

# Da Bulls capture da Schick 3-on-3 title

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The Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Penn State Harrisburg was a two-team event. Well, it only seemed that way.

Da Bulls and the Fun Bunch squared off three times in the eight-team double elimination roundball classic, with Da Bulls eventually winning in the final game. The tournament lasted two weeks, with the deciding games being played on Dec. 3. The games consisted of two 8-minute halves.

Da Bulls, who finished the tournament with a 5-1 record, lost the first game of the finals 19-17, but since that was their first loss of the tournament, they had to play the Fun Bunch (4-2) again and managed to hold on for a 28-25 victory.

The Fun Bunch was seeking revenge for their only loss of the tournament, a 20-19 semifinal defeat to Da Bulls.

Da Bulls' Todd Lyons, who scored nine points in the deciding game, said they came out flat in the opening contest but pulled together in the second game.

"We had to calm down after the first game," Lyons said. "We had to regroup and play our game."

Lyons was also the leading scorer in the opening affair, scoring 15 of Da Bulls' 17 points.

In game two, Da Bulls opened up a 14-8 lead with three minutes remaining in the first half, but the Fun Bunch wouldn't quit, as Rick Zendt hit two consecutive 3-pointers to tie the contest at 14-14. However, Lyons scored four points in the final two minutes of the half, and teammate Mick Michalik also added a jumper to give Da Bulls a 20-16 halftime lead.

The second half started out as a defensive battle with neither team scoring for the first two minutes of action. Michalik broke the scoring drought with a 3-pointer, giving Da Bulls a 23-16 edge.

However, the Fun Bunch's Steve Spahl sandwiched two lay-ups around another Zendt three to tie the game at 23-23 with four minutes left. Zendt ended the game with nine points.

Da Bulls seemed to be tiring, but Lyons wouldn't let them die. Lyons rattled in a free-throw with 2:30 left to give Da Bulls a one point lead. With 75 seconds remaining, Lyons picked up a loose ball at the 3-point line, drove the baseline, and hit a lay-up to give Da Bulls a 26-23 lead.

The Fun Bunch's Tracy Bogans scored with a minute left to cut the deficit to a point. Michalik answered on a 13-footer with 20 seconds left, giving Da Bulls a 28-25 advantage.

Spahl tried a desperation three as time expired, but it hit off the back of the rim, giving Da Bulls a trip to the University of Pennsylvania on Feb. 8 for the regional tournament.

When Michalik was asked if the team could make it to the tournament, he responded "We'll be there."

Michalik ended the contest with 15 points and scored the two points Lyons didn't score in the opening game. Mark Heidel chipped in four points and Kirk Smith came off the bench to spark the defense.

The Fun Bunch's Spahl lead his team with 10 points. Bogans scored four points in the game, and Pete Groom added a bucket to round out the Fun Bunch's scoring.

In the opening contest, Da Bulls entered halftime with a 10-9 advantage, but the Fun Bunch's Spahl scored seven second-half points to lift them to a 19-17 win, forcing the final game. Lyons, who scored eight points in the second half, was fouled on an attempt to tie the game at the buzzer. However, the Fun Bunch had a foul to give, so no free-throws were awarded.

Spahl scored 13 points to lead the Fun Bunch, while Bogans and Groom scored four and two points respectively in the opener.

