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BASEBALL BEARS LOOK WEST FOR MORE CALIFORNIA GOLD

Now that the first signs of spring have arrived, baseball has also begun in earnest. The Bears are competing in the 13th annual California Riverside National Intercollegiate Baseball Tournament March 26-31, which they won in 1978, becoming the first eastern area team ever to capture the title.

As one of the most prestigious baseball tournaments in the country, topped only by the College World Series, the Riverside tourney is an annual pre-season showcase of some of the finest teams in the nation. Tournament Director Don Edwards feels this year's event will be no different.

"With Maine, Oral Roberts and Brigham Young among the teams in the tournament this year, it should be an exceptional one," he said.

From the East, in addition to Maine, last year's Cinderella team, comes Indiana, Oral Roberts and Army, which is making its Riverside debut.

Representing the West will be host UC-Riverside, Brigham Young, Oregon and first-time participant Seattle University.

Last year the dark horse Black Bears flew to California without a single day of outdoor practice to win the Blue Division and then defeat Oral Roberts, 5-4, in the championship game. John Winkin's talented squad is coming back from a 20-9 season and returns many of last year's heroes including rifle-armed catcher Mark Armstrong, designated hitter Ed Mitchell, center fielder Frank Watson, last year's Hustle Award winner, and ace pitcher John Dixon. The Black Bears also have a bumper

crop of freshmen including righthander Tom Mahan and slick-fielding shortstop Peter Adams.

The Titans of Oral Roberts enjoyed their finest record ever last year (45-12) and District No. 5 Coach of the Year Larry Cochell hopes his team can improve on its fifth-place finish in the NCAA College World Series.

Brigham Young was 45-15 last season, winning the Western Athletic Conference's Northern Division title. Leading the way for BYU will be second-team All American centerfielder Marc Thomas.

Seattle finished third in the Northern Pacific Baseball Conference with a 26-13 mark a year ago and returns all but three members of last year's club.

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MAINE COURTMEN WIN, SHOW PROMISE

Finishing their seventh winning season in the last eight years with a 14-10 record, the Black Bear basketball team, under the direction of head coach Skip Chappelle, is looking forward to next season already.

The Bears, who were in consideration for a possible National Invitational Tournament bid, return a strong nucleus to build on. Junior sensation Rufus Harris will return for his senior year, closing in on Bob Warner's career scoring mark. Freshman Clay Gunn, who emerged toward the end of the season as a starter and consistent rebounder, will be the key up front, as Maine graduated center Kevin Nelson and forward Roger Lapham, both four-year starters at UMO.

Lapham closed his career in second place on the all-time scoring list with 1,523 points, while Nelson finished with 1,089 career points and seventh spot on the all-time list.

"The most pleasant surprise was Clay Gunn's emergence as a Division One player. We also look for Dave Wyman to continue his improvement. Rick Boucher has shown he can be a factor for us, and Rufus Harris will continue to lead the team in many departments and will be the nucleus we will build our program around," Chappelle said.

Harris, who was accorded All-New England honors in District One by the USBWA, led the Bears in scoring with a 21.5 points per game average, and in assists with 98. Boucher
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Great Scorers, Great Friends

Kevin Nelson and Roger Lapham (34) in closing seconds of final game

BEAR ICEMEN MAKE MARK IN DIVISION II

Maine's hockey Black Bears finished an outstanding year with a 25-8-1 record and were seeded first for the ECAC playoffs, before being eliminated in the semi-finals by Salem State College by a 7-4 count before a record 3400 fans at the Harold Alfond Sports Arena.

Although they dropped their last contest of the 1978-79 season, the Bears are looking forward to next season when they move into ECAC Division One play. Head Coach Jack Semler and his talented crew were very pleased with their accomplishments in Maine's second season of varsity hockey.

"The team is proud of the fact that over the regular season, we played the most consistent hockey of any team in the ECAC. For just a second-year team with all sophomores and freshman, plus Dan Sweeney (Maine's only senior and this year's captain), that is quite a compliment to the players," Semler said.

Leading Maine's drive into Division One will be top scorer Gary Conn, a sophomore center from Marblehead, Mass. Conn broke all his single-season scoring records this year as he amassed 65 points on 35 goals and 30 assists. Along with Conn will be sophomore centers Joe Crespi (Bridgewater, Mass.) and Brian Hughes (Melrose, Mass.). Crespi finished the season with a record 19-game scoring streak on the way to garnering 51 points on 25 goals and 26 assists, while Hughes chipped in with 19 goals and 31 assists for 50 points.

