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BASEBALL TEAM CARRYING A MEMORY



Darryl Buchanan (left) presents one of the new baseball travel bags to head coach Earl Mathewson.

Marshall, Cooper Named All-Conference

Two Bryant basketball players, Karyn Marshall and Gregg Cooper, earned selection to their respective 1984-85 women's and men's Northeast-8 Conference All-Star teams.

Marshall, the 6-4 junior center, was named to the women's first-team All-Conference squad after leading the Conference in scoring with an 18.8 average (19.1 in Conference play).

Her All-Conference selection was the third honor the St. Alban's, Vt., native gained for her play this season. She also became the first Bryant women's basketball player to earn first-team All-East honors when she was named to both the ECAC Division II North All-Star team and the Kodak Division II Eastern regional team.

Cooper, the 6-6 junior from Augusta, Me., earned second-team selection on the men's NE-8 all-stars. Cooper was one of the Conference's leading scorers throughout the season, finishing with a 17.4 average.

A senseless, tragic accident prevented Gary Buchanan from ever becoming a member of the Bryant baseball team, but the memory of the Bristol, Conn., youth is being carried wherever the Bryant nine goes this year.

Gary was a 17-year old Bristol High senior on the Thanksgiving Day morning in 1981 when he was killed in a freak accident while marching in the annual town parade to the traditional Thanksgiving Day football game.

The younger brother of Darryl Buchanan, senior tri-captain of this year's Bryant baseball team, Gary had planned to enroll at Bryant as a member of the Class of 1986.

"A car went through the police line that was set up for the parade and hit and killed my brother," said Darryl. "It was a real freak accident. He was the only one hurt."

Shortly after Gary's death, the people of Bristol formed the Gary Buchanan Memorial Fund in honor of the star high school athlete.

Several special sports events are held throughout the year with the admissions proceeds going to the fund.

For the past few years, the Fund has been used to aid athletic teams and individual athletes throughout the Bristol area.

"The Fund has been used to cover unforseen expenses for amateur teams in the Bristol area," offered Darryl. "It has helped pay travel expenses for teams and individuals who have qualified for national and regional tournaments and buy awards for

teams that have won championships."

The Fund is administered by Darryl's parents, Melvin and Marilyn Buchanan.

This year the Buchanans felt they would like to have the team for which Darryl has played for four years, but Gary never had a chance to, also benefit from the fund.

Upon Darryl's suggestion, at the start of the season the Gary Buchanan Memorial Fund made a contribution of 25 baseball travel bags to the members of the this year's, and future, Bryant baseball team.

"My parents wanted to do something for the baseball team and we felt this was a way of helping this year's team and future teams," said Darryl. "I have really enjoyed my four years here and I know my brother would have, too."

"The team appreciates the Buchanans' thoughtfulness," said head coach Earl Mathewson. "Darryl has played an instrumental role in the turn-around of the Bryant baseball program. Both his play and his team spirit have helped make our program a winner."

Buchanan recently became the all-time Bryant hit leader as he upped his four-year total to 116 hits (as of April 20).

The 5-8 shortstop now holds five Bryant all-time baseball records. In addition to being the total hit leader, he also has played more games than any other Bryant player, scored more runs, been at bat more times and stolen more bases.

Traver Named Votolato Award Winner

Nancy Traver, a four-year standout for the women's basketball team, has been named recipient of the 1985 Vincent Votolato Award, the annual award presented to the outstanding graduating student-athlete.

Traver, a Watertown, Conn., resident, scored a total of 750 points during her four-year career, making her one of the top 10 scorers in the history of the Bryant women's basketball program.

This past season she helped the Lady Indians to a 21-8 record with a 7.0 scoring average and a 7.8 rebounding mark.

A management major, Nancy also compiled a cumulative 3.58 academic average in her four years at Bryant.

She will receive the award at the commencement ceremonies on May 18.



