



Women Win NE-10 Hoop Crown

All championship seasons are special, but 1987-88 provided a little extra magic for the Bryant women basketball players.

"This is the second championship we have won in the past three years and this one definitely is special," said co-captain Patty Coelho after the Lady Indians captured the Northeast 10 Conference championship with an upset of Bentley in the title game of the Conference tournament.

"Maybe it's because nobody, except us, thought we could do it; or because everybody on the team played a role in winning," Coelho continued.

They were the Rodney Dangerfields of the Northeast 10. The team that nobody respected. But, unlike old Rodney, they became the team that took home the big prize at the end of the year.

"Nobody around the Conference gave Bryant women's basketball any respect," added Coelho. "Even after we won in 1986, people didn't respect our program. I guess they figured that was a team with all seniors in the starting lineup so we would only be



Northeast-10 Commissioner Al Shields presents championship plaque to the women's basketball team.

HALL OF FAME ADDS 10 MEMBERS

Ten athletes and coaches who played prominent roles in the development of the Bryant College athletic program over the past 50 years have been selected as the 1988 inductees for the Bryant Athletic Hall of Fame.

The list includes eight former athletes and two coaches. The former athletes are basketball players Bob Chuprevich, Jim Gary and Lionel Mercier, soccer players Don Wilson and John Feeley, baseball players Brian Drought and Keith MacWhorter and bowler Ken McKenzie.

The coaches are former basketball coach Tom Folliard and Archie Boulet, the current Bryant golf coach.

Gary and Mercier are being honored posthumously.

The new members will be inducted at the 2nd annual Hall of Fame dinner scheduled for Thursday evening, June 9, at the Bryant College Center.

The dinner will be part of the annual Bryant Alumni Weekend activities.

Profiles on each of the inductees can be found on Page 3.

on top for one year. I hope what this year's team accomplished finally gives Bryant basketball some respect."

With only two seniors — Coelho and co-captain Lori Mahler — on the roster, the Lady Indians captured their second NE-10 Conference title in three years and also set a Bryant women's basketball record for most victories in one season with a 22-9 final overall record.

"At the beginning of the season I felt if everybody was willing to accept specific roles and work at it, we could be very successful," said head coach Ralph Tomasso. "I felt we had a chance to win the Conference title. But I don't think there were too many other people around the league who agreed with me."

The pre-season poll of Conference coaches backed up Tomasso's assumption. Only one of the nine other Conference coaches besides Tomasso picked Bryant to win this year's Conference title. Based on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 scoring system, the Lady Indians received only 64 points in the pre-season poll, placing them third, 35 points behind first place Bentley.

After a season-opening loss to Lowell, the Bryant women rolled off six straight victories before losing to the host team in the opening round of the Florida Atlantic Invitational. They then compiled a 13-5 record

in regular season Northeast-10 Conference play followed by three straight victories in the post-season tournament.

The highlight was a 71-63 victory over Bentley, the regular season champion, in the title game.

The victory earned the Lady Indians the NE-10's automatic berth in the 32-team NCAA national Division II tournament. Unfortunately for Tomasso and the team, the opening round opponent was Delta State of Mississippi, one of the nation's top ranked teams. Delta, an eventual Final Four participant, rolled to a 98-65 victory over the Lady Indians in their opening round game played in Cleveland, Miss.

The offensive leader of the team was Mahler, a 5-6 guard from Dennis, Mass. In 29 games, she scored 532 points for an 18.4 ppg average. The performance made her the No. 2 scorer in the Northeast-10 Conference.

Two other players, Stephanie Ladd and Laura Scinto, also averaged in double figures with 12.8 and 12.7 ppg, respectively. In addition to the high scoring trio, Tomasso also received at least four points or better per game from five other players — Chris Root, Coelho, Donna O'Brien, April Peckham and Stephanie Cooper.

Coelho, Ladd and Root also averaged at least 7 rebounds per game.

Recruiting Report

Coaches Can't Wait Until Next Year

The record book still isn't shut on the 1987-88 collegiate sports season, but several Bryant coaches already are talking about next year.

