

BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL 1974-1975



Co-Captains Mike Ognosky and Gary Tyler are shown with Coach Charles Chronister and "Husky."

1973-74 NCAA Mid-East Regional Champs

INFORMATION ON THE HUSKIES

VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

1974-75



Nos.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	High School	Hometown
34-35	Bright, Steve	Fr.	6'5"	195	Central Columbia	Bloomsburg
42-43	Evans, Richard*	So.	6'3"	185	Conestoga	Wayne
14-15	Idlet, Nathaniel	So.	5'10"	160	Art & Design	Brooklyn, N.Y.
10-11	Joseph, Richard	So.	6'0"	150	West York	York
30-31	Ludrof, Joseph	So.	6'3"	185	Central Catholic	Allentown
12-13	Ognasky, Mike**	Sr.	5'11"	155	North Pocono	Lake Ariel
44-45	Radacha, Jerry*	So.	6'5"	185	Red Land	Cumberland
22-23	Rosenberry, Steve	Sa.	6'2"	150	East Pennsboro	Camp Hill
32-33	Tyler, Gary**	Sr.	6'5"	190	Methacton	Audubon
24-25	Williams, Alejandra	Fr.	6'5"	160	Art & Design	Brooklyn, N.Y.
40-41	Vanderbeck, Mark	So.	6'6"	210	Conestoga	Norristowa
20-21	Yanni, Richard	Jr.	6'2"	170	Wissahickon	Ambler

** Team Captains * Lettermen

TEAM MANAGERS

Fronk Repanshek - Mike Schwartz - Jim Hollister

HEAD COACH



As CHARLES CHRONISTER enters his fourth season as head coach of the Huskies he can look back on three of the most successful years in the history of Bloomsburg Basketball. His "Huskies on the Hill" have compiled records of 18-7, 20-5, and 22-6 for a winning percentage of .769! During these years his teams have won numerous in-season tournaments and each year have been invited to participate in a post-season tournament as a result of their performance and over-all season record!

Along with his coaching responsibilities, Chronister has been active in the National Coaches Association as the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee for District II of the NCAA; served as a guest lecturer at many of the best basketball schools and camps in the East; and in May of this year traveled to Salvador, Brazil to present clinics to the players and coaches of that city and area.

A native of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, Chronister attended Bermudian Springs High School where he was a standout athlete. He matriculated at East Stroudsburg State College and played varsity basketball and baseball for the Warriors. He earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Health and Physical Education at ESSC.

During the 1962-63 season at East Stroudsburg, he served as freshman basketball coach and guided the team to a 17-2 record. He went to Gettysburg after three successful years at Hanover (Pa.) High School. At Hanover, his jayvee and varsity teams were 59-9 while winning county championships and participating in the PIAA District III Class A playoffs.

Coach Chronister joined the Bloomsburg faculty during the summer of 1971 coming from Gettysburg College where he was the assistant basketball coach for four years. In addition to coaching the freshman team at Gettysburg, one of his chief responsibilities was recruiting talent for head coach Bob Hulton. This aspect of his coaching background has been most valuable to Bloomsburg State as he and assistant Coach Burt Reese have filled the team roster with outstanding athletes in their quest to maintain and improve one of the outstanding small college basketball programs in the East.

Chronister is married to the former Carol L. Strausbaugh of Hanover, Pa. They have two daughters, Lee Ann, age 7 and Caryn Lynn, age 5. The Chronisters reside at 1248 Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN



DR. CONRAD A. BAUTZ was appointed Chairman, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics in June, 1972. A 1956 Brooklyn College graduate, he served at his Alma Mater in a number of capacities prior to coming to Bloomsburg.

Dr. Bautz is responsible for the administration and supervision of the total physical education and athletic program at the college, including varsity athletics.

ASSISTANT COACH



BURT REESE is without question the outstanding assistant coach in the Pennsylvania Conference, and one of the finest assistant coaches found in any program in the country! His record speaks for itself. As a freshman coach, his teams have won 71 games and lost only 23 over a six year span. As coordinator of our recruiting program, his efforts have produced talent for the team that has made us a conference title contender and a consistent participator in post-season tournaments. His value as a practice and game coach is immeasurable and greatly

significant, witnessed by the manner in which our athletes perform and the results achieved! These are not only the words of head coach Charles Chronister, but certainly the thoughts of all of the fans and friends of Bloomsburg State basketball.

