



In the midsts of a storm of controversy surrounding outgoing Coach Nolan, the GU nine picked up 3 wins in a week.



GU Nips Navy; Nolan to Retire

by Joel Sabat

Timely ninth-inning hitting by Bob Heditian and Bill Gerard, combined with sloppy Navy field play, led the Hoyas to a 12-11 win over the Midshippens Tuesday, at Annapolis.

Earlier in the week, Coach Tom Nolan announced that he was stepping down after two decades of service as the Hilltop baseball mentor. The official announcement came as no surprise to those who knew of his long-standing feud with the administration over the issue of scholarships.

Georgetown wasted no time in getting on the board against their Midshippens rivals. Gallagher and Messenger led off with singles, and Jim Armstrong tripled them both in. After John Zeitlet popped out to the infield, Rick Scafa lined a hit to bring Armstrong in.

Navy got a run back in the first, off of starter Blaine Cordes (1-3) who went the distance.

Navy exploded in the third. After three singles and two errors had let in 2 Hoya runs in the top of the inning, the Midshippens tore into Cordes. Jim McKee singled, as did second baseman Rick Scafa. Cordes walked Tim Banson to fill the bases, and George Petro singled one man in. DH Bill Miles lofted a sacrifice fly to Heditian, and on the subsequent throwing error, two more runs scored. A fielder's choice made it 6-5 Navy at the end of the third.

Neither side threatened again until the sixth, when GU's Paul Caron went to work to second on a fielder's choice, took third on Mike Messen-

ger's ground single (one of his three hits), and scored when Armstrong towered a sacrificial shot to center.

But Navy's husky first-sacker John Ziccardi put the Midshippens back out in front with a solo home run shot in the bottom of the inning. The Hoyas went through three Navy moundsmen, and scored three times, in the seventh. Heditian reached on an error, and Gerard and Pfeleger singled to put a man on every sack. Caron hit into a fielder's choice, scoring Heditian and erasing Pfeleger, then stole second. Gallagher's base hit scored the GU 2nd baseman and DH.

But two walks and two hits, sandwiched around a sacrifice fly, gave Navy three runs of their own. They added another in the eighth.

Trailing 11-9, Georgetown made the most of their last licks. Heditian and Gerard both lashed out singles, and Navy changed pitchers. Pfeleger fanned, but a throwing error by moundsmen Ron Lavelace put pinch-hitter Tom Coyne on, scoring Heditian, and sending Lavelace to the showers.

Gallagher was called out on strikes, and the game appeared over when Mike Messenger grounded to shortstop Mike Mullikin. But Mullikin threw the ball into the Navy dugout, and Gerard and Coyne came home. Armstrong struck out to end the inning, with Georgetown nursing a one-run lead.

Blaine Cordes bore down, and sealed the victory's 3rd win in 5 games. Thursday's home contest against Delaware was rained out.

Baseball Squad Backs Coach Nolan; Blames University for Losing Seasons

by Russ Schumacher

Echoing the sentiment of long-time GU baseball Coach Tom Nolan, who last week attributed the Hoyas' losing ways to a lack of support from the administration, senior baseball players strongly expressed their disappointment in the decline of the program and accused the athletic department of inept management due to an indifference toward baseball at the Hilltop.

The seniors, including the last two players on scholarship, agreed with Nolan that eliminating tuition grants for baseball has kept the Hoyas from remaining competitive with area schools that are building up their programs.

John Zeitlet and Brian Gallagher are the last players on scholarship and the last time the Hoyas were .500 was the spring season of their freshman year.

Ed O'Neill's

Intramural Softball

by Ed O'Neill

Some readers have been crying "fool" in response to this writer's reporting of the Intramural scene. But, I can assure you, all my one "liners" are "safe."

Yes, softball season swings its sweat-soaked way into its semifinals, as several leagues now savor sole survivors.

In the Grad/Fac Division, the Inlays capped the League A crown by extracting a win from Amalgamators, 9-4, and a forfeit from Agonia. The Amalgamators recovered to buy-out Wild Pitch, 13-8, and the Pitch got a freebie from Jacks.

Balls VII bounded to the head of League B by peppering Steak 'n' Eggs, 13-2. They still had their bearings as they slipped by the Stompers, 9-7. Beggas was too inhaled, so they passed up on Steak 'n' Eggs.

Restoration built up a 5-0 record to cash-in on the Crown. Restoration psyched out Perros Locos, 12-3, and mused up Mescolito's, 7-3.