A combination of talented veterans returning from this year's highly successful teams mixing with what could be one of the best group of first-year athletes in Bryant history has Indian coaches smiling about the prospects for the 1988-89 campaigns.

Men's soccer coach Lou Verrochi is wearing one of the biggest smiles.

Last fall Verrochi directed the Indian booters to their second consecutive berth in the title round of the Northeast 10 Conference post-season tournament, where they lost to Quinnipiac. Now as he looks at next fall's potential roster, he can't help but think it may be the year the Indians finally put a piece of championship soccer hardware in the trophy case.

The return of 12 veterans, including All-American Silverio Araujo, is the big reason for Verrochi's optimistic outlook.

In addition to his veterans, Verrochi also expects to have at least six rookies who could make an immediate contribution to the Indians' hopes for a Conference title.

Heading Verrochi's list of newcomers are Mike Bullen and Brian Latkowski, a pair of transfers from the University of Massachusetts and Central Connecticut, respectively. Bullen was a former All-State forward at Franklin, Mass. High and Latkowski was an All-Stater at Guilford, Conn., High.

9 assists this season. Cinsinger, son of Brown University coach Mike Cinsinger, averaged 10 points and 7 assists this season.

Simmons, a 6-4 shooter, was one of the leading scorers in the New Jersey Shore Conference this season, averaging 19.6 ppg.

The swingman is Scott Meyers from Troy, N.Y., High. An all-conference selection this year, Meyers averaged 21.7 points and 9 rebounds per game.

The new big man is Richie Rose, a 6-6 forward from Catholic Memorial High in Massachusetts. Rose averaged 18 points per game this season for Catholic Memorial.

"We are very pleased with the players who have committed to attend Bryant next year," said head coach Leon Drury. "They all are talented players. They are not the type of players who will be collegiate stars overnight. But we expect they each can make immediate contributions to our program."

Women's basketball coach Ralph Tomasso hopes four will equal two in 1988-89.

Tomasso, who directed the Lady Indians to this year's Northeast 10 Conference championship, is hoping that four incoming freshmen can fill the void created by the graduation of this year's two captains — Lori Mahler and Patty Coelho.

Tomasso's four recruits are Colleen Monahan, a 5-8 guard from Danvers, Mass., High; Jennifer Spencer, a 5-11 forward from Pingree School in Massachusetts; Heather Houle, a 5-8

MEN'S BASKETBALL

David Cingiser, 5-11, Guard, North Kingstown, R.I.

William Favro, 5-11, Guard, Monroe, Conn.

Scott Meyer, 6-3, Guard/Forward, Troy, N.Y.

Richie Rose, 6-6, Forward, Roslindale, Mass.

Chris Simmons, 6-4, Guard, Wall, N.J.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bridget Casey, 5-7, Guard, Easton, Mass.

Heather Houle, 5-8, Guard, Dennis-Yarmouth, Mass.

Colleen Monahan, 5-8, Guard, Danvers, Mass.

Jennifer Spencer, 5-11, Forward, Peabody, Mass.

MEN'S SOCCER

Mike Bullen, Forward, Franklin, Mass.

Jamie Bergeron, Forward, Brooklyn, Conn.

Dave Britten, Midfielder, Goshen, N.Y.

Gerard Eustace, Goalie, Peekskill, N.Y.

Brian Latkowski, Forward, Guilford, Conn.

Dan Pascarella, Goalie, Madison, Conn.

Steve Rager, Sweeper, Spring Valley, N.Y.

GOLF

Donald Wilson, Somerset, Mass.

Bob Skinner, Holden, Mass.

BASEBALL

Ross Yanco, Outfielder, Peabody, Mass.

Five outstanding high school players also have informed Verrochi that they will attend Bryant next fall. Dan Pascarella from Madison, Conn., and Gerard Eustace from Peekskill, N.Y., are a pair of goaltenders who probably will wage a battle for the starting goaltending spot being vacated by graduating senior Bob Bevan.

