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Golfers to host G. Washington

The Penn State golf team opens its dual match season tomorrow against George Washington. The match will also mark the Lion golfers' home opener as tee off time is set for 1 o'clock at the Blue Course.

The team will essentially be the same six that opened the season last week at the Marshall Invitational plus freshman Jeb Boyle. The top five scores will be counted in the final tally. Senior captain Tom Amendola led the Penn State contingent last week with a 229 for 54 holes. But Amendola was disappointed overall with the team's play and its 11th place finish

"As a matter of fact, I thought we played pretty poorly,"

Amendola said yesterday. "We'd been playing a lot better before we went down to the tourney. I don't know what happened to us down there.'

Another problem for the golfers since last week has been an uncooperative Mother Nature. Cold weather, high winds, and snow are not exactly perfect conditions for golf and this has

hindered the team's practice this week. "We haven't really been able to practice this week except one day and it was tough then," Amendola said. "But we should be able to beat them with the home course advantage."

Joining Amendola will be seniors Tim Wilson and Sherm Hostetter, junior Dick Conn, sophomore Gary Durbin and Jeff Heaton, and Boyle the freshman.

Amendola also indicated that George Washington would not be the toughest opponent for the Lion golfers this year.

The Colonials are 2-2 with wins over Catholic University and Galludet and losses to Richmond and VMI. They are led by last year's MVP Armondo Herrera, a senior. Two freshmen, Harris Livingstair and George Dukas, are among the Colonials' top players.

- Tom McNichol

Phillies seen as runaway

By GEORGE WEIGEL Collegian Sports Writer

There's dynasty_talk in Philly this year. That idea might not be so farfetched either if you take a look at the Phillies' well-balanced lineup and their

Talks of dynasty starting

With sluggers Mike Schmidt and Greg Luzinski just now coming into their prime years, and youngsters like Freddie Andrews and Randy Lerch waiting to move in, the Phils could be

tough for many years. This year they have to be rated favorites once again, although they lost Dave Cash to the Bank of Montreal and Dick Allen to Charlie Finley's Wholesale Player Outlet.

Only the Pirates have any kind of realistic chance of knocking off the defending champs, but they may have weakened themselves with some trades. Look for more long balls this year from the Phils. The Bull (Luzinski) is capable of jacking out more than the 21 homers he hit last year, and catcher Bob Boone is more than a four-homerun man

Also look for Fred Andrews, the

rookie, to get his chance this year. Ted Sizemore has won the job at second base for now — and he's a good, consistent ballplayer — but Andrews is their man for the future. Dave Johnson, the former Baltimore Oriole, should also help.

Richie Hebner will probably provide some good laughs at first base but he can hit the ball. His bat wedged in between Schmidt and Boone will really solidify the offense but he's an adventuresome fielder.

Pirate fans will tell you that Rich has a knack of turning groundballs into dramas, and sometimes even tragedies. But pitching is going to be a main fac-tor that puts the Phillies a step above the rest in the National League.

Returning veterans Steve Carlton (20-7), Jim Lonborg (18-10), and Jim Kaat (12-14) should be enough to anchor the rotation, but watch for two youngsters, righty Larry Christenson (13-8) and lefty Tom Underwood (10-5), to really come into their own this year.

Christenson has one of the liveliest fastballs in the league when his back is healthy.

Underwood may need another year or

two years of experience to perfect his control.

Wayne Twitchell and rookie lefthander Randy Lerch are two other fine pitchers who have great potential.

