School Sports Scene

Second year in "B" conference

Southwestern stick men ready for action

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"We aren't going to be 12-0 this season but neither are going to be 0-12. We are going to win some games," said Southwestern's lacrosse coach George Kipp.

The Saber stickmen are in their second year in the MSA "B" conference after ten years and three championships in a row in the "C" conference.

Last year, Southwestern posted a 1-9 league record with a 2-10 overall record in a new conference.

According to Coach Kipp, last season was one of adjustment and learning for his team from the physical "C" conference to the "B" conference which emphasizes stickwork.

MISSED — Northwestern defender Eddie Stokes is out-maneuvered by a Southwestern Saber who is off and running, as Southwestern beat Northwestern 13-2 last week.

GOOD ADVICE — Southwestern's coach George Kipp gives his stickmen some words of wisdom during a timeout in the Northwestern game.

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The "B" conference consists of six teams. The three private school teams are Gibbons, Towson Catholic and Poly and Southwestern. Park, and the three city schools are Patterson, "I have back some good players this year," said Kipp. "This season will be one of much improvement."

Back for the Sabers in the midfield are 3-year veteran Lamont McCrea, who puts out 100 percent hustle in every game, and Eric Hemsley, who spends a lot of his own free time sharpening his stick work.

Also back are Tedd Sherill and faceoff man Vance McKinney among others.

On defense for Southwestern are Jeff Johnson, last year's back-up goalie now in the starting position.

In front of goalie Johnson are Kenny Jones, Lee Jay and Brian Dabney, the starting defensive line.

"We have a good first line team, but our bench lacks experience. A good lacrosse player cannot be made overnight. It takes time," said Kipp.

The lack of a junior varsity program because of money has hurt not only the Saber's program, but the city's lacrosse program as a whole.

"This may be Southwestern's last year in the "B" conference," stated Kipp.

"The kids enjoy the competition of conference, but it's hard to ask a tenth grader to play varsity in this league that has been playing for years," he said.

"But if this is our last season in the "B" conference, we're going out respectable," he said.

11th annual prep all-star games slated

The 11th Annual Baltimore Holiday Basketball Tournament is slated for next weekend, April 16, 17, and 18, at Morgan State University's Hill field house.

Eight All-Star teams will be featured in the showcase tournament, including three from the Baltimore area, the parochial, metro and city all-stars.

The five other teams are from Annapolis, New York City, Wilmington, Del, and two from the Washington, D.C. area.

The Poets Athletic Club, major sponsor of the tournament, is getting a helping hand from the Shriners Jerusalem Temple No. 4.

According to Nat Trader, the tournament director, the objectives are to provide exposure to local area talent to increase the number of college scholarships and to see a lot of good roundball action.

A list of former participants reads like a who's who of area basketball: Quinton Dailey of University of San Francisco; Ernest Graham and Larry Gibson of Maryland; Joe Carr of Towson State and the list goes on.

The tournament also boasts of five alumni in the NBA: Dudley Bradley, Bernard King, Vinnie Johnson, Edward Jordan and George Johnson.

Thursday, April 16	Friday, April 17	Saturday, April 18
4:30 Wilmington All-Stars vs Balto. Parochial All-Stars	Losers Games 1 & 2	Consolation Game 12:30 P.M.
6:00 Balto. Metro All-Stars vs Executive III (D.C.)	Losers Games 3 & 4	
7:30 Brooklyn, USA vs Washington, D.C. All-Stars	Winners Games 1 & 3	Championship Game 2:00 P.M.
9:00 Balto. City All-Stars vs Annapolis All-Stars	Winners Games 2 & 4	

The Baltimore City All-Stars will be coached by Lake Clifton's Woody Williams and assisted by Thomas Smith.

"I think we will win it. The kids are a good bunch and super aggressive and will do whatever it takes to win to keep the title in the city," said Williams.

Playing for him will be Austin Coates of Southwestern; Dave Bartholomew and Todd Harris of Lake Clifton; Rodney Cofield and Kevin Woods of Dunbar; Tyrone Curry and Michael Tate from Carver, and Dereck Hendricks, Brian Degrafenfried, Arnold Ross, Thomas Johnson and Gary Jefferson of Walbrook.

Taking the court for the Baltimore parochial squad will be Kenny Johnson, Robert Selby of Loyola; Marc Wilson, Darrell Edwards of Calvert Hall; Charles Pate and Tim Cole of Gibbons; Lenny Russell, George Young of St. Joe and Ellis Dawson and Anthony Briggers from Towson Catholic.

For the metropolitan All-Stars—Tom Davis, Doug Dudley of Aberdeen; Kevin Smith of Hammond; Brett Randall of Catonsville; John Weber of Falls

Mt. Hebron and Mitchell Smith of Milford Mill. ton; Mike Jones-Havre De Grace; Arvel Kiah of Woodlawn; Perry Young of Mt. Hebron and Mitchell Smith of Milford Mill.