A native of Taylor, Pennsylvania, he received both his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Education degrees at East Stroudsburg State College. At ESSC he assisted in the basketball and tennis programs as a graduate assistant.

After leaving ESSC, he joined the faculty of Old Forge (Pa.) High School where he was assistant basketball and football coach. He was next Athletic Director, tennis, and assistant basketball coach at Abington Heights High School, Clarks Summit (Pa.) for 3½ years.

FACULTY ASSISTANT



DR. MICHAEL HERBERT, a former tennis and cross country coach at BSC, has been active assisting in many phases of the basketball program for the past nine years on a voluntary basis. A native of Lansford, Pennsylvania, "Doc" received his degrees at the University of Maryland and Lehigh University and is a professor of Biology. He is very knowledgeable on the game of basketball and his daily assistance is a valuable asset to the Husky program.

TRAINER



Trainer PAUL SLOCUM, a native of Massachusetts, was appointed Physical Therapist at BSC in the fall of 1972. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dakota Wesleyan University, S. Dakota, and was awarded his Certificate of Physical Therapy from the School of Allied Medical Professions, University of Pennsylvania; he was recently licensed for the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to his trainer duties for the varsity and intramural programs, he also serves as physical therapist for the student body and members of the faculty.

SEASON'S OUTLOOK

A big question for everyone interested in Husky basketball is how do you follow the fine accomplishments of last year's team which include: NCAA Mid-East Regional champions and a trip to the National Championship Tournament; co-champions of the ECAC Division III; co-leaders in the Pennsylvania Conference's Eastern Division; Indiana Christmas Tree Tournament champions; ranked eighth in team defense and ninth in average scoring margin among NCAA Division II colleges in the country; best record in the school's history; ten major school records established by the team and nine major records established by individuals; the recognition of John Willis as the most significant individual performer in the history of Bloomsburg State basketball as he established eleven season and career records; and the outstanding play of seniors Tony DaRe, Gary Choyka, and Joe Kempiski.

Coach Charles Chronister states, "I realize that many people are looking to 1974-75 as a rebuilding year for our program and that we are given little or no chance of coming close to the kind of success we have enjoyed over the past three years, particularly last year. While it is true that we lost some very talented and experienced players, it is also true that we have a number of very gifted young athletes in our present program. Talent will not be a problem this season as I feel we have more outstanding players than in any of my previous three years here at Bloomsburg. What could present some anxious moments will be the lack of experience of a number of the younger players in a pressure varsity situation against a much tougher schedule.

"When I hear people speak of rebuilding, I cannot help but think they are rationalizing an excuse for losing. For the record, if we lose it is because a good team played a good game against us that night! We have the type of athlete that has the intelligence to do a number of things and the talent to do them well. I like the balance, enthusiasm and competitiveness of this team and I feel confident that they will develop their own identity as one of the most exciting and successful teams ever seen here at Bloomsburg State!"

Giving credibility to the optimism of Chronister is the return of four lettermen from last season's 22-6 varsity, five members of the 15-1 JV team, and the addition of two highly touted freshmen.

Leading the return of lettermen are co-captains 6'5" Gary Tyler, who will be starting for his third season, and 5'11" Mike Ognosky, who will be directing the Husky attack from the point-guard position.

Also returning is last year's second leading scorer and rebounder, 6'5" Jerry Radocha, who established a school scoring record for a freshman by hooping 282 points. The fourth letterman is the young man who won the praise and respect of all Husky fans and opponents with his scoring and rebounding antics of a year ago, 6'3" Rick Evans.

From last year's JV team is their leading scorer 6'0"

Rick Joseph, playmakers 6'2" Steve Rosenberry and 5'10" Nat Idlet, pivotman 6'6" Mark Vanderbeck, and scorer, rebounder 6'3" Joe Ludroff.

The only junior on this squad is 6'2" Rich Yanni, who presents a constant scoring threat and a hustling, aggressive style of defensive play. Two prize recruits that are expected to add great depth and talent to the Husky attack are a pair of 6'5" freshmen — Al Williams of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Steve Bright, a second team all-state selection last year from Central Columbia High School near Bloomsburg.

