

Hurtzig's assists make friends

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If Karl Hurtzig had decided to remain a goalie, the closest he might come to a lacrosse match today would be as a spectator. His debut as a netkeeper was less than successful.

"I went out for a goalie in junior high," the freshman attacker recalled yesterday. "At the first scrimmage I let the first three shots go through. And that was the end of that."

Ever since he switched the cumbersome goalie's cross for the lightweight attackman's cross, Hurtzig has been making his presence on the field known. After five games he leads the team in scoring with 19 points—six goals and 13 assists.

Hurtzig hails from Long Island, N.Y., considered a strong breeding ground along with Baltimore for lacrosse.

At Oceanside High he played in the toughest league in the country. "The caliber of play was really competitive and we usually finished third in the league."

Hurtzig was pointed toward Penn State because of its business college and an offer of a partial scholarship. The fact that former Lion All-American Jimmy Trenz lived three houses away didn't hurt Penn State's chances either. Since making the first unit, Hurtzig has been making a lot of friends with the midfielders and creasemen.

Hurtzig's game is feeding open teammates. Whenever they connect for a score, he gets credit for an assist.

"I get a lot more pleasure out of assists. It shows more team play. If you give anyone

a good feed, you're going to make friends."

He is shooting for a 30 point season including 20 assists. Hurtzig said he doesn't anticipate the Lions' future opponents will double team him the way they harassed Trenz, who left Penn State and is sitting out a year at Cornell.

Operating behind the goal, Hurtzig usually beats his defenseman to start things rolling for the Lions. If the crease man comes up to cover him, he will pass off to a middle cutting through.

If the crease man leaves him alone, Hurtzig has shown he can put the ball in the net. Against Syracuse Saturday night, Hurtzig beat his man twice for two of his three tallies. The other goal came

on an opportunistic play in front of the Orange goal. Picking up a loose ball, he fired it into the right corner of the net.

Penn State has outshot its five opponents by almost 20 shots, and yet trails in the number of goals 52-48.

"We've had the shots, but we just haven't put them in," Hurtzig said, noting the Lions have to work on placement of shots.

"If the goalie is right handed we should be aiming for the left corner."

Hurtzig has managed to stay healthy despite the banging he takes from the defensemen's wacking at the ball in his cross. His chipped tooth he flashes when he smiles is the only indication he plays the violent game of

lacrosse nine months of the year.

While he provides an integral part of the offense, Hurtzig has a problem when he is called upon to ride a defenseman who is trying to clear the ball.

"Defense isn't one of my strong points," the 5-8, 147-pounder admitted. "If I was to hit someone, I probably would be the one to end up on the ground."

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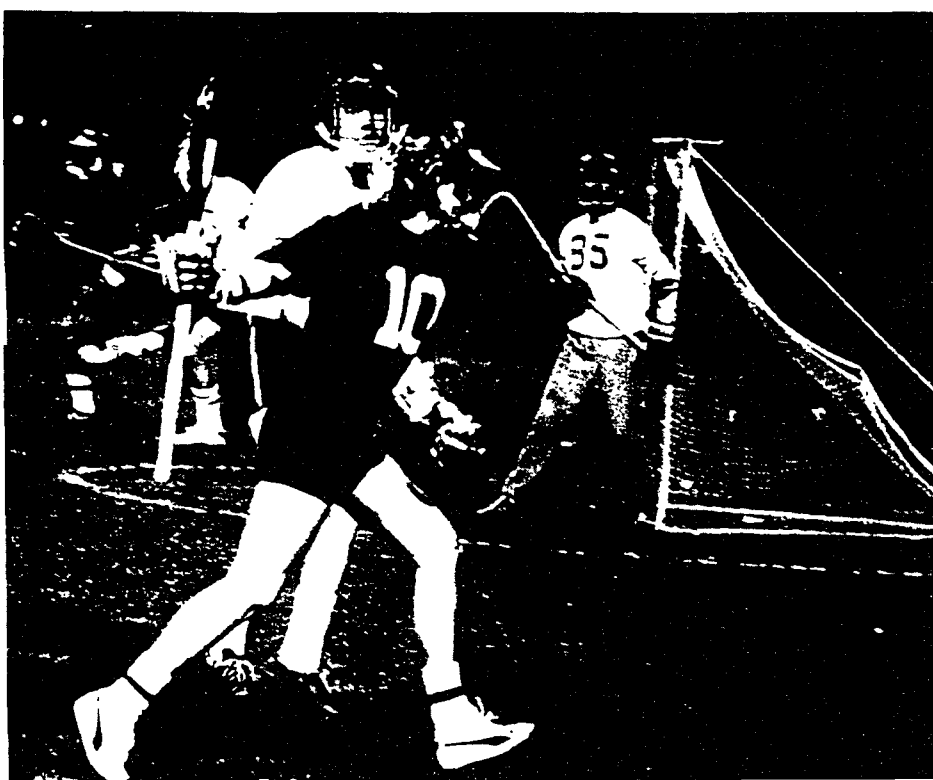


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Hurtzig momentarily drops playmaker role for shot at goal

Grid scouts flock to Penn State for 'Pro Day,' then leave quickly

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Last Wednesday and Thursday a number of gentlemen came to campus in search of Penn State students who might be suitable candidates to join the organizations they represent. They didn't come representing IBM or Xerox or even the U.S. Army or the Peace Corps and they didn't really care if the students' majors were Electrical Engineering or Quantitative Business Analysis. They weren't even interested in graduating seniors.

