on a monster jam. Then just minutes later off of a steal Vernard Williams, got retribution for a missed dunk on television last Tuesday with a two-handed stuff.

Alexandre had a near perfect day in his six minutes on the court. The sophomore transfer was perfect from the field connecting on four of four shots, and he also pulled down five rebounds in limited time. In fact all of those rebounds came in a 1:30 span to close the first half.

Ricky Wardally, playing his final Skyline Conference game netted 16 points and eight rebounds.

The Patriots host Western Connecticut this Friday at 7:30 in the Indoor Sports Complex and return to action for their final regular season tilt at Madison Square Garden, where they take on Old Westbury.

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Patriots Defense Is Key To Successful Year

BY JASON YELLIN

The Patriot lacrosse program is entering its fifth year of Division 1 action and it will prove to be one of the most interesting and definitely the most crucial of the school's history.

The Patriots have taken on a schedule featuring four teams that finished in the top eight last season including national champion Princeton. "This year is going to be good no matter what," said senior attacker cocaptain Lou Ventura, a four-year performer for the Patriots. "With our tough schedule we can't go bad, even if we lose the recognition we are going to gain will be great."

With all of the nationally ranked squads on the schedule the Patriots will have to batten down the hatches when it comes to defense. Their competition is not afraid to shoot and will shoot very often, as many of the teams posted several 20 plus game last year. "The defense is really going to have to pick it up a level," said senior Tim Kolm. "We can't get into run and gun games with these teams," said Espey. The same sentiments were echoed by

Ventura as well.

The defense will be anchored by Joe Spallone, who has the unenviable task of filling the shoes of one of the all-time Stony Brook lacrosse great Rob Serratore, who graduated. Spallone, who has excelled in high school in Yorktown, New York and junior college (Herkimer) is expected to fill the void very handily. "He's just a wall," said Ventura. "Joe is really

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tough both physically and mentally and has stepped in with no problems."

The starting backline of the Patriots will be made up of Mike Bocchino, Paul Schultes and Peter Arendt according to Espey. They will have to stand up strong to the potent attacks of the likes of Navy, Duke and North Carolina. "The biggest part of the offense is going to be the defense," said Espey. "We really have to pressure a lot on defense, because we know that these teams want to shoot the ball 80 times and only allow us 20."

'The defense will have to be more disciplined and not let the outside shots come," said Ventura.

At midfield Ed Havel is back from an injury plagued 1992 and will adding leadership as a co-captain. "It's very big for us to have a guy like Eddie back," said Espey. "He really helps out." Brady Clouser, in his second year at Stony Brook will be starting along with transfer Steve Suarez. "There are going to be a lot of dog fights that these guys have to win" 'said face-off man Vin Cartafalsa. "Suarez has come in (from Nassau Community College) and done real well blending in."

Cartafalsa is the team's top faceoff man and will looked to in one of the team's key areas according to Espey. "We have to win the faceoffs," he said. "Once we control the ball on the faceoff we can take charge."



James Sommese (#38), Lou Ventura and Jayson Morales will attack in 1993

Ventura and two other teammates will make up a very interesting front line, senior James Sommese and featuring a freshman. Jayson Morales has taken the team by storm. Entering his first year of college fresh out of Harborfields High School Morales has incredible composure for a first year player according to Head Coach John Espey and his teammates. "I've never seen a kid come in play as well as he has," said Ventura. "He's a natural lefty and that gives him a great advantage. His skills from the left side are better and stronger than both James and I."

Sommese and Ventura are looking to have a top year as they have

grown into each other as Ventura said. Sommese now in his season year after transferring to Stony Brook from Farmingdale will make up the potent scoring attack with the help of the freshman.

Right off the bat the Patriots will go into their inferno of a schedule opening with two games in North Carolina, where they face powerhouses Duke and North Carolina this weekend. "They will try to expose our weaknesses," said Espey. "They are midfield oriented and push the ball up to create shots and jam the ball down your throat. We have to try and



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the charity stripe (34-6). Clark ended up with 37 turnovers for the game while the Patriots had 20 which was balanced out by their 25 steals. "We had good scouting reports, so we knew what they were doing," said McMullen. "We just worked hard and played tough," said guard Kim Douglas

Douglas
With these reports Stony Brook
was able to shut down the Cougars'

leading scorer, Michelle Maxwell, to four points. The Patriots knew her every move as they forced her to poor shot selection, for the game Maxwell was 0-9 from the field.

Forward Erika Bascom was tops for both teams with 20 points and seven steals. Gandolf finished the game with 15 points and 13 rebs for a double-double, she also had six steals. Raleigh had ten point s and five assists, as did Douglas but who had six points.

1 HAMILTON (20-4) 8. SKIDMORE (15-8) 5. STONY BROOK (16-8) 4. ST. JOHN/FISHER (19-4) 3. WILLIAM SMITH (20-3) 7. ITHACA (15-8)

Depleted Track Team Posts 7th in Conn.