Nancy Traver

Men's Basketball

Young Hoopsters Surprise, Look Ahead to '85-86

There were no championship trophies or NCAA post-season tournament berths, but the 1984-85 season gave Bryant men's basketball fans a lot of hope for the future.

With only one senior in the lineup, the young Indians were the surprise of the Northeast-8 Conference as they finished fifth in the eight-team loop after being picked for last in a pre-season coaches poll.

The 5-7 record during regular season Conference play was part of an 11-17 overall season mark, a dramatic improvement over last year's 6-21 slate.

"I think several of our younger players proved they have the talent to help make Bryant a Northeast-8 title contender in the next few years," said Indians coach Leon Drury.

"With 7 of our top 8 scorers returning next year and the addition of three outstanding recruits, I'm already looking forward to the '85-86 season."

As expected, Gregg Cooper, the 6-6 junior forward, was the team's leading scorer during the 84-85 campaign with a 17-4 average, third highest in the Northeast-8 Conference. His 484 points gave him a career total of 1073, putting him 12th on the all-time Bryant scoring list.

But it was the play of Manny Barrows that caught rival coaches by surprise. Barrows,

respectively. Collectively, seven players who will be back next year accounted for an average of 60 points per game.

Drury also expects some immediate help next year from three high school seniors who have signed letters of their intent to attend Bryant — Derek Higgs, Jeff Martin and Jamie Ryan.

Higgs is a 6-6 forward from Springfield

Garden High in Queens, NY. He recently started for the Queens All-Star team in the nationally famous New York City Wheelchair charity all-star tournament.

BRYANT BASKETBALL RECRUITS

Derek Higgs	6-6 Forward	Springfield Garden High	Queens, NY
Jeff Martin	5-8 Guard	Martin Van Buren High	Queens, NY
Jamie Ryan	6-2 Guard	Horace Greeley High	Chappaquea, NY

the 6-0 guard from Classical High in Providence, established his credentials as the NE-8 premier point guard as he averaged 9.9 points while also dishing out a conference-high 6.3 assists per game.

Two freshmen forwards — Art Whitehead and Michael Reed — were Nos. 4 and 5 on the scoring list with 8.1 and 6.6 averages,

Martin, who along with Higgs was a Queens all-league selection, is a 5-8 point guard from Martin Van Buren High.

Ryan is a 6-2 guard who averaged 24 points for Horace Greeley High in Chappaquea, NY this past winter. The performance earned him selection on the Westchester County all-star team.

Another Newcomer Gives Indian Nine Solid 1-2 Punch

A year ago it was Jimmy Abbott, the Coventry, RI native, who didn't play baseball during his freshman year then became one of New England's top collegiate hitters in his first season of college competition as a sophomore.

Abbott is a familiar face around the New England collegiate circles this year so the impressive .463 average he compiled in the first 12 games of the season didn't surprise anyone.

But there's another newcomer in the forefront of the race for the New England and Northeast-8 batting title and once again he is wearing a Bryant uniform.

In his first season of collegiate play, Bryant junior Tony Garganese has joined with Abbott to give the Indians the best one-two punch in the New England Division II ranks. In 12 games as of April 11, Garganese had banged out 20 hits in 41 appearances for a .487 average. That made him the No. 2 hitter in the Northeast-8 Conference (Abbott was third) and the No. 6 hitter in New England.

Garganese, a 6-2, 210-pound outfielder, actually sat out two years before he finally got a chance to wear the Bryant uniform. In 1983 he sat out a season of transfer ineligibility after coming to Bryant from Merrimack College. Last spring, he was expected to be in the starting lineup, but at mid-year he received a one-semester academic internship in computer sciences which kept him off the field for a second consecutive spring.

The prolonged layoff obviously didn't have any ill effects as he has hit safely in all but one of the first 12 games.