They came representing employers in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Miami, Florida and Dallas, Texas. If you think your abilities include, "speed, agility, toughness, attitude and aggressiveness," maybe they might have been interested in you.

Sil Cornachione is a scout for the professional football franchise headquartered at 330 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida. Anyone outside the old paddleball courts in Rec Hall waiting to play late Wednesday afternoon might have seen him or one of the other scouts leaving the Football Coaches Office. Cornachione was the first to arrive at Rec Hall and spent time watching films — Thursday he would get a chance to see, weigh and time the Penn State players the Dolphins might be interested in nine months from now come the NFL draft.

"Every team in the league will be represented here, either by their own college scouting department or by one of the combines, since Penn State has a whole day for scouts to come and look at players and films . . . to weigh, measure and run them," Cornachione explained. "College scouts look at people who will be compatible with the camp . . . at positions their team needs talent at."

"There are two aspects of pro scouting — college talent and scouting other franchises' talent. Clubs look at other team's talent during pre-season practice, for example, if one club needs a defensive back they might scout other clubs that have an excess of talent at that position. Then when players are

dropped or put on waivers, they might be picked up by another franchise."

"Not all franchises have their own college scouting departments. The Dolphins have at least five full-time people — the Jets, Falcons, Pittsburgh — they all have their own departments as do many of the teams in the League."

Cornachione explains, "A number of combines exist that perform scouting services for a fee: BLESTO VIII, CEPO and QUADRO for example." By the end of the season the Dolphins will "have seen a player here at Penn State once now, once during Spring Practice and at least twice during the season next fall. We also belong to BLESTO, so by the time of the draft, we will have at least four or five reports on a player made by about four different scouts." If that seems like a lot of looking and scouting, one has to remember that the starting salaries this business is dealing with are slightly above the average offered college graduates by other fields.

Cornachione also deals with players' agents, whom he views as "primarily helping individual players get a contract which he will get anyway. A pro club certainly wants happy players and they want to pay money that goes with the players' ability." He points out that, "the really important role of the agent is to help the player invest the money he earns."

Concerning Joe Paterno's operation, Miami's scout commented that a "quality approach to ballplayers breeds quality players and a quality organization leads to a quality product."

"You also have an advantage here in that many of your players are in-bred state students. . . state pride is hard to beat. Sure it's possible for a school to put a quality group together from a number of different states, but without state pride and inbreeding of high school athletes, it's very hard to do it year after year consistently like Ohio State, Penn State or Michigan does."

Sil Cornachione and the other scouts are gone but Spring Practice began Saturday and they and others like them will be back in the coming months looking for more talent from the source that supplied them with Franco Harris, Ted Kwalick and Mike Reid.

Joins women's bowling tour

Rypcinski, not Joe, goes pro

Franco Harris and Lydell Mitchell did it last year. Howard Porter did it too early and Joe Paterno decided never to do it. And now, Lydia Rypcinski is doing it.

Turning pro, that is.

After bowling for 14 years, three with the Penn State women's varsity bowling team, Rypcinski was accepted to the Professional Women Bowlers Association last week. She makes her debut at the U.S. Women's Open in New York in two weeks.

"Although the money in women's professional bowling is not great," Rypcinski said, "but going pro is something I've wanted to do for a long time."

She became interested in bowling "after I dropped a ball on my foot when I was young and couldn't walk for

three weeks."

Since that time, her expertise on the bowling lanes has improved and she now averages 180. Last year she placed second in the National Intercollegiate Bowling Championship.

Rypcinski rolls between 20 and 25 games a week and is now working on "reading the lanes," which is learning to recognize conditions on different lanes, such as how clean and well-oiled the lanes are and the influence these factors have on how the ball rolls.

According to Rypcinski, the top professional women bowlers make only about one-fifth as much money as men do. She also said there are fewer women's tournaments and the top prize money for women is usually between \$2,000 and \$3,000 compared

with the \$5,000 to \$6,000 that the top men receive. Most of the money in pro bowling, she said, comes from the manufacturers of bowling equipment for endorsing their products.

Rypcinski said she is not discouraged by the relatively poor money in pro women's bowling because women's bowling hasn't been popular for as long as men's bowling has. Only now, she said, is it gaining prominence in the sports world.

Although Rypcinski is a physical education major, she doesn't plan on teaching after graduation next winter, but wants to devote more time to bowling.

"I want to tour for as long as I can," she said, "and I can't hold a job and travel the bowling circuit, too."

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Women's net team rained out

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