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The 1984 Women's Tennis Team

NETWOMEN ACE OPPOSITION

Someday another team may duplicate their effort, but no Bryant team will ever have a better winning percentage than the 1984 women's tennis team.

The Indian netwomen became the first women's team in Bryant history to post an undefeated regular season record when they completed their 1984 season with a perfect 11-0 slate.

"The important factor was that everyone contributed to the success," said coach Pete Barlow. "If you look at the records you see that everyone on the team had an important victory in a close match."

The key to the rise from last year's 6-5 season to this year's perfect campaign was the addition of several outstanding newcomers, including the top two singles players, Lisa Rezendes and Joy Procaccino.

Rezendes, a former Rhode Island schoolgirl All-Stater who transferred to Bryant last winter, gave Barlow one of his

strongest No. 1 singles players in several years. The five foot sophomore compiled an 8-3 dual match record against some of the top college division players in New England.

Procaccino, a freshman from Westwood, Mass., moved right into the No. 2 singles spot and posted 9 victories in her 10 regular season matches.

Sue Mahtesian, a senior and the only veteran in the singles lineup, had an 8-2 record at No. 3 while Beth Lucci, a freshman, enjoyed a near perfect 9-1 mark at No. 4. Debby Branton, another transfer, was 8-1 at the final singles position.

The best record on the team belonged to the No. 1 doubles combination of Debbie Kahn and Maureen O'Donnell as the sophomore duo registered a victory in each of their 11 matches. Lisa Rudnicki and Pat Conant also contributed to the team's perfect season with an 8-2 record at the No. 2 doubles spot.

Golfers Tie Yale For ECAC Title

The golf team, led by individual co-champion Mike McKenna, tied Yale for team honors in the annual ECAC Southern New England regional tournament last month on Bryant's home course at the Quidnessett Country Club.

McKenna, the defending Northeast-8 Conference titlist, fired a three-over 75 tying Dan Hendrickson of the University of Connecticut for individual honors. McKenna's performance led the Indians to a five-man team total of 320.

The first place tie earned both Bryant and Yale berths in the ECAC championship tournament, which matched the top two finishers in each of the six regional tournaments. Bryant, led by Paul Keating's fifth place finish, captured sixth place in tournament held at the Essex Country Club in Salem, Mass.

The two ECAC tournaments were part of a seven-tournament schedule the Indian linkmen played this fall. Fourth place finishes in the prestigious West Point Invitational and the Rutgers Classic were the top team performances in addition to the regional ECAC title.

Jim Czelusniak's second place finish in the Yale Invitational, three strokes off the pace, was the second best individual tournament finish after McKenna's ECAC championship.

"Some of our younger players have shown promise this fall," coach Archie Boulet offered. "If we can develop a little more consistency in the spring, I think we will be a definite contender for the New England title."

INSIDE—BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball

MORE MUSCLE STRENGTHENS 1984-85 BASKETBALL HOPES

The little old lady doesn't need to ask any more.

THE BEEF is on the 1984-85 Bryant basketball team.

When the 84-85 Indians take the court for their season opener on Nov. 16, it will be one of the biggest teams (inches and pounds) to ever wear Bryant uniforms as seven of the 12 players will top the 6-5 mark and weigh in at over 200 pounds.

"Our fans will see a different type of team this year," says coach Leon Drury.

"In the past few years, we have had problems under the boards. So last year we set size as our recruiting priority."

The search for some added muscle brought three freshmen to Smithfield, who have an average height of 6-7 and an average weight of 240 pounds.

The biggest newcomer will be David Ewing, a 7-1/4, 270-pound center from Katonah, New York.

"Dave will be the biggest player to ever wear a Bryant uniform," Drury offered. "He only started playing basketball a few years ago so he needs some experience. But, in time, we feel he will be an outstanding collegiate player"

Experience, however, isn't a problem for the two other new big men, Art Whitehead and Michael Reed.

Whitehead is a 6-4, 235-pound forward from Terryville High in Connecticut, where he specialized in intimidating board work.