Over the past few years, the BSC schedule has seen a number of changes and this year finds the Huskies with a formidable collection of opponents. Along with the traditionally tough league teams of Cheyney, Mansfield, Millersville, and East Stroudsburg, two other division performers, Shippensburg and West Chester, are beginning to appear near the top of the standings.

Two tournaments highlight the holidays with the team first traveling to Oswego, N.Y. and then to Montclair, N.J. Probably the most difficult road trip in the history of Bloomsburg basketball will occur in January when the Huskies travel to Roanoke College and Old Dominion University. Both of these teams are consistently ranked among the top small college teams in the country and their addition to the schedule presents a significant challenge to the basketball program at Bloomsburg State.

1973-74 VARSITY RESULTS

BSC		OPP.	BSC		OPP.
78	Millersville	83	99	Millersville	58
88	Kutztown	44	67	Wilmington	50
72	Mansfield	57	57	Mansfield	47
78	East Stroudsburg	61	55	East Stroudsburg	51
69	Norfolk State	84	74	Shippensburg	47
72	New Hampshire	52	73	Cheyney	63
70	Mt. Union	68	74	West Chester	47
76	Denison	40	80	Lycoming	62
60	Cheyney	81	115	York	70
65	Shippensburg	73	69	Indiana	79
90	Edinboro	81	78	Johns Hopkins	63
72	Lock Haven	32	66	King's	65
103	Kutztown	76	92	Albright	78
73	West Chester	68	57	Morgan State	71

Roanoke Tourney — 3rd Place

Indiana Christmas Tree Tournament — Championship

RECORD: 22-6

BSC RECORDS ESTABLISHED BY 1973-74 TEAM

TEAM RECORDS:

Most Games Played	28	Most Assists One Game	35
Most Points One Season	2125	Least Field Goals by	
Most Rebounds One Season	1253	Opponent (Game)	14
Most Field Goals Attempted	1831	Least Free Throws by	
Most Field Goals Scored	885	Opponent (Game)	2
Most Assists One Season	595	Most Victories One Season	22

INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND GAME RECORDS:

Most Points One Game	48	Jerry Radocha
Most Field Goals Attempted One Game	28	John Willis
Most Points One Season	565	John Willis
Most Points by a Freshman	282	John Willis

CAREER RECORDS ESTABLISHED BY JOHN WILLIS:

Points Scored - 1467; Field Goals Attempted - 1100; Field Goals Scored - 598; Field Goal Percentage - 54.4%; Consecutive Games Started - 74

HUSKY PLAYERS

TEAM CAPTAINS



No. 12-13

MIKE OGNOSKY — 5'11", 155, senior, Lake Ariel, Pa. Mike is a two-year letterman that will be called on to run the Husky attack from the point-guard position. Last year Mike played one of his best games as he directed the winning effort against Cheyney. This victory was most significant in the Huskies going on to post-season play and in Mike becoming a starting guard during the NCAA playoffs and tournament in Evansville. One of the high percentage shooters on the team, Mike shot 47% from the field and 80% from the foul line last season. He was an outstanding performer at North Pocono H.S. where he played for "Chippy" Salerno. Enrolled as a social studies major in the School of Professional Studies, Mike hopes for a career in teaching.

Year 1973-74, G 28, FG-FGA 99-210, Pct. 47.1, FT-FTA 51-64, Pct. 79.7, Reb. 41, Avg. 1.5, Assists 82, TP 249, Avg. 8.9.



No. 32-33

GARY TYLER — 6'5", 190, senior, Audubon, Pa. Gary returns for his senior season after gaining a starting position as both a sophomore and junior. Those two teams compiled a 42-11 record and Gary was one of the main reasons for that success. Gary's contributions are those that may go unnoticed by the average fan—he is an accomplished rebounder and defensive player, the things that win games! His steady, fundamentally sound style of play can already be seen as a positive influence on the team's younger members. Gary played his high school basketball at Methacton in the tough Suburban I League near Philadelphia. Enrolled in the School of Business, Gary has established an outstanding academic record and has epitomized the term student-athlete.

Year 1973-74, G 28, FG-FGA 54-122, Pct. 44.3, FT-FTA 10-23, Pct. 43.5, Reb. 186, Avg. 6.6, Assists 62, TP 118, Avg. 4.2.



