

End of an era

Dom Rosselli calls it quits after 46 years with YSU

Dom Rosselli, a man whose name has become synonymous with both winning and YSU athletics, has retired from the Penguin coaching scene after a 46-year association with the school.

"When you talk Penguin athletics, the name of Rosselli is at the very top of the list," noted YSU director of athletics Joe Malmisur. "We now have some giant shoes to fill. Dom Rosselli has taken two programs, basketball and baseball, and nurtured and developed them from their infancy. We must now continue his rich, winning tradition in baseball in much the same manner that we did in basketball."

A native of Youngstown and a graduate of Geneva College, Rosselli came to Youngstown College in 1939 as an assistant football and basketball coach, assuming the head basketball coaching position a year later and holding that post until his retirement after the completion of the 1981-82 season. He was an assistant football coach until 1964.

In 38 years as the head basketball coach, he posted a 589-385 record.

As the head basketball mentor, Rosselli owns 81 percent of the school's basketball wins, and as coach of both baseball and basketball, he sports an overall 1,062-699 record, amounting to a .603 winning percentage.

Rosselli led basketball teams made 13 post-season tournament appearances, advancing the the quarter-finals of the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas

City during both the 1956-57 and 1957-58 seasons, and the second round of play in 1958-59.

At his urging, the University formed a

baseball program in 1948. As the only head coach that program has ever had during its 31 years as a varsity sport, he registered 490 wins and 314 losses for a

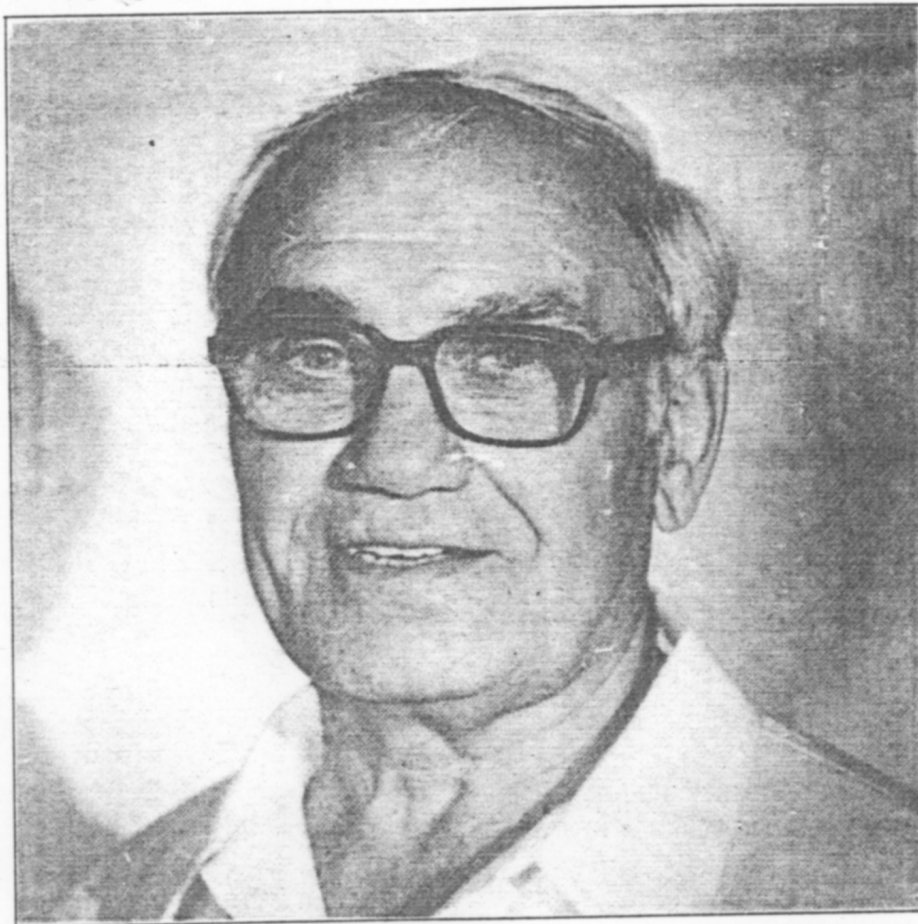
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As the baseball manager, his squad captured the NAIA District 22 championship in both 1958 and 1959, made the NCAA Division II playoffs in 1964, 1966 and 1977 and set the school standard with 19 consecutive wins during the 1964 campaign when they posted a 19-3 overall record.

In all, his basketball squads posted eight 20-win seasons and the baseball team recorded ten 20-win campaigns, nine of those consecutively from 1969 to 1977.

One of the finest athletes to ever come out of the Youngstown area, Rosselli was best remembered as a college quarterback who engineered a 12-6 victory for Geneva College over the Penguins in 1938 in the very first varsity game ever played at the University.

"I have enjoyed my many years of association with everyone that I have come in contact with," Rosselli noted, "and this includes players, administrators, fans, the press, television, radio and also the opponents. I owe so much to all the players with whom I have had the pleasure of serving. Their contributions to the team and the school, plus the growth they made individually, have made every minute spent worthwhile. I want to thank Youngstown State University for the opportunity they gave me and I look forward to continuing my association with the University as a loyal friend, fan and alumnus."



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