Reed, a 6-6 222-pound forward, was a two-time All-State selection at Classical High in Providence, R.I. Last year he led the Purple to the state Class A championship, highlighting the season by scoring the winning basket in a two-point Classical victory in the championship game.

Despite the addition of the talented newcomers, Drury expects his biggest offensive punch will be one of the six lettermen on the squad, junior forward Gregg Cooper.



Gregg Cooper



Manny Barrows

Cooper, a 6-6, 200-pounder from Augusta, Maine, has been one of the Indians top scorers in each of the past two years. In his two-year collegiate career, he has scored 589 points, averaging, 9.6 as a freshman and 13.8 last year. He is the only returning letterman who averaged in double figures last year.

"With some added help inside this year, we think Gregg will be able to take full ad-

vantage of his shooting talents," Drury offered. "We expect great things from him this season."

Joining Cooper, Ewing, Whitehead and Reed in the frontcourt will be two other tested veterans, Rich Lombardi, a 6-6, 218-pound senior forward and Bob Brown, a 6-8, 206-pound junior center. Lombardi and Brown were the No. 2 and 3 rebounders respectively on last year's team with a combined total of 10 rebounds per game.

Another veteran Drury hopes will reach his full potential this year is sophomore guard Manny Barrows. Barrows, another former Providence Classical star, earned a spot in the starting lineup midway through last season and averaged close to 10 points per game over the final 10 games of the season.

Mike Towns, a 6-0 senior who has seen considerable action over the past three years, Rodney Gill, a sophomore who sat out most of last year with a foot injury and Tom Larranaga, a 5-11 freshman from Wayne, New Jersey, should make up the rest of the backcourt corps.

1984-85

Men's Basketball Schedule

NOVEMBER

Friday	16	NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE	7:30
Saturday	24	PLYMOUTH STATE	7:30
Monday	26	at Lowell	7:30
Friday	30	at Bridgeport Tournament	

DECEMBER

Saturday	1	at Bridgeport Tournament	
Tuesday	4	at Rhode Island College	8:00
Thursday	6	SOUTHERN CONN.	7:30
Tuesday	11	CENTRAL CONN.	7:30
Thursday	13	at Rhode Island	7:30
Friday	28	at Sacred Heart Tournament	
Saturday	29	at Sacred Heart Tournament	
Sunday	30	at Sacred Heart Tournament	

JANUARY

Wednesday	16	STONEHILL	7:30
Saturday	19	MERRIMACK	7:30
Wednesday	23	at Bentley	7:30
Saturday	26	at AIC	7:30
Monday	28	ST. ANSELM	7:30
Wednesday	30	at Springfield	7:30

FEBRUARY

Saturday	2	at Assumption	7:30
Wednesday	6	BENTLEY	7:30
Saturday	9	at Merrimack	7:30
Sunday	10	AIC	7:30
Wednesday	13	at St. Anselm	7:30
Saturday	16	ASSUMPTION	7:30
Wednesday	20	at Stonehill	7:30
Friday	22	ST. JOSEPH'S	7:00
Saturday	23	SPRINGFIELD	7:30

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Ranking, Titles Highlight Volleyball Season

An All-American candidate, a regional ranking, a Coach of the Year and some championship hardware — the women's volleyball team had it all this fall.

Sparked by the play of All-American candidate Val Littlefield and under the direction of Northeast-8 Conference Coach of the Year, Lorraine Hudak, the Lady Indians enjoyed one of their best volleyball seasons in history with 30 victories in their first 36 matches.

Included in those 30 triumphs were a total of 10 victories in invitational tournaments

where Bryant carried home the top team prize.

The highlight of the season came in late September when the Lady Indians won the University of Massachusetts Invitational with a perfect 5-0 record.

Two weeks later they also captured the title in their own invitational with triumphs over Merrimack, Queens, Barrington, Stonehill and Bentley.

In addition to their championships, the Lady Indians also reached the title round of the Northeast-8 Conference tournament

where they lost a three-game decision to Springfield and the semifinal round of the Rhode Island Collegiate Tournament.

The continual strong performances put Bryant among the top 10 ranked Division II teams in New England throughout the season, moving as high as third in one weekly poll.

