

PHILADELPHIA FOX

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In early 1979, 2 months into the first season of the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL), the plans for the 2nd season were beginning to be revealed.

Feb. 15, 1979 – the WBL is investigating Philadelphia as a part of their league expansion for the 1979-80 season. Former New York Stars coach, Alan Cikorsky, believes Philadelphia would be “an excellent sports town.” Alan was putting a group of investors together, but they wanted to wait and see the viability of the league. Alan continued, “I have a meeting with them on Monday. We’ll sit down and work at it for next year. Right now there is no problem with the money, but where do you play?”

Of course, the Spectrum was too big, so Convention Hall or the new St. Joe's fieldhouse were possibilities. It was also believed that local players like Mary Sue Garrity (St. Joe's) and Denise Kenney (Rutgers) would be important for credibility. Alan already had connections with Maria Gross (LaSalle) and Mara Melbourne (Cheney State) as their coach in New York. **(Phil. Daily News 2/15/79)**

Mar. 29, 1979 – the headlines declares: **'99 to 1' Phila. Gets a women's pro basketball team.** Yet the news was accepted with the following disclaimer: “Just what Philadelphia needs another professional sports team. The town that has two soccer teams, one each of the indoor and outdoor variety, two hockey teams of the major and minor league varieties, a pro softball team, and the usual football-basketball-baseball overlap is on the verge of getting yet another franchise in yet another league – the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL).”

Bill Byrne said the odds were 99 to 1 for Philadelphia. “The Norfolk (Va.) people came in and we said, ‘No, we’re going to Philadelphia.’ Now it is just a matter of ownership.” “We’ve probably had a good 15 to 20 applications from the Philadelphia area. But, to be truthful, there are some that don’t deserve the time of day. There are only 3 or 4 groups that we are considering seriously.”

The top group of potential Philadelphia investors, according to Byrne, is headed by attorney E. Harris Baum, who is studying the venture with four partners. Baum refused to name his partners, but he discussed their plans.

“We are giving it a lot of consideration. We think it is a terrific idea for Philadelphia,” Baum said. “The question now is whether it will be profitable for the investors. You’ve got the 80’s Olympics problem and so forth. We’re just weighing the various factors.”

The WBL is asking a \$100,000 entry fee from expansion owners, doubling the original cost of a franchise. Byrne said the league already had firm offers to add teams in St. Louis, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Boston.

“The Philadelphia area is a natural market,” said Byrne. “It’s always been a good area for women’s basketball, starting with Immaculata,” he said.

Baum said his group's team would play its 18 home games at the Civic Center and the group would make a definite move "within the next 10 days." **(Phil. Inquirer 3/29/79)**

The next newspaper article would not be until July 30, 1979 – what happened with Mr. Baum's group and the 10 day move?

June 12, 1979 in New York the 2nd WBL draft was held in the Oval Room of the Roosevelt Hotel. Since the order of the draft was based on the order of payment and admission into the league the expansion teams drafted as follows:

- 1st - San Francisco Pioneers
- 2nd - California Dreams
- 3rd - Dallas Diamonds
- 4th - Philadelphia Fox
- 5th - St. Louis Streak
- 6th - Washington Metros
- 7th - New Orleans Pride

We don't know who made the Fox's selections, but they were as follows:

1 st	Katrina Anderson	6'1"	Center	South Carolina
2 nd	Kay Ford	6'0"	Forward	Louisiana Tech
3 rd	Pam Chambers	5'9"	Guard	Tennessee Tech
4 th	Peggy Gay	5'9"	Forward	Eastern Kentucky
5 th	Peggy Vincent	6'0"	Center	Northern Kentucky
6 th	C.B. Tomasiewicz	5'9"	Forward	Princeton
7 th	Sue Hlavacek	5'11"	Center	Cleveland State
8 th	Faye Lawrence	5'7"	Guard	Temple Univ.
9 th	Linda Matthews	5'8"	Guard	North Carolina
10 th	Jane Zivalich	5'9"	Guard	Univ. of Maryland

6/21/79 – The State of Columbia, South Carolina had a headline stating:

Anderson Faces Decision.

7/30/79 – Headline: **Don't look now, but there's Fox in Philadelphia's sports playpen**

The WBL made its debut with 8 teams last year with only the Dayton franchise failing to survive the first year, though they played all their games.

So, for its second season, using the sports logic that bigger must be better, the WBL doubled its size with seven new teams: the California Dreams, San Francisco Pioneers, Dallas Diamonds, New Orleans Pride, St. Louis Streak, Washington Metros and - it had to happen - the Philadelphia Fox.

That's Fox, as in one animal, not Foxes or even Phoxes. Who came up with the name? "Gee, I think my wife did," says Steve Wasserman, at the moment the lone wolf operating the Fox.



Wasserman, 29, is a Penn graduate with a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. He could be doing serious things in the world of finance. But these days he answers the phone with a "Good afternoon, Philadelphia Fox" as he tries to piece together a sports franchise. "At this point, I am the chief cook and bottle washer," he says.

Who is he working for? On that point, Wasserman is evasive. He will only say that the team is owned by a small group and "most of the money is out of town." The team has owners, but apparently they aren't sure how much of the team they own.

The league's \$100,000 entry fee was paid for by a corporation, Microlab/FXR of Livingston, N.J. The president of the firm, which manufactures microwave components, is Harry Augenblick. "The team has a roster of owners," he said, "and we are but one of them. I expect some local (Philadelphia) people to be in the final ownership group."

"We are finances to the extent," Wasserman said, "that we can weather any storms for a period of at least three years." With an uncertain ownership the Fox is hardly off and running.

The office is in the Civic Center and the team will play a 36 game schedule with 18 homes games (starting Nov. 23 against St. Louis). It has the rights to 10 players chosen in the league's college draft. #1 selection 6'1" Katrina Anderson of South Carolina is the sister of Phillies outfielder Mike Anderson. Katrina averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds. #2 pick was Kay Ford of Louisiana Tech. Local Faye Lawrence of Temple was chosen in the 8th round.

Meantime, it has neither coach nor general manager. One person will do both jobs, Wasserman says. This person will also conduct the try-outs scheduled for Aug. 10, 11, & 12. The current leading candidate is New Jersey Nets assistant coach Dave Wohl, the former Penn guard who spent seven years as a player in the WBL.

(Phil. Inquirer 7/30/79)

As of August 10, 1979, the WBL sent out transaction information that named Dave Wohl as the head coach of the Fox.

This was a great opportunity for Dave, because at the age of 29 he had just been released by the New Jersey Nets on August 1. Yet he was not released as a player, but as the youngest



assistant coach in the NBA. (Also on the NJ coaching staff was future Hall of Famer, Phil Jackson) Dave's hope was to find another NBA job, because any college job would require recruiting.

"I don't like the recruiting aspect. It's too much of a headache. College coaching and recruiting are real dog-eat-dog type things and that takes the fun out of basketball." "Right now, I don't have the slightest idea of what I'm going to do, but I know one thing. I don't want to stay out of basketball too long." **(Asbury Park Press 8-2-79)**

8/12/79 – headline: **Now a coach, Wohl seeks building blocks for Fox.**

Wohl states, "This can be a shortcut to running my own program without going through the waiting period you'll find in the NBA. This is a chance to try out some things on the court and see what I can do. I'm not saying I'll be in the WBL for one year, then try to get back to the NBA. I'm intrigued by the WBL. There's more time for practice, and the women want to play so much.

About 50 women, including 7 of 10 draft choices, turned out for the three day tryout camp, which ends today. Wohl will ask 20 players to return next month. The Fox - which will play its games on a new Civic Center floor - begins its season in November.

The team's number two draft choice, Kay Ford of Louisiana Tech, didn't attend the tryout sessions and probably won't play for the Fox. "She's got a job in Louisiana, as a lab technician, and prefers that," Wasserman said.

But No. 1 pick Katrina Anderson a 6-foot 1-inch center from South Carolina, did show up and impressed Wohl, as did forward Kathy Shoemaker from North Carolina. She came to Philadelphia on her own with teammate Linda Matthews, a ninth round draft choice.

So, this team will try to find another spot in the crowded Philadelphia sports marketplace that has a coach and some players. But don't bother asking who owns it. The only person who currently concedes that he finances the Fox is Harry Augenblick of Livingston, New Jersey. His corporation Microlab/FXR paid the WBL's \$100,000 entry fee.

