

Basketball:

University Park, Pa. — Penn State basketball coach Dick Harter renews his vow to make the Nittany Lions a national basketball power, when his team opened practice for the 1980-81 season October 15.

When Harter accepted the job as the Nittany Lion coach on March 14, 1978, he said, "We want to be competitive, we want to win and we want to be champions." He's already fulfilled the first two goals and has taken a giant step toward the third goal.

In two seasons, Harter has begun to restore Penn State's winning tradition in basketball by reversing the losing pattern in recent years. His 1980 team finished the season with an 18-10 record, the Lion's first winning season in six campaigns and the most victories for Penn State since 1966.

And Penn State's appearance in the National Invitational Tournament last year was the first step toward completing Harter's goal of a championship team.

Four starters and 10 lettermen return from last year's team and Harter is expecting improvement from his third edition of the Nittany Lions.

"There's no question we're improved in every area over last year's team," says Harter, who has compiled a 247-162 record in 15 seasons.

"Assuming we're not hit with any major ailments or injuries as the season goes on, we will be an improved team," Harter explains. "I think that our record might not reflect that improvement, because of the very difficult road schedule we face this year. There's no question in my mind that just about every night out, we will be a considerably better team than we were last year."

Heading the list of returning players are 6-10 senior center Frank Brickowski (11.4 points, 7.8 rebounds), 6-8 sophomore forward Mike Lang (7.2 points, 6.5 rebounds), 6-7 sophomore guard Rich Fetter (9.5 points) and 6-2½ junior guard Mike Edelman (8.4 points). All four started last year, although Fetter is moving from the front court to guard this winter.

Harter also has the flexibility of moving Brickowski to forward, Lang to center and Fetter back to forward.

The other returning contenders for starting berths are 6-7 junior forward Scott Wolz (4.9 points) and 6-3½ junior guard Craig Buffie (3.5 points).

Freshmen could make a big impact on the Penn State program this year. Guards Brian Dean (20.9) and Jim Forjan (injured last year) and forwards David Griffin (15.7 points, 11 rebounds) and Dick Mumma (25.4 points, 12 rebounds) could see considerable playing time.

"I think we have good size with Frank Brickowski, Dick Mumma and Mike Lang," Harter explains. "They should do a very strong rebounding job for us, so our rebounding will be more than adequate this year."

"I think our defensive ability, with the added year of experience for all the players in our program plus the addition of Dick Mumma who's a fine defender and the other athletes who are freshmen, should make us a sound defensive team," he says.

"We should shoot the basketball better this year, because we are going to have height advantages as different matchups occur against us," Harter notes. "We will be more experienced operating against zone defenses."

"We are quicker than last year, but if we have a team weakness, it's team quickness," Harter says. "We still are not an above-average team quickness-wise. Also, we're not completely an experienced team. We still will rely on freshmen and sophomores."

Center appears to be the Lions' top position.

"Frank Brickowski will head up the center position, but we expect Mike and Dick to share some time at center, when Frank's not in the ball game," Harter says. "We're sure that those three players will give us fine center play. We want our offense to go to the center or go inside more this year, so there will be more action in close to the basket, if we have our way."

Lang and Mumma have the inside track at forward with David Griffin, Scott Wolz and possibly Fetter seeing playing time in the front court.

"We have a good group of fine athletes at the forward position," Harter says. "We feel our forwards can score well."

Harter and his coaching staff have a deep group of guards.

"Our guards will be led by Mike Edelman, who's basically a two-year starter, and Craig Buffie, who's had a lot of playing time in the backcourt," Harter says.

"We feel Rich Fetter will make a quick adjustment to guard. Along with Brian dean and Jimmy Forjan, we will have a lot of candidates at guard. As we go through preseason practice, we will settle on three or four guards, who will do a very fine job for us."

Penn State opens its season with an exhibition game at home with athletes in action Nov. 22 and the first regular-season contest Nov. 28 with Ursinus.

PSU Delco vs. Haverford

PSU Delco played Haverford College J.V. squad on Oct. 29. Although Delco played a tough game, they lost 3-0.

Haverford scored at 3:17 and at 17:50 during the first half. They scored their final goal at 30:56 of the second half.

Delco had 11 shots to Haverford's 16, and three corner kicks to Haverford's five.

Goalie, Bryan Feeley proved his outstanding ability by blocking three consecutive shots. He had 13 total saves for the day.

Congratulations Team!!!

PSU Delco successfully beat PSU Mont Alto on November 1 the game 3-1.

Mont Alto scored first at 13:45 into the first half. Afterwards, Delco's Scott Torens

scored on a penalty kick at 14:17 of the remaining first half. At half time, the game was tied 1-1 but at 25 minutes into the second half, Delco's Scott Torens again scored on two penalty kicks.

"We are grateful to win," said Coach Ron Case, "You go to count on your blessing when you win a game on three penalty kicks. Mont Alto play good and they deserved better. They forced us to play their style of game."

Delco had 11 shots to Mont Alto's five, and goalie, Bryan Feeley helped lead the team to success with nine saves.

