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NFL to NCAA in One Day

One day it's the sound of 280-pound linemen banging heads and the next day it's the thud of a soccer ball.

For several years it has been a virtual overnight transition on the Bryant campus. One day it's a NFL training camp, the next day its home for Bryant's six fall sports teams.

This summer, for the 11th consecutive year, Bryant served as the pre-season training camp of the New England Patriots. For six weeks approximately 100 veterans, high draft choices and free agents use the Bryant facilities in their quest for a spot on the Patriots 45-man regular season roster.

In addition to using the 25 acres of playing fields for practice, the Patriots also use all of the facilities in the gymnasium and Multipurpose Activities Center plus classroom space in the Unistructure and live in two of the college dorms.

Setting up the training camp doesn't present a major problem for either the Patriots or Bryant staff members in the early summer.

With all Bryant spring athletic teams completing their seasons by mid-May and the Patriots' camp not starting until early July, there is ample time for the transition from an all-purpose college athletic facility to an NFL training camp.

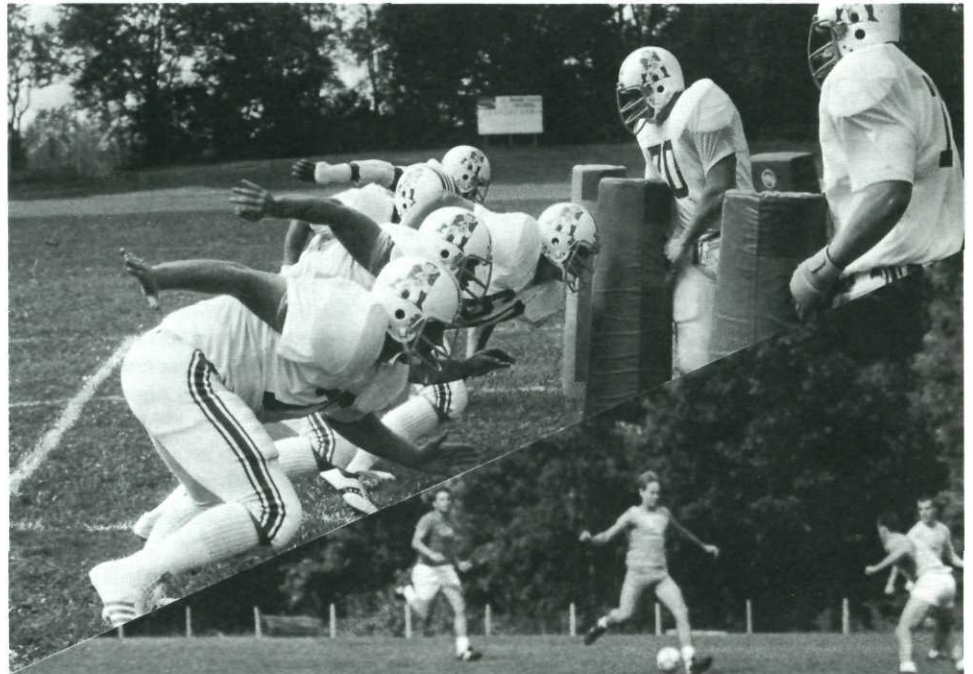
That means such things as turning part of the MAC into a 100 x 50 foot weight training facility complete with free weights and nautilus equipment. Converting the two exercise rooms in the gymnasium into training rooms used for both medication and rehabilitation work and turning baseball and soccer fields into football fields.

But it's a different story in late August.

This year the Patriot players checked out of Bryant on Friday night, August 28 and boarded a plane for a Saturday exhibition game in Minnesota.

That left less than 48 hours before members of the Bryant men's soccer team were scheduled to report for the first day of their pre-season training camp. Two days later four women's teams - cross country, soccer, tennis and volleyball - were scheduled to begin their pre-season practice.

Patriots personnel began clearing out their equipment early Saturday morning, including the moving of the weight equipment by three flatbed trailer trucks. By



In one day the Bryant campus changes from an NFL Training camp for the N.E. Patriots (above) to the home of the Bryant men's soccer team (below).

Sunday morning all of the Patriots equipment was packed and headed back to Sullivan Stadium in Foxboro.

Once the Patriots clear out, the Bryant gymnasium maintenance staff began making locker rooms that had been used for six weeks by very big men playing in the dirt acceptable for female athletes.

Also at 6 o'clock Monday morning ground superintendent Bob Lawton and his crew began taking down football goalposts and setting up soccer cages. At 9 a.m. everything was ready when the men's soccer team took the field for its first practice of the year.