By Todd Ross

At last year's CTC Championships in Connecticut the men's track team placed third, while the women's team captured seventh. This year there was a role reversal, as the men took a disappointing seventh place in New Haven.

The team was decimated by injuries and sickness according to Head Coach Steve Borbet. "It really hurt us when it comes to team points," the coach said. "Everybody is not concentrating with the others out."

The top finisher for Stony Brook was freshman Yariv Pomeranz. Pomeranz, who makes his hometown in Miami, Florida captured second place in the 3000 meter walk at 15:04. Borbet called the time disappointing as he had hoped the freshman would break the 14 minute barrier.

Roger Gill, already an NCAA qualifier finished second in the 500-meter run with a time of 1:06.61.

One of the bright spots on the day came from Jeff Viatle. Competing in the pentathlon for the first time according to his coach he nearly broke the Stony Brook record. Vitale posted 2872 points which was just 29.5 away from smashing the school mark. His score was good for fifth at the CTC's

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but Borbet is glad to have seen the way the underclassman can perform in the event. Vitale also registered a fourth place finish in the triple jump with a length of 41 feet four and one half inches.

Ken Graham ran right with Division I runners throughout his 1500 meter event but came in fourth. "There was a pack of D-I athletes that broke away and Ken was right with them all the way," said Borbet. He had a time of 4:06.66, that was just off the pace.

Brent Spineo put up a fourth place in the 35-pound weight throw as he tossed it 37 feet eight and one half inches.

Host school Southern Connecticut captured first place easily. C. W. Post finished second followed closely by Albany.

This Saturday the Patriots will compete in the Seton Hall Invite, in New Jersey. The meet is designed fro individual records, in fact no team scores are even recorded. "They are called 'Last-Chance Meets'," said Borbet. "Because it is the last chance to qualify for the ECAC's to be held next week."

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Bonura Sets University Mark In 55 at CTC's

By Todd Ross

Freshman track sensation Iulie Bonura continues her stellar year at Stony Brook by breaking a three-year old University record as the Patriots finished third at the CTC Championships hosted by Southern Connecticut last Saturday.

Bonura, who Head Coach Steve Borbet puts in a class with Stony Brook's first all-American Sarah Lechner, broke the 1989 record in the 200-meter dash set by Nicole Lambose. Bonura's time of 26.35 cut the record by nine tenths of a second. In the race Bonura ran third most of the way until she put on a surge at the end to capture the event, according to Borbet.

The native of Port Jefferson Station also posted a first place finish in the 55-meter dash. Bonura took the race with a time of 7.35. "She dominated this race," said Borbet. "leading all the way." Bonura is nationally ranked in the 55 with her season best time of 7.32. That score is only onetenth of a second behind a runner from Christopher Newport College (VA) and behind the nation's top performer from Bennett College at 7.13.

Bonura also took second in the

The Patriots received several strong showings in the tough field won by host Southern Connecticut.

Women's Track

The Owls shattered the century mark while, second place with taken by Trenton State with just a tad more than Stony Brook.

The third place showing in the Nutmeg State was Stony Brook's best ever showing at the CTC's. Danielle Modica had a productive day finishing second in the high jump at five foot two inches.

Loretta Varbero, a sophomore local product, had a very busy day that caused her to post some scores slightly below her standards. Varbero competed in the triple jump, long jump, 200, and the 4 X400 relay, all in a small period of time according to Borbet. "She had a lot of running and because of that she didn't get a chance to concentrate fully on her jumps," he said.

Despite the busy afternoon, Varbero put together a nice repertoire. She took second in the triple jump at 34 feet-ten inches, third in the long jump at 16 feet-three inches, was part of the 4 X400 team that took fourth and fifth in the 200 at 28.33.

Jennifer Willson, put forward her best day at Stony Brook, recording a personal best in the 3000 meter run. She finished up at 11:51.2. That marked

"This Stony Brook team HAS CONTINUED TO PROVE THEMSELVES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR."

> STEVE BORBET WOMEN'S TRACK HEAD COACH

the first time she had broken the 12 minute barrier Borbet said.

Borbet is very happy with this year's team and feels that they have a great shot at winning the New York State Championships to be held this weekend at Plattsburgh. Stony Brook has placed third three times in this event with the last coming in 1990, aided by Lechner. This Stony Brook team, "has continued to prove themselves throughout the year." according to Borbet.

