BASEBALL BEARS MISS PLAYOFFS, LOOK AHEAD

The University of Maine at Orono's baseball Black Bears closed out a solid season with a 20-9 mark, but did not annex a berth in the ECAC New England playoffs for the first time in the past four years under head coach John Winkin.

Although disappointed, Winkin and the Bears have started plans for next year, with the added incentive for post-season play a prime motivational advantage.

And what are the success chances of the 1979 team? Well, if you’re a subscriber to the theory that pitching is 90 per cent of the collegiate baseball game — then the Bears should be in great shape. Returning will be four sound starters — the season amassed a total of 10 wins and five losses. They are left-hander Skip Clark, 3-0, righthander John Dixon, 5-2, righthander Don Mason, 1-1, and righthander Kevin Buckley, 1-2. Also returning are the two prime relievers from the 1978 club, Tom Griffin, 2-0 with a sparkling 0.00 earned run average; and Bruce Justice, 0-0 but with an ERA of .86 in 10 innings of work. Add to this group freshman Don DeWolfe who won one game without a loss and didn’t give up an earned run and there is a fine mound nucleus to which the proven recruiting talents can only add the frosting.

The major losses are in the infield where the vacancies left by the graduation of shortstop Russ Quetti, most valuable player in the National Invitational Tournament in California, and first baseman Billy Hughes, who belted seven homers and led the club in runs-batted-in with 25, will be difficult to fill.

However, designated hitter catcher Ed Mitchell, who slammed a school record nine homers this past season, and pesky singles hitters Frank Watson and Bob Anthoine will be back along with catcher Mark Armstrong, who developed rapidly as a hitter in the latter stages of the season. Armstrong batted .260 and cut down on his strikeouts to only nine. He is one of the finest fielding catchers in the nation, and is next season’s captain.

One key to next year’s club could be Kevin Buckley of Braintree, Mass. Buckley, designated early as “the franchise” by his teammates although only a freshman, may have felt some of the pressure as he hit only .221 for the season while splitting duties as an outfielder and pitcher. Despite the low average, the versatile Buckley won several games with clutch hits or sacrifice flies and has all the tools to become one of UM’s best power hitters.

Perhaps the cry for next season’s club should be “The Bears Will Be Back” and few knowledgeable observers would be willing to discount that slogan.

TO THE WINNER GO THE SPOILS — The Bears struck gold in California. Riverside that is, as head coach John Winkin’s squad captured the prestigious Riverside Invitational Tournament with a win over Oral Roberts University in the title game April 1. Shown here, left to right, are freshman centerfielder Frank Watson, the winner of the tournament’s Bobby Winkles Hustle Award, pitching ace Barry LaCasse, holding the championship trophy with Winkin, and shortstop and co-captain Russ Quetti, who proudly displays the trophy emblematic of the Most Valuable Player.

UMO TRACKMEN WIN STATE MEET

The Maine invitational outdoor track title highlighted UMO’s outdoor track season as head coach Ed Styma’s Black Bears surprised a lot of track enthusiasts despite several key injuries this spring.

After opening with a close 77-66 loss to New Hampshire, the Bears finished a strong tenth in the Boston College Relays among 22 teams. A week later, the Bears headed for Brunswick and came home with the state title.

Shot put and discus specialist Alan Sherrard was named the winner of the Frederick D. Tootell Memorial Trophy as the meet’s top performer. It was the second straight year that Sherrard was named the Tootell winner. Sherrard won both the shot put and discus events and joined Bowdoin’s Bill Strong as the meet’s only double winner.

Maine took nine of the meet’s 19 events, with one-two finishes in the 800-meter (Sam Pelletier and Greg Downing), the half-mile (Myron Whippley and Brad Brown), the long jump (Harry Dyer and Mark Boynton), the triple jump (Peter Lammi and Tim McGuirk), the 120 hurdles (Doug Reed and Jon Simms), the 440 intermediate hurdles (Simms, first, then Reed), as well as Steve Rines’ first in the hammer.