The other recruits are Steve Rager, an All-League sweeper from Spring Valley, N.Y., Jamie Bergeron, a forward from Brooklyn, Conn., and Dave Britten, a midfielder from Goshen, N.Y.

Men's basketball coach Leon Drury also has enjoyed his most successful recruiting season in several years.

As of mid-April, five outstanding high school players have committed to attend Bryant next year. The five players will give the 1988-89 Indian hoopsters their largest group of freshmen in the past 10 years.

The list includes three guards, a forward and a player capable of playing in either the front or back court.

The guards are Willy Favro from Masuk High School in Monroe Conn., Dave Cinsinger from North Kingstown, R.I., High and Chris "CJ" Simmons from St. Rose High in Wall, N.J.

Favro and Cinsinger are a pair of 5-11 point guards. Favro, who also was an All-State football player, averaged 9 points and

guard from Dennis-Yarmouth, Mass., High and Bridget Casey, a 5-7 guard from Oliver Ames High in Massachusetts.

Monahan was a two-time All Conference selection and MVP of the Massachusetts Northeast Conference in 1987. This season she averaged 18 points, 9 rebounds and 6 assists per game.

Spencer averaged 25 points and 14 rebounds per game en route to all Southern New England all-prep selection. Houle was the Cape Cod Division One Player of the Year this season as she averaged 15 points per game.

Casey was the No. 4 scorer in the Massachusetts Hockomock League this year with a 15 ppg average. She also collected seven assists and five rebounds per game.

The golf program has added two more top New England golfers with the commitment of Donald Wilson of Somerset, Mass., and Bob Skinner of Holden, Mass.

"Don and Bob are two of what we hope will be several outstanding high school golfers who will be attending Bryant next year," said head coach Archie Boulet in mid-April. "We hope a few other players will select Bryant over the next few weeks."

Mahler Named All-Conference

Senior Lori Mahler, who led the women's basketball team to the Northeast 10 Conference championship with an average of 18 points per game, was named to the Northeast 10 Conference first-team All-Conference squad.



Mahler scored 532 points in 29 games this season giving her a four-year career total of 1,036 points. The total makes her only the fifth female Bryant basketball player to surpass the 1,000 career point mark.

In addition to Mahler's first-team selection, junior Stephanie Ladd earned second team All-Conference honors. Ladd also was named Most Valuable Player in the post-season tournament.

Jim Hallet Plays On National TV

Millions of American golf fans heard a lot about Bryant College during CBS' coverage of the final round of the PGA's Heritage Classic on Sunday, April 17.

Bryant grad Jim Hallet, who was playing with Greg Norman, the eventually champion, was shown continually during the two-hour broadcast and Jim's alma mater was mentioned several times.

Jimmy also was featured on a CBS special of tour rookies on Feb. 28. He mentioned how it was his coach at Bryant, Archie Boulet, who helped him develop into an outstanding collegiate golfer.

Hallet is also the subject of a series on being a PGA Tour rookie by Sports Inc. magazine. Sports Inc. is a Times-Mirror national sports business publication.

The series will follow Jim through his rookie season providing insight into the expenses and earning of a PGA player. The first article appeared in the April 4 edition.

Bryant to Host Patriots Again

The Bryant campus will serve as the summer home of the New England Patriots once again this year.

The Patriots are scheduled to begin their pre-season training camp on July 17. Rookies and some select veterans will be on hand for the first week with the majority of the veterans scheduled to report on July 23.

The five-week training camp is scheduled to close on August 21. The public is invited to all Patriots practice sessions, which are held on the intramural athletic fields behind the varsity baseball field.

Legere Qualifies For National Tourney

Varsity bowler John Legere has qualified for the National Collegiate Bowling Tournament sponsored by the National Association of College Unions.

Legere, a sophomore from Fairlawn, N.J. earned a berth in the 32-player national tourney with a 1,988 total pin fall in nine games of the eastern regional tournament in March. The national tournament is scheduled for May 6th at the ABC Tournament Lanes in Jacksonville, Florida.



