

Fencers break, look to Hopkins

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The Penn State men's fencing team, who battled to a decisive 19-8 victory over Maryland last Saturday, will not face Binghamton tomorrow afternoon due to the illness of many of their opponent's fencers.

Some members of the Binghamton squad were reported to be under hospitalization, though no

specific illness was detailed. The meet has been rescheduled for February 7 and will also include New Jersey Tech.

The Lions seemed to handle Maryland quite easily last weekend, but did they think the Terps would be push-overs?

"Definitely not," said team captain Ben Way. "We were, in fact, pretty worried because their guys looked

real good in the Penn State Open.

"We didn't feel 100 per cent, but everyone seemed to fence pretty well except for my squad, even though we finished 6-3," he added. "The epee needs better timing and mobility and we must change the distance between our feet."

"The other squads moved better and really set up their opponents for counter parries," said Way, "but I know we'll come around."

"The bout I lost was because of many mental mistakes and the tall left-hander I fenced just plain outreached me," he added. "It looked to me that Jeff's (Jeff Butterick) timing was

off, which caused him a defeat in one of his matches."

Why said the foil and epee squads are identical to last year's, but the sabre squad was supposed to be much weaker.

"The depth has increased in sabre, but they did very well last weekend, winning seven out of nine," said Way.

The team has worked on footwork and timing drills this week during practice. They've also learned some new moves, as always, and have incorporated old ones into different situations.

Fencers Bill Squire and Andy Nightingale performed very well last week, considering both are coming off injuries. Squire is returning from a knee operation and Nightingale has a pulled hamstring, which occurred in the Penn State Open.

The fencers travel to Baltimore for their next match, meeting John Hopkins on January 10. Last season the Lions nipped Hopkins 15-12 in one of their most exciting matches of the season.

"I'd consider them as one of our top four opponents," said Way. "They've always had a real strong team which should make it a great match."

Landes heads improved riflers in opener against Youngstown

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Sherri Landes leads an improved Penn State rifle team in its first match of the season against Youngstown at 1:00 tomorrow in the basement of White Building.

The team is coming off a so-so 1974-1975 season but coach Joe Dilkes is optimistic about this year's team.

"We have more proficient shooters this year," Dilkes said. Dilkes has a good reason to be optimistic, too. Returning along with Sherri will be Bob Avril, Dan Eichenlaub, Pam Ackley, Joe Tenaglia, and Steve Shane.

Landes gained notoriety last year when she appeared with four other women from Penn State in a Sports Illustrated story on women in sports.

"I didn't like the story," Sherri said flatly. "It made us seem really tough."

For the most part, however, Sherri shuns the spotlight and she readily admits that the thing she likes most about shooting is the people.

"Shooters are really easygoing people," she said. "Shooting is such a frustrating sport that shooters cannot afford to be easily upset."

Although she feels that good hand-to-eye coordination and balance are important in shooting, Landes insists that it is mostly mental.

"After you learn the positions it's 90 per cent mental," she said.

Sherri is anxiously awaiting the new season because she has switched from the heavier shooting jacket to the lighter I.U.S.

jacket used in Olympic competition. Many shooters are switching to the lighter jacket in anticipation of the Olympic trials in June in Phoenix, Arizona. Sherri has already been invited to the trials.

"Speaking realistically, my chances for making the team are poor," Sherri said, "but I'll go out there and have a good time."

For now, though, Sherri shares her coach's optimism for the coming season.

"I'm looking forward to this season," she said. "We should have a pretty good team this year."

Notes: Penn State matches are scored by the half-course method in which a maximum of 200 points is awarded in each of three positions — prone, kneeling, and off-hand (standing). There are ten shooters and the top five scores are taken from each team. The shooters are given 96 minutes to complete their turn.

There are still spots remaining to be filled on the squad. Tryouts for those remaining spots will begin at 7 p.m. December 15 in the White Building. The tryouts are open to anyone with some shooting experience and a desire to compete on a varsity level.

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NY Island	15	9	35	117	72	650	2
Atlanta	13	13	28	83	78	500	5
NY Rangers	11	14	26	93	112	420	9
Smyley Division				Central Division			
Chicago	11	6	11	33	93	350	3
Vancouver	10	12	5	25	86	284	4
S. Louis	9	14	5	23	89	324	7
K.C.	8	15	4	20	61	99	11
Minn.	7	18	0	14	56	99	14
Wales Conference				Western Conference			
Norris Division				Midwest Division			
Montreal	20	5	5	45	132	66	574
L. Angeles	17	10	2	36	92	91	455
Pitts.	11	13	3	25	110	115	426
Detroit	8	17	4	20	74	117	218
Washn.	1	22	3	9	83	138	
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Buffalo	20	6	4	40	119	72	714
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