Sprinter Ed Gott of Old Town was the 1978 winner of the Gold M Award as the team’s outstanding senior trackman. The annual award was founded in 1974 by Roger Castle of Damariscotta, H. Layton Jackson of Brunswick and the deceased Harold Pratt of Brunswick.

NETMEN RECORD WINNING SEASON

The University of Maine at Orono’s men’s spring tennis season closed with the team compiling a winning record of 4-3. Leading the squad was senior captain Jim Levesque of Brunswick.

The Maine season opened on a losing note against Bowdoin, 6-3, but rebounded for two wins in a row over Colby, 6-3, and UMFG, 7-2. The Bears lost consecutive 5-4 decisions to Bates and Bowdoin before sweeping their final two matches of the season, beating Colby, 5-4, and UMFG, 8-1.

Coach Bud Folger was pleased with the campaign and was very excited with the play of Levesque, who won every match that he played except one. He lost to Bob Desmon of Colby early in the season, but came back to beat him twice during the rest of the season.

Folger says of his captain, “Jim Levesque is the most able and dedicated tennis player that I have coached in a long while, and especially here at the University.”

Folger reported that the strength of this year’s team was in the number one, two and three positions, Levesque, Bill Hammer, and Ibrahim Parnanta, respectively. With all three of these people graduating this month it will be hard to replace them for next season. He states, “we have some excellent ability in our four — eight players, but it’s tough to lose the top three men. We have some incoming freshmen for next fall who should add strength to our team.”
“I feel as though this is my graduation this year.”

Along with 1,600 graduating seniors, the University of Maine at Orono will part this spring with Physical Education Director Harold Woodbury, an amiable and trusted teacher and coach at UMO for the past 41 years.

It’s hard to believe “Woody” is ready to turn in his sneakers and give up teaching the finer points of physical education. Just shy of his 65th birthday, he feels it’s time to retire. Physical education is a young person’s game.”

Woodbury is relaxed and attentive in his office at Memorial Gym, seated in a straight-backed chair with one lanky leg casually draped over the other. He converses in a positive, sincere manner, often smiling, surely a demeanor familiar to many.

When he came to the university in 1932 as a graduate of Deering High School, the UMO athletic complex consisted of the present field house with a dirt floor interior, “considered one of the finest in New England.” Construction was just beginning on the gymnasium.

The football field was located where Dunn and Corbett Halls stand now. “Kids in Hannibal Hamlin could look out their window and be in the back row of a set of concrete football stands,” he said.

Woodbury rates as one of UMO’s all-time first basemen worthy of an invitation his senior year as one of four Maine baseball players to try out for the U.S. Olympic team. Woodbury declined to try out, though teammate Clarence Keegan did.

Besides playing state rivals Bates, Bowdoin and Colby, the baseball team annually took the Maine Central Railroad from Bangor to play an out-of-state series against Brown, Connecticut and Northeastern. For many players, it was their first trip out of Maine. For Woodbury, as a sophomore, it was his first trip on a sleeper car.

Woodbury also captained a basketball team his senior year that was reactivated after a seven-year absence. The team practiced one month for its only game of that first season against Northeastern, which the Black Bears won 36-32.

“Woody” has seen a lot of changes since 1937 when physical education director Stanley Wallace offered the economics graduate a position teaching and coaching.

“One of the biggest changes for me was the shift to a strictly voluntary phys ed program,” he said. That move six years ago reduced the number of participants from 3,000 to 300. It also marked the advent of co-educational classes.

“It became a new experience for me to get the girls to compete with the guys to the best of their abilities. However, men and women enjoyed it more.”

Facilities also changed radically. “There’s so much more space now,” he said. Forty years ago, Alumni Field and beyond were undeveloped woods.

Now there’s an improved field house and a hockey arena, as well as a swimming pool, named after Stanley Wallace, the man Woodbury succeeded as director of physical education.

There’s some of Wallace in Woodbury as he describes the man whose job he inherited in 1959. “He was the friendliest person you could meet. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and always felt if you can’t say anything good, then say nothing at all, which is something I’ve tried to follow.”

That philosophy clearly applies to his coaching and teaching. Woodbury coached freshman baseball and basketball for many years, and varsity basketball three years.