John Thomas

Thomas Joins Sports Panel

John Thomas, former Olympic silver medal-winning high jumper, will join Bryant president William O'Hara and other sports professionals to discuss the "Role of College Athletics Today" at a special sports forum on Saturday, June 11 in the Bryant Center.

The forum is part of the annual Alumni Reunion activities, which also includes the Athlete Hall of Fame dinner on Thursday, June 9.

Thomas, a former Boston University All-American, won high jump medals in both the 1960 and 64 Olympic games. Since he retired from competition, he has been actively involved in promoting amateur athletics throughout the country.

Dr. O'Hara currently is serving his second term as a member of the NCAA President Commission. He also is a member of the ad hoc committee for the Presidents Commission's National Forum series.

Joining Thomas and Dr. O'Hara on the panel will be Dave Reid, sports editor of the Providence Journal-Bulletin; Bill Parrillo, Journal-Bulletin sports columnist, John Gillooly, Bryant's director of sports information and Jennifer Proud. Ms. Proud is a former Bryant cross country and track star and Hall of Famer. She is currently vice president of Spectrum Sports, the management firm for Ivan Lendl, the world's top-ranked tennis player.

Larranaga Wins 3-Point Shootout

Bryant senior Tom Larranaga captured the title in the annual three-point shooting contest at the Northeast 10 Conference championship basketball game.



Larranaga, who was one of the top three-point shooters during the regular season won the title with a total of 30 three point shots in the three, 30-second rounds.

He advanced to the title round by sinking nine shots in each of the first two rounds then defeated Charlie Mellinger of St. Anselm, 12-9, in the championship round.

Larranaga also was one the NE-10's top three point shooters during the regular season when he hit 83 of 186 three-point attempts. His three-point conversions helped him post a 16.0 ppg average, the top average for the men's basketball team this season.

Larranaga was one of four players who hit in double figures for the men's team, which finished the season with a 6-24 record. Junior Jamie Ryan, who missed 11 games because of injuries followed Larranaga with a 14.4 average.

Junior Derek Higgs and sophomore Bob Arnemann ranked among the top four on the team in both scoring and rebounding. Higgs compiled a 14.4 scoring average and 9.4 rebounding mark while Arnemann collected an averaged of 10.2 points and 5.9 rebounds.

Freshman forward Julius Sacko, a former Rhode Island All-Stater from Providence's Classical High, gave indications of a promising future with his late-season performance. From mid-January until the end of the season, Sacko averaged 10 points and 6 rebounds per game. The late-season surge gave him overall averages of 6.5 points and 3.7 rebounds per game.



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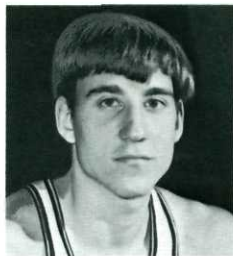
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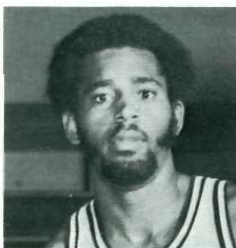
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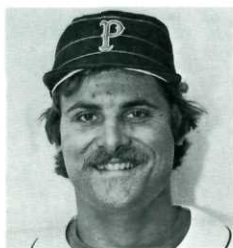
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— 1988 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES —

ARCHIE BOULET

Archie is the only coach in the 25-year history of the Bryant varsity golf program.

Over the past 25 years he has become one of the most successful and respected collegiate golf coaches in the nation. For the past 16 years either an individual member or the entire Bryant team has qualified for all but one national NCAA Division II national tournament. Also over the past 10 years, 10 Bryant players have earned All-America honors.

BOB CHUPREVICH

Bob is one of only three Bryant basketball players to score 1,000 points in two seasons of competition. (Hall of Fame members Tom Smile and Ernie DeWitt are the other two.)

A 6-4 sharpshooting forward, he scored a total of 1,107 points during the 1967-68 and 1968-69 seasons.

JOHN FEELEY

John became the first Bryant athlete to receive All-America recognition when he earned Honorable Mention selection on the 1975 NAIA All-America soccer team.

