

LaXers lead 5-1; lose to Rutgers, 15-6



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Penn State would benefit greatly from a statute limiting lacrosse games to periods one, two and four. Unfortunately, no such ruling seems forthcoming and the Lions had no choice but to play the bugaboo third period against Rutgers Saturday.

Following a precedent established at the season's outset, the Lions fell apart like a house of cards in the quarter, leading to their fifth loss in six games, 15-6.

"It's a complete enigma to me what happened," Dick Pencek wondered after Rutgers crushed State's first half upset hopes. We just lost our fire. In the second half, they got us frustrated and the more frustrated we got the worse we played.

In the crucial third, Rutgers blew open a tight ballgame by outscoring the Lions 6-1. They eventually outpointed State by 11-1 in the entire second half, which was a complete reversal of the game's opening moments.

Following a cautious initial period which ended in a 1-1 knot, Penn State overwhelmingly dominated the first half of the second. Pressing the unsettled Knight defense with some shooting and crisp passing, Rutgers began to respond in a fashion not entirely legal. As a result, Penn State got ample opportunity to practice its extra-man offense and soon bolted into a 5-1 lead with seven minutes left in the quarter.

Finding that its penalty box tactics were playing into the Lions' hands, Rutgers began a more controlled pattern of play and pulled within a tally as the period ended. But the momentum had turned enough in its favor that within five minutes of the third period, Rutgers was able to pull ahead for the first time on an Andy Haugevik screamer. Silver, whose unsuccessful attempt at a steal had left the big midfielder free, responded in kind and the score was even at six apiece.

Then came the controversial play which proved to be the turning point against Penn State's upset hopes. While goalie Paul Schuepp was scooping up a bad pass outside the cage on an attempted clear, George Massey checked him viciously,

stole the ball and waltzed in for an open net tie-breaker. From almost any angle on the field, the check appeared to be delivered illegally from behind, a fact with which both the fans and the Penn State coaching staff freely enlightened the referees. The officials ruled otherwise, as is the case, and Penn State was behind for good.

"In my mind, there's no question about it," Pencek said afterwards. "That was an illegal check."

Another facet of the Rutgers style of play also came into considerable questioning from the coaching lines. Some of the stick tactics on wrap-arounds seemed akin to decapitation. If the defenseman is going after the dodgers stick, then it is legal, Pencek explained, only if his stick is under control.

"When their number three hooked Jeff Crowley around the neck that one time, if he hadn't hit Jeff's stick he could have seriously hurt him. But if you're getting away with it and it's effective, there's nothing you can do about it."

Jim Trenz will swear out an affidavit to its effectiveness. Ed Haugevik glued himself to Penn State's leading scorer all afternoon, and when Trenz managed a shot it had to first travel through another defenseman who dropped off his man every time Trenz had the ball. Trenz' statistics for the day read one assist.

Nagle, Huf lead scrimmage

Quarterback John Hufnagel and running back Bob Nagle led the Penn State White squad to a 28-6 victory over the Blue team in Saturday's intrasquad scrimmage at Beaver Stadium.

Nagle pushed the Blues to a 14-0 lead on two short touchdown plunges with sophomore John Reihner adding the

extra points after both scores. Reihner then displayed his pass-catching ability as he took one from Hufnagel to make it 21-0.

The Blues got on the scoreboard when junior halfback John Cappelletti, a former defensive back, notched a touchdown on the ground.

Back off

JIMMY TRENZ, seldom known for his defensive play since his 21 goals this season leads the Penn State lacrosse team, tries to block out two Rutgers players in Saturday's match. The Lions (1-5) blew a 5-1 lead to drop the contest to the Scarlet Knights, 15-6.

Netters in weekend split; Beat GW, drop Columbia

By BILL GUTHLEIN
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The Penn State tennis team swamped the Washington Colonials, 8-1, on Saturday but lost their biggest match of the year to Columbia, 7-2.

The only bright spot for the Lions was Tommy Wright. He was matched with Bobby Binns in the third slot Wright generally plays as fourth man but a shoulder injury kept Jan Bortner out of action yesterday.

Wright had played Binns twice before and lost both times. In yesterday's match he took him in two straight 6-3 matches. Wright overcame an early slump to play his best tennis of the season.

"I was psyched for this match plus I put in a good week of practice. I wish the team could have done better," Wright said.

Wright seized the initiative from the start of the match. He hit to Binns' forehand and kept him moving to prevent a return. Wright also made effective use of the drop shot.

"Tommie got on top of Binns from the start and wouldn't get off until it was all over. He wouldn't let him get started. I think Tom could have beaten anyone today. It is definitely his day," Coach Holmes Cathrall said.

The big disappointment for the day was the absence of



TOM WRIGHT

freshman Bortner, who hurt his shoulder on Saturday. If Bortner had filled his number three position everyone would have been pushed down to their normal slot.

"It's a shame we lost Bortner, he would have meant two extra points," Cathrall said.

Even with Bortner the Lions would have been hopelessly outclassed by the powerful New York team. Columbia sports an impressive 14-1 record over the toughest teams in the East. In Ivy League competition it defeated Harvard 9-0 and Princeton 6-3.

The only other Penn State point scored was by the

doubles combination of Issadore and Pollock. They defeated Fagel and Petrine in three sets, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.

Walker Shivar played a good match but lost to freshman Rick Fagel 6-4, 6-1. Fagel is one of the best tennis players on the East coast.

John Karr won his first set, 6-3, but dropped the next two, 6-2, 6-3, to lose to Doug Grunther. Bruce Issadore lost to Henry Bunis, 6-2, 6-3. Cliff Myers lost, 7-6, 6-4 to Kirk Moritz.

Doug Pollock played his second singles match of the season and was defeated by Mark Massey 6-3, 6-1. Cathrall felt Pollock could have won if he had some competition in singles under his belt.

Shivar and Wright dropped their doubles match to Massey and Binns in two sets, 6-3, 6-4. Both duos are former Eastern Intercollegiate champions. Cathrall felt Shivar and Wright could have beaten them in other circumstances.

"After losing the match in the singles I don't think the boys tried as hard as if we had a chance of winning," the Lion coach said.

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