And beyond that?

"It's still in a state of flux," said Wasserman, who nevertheless says the team has a \$350,000 budget for its first season, with \$50,000 set aside for promotions.

"We'll announce the owners around the first of September," Wohl said. "Right now, they're sorting out who owns what and how much and they want to get some local investors involved. But the team does have financial backing. They're just making final decisions." **(Philadelphia Inquirer 8-12-79)**

On September 7, 1979 the Fox signed 2 draft picks - #5 Peggy Vincent (Northern Kentucky 17 ppg 7 rpg) and #8 Faye Lawrence (Temple - 953 career points).

September 17 - 20 players show up to the Philadelphia Civic Center for training camp. A big article in the Philadelphia Journal painted a great picture of what was taking place in the hearts and minds of young female basketball players across the country. The article focused on a local star from Temple, Faye Lawrence. The focus was on the difference between the few famous players, such as Ann Meyers after she signed with the Indiana Pacers, and the others who just wanted a chance to continue playing basketball.

Faye was the star player on the Temple Lady Owls these past four years. She set a new school record with her career point total of 946. She also moved up to second in career rebounds with 448 and was the MVP Lady Owl for two years.

Last spring the depression began setting in because she knew her collegiate career was over and there was no place for her to go and play basketball.

"I had gone to college to play basketball. I never really expected to get a degree," she said. "When I realized I'd reach the end of my basketball career I suddenly kept

asking myself 'What am I going to do?' It finally dawned on me that I was actually within striking distance of my degree. And so I started concentrating strictly on getting that degree.

"Temple is such a relatively unknown school as far as women's basketball goes. I never thought I had a chance in the WBL. I was working at my job in the Family Court building basement one day, reading my Philadelphia Journal, and I suddenly saw my name in there, saying I'd been drafted by the Fox."

"I just went crazy. I started running around the building, waving the paper, telling everybody what had happened. I haven't come off my cloud since then yet."

The Philadelphia Daily News headline of October 2, 1979 – **Fox Hunt for Fans Begins - Slowly**

Lynn Arturi spent the summer working in the Women's Professional Basketball League headquarters. She did some radio spots, and even played in a charity softball game against the New York Mets wives. She was anticipating her second season with the New York Stars when she got a phone call. She'd been traded.

"I couldn't believe it," said Arturi, the only veteran player the Philadelphia Fox possesses. "I was working out and getting ready for training camp in a couple weeks when I got a call last Friday and was told to report here on Monday."

The WBL's debut here yesterday was a typical opening for a new venture- not everything went as planned. The Fox was forced to begin training in the bowels of the Civic Center. The regular area used for basketball was being decorated for the Pope's Mass there tomorrow.

"We have a limited budget," Wohl acknowledged. "We have some radio spots, some TV, from some of the people who are sponsoring some of the halftime shows. We'll probably be doing some things promoting the girls, like clinics, charities. We'll have to be more innovative and people who have the money to spend."

Fox Traps: No. 1 pick Katrina Anderson decided not to report when she and the Fox could not agree on a contract. Eric Krauss, a newspaper publisher from New York, has a group of local investors join him as the new owner of the Fox. **(Philadelphia Daily News 10-2-79)**

The Fox's principal owner, Eric Kraus, will be the most visible of the conglomerate of owners. Kraus lives in Albany, N.Y. and owns a weekly paper, a shopper called One-A-Week. He is 42 years old and this is his first venture into the sports franchise business.

"It's a new frontier and it sounded exciting," Kraus said. **(Philadelphia Journal 10-2-79)**

Therefore as of October 2. 1979 the following names have been involved as an "owner" of the Philadelphia Fox: Alan Cissorky & investors, E. Harris Baum + 4 investors, Harry Augenblick, and Eric Krauss.

An October 29, 1979, Legal Notice posting in the Philadelphia Daily News stated the following:

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that THE PHILADELPHIA FOX, INC. has organized under the provision of the Business Corporation Law of Pennsylvania. Its Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State at Harrisburg on October 3, 1979. The purpose, or purposes of the corporation are to operate a women's professional basketball team.

This incorporation is worthwhile news, but as of the 29th (when it was posted) there was still no notification as to WHO the owner was.

The team's lack of solid ground lead one Philly resident to make the following comment:

There is a desire by the schools (colleges) to receive media recognition for their programs. Certainly, the local players deserve that when one considers that the mysterious Fox – the city's new women's pro team – receives ink for just being a pro team without even demonstrating it is comparable to the Big Five teams.

(Philadelphia Inquirer 10-10-79)

The Fox were true to their attempts to expose the team using different opportunities that wouldn't cost the team any money. On October 20 Dave Wohl and the Fox would host 200 YWCA Teen Athletic members with a free basketball clinic at Temple University. Also on the 26th the:

Philadelphia Fox would scrimmage and have a foul shooting contest featuring celebrities tonight at the Baldwin School, in Bryn Mawr beginning at 8 pm. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for 18-under with money benefitting the Mimi Barrett Foundation.

(Philadelphia Daily News 10-26-79)

As of October 22 the 12 players that would make up the Philadelphia Fox were named:

Arturi, Lynn	#17	G	5'8"	140	Northeastern U.	
					(acquired from New York Stars)	
Davidson, Winsome	#11	F	6'0"	150	Howard Univ.	(free agent)
Gay, Peggy	#20	G	5'9"	140	Eastern Kentucky	(4 th round pick)
Harris, Pat	#10	G	5'8"	140	Federal City College	(free agent)
Hlavacek, Sue	#24	C	6'0"	145	Cleveland State Univ.	(7 th round pick)
Lawrence, Faye	#22	G	5'7"	140	Temple Univ.	(8 th round pick)
Marshall, Karen	#23	F	5'11"	143	Morgan State Univ.	(free agent)
Matthews, Linda	#34	G	5'8"	145	Univ. of North Carolina	(9 th round pick)
Mayes, Dee Dee	#12	G	5'7"	125	Ithaca College	(free agent)
McGoldrick-Zabel, Chrissy	# 4	F	5'9"	135	St. Joseph's College	(free agent)
Miller, Sandy	#44	C	6'4"	164	Immaculata College	(free agent)
Vincent, Peggy	#30	C/F	6'0"	145	Northern Kentucky Univ.	(5 th round pick)

Unfortunately for the Fox their 1st 3 draft picks did not try-out for the team. #1 pick Katrina Anderson (later Katrina Sacoco) was traded to the New Orleans Pride on November 16 for their 1982 1st Rd Draft pick and their 1983 3rd Rd Draft pick.

The following is a press release issued by the Fox front office about the team's roster. I don't know if this format was a standard for the time (1970's) or was this something new that related to female athletes:

Lynn Arturi	5'8" 139 lbs . . . Guard acquired through trade from New York resident of Stamford, Ct. ... attended Northeastern University ... age: 25 ... single.
Winsome Davidson	5'11" 150 lbs ... Forward ... Howard University graduate ... hometown: Nassau, Bahamas ... averaged 18.9 points and 13.2 rebounds in college career ... age: 23 ... single.
Peggy Gay	5'9" 140 lbs ... Guard ... Eastern Kentucky University ... averaged 17 ppg ... hometown: Buckhorn, Ky. ... age: 22 ... single
Pat Harris	5'8" 140 lbs ... from Waynesburg, Va. ... attended Federal City College ... averaged 18 points ... played with the Sophisticated Ladies, AAU team ... age: 27 ... single
Sue Hlavacek	5'11" 145 lbs ... Center from Cleveland State University ... averaged 17.5 points and 13.3 rebounds ... age: 23 ... single
Faye Lawrence	5'7" 140 lbs ... Guard from Temple University ... hometown: Burlington, N.J. averaged 13.6 points at Temple ... age: 22 ... single
Karen Marshall	5'11" 143 lbs ... Forward ... Morgan State University ... hometown: Lakewood, N.J. ... age: 23 ... single
Linda Mathews	5'8" 145 lbs ... Guard ... University of North Carolina Chapel Hill ... Bus. Adm. Major ... averaged 15.5 points, 7 assists, and 6 steals ... hometown: Charlotte, N.C. ... age: 22 ... single
Dee Dee Mayes	5'7" 125 lbs ... Guard ... Ithaca College ... hometown: Keene, N.H. ... all-time leading scorer at Ithaca ... age: 23 ... single
Peggy Vincent	5'11" 145 lbs ... Center from Northern Kentucky University ... averaged 17 points and 12 rebounds ... hometown: Elsmere, KY. ... age: 21 ... single
Chrissy McGoldrick-Zabel	5'9" 135 lbs ... Forward from St. Joseph's ... Pre-med major ... hometown: Ardmore, Pa. ... age: 22 ... married, 8 month baby boy.

