

Trackwomen face strong draw in Maryland Invite

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The Penn State women's track team, coming off its Eastern AIAW meet victory last weekend, is set to compete in the Maryland Invitational on Sunday.

The invitational features 22 college teams plus four top Canadian track stars. Abby Hoffman, one of the top 1500-meter runners in Canada and a performer in the past two Olympics, is set for the 1500-meter run. Julie White is slated to compete in her specialty, the high jump. She was a second-place finisher in the United States AAU Indoor Championships and jumped an excellent six feet, one inch last week. Carol Prosser and Carol Martin are set for the 1500-meter run and discus, respectively.

Easy days to end soon

Millersville tries laXgals

By BARB PARMER
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The women's lacrosse team has been having an easy time of it since the season opener against eastern powerhouse West Chester two weeks ago.

Tomorrow, the last of the "lesser competition" rolls into town in the form of Millersville State College to challenge the stickwomen on Pollock Field at 1 p.m.

After the Millersville contest, the women have four matches to round out the season that will probably require top performances.

Although the Lady Lions have not been severely tested in recent games, the defensive unit has been performing well in anticipation of the big matches in the future.

Except for freshman goalkeeper Jody Field and right defensive wing Sue Wisniewski, who moved from the offense this year, the entire defensive unit is together for its second season.

"There's good communication between everybody and we work together," point Linda Waltz said. The sophomore is the last line of defense before Field.

Field, who has allowed just 13 goals in four outings, finds college play different from high school action. "This is high level stick-

"The Canadians are going to add a lot of excitement to the meet," said Chris Brooks, coach of the trackwomen.

Penn State's top four entries are Kris Bankes, Lea Ventura, Liz Berry, and Kerry Kuipers.

Bankes is set for the 1500-meter run. She finished third in this event at the Penn Relays last week in a time of 4:26.4. The Olympic qualifying time is 4:15, but, according to Brooks, it's still a bit early for Bankes to run that.

"Kris has really progressed exceptionally well this year and surprised a lot of people," Brooks said. "For a girl in her second year, Kris gave Robin Campbell (of the Florida Track Club) a very good race at the Penn Relays last week. Kris has done very well

and is capable of improving even more. She has an awful lot of talent and hasn't even started to tap it yet."

"I'm anxious for her race with Abby Hoffman," Brooks continued. "They'll be going all out, so they should be able to get some good times."

Lea Ventura, a 100-yd. dash winner in the EIAW meet last week, is slated to compete in the 400-meter run.

"Lea will be entered in this event in the nationals in Kansas in two weeks, so she'll be concentrating on getting a good time," Brooks said. "The tartan track is very good and fast, so we should get some good results."

Liz Berry will be entered in the two-mile run, her last big effort before the nationals.

Berry has been hampered by a pulled hamstring.

"Her leg is pretty good now, but she's staying off the speedwork," said Brooks. "In the next two weeks, we'll work on building up her leg."

"Liz looked very strong in the regionals — her time of 17:10 in the three-mile was very good," Brooks continued. "If she keeps healthy and stays in condition, she will do very well in the nationals."

Kerry Kuipers, the Lady Lions' top fieldwoman, is slated for her regular events, the discus and shot put.

"Kerry needs to be more consistent in those events," Brooks said of the freshman. "She has been a little inconsistent in the past two weeks."

Lady net duo in upset

Penn State's second doubles team upset the number one seeded duo in women's Middle Atlantic Lawn Tennis Association (MALTA) tournament yesterday in Virginia.

Joy McManus and Micki Larkin combined to beat the top doubles seed from Virginia University, Cindy Brinker and Barbara Goldman, in three sets, 6-4, 9-6, 6-1. The Lady Lions combo was unseeded in the event.

Strategy played an important part in the win as the Penn Staters caught Brinker on service returns by hitting them at her feet.

In other doubles competition, Wendy Gavett and Joan Backenstose easily defeated Abby Greenfield and Karen Dennison after a first round bye, 6-1, 6-1. The duo faces the number two seed from Maryland today, Heidi Goltz and Chrissy Gonzales.

In singles competition, Lady Lions' top player, McManus, drew a bye in the opening round, then beat West Chester's Debbie Piper, 6-0, 6-3 in round two. McManus is seeded fourth in the tournament.

Penn State's second singles, Gavett, advanced to further play by beating Julie Derracott from Wake Forest, 6-0, 6-2.

Larkin and Backenstose were both knocked into the consolation bracket in singles competition. Larkin was defeated by Virginia's Cheri O'Donnell, 6-0, 6-1, and Backenstose suffered the same fate to O'Donnell's twin, Keri, 6-2, 6-0.

