

Umpire gets in the way of victory

Stocker sets school hits record

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The Lady Lions finished a tough week of games with a 3-3 record. Last Thursday, the Lady Lions split a pair of games with Geneva College, losing 8-4 and winning 9-1. Then, on Sunday, they swept a pair from Hiram 4-1 and 8-2, and on Wednesday they were swept by Gannon 4-1 (8 innings) and 3-1 (5 innings, darkness shortened).

The Lady Lions were ready for Division II powerhouse Gannon (12-0) yesterday, looking for a split like they got last year. Norder looked sharp on the mound giving up only three hits through six innings while striking out three.

But in the top of the seventh, Gannon knocked a two out triple to the gap in right center. The next batter got a quick base hit scoring the run and giving Gannon the 1-0 advantage going into the bottom half of the inning.

In the bottom half of the seventh, the Lady Lion bats came alive. Lisa Fox led off with a base hit and then promptly stole second. Steph Roberts sacrificed her to third and Becky Reed stepped to the plate and knocked a single to left to score Fox, tying the score. Erin Terry next sacrificed Reed to third. Then Beth Calhoun knocked a shot past Gannon's third-baseman that

looked like it would surely score Reed. Instead, the ball hit the umpire and rolled to a stop, stranding Reed at third. Schlott popped out to left to end the inning.

As is the rule in college softball, in extra innings the team at bat starts with a runner on second. Gannon finally got a piece of Norder, scoring the runner on second and two more to wrap up a 4-1 win.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions had a big series against Hiram.

In the first game it took a little while for the Lady Lions to get the bats going, but in the third Shannon Angel hit a shot to left, Calhoun doubled to left center, scoring Angel, and Schlott followed with a double to score Calhoun.

The Lady Lions tacked on an additional two in the fifth to outlast Hiram 4-1. Norder went seven strong innings to even her record at 4-4. She allowed five hits and struck out three. The one run was unearned.

The game also marked a new record for the Lady Lions as Julie Stocker got her 125th hit of her career at Behrend breaking the record held by Sue Mazor.

In the first game, the Lady Lions got out on top early. Reed singled to center, Calhoun knocked her in with a double. Schlott reached on an error. Stocker, Terry, and Norder then



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Huddling up the troops: Lady Lion Head Coach Sharon Gregory gathers up her team before last Sunday's game against Bethany. Gregory and the Lady Lions look to improve their 8-9 record as they hit the road for their next three games. They will be at Bethany Saturday, Allegheny next Tuesday, and Theil next Wednesday.

walked, and Roberts reached on a error by the third baseman driving in two for an early Lady Lion 5-0 edge.

The Lady Lions tacked on one in the second and two in the fourth, one on Marlesse Schlott's third homerun of the year. The Lady Lions completed the sweep 8-2.

Last Thursday, the Lady Lions began the home stand with a split against Geneva. In the opening game, Geneva rocked Behrend starter Beth Calhoun for fourteen

hits and eight runs (only three earned) in seven innings of work. Geneva got one in the first and second, four in the third, and two more in the sixth. Behrend fell 8-4.

Stocker was 2-3 with two runs batted in to lead the Lady Lions. Reed, Calhoun, Terry, and Fox also had two hits for Behrend.

In the nightcap, the Lady Lions were on fire as the first four Lady Lions to the plate scored. The Lady Lions got two more in the third, and three in the fourth for a

9-1 advantage.

Norder was sterling again, with seven innings of four hit ball, striking out three and giving up only one run. Schlott was 2-2 with a three-run homerun in the first. Stocker contributed two RBI's, and Fox and Angel each had two hits to pace the Lady Lions.

The Lady lions will be back in action Saturday at Bethany, next Tuesday at Allegheny, and next Wednesday at Theil.

Wildcats national champs

By Gary Hill
Reuters

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (Reuters)—Mighty Kentucky, using ferocious pressing defense, held off plucky Syracuse 76-67 to win its sixth national college basketball championship Monday.

Tony Delk led Kentucky with 24 points, tying an NCAA Final record with seven three-pointers, and Ron Mercer added 20 points, while John Wallace, who fouled out with just over a minute to go, poured in 29 points and Todd Burgan tallied 19 for Syracuse.

"We would like to congratulate the tremendous heart and guts of Syracuse University," said Kentucky coach Rick Pitino.

"Tony Delk came up unbelievable for us," said Pitino.

"You know there will be a big celebration tonight. New York will be painted full-blast tonight."

"Obviously it's a bad feeling to foul out and leave your team hanging like that," said Wallace, who thought he had several questionable foul calls against him. "Those calls could have went either way — but they didn't."

"I'm tremendously proud of this team," said Syracuse coach Jim Boheim.

"In the first half we didn't do a good job against Delk," said Boheim, adding that in the second half, "Mercer was the one guy who came in and hurt us."

In a game that saw lots of quick hands and feet causing plenty of deflections and slammed-shut passing lanes, Syracuse, which committed only five turnovers in the semifinal win over Mississippi State Saturday, was undone by 24 turnovers leading to 27 Kentucky points, as the Wildcats sent waves of fresh bodies in all game long.

Syracuse's unusual two-three zone forced 15 Kentucky turnovers leading to 14 Orangemen points.

Otis Hill and Wallace each had 10 rebounds for Syracuse. Antoine Walker had nine for Kentucky.

Heavily favored Kentucky (34-2) came in 12-5 in 10 previous Final Four appearances, winning five national titles and finishing as runner-up twice. The Wildcats last won the national championship in 1978.

Syracuse (29-9) lost the

national championship by one point to Indiana in its only previous title game appearance, in 1987.

Odds makers favored Kentucky, the top seed in the Midwest region, by 14 points over Syracuse, just the fourth seed in the West, but the Orangemen did not go down easily.

After falling behind by as much as 46-35 with 16:42 to go in the second half, Syracuse used a 9-2 run, capped by a Lazarus Sims alley-oop to Burgan, to cut the lead to 48-46.

But then Kentucky produced an 11-0 streak, during which Syracuse turned the ball over on five straight possessions, and the lead was back up to 59-46 on a four-point play by Delk.

With Hill pounding the boards, Syracuse whittled away, and an inspirational power-drive dunk by Wallace cut the lead back to 62-58, and to 64-62 with 4:46 left on two Wallace free throws.

But that was as close as the Orange would get. A key play came with the Wildcats leading 72-67, when the teams batted the ball back and forth in a scramble that wound up with Wallace committing his fifth foul with 1:06 to go.

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