
Baseball

1966



Left to right—Coach McLaughlin, Bill Hunter,
By Hopkins, John Gara, Coach Mentzer

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BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE

Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

GENERAL INFORMATION



Dr. Harvey A. Andruss
President, Bloomsburg State College

Russell Houk, Lock Haven S. C. '52
Athletic Director

Richard Mentzer, Shippensburg S. C. '30
Head Baseball Coach

Eli McLaughlin, West Chester S. C. '57
Assistant Baseball Coach

Boyd F. Buckingham, Bloomsburg S. C. '43
Director of Public Relations

Bruce 'Nick' Dietterick, Penn State U. '47
Sports Information Director

Tom Sipe, Bloomsburg S. C. '69
Student Statistician

Michael Smith, Bloomsburg S. C. '69
Head Manager

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Member ----- NCAA, PSCAC, NAIA
Colors ----- Maroon and Gold
Nickname ----- Huskies
Home Field ----- Light Street
Telephone, Sports Publicity -- 784-4660 Ext. 18

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Denomination ----- Non-Denominational
Conducted by - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Year Founded ----- 1839
Enrollment ----- 2800

In their role of defending Pennsylvania State College and District 19 N.A.I.A. champions, this year's Bloomsburg State College nine will have to hustle to equal last year's laurels. The 1965 Husky aggregation finished the regular season 13-4 and overall with a 16-6 record. After winning the District 19 title, B,S,C, went on to tie for second place in NAIA Area 8 at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

The nucleus of this year's squad will be John Gara, who plays either right field, shortstop or first base; Gary Horn, a third baseman; State Bilyk, at second base, and pitchers By Hopkins and Bill Hunter. Hopkins had a 10-3 record last season along with ERA of .99. Hunter was 3-0 and had a 1.89 ERA.

A number of promising prospects hope to fill vacancies created through the graduation loss of Roy Bower, a catcher who led the team with a .418 batting average last year; Ray Emma at first base, who hit .382; and Ronald Boyle, a pitcher with a 3-2 log. Ron Kirk, a .400 hitting shortstop who was signed by Detroit of the American League, will also be missing from this year's squad.

Vying for positions are King Perry, John McKay, Jack Hollis, and Ben Pollock, for catching positions; Bob Gabbie and Gene Gruber, pitchers; Bob Tucker, Tom Taylor, first base; Jerry Devlin, Mike De-Francisco, shortstops; Harold Albertson, second base; Francis Callanan, third base; Pat Coigan and Tom Evans, left field; Jim Rupert, Bill Cron, Bill Mullin, centerfield; and Terry Henry, right field. Henry is also a pitcher but is nursing an injured arm.

Mentzer has a great deal of work to do as the team had a late start due to practice facilities. The team will again use the Lightstreet baseball field.

Big job at the moment is to determine the best eight or ten hitters in order to develop a potent attack.

Ed McLaughlin, who will be assistant to Mentzer and will serve as freshman coach, has a five-game schedule lined up for the Husky Pups.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Varsity

April 5—E. Stroudsburg	A—3:00
April 14—Susquehanna	H—1:30
April 16—Lock Haven	H—1:00
April 23—Shippensburg	A—1:00
April 26—Mansfield	H—1:00
April 28—Millersville	H—2:30
April 30—Lock Haven	A—1:00
May 4—E. Stroudsburg	H—2:30
May 7—Mansfield	A—1:00
May 11—Kutztown	H—2:00
May 16—Kutztown	A—3:00

Freshmen

April 5—E. Stroudsburg	Away
April 28—Millersville	Home
April 30—Bucknell University	Home
May 4—E. Stroudsburg	Home
May 13—Bucknell University	Away

BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE VARSITY BASEBALL SQUAD

Name	Class	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Hometown	H. S. Coach
*Cron, William	Sr.	21	5'5"	155	CF	Athens, Pa.	Theo. Keir
*Hopkins, By	Sr.	21	6'2"	175	P	Levittown	John DiSangro
*Horn, Gary	Sr.	21	5'8"	136	3B	Ringtown	Thomas Grow
*Bilyk, Steve	Jr.	20	5'7"	155	2B	Phoenixville	Paul Tomko
*Gara, John	Jr.	20	6'0"	177	RF/SS	Somerville	Albert Malekoff
*Hunter, Wm.	Jr.	20	5'11"	170	P	Winfield	Bill Thomas
Henry, Terry	Jr.	20	5'6"	190	P	Hershey	Fred Poorman
*Perry, King	Jr.	20	5'11"	190	C	Aldan	Don Cornman
Tucker, Bob	Jr.	20	6'3"	205	1B	Hazleton	Francis Kinder
Albertson, Harold	So.	21	5'10"	145	2B	Orangeville	Huber Kline
Colgan, Pat.	So.	19	5'10"	175	LF	Carbondale	Jerry Finan
Callahan, Francis	So.	19	5'8"	150	RF/SS	Mt. Carmel	Robert Orvatiz
Devlin, Jerry	So.	20	5'9"	175	SS	Espy	Bill Creasy
DeFrancisco, Mike	So.	19	5'10"	150	3B	Bethlehem	Bernie Fritz
Evans, Tom	So.	19	5'11"	160	LF	Orangeville	Bill Creasy
Gibble, Bob	So.	18	6'1"	165	P	Reading	C. Dunkelberger
Gruber, Gene	So.	19	6'0"	180	P	Boyertown	Warren Fry
Hollis, Jack	So.	19	5'10"	185	C	Freeland	Jack Ramsey
McKay, John	So.	19	6'0"	170	C/1B	Washington	John Syrek
Mullin, Wm.	So.	19	6'1'	165	LF	Upper Darby	Fred Ulmer
Pollock, Ben	So.	19	6'2"	217	C/1B	Benton	Hubie Kline
Rupert, Jimmy	So.	18	5'10"	143	CF	Bloomsburg	John Babb
Taylor, Thomas	So.	19	6'0"	175	1B	Middletown	Robert Habig
Walton, Joe	So.	19	6'0"	175	P	Hazleton	E. Valente

***Lettermen**

HEAD BASEBALL COACH

RICHARD MENTZER

Head Coach Dick Mentzer came to Bloomsburg State College in 1963 and is in his third year as baseball mentor. A native of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, he was a letter winner in football, baseball, and track in both high school and at Shippensburg State College.

He then coached at Cresson High School before going to Hollidaysburg, where he was head football and baseball coach in junior high school competition. Mentzer later became head backfield coach, J. V. basketball coach and head track coach at Hollidaysburg Senior High School.

Following an appointment as head football coach at Eastern High, Washington, D. C., his team logged 120 victories, 53 losses, and 6 ties—winning 9 Washington, D. C., championships and city championships in 1950 and 1962. In addition, he managed and played with a baseball team at Martinsburg in Blair County. This squad won 3 championships. Mentzer was also a member of a city championship team at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mentzer received his Master of Education degree at Pennsylvania State University and is taking additional graduate work at the University of Maryland.

ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH

ELI McLAUGHLIN

Eli McLaughlin, who completed his fifth year as head Swimming Coach at BSC and an active college swimming official, will be in his second season of baseball at the College.

McLaughlin started his College career at West Chester State College in 1949, which was interrupted by service in the Armed Forces. As a sergeant in the U. S. Air Corps, he served as Director of Special Services at Edwards Air Force Base, in California, where he organized, directed, and participated in various sports programs.

Returning to West Chester in 1953, he was an outstanding football center for three years and then served one year as Line Coach for the Freshman Team before graduating in 1957.

Prior to coming to Bloomsburg in September 1961, he taught and coached three sports at Penn Crest High School.