On Monday October 29 the Fox held another try-out, but it wasn't conducted by Coach Wohl. Instead, this try-out was the brain child of Public Relations Director, Jane Rath. The try-out was for Fox Cheerleaders. A large article (Philadelphia Daily News 10-30-79) about the 27 women and the 3 men who tried out ended up focusing on the lone male that made the cheer squad. 23 year old Cleveland Thompson was feeling uncomfortable about being viewed as a sex object. But he stuck through with the try-out. A member of the Fox wished that the cheerleaders could have been all-male, but there seemed to be some kick back about rude gestures made by the all male cheerleaders of the Houston Angels.

Rath and choreographer Jeanette Graebner were please with the squad. "We wanted to get away from the stereotypes. With this squad, we have some people with girl-next-door looks; some look more sophisticated," said Rath, who envisions the squad (with

the exception of Thompson,) in orange Danskins and wraparound skirts, twirling fox tails instead of traditional pom-poms.

"We wanted the squad to be sexy not sexist," she said. "We want them to be somewhat alluring, but not so overpowering that men in the stands sit there with their tongues hanging out."

The cheerers would debut Nov. 23 at the Fox' 8 PM home opener against the St. Louis Streak. **(Philadelphia Daily News 10-30-79)**

The November 1, 1979 headline declares: Look quick: It's 'biggest mystery' in Philadelphia.

They are operating out of cardboard boxes, fighting Bugs Bunny for practice time and offering salaries that barely cover an NBA player's sneaker allowance. But the Fox, Philadelphia's new entry in the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) is playing for keeps.

"Not in my wildest dreams did I ever imagined I'd be doing this," Dave Wohl, head coach and general manager of the Fox, said before practice one day last week at the Civic Center.

"Oh, I heard the one-liners." he said describing the reaction of his NBA friends to his decision.

It's not hard to imagine why. A team with salaries between \$4,000 and \$8,000 and a per diem of \$15, operating out of an office announcing its inhabitants with a cardboard sign ...

The article continued by referencing other former NBA people like Larry Costello (Milwaukee Bucks – now Milwaukee Bucks coach), Butch vanBreda Kolff (Los Angeles Lakers – now New Orleans Pelicans coach) and Dean Meminger (New York Knicks player – now New York Knicks coach). For Dave Wohl this was his opportunity to try his hand at coaching and trying new things.

"I heard that women were more emotional, more fragile to coach than men, that they can't be pushed," he said. "I've pushed these girls hard, and nobody has complained. I've worked in offenses and defenses as complicated as the ones I've used with men. I haven't tried to filter down anything."

"I've played the disciplinarian, too, but I'm not a screamer or yeller. I'm not a Bobby Knight type who will go nose to nose with a player. I try to reinforce things positively."

The Wohl style seems to work.

"Dave's wonderful," Lawrence said. "He's an excellent coach who handles us well. He doesn't talk down to us. He expects us to know the game."

Chrissy McGoldrick-Zabel, a former St. Joe's star who now is married and the mother of an eight-month-old boy, agreed.

"I think the world of Dave," said the 5-foot-9-inch Ardmore resident who plans to attend medical school next year. "He's had so much experience to draw from. It doesn't matter that he's coaching girls. He's objective. He expects the same from



On court, Lynn Arturi guards McGoldrick-Zabel

everyone." (**Philadelphia Inquirer 11-1-79**)

Bill Byrne, whose staff must approve every player contract, travel expense and arena contract of every team in the league. Byrne, 43, who had experience in the ill-fated World Football League, said "I'd rather do a lot of paperwork and stay in business."

Byrne won't discuss salaries ("They range from \$1 to \$25,000" is all he would say), but he's more than happy to discuss the future of his league.

"We're 200% better than we were last year. We've got applications from 28 foreign girls who want to play right after the (1980) Olympics. We've had applications for franchises from Atlanta, Miami, Phoenix, Seattle, Portland, Boston."



The Fox have 2 pre-season exhibition games scheduled. The 1st was Friday, November 2nd against the Chicago Hustle at Hoffman Estates High School. Then Saturday the 3rd against the St. Louis Streak at Collinsville High School. Coach Wohl believes these exhibition games will allow him to measure his team's progress, because at this point Wohl has only seen one game live and 3 others on tape.

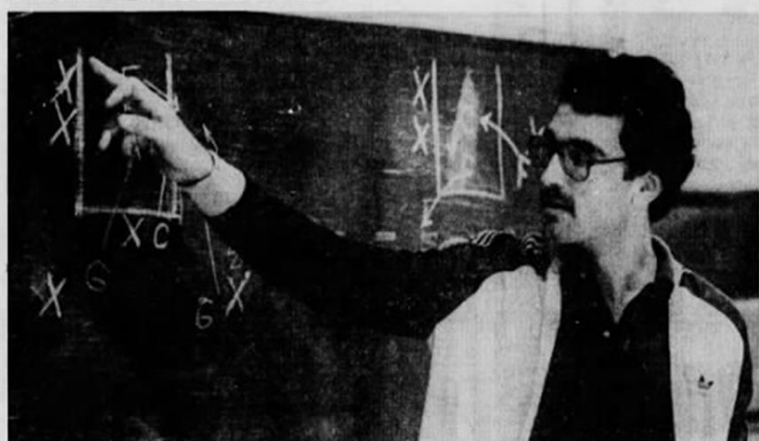
Yet before a game can be played there are problems.

The team uniforms arrive. In yellow. They are supposed to be orange. They're sent back. The new uniforms arrive. They're not perfect, but by this point (the day of the first exhibition game in Chicago) they'll do. Lawrence and Wohl rush to the manufacturer to pick up the uniform

minutes before the team flies to Chicago.

The team's travel bags and sneakers arrive the day before the Chicago game. (**Philadelphia Inquirer 11-16-1979**)

More for love than for money



The Fox met the Hustle at the Hoffman Estates High School where they lost 115-94 after committing 41 turnovers.

The next day they lost to the Streak 100-85.

Team improvements were steady as they travelled to Washington to play another expansion team, the Washington Metros. They lost this game 104-97.

Their final exhibition game was at Bergen Community College against the New Jersey Gems. The team arrived at 6 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. game, but were informed that the game wasn't until 8:30, so the players hung out in the student lounge eating ice cream and sandwiches until game time.

Yet many players have trouble adjusting to this new life in the pros. It is not because it is a step up, but for many it was a step down.

"Temple gave us the red carpet compared to this," said Faye Lawrence, Temple '79. "At Temple we got \$12 a day to eat on the road. Here we get \$15. If we eat at McDonald's three times a day, we can get change. It's tough. We're going to Houston on the same day as the game. At Temple, we would go a day ahead. I guess I was spoiled in college."

(Philadelphia Inquirer 11-16-79)

The Fox felt their first taste of victory with a 72-66 triumph over the New Jersey Gems on Friday November 9.

As a coach Dave Wohl has had 3 exhibition games, but he also had general manager responsibilities. On November 11 the 4th player chosen in the draft Katrina Anderson (the Fox's #1 pick) was traded to the New Orleans Pride for their #1 pick in the 1982 draft (3 years from now) and their #3 pick in the 1983 draft (4 years from now). This is a wise move on New Orleans part, because the league would have to exist for 3 more years before you lost a pick.



Dee Dee Mayes makes ends meet by living with teammates

The Fox's first game would be against the World Champion Houston Angels – in Houston. This was a daunting task for any of the WBL team's, but especially an expansion team.

Fouled-up travel arrangements didn't help the Fox much against the defending league champion Houston Angels. The team arrived at its hotel near 5 pm on the day of the game set for 8 pm. The players were tired and grumpy and they played the same way.