Hall of Fame Induction Dinner Set for Alumni Week-end

The second annual Bryant Athletic Hall of Fame induction dinner will be held Thursday, June 9 as part of the annual Alumni Week-end activities.

The Hall's inaugural induction dinner was held last February before a capacity gathering in the South Dining Room of the Bryant Center.

"More than 200 people attended the inaugural dinner last year." said athletic director Leon Drury. "But we wanted to give more of our alumni, especially those living long distances from the campus, an

opportunity to attend so we have made the dinner part of the Alumni Weekend program."

Selection of the 1988 inductees will be announced this winter.

All former Bryant varsity athletes, or any Bryant alumnus who has made a contribution to amateur or professional sports since his/her graduation is eligible for selection.

Nominations should be sent to John Gillooly, Director of Sports Information, Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I. 02917.

Men's Fall Outlook

Golf and Soccer Ready for Title Runs

Archie Boulet is looking for titles, Lou Verrochi is looking for a playoff berth and Harold Smith is looking for people.

Boulet, Verrochi and Smith, the head coaches of Bryant's three varsity men's fall sports teams - golf, soccer and cross country - have developed different outlooks as they prepare for their 1987 campaigns.

Boulet, the veteran golf mentor, is optimistic about the Indians chances for several tournament championships this fall, including the Northeast 10 Conference and New England Intercollegiate crowns.

The big reason for Boulet's optimism is the return of six members of last year's Northeast 8 Conference championship squad, including Division II All-Americans Dave French and Gary Young.

French, a junior from Vernon, Conn. finished 11th in last year's NCAA Division II national tourney. The strong showing in the national tournament climaxed a sensational season in which he won both the Northeast-8 Conference and Rutgers Invitational individual titles.

Young, a senior from Whitinsville, Mass., finished 9th in last year's national tournament. During the regular season he tied French for the team's best medal average with a 73.

Joining French and Young once again

will be veterans Frank Clark, John Del-Bonis, Chris McCarthy and Ron Yacawych.

Last year they played a major role in the Indians drive to the Northeast 8 Conference title, second place finishes in both the New England championships and the ECAC regional qualifying tourney and a ninth place finish in the national Division II tournament.

Verrochi begins his eighth year as men's soccer coach facing a substantial rebuilding program.

Although he will have four of the top seven scorers from last year back in the lineup, he must find replacements for some key graduation loses.

Verrochi's biggest problem will be filling the void created by the graduation of Mark Verille. Last fall Verille became the first player in Bryant history to earn first-team All-America honors after his play at midfield led the Indians to an all-time high 11 victories and runner-up honors in the Northeast 8 Conference tournament.

"It's probably impossible for one person to equal Mark's contribution of last year so we needed help from several different players," said Verrochi. "If everyone plays to their potential I think we can earn a spot in the Conference playoffs and once you make the playoffs anything can happen.

Offense shouldn't be a major problem.

Back in the lineup once again are Rick Solomon and Silverio Araujo, the No. 1 and No. 3 scorers respectively on last year's team.

Solomon, a senior from Glastonbury, Conn., was the top scorer in 1986 with 9 goals and 3 assists for 21 points. Araujo registered 19 points with 8 goals and 3 assists.

Also returning are juniors Dave Montaini and Dek McMullen who combined for 14 points last year.

Verrochi also will have one of the Northeast 10's top goaltenders guarding the Indians net. Senior Bob Bevan posted a 1.61 goal against average last season, including six shutouts in 15 games.

Harold Smith spent his first few weeks as the new men's cross country coach looking for runners.

Graduation cost Smith the services of five members of last year's team, including John Wilbur, the 1986 NE-8 Conference champion.

Smith had only three veterans Steve Duncan, Rob Eaton and Ed Podraza on his roster at the first pre-season practice.

"I spent the first few weeks talking to every freshman who had indicated he ran cross country or track in high school," Smith related. "It may take a little time but I think we should be a good solid team."

Conference Grows to 10 Members

Bryant athletic teams now have nine other teams to worry about in their quest for Conference honors.

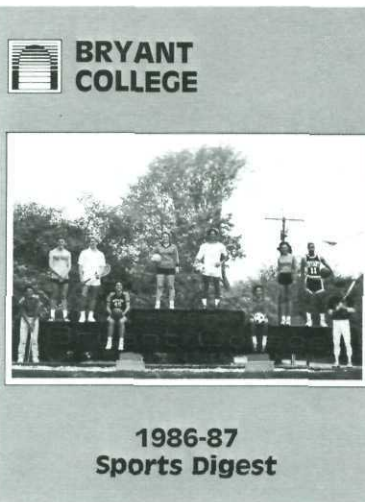
The Northeast 8 Conference officially changed its name to the Northeast 10 Conference this summer with the addition of Quinnipiac College of Hamden, Conn. and St. Michael's College of Winooski, Vt.