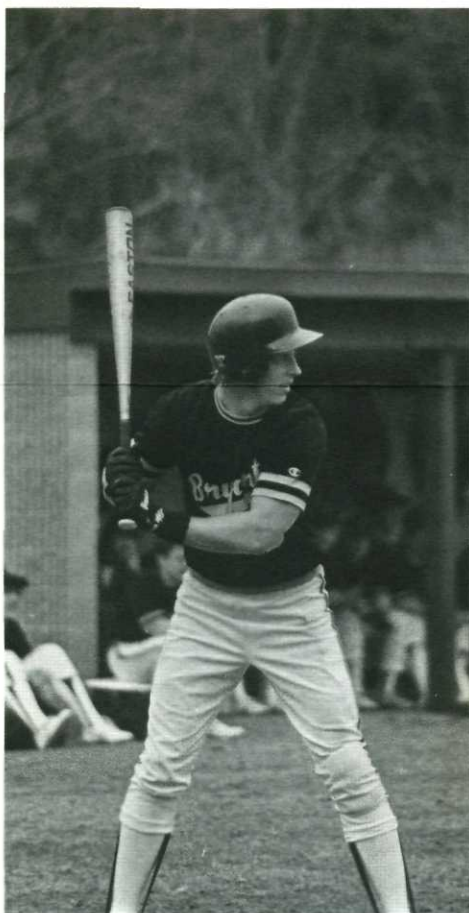
He and Abbott also gave the Indians two of the region's top home run hitters during the first half of the season. Abbott was the NE-8 Conference home run leader after the first two weeks with five round trippers in 12 games and Garganese had four.

The Abbott-Garganese combination is one reason the Indians are off to their best start in several years, but certainly not the only one.

As of April 11, coach Earl Mathewson's squad had compiled an 8-4 record which included a 23-12 shellacking of Rhode Island College and a 10-9 victory over Assumption, the pre-season favorite to win the Northeast-8 title.

In less than half of the season, they set a school record for most team home runs in a season with 18 in 12 games. Abbott and Garganese accounted for 50% of that production, but five other players also hit four-baggers. One of those homers was a three-run shot by Tony Bellagamba that gave the Indians their final three runs in the 10-9 victory over Assumption.

But the most important part of the season is on tap over the final two weeks of April. On April 26-27, they'll go after the Northeast-8 title in the conference's first tournament.



JIM ABBOTT

1984 Northeast-8 Conference batting champion and Rookie of the Year.

Women's Softball Offers Duffy New Challenge

He has traveled around the country with the world's most famous softball pitcher. He has coached a team to the Little League World Series and he's been a general manager of both professional hockey and soccer teams.

But in his 45-year involvement with sports, one thing George Patrick Duffy had never done was coach a women's team — until this spring.

Duffy, the legendary sports promoter and coach, who once directed the national tour of Eddie Feigner's King and His Court softball team, added women's coaching to his lengthy resume this spring when he took over as interim coach of the Bryant women's softball team.

Duffy replaced Lorraine Hudak, the six-year Lady Indians' coach, who is on maternity leave this spring.

"I didn't think there were any new experiences left for me in the world of sports," said the 65-year-old Duffy, "but coaching the women has presented a lot of new challenges. They are a great group of kids. I'm enjoying it and I hope they are."

Duffy's biggest challenge is filling the void created by the graduation of Lynne Wright, the pitching ace who led the Lady Indians



Coach George Patrick Duffy discusses strategy.

to winning seasons in both 1983 and 1984.

Without a pitcher capable of matching Wright's average of seven strikeouts per game, Duffy is expected to concentrate on building a solid defense, especially in the infield.

Junior Julie Mayhew, backup to Wright last year, and newcomers Kathy Oowler and Lynne Aher will handle the pitching duties.

Mayhew also is expected to play a major role in the offense. The leading hitter on last year's team with a .355 average, she'll be in the outfield when she isn't hitting.

In the first three weeks of the season, Mayhew lived up to everyone's expectations as she led the team in hitting with a .354 average (17 hits in 48 trips). She and three other players, Laura Nesteriak, Tammy Barker and Erin Beatson shared the team lead for most runs scored with 12 each and Nesteriak was the team RBI leader with 18 in 20 games.