A key to the success was Littlefield. A junior from Holliston, Mass, the 5-11 hitter earned all-tournament honors four times this fall, including the Northeast-8 and the Rhode Island tourneys.

Men's Soccer Earns Tournament Berth

The men's soccer team picked the right year to enjoy its most successful season in the four years of Northeast-8 Conference competition.

Coach Lou Verrochi's booters earned a berth in the first Northeast-8 post-season tournament as the Indians won four of their first six Conference matches, assuring themselves of at least a fourth place finish in the final league standings.

The top four finishers during the regular season qualified for the Conference's first post-season tournament, scheduled for mid-November.

After an 11-0 whitewash at the hands of Division One Brown in the season opener, the Indians rebounded for victories in four of their next five starts, including Conference triumphs over Merrimack, American International and Stonehill.

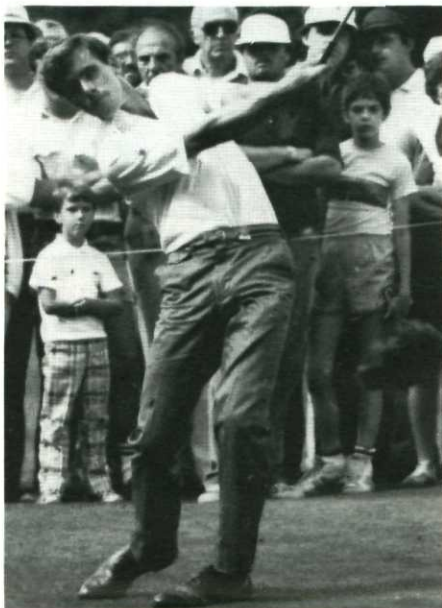
A few weeks later the Indians clinched a playoff berth with a 2-0 shutout of Assumption. The Assumption victory, which upped the Indians Conference mark to 4-2 at the time, assured Bryant of its first winning season in Conference play.

Senior goaltender John Muir and sophomore forward Mark Verille were two big reasons for one of the most successful seasons in Bryant soccer history.

Muir posted one of the best goaltending marks in the Conference as he limited NE-8 opponents to seven goals in the first six Conference games. Overall, through the first 13 games, he posted an impressive 1.89 goal against average. After the first six weeks of the season he also had more saves, 101, than any other goaltender in the Conference.

Verille was one of the Conference's top scorers with 13 points through the first 13 games.

Hallet Clears First Hurdle



Bryant grad Jim Hallet successfully cleared the first hurdle in his quest for a berth on the 1985 PGA golf tour as he finished second in the first regional tournament for the 1985 PGA Qualifying School.

Hallet finished the 72-hole tournament at Marlton, New Jersey with a total of 277, six strokes behind former Ohio State All-American Chris Perry.

Perry, Hallet and the next five finishers in the 73-player field earned the right to compete for their tour cards in the Qualifying School on Dec. 12-15 at Palm Springs, California.

The 150-player field at the School also will consist of the top finishers in other regional qualifying tournaments, along with those players on the 1984 tour who did not finish among the top 125 money winners.

The top 50 finishers in the School earn a spot on the major PGA tour while the next 50 qualify for the PGA mini-tour.

Women Booters Post First Winning Season

Coach Bernie Blumenthal feels his women's soccer team is a "team of the future," but he's also pretty happy about the present.

The 1984 Lady Indian booters became the first winning team in the six-year history of the Bryant women's soccer program as they compiled a 8-5 record during the recently completed regular season.

"This team is building for the future, but I'm not surprised we had a very good season this year," Blumenthal said. "I knew we had some very talented young players, it was just a question of experience."

"The thing that made this season successful and I think holds for a very promising future is the competitiveness of the players. We won several close games by coming back late in the game. These players never quit," Blumenthal continued.

One of the 11th hour comebacks came against Division I Holy Cross when the Lady Indians scored two goals in the final 10 minutes for a 2-1 victory. Victories over Merrimack, Stonehill, Slave Regina, Curry, Babson and Brandeis accounted for the other regular season triumphs.