The two new Conference members now will compete against Bryant and the seven other NE8 members - Assumption, AIC, Bentley, Merrimack, Stonehill, Springfield and St. Anselm - for the 12 Northeast 10 Conference titles.

The addition of Quinnipiac and St. Michael's gives the NE10 representatives in five of the six New England state - Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The first NE10 champions will be crown this fall in men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, women's tennis and golf.

Bryant Sports Digest



1987-88 Edition Available Now

Voted "Best in the Nation" among multi-sports guides last year by the Sports Information Directors of America, the 1987-88 edition of the Bryant Sports Digest will be available soon.

Once again the Digest will contain complete schedules and previews of all 1987-88 Bryant varsity teams, 1986-87 results plus Bryant records for all sports.

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NCAA XC Meet Moves to Bryant

The Bryant campus will be the cross country capital of the northeast on November 7 as the College plays host to both the NCAA Division II men's and women's Eastern Regional championships and the annual Rhode Island schoolboy and schoolgirl state championships.

The collegiate competition will open the day's activities with the NCAA men's championships scheduled for 11 a.m. followed by the women's championships at noon.

Approximately 800 runners from 40 eastern college and universities will take part in the two championship races (10,000 meters for men and 5,000 meters for women).

The high school championships are slated to get under way at 2 o'clock. It will mark the 14th straight year the Rhode Island high school championships have been held on the Bryant course.

Smith, Burke & Almeida Join Coaching Staff

Harold Smith, a veteran college and high school cross country coach has been named head coach of the men's cross country team

Smith, a resident of Burrillville, R.I., developed the North Providence, R.I. High girls cross country team into one of the top Class B teams in Rhode Island before taking over as Roger Williams College men's coach in 1985.

In addition to coaching cross country, Smith served as the Roger Williams women's basketball coach and the men's baseball coach.

Smith is one of three coaches joining the Bryant staff this year.

Former Providence College All-East bas-



Harold Smith

ketball player Mary Burke has joined the staff as assistant women's basketball coach.

Burke, who graduated from PC last spring completed her career as the No. 2 all-time Lady Friar scorer with 1,672 points. She averaged 20 points and 6 rebounds per game en route to both Big East Conference and Kodak All-East honors last year.

A graduate of Toll Gate High in Warwick, R.I., she was named the 1983 Rhode Island Schoolgirl Athlete of the Year by Words Unlimited the association of Rhode Island sportswriters and sportscasters. It is the same award won last year by Donna O'Brien, a current member of the Bryant women's basketball team.

The third new staff member is Aginaldo Almeida, a former University of Rhode Island soccer star. Almeida will serve as assistant women's soccer coach.

Women's Fall Outlook

Does Experience Spell Success?

If experience is the key to success, this should be a very prosperous autumn for the women's athletic teams.

Coach Peter Glanz begins his third season at the helm of the women's tennis team with seven players back from the team that posted an impressive 9-1 dual match record last year.

Heading the list of returning vets is Joy Procaccino, the senior from Walpole, Mass., who won the New England Division II No. 1 singles title last fall.

Also joining Procaccino in the singles lineup again this year are sophomore Michelle Barton, from West Boylston, Mass. Kim Bickell, a sophomore from Old Lyme, Conn. and Patti Conant, a senior from Wilmington, Mass. Combined the quartet posted a 36-14 record in singles competition last season.

In addition to his veterans Glanz also has a corps of talented newcomers who could challenge some of the vets for spots in the singles lineup.

The top newcomers appear to be Merideth Molnar, a freshman from Boca Raton, Fla. and Tina Galley, a junior playing her first year of varsity tennis.

The women's soccer team won only 5 of 16 games last year, but coach Paul Ribeiro hopes it will be a different story this year now that some key veterans have recovered from injuries.

Jenny Wilson, the 1984 All-New England forward, who was injured during both the 1985 and 1986 seasons appears

back at full strength. Wilson and another returning vet, Jodi Alexander, shared the team scoring lead last year with 10 points each.

Alexander, a sophomore from Glen Rock, N.J., could be moved back from the front line to the backfield. The combination of Alexander, veteran Deirde Sullivan at fullback and senior Tracy Cirillo in the goal should give the Lady Indians one of the top defensive units in the Northeast 10 Conference.

