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Coach's Corner

By Coach Rose

It has been an interesting year, both for college volleyball with the change in the scoring system, and in Penn State Volleyball as well as we continue to struggle with the myriad of challenges that this season has produced.

The new scoring system has shown that a number of teams are being challenged in the more competitive conferences, and as we head down the stretch in the Big Ten it appears that Wisconsin has been able to distance themselves from the pack.

The need to stay healthy and have a competitive group has really paid dividends in this-the 2001 campaign.

My opinion on rally scoring is that it hasn't really changed the game. The fact that Long Beach State and Nebraska have continued to be at the top of the rankings all season proves that the top teams are still able to find a way to win. I don't like the current scoring system and wonder how and if it

will be tweaked as we enter into the next few seasons.

Unfortunately, for Penn State volleyball fans, we were not so lucky with the charmed life and have had to make a number of adjustments as the general health and level of preparation of this year's team needs to be addressed on a weekly basis.

As we head into the last few weekends of the season, we are still tweaking the lineup and trying to ascertain what is our best chance to make a late season run. Some teams struggle with serve reception and some fight the development of a team personality.

I'm disappointed that we haven't been able to fine tune the skills as well as the needed chemistry to compete at our highest level possible. It is one thing to identify an issue and entirely different level of commitment to take the next step-and that is to try and remedy the issue. Still we will continue to fight the fight.

I hope that we will be able to qualify for the NCAA tournament and then try and build on the experience that some of these players have come tournament time. There are only a few players playing that have won an NCAA Championship and I am clinging to the hope that we will be able to fall into a good rhythm and be a threat. Perhaps next year.

The one thing that has remained constant though, and I am very thankful is the support that we have received from the administration as well as our many fans.

Coach Rose

Annual Banquet Information

By George Weigand

This year's annual Booster Club banquet will be held January 19, 2002 at the Days Inn Penn State. Costs for the meal are \$25 for members, and \$30 for non-members. This year, club members wishing to stay overnight may lodge at the Days Inn Penn State for a reduced rate of \$49 per night. When making reservations just mention that you are with the Penn State Women's Volleyball Booster Club.

To register for the banquet, please complete the enclosed registration form and enclose payment for the number of attendees.

President's Message

By Dwight Tothoro

My term of office as president of the Women's Volleyball Booster Club will end on January 19th. It has been an interesting and enjoyable experience for several reasons:

1. The sport that we support is in the best tradition of Penn State sports, i.e. scholar athletes, outstanding coaches, and a high level of achievement by the players both as scholars and as athletes.
2. The fans are loyal and enthusiastic in their support.
3. So many fans are willing to step forward and volunteer to do the things that make the booster club work.

It is the club members who volunteer that make the club successful and I would like to thank the board, the chair persons, the

Executive Committee, and all of the volunteers who pitched in and helped, for a successful year.

We should all remember that Ben Sinclair, one of the clubs most dedicated supporters, passed away during this year. He has been missed by all of us.

A volleyball scholarship is being set up in his name and contributions are most welcome.

I hope to see all of you at the January 19th banquet at the Days Inn as we honor our seniors.

A Message to the Penn State Women's Volleyball Booster Club

By Shannon Bortner, Senior, Co-Caption 2001

Dear Booster Club Members,

We, the volleyball team, would like to take this opportunity to deeply thank you for your support throughout this season and in season's past. Not just the support of coming and cheering at the volleyball matches, but the kind words you have for each one of us after the match, no matter the outcome.

Sometimes it might go unsaid, but we appreciate everything you have done for us; from the socials to the apparel you give us and for some of us, a trip to Cuba.

We want to thank you for being moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and being great friends. With only three girls on the team from Pennsylvania, most of us don't get to see our families as much as we would like. The Booster Club fills that void with great compassion. We believe that the

Penn State Women's Volleyball Team has the best booster club of all booster clubs. You are all in it for the players and they are the one's that need your support. Thanks again for being wonderful people.

Nominating Committee Report for Annual Meeting

By Lynn Palmer

The nominating committee recommends the election of the following people for office:

President	George Weigands
Vice President	Grace Bardine
Secretary	Shelly Aina
Treasurer	Linda Echard

Dwight Tothero has been appointed to serve as chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Grace Bardine would serve as chairperson of the Finance/Budget Committee.

Daryl Hoffman has been nominated to serve as the chairperson for Information/Publications Committee.

Lynn

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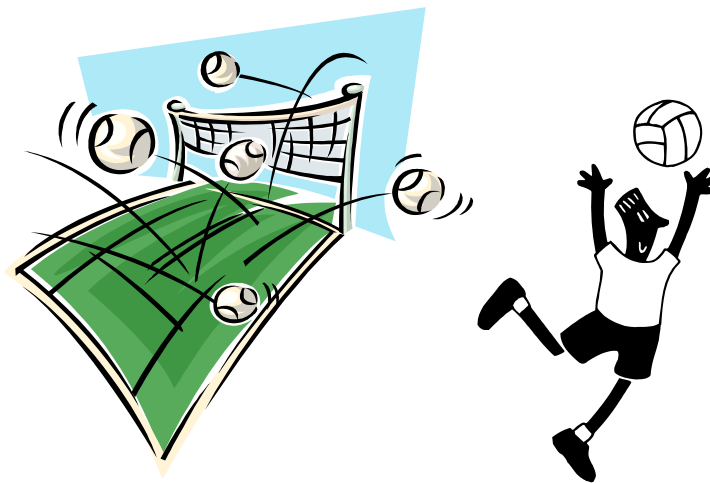
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