

Stickers fall in playoffs

By BARB PARMER
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Post season play — for many it is the battle for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Clinching a national title is the ultimate dream of every player and coach. Since the early days of sport, teams have fought it out on the gridiron, on the court, or on the field for a place in the national limelight.

For women's field hockey, however, teams had little to look forward to after the final game of the season. All post season honors were lauded on an individual basis. The best team of 11 players gained minimal recognition on a national level.

But, all of that changed this year with the introduction of regional and national tournaments on a team basis. Now coaches can choose to go the individual or team route for national recognition.

Penn State was one of several teams opting to enter post season play as a team.

"I think the concept of it (a team tournament) is great because I think very firmly that hockey is a team sport," Penn State coach Gillian Rattray said. "This is a culmination of a season's work together."

The women entered the regional event in mid-November seeded fourth in a field of sixteen teams. Two goals from freshman forward Charlene Morett and one goal each from senior co-captain Susie McCoy and sophomore forward Chris Larson led the women to a 4-0 first round victory over William

Paterson.

In the second game of the single elimination tourney, the women held Ursinus to one goal during the first 50 minutes of play, but failed to contain the Grizzlies, as the Ursinus offense exploded for five tallies in 10 minutes to wrap up a 6-0 win and a place in the semi-finals.

Although the women were disappointed with the loss which wiped out any chance of seeing national tourney action, the idea of team competition was well-received.

"I think it's going to have to have a consistently strong team, and 11 athletes who are not only highly skilled but are strong enough to play a whole game," senior co-captain Deb Gorman said.

The Penn State squad came up against the heart of U.S. field hockey in the regional event.

In the first year of the national tournament, the strength of the mideastern region was particularly evident — the three representatives from the mideast took first, second and fifth places in the nation.

During the regular season, Penn State played each of the nationally ranked teams from the region. The stickwomen lost to West Chester and Eock Haven by 2-0 counts and bowed to Ursinus, 5-2.

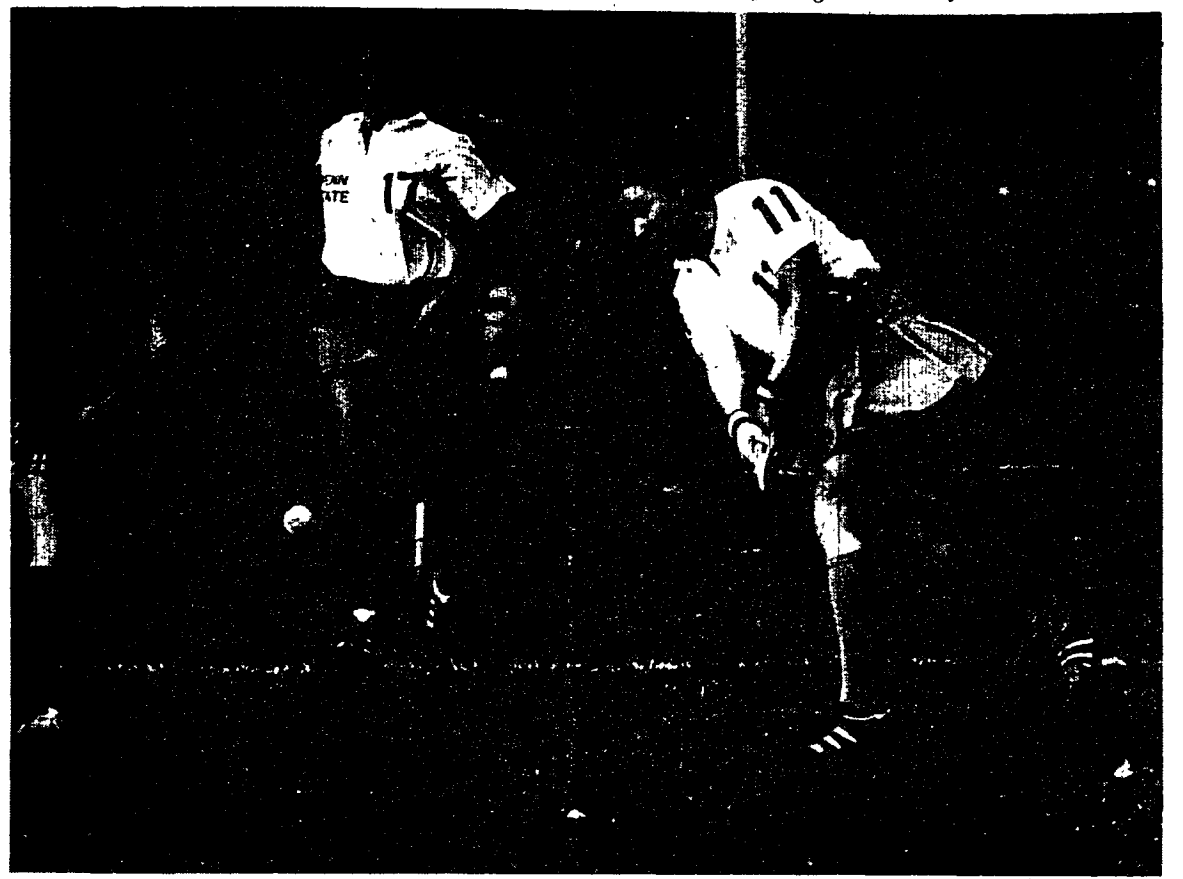
"We still have the strongest teams in the country and our tournament is like the national tournament," Gorman said. "Now they (Penn State) know what they have to work on. The competition is going to get stronger and stronger every year, and they're going to have to get stronger themselves."