(Philadelphia Inquirer 11-23-79)

Fox Hopes to Kill Angels with Speed

Speed kills. But does it win basketball games?

Fox Coach Dave Wohl hopes so, because that is his team's biggest asset as the diminutive Fox prepares to play its Women's Professional Basketball League season opener tomorrow night against Houston Angels.

"We'll try to beat them with our conditioning and our speed, because we're not one of the tallest teams," Wohl said. "But even though we're giving away height, I'm pleased with the way our front line has been rebounding."

Both Peggy Vincent and Winsome Davidson have been averaging 10 rebounds a game in pre-season and we haven't really been out rebounded. We do need some help from our guards and the players coming off the bench if we want to hold our own under the boards. Remember, we are giving away inches.” (Philadelphia Daily News 11-16-79)



United Press International
MASKING HER DEJECTION, Peggy Vincent of the Fox peers over a towel from the bench, flanked by Dee Dee Mays (left) and Lynn Arturi, as Houston's Angels rush to a 101-77 win in the Fox' first women's pro basketball game. Story on Page 2-D.



Photo by Carrie E. Tucker, Chronicle Staff
Paula Mayo (10) of the Angels battles for ball with Chrissy Zabel of Philadelphia.

Fox bows in opener to Houston by 101-77

The defending Women’s Pro Basketball League champion Houston Angels spoiled the WPBL debut for the Philadelphia Fox last night with a 101-77 win in the season opener for both teams.

Philadelphia Fox																Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Arturi, Lynn	17		4		0	0			0							8
Davidson, Winsome	11		6		9	12			0							21
Gay, Peggy	20		0		2	2			0							2
Hlavacek, Sue	24		0		0	0			0							0
Lawrence, Faye	22		1		1	2			0							3
Matthews, Linda	34		3		3	6			0							9
Mayes, Dee Dee	12		0		0	0			0							0
Miller, Sandy	44		2		2	2			0							6
Vincent, Peggy	30		5		0	0			0							10
Zabel, Chrissy	4		6		6	8			0							18
Adjustment		240		72												
Totals		240	27	72	23	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	
			FG%	37.5%	FT%	71.9%	Team Rebs									

Houston Angels																Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		1		4	4			0						6	
Candler, Belinda	24		5		3	4			0						13	
Chapman, Vicky	22		7		5	6			0						19	
Durham, Gwen	3		0		0	0			0						0	
Johnson, Pat	45		3		0	0			0						6	
Jones, Belinda	23		3		2	3			0						8	
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		3		3	5			0						9	
Kuhl, Nancy	13		0		3	4		5	5	5					3	
Mayo, Paula	10		7		7	9			0						21	
Prince, Sandra	25		2		1	2			0						5	
Washington, Cynthia	15		5		1	3			0						11	
Adjustment		240		92									41			
Totals		240	36	92	29	40	0	5	5	5	0	0	41	0	101	
			FG%	39.1%	FT%	72.5%	Team Rebs									

The Angels returned to the site of their championship game, Hofheinz Pavilion where they played in front of 5,978 fans in May. Sadly, only 1,097 came out to greet the champions.

In a league hungry for publicity the Fox started off well with not only the article, but a picture and a game box score. This was followed by a TV interview on EVENING MAGAZINE with the Fox being interviewed by the hosts.

The Fox home opener was 6 days later on Friday November 23. The team practiced that week, but:

Guard Peggy Gay (5-9, 145, Eastern Kentucky) and forward Chrissy McGoldrick-Zabel (5-9, 135, St. Joe's) collided head-on in practice last week. Gay had 12 stitches above her right eye. McGoldrick-Zabel, five above her left. Both players saw action in the Houston game and will be ready to play tonight.

Wohl visited with guard Mary Sue Garrity in town yesterday for the second time. The Fox traded a fourth round draft choice with Los Angeles for the rights to the former St. Joe's star, but thus far Garrity has not signed. Currently living in Washington D.C., Garrity's rights belonged to LA, but she never signed with the Dreams. **(Philadelphia Inquirer 11-23-79)**

The Fox (0-1) opens at home tonight at 8 in the Civic Center against the St. Louis Streak (0-1). A crowd of 3,000 is expected. The Streak lost to Minnesota 82-72, in its only regular season game, but beat the Fox 100-85, in exhibition. **(Philadelphia Inquirer 11-23-79)**

Fox Opens Tonight

The Fox had an unpleasant season opening experience Saturday, losing, 101-77, to Houston, the defending Women's Basketball League champion. Despite the loss, Wohl plans to start the same lineup: 5-11 forwards Peggy Vincent and Winsome Davidson, 5-8 guards Linda Matthews and Lynn Arturi and 6-4 center Sandy Miller. Game time is 8 o'clock.

WKDU you radio 91.7 FM will broadcast the Fox' 18 home games.

This single liner is no small feat in the WBL. WKDU was prepared and scheduled to do all 18 home games for the Fox. (The champion Angels had no radio package. The Dallas Diamonds had a 36-game radio package with KAAM.)



Fox's Linda Mathews looks for shooting room against Streak's Jeanie Loyd

Fox Barely Wins In Home Opener

The Fox held on to win its home opener before 1723 at the Civic Center, 79-78. One reason the Fox managed to beat St. Louis, which out rebounded them, 62-37, was the overall hustle and leadership of point guard Linda Matthews.

Thanksgiving came a day late for Matthews, who scored 35 points. "I was surprised that the defense they played, and thankful, too," Matthew said. "In the other games we've played, I haven't been that open."

In the end, the Fox won the turnover plagued game on a free-throw by guard Lynn Arturi with seven seconds left and gave the home team a 79-76 edge. Thus, even when Gwen Martin sank a pair of foul shots with no time remaining, the Fox was assured of victory.

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Streak's Gwendolyn Martin outrebounds Fox' Peggy Vincent



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Streak's Sheila Patterson taps ball over Fox' Winsome Davidson

Philadelphia Fox																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Arturi, Lynn	17		5				1	2			0						11
Davidson, Winsome	11		0				7	9			0		6				7
Gay, Peggy	20		2				0	0			0						4
Hlavacek, Sue	24	Name not in Newspaper															
Lawrence, Faye	22	8									0						0
Matthews, Linda	34		11	19			13	15			0						35
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Miller, Sandy	44		2				2	2			0						6
Vincent, Peggy	30		5				2	3		13	13						12
Zabel, Chrissy	4		2	7			0	0			0						4
Adjustment		232							13	11	24		27				
Totals		240	27	26	0	0	25	31	13	24	37	0	33	0	0	0	79
			FG%	#####			FT%	80.6%	Team Rebs								

St Louis Streak																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Chavers, Tonyus	6	Name not in Newspaper															
Daniels, Coco	1		6		1		5	7			0						17
Griffey, Venita	11		4				1	1			0						9
Loyd, Jeanie	10		0				1	4			0						1
Martin, Gwen	25		2				4	9			0						8
Patterson, Sheila	33		3				5	11		13	13						11
Platte, Ann	23		1				0	0			0						2
Plice, Darla	20		3				0	0			0						6
Tomich, Vonnice	5		5				3	4			0						13
Washington, Debbie	31		3				5	7			0						11
Adjustment		240		88					34	15	49		31				
Totals		240	27	88	0	1	24	43	34	28	62	0	31	0	0	0	78
			FG%	30.7%			FT%	55.8%	Team Rebs								

The Fox's 3rd game of the season and 2nd home game was the beginning of negative publicity for the newly created Fox.

Scrappy Fox Humbles Pride

Pride goeth before the fall. But Pride fell before the Fox, 89-87, at the Civic Center last night. The New Orleans Pride, that is.

The Fox, in humbling the Pride, played before mostly empty seats in its second home game of the Women's Professional Basketball League season. Attendance was 311.

But lack of viewers didn't uninspired the Fox, which up it's record to 2-1 in the WBL's Eastern Division, thanks to a last quarter rally which took New Orleans by surprise. The Fox Trailed, 81-69, with 7:39 left but rallied to go ahead 83-82, with just less than two minutes to go. From then on, it was a seesaw battle, with Fox guard Linda Matthews sinking the winter on an 18 foot jumper with six seconds on the clock.

