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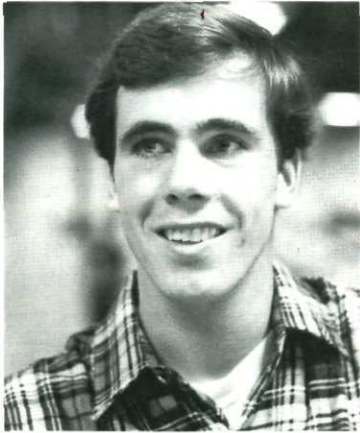


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Bryant College playing one of the state's Division One teams in a regular season basketball game — some said it was inevitable, others said it was impossible.

But the inevitable and the improbable became a reality this summer when the University of Rhode Island and Bryant signed a contract for a regular season game on December 13 at URI's Keaney Gym.

"I think you have to give John Chuckran (URI Athletic Director) a lot of credit," offered Bryant Athletic Director Leon Drury.

"People in the news media have been saying for years that it would be good for Rhode Island basketball if the Division One teams played the state's only Division Two team," Drury continued.

"That's what happens in a lot of other states. But I think in this state some people were afraid to make the first move. John has only been here a few years, but he's very interested in promoting college athletics

throughout the state and he felt a game between URI and Bryant would help.

"Needless to say, we are delighted to be playing URI. We know we will be the underdog, but I think it will be an exciting event for the student bodies and alumni of both colleges. We have 12,000 alumni in the southeastern New England area and a lot of them have been waiting a long time for us to play one of the state's Division One teams. Now that the day has finally arrived, I hope they make a point of coming to the game."

The historical meeting with one of the State's Big Three will be Bryant's ninth game of the season. The Rhode Island game gave the Indians a 27-game schedule for 84-85, forcing the temporary suspension of the Cumberland Farms Classic at the Providence Civic Center.

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Rookies May Be Key To Success of Fall Sports

"You can't tell the players without a scorecard," the old saying goes and it's never been more apparent than this fall around Bryant College.

Even veteran Indian fans will have a tough time following the action without checking the team rosters as a multitude of new faces are playing prominent roles on the fall sports scene.

The team with the most significant "New Look" is coach Pete Barlow's women's tennis team. Despite the return of six veterans from last year's 6-5 team, Barlow expects four of the five singles spots in his 1984 lineup will be filled by newcomers, plus the addition of two new faces on the three doubles teams.

Heading the list of Barlow's newcomers is Lisa Rezendes, a

sophomore from Cumberland, R. I., who transferred to Bryant last January from Emmanuel College. Rezendes, a former Rhode Island All-Stater, has moved right into the No. 1 singles spot.

Also expected to appear in the singles lineup for the first time will be Joy Procaccino, a freshman from Westwood, Mass., Beth Lucci, a freshman from Cumberland, R.I., and Debby Branton, a transfer from Scituate, Mass. Pat Conant and Cheryl Eggleston, a pair of freshmen, are expected to be in the doubles lineup.

But Barlow is far from the only Bryant mentor blessed with talented newcomers this fall.

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FIRST EDITION

This is the first edition of the new Bryant College Sports News. The Sports News is published in order to give Bryant students, alumni and friends an updated, in-depth look at the Bryant athletic program. The Sports News will be published seven times during the school year: October, November, December, January-February, March, April, May-June. If you have the name of a friend or relative you would like added to our mailing list, please send it to: John Gillooly, Director of Sports Information, Bryant College, Smithfield, RI 02917. If there are any items you would like to see included in the Sports News, please let us know.

We hope you enjoyed this month's inaugural edition.

New Faces Make Fall Coaches Smile

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Women's soccer coach Bernie Blumenthal also is singing the praises of some first-year players.

"Five of my 11 starters are first year players," Blumenthal said. "They have excellent skills and I think they are going to make this an exciting season."

"Jen Wilson definitely is a Division One player," Blumenthal continued. "I haven't seen many players in any division with a harder shot than hers."

Wilson, a freshman forward, is being joined in the starting lineup by other newcomers — Teri Clayton, Janet Vilece, Lisa Underwood and Tracy Cirillo.

Men's soccer coach Lou Verrochi is also looking for considerable help this season from rookies.

"We have several talented new players this season. I expect some to play major roles right away and the others should help once they gain some experience," Verrochi said.

"Steve Tramontozzi (a freshman from Needham, Mass.) is an excellent prospect. I expect him and Steve Buonaiuto (a transfer from Dean Junior College) to fill the void created by the graduation of Greg Beamon (who was last year's Northeast-8 Conference Player of the Year)."

It only took women's cross country coach Charlie Mandeville one race to realize members of the Class of 1988 would play a major role in his drive for a Northeast-8 Conference championship this year.