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Eilene Fox: Synonymous With Winning

The name Eilene Fox has become almost synonymous with the term "winning" since she joined the Black Bear coaching staff in 1975.

In her three and a half years at UMO, coach Fox's tennis and basketball teams have compiled a sparkling 70-21 record for a 77 percent winning average. Fox's teams have also captured two state championships in tennis and three more in basketball.

Fox has had a history of winning since her girlhood days in Bridgeton, N.J. She and her twin sister Nadine played on their very successful high school field hockey, tennis and basketball teams for four years, serving as co-captains in basketball and field hockey their senior year.

"Both my parents were very athletic and avid golfers and tennis players," said Fox. "They always had an interest in sports and it eventually rubbed off on my sister and myself."

Both sisters enrolled at Trenton (NJ) State College where they majored in health and physical education. Before receiving their degrees in 1968, the twins won the State of New Jersey Collegiate Doubles Tennis Championships for three consecutive years.

Fox got her first job teaching elementary school for two years in Lanhan, MD, a suburban community outside of Washington, D.C. After two years at Central Washington State College, she received her master's degree in sociology of sports along with coaching some tennis.

"Washington is a lot like Maine with the rocky coasts and the vast wilderness and the life style there is also similar to that here," said Fox.

In 1972 Fox took a teaching job at the University of Southern Maine. Along with her classroom responsibilities, she coached varsity tennis, basketball, softball and badminton. In 1975 her basketball squad posted an 11-3 record and finished second in the state tournament.

When a similar coaching position opened at UMO in the fall of 1975, she took the job and proceeded to pick up where she had left off at USM. The first Fox-coached tennis and basketball teams finished with 5-0 and 12-5 records, respectively, with the basketball squad winning the State Division A title.

In the following year the winning trend continued for Fox-coached teams with her tennis team posting a 5-2 record while winning the state championship and the hoopsters finishing at 15-3 while winning their second consecutive state title.

In 1977-78 her tennis team won nine out of ten matches and her basketball squad finished runnerup in the state to the University of Maine at Farmington. This year the UMO netwomen won yet another state championship with an 8-3 mark.

Her 1978-79 basketball team finished 14-6 and won another state title.

"Injuries and sickness were our biggest problems this year," said Fox. "This is definitely the toughest basketball schedule we've ever had with such top teams as Providence, Connecticut and Boston University.

"I really enjoy teaching these girls. There's nothing more rewarding than working with a person and seeing them develop into a top-notch competitor."

Fox is still active in sports competition herself, playing tennis in the warmer months and cross country skiing in the winter. She and her husband Mark also have joined a new racquetball club in the area.

RIFLE TEAM DOES IT AGAIN

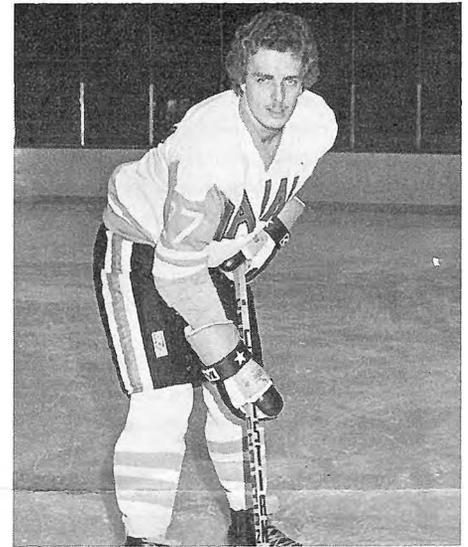
For the 17th time in the last 21 years, Maine's rifle squad has taken the New England title, out-gunning a strong field with a balanced effort. The Black Bears, 10-1 during the regular season, were paced by All-American marksman Tim Tobin with 571 points. Tobin was followed by Steve Murphy with 546 and Win Trafton with 544 marks.

MSG Robert Bernier, the Bears' coach, will be stepping down this year. In four years at the helm, Bernier has led Maine to the NECRL title four times for a four-year regular season record of 56-2-1.

WOODCOCK AND COMPANY TAKE 2nd NE TITLE

Senior Julie Woodcock closed out her brilliant career with five New England titles to pace the Black Bear women's swim team to its second straight New England championship. Woodcock, Beth Carone and diver Tricia Redden led the way as Maine blasted its way to an amazing 218-point margin over runnerup Springfield College, the host school.