No. 34-35

STEVE BRIGHT — 6'5", 195, Freshman, Bloomsburg, Pa. Steve comes to Bloomsburg State as one of the most publicized players in recent history. The fact that he was named on the all-state's second team will draw attention to his play for the Huskies—but beyond that, he gained his recognition and reputation by playing for Duane Ford at nearby Central Columbia H.S.

While at Central Columbia, Steve was accorded just about all of the honors available during his last two years. An exceptionally strong rebounder, he possessed the scoring touch to average well over 20 points a game for two seasons! Currently Steve has lived up to and even surpassed all expectations of Coach Chronister and he will be a significant force in the Huskies' plans.

An honor student in high school, Steve is enrolled in the School of Business and hopes for a career in accounting. Fortunately for Bloomsburg, it will have to wait for four more years.



No. 42-43

RICHARD EVANS — 6'3", 185, sophomore, Wayne, Pa. Mr. Excitement of the 1973-74 team! When Rick came into the game, things happened and it was usually good! As a freshman, Rick played in all 28 games, both as a starter and a very reliable sixth man. The experience gained by Rick last year will prove invaluable during this season and the next two years for Husky basket-

ball. A former high school all-conference player in the Central League and an All-Delaware County selection, Rick brought his talents to the Hill where he averaged eight points and six rebounds a game. One of the most personable members of the team, Rick is enrolled in the School of Business.

Year 1973-74, G 28, FG-FGA 92-211, Pct. 43.6, FT-FTA 44-63, Pct. 69.8, Reb. 173, Avg. 6.2, Assists 40, TP 228, Avg. 8.1.



No. 14-15

NATHANIEL IDLET—5'10", 160, sophomore, Brooklyn, N.Y. Nat moves up to the varsity after being one of the talented guards on last year's outstanding JV team. Nat brings an enormous amount of talent into the program with his quickness and instincts for the game. As a freshman, he averaged 9 p.p.g. and as he gains valuable experience, it is just a matter of time until he contributes

to the Huskies' pressing and running game. One of the truly bright spots for not only the present year, but of future Bloomsburg State teams! Nat is interested in the possibilities of a future in Special Education.



No. 10-11

RICHARD JOSEPH — 6'0", 150, sophomore, York, Pa. "The Rabbit" moves into the varsity line-up as one of the most explosive scoring threats from the outside that Bloomsburg has seen in years. As a member of last season's fine JV team, Rick averaged 19.1 p.p.g. shooting at 50% accuracy from the field! His 79% from the foul line was a team high and as a guard, captured 8 rebounds per game. One of his best games was against the Penn frosh in the Palestra where he netted 30 points in his team's only loss of the season. Rick played for John Eyster at West York H.S. where he led his team into the P.I.A.A. Class A Post-Season Tournament. While at West York, he received All-Conference and All-State recognition for his fine play on an outstanding team. Rick is enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences.



No. 30-31

JOE LUDROF — 6'3", 185, sophomore, Allentown, Pa. Joe is one of those hard-nose players that always seems to be around the ball. As a member of the JV team last year, he was the second leading scorer averaging 15.4 p.p.g. and shot 50% from the floor. He was also the second leading rebounder grabbing an average of 13.1 per game. Joe will be counted on to lend support to our corps of forwards as both a scorer and tough rebounder. Joe is enrolled in our School of Business and plans to follow a career in Business Administration.



No. 24-25

ALEJANDRO WILLIAMS — 6'5", 160, freshman, Brooklyn, N.Y. From an honor student and outstanding athlete at Brooklyn's Art & Design H.S. a year ago, Al brings his talents to Bloomsburg and immediately becomes a significant factor in the Huskies' 1974-75 team! Brought up playing against the tough competition found in New York City, Al has developed a style of play that will enable him to go inside to score and rebound, while still having the quickness and agility to handle the ball and press in areas away from the basket. Comments Coach Chronister: "Last season we were fortunate to have Rick Evans and Jerry Radocha move right into our varsity line-up, and this year I just cannot imagine any team in our conference with two better freshmen than Steve Bright and Al Williams!" A fine student, Al is enrolled in the School of Business.



No. 22-23

STEVE ROSENBERRY — 6'2", 150, sophomore, Camp Hill, Pa. As a freshman, Steve was the guard that led the offensive attack on the JV team that averaged 84 p.p.g. As a sophomore, his outstanding ball handling and passing skills will be a significant factor in the Huskies' fast break style of play. Possessed with amazing quickness on both offense and defense, Steve averaged 10

p.p.g. and handed out 6.5 assists per game as a freshman. It is a safe bet that when Steve enters the game, things will start to move and all Husky fans will be caught up in the excitement that Steve can generate. Steve is interested in the History Department in our School of Pre-Professional Studies.



