

## Lady Lions Fall in Big Ten Final

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On March 5, the favored No. 5 Penn State Lady Lions attempted to knock off No. 20 Purdue in the Big Ten Conference Tournament Final. However, the Boilermakers' success continued. They defeated the Lady Lions 71-63, and won their third consecutive title.

Purdue (22-7), the defending national champions, were simply too much for the Lady Lions. The Boilermakers rode the shoulders of captain Katie Douglas who poured in 24 points to lead all scorers. Penn State (26-4), who easily won both regular-season meetings with Purdue, had a 10-game winning streak as that snapped

and fell for only the second time in 26 contests.

Despite the loss, point guard Helen Darling was named the tournament's most valuable player. Darling poured in 16 points and seven assists. Andrea Garner chipped in with 14 and Lisa Shepard scored 10 for the Penn State team, who shot a disappointing 37 percent overall.

The Lady Lions will still be high seed in the upcoming NCAA Women's Tournament. Seeding was determined on Sunday, March 12. First and second rounds of the tournament will be played at various campus sites from March 17-20.

## Sixers Rebounding

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After many years of ridicule by hometown fans, the Philadelphia 76ers are finally beginning to make believers out of themselves. Attendance at Sixer home games has been phenomenal this season, filling the stands in almost every contest played at the First Union Center.

For the first time since the days of the legendary Dr. J, it seems like Sixer pride has been revived in the City of Brotherly Love. The Sixers look to make their second consecutive playoff appearance after many years of being the doormat of the NBA's East Division.

This season the Sixers are tied with Toronto at 35-25 for the fourth-best record in the East. They have the league's top scorer in Allen Iverson and they recently acquired former Chicago Bull standout Tony Kukoc in a three-team deal.

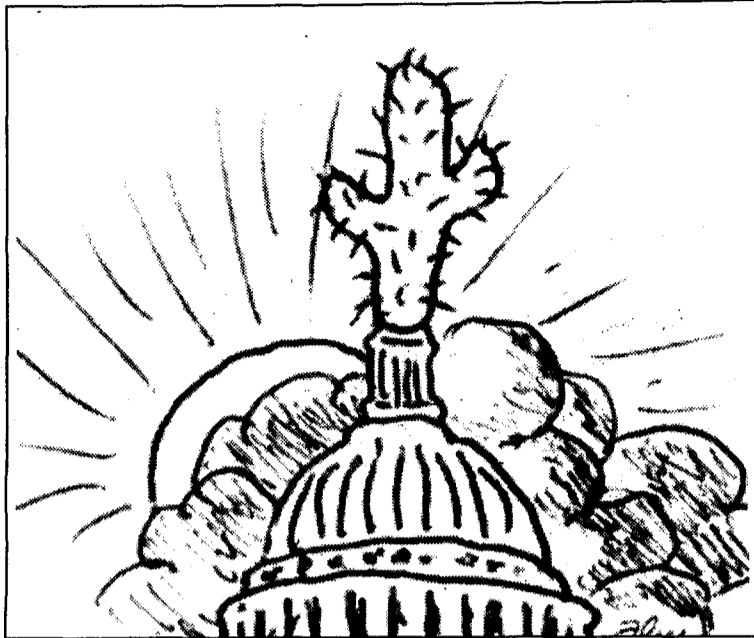
In addition to Iverson's offensive prowess, the Sixers are noteworthy for their stellar

defensive play. The Sixers are second in the NBA in steals per game and forced turnovers.

This aggressive defense is led by point guard Eric Snow and small forward George Lynch. The Sixers have already endured many injuries, limiting their full potential. Three big men, centers Matt Geiger and Tyrone Hill and forward Theo Ratliff, have battled injuries throughout the season and missed considerable playing time.

While healthy, these three powerful forces could put up a fight with any other big men in the NBA. The dominating play of the Sixers' big men coupled with the aggressive play of Snow and Lynch could make this team a legitimate playoff threat.

The addition of playoff-experienced Kukoc to complement superstar Iverson will also contribute to a sixer team certainly worth a second look come playoff time.



## Beer Found in the Desert

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I have to hand it to Harrisburg for at least one thing. A thing we can all relate to: beer!

At one time, Harrisburg produced most of the beer for this region. Unfortunately, that was around 1700. The local brew-

eries thrived until Prohibition put them all out of business in 1919.

With Prohibition long dead, some folks have begun to put Harrisburg back on the map of the beer brewing world. I will be writing about beer in my next few columns, and will have only nice things to say, since brewpubs must be spoken of in a positive fashion.

My next column will be about the brothers Troeg, but this one will concentrate on The Appalachian Brewing Company, or ABC as it is known

around town. This 50,000 square foot facility is one of the nation's largest brew pubs and I can tell you from personal experience, they make some fine beer. I've tried them all, and they're all excellent. The Pennypacker Porter, Susquehanna Stout and Riverside Red Ale are delicious.

Not only do they have an excellent bar crowd, they serve decent food and have live entertainment. I saw Big Tubba Mista there recently and they're a pretty cool act.

The brewery has been in operation since January 1997, and I was actually one of their first customers. I was visiting Harrisburg and just happened to come across the place.

During my most recent visit there, the other night, I was inspired to write about the place and then further decided to write about local brew pubs for the next few weeks.

Which reminds me, ABC will be having a brew tasting event on May 20th. Not only will you be able to try their beer, but other microbrews from around the area as well. Should be cool.

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