

Tee-up at Ohio Invite

Golfwomen open season

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The Lady Buckeye Invitational, to be held this weekend at Columbus, Ohio, should give women's golf coach Net Thompson an idea of her team's chances this season.

"We're hoping to better our finish this year," Thompson said of the invitational. "We finished fourth last year. I think we can improve."

"The tournament will be held on Ohio State's Scarlet course," Thompson said. "It's comparable to our course here."

The Scarlet course is a par 72, 5,906-yard layout.

Thompson is taking her six-woman squad to start with Kelleher, Judi Mitchell, Hallie Bunk, Kelly Grimes, Kathy Patrick and Sally Slater to the two-day event.

Kelleher, a sophomore, is the team's number-one player, with an 83 average. She was the winner of the 1975 Lady Lion fall invitational,

and the 1976 Mt. Holyoke Invitational. Mitchell has the second lowest average of the team, with an 87. She was the only Lady Lion ever to shoot a sub-par round.

Bunk and Grimes both are returning players, while freshmen Slater and Patrick fill in the holes left through graduation.

Thompson said that her squad "hopes to survive the cold" at the tournament.

The squad had some good days for practice the beginning of the term, the coach said, but the bad weather during the past two weeks could contribute to player inconsistencies.

"This is a challenging tournament to start with, because of the quality of competition," Thompson said. "There's a large field, and it's our first event of the season."

Thompson said that many of the other squads in the competition have already traveled south for com-

petition, giving them an edge. Nine teams are expected to compete in the Lady Buckeye Invitational. Joining host team Ohio State are Penn State, Michigan State, Central Michigan, Marshall University, Kentucky, Bowling Green, Illinois State and Cincinnati.

The Lady Lion golfers completed a successful fall season, winning their only dual meet against Cortland, placing second in the Mt. Holyoke Invitational with Kelleher taking individual honors, and winning the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championships at Brockport State.

This spring, the Lady Lions will compete in three away meets before returning home to host the Lady Lion Invitational. Along with the Lady Buckeye Invitational the golfwomen will compete in the Marshall Invitational and the Michigan State Invitational.

Hawks at home on road

By The Associated Press

The Chicago Black Hawks' "home game" tonight is going over like a lead balloon with the team, thanks to Led Zepplin.

In other words, the New York Islanders are getting their show on the road—at home.

In still other words, it should be a very confusing evening.

The Islanders will be wearing their road blues and the Black Hawks, trying to avert elimination from the National Hockey League's first-round playoffs, will be sporting home whites, even though the game is in the Islanders' Nassau Coliseum.

Three other games are to be played tonight. Like the Black Hawks, who lost their opener 5-2, the Pittsburgh Penguins will be trying to avoid elimination on the road. They head into Toronto following a 4-2 loss to the Maple Leafs in Pittsburgh.

The Minnesota North Stars, 4-2 losers to Buffalo in their first game, host the Sabres and the Atlanta Flames, beaten 5-2 by Los Angeles, take on the visiting Kings in the other two games.

The Islanders won their opener with a four-goal third period that wiped out Chicago's 2-1 lead.

Black Hawks Coach Bill White downplayed the team's most obvious disadvantage, the lack of a home game. It seems a mixup in scheduling gave Led Zepplin, a rock group, an iron-clad lock on Chicago Stadium for

tonight and locked out the Black Hawks. "There's nothing really we could do about that," White said at the Islanders' arena after the opening-game loss. "We're disappointed we can't play at home, but we don't mind coming here."

But defenseman Randy Holt disagreed. "It's pretty bad," he said. "We're having a tough enough season without playing all our games on the road."

To the Penguins' Jean Pronovost, there's no difference between a home-ice advantage and a road game. "We get booed here. We'll get booed there," he said of Pittsburgh and Toronto. It's the same thing.

Like the Black Hawks, the Penguins saw an early lead vanish. "We played a good first period. After that, we stopped," Pronovost said of Pittsburgh's 1-0 lead that became a 2-1 deficit after two periods.