Cirillo, a senior from Marlboro, Mass. was one of the Conference's top net-minder last season with a 1.65 goal against average in 12 games.

Other veterans joining Wilson, Alexander, Sullivan and Cirillo are senior forwards Teri Clayton, Gretchen Jefferys and Janet Vilece and senior sweeper Sandy Wilson.

Freshmen forwards Kelly Herman and Nicole Taglinoni and fullback Ann Roche will give Ribeiro added depth on both the front line and in the backfield.

Volleyball coach Lorraine Hudak hopes the return of four key veterans will help improve on last year's 5-18 record.

Seniors Ivy Stein, Chris Smith and Jennifer Pamelee along with junior Marcy Moir give Hudak a powerful nucleus. Freshmen Lori McLaughlin of Chelmsford, Mass., Donna Herk of Athol, Mass. and Anne Colo of Salem, Mass., could provide some of the depth that was missing last year.

Cross country coach Charlie Mandeville

is the only Lady Indians coach facing a rebuilding assignment this year.

Gone from last year's highly successful squad are two of the top runners in the history of Bryant women's cross country. Dianne Tedford, a Division II All-America and Stephanie Witt, a three-time Northeast 8 all conference selection were the Lady Indians top runners for the past three years.

Graduation also took four other letter-winners from his 1986 squad leaving Mandeville with only three veterans for the 1987 campaign - Melinda Davis, Tracy Kelly and Stacey Huntley.

Davis, a senior from Braford, R.I. and Kelly, a sophomore from Taunton, Mass., were among the top five Bryant finishers in each of the Lady Indians eight meets last year.



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SCOREBOARD

Fall Schedules

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

OCTOBER

4 at Rhode Island College 12:00
 9 Northeast-10 Championships TBA
 31 at New Englands TBA

NOVEMBER

7 NCAA Regional TBA

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

OCTOBER

3 at Rhode Island College 11:00
 9 Northeast-10 Championships TBA
 19 Tri-States at R.I. College TBA
 24 at Smith Invitational 1:00
 31 at New Englands TBA

NOVEMBER

7 NCAA Regional TBA

MEN'S SOCCER

OCTOBER

3 at Merrimack * 1:00
 5 Northeastern 3:30
 7 at Sacred Heart 3:00
 10 St. Michael's * 1:00
 12 at Stonehill * 3:00
 17 Assumption * 1:00
 20 Roger Williams 3:30
 22 Wesleyan 3:00
 24 Springfield * 10:30
 28 at Holy Cross 3:30
 31 at A.I.C. * 10:30

NOVEMBER

5 Northeast-10 Tournament TBA
 8 Northeast-10 Tournament TBA

* Northeast 10 Conference game

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

OCTOBER

1 Roger Williams 6:00
 5 at Merrimack 6:00
 10 at Springfield Tournament 9:00
 13 Quinnipiac 7:30
 15 at Lowell 6:00
 19 at Stonehill 6:00
 21 A.I.C. 7:00
 23 at Rhode Island College 7:00
 27 at Bentley 7:00
 29 New Haven 7:00
 31 Northeast-10 Tournament TBA

WOMEN'S SOCCER

OCTOBER

17 Babson 3:00
 4 at Merrimack * 1:00
 7 at Rhode Island 3:00
 10 at Southhampton 3:00
 15 Plymouth State 3:30
 17 Quinnipiac * 1:00
 20 at Salve Regina 3:30
 22 Stonehill * 3:30
 24 Springfield * 1:00
 28 at Keene State 3:00
 31 A.I.C. * 1:00

NOVEMBER

2 Northeast-10 Tournament TBA
 4 Northeast-10 Tournament TBA

* Northeast 10 Conference game

GOLF

OCTOBER

3-5 Toski Invitational TBA
 at Amherst, MA
 8-9 ECAC Qualifying Tournament TBA
 ECAC Championships TBA
 at Shadnee, PA
 22-25 Rutgers Invitational TBA
 Piscataway, NJ

MARCH

18-20 Embry Riddle Invitational TBA
 at Daytona Beach, FL

APRIL

24-26 New Englands TBA
 at New Seabury, MA

WOMEN'S TENNIS

OCTOBER

1 Southeastern Mass. 3:00
 3 at Merrimack * 3:00
 6 Salve Regina 3:30
 8 at A.I.C. * 3:00
 10 Northeast-10 Championships TBA
 14 Rhode Island College 3:30
 16 at Bentley * TBA
 17 at New Englands TBA

* Northeast-10 Conference match

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