

Volleyball tri-captains honored

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Penn State's three volleyball captains received All-East honors yesterday, but each emphasized the teamwork behind the Lions' successful season.

Larry Wile, Tom Hahn, and Dave Evans made the Eastern Collegiate Volleyball League (ECVL) first team, while John Phillips earned second-team honors, and Lion mentor Tom Tait copped the Coach-of-the-Year award.

"The rest of the players deserve these awards as much as us," said the 5-9 Evans, a two-year All-East selection.

"Had it not been for the other guys, we wouldn't have had four guys on the All-East team," said Tait. "We rely on every guy that walks on the floor."

"I could count on Jeff Morris," said Evans, "and Frank Guadagnino always had good ups (passes to the setter). Evans also lauded 6-5 junior Jeff Seavy's blocking and the setting of senior Dave Dicker.

"If you look at the statistics, he (Dicker) did the job," said Wile. The 5-10 Dicker played both setter and front-line for the Lions.

The third Lion setter, Frank Agnew, played only when Penn State used its three allotted substitutions.

He came in cold in the Springfield game, Wile said, "and put four sets on the button."

But Hahn, Wile, Evans, and Phillips were the mainstays of the ECVL champion Lions.

The 6-5 Hahn occupied the middle of Penn State's formation, playing both middle hitter and middle blocker.

"He ranks right up with the top players in the country in terms of basic skills," said Tait. "It's difficult to find a better technician."

"Anytime the offense is sputtering, we give it to Hahn and we'll get started again," said Evans.

Evans was charged with the all-important task of running the complicated Lion multiple set offense.

"He calls intelligent plays, and knows what's going on," said Hahn, the receiver of many of Evans' sets.

Phillips earned second team honors, as voted by the 19 league coaches, on the strength of his back-line play and serving.

"His ups are on the button every time," said Evans. "I can call any play I want and not worry — knowing he's going to get the ball to me."

It was Phillips' serving, though, that helped key the Lions' ECVL championship two weeks ago. "It helps my front line play when he serves," said

Hahn.

When Phillips serves, "he takes away a lot of their (the opposition) middle hits," added Hahn.

The floor leader of the Lions was Wile, a 6-1 outside blocker and hitter.

"Larry was the main leader," said Evans. "He held us together. In a tight situation, he always surfaced."

"He was very consistent with good, solid play in every department," said Tait. "He had no glaring weaknesses in his game."

Piloting the spikers was Tait, who doubled as president of the ECVL.

"He puts more into volleyball than maybe deserves to be put into it," said Evans. Some of the coaches of the California powerhouses "are not as knowledgeable as him."

Hahn didn't play volleyball in high school, and Tait has guided the Reading native.

"Everything I know about the game, he taught me. All the skills and the mental aspects," said Hahn.

Tait's devotion has left an indelible mark on his squad. "Whatever he asks you to do, you're willing to give it a try," said Evans.

"You want to win for him," added Phillips.



All-East spiker Larry Wile blocks teammate Jeff Seavy's (7) hit, as All-East setter Dave Evans looks on.

Attitude change helped women's sports

By CHUCK BUCHANAN
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If Henry David Thoreau spoke nothing truer, it was "Things do not change, we do." And perhaps nothing better illustrates this principle than the rapid evolution of women's athletics.

Pat McTarsney, coach of the Lady Lions softball team and an astute observer of the history of women in sports, agrees. And what has changed, she says, is public attitude.

Although there has always been, for many girls, an innate interest in sports, McTarsney feels that "much of their desire to participate and their opportunities to participate have been suppressed by sociological factors." More specifically, the role assigned to women; which concerning sports, McTarsney says, is "Little girls aren't supposed to get hot and sweaty."

To this point, McTarsney credits the Women's Lib movement with making many girls stop and think

about "What do I want to do?" rather than "What does everybody else expect me to do?" She, too, credits Billie Jean King with promoting women's athletics so well that today the public accepts female athletes almost as much as they do their male counterparts.

When women in sports became acceptable, McTarsney says, then the interest came. She describes the cyclical nature of the rise in acceptance of women's athletics: "When it becomes acceptable, then you see the interest; you are no longer inhibiting the interest, you are encouraging it. Better performances result. And as the performance gets better, that's more encouragement; you see even better athletes. And as you see better and better athletes, the public becomes even more interested."

There was a time not too long ago, however, when interest and encouragement were not to be found. McTarsney became interested in

sports through her peer group. She grew up in a rural environment and spent much time with her cousins, practically all of which were boys. So as not to be left out, as McTarsney puts it, "I played football when the boys played football."

For much the same reasons, girls today become interested in sports. However, McTarsney says, there is for them an additional incentive. The publicity which women's sports is getting with highly competitive professional golf and tennis tours is a supplement, she feels, to any encouragement offered in the home.

The increased interest and encouragement is making girls today not only better athletes, but smarter athletes. McTarsney notes that when the softball program began at Penn State in 1965, she would spend many hours each week teaching the basics and pre-fundamentals of the game. How to catch and throw properly, what a double play was (let alone how to make one), and knowing that you

can overrun first base were the topics drilled on.

"The skills are so different now and so much farther advanced," she says. Where the problem then was to find 10 or 12 girls capable of playing competitively, the coach now must anguish over which skilled athletes to cut from her squad. "It's more of a problem in some ways," she says, "but it's a better one to have as far as the sports program is concerned."

McTarsney predicts continued growth and expansion for the future of women's athletics. "We are at the point now where with media pressure and spectator pressure, women's sports is going to develop in many respects in the same way that the men's has. The competition is going to get better, there are going to be more professional teams, and there's going to be a lot of spectator interest."