No. 40-41

MARK VANDERBECK — 6'6", 210, sophomore, Norristown, Pa. Mark is the "Big Man" on this year's varsity squad. According to Coach Chronister, the improvement made by Mark has been nothing short of fantastic. After coming off of a freshman year that saw him average 12 p.p.g. (47%) and 13 rebounds, Mark worked religiously on a weight and playing program throughout the spring and

summer. The results are most obvious and his presence around the basket area will be a factor in the success of the Huskies this winter. Probably the most significant contributions that will be made by Mark this year will be those of defense and rebounding—those tough things that win games and championships! Mark is looking toward a career in business economics.



No. 20-21

RICHARD YANNI — 6'2", 170, junior, Ambler, Pa. Rich is the only junior member of this relatively young Husky team and if some of the less experienced players watch his defensive style of play and his ability to release himself on offense for his good jump shot, they will instantly become aware of how winning basketball is played. As a high school player, he gained All-Conference and All-State recognition by leading his Wissahickon team to a 25-1 season. He was the leading scorer (17 p.p.g.) on a 14-1 JV team his freshman year and it is hoped these winning ways continue into 1974-75. Rich is a student in our School of Business.

Year 1973-74, G 19, FG-FGA 17-43, Pct. 39.5, FT-FTA 5-10, Pct. 50.0, Reb. 14, Avg. .7, Assists 12, TP 39, Avg. 2.1.



No. 44-45

JERRY RADOCHA — 6'5", 185, sophomore, New Cumberland, Pa. Jerry came to Bloomsburg a year ago as one of the most publicized recruits in recent years and much was expected of his performance—and, how he performed! Not only was he the second leading scorer on the team averaging 10.1 p.p.g. (50.4%) and establishing a school record for points scored by a freshman (282),

but he was the second leading rebounder with 8.2 per game, handled the ball against the press and was often called on to defend the opponent's tallest forward! One of the best passers on the team, Jerry adds a completely new dimension to the Husky style of play with his talents and understanding of the game.

As a high school player, Jerry was accorded All-Conference and All-State honors while being selected as the Outstanding Class B player in the Harrisburg area. Last season he was chosen on the All-Tournament team at the Roanoke Classic and this year he has to be considered one of the finest players in the Pennsylvania Conference. Jerry is enrolled in the School of Business.

Year 1973-74, G 28, FG-FGA 116-230, Pct. 50.4, FT-FTA 50-75, Pct. 66.7, Reb. 229, Avg. 8.2, Assists 73, TP 282, Avg. 10.1.



BSC FRESHMAN ROSTER 1973-74

Nos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
52-53	Gladwin, James	6'5"	190	Bristol	Delhaas
12-13	McVeigh, John	5'11"	155	Flourtown	Bishop McDevitt
22-23	Mellert, Thomas	6'2"	175	Reading	Mt. Penn
44-45	Oxley, Robert	6'2"	180	Allentown	Fork Union Academy
14-15	Pierce, Spence	6'0"	155	Bethlehem	Freedom
30-31	Slocum, Jeffrey	6'5"	180	Clarks Summit	Abington Heights

Coach: BURTON T. REESE - 7th season (71-23)

1974-75 SCHEDULE

November 30	Lock Haven	H
December 4	at East Stroudsburg	A
December 5	at Bucknell University	A
December 6-7	at Oswego Tournament	A
December 11	at Kutztown	A
December 14	Mansfield	H
December 27-28	at Montclair Tournament	A
January 9	at Roanoke	A
January 11	at Old Dominion	A
January 14	at York	A
January 18	at Shippensburg	A
January 22	Cheyney	H
January 25	at West Chester	A
January 29	Millersville	H
February 1	Kutztown	H
February 5	at Mansfield	A
February 8	East Stroudsburg	H
February 12	Shippensburg	H
February 15	at Cheyney	A
February 19	West Chester	H
February 22	at Millersville	A
March 1	Conference Championship (eastern site)	

COLLEGE FACTS

Location:

Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

Enrollment:

4,400

Colors:

Maroon and Gold

Nickname:

Huskies

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