(Philadelphia Daily News 11-30-79)



Fox' Chrissy McGoldrick Zabel is pressured by Pride's Paula Dean

Philadelphia Fox																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Arturi, Lynn	17		5				2	2			0						12
Davidson, Winsome	11		4				1	5		12	12		4 <<At Least				9
Gay, Peggy	20		3				1	2			0						7
Hlavacek, Sue	24		1				0	0			0						2
Lawrence, Faye	22		1				1	1			0						3
Matthews, Linda	34		7	15			7	7			0		3 <<At Least				21
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Miller, Sandy	44		6				2	2		11	11		6				14
Vincent, Peggy	30		4				5	7		9	9						13
Zabel, Chrissy	4		3				2	3			0						8
Adjustment		240		72						21	21						
Totals		240	34	87	0	0	21	29	0	53	53	0	13	0	0	0	89
			FG%	39.1%			FT%	72.4%	Team Rebs								

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Ard, Wanda	15		4				3	6			0						11
Blalock, Sybil	10		2				3	4			0						7
Bloom, Coretta	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Brumfield, Queen	32		5				3	4			0						13
Dean, Paula	30		9				0	0			0						18
Duckworth, Tesa	24		2				1	2			0						5
Forest, Augusta	31		6				7	13			0						19
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				5	12			0						11
Swilley, Kathy	5		0				0	0			0						0
Williams, Cindy	11		1				1	2			0						3
Adjustment		240		68						38	38						
Totals		240	32	68	0	0	23	43	0	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	87
			FG%	47.1%			FT%	53.5%	Team Rebs								

This victory allowed the Fox to be tied with the New York Stars for first place in the Eastern Division at 2-1. The league standings (as of 11/30/79) were as follows:

Eastern Division

Philadel.	2	1	.667
New York	2	1	.667
New Jersey	2	2	.500
Washington	1	3	.250

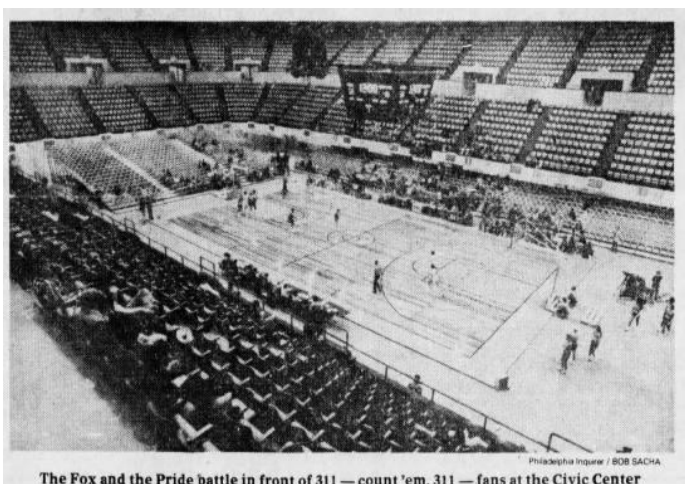
Midwestern Division

Iowa	3	0	1.000
Minnesota	2	1	.667
Chicago	2	2	.500
Milwaukee	0	3	.000
St. Louis	0	4	.000

Western Division

Houston	4	0	1.000
San Fran.	5	1	.833
Dallas	1	1	.500
New Orleans	2	3	.400
California	0	6	.000

For a brief moment in history the Fox lead their division.



The following picture showed up in the Philadelphia Inquirer (**11-30-79**) to show the response of Philly fans to the Fox.

Yet at the same time the Inquirer also ran a huge article on Linda Matthews.

Linda Matthews was strolling around the University of North Carolina's Chapel Hill campus one day last spring when a group of her friends approached her.

"Hey, congratulations!" they said.

"What for?" she asked.

"For getting drafted!"

"Drafted by who?"

"The Fox!"

"The who?"

To say that Linda Matthews' relationship with the Philadelphia Fox began with a whimper would be an understatement. When the Philadelphia's expansion entry in the Professional Women's Basketball League drafted the 5-foot 8-inch, 145 pound Tar Heel guard in the ninth round, the team neglected one small task - telling her.

She went to the office of her coach, Jennifer Alley. Alley already knew, having read about it in the morning's newspaper. But Allie became suspicious when Matthew said she didn't know anything about it, so together they spent the afternoon tracing down the truth.

The truth was that yes, Matthews had been drafted. But Steve Wasserman, the Fox director of operations, didn't call her until a few days later. All of which didn't inspire boundless confidence in Matthews, who had heard there was a women's pro league but was planning to begin work as an accountant in her hometown of Charlotte.

(Philadelphia Inquirer 11-30-79)



The rest of the article focused on her contributions at UNC and the role she was now playing with the Fox. Together the 2 articles were a lot of publicity, but not all of it positive.

On Saturday December 1, the (2-2) Fox concluded their 3-game home stand with a loss to the (3-1) Minnesota Fillies 104-84 before an announced crowd of 709.

Philadelphia Fox																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Arturi, Lynn	17	23	2	7			0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	0.304
Davidson, Winsome	11	39	7	16			1	1	5	7	12	0	3	2	7	0	15	0.564
Garrity, Pat	10	15	1	3			0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	0.400
Gay, Peggy	20	17	3	6			4	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	10	0.824
Hlavacek, Sue	24	7	1	3			0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	3	0	2	0.286
Lawrence, Faye	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Matthews, Linda	34	34	7	12			5	5	0	4	4	6	6	3	4	0	19	1.000
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	7	0	3			2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.286
Miller, Sandy	44	37	4	8			4	10	3	6	9	0	3	0	3	2	12	0.486
Vincent, Peggy	30	38	7	15			2	4	6	1	7	2	4	2	3	0	16	0.684
Zabel, Chrissy	4	23	1	6			0	0	2	1	3	0	3	1	2	0	2	0.174
Totals		240	33	79	0	0	18	26	20	22	42	12	23	10	25	2	84	0.563
			FG%	41.8%			FT%	69.2%	Team Rebs									

Minnesota Fillies																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
DeBoer, Kathy	21	Name not in Newspaper																
DeLorme, Scooter	32	38	8	11			0	0	0	3	3	4	3	0	4	0	16	0.605
Hawkins, Kathy	13	10	1	2			1	2	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.900
Jamison, Karen	15	4	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.000
Keeley, Marguerite	45	32	4	8			2	2	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	0	10	0.438
Kocurek, Marie	42	31	8	14			5	6	1	3	4	2	5	1	3	0	21	0.871
Montgomery, Pat	53	38	9	21			4	6	4	7	11	1	4	1	4	0	22	0.842
Owens, Katrina	33	29	1	5			4	9	6	8	14	4	0	0	3	4	6	0.862
Timperman, Janet	12	14	3	7			0	0	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	0	6	0.857
Wahl-Bye, Sue	24	3	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	-0.667
Wilson, Donna	11	41	8	11			4	4	0	2	2	2	3	4	1	0	20	0.707
Totals		240	42	80	0	0	20	29	14	30	44	17	21	8	21	4	104	0.704
			FG%	52.5%			FT%	69.0%	Team Rebs									

The negotiations with Mary Sue Garrity (a 4-year MVP with St. Joseph's) were concluded and she played 15 minutes. She had a basket and 2 assists in her pro debut.

This December 1st was also the day the league came in and took over the Fox franchise as no viable owner had made their presence known. The Fox had 6 consecutive road games coming up and travel arrangements had to be made.

While the Fox prepared to go to Chicago for their game on Saturday December 8th there was no information released to the press about the future of the team.

On Saturday the 8th, the (2-2) Fox lost to the (3-4) Hustle 121-98 in front of 2,543 fans at Alumni Hall. The (2-3) Fox returned to Philly before venturing up to New York for a game on the 11th against the (4-2) Stars.