The Bears finished the regular season 5-0, and, under coach Jeff Wren, have won their last 25 dual meets over three undefeated seasons at Wallace Pool. The closest meet of the season was the first as Maine toppled the University of New Brunswick 66-47.



Freshman Andre Aubut
ECAC Rookie of the Year

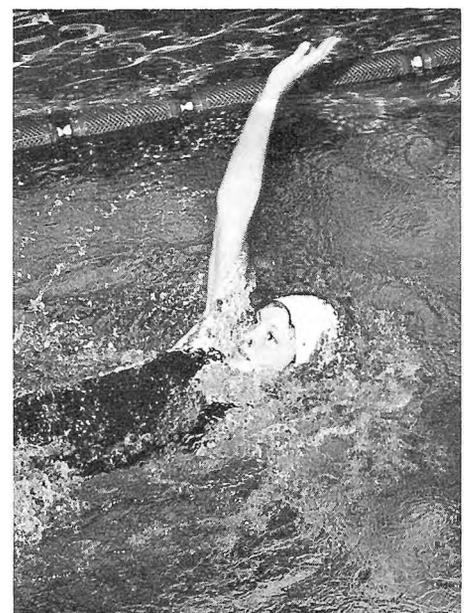
HERE COMES SOFTBALL

Maine's newest varsity sport makes its debut under the tutelage of veteran women's coach Janet Anderson April 24 when women's softball opens its first season.

The Bears will take on Colby College at Waterville at 3 p.m.

Home games the first year will be played at Bangor's Dow Field and the Bears will play nine games, including the first game in the state tourney on May 12.

Home games with Husson College, Thomas College and Bates College will highlight the schedule.



Sophomore Beth Carone:
Top Returnee On Next
Year's Women's Swim Team

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BASEBALL HEADS WEST

All Pac-8 outfielder Tom Dodd will be counted on heavily to lead Oregon to a winning campaign. The Ducks were runners-up last year in the Northern Division of the then Pac-8.

Army tied for sixth place last season in the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League, ending up 10-17 overall.

The Hoosiers of Indiana placed seventh in the Big Ten in '78 with a 20-23 season record and are paced by second baseman Bob Johnson.

Host Cal-Riverside (22-31) will be going through another building year in its quest for the Southern California Baseball Alliance Title.

Maine will open the New England and season April 6 at Northeastern. The first game at Mahaney Diamond is set for April 18 with a doubleheader against Husson College.

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BLACK BEAR HOCKEY

Freshman Andre Aubut, the ECAC Rookie of the Year, will spearhead the defensive corps again next season. Aubut established seven scoring marks for a defenseman in his initial campaign. The Laval Quebec native notched 10 goals and a team-high 35 assists for 45 points and fourth spot on the scoring parade.

Goalies Jeff Nord (Quincy, Mass.) and Jim Tortorella (Concord, Mass.) will both be back for their third campaign for the Blue and White, forming one of the best goalie tandems in the ECAC.

Semler's recruiting efforts will be aimed at quality players, instead of trying to get a quantity of players. He sees this as the major difference between Division One and Two. Two forwards have already decided to attend Orono next year. Michel Vincent, from Montreal, and Gaetan Bernier, from Laval, Quebec, are coming to join the ranks. Bernier played with Aubut on a metropolitan junior B team in Laval two seasons ago.

Semler is still looking for another forward and at least one defenseman. Two top prospects from Quebec, and a transfer from St. Louis University, which is dropping its hockey program, would fill the bill nicely.

Semler does not expect to have the success of this season next year. He rates the Eastern Division of Division One the toughest of the three. Quality teams such as New Hampshire, Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern and Providence will join Maine in the East.

"Realistically, our goal will be to play winning hockey and come up with a .500 season or better. Conditioning will be a real key, as we have to be ready to cope with the injuries that may come up throughout the season," Semler explains.