In League D, Censored took the topnot by putting the blinders on Softballers, 9-3, and burying Krypts, 18-2. Goobers stilled away a victory of their own by sinking Krypts, 11-7. But On Demand came out on top of Goobers, 11-5.

This week "V" stood for victory as the V-Men rose to the top of League E by popping Fizzles, 9-2, and downing the Pub Brewers, 14-12. Heinz 57 played Ketchup ball all day long, but still lost, 30-3, to the Pub Brewers. Reiss Science found the solution in their experiment with Fizzles by saturating them with talent. The precipitate was a 9-2 victory for Science.

It's all just hanging on to the F League lead by percentage points by out-busting Ballbusters, 6-3. The Ballbusters were sliced by DiAngelo and the Boys, 5-3. In another tangle, DiAngelo and the Boys beat Off Beat Blues back and blue, 8-3. The Cusps of Carribelli also blew off Off Beat Blues, 13-3.

In the Law School Division, it was in the cards as the League A Mama Deuces dealt a blow to Caribe, 13-1. No Name had not spirit forfeiting to Panobes.

The League B Rootboots grounded out to the Baby Bites, 10-9, and the league leading Darby Jack Straps

"When we came here, the program was good," asserted Zeitlet. "They had about 10 players on tuition grants then. Ever since they cut out scholarships, things have really been getting out of hand. If we just had a few tuition grants, we could be very competitive."

Gallagher remarked, "I certainly didn't expect the program to get cut when I came here," Gallagher remarked. "I've enjoyed playing here, but it's been frustrating at times. If we just had the money to bring in one strong player every year, we would win a lot more."

Zeitlet added, "It's really hard to compete with the teams we play. If we win six games, the season is considered successful. You just become accustomed to losing and it sort of breaks your heart. We just can't wait to get out like Coach Nolan (He has said this is his 22nd and last season as baseball coach.)"

Zeitlet and Gallagher are graduating, along with Jim Armstrong, Bob Heditian, and John Pfeleger. All are starters and they feel it will be difficult to keep the program going.



Retiring baseball coach Tom Nolan

The players agree the team's major weakness has been in pitching and defense, but feel the Hoyas cannot attract outstanding pitchers, shortstops, or catchers without scholarships. They also feel there are many good players who won't even come out for the team because it has been labelled as a "loser."

"No one wants to be part of a loser," remarked co-captain Armstrong. "It's also like that for soccer and lacrosse here. They're going to have to make a decision about sports because they can't keep it up the way it's going. If they ever let the athletic programs fall apart, it's going to be a big blow," Zeitlet added. "They just might as well cut baseball out together the way things are going."

Heditian charged the past administration of University President Fa-

ther Henle of tearing down the baseball program. He recalled a talk he had with Henle about sports at GU and said the University President indicated that baseball was being cut because it couldn't provide GU with a "national reputation" the way basketball and track could. Sports are for participation of individuals," said Heditian. "If the administration believes that sports are for building a national reputation, they are missing the entire point."

Zeitlet, backed strongly by Heditian, criticized the athletic department's management of the baseball program.

According to Zeitlet and Heditian, the department has been negligent in basic arrangements for the team, such as having buses on time and having trainers available to tape players' ankles. "I'm sure it's the same way for lacrosse and soccer, but I bet it would never happen for basketball and track."

For an away game with Georgetown, Zeitlet said the team was forced to call GW to ask them for a ride because no one had keys to the Georgetown vans. He said another time the Hoyas had to skip batting and fielding practice before an away game when they were late because they had been locked out of the equipment room where the uniforms are stored.

Both Heditian and Zeitlet say they might not have gone here if they had known the baseball program was going to be cut. "I wanted to go into everything first-rate," said Heditian, "and I assumed the program here would be good because they had scholarships. Now we're playing a pretty rigorous schedule and it's difficult when they take everything away."

Singing, Suds, Link Rowdy Ruggers

by Maureen Sullivan
"Rugby would be fun if you didn't have to play," said Senior Dave Kellem and his sentiments were echoed by various other members of the intrepid Georgetown Rugby club. "It's sheer anarchy," said ex-president Ed Cavanaugh, "every one does just about what they want to do."

After a disappointing fall season caused by conflicts with the Intramural Department over playing fields and a general loss of interest especially by the officers, the Spring season, under the direction of President Phil Shebeen, is already a success. An impressive 8-0 record with but two more matches left on Saturday against Mount Saint Mary's is one indication of the team spirit and unity that characterizes these unsexed athletes.