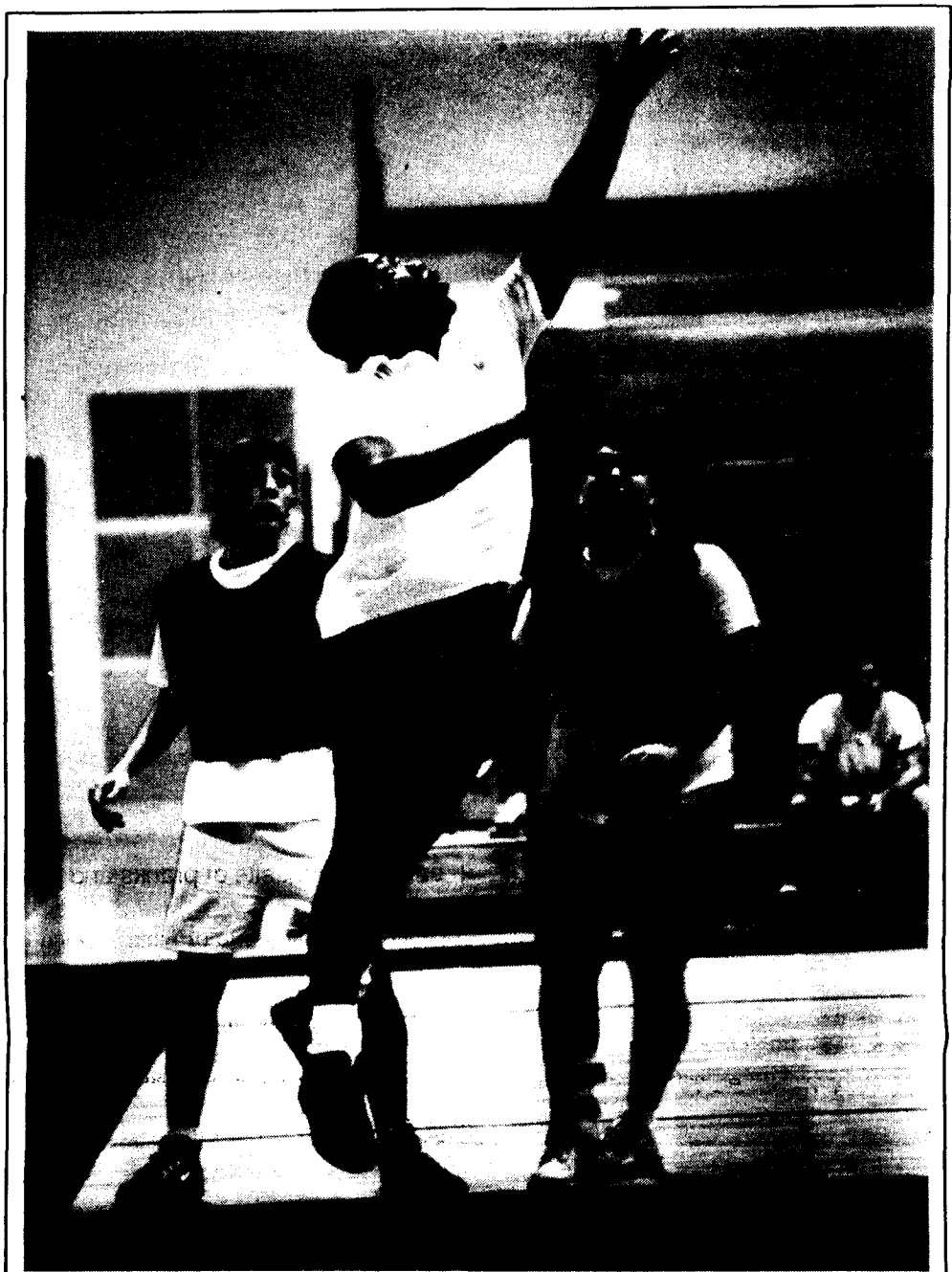


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Tracy Bogans (center) skies for a rebound as Mick Michalik (left) of Da Bulls, and teammate Todd Lyons look on.

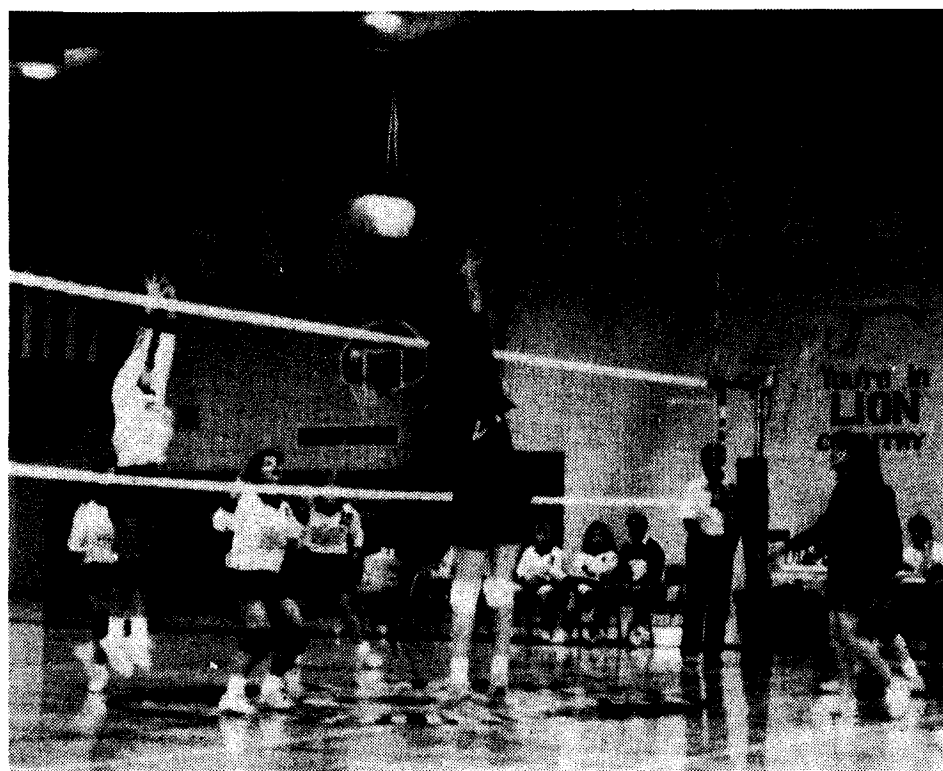


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Lady Lion Cindy Carlson (21) spikes the ball against champion Central Penn. The Lady Lions finished second in the tournament last fall.

## Campus outlines eligibility standards

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Penn State Harrisburg's spring sports are not only bringing excitement to the coaches and the fans, but the upcoming sports could cause anxious feelings for the players as well.

Athletic Director Duane Crider said there are four main requirements for participation in varsity sports, and that even many of the students who are members of the varsity sports don't know what the requirements are.

First, the student must be full-time, carrying a minimum of 12 credits during the semester he or she wishes to participate. Second, the athlete must have passed at least 24 credits over the last two combined semesters. Third, the student must have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, which is a national standard.

Lastly, the student also cannot be

beyond a ten-semester standing, which is the maximum number of semesters the university allows a student to complete a four-year degree. There is also a clause that can keep an athlete from participating that is called the "normal progress" standard.

"The normal progress rule says that the athlete must have demonstrated that he or she was successful at their school work," Crider said. He added that an athlete could be kept from playing because of this rule even if he or she met the other requirements.

Crider said that though the requirements may seem tough, the college has had a high graduation rate for student athletes during his five-year stay as athletic director.

"We have a graduation rate in the 98th percentile for athletes who have participated in sports for two semesters here," Crider said. This was the case

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