Oowler was the biggest surprise of the season with her performance on the mound. In one week-end she won three games on the mound, including a three-hit shutout over American International, the Yellowjackets' first Northeast-8 Conference loss at the time.

Women's Basketball

A Second Straight 20-Win Season

For the first time in 10 years, a Bryant College basketball team has posted back-to-back 20-victory seasons and this time the honor belongs to the women.

The 1984-85 Lady Indian hoopsters became the most successful team in Bryant women's basketball history as they recorded a 21-7 record during the recently completed season, topping by one victory the record set in 1983-84.

The last time a Bryant roundball team enjoyed back-to-back 20-victory seasons was in 1973-74 and 74-75 when the men's team posted 20-6 and 20-8 records respectively.

Karyn Marshall, the 6-4 junior center, was the mainstay of the attack with her 18.8 scoring average and 10.3 rebounding mark.

But Marshall was only one reason for the Lady Indians' impressive 73.5 ppg team scoring average. Two other players, Donnetta Barros and Beth Hanson, also averaged in double figures; Hanson at 11.8 and Barros at 10.3.

Hanson, a senior from Scituate, R.I., became the third female member of the Bryant 1,000 Point club late in the season. Her 343 points in 29 games gave her a final career total of 1,018 points.

Earlier in the season, Marshall had become the second woman in the select club, joining former Lady Indians star Sue Crisafi. By the end of the season, Marshall had replaced Crisafi as the all-time scoring leader with a three-year career total of 1,413 points.

Three other veteran performers, Ann-

Marie Harrington, Debbie Voelkner and Nancy Traver combined for an average of 23 points per game. Harrington was the No. 4 scorer on the team with an 8.6 average, Voelkner averaged 7.3 and Traver had 7 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Shorts Leads Bowlers To New England Crown

The varsity bowling team, led by all-event champion Todd Shorts, captured the New England ACUI regional championship last month.

Shorts, a senior from Manchester, CT., compiled a 1,846 pinfall in nine tournament games for a top average of 205. The performance earned him a trip to the national ACUI tournament on May 9-12 in Tulsa, OK. It is the second time in the past three years Shorts has earned a trip to the national event.

In addition to their regional championship, the Indian "Kuglers" also finished second in the 16-team Tri-State Conference during the regular season. Shorts also was the top scorer during the regular season with a 193 average, second highest individual average in the league.

Senior Stan Duda, who rolled the highest single game of the season (257), followed Shorts with a 184 average. Other team averages were: Dave Martin (180); Gary Arwin (177); Pete Cohen and Tim Geleta (176) and Jeff Grapes (171).

Bryant Golfers Hope to Capture Back-to-Back Titles

Bryant will be trying to become the first team to win back-to-back championships and the Indians' Mike McKenna tries to become the first two-time individual champion when the Northeast-8 Conference holds its fourth annual golf championship at the Pleasant Valley Country Club on April 28.

The NE-8 tournament is one of the highlights on the 1985 spring link schedule that also included three tournaments in Florida earlier in the season and hopefully will conclude with a berth in the national NCAA Division II tournament in May.

McKenna, a junior from Danvers, MA., Ollie Hallett, a sophomore from South Yarmouth, MA., and Mario Solari, a senior from Canton, CT., are the returning vets from the team that captured last year's NE-8 championship. That trio, plus four freshmen — Gary Young, John DeBonis, Frank Clark and Paul Keating — have been the top performers during the early part of the season.

Solari and Young carded the low 72 hole totals in the Sunshine Invitational in Key Biscayne, FL., each posting 325 leading the Indians to a 12th place finish in the 19-team national invitational tournament.

The Indians also looked impressive in dual match competition against New England opponents with a 7-1 record in the first two weeks of the season.