Rene Robert, Buffalo's veteran right wing, was being more cautious than his rookie teammate, goalie Don Edwards, following the Sabres' victory over Minnesota.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it goes three games," said Robert. But Edwards crowed: "We won the first game and now we've got the winning feeling."

Coach Fred Creighton sees a return to the Omni as a definite plus for his Flames. "If we play in our building as well as we did in the playoffs last year, we'll be back in Los Angeles Saturday night," he said.

INTRAMURALS

Bookworm serves Cumberland loss

Drake Nicholas hit the volleyball last evening instead of the books.

As a result, Fayette House triumphed over a fellow Center Halls team, Cumberland House, two games to one, at the Intramural Building.

Nicholas stepped up to the serving line with Fayette House down one point to ten in the rubber game of a best-of-three contest. He served eleven straight points over the net en route to a 15-13 victory.

"He was going to stay at the dorm and study," a teammate said of Drake. "But we persuaded him to come."

The win marked the first competition for Fayette House this year. Its last scheduled game was forfeited because one of the players lost the time schedule.

"We didn't even know the rules when we came," Harry Glenn said.

The match, granted, was not played in championship style, but the two teams appeared to be evenly matched. Cumberland took the first game 15-11, and Fayette secured the second, 15-7.

The members of the Fayette House squad reported they had to put the team together in a make-shift manner. "We weren't even sure if we could make it

here to play tonight," one competitor said.

Despite the win over Cumberland House, the once-victorious Fayette House views the remainder of the season as "dismal."

"We're weak everywhere," Glenn said. One volleyballer from Cumberland House labeled the game as a "rivalry" since both teams reside in Center Halls.

"What?" said star-server Drake Nicholas. "I've never seen those guys before!"

Right about now Cumberland House is probably wishing that Nicholas had never seen a volleyball either.

- VOLLEYBALL**
DORMITORY — Fayette def. Cumberland, 15-11, 7-15, 15-13; Arts and Architecture def. Bucks, for.; Clearfield def. Schuykill, 15-2, 15-7; Leete I def. Milfin, 15-2, 15-11; Erie def. Northumberland, 15-2, 13-15, 15-9; Lancaster def. Cambria, 15-6, 17-15.
- INDEPENDENT** — Army ROTC def. Ragged Elms, 15-11, 7-15, 15-8; Ukrainian def. Hurin Packs, 15-10, 9-15, 15-7; Henry's Bar def. Delta Pi, 15-3, 15-2; Free U def. Screaming Toenails, 15-10, 10-15, 15-5; Bonners def. Silver Hammer, 15-9, 15-1; E. Mich. def. Polish, for.; Turks def. Weaver A.C., 15-0, 15-2; Persians def. Turtles, 15-10, 15-9; VIP def. Wrecking Crew, 15-11, 15-8.
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
Hot Shots def. Arts and Architecture, for.; D.T.S. Dribblers def. Chestnut, for.; Tamaqua Tigers def. Union Won, 30-20; Hippos def. Chelsea House, for.; Hot Colder House def. Indiana, 35-5; Fast Five def. Hoyt Hellions, 28-6.

Improved Pirates open at home with Cardinals

The Pittsburgh Pirates open their drive to replant the NL's Eastern Division flag in the western end of Penn's Woods this afternoon when they take on the St. Louis Cardinals at Three Rivers Stadium.

Despite the questionable efforts of a general manager that's been taken advantage of more often than a gullible blonde in a smoky bar, the Pirates come out of the winter hibernation with an improved defense and a stronger bullpen. (Unfortunately, the same can't be said of Columbus, the Pirates triple-A farm club, which will have trouble fielding a team after the departure of Doug Bair, Mitchell Page, Tony Armas, Jimmy Sexton and Craig Reynolds via trades, and the graduation of Miguel Dilone, Omar Morano — and Ken Macha to the parent club — but that's another story.)



Don Hopey

Gone from last year's second place squad are pitchers Doc Medich and Dave Giusti, both of whom had sub-par years in '76. The Bucs may miss the bats of Manny Sanguillen, Bob Robertson and Richie Z (R) isk, but their departure is a defensive plus.