The states will be a place filled with Stony Brook competitors in the top seeds. Bonura is the top seeded

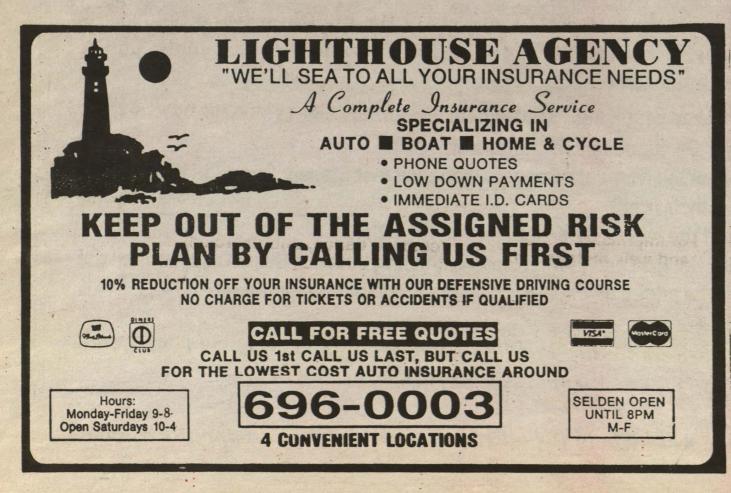
runner in the 55, and 200, while taking the top spot in the long jump.

Nicole Hafemeister is the number one seed in the 1000. While Varbero is in the second spot for the triple jump, and third in the long jump behind teammate Bonura. Modica is third in the high jump and veteran Delia Hopkins was placed second in the

The NYSWCAA will begin on Friday at 6 p.m. at Plattsburgh. There is a 10-lot track at the school according to Borbet. Top competition for the Patriots will come from Geneseo State, Ithaca College and Fredonia State.

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PERSONALS TO THE ATHLETES

dies. Not much action from the guys. If you have a personal for an athlete, just drop your personals in the mailroom of the Sports Complex or write to P.O. Box 734, SB, NY, 11790 or call 751-2691.

Lenny (#34, Football) - Too bad you were and still are too shy. We could have been good together! What you really need is a real woman not those little girls you're going out with.

- What could have been yours

#38, Lacrosse - You got a nice ass. The way you shake it drives me wild.

- Your love slave

watched you play, you really have a nice shot: Running up and down the court, you look really hot. - An Admirer

Rob (#76, Football) - You stud you. Keep putting those R.A.'s in their place.

lap me anytime.

Spot (#34, Lacrosse) - I love you, Sweetie! Good Luck this season. I'll be there for you. - Foley

Larry (Swimming) - I'm watching you, stud man.

Vernard (#32, Basketball) - I like you in contacts. You look better and better every time I see you!

Renee (#24, Basketball) - You're so cute I wish we could be in the same body suit.

Joe (#23, Basketball) - You can Women's Track team - You can call me anytime. See ya' around.

> Kevin (#92, Football) -Bullwinkle! Where have you been this semester? What happened with New Years eve?

- Cath

Greg (#63, Football) - You can

Greg (#31, Basketball) - I hear you're on call to entertain, why haven't you been by my room. - Too shy to sign

Joe (#23, Basketball) - Damn baby, you're so hot and your not a bad basketball player either. - Dedicated Fan

Yves (Alumni, Basketball) - Hey "Sexy Man" where have you been. Seeing you always puts a smile on my face, so lets hang out soon.

- You know who I am (A close friend)

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#3 How many years did the NEW YORK Nets play in the NBA?

#4 Prior to the Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins entering baseball this year, what were the last two teams to be added as expansion teams to Major League Baseball?

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Q's & A's With Athlete of the Week Marc Danin

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Age: 21 Year: Junior

High School, Year: Newfield, Graduated 1989

Hometown: Selden, Long Island

Major: SSI

Siblings: Older Sister

Favorite School Subject: Sociology Least Favorite Subject: Math

Biggest Influence on sports career: My Father

Who taught you the most about swimming: Old Coach

Barry Roffer, coach of TVSC

Toughest opponents: Trenton State

Favorite Pro Team: New York Giants

Favorite Player: Pat Riley
Favorite Musical Artist: Billy Joel
People say that I am: A nice guy
In High School I also played: Soccer

High School honors : All-County in swimming

Other colleges attended: SUNYMorrisville, Junior College

Honors recieved: NJCAA All-American

Greatest college honor: Making the cuts for the Nationals
Biggest moment of swimming career: Being named

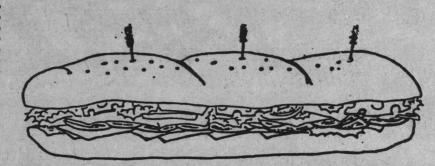
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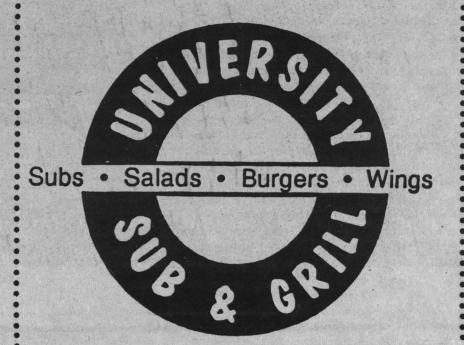
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Overtime Dramatics At NBA All-Star Game

BY CRAIG BLENMAN

Led by the scoring of Karl Malone, the West defeated the East 135-132 in the NBA. All-Star game on Sunday.

