
Alumni Newsletter – January 24, 2006

First of all, we hope that all the friends and families of the PSBC had a wonderful holiday. We are certain that everyone enjoyed the Penn State victory in the Orange Bowl, including the large PSBC contingent who were able to make the trip.

However, now that winter break is over, it has been time to get back to business. We have resumed our normal schedule of team lifts on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, with practices on Mondays and Wednesdays in the MultiSport Complex and Holuba hall. On the first Monday of practices, the final cuts were made, leaving a team of 26 with many key returnees and a few new faces. The 2006 official roster is as follows:

Ryan Albright, OF	Vic Evangelist, 1B	Joe Kozlowski, C
Brian Binder, P	Jonathan Felix, C	Greg Lisa, P
Dave Brodeur, P	Ryan Fitzgerald, OF	Drew Merritts, OF
Pete Chalfin, P	Ryan Frankeny, P	Mark Mihalik, 1B
Chris Connors, 2B	John Garczynski, P	Tim Ryan, SS
Mike Cramer, P	Joe Halackna, OF	Jason Shirey, P
Jason Crandall, 2B	Rudy Hersh, OF	Jordan Wagner, OF
Nate Decker, 3B	Donnie Howard, C	
Dan Deuliis, P	Andrew Jorges, SS	

Unfortunately, it must be noted that pitcher Marty Leslie had to pull himself from the roster because of a recent MRI that revealed torn ligaments in his elbow. He will be sorely missed, as Tommy John surgery seems unlikely; he was a great friend and a great competitor, and undoubtedly had the best head of hair on the team.

As far as our schedule goes, our first games will be in less than a month when we participate in North Carolina State's Wolfpack Invitational. It is a twelve team tournament with a four group round-robin setup, in which winners of their group advance to a four team bracket for the tourney title. Our group sets us against Elon University and the UNC Tarheels on Saturday, February 18th.

The remainder of our schedule will go as follows:

2/18	Elon University (at Wolfpack Invitational)
2/18	University of North Carolina (at Wolfpack Invitational)
2/19	TBA (at Wolfpack Invitational)
2/25	at James Madison University (DH)
2/26	at James Madison University
3/06	(DH at NCBA Spring Training Showcase)
3/07	(DH at NCBA Spring Training Showcase)
3/08	(DH at NCBA Spring Training Showcase)
3/25	at Carnegie Mellon University (DH)
3/26	at Carnegie Mellon University
4/01	Robert Morris University (DH)



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4/02 Robert Morris University
4/08 at West Virginia University (DH)
4/09 at West Virginia University
4/22 Kent State University (DH)
4/23 Kent State University
4/29 Alumni Weekend

The post season dates have not yet been announced, and additional out-of-conference games may be added, as we are hoping to make a trip to the Maryland/DC area.

Our full schedule and roster bios will soon be available on our new website, currently being designed by Mark Mihalik and Chris Connors. The new website will include more extensive team information, donation methods, and an online store that will be fully online and fully operational. It will completely eliminate the difficulties of the once-a-year ordering system we have done in years past. More will come regarding the new website and store in early February.

We would like to wish a belated happy new year to everyone, and we will keep you posted about upcoming events as the season draws nearer.

Sincerely,

Mark Mihalik, *President*
Greg Lisa, *Treasurer*

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