No longer the "Lumber Company," the Pirates have changed their image to one of speed and finesse. But how well have they made the switch? To try to get some answers about a team with more questions than David Frost has for Nixon, a position by position, rundown is needed.

PITCHING: They say it's the biggest part of the game, and that's especially true for the Pirates, since they won't be as strong offensively. The key here is John Candelaria (16-7, 3.15 ERA in '76) who has had arm miseries all spring. Team officials say it's nothing serious but if the Pirates lose the "Candyman" for any length of time it won't be a sweet season. Other starters are Jim Rooker (15-8), Bruce Kison (14-9), Larry Demery (10-7) and today's starter Jerry Reuss (14-9). The bullpen was bolstered in the off season with the addition of Rich Gossage, Grant Jackson and Terry Forster to last year's top game saver Kent Tekulve. Overall, the staff has to be rated a plus and could be better than the Phillie mound corps,

especially if Jim Lonborg's arm problem are serious and Jim Kaat succumbs to ravages of Father Time.

OUTFIELD: This is another Pirate strong point but one without a few questions. Al Oliver has moved from centerfield to left to make room for Omar Moreno, who has speed to burn but has appeared in only 54 previous major league contests. Oliver, who can do it all with the bat, (.323 in '76), is set in leftfield and seems to be over an ailment that caused him to get dizzy when chasing flyballs last year. In rightfield, Dave Parker (.313, 13 HR, 90 RBI last year) rounds out the Bucs' fastest outfield in years. Backing up this trio will be Miguel Dilone (who may start today because Moreno has an injured heel) and the team's most valuable player last year, Bill Robinson (.303, 21 HR). Robinson will also play some first base.

INFIELD: Here again, the Pirates figure to be stronger than last year with the addition of Phil Garner (.261, 74 RBI, 35 SB in Oakland last year) at third base. Garner is a hollerguy type who may provide the spark that seemed to be missing in the Pirate infield last year. Defensively he'll eat up ground balls that the departed Mr. Heberner had only a nodding acquaintance with. Rennie Stennet is steady at second base and has good range. Insiders are predicting he'll bounce back from an off year (.257) to the form he showed in 1974 (.291, 196 hits) and '75 (.286). Willie Stargell also should come back from an off year (20 HR) even though he's on the shady side of the hill. Frank Tavaras was the Bucs' offensive surprise last year (.258, 58 SB) but must spend less time this year looking behind him in disgust after groundballs are hit his way. Mario Mendoza is the "Leather Company," backing up Tavaras. His hands are softer than your baby's behind but he'll only come to the plate if there's food on it. Tommy Helms, re-acquired from Oakland, is also in reserve along with Ed Kirkpatrick, a good clutch stick.

CATCHING: This will be the Pirates' weak spot. Duffy Dyer is top notch defensively and a good handler of pitchers but has never gone anywhere near the distance due to a light bat (.223 last year). Backing Dyer up is Ed Ott, a good hitter but inexperienced and suspect defensively. Neither will stir memories of Yogi Berra.

Peak performances by all concerned will get the Pirates to the top of the heap, and make it a happy summer in the city that made a "shot and a beer" famous.

Swede plan would disperse Olympics

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — More will be heard of a plan to spread the Olympic games around instead of having them in one city.

The Swedes, who have the idea of staging the 1984 Winter Games in four or five different places, had their plan rejected by an advisory assembly here. But they intend to raise it again.

"We are fighters," said Bo Bengtsson, president of the Swedish Olympics Association.

"One day, perhaps, we will succeed in getting this plan adopted. We have a lot of support.

"We might still bid for the 1984 Winter Games."

Unknown picked for Ali fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Muhammad Ali, the judge willing, will make what promoter Don King calls "the New Beginning" against Alfredo Evangelista, a loser in his last fight.

Alli's title defense against the Uruguayan-born Spanish citizen was announced yesterday for May 16 at the Capitol Center in Landover, Md. It will be the heavyweight champion's first fight since he

won a unanimous but disputed 15-round decision over Ken Norton last Sept. 28.

"I never was in retirement," Ali said at a news conference.

