

Pittsburgh's new ice age

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The NHL season might have started a few months late, but the Pittsburgh Penguins have not missed a beat. The Penguins set a franchise record by playing their first twelve games without a loss.

The Penguins' record is currently 11-0-1, but the Penguins have a slim lead over the Quebec Nordiques. After the Nordiques' 3-2 victory over the New York Islanders, they were only one point behind the Penguins in the Northeast Division standing, with a record of 11-1.

Not only is the Penguins' streak best in their franchise history, but it is the fourth best in NHL history. If the Penguins get a win or a tie in their next three games, they will tie the

NHL record for the best start to a season set by Edmonton in the 1984-1985 season.

Much has been said about how the Penguins would play without future Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux and starting goaltender Tom Barrasso.

However, the Penguins have drowned those words with the likes of Jaromir Jagr, Ron Francis and Ken Wregget who have played outstanding in the Penguins' first 12 games.

Left Winger Jagr is leading the league in scoring so far this season. Jagr has 23 goals and 11 assists for 34 total points. He had his second career hat trick Tuesday night in a 5-3 victory over Boston. Jagr scoring production is similar to the best season of the great Lemieux.

Francis, the Penguin who has taken Lemieux's place in the starting lineup at center, also has

a big scoring threat for the Penguins this season. Francis has five goals and 15 assists, for 20 total points. Those 20 points puts Francis third in the league in scoring.

Wregget has been forced into the starting role as goaltender since Barasso was hurt before the season even started.

Wregget has played every minute of every game this season.

The Penguins' team record is not the only NHL mark set.

Defenseman Larry Murphy scored his 916th point Tuesday night to put him into fifth place all-time in scoring among defensemen. Murphy's assist of Jagr's first goal came 1:08 into the first period of Tuesday night's game.

The records for the Penguins don't stop there.

This season right winger Joe

Mullen became the first American born player to score 1000 points in a career. Mullen had a goal and an assist in Tuesday's victory over Boston, bringing his total to eight goals and seven assists for the season.

So far, it has been a two horse race between Pittsburgh and Quebec for best record in the NHL Eastern Conference.

The Northeast Division, which includes Pittsburgh, Quebec, Boston, and Buffalo has the only above .500 teams in the Eastern Conference.

No team in the Atlantic Division, which include the defending Stanley Cup champion New York Rangers, New Jersey Devils and New York Islanders, has a better record than the fourth place Northeast Division team, Buffalo.

Also, since the NHL strike cut the regular season to 48 games,

NHL teams will only play others from their own conferences. So that means the Penguins will only play teams like the Nordiques, Bruins, and Rangers.

So if the start of the season is any indication of whether or not another the Stanley Cup will return to the city of Pittsburgh, it appears to be all systems go.



Happy Valley hoops

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It's the middle of winter in Happy Valley, and sports is still a hot topic despite the end of the football season.

After winning the Rose Bowl and finishing the season undefeated in football, you would think things would simmer down a bit at Penn State until September, but that is not the case.

The reason is the Penn State Nittany Lions basketball team. Penn State basketball is winning and thinking post-season in the middle of February.

Penn State opened the 1994-95 season by finishing the non-conference schedule 8-1 with it's lone loss to Texas Tech 67-61 back on December 28.

The Nittany Lions began '95 with a disappointing loss at Minnesota 69-67 in the Big Ten opener. The Lions then surprised Michigan with a ten point victory over the Wolverines in Rec Hall.

In the next game, Penn State defeated Ohio State on the road by 14 points, but then lost a nail-biter to Bobby Knight's Hoosiers 71-69 at home.

The Nittany Lions recovered from the Indiana loss and reeled off two consecutive wins against Northwestern and Wisconsin which put Penn State 4-2 in Big Ten play.

PSU then suffered two tough losses to Big Ten powers Purdue and Michigan State which evened their record at 4-4, 12-5 overall.

Penn State recovered and took care of Iowa at Rec Hall 74-64 before a national television audience on CBS two weeks ago.

However, last week the Lions lost two in a row to Illinois and Michigan State to drop the Nittany Lions to 5-6 in the Big Ten which marks the first time since the Minnesota loss that Penn State is under .500 in the conference.

Penn State is 13-7 with three games at home and four on the road left to play.

A player to keep your eye on is star center John Amaechi has shown true leadership throughout his senior season. Amaechi, his teammates, and head coach Bruce Parkhill look forward to March Madness, whether it be the NCAA tournament or the NIT.

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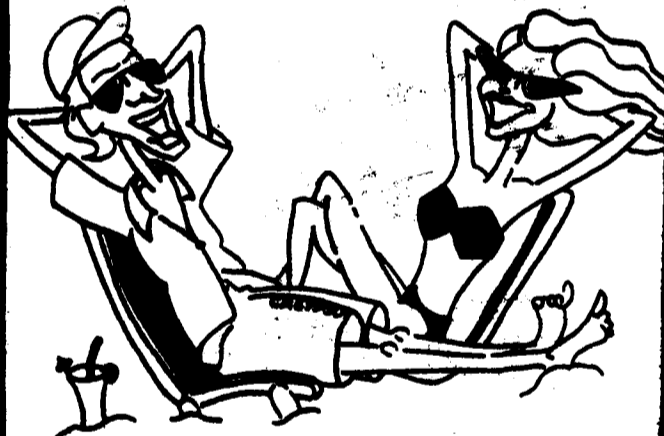
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