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1979 COMPOSITE SPRING SCHEDULE

| Date | Sport | Opponent | Time | |
|---------|----------|---------------------------------|------------|-----|
| Mar. 26 | Baseball | California-Riverside (R) | 7:00 p.m. | PST |
| 27 | Baseball | Oregon (R) | 11:00 a.m. | |
| 27 | Baseball | Seattle (R) | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 29 | Baseball | Indiana (R) | 11:00 a.m. | |
| 29 | Baseball | Oral Roberts (R) | 7:00 p.m. | |
| 30 | Baseball | Army (R) | 11:00 a.m. | |
| 31 | Baseball | Brigham Young (R) | 3:00 p.m. | |
| Apr. 6 | Baseball | at Northeastern | 3:00 p.m. | EST |
| 7 | Baseball | at Massachusetts (2) | 12:00 noon | |
| 13 | Baseball | at Harvard | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 14 | Baseball | at New Hampshire | 12:00 noon | |
| 14 | Track | at New Hampshire | 12:30 p.m. | |
| 18 | Baseball | Husson (2) | 1:00 p.m. | |
| 18 | Tennis | at Bowdoin | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 20 | Baseball | at Colby | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 20-21 | Track | at Boston College Relays | 4:00 | |
| 21 | Baseball | at Vermont (2) | 1:00 p.m. | |
| 21 | Tennis | Colby | 12:30 p.m. | |
| 24 | Softball | at Colby | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 24 | Tennis | at Southern Maine | 1:00 p.m. | |
| 25 | Baseball | at Southern Maine (2) | 1:00 p.m. | |
| 26 | Softball | at Husson | 3:30 p.m. | |
| 28 | Baseball | Rhode Island (2) | 12:00 noon | |
| 28 | Track | Maine Invitational (at Bowdoin) | 1:00 p.m. | |
| 28 | Tennis | Bowdoin | 12:30 p.m. | |
| 30 | Baseball | Colby | 2:30 p.m. | EDT |
| May 1 | Baseball | at Husson (2) | 1:00 p.m. | |
| 2 | Softball | Husson | 3:30 p.m. | |
| 3 | Tennis | at Colby | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 4 | Baseball | Fairfield (2) | 1:00 p.m. | |
| 4 | Softball | Thomas | 3:30 p.m. | |
| 5 | Baseball | Connecticut (2) | 12:00 noon | |
| 5 | Track | Yankee Conference (at URI) | 10:00 | |
| 5 | Tennis | at Bates | 1:30 p.m. | |
| 8 | Baseball | at Holy Cross | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 8 | Tennis | Southern Maine | 1:30 p.m. | |
| 9 | Softball | Bates | 3:00 p.m. | |
| 10 | Baseball | Boston College | 12:00 noon | |
| 10 | Softball | at Southern Maine | 3:30 p.m. | |
| 12 | Track | New England's | 9:00 a.m. | |
| 12 | Softball | States | TBA | |
| 14 | Softball | at Plymouth (2) | 2:00 p.m. | |
| 18-19 | Track | IC4A | 11:00 | |

Baseball home games played at Mahaney Diamond
Softball home games played at Dow Field, Outer Hammond St., Bangor (7 innings)
(R) Riverside National Intercollegiate Baseball Tournament

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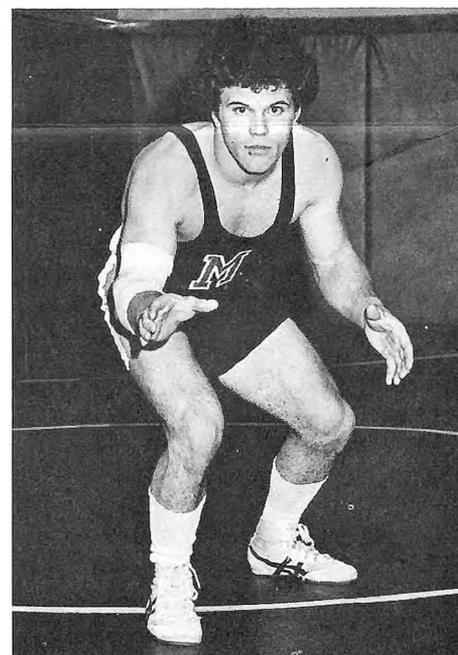
COURTMEN GO 14-10

chipped in with a 7.7 point average and consistent strong play from his guard position. He also came up with 71 assists.

Chappelle's cagers played national power Marquette to a 55-46 decision before 7,800 enthusiastic fans in the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland, proving that UMaine basketball is on the way up in the ranks of New England college basketball.

The key to any successful basketball program is the recruiting program. Maine head coach "Skip" Chappelle and assistant coach Peter Gavett have been canvassing the best schoolboy talent throughout the northeast, and will be hearing from some of the key players. "We are in it with some good players and will know more in the weeks ahead. There are a couple of state of Maine players who we feel can make a contribution to our ball club," Chappelle commented.

Maine is faced with another rugged schedule in the 79-80 season. With road games against Marquette and Alabama, and a home game in Portland with South Carolina.



Wrestling Standout
Captain Pat Daigle