

Pucksters win twice on road

By JERRY LUCCI
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Employing a steady pressure offense with spirited checking on both ends of the ice, the Penn State hockey club won its initial games of the season this weekend, beating Junior A Dodge 6-3, and Navy 6-1, in two bruising games.

"It was one of the hardest hitting weekends I've experienced since I've been with Penn State hockey," said Bill Proudman, captain of the squad and leading scorer with two goals and five assists in the two games.
"We have a hitting team this year," Proudman said in commenting on the team's

play in the physical encounters. "When an opponent passes off the puck, we have a guy there to hit him."
Proudman noted that this type of forechecking game is an integral part of the game when played in small or average sized arenas, but may not be in the game plan when the pucksters return to the Ice Pavilion January 11, to face Carnegie Mellon.
The Navy game was a homecoming of sorts for Proudman and his linemates Bill Humphries and Dennis Herr, as the game was played at Lafayette Rink, the site of Proudman and Humphries high school games.
"Dennis is from the area,

Billy lives across the street from the rink, and I live a half mile away," Proudman said. "A lot of friends were there and that always inspires us."
Herr and Humphries responded with two goals apiece as Penn State came alive after a 1-1 first period and proceeded to totally dominate play.
Proudman said he feels the fact that his linemates are all from the same area has been a great help to their game.
"Last year, on my line with Mike Giampapa and Mark Sturgeon we didn't know each other as well, and we were sort of just on the ice and that was it," Proudman said.
"Now the three of us are

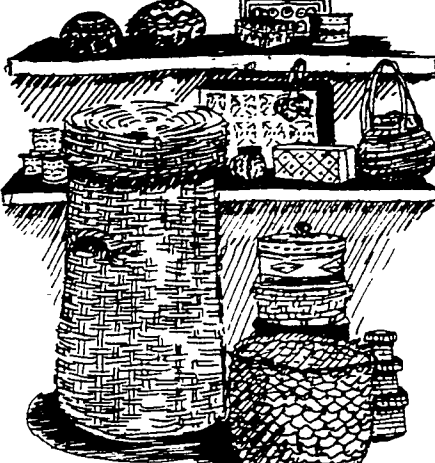
much better friends both on and off the ice."
Proudman said the team is coming together as a whole, with the offense no longer scoring in spurts, but instead applying a smooth, steady pressure which wears down their opponents.
Dodge jumped off to an early 2-0 first period lead because the PSU defense, not used to the close confines of the arena, wasn't checking effectively and the Lions were backed into their own end, leaving goalie Paul Hooper with his hands full.
The Proudman line responded with three goals to take a 3-2 lead to the lockerroom after one period.

Pitt Invite impolite

Lady cagers lose twice

By BARB PARMER
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They just keep growin' em bigger and better. Over the past two seasons, the Penn State women's basketball team, like many other collegiate squads, consistently improved its offense, its defense and its personnel.
But, there's one thing that still haunts the cagewomen — Edinboro. Last year, the northern Pa. squad knocked the Lady Lions out of the Pitt Invitational Tournament. Yesterday, the Lady Scots staged a repeat performance as they kayoed Penn State from this year's Pitt Invite, 54-48.
In last year's pre-holiday event, the women came back across the mountains with two losses and a lot of experience.
Things do change in the course of a year, though, and this time the Lady Lions have a plus to add to tournament experience — a big win over perennially strong Slippery Rock.
The Penn State-Slippery Rock contest kicked-off the tournament with what some predicted to be the best match-up of the weekend. No fireworks exploded when the contest ended, and the game could not be called spectacular by any means, but it was a big one, at least from the viewpoint of the Penn State bench.
Freshman guard Nancy Kuhl led the scoring for the Lady Lions with 16 points as they trounced the Rock, 65-46. Sophomore guard Hallie Bunk and center Mag Strittmatter each contributed 14 tallies to the winning cause.
Offensively, the women hit on 29 of 75 attempts, but it was the defense which stood out in the contest, as it would again do in the two games to follow.
The Lady Lions cleared the boards 61 times, including 17 each by forward Loretta Adams and Strittmatter.
More importantly, Penn State shut off the

Rockets big point maker, the fast break. The forwards and center double-teamed 6-3 Rocket center Karen Frauenhoff, stopping the quick pass to the outside.
In the semifinals of the championship bracket, Penn State faced the run and gun style of the Cheyney cagewomen. The Lady Lions struggled to get the upper hand in the first half, and walked off to the locker room with a 22-20 lead.
Cheyney took the momentum following the second half tap, and grabbed a lead it never lost. Final score: 53-47.
Offensively, Penn State never got going, as the cagers shot only 24 per cent from the field. It was the defensive effort which kept the game within reach.
"We wanted them to take the bad shots, and they did," Penn State head coach Pat Meiser said. "We just couldn't get our offense going."
"I think people were a little hassled by the quickness (of Cheyney's defense) around the top," she added. "It took us until the second half to get our break going, and once we got it going, we couldn't score off of it."
High scorer in the contest was Strittmatter with 16 points, followed by Bunk, 14, and Kuhl, 12. Penn State outrebounded the Wolves, 36-27.
As a result of the loss to Cheyney, the Lady Lions dropped into the consolation bracket, where they were paired off against Edinboro.
Once again, defense took control of the game, as each team failed to mount an offensive attack. Penn State utilized the zone defense to keep Edinboro on the outside, while the Lady Scots thwarted a Lady Lion attack with a man-to-man setup.
"Initially we were not sticking to our offensive pattern. When we work in practice against our own players, it's not as aggressive a man-to-man," Meiser said.



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"We went down to the last relay," said captain Bill McConnell, "but we knew that there was no way we were going to beat them."

The fact that Penn State lacks depth in the sprint distances and that the

Engineers had four good swimmers meant the difference in the meet.

The team's strong point remains to be the divers, who had a good afternoon placing one-two in the three meter event. Rich Maurone and Scott Linnon kept the Lions in striking distance with their performance as the Engineers needed only two points to win the meet going into the three meter competition, the next-to-last event.

Despite the short end of the score, Lion coach Lou

MacNeill was pleased with the showing of the team this early in the season. He said it was much closer than he had expected and was pleased with the freshmen.

One of the important parts of the meet, he said, was finding out the effects of the training program. He said some of the team that had been working hard did very well while others had not come through as well as he had expected.

The brightest spots in the team, to this point, seem to be a couple of freshmen.

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