Ledversis Leads Young Net Squad

For the fourth straight year, Kevin Ledversis will give Bryant one of the top tennis players in the Northeast-8 Conference, but the Cranston, RI senior will be the only familiar name in the Bryant lineup when the Indians go after the NE-8 title at the annual conference tournament April 20-21 at Stonehill College.

Ledversis, a singles semifinalist in each of the past two NE-8 tournaments, is the only returning starter from last year's team that posted a 9-1 dual match record and a second place finish in the Conference tournament.

Joining Ledversis this spring will be two semi-veterans and a host of newcomers. Senior Keith Schneider, who was the No. 6 singles player in 1983 before spending last year studying in Australia, will move up to the No. 2 spot in the lineup.

The only other player with any varsity experience is Bob Hanson, a sophomore who played in three matches last year. Hanson is expected to be among the top four singles players.

The other starting berths are expected to be filled by newcomers Pete Cavalero, Bob Quirk, Mike Dolan and Jim Adams.

SCOREBOARD

1984-85 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCORES

New Hampshire College 65, Bryant 64
Bryant 96, Plymouth State 69
Lowell 82, Bryant 70
Bridgeport 75, Bryant 58
Bryant 67, Concordia 66
Bryant 90, RIC 89
Southern Connecticut 68, Bryant 49
Central Connecticut 91, Bryant 69
URI 83, Bryant 50
Sacred Heart 78, Bryant 67
Bryant 72, Mercy 67
Bryant 85, New Haven 81
Bryant 84, Stonehill 79
Bryant 74, Merrimack 71
Bentley 73, Bryant 63
AIC 93, Bryant 77
St. Anselm 72, Bryant 71
Springfield 80, Bryant 64
Bryant 95, Assumption 73
Bentley 54, Bryant 52
Bryant 73, Merrimack 71
AIC 70, Bryant 65
Bryant 77, St. Anselm 66
Assumption 75, Bryant 54
Stonehill 76, Bryant 62
Bryant 102, St. Joseph's 88
Springfield 62, Bryant 58
Springfield 74, Bryant 61

1984-85 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCORES

Bryant 79, New Hampshire College 68
Bryant 84, Lowell 51
Bryant 84, Quinnipiac 83
Bryant 86, New Haven 70
Bryant 80, Rhode Island College 65
Bryant 58, Army 57
Southern Connecticut 70, Bryant 68
Bryant 85, Hartford 67
Bryant 76, Salem State 56
Vermont 70, Bryant 61
Bryant 73, St. Michael's 62
Bryant 102, Sacred Heart 65
Bryant 67, Stonehill 65
Bryant 79, Merrimack 63
Bentley 72, Bryant 63
Bryant 78, AIC 55
Bryant 69, St. Anselm 64
Bryant 82, Springfield 58
Bryant 71, Assumption 69
Bentley 61, Bryant 57
Bryant 75, Merrimack 52
Bryant 93, AIC 74
Bryant 69, St. Anselm 67
Assumption 76, Bryant 72
Stonehill 80, Bryant 72
Bryant 74, Springfield 53
Bryant 69, Assumption 57
Bentley 76, Bryant 47
Southern Connecticut 79, Bryant 69

1985 BASEBALL

Scores to Date (4-20-85)

Bryant 10, Salve Regina 2	Bryant 16, Worcester State 6
Salve Regina 10, Bryant 9	Bryant 10, Assumption 9
Bryant 15, Coast Guard 5	Bryant 5, Springfield 1
SMU 6, Bryant 4	Springfield 6, Bryant 3
Bryant 12, St. Joseph's 6	Stonehill 9, Bryant 8
Bryant 17, St. Joseph's 14	Stonehill 8, Bryant 2
Bentley 3, Bryant 2	Bryant 8, Nichols 6
Bentley 3, Bryant 1	Bryant 29, Merrimack 16
Bryant 12, Babson 10	RIC 9, Bryant 6
Bryant 23, RIC 12	



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