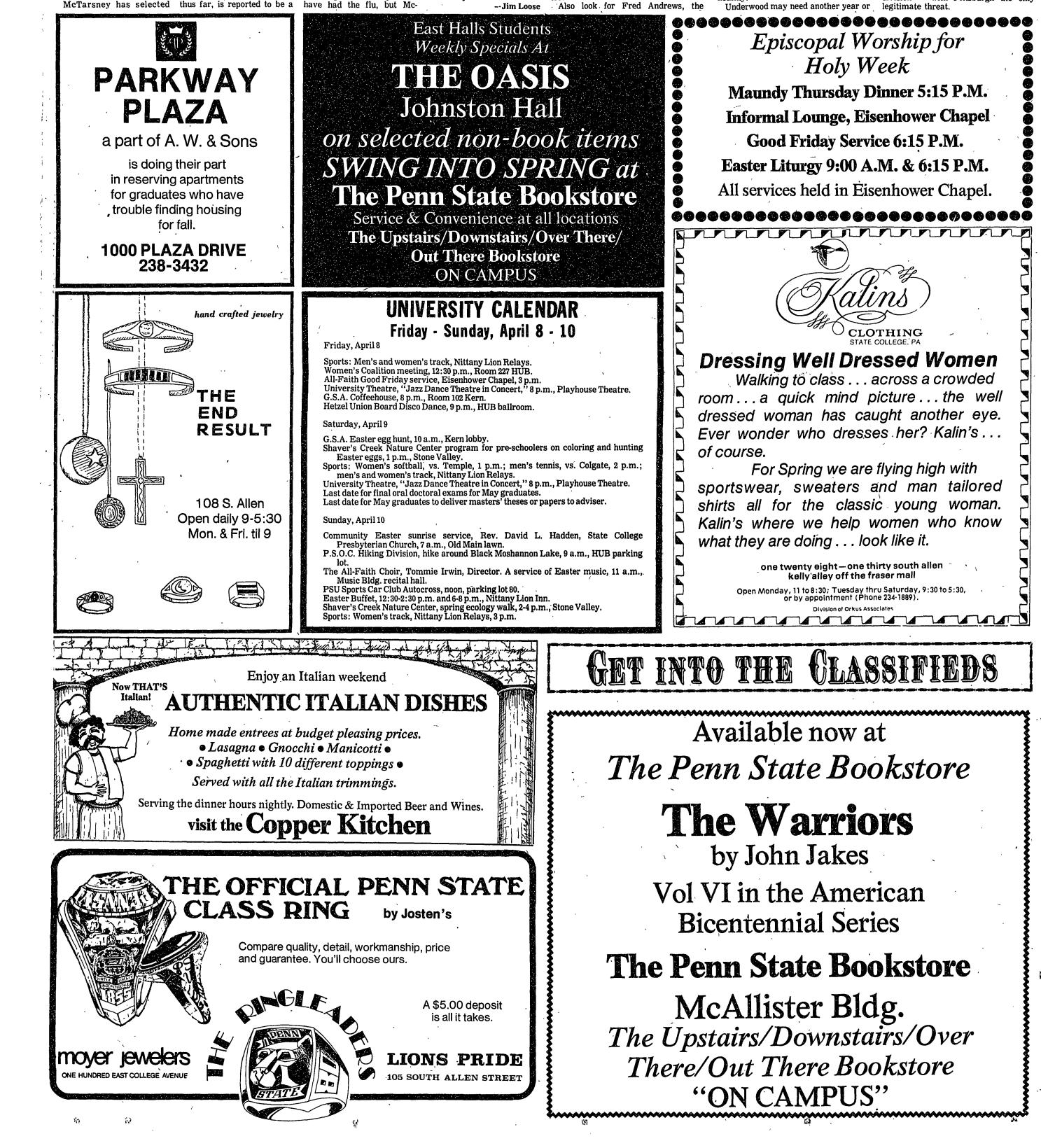
Add to those seven Gene Garber, Tug McGraw and Ron Reed from the bullpen, and the Phillies have the deepest pitching staff in the league.

As far as weaknesses go, the Phils have only a few minor flaws. The defense is weak in right field and at first base and non-existent in left field.

But with Larry Bowa at shortstop and Garry Maddox (.330) in center, those deficiencies are balanced out.

Speaking of Maddox, he'll be leading off this year. Nobody wanted the job. but the fleet-footed Maddox is the best choice if he_keeps his free-swinging style and doesn't try to hit like a leadoff man is "supposed to."

On paper, the Phils look almost un-beatable. They have a solid hitting attack and their pitching is first class. The clincher is their depth, and for that reason, they should be able to take the division — with Pittsburgh the only legitimate threat.



Softballers' home opener on new field Lady Lion softball coach Pat McTarsney says her team is 'well prepared' for Saturday's 1 p.m. lidlifter Kurech, a fast-ball thrower who uses a windmill windup.

"We've had more outdoor practice time than we sometimes do," McTarsney said, adding that she thinks the Lady Lions are in good Tarsney said. shape for this time of year.

against Temple.

will be a good test for our infielders," she added.

The Lady Lion coach said Malone is "a good pitcher and a good ballplayer. I'm sure she'll do very good,'' Mc-

Temple, 1-1 on the season of the junior varsity team thus far, is reported to be a

Tarsney is not expecting any very aggressive baserunning team, McTarsney said. "It problems from this. The Lady Lion field will not

be ready for use on Saturday. The only serious injury on A diamond is being prepared the Lady Lion team is pitcher for the game on the lighted intramural field, which is Janice Presel, who will be out northeast of the flower garindefinitely with a strained knee. First baseman Cathy dens and the women's hockey Cronin and several members field and north of the curve in University Drive.

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