An outstanding goaltender, his play during his junior year in 1975 led Bryant to its first berth in a post-season soccer tournament.

TOM FOLLIARD

Bryant's head men's basketball coach and athletic director from 1968 until 1978, Tom still holds the record for most victories by a Bryant basketball coach with 173 during his 10-year tenure.

He directed the Indians to four post-season tournament berths, including their first NCAA appearance in 1978.

JIM GARY

Jim was captain and the leading scorer on the 1970-71 men's basketball team. Upon graduating from Bryant, he began a career in youth development, working especially with disadvantaged minority youngsters.

Jim died suddenly in November, 1986, at the age of 37. At the time of his death he was executive director of the New Haven, Conn., Child Development Program. The program was New Haven's largest childrens' education development agency.

KEN MCKENZIE

The current Bryant varsity bowling coach, Ken was one of the most successful in a long list of outstanding Bryant bowlers.

During his collegiate career in the early 70s, Ken qualified for four consecutive national NAIA and ACU tournaments and twice led the entire Bryant team to national tourneys.

Since taking over as head coach nine years ago, Ken has developed the Indians into one of the leading collegiate bowling teams in the East.

KEITH MacWHORTER

A former standout pitcher for Bryant in the early 70s, Keith went on to enjoy a seven-year professional baseball career, including a tour with the Boston Red Sox.

Signed to a professional contract by the LA Dodgers after graduating from Bryant in 1974, he later was cut by the Dodger organization but was resigned by the Red Sox. Within two years he moved up from Class A to Triple AAA and saw mound duty with the Red Sox in Boston.

BRIAN DROUGHT

Brian played a key role in the development of the newly formed Bryant varsity baseball program in the early 60s.

A star outfielder for three years from 1963-66, he served as captain of the team in 1966. He was named the first recipient of the Vincent Votolato award, an award that now has been given for 23 years to the outstanding senior student-athlete.

Since graduating in 1966, he has been active in alumni activities. Over the past 15 years he has served in several alumni positions, including vice president of the Alumni Executive Board in 1976 and 77.

DON WILSON

A member of Bryant's first varsity soccer team in 1968, Don also served as co-captain of the Indian booters in his senior year in 1970. In the late 70s he returned to Bryant as Director of Alumni Relations, a position he held for three years before being named Director of Alumni Affairs at the University of Denver. He currently is Director of the U.S. Ski Association's Education Foundation.

LIONEL MERCIER

The late Lionel Mercier was a player, coach, teacher and administrator during his 45-year association with Bryant College. A "pepper pot" little guard on the Bryant basketball teams during his undergraduate years in the late 20s, he also served as a basketball coach when he returned to Bryant as a teacher in the mid 30s.

He went on to become the Dean of Bryant's Business Teacher Education program. In 1970, he was honored as the Rhode Island Business Educator of the Year by the Rhode Island Business Educators Association.

Patty Coelho Wins Votolato Award

Patty Coelho, co-captain of this year's Northeast 10 Conference championship women's basketball team, has been named the 24th recipient of the Vincent Votolato scholar-athlete award.

The Votolato award is awarded annually to the outstanding senior student-athlete. The recipient is selected by an awards committee.

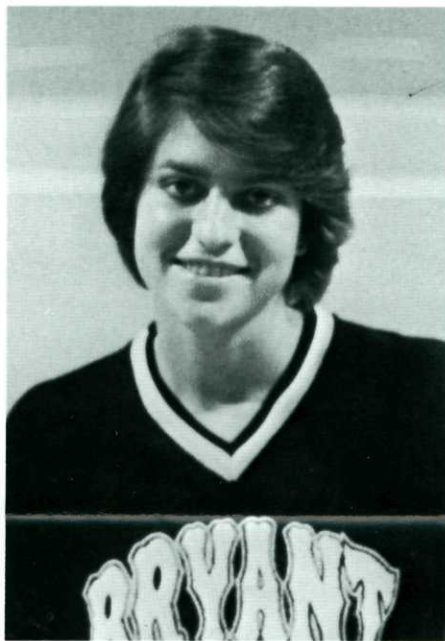
Coelho, a native of Hamilton, Bermuda, earned six varsity athletic letters during her collegiate career, four in basketball and two in volleyball.