Delco will take on Ogontz in the Commonwealth Soccer Championship on Saturday, November 15 at University Park. Good Luck!!!!



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Hockey Team Home

University Park, Pa. — Penn State's field hockey team finishes its regular season with a pair of home games against teams that have dominated field hockey four of the last five years.

The Lady Lions, 12-0-2 before a game at Cortland Wednesday, entertain three-time national runnerup Ursinus Tuesday (Oct. 28) and then host four-time national champion West Chester Nov. 2.

Penn State will have played six games in a row on the road after Tuesday's game at Cortland. "We'll be happy to be back home," coach Gillian Rattray says.

When the Lady Lions return to their own field, they will be protecting a 10-game winning streak at home. Penn State last lost at Lady Lion Field in 1979 to Lock Haven.

Rattray says the two-game home stand will have some bearing on her team's seeding for the regional playoffs.

"The game with Ursinus very definitely will be critical to us for the playoffs, but we play West Chester on the afternoon seeding is done, so I'm not sure that game will be considered by the seeding committee," she says.

Ursinus, runnerup to West Chester in the national standings from 1975 to 1977, has played in every national championship. Penn State defeated Ursinus, 3-0, in the regional playoffs last year.

West Chester failed to qualify for the national tournament for the first time last year after winning the title four straight years. The Rams upset the Lady Lions a year ago during the regular season, but West Chester was eliminated from national competition by Maryland in the regional playoffs.

Penn State holds a 50-4 scoring advantage over its opponents this year and goalkeeper Jeannie Fissinger has tied her own school record with 10 shutouts.

Jill Van Bodegom-Smith (16 goals) and Candy Finn (15 goals) are the leading scorers.

Penn State Football Schedule	
Nov. 8	N. Carolina St. . . . 1:30 EST
Nov. 15	At Temple 1:30 EST

Soccer Shots

by Charles Roseberry

PSU Delco played PSU Hazelton on October 4. Hazelton scored first on a direct penalty kick after 11 minutes into the game. Delco's Scott Torens scored on a direct penalty kick at 26:10 of the first half. Savag Panossian scored on an assist from Bill Wilson at 44:25 of the first half. Delco led the game 3-1 at half time.

Khajog Panossian scored on an assist from Adrian Eaton at 6:03 of the second half. Delco had a good defense to easily win the game 4-1. They led in shorts 23-19 and corner kicks 8-4.

Goalie Bryan Feeley had 15 saves.

PSU Delco played Northeastern Christian College on October 7. Delco's Adrian Eaton scored on an assist from Walt Wojciechowski at 5:20 of the first half. Northeastern scored at 21:17 of the first half. At half time, the game was tied 1-1. Delco's Adrian Eaton scored again on an assist from Bill Wilson at 19:29 of the second half. Delco won the game 2-1. They also led in shot 33-10; corner kicks 4-3. Goalie Bryan Feeley had nine saves.



Kevin Coughlin rips another against PSU — Hazelton

On October 9, PSU Delco took on Williamson Trade School at Williamson's "Cornfield" STS scored at 7 minutes into the first half. They scored again at 7:29 of the first half. Even though they dominated the game, Delco led in shots 19-10 and in corner kicks 9-1. Goalie Bryan Feeley had six saves.

On October 11 PSU Delco took on our rival PSU Ogontz. Delco's Adrian Eaton scored on an assist from Savag Panossian at 1:03 of the first half.

Ogontz scored three times prior to the first half. They also scored once in the second half with 4 corner kicks and 36 shots to Delco's 14. Goalie, Brian Feeley had 19 saves. The team hopes to defeat Ogontz in the Conference Championships.

PSU Delco took on Cheyney State College on October 15. Cheyney had lost two weeks earlier to West Chester State College, 2-0 who lost to PSU-Main campus. Cheyney, who had nine foreigners playing for them on scholarships, defeated PSU Delco 12-0.

Coach Ron Case called the game "a scrimmage for Cheyney." Delco had eight shots, four corner kicks, and Cheyney had 19 shots, and five corner kicks. Goalie, Bryan Feeley was moved up to right-wing and Steve Grab had seven saves.

On October 18, PSU Delco played York Campus. The ball shuttled back and fourth between the two teams during the first half. At half time, the game was tied 0-0.

20 minutes into the second half, the game was stopped due to rain and lightning and continued shortly afterward.

York scored at 42:30 of the second half. Delco's Savag Panossian scored on an assist from Adrian Eaton at 43:30 of the second half. The game ended with a tie, 1-1. Delco had 16 shots as opposed to York's 11. Goalie, Bryan Feeley had nine saves.

PSU Delco was scheduled to play PSU Wilkes Barre on October 23 but the game was forfeited.

Also, PSU Delco was scheduled to play PSU Berks on October but the game was cancelled due to heavy rains and poor field conditions.

Delco's Bill Wilson scored first on an assist from Scott Torens. They led at half-time 2-0. Berks scored at 13:30 of the second half and the game ended with Delco winning 2-1.

Delco had 19 shots to Berk's 17. They also had to cornerkicks to Berk's three. Goalie, Bryan Feeley had ten saves.