Led by freshman Diane Tedford, the Lady Indian harriers captured the team title in the annual Bryant Invitational in early September. Tedford,

who finished second, was one of four freshmen among the top seven Bryant finishers. Danielle Naeff, Melinda Davis and Karen Grabow were the other rookies placing for the Indians.

Freshmen also figure prominently in the plans of men's cross country coach Fred Reinhardt. Reinhardt expects first-year men Mike DeBlase, Brian Sweenor and Pat Brennan to be among his top performers throughout the season.

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"Under NCAA rules, a team can only play 28 games. We already had 26 games contracted with the idea that the two tournament games would give us 28. But when the offer to play URI came, I felt that game was more important for Bryant than the tournament," Drury said.

"We hope to resume the tournament in future years. Some members of the news media have suggested we make the tournament a state season tip-off tourney with Bryant and the three Division One schools playing on the first week of the season. I think that would be great for college basketball in the state and we are pursuing the idea."

WKRI to Broadcast 16 Basketball Games

Radio station WKRI announced recently that 16 Bryant College men's basketball games were part of a 77-event winter sports package that will be broadcast from mid-November to mid-March.

The West Warwick AM station, which has received FCC permission to become a statewide 1,000-watt facility on December 1, will air 10 of Bryant's 12 home games during the 84-85 season and six of the 15 away contests.

In addition to Bryant basketball, the WKRI sports package will include Boston Bruins hockey, other college basketball games and high school basketball and hockey games.

WKRI sports director John Parente will handle play-by-play of all Bryant games with guest color commentators.

Mathewson Named Coach of Year

Earl Mathewson, the man who coached the Bryant College baseball team to its first winning season in 12 years in his first year as head coach, has been named the 1984 Northeast-8 Conference Baseball Coach of the Year.

Mathewson, a former schoolboy head coach and assistant coach at the University of Rhode Island before taking over as Bryant head mentor, directed the Indians to a 15-10 record, the first time since 1972 that a Bryant baseball team topped the .500 mark.

The highlight of the season came in early May when the Indians stunned the New England collegiate baseball scene by capturing the title in the Rhode Island Collegiate Tournament with a 4-3 upset of Providence College in the title game.

The victory over Providence climaxed a Cinderella journey through the tournament in which the sixth-seeded Indians defeated Rhode Island's three Division One teams — the University of Rhode Island, Brown and Providence College.

Mathewson's selection marks the first time a Bryant coach has won a Northeast-8 Coach of the Year honor.



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ALUMNI PROFILE

JIM HALLET — The Dream Has Become Reality

He walked off the Bryant campus last December like so many other freshly minted collegiate graduates — diploma in hand and visions of fortune dancing in his head.

But while many new college grads are uncertain about the direction of their careers, Jimmy Hallet had no doubt. He was headed toward a professional golfing career. He was going to make a living at the game he loved.

Some people had told him he had waited too long in his pursuit of a pro career. They said he should have forgotten about returning to Bryant last fall to complete his academic degree requirements and try obtaining his PGA Tour card at the 1984 PGA qualifying tour school.

Without a spot on the regular tour, it would mean months of mini and satellite tournaments with the hope of a few sponsor exemptions in PGA events. There's no fame or fortune in that route they told him.

"Last fall a lot of people were telling me I should go right to the tour school and forget about returning to college," Hallet offered. "But getting my degree was important to both me and my parents. I only needed a semester to finish and I knew my injured hand could use a little rest. Now I have both a college degree and a healthy hand."

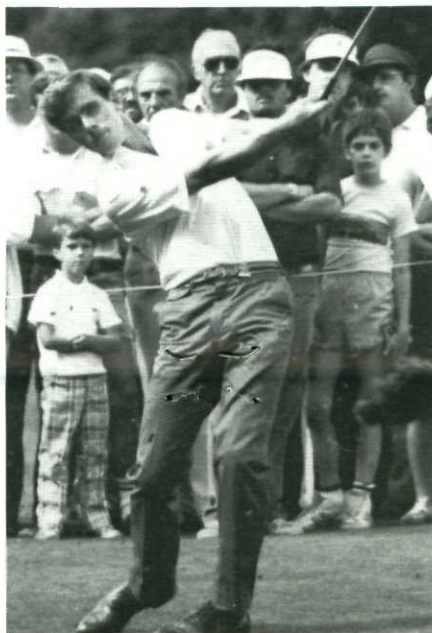
Right Time, But Wrong Place For Gerardi's First Ace

Tony Gerardi simply was in the wrong place at the right time.

Gerardi, a 1982 Bryant grad and former member of the Indians' golf team, fired the first hole-in-one of his life at the second Bryant Alumni Golf Tournament on Sept. 10th when he ached the par-three, 166-yard 16th hole at the Quidnessett Country Club.