"It's a very exciting time for women's athletics," McTarsney says, "with lots of changes, exciting challenges, and lots of satisfaction."

Honest Pleasure readies for Ky. Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Kentucky Derby favorite Honest Pleasure drew a crowd yesterday when he went to the track for a morning gallop. John Nazareth had the best seat of all — on the horse.

Galloping Honest Pleasure, Nazareth explained later, is no easy matter, even with Robert "Pinky" Hurley alongside on a lead pony, to help control the colt's speed.

"The first part isn't too bad, but when we try to let him out a little bit, it's a matter of brawn. We both pull for all we're worth and it doesn't seem to faze him," Nazareth said.

Honest Pleasure can fool an exercise boy, Nazareth said, "because he's graceful like a ballet dancer and can go as fast in a gallop as most other

horses do in a full workout." Nazareth should know. Among the horses he's helped train are the great Graustark, who was injured before he got to the Derby in 1966, and Froud Clarion, who won the big race the following year.

Graustark was nothing like Honest Pleasure, Nazareth said. "He pounded his hooves into the ground and that's what shattered the bones in his leg," he added.

Nazareth has been assistant to trainer LeRoy Jolley for three years and, before that, spent about 20 with Loyd Gentry. Earlier, he was a jockey and rode Shag Tails in the 1952 Derby. Shag Tails finished 13th.

Entries and the draw for post positions for the 103rd Derby are scheduled for

today and Jolley is making it no secret that he's hoping for the outside position in the expected field of nine.

The outside post, he said, gives the rider an advantage "because he can look over and see what's happening, whereas the inside rider has to commit."

Challenging Honest Pleasure in the 1 1/4-mile Derby will be Bold Forbes,

the probable second choice in the betting; Elocutionist, Cojak, Inca Roca, On the Sly, Play the Red, Amamo and Bidson.

Life's Hope, owned by Harbor View Farm, worked a half-mile in 49.25 at Sportsman's Park in Chicago yesterday and apparently will remain there for the Illinois Derby. He had been a possible entry in the big race here.

The Derby, at 5:40 p.m., EDT, Saturday, will be telecast by ABC at 5-6 p.m., and broadcast by a syndicated radio network.

With more than 100,000 fans expected to jam historic Churchill Downs for the race, it will be the first time — and perhaps the only time — for some of the horses to race with a screaming mob on their left side in the infield.

Chessmen 2nd in Easterns

The Penn State chess team recently captured second place with a 4-1 record in the Eastern Team Championships held at Montgomery County Community College.

Sixteen teams competed in the tournament, including four Masters.

Tom Sweeney, the tournament's first board prize winner, led the team with a perfect 5-0-0 record. Joe Veach followed with

a 4-1-0 mark on second board, while Jerry Thomchick posted a 2-2-1 record on third board. Nick Bachovchin was 2-1-2 on fourth board.

Penn State beat Philadelphia Textile, Temple, Queensboro and Bloomsburg. The tournament was won by the University of Pennsylvania while the University of Indiana took third place.

Netwomen top Bisons

By BARB SHELLY
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Penn State's top four women tennis players try the tournament circuit again today, while the remainder of the team defeated Bucknell in an exhibition match yesterday.

Joy McManus, Wendy Gavett, Joan Backenstose and Micki Larkin will represent Penn State in the three-day Middle Atlantic Lawn Tennis Association (MALTA) tournament at Mary Baldwin College, Virginia.

Penn State and West Chester are the only Pennsylvania schools entered in the field of 18. Most of the competition will be from Virginia, which handed the Lady Lions their only loss this season.

Both McManus and Gavett are seeded in the singles competition. McManus is expected to advance at least as far as the semifinals, being the fourth seed. Gavett is rated seventh. The favorite is Kathy Mueller, a sophomore from Trenton State who placed fifth in the Eastern Collegians last fall. McManus placed fourth in that tournament. Other seeded players are Barbara Gold-


man and Cindy Brinker, the top two players from Virginia.

Gavett and Backenstose, after playing second in the Middle States tournament last weekend, are seeded fifth in the doubles. Brinker and Goldman have the top spot on the doubles draw.

McManus and Larkin will be Penn State's other doubles team. Penn State won yesterday's scrimmage with Bucknell, 5-3. Molly Wesner, who usually plays third singles on the varsity, won an easy match over Jody Canpana, 6-1, 6-1. Teammate Mon Androsko had less success over Louise King, losing 6-3, 6-3.

Freshman Karen Goldstein continued undefeated in singles competition by defeating Andi Hoffman 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. Minda Fall was defeated by Ellen Boecker, 6-4, 6-1. Jeanne Peterson beat Denise Pappas 6-2, 6-2, and Laura Stanonis survived a second set tie-breaker to win 6-1, 7-6 over Pat Sermon.


In doubles competition, Wesner and Peterson lost to Canpana and King 6-3, 1-6, 6-0. Goldstein and Fall had no trouble beating Hoffman and Boecker 6-2, 6-3.



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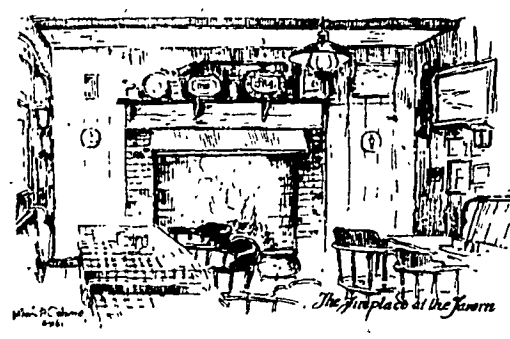
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