

And they're off! Penn State's and Lehigh's swimmers break off the blocks in Saturday's meet, won by Lehigh on the strength of its victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Photo by Sally Hunter

Late relay win lifts Lehigh over tankers

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The lead swayed back and forth all afternoon, but the final event gave Lehigh a 58-55 edge over the Lions at the Natatorium on Saturday.

"To come this close to them was fantastic," said coach Lou MacNeil. "I thought the meet would be over long before the final relay."

Penn State was off to a good start, winning the 400-yard medley relay. Bill Hieb, Steve Rode, Tom Martin, and Larry Close clocked a 3:41.81. Lehigh came back to take first in the 1,000, 200 and 50 yard freestyle.

Bill Hieb's first place time of 2:03.17 in the 200-yard individual medley put the Lions within one point of the Engineers, 22-21. That set the stage for a fine performance by all three Penn State divers.

Senior Rich Maurone led the Penn State sweep of the one meter diving with 265.45 points. (In team scoring; however, only the top two finishers receive points toward their team's total score.) Freshman Pat McFadden and Scott Linnon took second and third. Gary Moni, Lehigh's top diver, finished a dismal 70 points behind Linnon. The Lions were back on top, 29-23.

Coach Bob Goldberg did some experimenting against the weak Lehigh divers, and was very satisfied with the results.

"We tried a lot of new dives today. The little things that make a dive perfect aren't there yet, but that will come with time and consistency. It was a good day for all of us," Goldberg said.

Unfortunately, the best Penn State

could manage in the 200-yard butterfly was Bruce Greenfield's third place time of 2:04.3, almost two seconds behind Lehigh's top two places. The Engineers pulled further ahead by taking first and second in the 100-yard freestyle.

Penn State looked hopeful in the 200-yard backstroke with Bill Hieb's winning time of 2:07.63 and Scott Roth's second place finish of 2:08.28. The Lions came a little closer with Mike Noel's second place time of 5:06.73 in the 500-yard freestyle.

Steve Rode held the lead from the starting blocks to win the 200-yard breaststroke, and put Penn State within four points of the leaders. Rode finished lengths ahead of Lehigh's Robert Quier and Tomm Shannahan.

Once again, it was the divers that put Penn State back in the lead. Rich

Maurone took another first, followed by Pat McFadden. Third place was awarded to Lehigh's Gary Mino, although he finished 52 points behind third Lion diver Scott Linnon. After the three meter diving the score showed Penn State leading, 55-51.

The final event, the 400-yard free relay, determined the winner. Lehigh's Kevin Silva, Bill Knisely, Peter Battaglia and Phillip Klauer took an early lead, gradually increasing it to finish with a time of 3:13.60. That was enough to pull Lehigh ahead, 58-55. Penn State's quartet of Tom Wandel, Doug King, Eric Riggs and Brian O'Shea clocked a 3:17.81.

The Lions will be idle until after the Christmas break when they travel to Pittsburgh to face the Panthers on Jan. 15.

Spain wins World Cup golf

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Americans Jerry Pate and Dave Stockton blew the lead with a double bogey-bogey performance on the 17th hole and Spain stalked off with a two-stroke team victory yesterday in the World Cup international golf tournament.

Mexican club pro Ernesto Perez Acosta, meanwhile, gained the individual triumph with a final-round 70 and a 282 total, six under-par on the 7,181 yard Mission Hills Country Club course.

Acosta, who three times failed in an attempt to gain U.S. tour playing rights, also became only the second man to qualify for the 1977 World Series of Golf, which offers \$100,000 to the winner.

The defending champion United States team held a one-stroke advantage going to the 17th hole. But Pate bunkered his tee shot, came out long and three-putted for a double-bogey five. Stockton also bogeyed from a bunker and the Americans suddenly were two shots back with one hole to play.

Manuel Pinero had a final-round 68 and young Seve Ballesteros shot a 74 and the Spaniards finished with a team total of 574, two-under-par.

Pate matched par 72 in the bright, warm sunshine and Stockton scrambled to a 73. That left the United States second among the two-man teams from 48 nations with a 576 total.

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In spite of an afternoon of experimentation Saturday, the Lady Lion swimmers easily defeated a weaker Lehigh squad, 93-37, capturing an impressive 11 of 15 first place finishes.

"We had the opportunity to see some girls in events they don't usually swim. The times were good all-around," Penn State's women's coach Ellen Perry said.

Penn State showed its strength from the start, taking the first four events. Kathy Herrold, Becky Irlig, Leslie Hipp and Joyce Elmel-

er clocked a 2:02.64 in the 200-yard medley relay and Trish Lang won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:10.44.

Freshman Cathy Savard won both the 100-yard individual medley and the 50-yard backstroke. It wasn't until the 50-yard breaststroke that Lehigh managed a first place finish with Karen Hespell's time of 34.25.

"My girls told me they felt they were swimming against a real Eastern power today. They're right," Penn State looks "super," Lehigh's coach Joan Peto said.

Despite her squad's loss, Lehigh set nine team records.

Peto, who was a 1975 graduate of Penn State, is in her first year as coach of the Lehigh Engineers. She still holds the Penn State record of 1:01.70 in the 100-yard butterfly.

"From the looks of this squad, I don't think my record is going to last much longer," Peto said.

Freshman Tammy Brush won the 50-yard freestyle in 26.07, and another freshman, Lizanne Hendershott, won the 50-yard butterfly in 28.35.

Two freshman divers, Lisa Pellow and Becky Binny, along with junior Colette Bizal, had exceptional performances in both the one and

three meter events. Pellow took first in the one meter, and Binny won the three meter.

Bizal had a technical mixup. The wrong dive and unfortunately one that she was unable to do, was recorded on the judges tally sheet. Therefore, she could perform only five dives instead of six.

"She had never done that one before," said diving coach Bob Goldberg. "She scored 162 points for five dives, and, of course, zero for the sixth. Her highest total last year was 170 (for six dives), so she still put in a fine performance."

Lee Ann Fedon won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:05.55 and Lynn Ross Scovazzo won the 100-yard freestyle in 59.0. Hendershott chalked up another first, this time in the 100-yard backstroke with the time of 1:04.35.

Junior co-captain Tesa Lloyd sees a much tougher road ahead for the Lady Lions.



"Most of the rest of our meets will be much harder. Pitt and Princeton speak for themselves," Lloyd said. "Lehigh is so young. Once they make a name for themselves girls will start coming. That's what happened here."

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