Unfortunately, Gerardi chose the wrong hole to hit the best shot of his golfing life. If the ace had come on the 175-yard, 5th hole, Gerardi would have won the 1984 Ford Thunderbird that Dunne Ford of Providence was offering to the first player who got a hole-in-one on the fifth.

Although Gerardi didn't drive away



He also has nearly \$50,000 in golf earnings.

"There's no doubt I made the correct decision last fall. I learned a lot playing on the Space Coast tour in Florida over the winter and I won some money," he said.

Hallet won \$28,000 in the eight-week series of mini-tournaments throughout Central Florida during January, February and March, then added \$4,000 to his total in the three-week Mid-Atlantic series in April. He returned to New England in June and

with the Thunderbird, he did take home the major piece of hardware as he captured low gross honors with a one-over-par 73. The performance left him one stroke ahead of his former teammate, Mike Oleksak, Class of '81, who finished second with a 74.

The four-man team of Bill Taylor '62 and his guest, Norm Poole, and Bob Pencarski '61 and his guest, Walt Bialas, won low net team honors with a combined net total of 295.

A total of 62 players took part in the tournament which now has become an annual affair on the calendar of alumni events.

spent the summer mixing his appearances in New England Open tournaments with sponsor exemptions in three PGA events — the Quad City Open, the Buick Open and the Greater Hartford Open.

By the time Labor Day rolled around, Hallet had won \$43,000, including a \$2,000 check for winning the Rhode Island Open.

But he saved his best professional performance of the summer for New England's premier golf event, the PGA's Bank of Boston Classic at Pleasant Valley Country Club.

After an opening round two-over 73 on Thursday, he came back with a sensational three-under 68 in the second round, making him the only one of 13 New England entries in the tournament to make the 70-player halfway cut.

On Saturday, he gave New England fans even more to cheer about as he birdied four of the first six holes, moving him to five-under-par for the tournament and within two strokes of the lead.

"I think half of Cape Cod and Rhode Island is out there with him," quipped tournament director Ted Mingolla.

Hallet eventually finished with a three-under total for the tournament which put him in a tie for 11th place. The performance earned him \$5,250 for his four days of work.

"It wasn't the biggest paycheck I have won, but I think it was the most important," the 24-year old four-time All-American offered.

"It's my best PGA tournament and it shows I belong up here," Hallet continued.

The Sports Information Office would like to include an Alumni Profile in each edition of the Sports News. If you know of any alumnus involved in any level of athletics, either as a participant, coach or administrator, please send his/her name and a brief description of their activity to John Gillooly, Director of Sports Information, Bryant College, Smithfield, RI 02917.

1984 FALL SCHEDULES

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

October

6	NE-8 at St. Anselm	2:00
13	Tri-States	1:00
20	Easterns	1:00

November

3	New England/ NCAA Qualifier	1:45
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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

October

2	State Championships	TBA
6	NE-8 at St. Anselm	1:00
13	Tri-States	1:00
20	at Babson Invitational	TBA

November

3	ECAC Championships	TBA
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

October

2	BABSON	3:30
3	STONEHILL	3:30
9	at Emmanuel	3:30
10	BENTLEY	3:30
13	ROGER WILLIAMS	1:00
15	at Rhode Island Col.	3:30
19-20	N.E. Division II Tourney at Springfield	

GOLF

October

1-2	at N.E. Championships
4	ECAC Qualifer at Quidnesset CC
13-14	ECAC Championships at Salem CC

MEN'S SOCCER

October

2	WESTERN N.E.	3:30
5	at Springfield	7:30
13	at St. Anselm	1:30
17	BRIDGEPORT	3:30
20	HARTFORD	1:00
23	at Roger Williams	3:30
27	ASSUMPTION	1:00

November

1	CENTRAL CONN.	3:00
3	at Bentley	TBA
8-11	NE-8 Playoffs	TBA

WOMEN'S SOCCER

October

2	CURRY	3:30
5	at Springfield	5:00
11	BABSON	3:30
13	STONEHILL	1:00
17	at St. Anselm	3:30
20	at New Hampshire Col.	11:00
24	at Brandeis	3:30
27	at Providence	11:00
30	State Tournament	TBA

November

1-3	State Tournament	TBA
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

October

2	at Providence	7:00
3	COAST GUARD/ Bridgeport	6:00
9-10	State Tournament	
11	AIC	
17	at Brown	6:30
20	Bryant Invitational	
23	at Lowell & Salem State	6:00
25	HOLY CROSS	7:00
27	NE-8 Tournament	TBA
30	NORTHEASTERN	7:00

November

1	at New Haven	7:00
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