

West Germans spike U.S.

'Hit a lot harder' says U.S. coach

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Everything was strange to the young ladies from West Germany but the music and the game. However, that was all they really needed.

With the Little German Band in the background, Rec Hall was homey enough for a much-experienced West German national team to take three straight games and a volleyball match from the United States eastern team last night.

Two lopsided scores, 15-4 and 15-6, were sandwiched around a 16-14 overtime battle which saw the United States squad return from a 10-3 deficit all the way to a 14-12 lead. But the United States' women fell victim to some tough hitting.

"They hit a lot harder tonight, they played better," U.S. coach Scott Mose some time after the crowd of about 2,000 had departed. "They

didn't show us any surprises, but they were really up tonight. Yeah, it might've been the band."

Mose's comments matched the West German squad's play to that of Wednesday night's match between the same two teams in New York City.

"They took some timeouts, made some substitutions tonight," Mose continued. "They didn't do anything like that last night."

They didn't need to during game one, as they leapt out to an 11-2 lead. Two U.S. timeouts, the limit per game, didn't help any. Hitters Eliska Svtil, Anedore Richter, and Silvia Neierons took their turns driving the ball to the U.S. side of the floor.

Game Two's early going saw no changes in the pattern of play, as Richter and Neierons continued smashing the ball off U.S. hands to the floor or out of bounds. But at 5-1 West Germany, Mose replaced Connie Kemp with

Cathy Cain on the front line. With fire in her eyes and power in her hits, Cain sparked the U.S. into playing West Germany point for point. Two straight hits by the U.S. captain prevented the West Germans from gaining on an 12-11 edge, then her serve bounced off Svtil's hands to tie the score.

After taking their first and only lead all night when Gisela Hohn was caught on the net, the U.S. committed a double hit and again succumbed. Svtil's save set up West Germany's go-ahead point.

Game Three mirrored Game One, but it might not have, had Cain not been playing with a right arm just removed from a cast yesterday morning. Early in the contest, she blocked a hit and the arm began swelling. Mose thought it best she sit down.

"That just took the steam right out of us," he said. "She broke it in camp six weeks ago. She asked the doctor if



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she could play, he said sure. But if he knew the power of some of these hits, he wouldn't have let her."

Mose emphasized the great difference between the West Germans, a national team on a two-year training program, on their way to the World Cup games in Mexico City, and his women, a regional squad with six weeks of practice and

no previous international experience.

"They haven't got the experience, and how else can you get it?" he asked. "You've got to pay for it, and that's what we're doing."

"In any given situation, you say 'well, I've been here before. I know what to do', and those girls have. My girls just haven't."



Photo by Bruce Knoth

Above and to the right are some examples of the fierce net play that took place in Rec Hall last night

New Army?

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For the first time in nine years, Joe Paterno will be going up against a different Army head football coach tomorrow afternoon at Michie Stadium (2 p.m.).

It was 1966 when Paterno and Tom Cahill made their appearances at their respective schools. Cahill has since been fired after an 0-10 season last year.

This year Homer Smith will be looking across field at Paterno. Smith's Black Knights of the Hudson are 1-2, the opposite of the Lions.

Army is coming off a 27-14 loss to California, a game in which the Cadets held a 14-0 lead at the half.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win the game," Smith said. "Our kids played so hard that I feel sorry for them, but we needed to play 14 points better than we did."

Speaking of points, the Cadets having been scoring some in the form of 14 every game thus far. They opened the season with a 14-7 win over Lafayette, then lost two straight to Tulane (31-14) and Cal.

Believe it or not, Penn State does not hold the upper hand in this series. The Cadets own that distinction with a slim 10-9-2 edge that will probably disappear after this weekend. Penn State has won the last five meetings.

Offensively, the Cadets look good for a change. Junior split end Howie Williams leads the receivers with 130 yards on five pass receptions.

However, the people to mention are the backs on Smith's Wishbone-T.

Senior fullback Willie Thigpen was the top running back at West Point last season and is running the same pattern this season with 189 yards.

Not very far behind is Brad Dadrill who can opt for both fullback or halfback. His stats read 166 yards. However the interesting note here is that the most yardage coming out of the backfield is from quar-

terback Scott Gillogly who has 239 yards, that's 8,604 inches for you Math majors in Happy Valley.

Actually, when you think about it, the quarterback is a key man in the Wishbone because he has to make the crucial decision whether to lateral off the the back when he rolls out or to carry the ball.

Thus, he sometimes becomes a victim of the play or the hero picking up yardage because the linebackers are fooled as to who they should key on.

An intriguing fact comes via the kickoff returns where Markus Hardy leads with 6 and that includes 138 yards returned against Tulane.

Defensively, Smith is saddened by the loss of junior linebacker Greg Dyson who suffered a knee injury and won't play. He was leading the Cadets in tackles with 20.