Erin Beatson, a sophomore forward, led the offense with 21 points, 7 goals and 3 assists.

Kelly Murphy, another sophomore was second with 14 points while freshman Jenny Wilson contributed 14.

David Ewing

BRYANT GIANT MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME

Coaches are always saying that playing basketball is a science. But for David Ewing science is why he is playing basketball.

At 7-foot, 1/4 inch, Ewing will be the tallest player to ever wear a Bryant uniform when he steps on the floor for the season opener on November 16. And Bryant fans can thank an eighth grade science teacher for starting him on the road that eventually led to Smithfield.

"I never played basketball when I was a kid," the 270-pound freshman related. "I wasn't very coordinated when I was young and I didn't think I would like the game. But I moved to New York when I was in the eighth grade and my science teacher also was the JV high school basketball coach. He kept telling me I would start playing basketball so the summer I went to a basketball camp he ran. That's when I fell in love with the game."

It wasn't until two years later, however, that Ewing suddenly started drawing attention from college coaches.

"I grew at least nine inches from the end of my freshman year to the start of my junior year," Ewing said. "I was terrible when I was a freshman. I didn't know anything about the



David Ewing

game. By the time I was a junior, I was good enough to play varsity and last year I had a pretty good year."

Ewing's improved play and size drew quite a few college coaches to the Somers High gym and earned him several invitations for campus visits. One of his final visits was to Bryant last spring and once he visited Smithfield, it didn't take long for him to decide on his collegiate plans.

"As soon as I saw this college I fell in love with it," Ewing continued. "Until I visited here, I was set to go to the University of Delaware, but one visit here changed my mind. I also had been thinking about Columbia, but Bryant offered an equally good education on a much better campus."

"I know I have a lot to learn about basketball, but the more I learn the more fun the game becomes for me. In time I think I can play here and help a lot."

Ewing isn't the only one who feels he has a bright future at Bryant.

"David's biggest problem is a lack of playing time. But once he gains some experience I feel he is going to be an excellent college player," said head coach Leon Drury.

URI Tickets Available at Bryant Office

Make plans now to be at the University of Rhode Island on Thursday, Dec. 13 when the Bryant Indians take on the URI Rams in the first men's basketball game between Bryant and one of the Rhode Island's Division I teams.

Bryant alumni, students, and fans wishing to sit in the Bryant section can purchase tickets from the Bryant Athletic Department.

Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and Bryant students. Tickets can be purchased by mail by sending a check or money order to Tickets, Bryant College Athletic Dept., Smithfield, R.I., 02917. Please indicate the number of adult and children tickets desired. Tickets also may be purchased in person, at the Bryant athletic department from 9-4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Make checks payable to Bryant College Athletic Department. For more information call 232-6071.

Defending Champ Tops Pre-Season Poll

Central Missouri State will try to become the first team in 15 years to win back-to-back NCAA Division II basketball championships and the Mules should accomplish their goal, according to the national Division II pre-season poll conducted for the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Central Missouri, an 81-77 victor over St. Augustine's in last year's title game, received 25 first place votes and 848 total points in the balloting of 45 Sports Information Directors from across the country. Virginia Union placed second with nine first place votes and 686 total points.

Included on the list of the nation's top 20 are two Bryant opponents, Sacred Heart and Central Connecticut. Sacred Heart, last year's New England regional champion, was ranked eighth in the poll while Central Connecticut was named 20th.

Two other teams familiar to Bryant fans, Kentucky Wesleyan and Puget Sound, also made the elite 20. Wesleyan, ranked 4th, and Puget, No. 14, were participants in last year's Cumberland Farms Classic.

The rankings

Team	Pts
1. Central Missouri	848
2. Virginia Union	686
3. North Alabama	601
4. Kentucky Wesleyan	582
5. Randolph-Macon	500
6. Norfolk State	469
7. St. Augustine's	403
8. Sacred Heart	375
9. Morningside	313
10. West Georgia	285
11. C. W. Post	276
12. Calif.-Riverside	244
13. Jacksonville St.	243
14. Puget Sound	236
15. San Francisco St.	188
16. Lewis	182
17. Neb.-Omaha	167
18. Mansfield	157
19. Cal St.-Bakersfield	143
20. Central Conn.	135

Women's Basketball

COACH (AND FANS) SHOULD BE SMILING IN 1984-85

Women's coach Mike McKee is trying not to be overly optimistic about the 1984-85 season, but it's hard not to smile when he looks at his roster.