Malone (28 points) and teammate John Stockton (15 assists) won co-M.V.P. honors in front of their hometown fans, as the game was played in Utah

All-Star games, which are usually lopsided and dominated by the East, are high scoring affairs where the individual players get a chance to showcase their talents against the best in the NBA.

This was one of the most interesting and dramatic games in history. It was only the fifth time in the game's 43 year history that overtime was needed to decide the game.

Before the game, there was a lot of hype surrounding Eastern conference starting center Shaquille O'Neal, from the Orlando Magic, who was the first rookie to start in the all-star game since Michael Jordan (Chicago Bulls) came into the league. O'Neal didn't have the impact that he had in the first half of the NBA season during this game scoring only 14 points. He was outplayed by the New York Knicks' Patrick Ewing, who was replaced by the powerful rookie as the starting center for the East.

Ewing and Jordan paced the East, with 15 and 30 points respectively.

In the final seconds with the East down by two,



Tim Hardaway (Golden State Warriors) missed a free throw which could have put the game out of reach. On the ensuing play following a time-out, Michael Jordan went one on one at the top of the key, penetrated the lane, drew the defense and kicked the ball out to Ewing for the baseline jumper to send the game into overtime.

Seconds before, the Cleveland Cavaliers' Mark Price, who was a record six of nine on three pointers, hit a three again off of a pass from a driving Jordan which set up the last scoring play for the East.

In overtime, Stockton led his western team to victory with a couple of jumpers and a few assists. The bulk of his assists during the game were to his favorite target, Karl Malone.

Michael Jordan hit an off balance, line drive three pointer from deep in the corner to keep his team close in O.T., but the Phoenix Suns' Charles Barkley knocked down a three of his own to seal the victory for the West.

Eastern conference coach Pat Riley (Knicks) chose to play Patrick Ewing at power forward with O'Neal at center at times. Ewing was in the game at center during crunch time when the game was on the line and came through making seven of eleven field goals.

A highlight of the game was when O'Neal elevated to attempt one of his one handed power slams only to have his shot rejected by Barkley.

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Beach Volleyball, Indoors?

BY RICHARD ENG

For the second time in history the AVP (Association of Volleyball Professionals) hosted an indoor beach volleyball tournament, last Saturday, February 20. The first tournament was held back in 1987 inside the Saddledome in Calgary, Canada, where Brent Frohoff and Scott Avakatubby proved

The all day tournament provided intense nonstop action inside Madison Square Garden from one in the afternoon until nine at night. Beach volleyball in the middle of winter indoors??

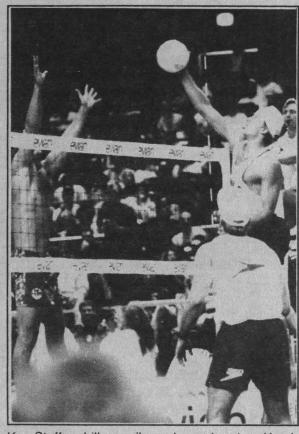
For those of you who are confused it took 215 tons of sand (salt free) in 10 trucks from Long Island to make a sand court in the middle of the Garden eight-10 inches deep. In pursuit of the \$50,000 purse, there was a battle between eight man teams. The tournament format was single elimination which made each and every point scored all the more exciting. Matches had game time of nine minutes which increased the tension.

Teams ranged from two-time gold medalist Karch Kiraly and his partner Kent Steffes, to infamous veteran team of Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos.

Vandeweghe sound familiar? Not Kiki, but his brother Bruk played with partner and veteran John Hanley. In the end, Smith and Stoklos lost 10-4 to Kiraly and Steffes when time ran out.

In addition to the tournament that was sponsored by Evian, and several other companies, there was a volleyball expo. Various volleyball paraphernalia were advertised ranging from volleyball cruises, to apparel, and several stations were set up to provide volleyball lovers a chance tat practicing their skills and winning prizes as well.

The stations included setting, serving, spiking, and a jump and reach measurement gauge so you could compare the height of your vertical. For those of you wishing to get in touch with the sport, there are currently two magazines out on the market, Volleyball Monthly and Volleyball Magazine. Also check your local listing for future tournaments on MSG. Those who wish to participate in beach voileyball over the summer, contact East End Volleyball and Jersey Shore Volleyball Association (JSVBA). Tournaments have several divisions ranging from Open (Expert), to A (Intermediate), and B



Ken Steffes drills a spike as he and partner Karch Kiraly go on to victory

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