Although Penn State was not able to overcome the national powerhouses this season, a nucleus of experienced players will be back for the seasons to come.

Five seniors from the starting lineup will be lost to graduation. Gorman, McCoy, goalie Debbie Hess, halfback Francine O'Brien, and fullback Sue Ritter leave gaps to be filled next season.

The women finished the year with a 64-2 record.

FREE HITS — Morett took high scoring honors with 12 goals in as many games... West Chester and Ursinus finished one-two in the nation. West Chester won on penalty flicks after the two teams played to a 1-1 tie.



Penn State's co-captains Deb Gorman (11) and Susie McCoy team up to move the ball in on goal against Millersville

Injuries take toll on NFL teams

By the AP

The National Football League regular season still has three weeks to go, raising the possibility of all kinds of new injuries to be tacked onto one of the longest lists of disabled players in professional football history.

At the moment, there are 151 players on the NFL's injured reserve list, very close to the most ever in the league's 56-year history. At least one team, the Kansas City Chiefs, has so many players on injured reserve that it has stopped adding to the list and is merely playing out the schedule with as many healthy bodies as can be assembled each week.

For example, Kansas City's active roster for Sunday's game against San Diego will include quarterback Mike Livingston and cornerback Jim Marsalis, both out for the year with knee surgery.

Actually, the Chiefs will probably have no more than 35 or 36 players physically able to play against the Chargers.

The hesitancy to add players to the injured reserve list can be traced to the NFL's stocking plan for its new Tampa and Seattle franchises. Teams will be allowed to protect only three players from reserve lists and teams out of the playoff running, like the Chiefs, are probably better off leaving injured players on the active roster where they at least can be placed off-limits to the new teams.

Kansas City leads the NFL in one respect with 11 players on injured reserve including wide receiver Otis Taylor, defensive end Marvin Upshaw, guard Ed Budde and rookie quarterback Mike Nott. Since the start of training camp 45 different players have been used at left guard for the Chiefs. The position has been as dangerous as a mine field.

Coach Paul Wiggin greets visitors to the Chiefs' camp with a hearty, "Welcome to Medical Center."

The Chiefs' secondary Sunday will include Jim Lynch, listed on your scorecard as a linebacker but filling in for Marsalis. Players out of position is nothing new for the Chiefs this year.

Things got so bad last week that punter Jerrell Wilson hurt his leg while kicking and will be out indefinitely.

Last season, the NFL reported 156 players on injured reserve. That is five more than the total reported for this season. But there are still three weeks to go in the 1975 campaign and there are already players still on active rosters who would otherwise be reserved injured except for the expansion problems.

Bankes takes third; lady harriers second in U.S.

By BARB SHELLY
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Penn State was the biggest surprise at the AIAW Cross Country Nationals as its women's cross country team, not expected to finish in the top ten, captured second place.

Kris Bankes placed third in a field of 162 runners at the meet held in Ames, Iowa. The Lady Lions finished with 104 points, eight points behind champion Iowa State. Michigan State placed third with 116 points.

"We were not expected to place anywhere of any significance," Penn State coach Chris Brooks said. She added that Penn State was the only team in the top ten coached by a woman.

Bankes covered the three-mile course in 17:12. The winner, Peg Neppel of Iowa State, finished in 16:31. Bankes finished in front of Colorado State's Wendy Knutson, who will be attending the Olympic training camp in Florida, and Olympic participant Chiu-Schi-Lee of Saint John's University.

"Kris has a name for herself now. From now on she will be expected to be one of the top runners in the country," Brooks said.

Women's tennis meeting

There will be a meeting for all women's tennis candidates Tues. Dec. 9 in the game room of White Building. All returning players participating in the fall should report at 6:30. All others interested should report at 7:15 p.m.

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