Last year was the most successful season in the history of Bryant women's basketball and seven key members of that 20-6 team are back again this year.

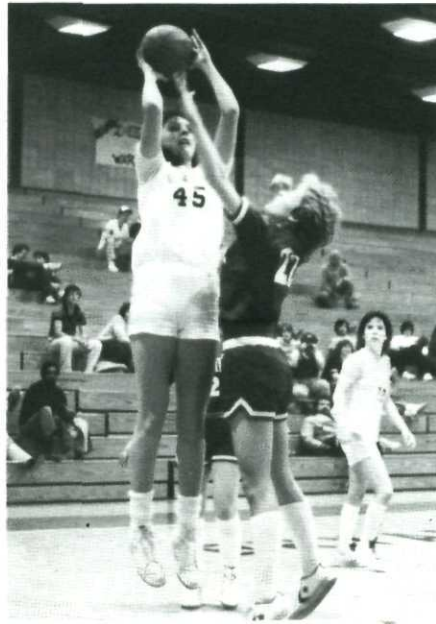
That nucleus of veterans, along with the addition of four talented newcomers, should make the Lady Indians Northeast-8 Conference title contenders once again this season. Last year McKee's squad lost in the title game of the Conference tournament.

The key to the attack once again will be 6-4 junior center Karyn Marshall. Last season Marshall was the Northeast-8 Conference's No. 2 scorer with an 18.3 average, the top shooter in the Conference with a .604 field goal percentage and the No. 4 rebounder with an average of 10.1 per game. She currently ranks No. 2 on Bryant's all-time scoring list with 867 career points and holds eight school records, including most career rebounds, (500).

Joining Marshall in the frontcourt for the third consecutive year will be senior co-captains, Beth Hanson and Nancy Traver. Both Hanson and Traver are power forwards with excellent rebounding ability.

Hanson, who has scored 754 career points, was the No. 4 scorer on last year's team with an 8.1 average. A former interscholastic All-Stater at Scituate, R. I. High, Hanson has started 75 consecutive games over the past three years.

Traver was the team's third leading scorer and No. 2 rebounder behind Marshall last year. A dean's list student, she starts her senior year with 547 career points.



Karyn Marshall

McKee's only major problem is finding a replacement in the backcourt for Sue Crisafi, the all-time Bryant scoring leader who graduated last year. Donetta Barros, a sophomore who averaged 9.8 ppg last year and Debbie Voelkner, a junior who hit at a 7.8 clip last season, probably will be the starting backcourt duo. Barros and Voelkner can expect some help from newcomers Lori Mahler and Kim Gallagher. Mahler is 5-6 freshman who led Dennis-Yarmouth, Mass., High to a 24-2 record last season with an average of 18 points and 10 assists per game. Gallagher is a 5-7 sophomore transfer who scored over 1,000 points during her high school career at Leicester, Mass.

McKee also expects help from Diane Moskey and Ann Maire Harrington, a pair of 5-8 junior forwards who have two years of playing experience. Newcomers Patty Coelho, a 5-10 freshman from Bermuda and Pam Slaka, a 6-1 freshman from Meriden, Conn., also should see plenty of action.

1984-85 Women's Basketball Schedule

NOVEMBER

Friday	16	NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE	5:30
Monday	26	at Lowell	5:30

DECEMBER

Saturday	1	NEW HAVEN	2:00
Tuesday	4	at Rhode Island College	6:00
Friday	7	at Southern Conn.	6:00
Thursday	13	HARTFORD	5:30

JANUARY

Tuesday	8	SALEM STATE	7:00
Thursday	10	at Vermont	7:30
Friday	11	at St. Michael's	2:00
Monday	14	SACRED HEART	7:00
Wednesday	16	STONEHILL	5:30
Saturday	19	MERRIMACK	5:30
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Saturday	16	ASSUMPTION	5:30
Wednesday	20	at Stonehill	5:30
Saturday	23	SPRINGFIELD	5:30
Monday	25	Northeast-8	
thru	26	Conference	
Wednesday	27	Playoffs	

Family Ticket On Sale Again

Once again Bryant alumni can purchase a special family season ticket for all Bryant home basketball games.