After playing both basketball and volleyball during her first two years at Bryant, she gave up volleyball to devote more time to basketball during her junior and senior years.

A reserve forward during her first three seasons, she moved into the starting lineup this year and played a major role in the Lady Indians' surprising drive to the Northeast 10 Conference championship.

In 26 games, she was Bryant's top rebounder and one of the leading rebounders in the NE-10 Conference with an average of 7.4 rebounds per game.

She also scored 169 points, 46 points more than she scored in her first three seasons combined.



Patty Coelho

"There's no question Patty was one of the big reasons we were so successful this season," said women's basketball coach Ralph Tomasso.

"The key to our success was that everybody had a role to play and Patty set the example. She didn't try to be a star. She knew we needed her to do the rebounding and open up scoring opportunities for the other players. And that's what she did.

"She also gave all of us a lesson in human courage. Throughout the season she was suffering through a great personal tragedy with the illness and eventual death of her father. But she was always willing to help the other players, especially the young players, with their problems."

Academically, Coelho compiled a 3.8 cumulative point average (on a 4.0 scale) as an accounting major. It was the highest grade point average of the senior varsity athletes who had played at least two years.

She also is the second member of the women's basketball team to win the award in the past four years and the sixth consecutive female recipient.

Golfers Headed To NCAAs Again

Coach Archie Boulet's golf team is headed for its third consecutive berth in the NCAA Division II national golf tournament.

The Indians, who won both the Northeast 10 Conference and New England Intercollegiate titles last fall, clinched the one team berth allotted to the New England region for the national tourney.

The tournament is scheduled for May 17-20 at the Tan-Tar-A-Resort and Golf Club in Osaga Beach, Mo. The five-man Bryant team will be part of a 90-player field.

Ranked 8th in the national Division II poll at the start of the spring season, the Indians have maintained their lofty ranking with impressive performances in several southern tournaments during the month of March and at the West Point Invitational in early April.

Bryant was the top northern finisher, all divisions, in both the James Madison Classic in Virginia and the Embry-Riddle Invitational in Florida in mid-March.

At Embry-Riddle, the Indians' 8th place finish among the 24 entries put them ahead of several well-known Division One teams such as Notre Dame, Southern Illinois, Bradley and the Air Force Academy.

At West Point, Bryant was the top Division II finisher among the 25 teams with a fourth place overall finish. Only Army, St. John's and Central Connecticut, all Division I teams, finished ahead of the Indians.

Junior Dave French has been the most consistent player during the first half of the season. French was an all-tournament selection in both the Central Florida Classic and the Embry-Riddle tournament.

He also placed third among the 135 golfers at the West Point Invitational with a 54-hole total of 220.

FORMER VOTOLATO WINNERS

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| 1965 — Brian Drought, Baseball | 1977 — William Skinner, Track/CC |
| 1966 — Richard Smith, Baseball | 1978 — Glenn DelRoss, Tennis |
| 1967 — Glenn Pratt, Golf | 1979 — Dave Jackson, Tennis |
| 1968 — Gordon Balme, Baseball | 1980 — John Lisee, Bowling |
| 1969 — William Kingsford, Golf | 1981 — Dave Pellerin, Baseball |
| 1970 — John Quebman, Tennis | 1982 — Dave Hoffman, Track/CC |
| 1971 — Robert Armstrong, Track/CC | 1983 — Lisa Daley, Tennis |
| 1972 — Wayne Byers, Tennis | 1984 — Janna Joyce, Tennis |
| 1973 — Jeffrey Doppelt, Baseball | 1985 — Nancy Traver, Basketball |
| 1974 — Craig Stein, Tennis | 1986 — Lyse-Anne Wante, Track/CC |
| 1975 — John Kashmanian, Baseball | 1987 — Cheryl Eggleston, Tennis |
| 1976 — Craig Bogar, Swimming | |

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