"Overall," said Smith, "there was vast improvement in several areas against Cal, and for that I am pleased. Penn State won't be as quick as California, but they will be a lot more physical. Compared to us they are bigger, faster and older."

What about Penn State? That's something even we'd like to know. Whose gonna go in the backfield? Walt Addies probably won't play. Tom Donchez (342 yards), Rusty Boyle (76 yds.) and several others will.

Joe Paterno will no doubt resort to the Power-I to blow the front defensive line out and chalk up yards. That means Duane Taylor (37 yds.) and Dave Stutts (15 yds.) will fill-in behind Donchez.

Don't count out Woody Petchel (15 yds.) or Jim Cefalo (41 yds.).

Quickie quiz: What Penn State player has the most yardage to his credit?

Answer: Brain Masella with 577 on 15 punts.



The Black Knights of the Hudson ... some of the more famous Cadets of the past coached by Earl Blaik

Three Lady Lion squads take the weekend road

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James Taylor performs a song which contains the line "back on the road again" and the line perfectly explains the situation of Penn State's women's athletics this weekend.

Three Lady Lion teams — field hockey, tennis and golf — compete this weekend and all of them play on the road.

Gillian Rattray's stick-women are looking to bounce back from an opening game loss to Slippery Rock. They tangle with Wilson tomorrow. Rattray said starting halfback Barb Doran is ill and may not play in the contest, adding that she missed two days of practice.

The squad saw films of the loss to the Rockets and Rattray said they learned

from the mistakes committed in that game.

"We need a variety of shots on the goalkeeper," she said, referring to the Slippery Rock contest where the shots were somewhat stereotyped.

Meanwhile, up north Joan Nessler and three members of her tennis team will attend the Eastern Collegiate Tennis Tournament for Women at SUNY — New Paltz.

Carol Backenstose, who has played number one for three years, will represent the netters in singles. Going for Penn State in doubles is Anne Morton and freshmen Wendy Gavett.

Backenstose and Morton were runners-up in the doubles event in last year's Eastern tourney.

The third team on the road this weekend is the Lady Lion

golfers. Julie Smith, Marsha Gullo, Jo Meyer and Judi Mitchell will represent Penn State in the Eastern Regionals in Ocean City, Md.

Smith and Gullo won the team title in the event last year. Penn State also won the title in 1970 and 1971. Mitchell, a freshman, won the Delmarva junior title last year.

Women's basketball coach Pat Meiser announced that an organizational meeting for interested persons will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the Game Room at White Building.

Basketball tryouts will begin the following Monday and continue from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Robertson strikeout leads to joy in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH — Bobby Robertson struck out, but there still was joy in Pittsburgh.

It was a scene that could have been written for the final act of "Damn Yankees" instead of the final night of the National League Eastern Division title chase.

Bottom of the ninth; the Pirates, needing a victory to clinch their fourth division title in five years, trail the Chicago Cubs 4-3; Manny Sanguillen on third with two out.

Sluggo Bob Robertson pinch-hits for pitcher Dave Giusti and the count runs to 3-2. Pitcher Rick Reuschel fires a pitch low and inside. Robertson swings and misses for strike three.

But the ball eludes catcher Steve Swisher. Robertson, not immediately recognizing what has happened, is slow to head for first on a bad leg.

"I was swearing and cussing," Giusti recalled later. "I thought the game was over and I started walking down the runway. The next thing I know, I'm yelling, 'Run, you S.O.B.'"

Swisher catches up with the ball about 20 feet behind the plate. He looks towards home, but no one is there to tag the sliding Sanguillen.

He fires to first, but the ball glances off Robertson's shoulder and into right field. Robertson takes second to be

replaced by a pinch-runner and there is pandemonium over a tie ballgame in Three Rivers Stadium.

Manager Danny Murtaugh and several players took to the field and finally managed to calm the crowd — which twice had been warned against throwing things onto the field — and Reuschel got out of the inning by getting Rennie Stennett to tap back to the mound.

The ending, in the 10th, was normal enough, though still dramatic. Al Oliver's one-out triple was followed by two intentional walks and when Sanguillen tapped a dribbler down the third base line, the Pirates had their 5-4 victory.

2 misconceptions

Editors notes: The Letters to the Editor of yesterday's Collegian included a letter by Ed Abramczyk of Chi Phi Fraternity. The letter criticized Collegian sport writer Mike Rodman for inaccuracy and ignorance of journalistic style in his Oct. 3 story. "Ref helps Chi Phi to slim win"

Barly, if ever, does the Collegian refute criticism in print, but two misconceptions should be pointed out in fairness to Rodman.

First, Rodman was asked to write in a satirical style and not write a "straight" news account.

Second, the paragraphs of his story were built in the wrong order by the Collegian production staff, a mistake that went undetected by the night editors.

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