The \$15.00 season pass will admit up to seven members of a family to each of the 12 men's and women's regular season home games during the 1984-85 season.

Send your \$15.00 check or money order to Season Ticket, Bryant College Athletic Dept., Smithfield, RI 02917

Make checks payable to Bryant College Athletic Department.

There also are special rates available for Bryant alumni who are directors of youth groups. For additional information, call (401) 232-6071.

Harriers Sweep Tri-State Titles

Bryant cross country runners didn't allow the Tri-State Conference's championship trophies to leave Smithfield as both the Indians male and female harriers captured team titles in the annual Conference championships at Bryant in October.

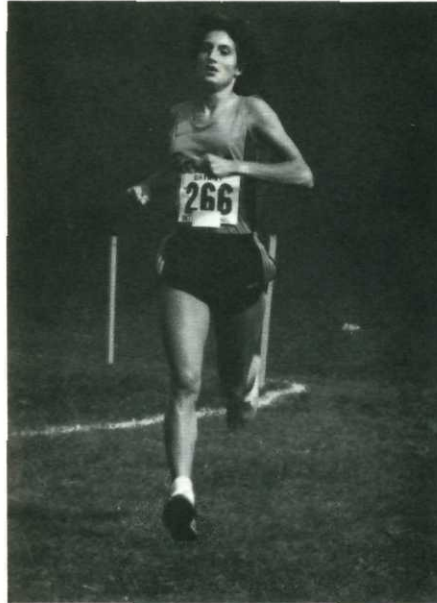
The men's team, led by a second place finish from Hank Sarazin, retained its title with a narrow four-point margin of victory over Rhode Island College, 60-64. The other Bryant scorers were Gary Meinertz 9th, Jim Roche 10th, Mike DeBlase 19th and Brian Sweenor 20th.

Coach Charlie Mandeville's women's squad posted a more comfortable margin of victory as the Lady Indians easily outdistanced Coast Guard and Rhode Island College, the defending champion, by 32 points.

Stephanie Witt led the title drive with a second place finish followed by Diane Tedford in 3rd, Denise Myers, 6th, Lyse Wante 10th and Karen Grabow, 11th.

The Tri-State crown was one of four championships the women's team won during the first two months of the season. They had started the campaign with a first place finish in the Bryant Invitational and in successive weeks took home top prize in both the St. Anselm's Invitational and Rhode Island College Invitational. Diane Tedford's individual championship had keyed the victory in the St. Anselm's Invitational.

The only major meet the Lady Indians didn't win in the first two months of the season was the Northeast-8 Conference Championships where they finished second to Springfield by only five points.



Lyse Wante

Bryant captured four of the top six spots as Witt finished 2nd, Tedford 4th, Myers 5th and Wante, 6th. Those finishes earned the Bryant quartet selection on the All-Conference team.

"We defeated 37 of the 38 teams we ran against in our combined meets this season," said women's coach Charlie Mandeville. "That's a tough record to improve upon, but all of our top runners are back, so it's possible."

Sarazin also earned All-Conference honors as his seventh place finish helped the Bryant men take third in the race for male team honors. Bentley won the men's title and Springfield was second.

Choiniere Named Track Coach

Jo-Ann Choiniere, a former University of Maine All-American, has been named head women's track and assistant women's cross country coach.

Choiniere was an All-American women's cross country selection in 1982 and an All-New England selection in both cross country in 1982 and indoor track in 1983.

A 1983 graduate of Maine, she still holds

the college's women's track records in the 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000 and the best women's time on the Maine home cross country course.

A two-time Rhode Island schoolgirl individual champion while at Cumberland High School, she was named to the Rhode Island Interscholastic All-State team for three consecutive years from 1977 to 1979.

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