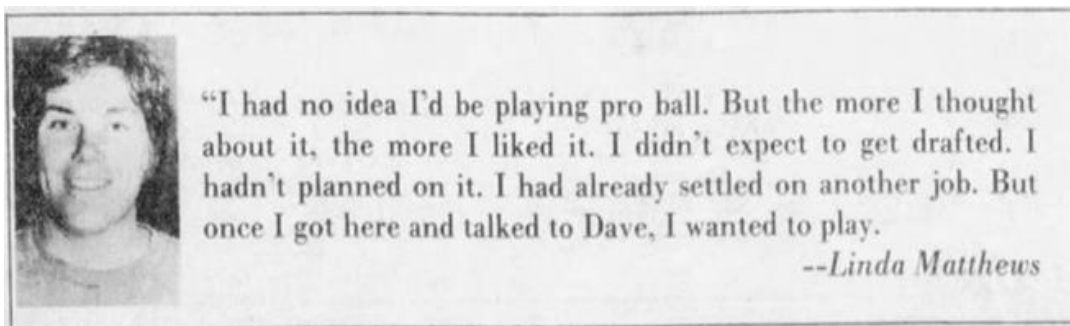
Philadelphia Fox																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Arturi, Lynn	17		4				0	0			0							8
Davidson, Winsome	11		4				7	8			0		6					15
Garrity, Pat	10		0				2	2			0							2
Gay, Peggy	20		2				3	3			0							7
Hlavacek, Sue	24	Name Not in Newspapers																
Lawrence, Faye	22		1				4	4			0							6
Matthews, Linda	34		1				4	6			0							6
Mayes, Dee Dee	12		4				2	2			0							10
Miller, Sandy	44		1				0	2			0							2
Vincent, Peggy	30		9				7	9			0							25
Zabel, Chrissy	4		8				1	2			0							17
Adjustment		240											23		37			
Totals		240	34	0	0	0	30	38	0	0	0	0	29	0	37	0	98	
			FG%	#####			FT%	78.9%	Team Rebs									

Chicago Hustle																	Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Caldwell, Breena	30		5				4	5			0						14
Digitale, Sue	21		7				6	6			0						20
Easterling, Rita	15	DNP - Injured Knee															
Galloway, Liz	31		5				2	7			0						12
Hileman, Vicki	22		4				0	0			0						8
Kennedy, Peggy	11		2				2	3			0						6
Mitchell, Adrian	26		1				6	9			0						8
Rajcula, Jody	24		4				0	0			0						8
Swindell, Retha	44		3				5	8			0						11
Thomas, Lisa	41		2				2	2			0						6
Travnik, Mary Pat	12		1				0	0			0						2
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25		11				4	4			0						26
Adjustment		240											27				
Totals		240	45	0	0	0	31	44	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	121
			FG%	#####			FT%	70.5%	Team Rebs								

The Fox had a 13-point lead in the 3rd quarter, but eventually lost 90-85 to make the Fox 2-4 for the season. A crowd of only 183 came to the mighty Madison Square Garden to see this game.

Philadelphia Fox																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Arturi, Lynn	17	16	1	10			0	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	4	0	2	0.125
Davidson, Winsome	11	40	4	12			6	9	6	6	12	4	6	2	5	0	14	0.775
Garrity, Pat	10	13	1	4			3	4	0	1	1	3	2	2	3	0	5	0.846
Gay, Peggy	20	29	2	5			0	0	0	3	3	1	0	1	3	0	4	0.241
Hlavacek, Sue	24	4	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.250
Lawrence, Faye	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Matthews, Linda	34	43	8	16			2	4	2	5	7	4	5	2	8	1	18	0.628
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	Name Not in Newspapers																
Miller, Sandy	44	34	5	6			8	10	4	4	8	1	5	0	0	0	18	0.824
Vincent, Peggy	30	33	7	14			1	3	6	1	7	2	4	3	6	0	15	0.697
Zabel, Chrissy	4	28	2	9			5	7	1	2	3	2	4	1	0	0	9	0.607
Totals		240	30	76	0	0	25	37	19	24	43	17	29	14	29	1	85	0.613
			FG%	39.5%			FT%	67.6%	Team Rebs		8							

New York Stars																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Craig, Denise	13	26	6	14			2	3	1	2	3	0	3	3	4	1	14	0.615	
Farrah, Sharon	11	38	5	15			4	4	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	14	0.368	
Gwyn, Althea	31	26	2	3			5	8	5	5	10	1	5	3	3	0	9	0.808	
Marquis, Gail	6	27	4	8			2	2	2	7	9	0	4	0	0	1	10	0.704	
Mason, Debbie		2	2	3			2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.500	
Moore, Pearl	12	8	1	4			4	4	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	1.000	
Sanborn, Kathy	32	12	0	2			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	-0.167	
Smith, Karen	24	24	5	10			0	1	3	3	6	0	3	0	2	0	10	0.583	
Tattersson, Gail	33	22	1	5			3	8	1	3	4	0	4	1	3	0	5	0.318	
Thomas, Janice	10	31	3	9	0	1	4	4	0	2	2	10	2	6	7	0	10	1.000	
Young, Faye	22	9	0	2			0	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.667	
Young, Kaye	20	15	3	5			0	0	2	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	6	0.800	
Totals		240	32	80	0	1	26	37	17	29	46	15	28	14	27	2	90	0.638	
			FG%	40.0%			FT%	70.3%	Team Rebs		7								



The team had to leave quickly as they had a game the next day in Des Moines, Iowa against the (5-0) Iowa Cornets. The Wednesday evening game attracted 1,905 as the Fox lost their

4th in a row for a 2-5 record. The 92-85 Iowa victory made them 6-0.

Philadelphia Fox																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Arturi, Lynn	17	14	3	5			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	6	0.286
Davidson, Winsome	11	37	5	11			5	8	2	10	12	1	5	0	3	0	15	0.703	
Garrity, Pat	10	14	1	2			4	4	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	6	0.500	
Gay, Peggy	20	17	3	7			1	2	0	1	1	0	4	1	2	0	7	0.412	
Hlavacek, Sue	24	2	0	1			0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.500	
Lawrence, Faye	22	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Matthews, Linda	34	41	3	10			1	2	0	6	6	3	5	5	8	0	7	0.390	
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	17	5	6			2	3	2	1	3	2	1	0	5	0	12	0.824	
Miller, Sandy	44	41	5	6			4	7	2	3	5	0	3	0	1	0	14	0.439	
Vincent, Peggy	30	36	2	7			6	8	4	7	11	0	4	1	4	0	10	0.500	
Zabel, Chrissy	4	21	4	11			0	0	0	3	3	0	3	1	2	0	8	0.476	
Totals		240	31	66	0	0	23	34	12	32	44	6	28	9	29	0	85	0.504	
			FG%	47.0%			FT%	67.6%	Team Rebs		0								

Iowa Cornets																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	30	22	9	23			9	16	0	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	27	1.364
Crevier, Tanya	24	Did Not Play																
Draving, Doris	50	33	4	4			6	10	6	12	18	2	3	2	0	0	14	1.152
Green, Anita	12	23	1	8			1	2	0	1	1	2	3	2	5	0	3	0.217
Hodgson, Pat	34	28	3	9			0	0	2	3	5	0	3	3	2	0	6	0.429
Kunzmann, Connie	44	26	1	1			2	2	2	3	5	0	3	4	3	0	4	0.385
Lewis, Charlotte	52	29	2	7			0	0	2	3	5	0	5	0	3	0	4	0.207
Penquite, Rhonda	32	5	0	0			2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.800
Sharps, Denise	20	24	7	13			4	5	1	2	3	1	5	0	4	0	18	0.792
Thomas, Debra K.	40	25	5	17			2	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	12	0.520
Tucker, Robin	10	25	1	3			0	0	0	1	1	6	0	1	1	0	2	0.600
Wellen, Nancy	14	Did Not Play																
Totals		240	33	85	0	0	26	40	15	27	42	11	28	15	19	0	92	0.633
			FG%	38.8%			FT%	65.0%	Team Rebs		8							

With so many games on the road and the league in charge what was happening with the Fox's meal money and hotel arrangements?

The (2-5) Fox flew out to California to meet the (1-& Dreams in Long Beach on Saturday December 15th . They fell to Dreams 84-70 in front of 331 fans. Yet of the 13 games the Dreams would play in Long Beach during the season this was actually going to be their 3rd largest crowd. (928, 601, & 331.) This was the Fox's 3rd game in 4 days.