But singing is one skill a prospective ruggist must quickly acquire with as much gusto and as loudly as possible while chugging a seemingly endless cup of beer. Not many Saturdays go by that the Harbin patio isn't crowded with victorious ruggers exalting the "Sexual Life of a Camel" and many other tuneful melodies which are not fit for print.

The rules and strategies of Rugby are essentially a combination of football and soccer. The injuries are borrowed from the former and the

shorts from the latter. There are fifteen men to a side which are divided into two groups: The scrum, made up of nine "big" men (they are the group that forms the circle from which the ball is kicked) and the backs who are six "fast" men. The object is to kick, pass backwards, or somehow carry the ball to the endzone to score a "try" worth four points. Two points are awarded for a pony-kick and three points are given for a field goal.

The history of rugby at Georgetown is not very expansive. "The club was formed," as legend has it, "about twelve years ago by a group of Medical and Law students who just wanted to get together and play," said Jim Riddy. Now comprised of ten dollars help support the sport that is gaining prominence and deserved recognition by those who enjoy watching a winning team and having a good time doing it.

Graduation will take its toll on experienced Rugby players but there are always a few new men waiting in the wings. Sophomores Mike Sinn and Bill Lee are two up-coming stars who do know all the words to the songs.

Bullis Recruiting Flap Raises Racial Spectre

The announcement that husky 6'7" Jeff Bullis had agreed to attend Georgetown University brought with it both good tidings and bad. The encouraging news of course, was that the Hilltop hoop squad obtained a good outside shooting power forward to complement the offensive.

But it brought to light an ugly racial issue. Washington Post columnist Leonard Shapiro, who first publicly exposed other schools' tactics of scaring away potential GU recruits by implying they would be ostracized whites on an all-black squad, is unsure how widespread the practice is. Other colleges have been understandably reluctant to tell the HOYA anything about their recruiting tactics. But, says Shapiro, the practice does beyond a doubt exist.

The big question now is: how will this affect Bullis and GU? The experiences of Craig Eskerick, Terry Fenlon, and Mike McDermott certainly belie the claim of any racial friction. But the query will remain unanswered as long as Georgetown was what is generally considered a "black" team in what is generally considered a "white" university.

Elsewhere around the Hilltop... Men's Lacrosse dropped a 12-4 decision to Hampden-Sydney on Tuesday, and the Women lost the next day to UMBC by a 9-6 mark. Women's Tennis pulled out a 5-4 win

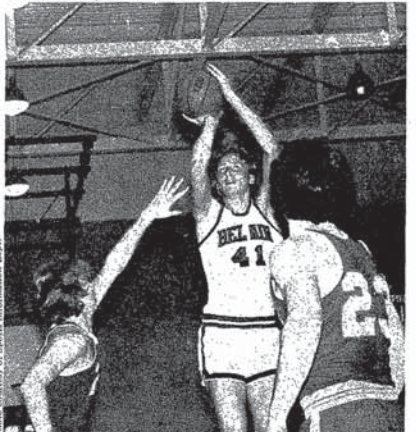
over Catholic on Monday, a day before their male colleagues were trounced 7-0 by Navy. Also on Tuesday, Women's Track bested Galudet, 75-61.

Gold ended its season with the DC Three Tourney, and when the final putt had dropped, American had won, followed by GU, then GW. The respective scores were 1231-1261-1317, Georgetown's Martin Kelley had led the pack for individual honors most of the way, but his closing 83 dropped him back to 3rd.

After last week's all-round disappointing effort against Marjetta, the GU Rowing Association looks to regroup against UVa tomorrow. Thus far into the season the Varsity Lightweighters have looked good, if erratic, while the Heavyweights have had difficulty putting together a winning crew.

The best bet seems to be the bumper-crowd freshmen class. Although the frosh suffer from the inconsistencies that plague any group of first-time oarsmen, the general consensus is that this is the most impressive, and devoted, group to join GU crew in a long time.

Next Friday North Carolina's Dear Smith will be the guest speaker at the annual Hoya Basketball Banquet, being held this year at the Twin Bridges Marriott.



Bel Air's Jeff Bullis became the Hoya's first basketball acquisition, and the center of a controversy concerning competitors' recruiting practices.

Sports Menu

All Home games from Today through Thursday, April 27
TODAY: none
Saturday: Men's Lacrosse vs. Prosburg St., 2 PM
Women's Crew vs. Iona
Sunday & Monday: none
Tuesday: Women's Tennis vs. George Washington, 4 PM
Wednesday: Men's Tennis vs. Howard, 2 PM. Golf vs. Alumni (at Columbia Country Club). Men's Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's, 3 PM.
Thursday: Baseball vs. Towson St., 8 PM.