Tickets for each day are $2 and may be purchased at the door.

Sports Schedule

Friday, April 10

Baseball
Gilman at Poly
Loyola at Patterson

Track - Boys
Walbrook at Poly
Northern at Patterson
Forest Park at Gilman
Mervo vs. Mt. St. Joe at Kirk Field
Southern at Dunbar
Douglass at Curley
Southwestern at Carver
McDonogh at City

Lacrosse
Southern vs. Northern at Swann Park
Edmondson at Northwestern
Poly at Friends
Gibbons at Patterson
Southwestern at Park
Forest Park at Walbrook

Monday, April 13

Baseball
Northwestern at Lake Clifton
Douglass at Edmondson
Southern at Walbrook
Northern vs. City at N. Harford Rec.
Mervo vs. Carver at Herring Run Park
Dunbar vs. Luthern at Clifton Park

Tennis
Northern at City College

Softball
Edmondson vs. Lake
Clifton at Slentz Field
Southern at Northwestern
Patterson at Northern
Poly at Eastern
Forest Park at Mervo
Western at Southwestern
Walbrook at Carver
Dunbar at City College

Tuesday, April 14

Baseball
Poly at Gibbons
Patterson at Gilman

Track - Boys
Walbrook at Dunbar
Gibbons at Douglass
Southern at City

Lacrosse
Southern at Lake Clifton
Forest Park at Edmondson
Poly at Gibbons
Northwestern at Walbrook
Patterson at Southwestern

Tennis
Forest Park at Northwestern
Friends at Poly
Dunbar vs. Patterson at Clifton Park

Badminton
Southwestern at Dunbar
Douglass at Carver
Walbrook at City College
Western vs. Edmondson at City
Mervo vs. Patterson at Northern
Lake Clifton vs. Southern at Dunbar
Poly vs. Forest Park at Carver

Northern softball team rebuilds

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Rebuilding will be the key word this season for the Northern High School softball team, last year's city champion.

Going 16-0 to win the crown, the Vikings relied mainly on the great arm of pitcher Valerie Megginson and a good infield.

But Megginson graduated, along with all but three starters from the winning squad.

Northern's coach Joe Voskul is optimistic that his team can capture the softball crown for a second year in a row.

"I believe that we can win it again this year, but we may have to fight it out with Patterson in our division to get there again," said Voskul.

Shelly Dunn will take over the duties on the Vikings' pitcher's mound. The right-handed sophomore is playing in her first year of varsity action, but Shelly has a couple of seasons of rec ball under her belt for experience.

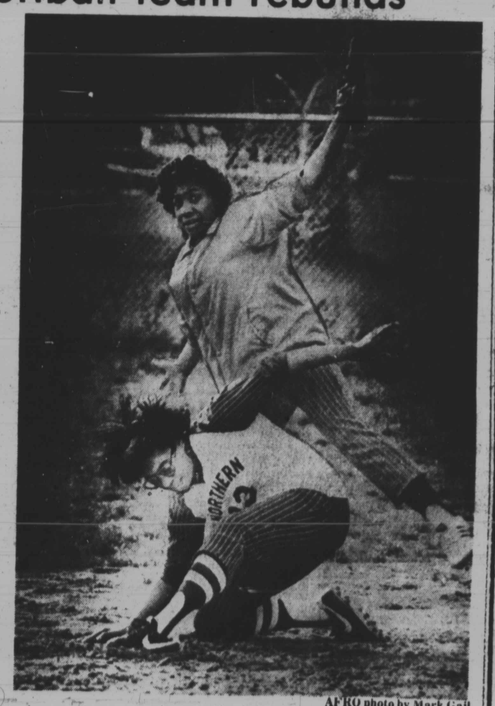
The Vikings three starters back from last year are first baseman Dawn Green, and outfielders Kathy Bittner and Maureen Ackerman, who are the back bone of this year's inexperienced team.

Coach Voskul's biggest surprise this season so far has been sophomore Nellie Cooper, the second baseman.

"Nellie is a great player with a lot of potential, She has been really a pleasant surprise. Just keep your eye on her," said the Viking coach.

The Vikings are still on the undefeated streak in the league with a 3-0 record in this young season. They are 4-1 overall, with the lone loss coming at the hands of Towson Catholic, 17-8.

"Defense is the name of the game. That's what you have got to play in softball," said Voskul. "The more we play, the better we're going to get," he said.



SAFE! — Northern's Vivian Harris makes it safely to second base as City's Brenda Fleshman looks in vain for the throw from a teammate as the Vikings won 15-8 Monday.

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