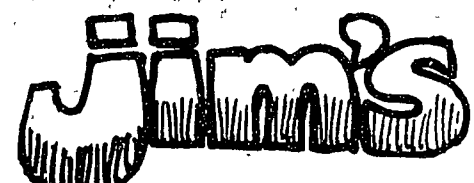
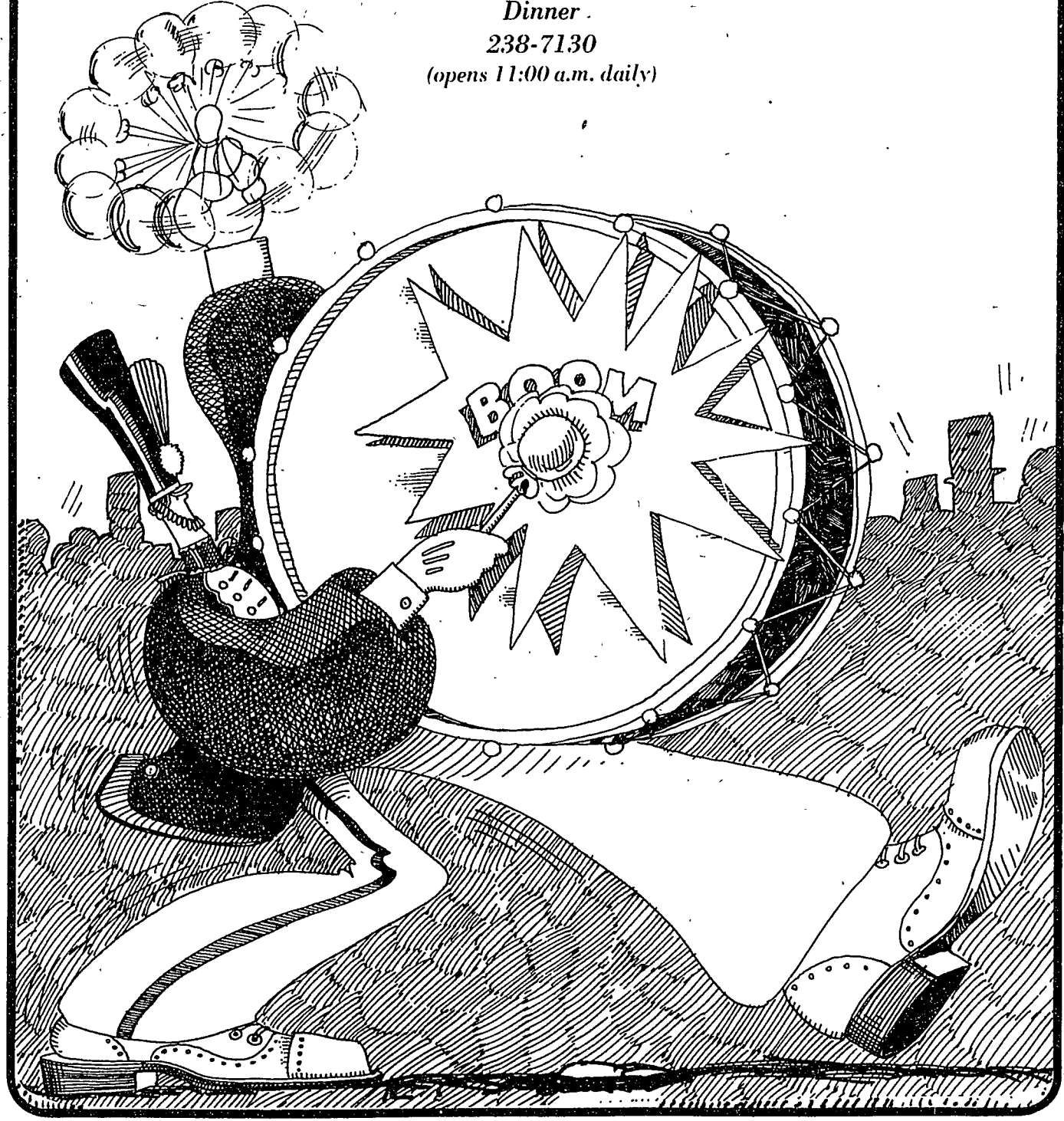
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