

Eye on Sports

Big step forward

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As the Penn State Delco Lady Lions' basketball season came to an end, the team had every reason to feel proud.

The Lions experienced — and overcame — many obstacles in a short time.

A new player, Megan Russo, was added, and sometimes new things don't always mesh with the old. But Russo was a great asset to the squad, and she mixed well with her teammates on and off the court.

Together, the Lions overcame physical injuries. With more than

Delco women's hoops marks turnaround season

half the players on the team injured at one point, the Lions still found a way to return after their winter break healthy and able to play effectively.

As a team, the Lions had an impressive season, compared to 2003-04, when the Lady Lions won only once.

With a lot of dedication, endless hours of practice, and love for the game of basketball, the Lady Lions advanced their playing this year to the next level. This season, Delco made it to the championship round

of the EPCC, and won 12 games while compiling a .500 record.

The Lions fought hard in their championship game against Penn State Hazleton. The Lions were slow to score in the first 10 minutes, while PSU Hazleton seemed to be making almost all of its shots. By halftime though, the Lady Lions were up 12 points.

The Lions held on to the lead until the three-minute mark, but three of the players then fouled out. The team fell short of two points in the end, with the final score 81-79.

"We played our pressure defense and made them turn the ball over," said coach Joe DiAntonio.

Dana Johnson, a sophomore and a starter, finished with 29 points.

Cara Zibelman, a freshman starting guard, had 25 points.

Although the Lady Lions couldn't finish off the season as champions of the EPCC, their final record was 12-12.

The men's team fell just shy of making the playoffs, falling to Penn State Abington, 66-55, in their final regular-season game.

Hockey Lions go national

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The Penn State Delaware County ice hockey team concluded its successful season March 5.

The Lions ended the season with a trip to the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Division Three National tournament in Pittsburgh.

The Lions defeated defending national champions Calvin College (of Grand Rapids, Mich.) in a 5-4 shootout victory.

Out of roughly 90 teams, Delco placed eighth in the nation.

Goaltender Jeff Wild was named to the D3 ACHA all-tournament first team. Forward Ryan Cell was awarded most valuable player in the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC) for the second year in a row.



Goaltender Jeff Wild, named to the ACHA all tournament team, comes up with a stick save during Penn State Delco's impressive run through the national tournament in Pittsburgh. *Photo by Steven Cavaliere*

Penn State Delco Hockey Team

4	Brian McCoy	Forward	Council Rock	12	Thomas Fischer	Forward	Conestoga	22	Myles Peterson	Defense	W.C. Henderson
5	Josh Horton	Forward	Great Valley	14	Si Swing	Forward	W.C. Henderson	24	John Meehan	Forward	Marple Newtown
6	Mike Tremonte	Forward	Bishop Eustice	15	John O'Connor	Defense	Sun Valley	26	Doug Perusso	Defense	Springfield
7	Matt McKinley	Forward	Downingtown	16	Ryan Cell	Forward	Springfield	29	Chris Dalvano	Goalie	Downingtown
8	Nick Gallo	Forward	Springfield	17	Ryan Meade	Defense	W. Chester East	33	Jeff Wild	Goalie	Pennsbury
10	Mike Kelly	Forward	Springfield	18	Dan Baer	Defense	Haverford High				
11	Brian Hurley	Forward	Strath Haven	19	Marty Spellman	Forward	Archbishop Ryan				