Harold Westerman, UMO athletic director who’s worked with Woodbury for nearly 30 years, lauded Woodbury’s “loyalty and dedication” to the university, stressing that the man’s foremost priorities were “the welfare of the students and the goals of the university.”

Woodbury’s own assessment is characteristically more self-effacing. “I’ve tried to influence young people that physical education is something they can do beyond the college level. I’ve always urged them to participate in activities that are wholesome.”

When “Woody” retires with his wife Henrietta to the shores of Cape Cod “to play some golf and walk on the beach,” it’s the students he’ll miss most. “The kids at Maine are wonderful.”

CITATION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT — State representative Dana Devoe (left) of Orono presents UMO men’s swim team captain Jim Farragher and coach Alan Switzer with a citation from the 108th Legislature congratulating the Black Bears on their third straight Yankee Conference swim title and second New England title in the last three years. The citation was sponsored by Devoe and co-sponsored by state senator Theodore Curtis, Jr. of Penobscot. The Bears broke six New England Association records in that meet, easily overpowering their opposition.

LEGISLATIVE CONGRATULATIONS — Women’s swim team captain Louann Dodge, a senior from Portland, accepts a citation from the 108th Legislature on behalf of her Black Bear teammates from state representative Dana Devoe. The certificate cited coach Jeff Wren (right) and his squad for winning the New England Women’s Intercollegiate Swim championships. The Bears led by the superb performances of Julie Woodcock, finished unbeaten on the season and will again be a major force in New England swimming next winter.
It's difficult to imagine a University of Maine women's team with a losing record. Again, every sport posted a winning season. Frequent trips were made to New England and regional tournaments.

Ellene Fox's tennis team handily defeated nine opponents in 10 matches, losing only to UConn. When Barb DeWitt and Kris Everett won the New England consolation doubles title, it marked the first time a Maine team placed in that tournament.

The field hockey team won six, tied two and lost two in regular season play. Deb Davis' squad followed that up with a trip to the Northeast hockey tournament at Harvard University.

The volleyball team, always a winner under Janet Anderson, spiked and volleyed the season away, ending with a 15 and nine record. Jim Ballinger's rookie cross country runners went 7-1 in their inaugural season, falling only to UVM. Two runners made it to the top 30 at the New England meet.

The New England champion swim team, coached by Jeff Wren, was the toast of the year, piling up the only undefeated women's record by sweeping nine meets.

The gymnastics' women, under the guidance of outgoing coach Bobbie Stoyell vaulted and danced over most opposition. They bowed only once (to URI) to close out a 9-1 effort.

The Jim Ballinger-coached indoor track squad made it seven wins and one defeat, and sent women to EIAAW and AIAAW national meets. Ellene Fox's basketball troops hung up their sneakers after producing a 13-7 season, including a berth at the Regional Tournament.

The ski team, coached by Deb Davis, appropriately closed out their season on home ground by grabbing fourth at the WEISA championships at Sunday River.

One of the crucial elements in this year's successful athletic scholarship efforts has been the establishment of a new giving club, the Black Bear 200. Members of this organization have contributed at least $500 to the scholarship fund. In exchange for their tax-deductible gift, they have received invitations to cocktail parties, dinners, and cook-outs held on campus in conjunction with various sports events. They will also have their names listed on a new plaque to be placed in the lobby of Memorial Gymnasium, as well as in next fall's football program.

This year's goal has been to recruit 100 members, with the total growing to a full 200 by July 1, 1979. Among those who have joined the club thus far are:

- Thomas Morgan
- William Linscott
- Royal Higgins
- Thomas Patrick
- Stephen Tyler
- Roger Castle
- Thomas Szak
- Quik-Pic Markets
- Sing's Polynesian Restaurant
- Doug's Shop 'N Save
- N.H. Bragg & Sons
- Cyrus Bus Lines
- A.J. Golsmith's
- Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
- Governor's Restaurant
- Ed Halpin
- Sampson's Supermarkets
- R.M. Fogg Co.
- Paul Buckley
- Dr. Frank Gilley
- Mr. Paperback
- Bengor Real Estate
- Norman E. Whitney Co.
- David Cloutier
- John Heyer
- Webster, Ebbers, Baldwin & Day
- Columbia Real Estate
- Ernest Reidman
- Grant's Dairy
- King's Oil Company
- W.C. Weatherbee
- Bangor Dodge
- Leighton Agency
- James Wentworth
- Bangor & Aroostook RR
- Alvin McNelis
- Merrill Bradford
- Marshall Stern
- Lawrence Ronca
- Ronald Bishop
- Lougee & Frederick Florists
- M.A. Clark Florists
- Carroll Robertson
- Donal Don Jr.
- Dr. John Mabey
- Pleasant Hill Dairy
- Samuel Shapiro
- Dr. Gene Huisen
- Philip Nectow
- Carl Snow
- Christopher Hutchins
- Judson Grant
- Roger Boucher
- Raymond Fogler
- Janet Sprague

The Black Bear 200 is open to all students, faculty, and friends of the University of Maine. For more information, contact the Athletics Department at 338-4474 or write to Black Bear 200, Athletics Department, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469.

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NEVER TOO LATE — Harry Angelides (left) received a letter jacket from Sam Sezak (right) during special ceremonies at Mahaney Diamond prior to the Bears' games against Vermont. Angelides, a native of Ellsworth, was a slick-fielding third baseman for Maine in 1946 and did not receive his letter as a freshman playing for the varsity. A back injury did not permit Angelides to play during the next three seasons, but he recovered later to play minor league baseball.
BLACK BEAR PROFILE:

Coach Janet Anderson

Women's Coordinator

Janet Anderson, University of Maine at Orono volleyball coach and assistant professor of physical education, was once described as the kind of person "who never looks back to count up what she's done; she just looks to the future to see what needs to be done."

Indeed, since her arrival at UMO 12 years ago, Anderson has been injecting a growing women's sports program with a strong dose of enthusiasm and knowledge. And in the process, the native of Sioux City, Iowa, has become a "Jill-of-all-trades, coaching everything from badminton and fencing to basketball and field hockey."

Anderson, a graduate of Wayne State University, has many reminiscences about the early days of club sports before women's teams gained varsity status. That's when the biggest field hockey trip was an hour down the pike to Colby College. Husson College was the basketball team's major game of the season and uniforms consisted of regulation physical class costumes.

As field hockey coach while juggling volleyball in overlapping seasons, Anderson guided UMO to the state championship in 1972 and 1973, a title the team has yet to regain. But now, Anderson professes she's "head over heels with volleyball." In 1974 she was forced to choose between field hockey and volleyball and opted for the latter to "try something new." In her eight-year reign she's picked up a 116 and 19 won-loss record highlighted by five straight state titles.

That also includes an invitation as one of 13 teams to the first ever EAAW (Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) volleyball tournament and a fifth place out of 16 teams in the 1974 tournament.

Nov. 6, 1976 is a memorable day for Anderson. In one corner of her office there's a volleyball presented to her by the team on that day after she clinched her 100th match win against the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

There's no question her coaching demands a lot from the player. Kim Boyer, a junior volleyball player said, "She expects you to do the best you're capable of. I would give her 150 per cent."

Barb Cummings, another junior also on the team, unconditionally rates Anderson as the "best women's athletic coach at the university. Who's more, she added, "she has a good relationship with players. She has discipline and respect for the players to no end."

Volleyball hasn't always been nearest to Anderson's heart. For the past four summers she's coached the Oronoko Sundowners, a local women's slow-pitch softball team, to four state titles. Presently she's putting in extra hours coaching the UMO softball club, with hopes of establishing it as the first varsity spring sport for women at the university.

She's in charge of organizing softball for college in the state. In fact, UMO will host the first intercollegiate state tournament this year.

Beyond teaching and coaching softball and volleyball, Anderson is far from idle. She's coached J.V. basketball for the past two seasons and coordinates scheduling and travel arrangements for the women's teams.

Anderson is pleased with the progress a blooming athletic department has made in the years she's been at Maine.