Last night both players were still on the courts in singles competition, with Larkin in her fifth match of the long tournament day. Action resumes this morning in the three-day event.

Linkswomen challenge tough field in Michigan Invitational

Penn State's women golfers will get their first look today at the site of this June's nationals as they play in the 13-team, Michigan State Invitational.

The Spartan tourney and the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) championships are both held at East Lansing's 6000-yard Forest Akers Golf Course, and the Eastern champion Lions are entered in both.

However, the 36-hole two-

day Michigan State event, although helping prepare State for the AIAW's, will be tough in its own right.

The nation's number one-ranked Furman team leads a field that Lion coach Annette Thompson calls, "by far our strongest competition of the year."

Penn State is coming off a win in last weekend's Marshall Invitational, but Furman will be spearheaded by Beth Daniel, the 1975 United States Women's Amateur

Champion and a Curtis Cup member.

The host Spartans are eighth ranked while Minnesota boasts Big Ten medalist Julie Gulmi.

Thompson, who said she hopes to place in the top five, will use the same six golfers as last week.

"Marsha (Gullo), Judi (Mitchell), and Jo (Meyer) are hitting the ball well," she said. "If they can continue to do well, we'll do okay."



Photo by Laurie Usher

Penn State's Lea Ventura usually competes in the sprint races, but in the Maryland Invitational this weekend she'll run the 400-meter race

Rain revamps Houston Open

HOUSTON (AP) — A double round of 36 holes has been scheduled for Sunday following the washout of yesterday's play in the \$200,000 Houston Open Golf Tournament.

"The course was unplayable. We had no choice but to cancel the day's play," said Clyde Mangum, the PGA Tour official in charge of this

event. The round was postponed early yesterday morning after all-night rains had saturated the Woodlands Country Club course.

"The course was just saturated," Mangum said. "We'd get water off the greens and it'd come up again, come up out of the ground. It looked like we'd

None of the competitors in the 156-man field had started play when the round was canceled.

The tournament schedule now calls for single rounds of 18 holes both today and tomorrow. After the first 36 holes of play, the field will be cut to the low 60 scorers — as opposed to the usual low 70,

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Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2, 1976

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, April 30
Commons Videotape, "Bee Gees," 12 noon, Kern lobby.
Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, dinner and initiation, 5:30 p.m., HUB ballroom.
Behrend College Studio Theatre, "La Ronde," 8 p.m., Behrend College.
University Theatre, "Unruly Children: A Pennsylvania Bicentennial Vaudeville," 8 p.m., Pavilion Theatre.
Orchestrus Dance Company, "Opus 1976," 8:30 p.m., White Hall Dance Theatre.
Pennsylvania Vocal Ensemble, 8:30 p.m., Music Bldg. recital hall.
Artists Series, Boston Symphony Chamber Players, 8:30 p.m., Schwab.
Saturday, May 1
Antique aircraft fly-in, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., University Airport. Sponsored by Aerospace Eng.
Penn State Model Railroad Club Equipment Auction, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Room 320, 214 HUB.
Orchestrus Dance Company, "Opus 1976," 2:30 and 8:30 p.m., White Hall Theatre.
Sports: Men's track, vs. Michigan. Men's golf, Nittany Lion Invitational. Women's lacrosse, vs. Millersville, 1 p.m.
Dinner Theatre, 6:30 p.m., Room 102, 112 Kern. "Cole Porter Review."
Behrend College Studio Theatre, "La Ronde," 8 p.m., Behrend College.
University Theatre, "Unruly Children: A Pennsylvania Bicentennial Vaudeville," 8 p.m., Pavilion Theatre.
Conference on the Dimensions of Black Studies for Educational Institutions in Pennsylvania, Keller.
Breazeale Nuclear Reactor Facility Open House, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Transportation available every half hour from the parking lot behind Mechanical Engineering.
Sunday, May 2
Chapel Service, 11 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel. Dr. Rosemary R. Ruether, historical theology, Howard University.
Black Christian Fellowship worship service, 11:15 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel. Pastor Gerald G. Loyd, the Jerry Loyd Ensemble.
Sports: Men's baseball, vs. Mansfield, 1 p.m. Men's golf, Nittany Lion Invitational.
Shavers Creek Nature Center, Early Morning Bird Walk, 7 a.m.; Ecology Walk, 3 p.m., Mineral Industries Bldg., Stone Valley.
Katherine Kello, piano, 3:30 p.m., Music Bldg recital hall.
Dinner Theatre, 6:30 p.m., Room 102, 112 Kern. "Cole Porter Review."
Sy Barash Country Regatta, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Stone Valley. Benefit American Cancer Society. Postpones from April 25.

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