Philadelphia Fox																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Arturi, Lynn	17	21	4	8			1	4	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	9	0.571
Davidson, Winsome	11	37	8	14			5	6	1	5	6	3	2	0	6	0	21	0.730
Garrity, Mary Sue	10	17	0	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	-0.118
Gay, Peggy	20	10	1	4			0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0.200
Hlavacek, Sue	24	13	0	3			0	0	3	4	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.538
Lawrence, Faye	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Matthews, Linda	34	44	3	14			12	12	1	3	4	7	5	3	6	0	18	0.750
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	4	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-0.250
Miller, Sandy	44	31	0	7			0	0	2	7	9	0	3	0	4	1	0	0.161
Vincent, Peggy	30	41	4	15			4	4	4	5	9	0	1	4	4	0	12	0.512
Zabel, Chrissy	4	22	3	16			2	4	3	4	7	2	3	1	1	0	8	0.864
Totals		240	23	85	0	0	24	30	14	31	45	12	24	10	26	1	70	0.513
			FG%	27.1%			FT%	80.0%	Team Rebs		5							

California Dreams																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bucklew, Patti	40	16	2	7			5	7	3	1	4	1	3	1	2	0	9	0.875
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	17	7	11			0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	6	1	14	0.706
Dunkle, Nancy	15	32	5	17			2	2	5	3	8	2	2	3	5	2	12	0.688
McGraw, Muffet	10	35	0	4			7	8	1	2	3	7	4	0	5	1	7	0.543
McKenzie, Michelle	20	25	3	5			0	0	1	6	7	0	4	0	3	0	6	0.400
Mosher, Barbara	33	6	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-0.167
Ransom, Gigi	55	Did Not Play																
Rhoades, Stacy	17	32	5	8			0	0	3	6	9	2	1	1	3	1	10	0.656
Scharff, Mary	11	35	7	12			4	5	0	3	3	1	1	1	2	0	18	0.629
Scott, Angela	23	14	1	4			2	3	1	8	9	0	0	1	0	1	4	1.000
Shirley, Pam	12	12	0	3			0	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.417
Uhl, Joan	22	16	1	3			2	2	4	2	6	1	4	0	1	0	4	0.688
Totals		240	31	76	0	0	22	27	19	36	55	16	20	7	29	6	84	0.621
			FG%	40.8%			FT%	81.5%	Team Rebs		6							

The team had 2 days off before they played the (2-8) Diamonds at the Dallas Convention Center. The expansion Diamonds were also struggling on the court and financially. Therefore, this was a chance for the 2-6 Fox to get a win over a weak Diamonds team. But Dallas came through with a 97-93 victory. A small crowd of 293 came out for this one.

Philadelphia Fox																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Arturi, Lynn	17	25	1	7			0	0	1	2	3	1	0	2	1	1	2	0.320
Davidson, Winsome	11	30	2	6			2	2	0	5	5	2	5	1	7	0	6	0.300
Garrity, Pat	10	22	2	4			3	4	0	3	3	4	4	4	2	0	7	0.909
Gay, Peggy	20	15	4	9			2	2	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	10	0.867
Hlavacek, Sue	24	16	1	2			0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	0.250
Lawrence, Faye	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Matthews, Linda	34	40	9	16			18	23	2	3	5	7	6	3	5	0	36	1.325
Mayes, Dee Dee	12	12	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.000
Miller, Sandy	44	32	6	11			0	0	4	7	11	0	6	0	5	0	12	0.563
Vincent, Peggy	30	25	5	13			4	5	1	1	2	2	3	2	3	0	14	0.760
Zabel, Chrissy	4	23	1	5			2	2	1	2	3	1	4	1	1	0	4	0.391
Totals		240	31	73	0	0	31	38	9	25	34	18	34	15	25	1	93	0.638
			FG%	42.5%			FT%	81.6%	Team Rebs		11							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	45	10	18			7	10	5	12	17	2	5	1	5	2	27	0.978
Baker, Janice	12	19	2	4			1	5	0	0	0	2	3	1	4	0	5	0.316
Bruton, Cindy	20	16	2	3			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	0.313
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	40	7	14			4	6	2	7	9	1	4	2	2	2	18	0.725
Cooper, Sheena	11	1	0	0			1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.000
Earnhardt, Christy	42	33	5	6			2	2	1	2	3	1	6	1	2	0	12	0.485
Goodwin, Valerie	22	46	6	16			2	3	0	3	3	2	0	0	3	0	14	0.391
John, Jeriann	44	31	5	10			0	1	2	1	3	4	6	1	3	0	10	0.613
McLannahan, Sharon	21	1	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1.000
Rutter, Nancy	14	DNP-Coach Decision																
Tomich, Vonnice	32	8	1	1			4	5	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	6	0.625
Totals		240	38	72	0	0	21	34	10	27	37	12	26	6	23	5	97	0.588
			FG%	52.8%			FT%	61.8%	Team Rebs		8							

The road trip would come to an end the next day Tuesday December 18th in New Orleans. The 1,342 who came out to Tulane did not see a contest of any kind. The 108-71 Pride victory was never close as the Fox dropped to 2-8, on the Pride improved to 6-6.

Philadelphia Fox																		Team Game #		10					
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	LG#	H-A	W-L				
Arturi, Lynn	17		2				2	3			0						6		208	A	L				
Davidson, Winsome	11		3				10	18			0						16		208	A	L				
Garrity, Pat	10		0				2	2			0						2		208	A	L				
Gay, Peggy	20		3				4	8			0						10		208	A	L				
Gray, Donna	55		2		0		0	0			0						0		208	A	L				
Hlavacek, Sue	24		Name not in Box Score														0		208	A	L				
Lawrence, Faye	22		3				2	2			0							208	A	L					
Matthews, Linda	34		3				1	1			0							208	A	L					
Mayes, Dee Dee	12		0				0	0			0							208	A	L					
Miller, Sandy	44		2				1	2			0							208	A	L					
Vincent, Peggy	30	5			2	3	0		208	A	L														
Zabel, Chrissy	4	2			1	2	0		208	A	L														
Adjustment		238		70									32		33				208	A	L				
Totals		240	23	70	0	0	25	41	0	0	0	0	32	0	33	0	71	0.158	208	A	L				
			FG%	32.9%			FT%	61.0%	Team Rebs			3 players fouled out													
Special Notes:																									
These stats were Reconstructed from 9 box scores minus Media Guide Final Stats																									
Donna Gray's name was listed in Game 9 with Dallas, but didn't play The Media Guide said she played 1 game for 2 minutes - therefore the only game possible would be #10 against New Orleans																									

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Anderson, Katrina	22		3				2	6			0						8	
Ard, Wanda	15		2				1	2			0						5	
Blalock, Sybil	10		5				0	0			0						10	
Bloom, Coretta	12		3				3	4			0						9	
Brumfield, Queen	32		6				7	8			0						19	
Dean, Paula	30		5				3	8			0						13	
Duckworth, Tesa	24		1				2	7			0						4	
Forest, Augusta	31		4				11	15			0						19	
Smallwood, Sandra	34		5				10	10			0						20	
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Box Score										0						0
Williams, Cindy	11		0				1	2			0						1	
Adjustment		240		69														
Totals		240	34	69	0	0	40	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	
			FG%	49.3%			FT%	64.5%	Team Rebs									

The best news for the Philadelphia team came in an article on December 19th that said 6'5" Old Dominion Univ. senior, Inge Nissen, said she'd love to play in Philadelphia. With a record of 2-8 the Fox were well on their way to having the first pick in the 1980 draft.

The first public acknowledgment of Philadelphia basketball problems came through the Philadelphia Inquirer where they stated the league had revoked the ownership of New York businessman, Eric Kraus. The league also said they had taken control three weeks earlier. Larry Jones, the WBL's Director of Player Operations was now running the Fox.

Owner Eric Kraus denied the team had been taken from him and his attorney, Eliot Miller, would address the situation. Mr. Kraus felt legal action was necessary because of a breach of contract. He said the league was supposed to provide him with \$250,000 of operating capital by November 15th and they didn't. At that point Kraus would pay the rest of the initial joining fee of \$100,000.

With the financial confusion, and an average attendance of just 914 for their first 3 games, the Fox cancelled their next 2 games. The first was tonight, Thursday December 20 against Milwaukee and the Saturday game against the Iowa Cornets.

One WBL official, Larry Jones, wasn't sure why the games had been cancelled, while Bill Eaton the WBL Director of Operations said the arena situation needed to be analyzed.

Mr. Jones said the arrangement with the Civic Center was good. The rent was fine, the location was good, and the people were decent. Bill Eaton said the league can't force a team to change arenas, but could "strongly suggest." He was also looking at the jump in attendance when the Metros moved from Washington D.C. to Baltimore.

On Thursday the 20th the Civic Center looked ready for a game, but inside the Fox office some of the players gathered wondering if they were going to get paid. The Head Coach and General Manager Dave Wohl was informed that barring a last second miracle the WBL would be holding a Dispersal Draft of the former Fox and Metro players. Yet there was no announcement about the Fox franchise disbanding.

Players and management upset with misrepresentation by President Byrne and 2nd in command Dave Almstead. Dave Wohl emphasizes the players held up their end of the bargain with no gripes, no groans and attitudes 100% better than the men's league (NBA). They at least need to be paid.

Owner Eric Kraus invested \$20,000 and was set up as the head of the organization, but the league has always been the "owner." According to Wohl the players had been paid thru December 1st and were expecting a Dec. 15th check.

An article from the Philadelphia Inquirer on Friday December 21st said the following:

"I called him (Byrne) Saturday," Wohl said. "I asked him when the players were going to be paid (the check due December 15th) he said we'll pay them Monday." I said, "Fine." Bill Byrne was supposed to come to the office at 9 o'clock Monday morning. He asked me to get all the players together. Monday morning comes, no Bill Byrne.

"I get on the phone to him. "What happened?" He said, "I've got a guy I think is going to buy it . . . I'll be down Tuesday at 2 o'clock."

Again, the team gathered. When Byrne failed to appear by 2:10, Wohl sent a message to all the teams in the league announcing that the Fox was shutting down indefinitely. He explained that the players hadn't been paid, the Civic Center was owed some \$8,000 to cover back rent, security, ushers, etc. and the club owed close to \$20,000 in additional back bills.

The timing of all this needs to be examined working backwards:

- 1) On Thursday December 20th – the Fox cancelled their game with the Milwaukee Does and did fold up as an organization.
- 2) Wohl claims the team was together on Tuesday (the 18th) to meet with Bill Byrne. The basketball schedule shows the team was in New Orleans playing a game on the 18th.
- 3) Wohl claims the team was to gather on Monday (the 17th) to learn about their 15th paycheck. This makes sense. Yet Monday the 17th the schedule shows the team is in Dallas for a game.
- 4) Is it possible this took place the week before?
 - a) The team was in town on Monday the 10th.
 - b) The team had a game in New York on Tuesday the 11th, but the drive is only 3 hours.
 - c) YET – with a no show on Tuesday the 11th – and the team about to play 5 road games in the next 8 days – there would be no announcement the team has closed shop.

Continuing on with Fox organization observations. A disturbing one can be seen with:

"We've had no help from the league office -from Byrne and his sidekick." Wohl said, "We call them Bonzo and Howdy Doody. We'll call up and say, "We have a phone bill for \$1,800 that's three months overdue. The phone company says that they're taking out our phones," and they'll go, "We'll stall them."

Chrissy Zabel stated: "I just can't believe someone would deal with other people in that way. He's so callous. I don't know if he thinks that we're independently wealthy or what ... To just blatantly lie to our faces. At least if he had said the next paycheck is shaky, that wouldn't have been nice to hear, but it would have been a little more honest. These girls, they've played for practically nothing. They've made the commitment, given up other jobs. They're shocked and disappointed they've been treated this way. Their initial reaction was, 'How could they have done this to us after we did so much for them?'"

The article on the 21st continues:

In the meantime the horror stories go on and on. At one point this season, Wohl discovered the league had no insurance to cover players in event of injury, "after they told us they did." And he said, Byrne had intimidated two players, saying if they got an agent (or lawyer) to represent them (in the current mess), they would never play in the league beyond the length of their current contract.

On Friday Dec. 21st at 12:59 pm, a minute before the franchises were officially shut down, the players were released from their contracts. Some of the Fox players were meeting with attorney Steve Kauffman to take legal action on back pay and expenses. Any player on waivers could be claimed for 24 hours by a team for \$100. After that they became a free agent.

The following players were selected from the Philadelphia Fox:

Linda Matthews	#2 pick to	California Dreams
Peggy Vincent	#7 pick to	New Jersey Gems (and later traded to St. Louis)
Winsome Davidson	#8 pick to	Iowa Cornets
Faye Lawrence	#13 pick to	California Dreams
Peggy Gay	#14 pick to	Chicago Hustle
Sandy Miller	#15 pick to	Iowa Cornets
Chrissy Zabel	#16 pick to	Minnesota Fillies
Lynn Arturi	#17 pick to	California Dreams

The California Dreams took four Philadelphia Fox players in the Dispersal Draft, but waived three of them within 24 hours without ever talking to them. Only Linda Matthews remains of interest to the Dreams.

December 27, 1979 –The Chicago Sun Times has learned that Fox players were demanding their back wages since December 1st, wages for the rest of the year and the resignations of Byrne and his assistant, Dave Almstead. The players were represented by Philadelphia antitrust attorneys Steve Kaufman and Harold Kohn.

"I'm afraid the league could not afford the expenses of such litigation," said an owner who requested anonymity. "We've already lost about \$200,000 taking care of the Philadelphia franchise and we still owe \$40,000 for some of its overhead expenses. I'm afraid that Mr. Byrne failed to inform us of all the problems of the Philadelphia and Washington clubs. They should have been folded before the season."

Team	Player	No.	GP	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	FTM	FTA	FT %	Of Rb	Df Rb	Tot Rb	Reb Avg	Ast	Ast Avg	PF	PF Avg	Stl	TO	TO Avg	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.
Philadelphia Fox	Arturi, Lynn	17	10	230	23.00	31	90	0.344	6	11	0.545	9	10	19	1.90	8	0.80	22	2.2	14	23	2.30	2	68	6.80	0.409
Philadelphia Fox	Davidson, Winsome	11	10	288	28.80	43	103	0.417	53	78	0.679	35	60	95	9.50	15	1.50	44	4.4	9	44	4.40	3	139	13.90	0.795
Philadelphia Fox	Garrity, Pat	10	7	117	16.71	5	20	0.250	14	16	0.875	3	5	8	1.14	10	1.43	14	2.0	9	17	2.43	0	24	3.43	0.376
Philadelphia Fox	Gay, Peggy	20	10	152	15.20	23	66	0.348	17	23	0.739	5	21	26	2.60	9	0.90	15	1.5	9	14	1.40	0	63	6.30	0.671
Philadelphia Fox	Gray, Donna	55	1	2	2.00	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.000
Philadelphia Fox	Hlavacek, Sue	24	10	101	10.10	3	15	0.200	0	0	0.000	8	13	21	2.10	3	0.30	23	2.3	1	8	0.80	0	6	0.60	0.257
Philadelphia Fox	Lawrence, Faye	22	5	81	16.20	6	24	0.250	8	9	0.889	3	4	7	1.40	6	1.20	9	1.8	4	9	1.80	0	20	4.00	0.420
Philadelphia Fox	Matthews, Linda	34	10	360	36.00	55	134	0.410	66	81	0.815	8	29	37	3.70	52	5.20	48	4.8	28	46	4.60	2	176	17.60	0.831
Philadelphia Fox	Mayes, Dee Dee	12	8	82	10.25	9	21	0.429	6	7	0.857	5	3	8	1.00	9	1.13	9	1.1	2	10	1.25	0	24	3.00	0.512
Philadelphia Fox	Miller, Sandy	44	10	333	33.30	33	66	0.500	23	37	0.622	26	50	76	7.60	6	0.60	44	4.4	6	35	3.50	13	89	8.90	0.444
Philadelphia Fox	Vincent, Peggy	30	10	348	34.80	53	116	0.457	33	46	0.717	32	43	75	7.50	14	1.40	30	3.0	29	44	4.40	0	139	13.90	0.652
Philadelphia Fox	Zabel, Chris	4	10	244	24.40	32	105	0.305	19	28	0.679	19	28	47	4.70	10	1.00	38	3.8	13	23	2.30	0	83	8.30	0.574
Philadelphia Fox	Adjustment			62																						
Philadelphia Fox		10	2,400			293	760	0.386	245	336	0.729	153	266	419	41.90	142	14.20	296	29.60	124	273	27.30	20	831	83.10	0.577

So Concludes the Story of the PHILADELPHIA FOX