

Booters yank down curtain tonight

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For the Penn State soccer team, tonight's the night.

Tonight's the night the Lion booters (11-2) jerk down the curtain on their regular season. And the night they can assure themselves, with a win over visiting Temple, the vital home field advantage in the playoffs. And the night Penn State's quickly-turning-coaching-legend, Walter Bahr, meets the team he coached five years ago.

"Temple is always a good game," Bahr said. "It's a game the kids look forward to every year. Our players know theirs from summer ball. I know their coach, their kids."

Bahr recruited some of Temple's players who will play tonight during his last year there. But if he has his way, the visiting Owls will have to work their asses off, if they intend to score.

"We're playing good, solid defense," the coach said. "We're covering for each other — teams are going to have to work hard to score."

The Lions, though, were criticized for their last two wins. Lacksidical wins, some called them. Bahr said it at first but a look at the game films changed his mind.

"We played better than I thought. Maybe I was a little too critical," he admitted. "We moved the ball around pretty well."

Meanwhile, the Lions are ranked No. 1

in the Eastern (Pa. N.J. Del.) region. A win over Temple will guarantee them the all important home field in the playoffs.

At Jeffrey Field the Lions have outscored their foes by a — hang on to your hat — 34-1 bulge. The lone score coming Tuesday in a 5-1 win over Pittsburgh.

"To keep a streak like that going is lucky," Bahr said. "The kids know it. I'm not concerned about being unscored upon at Jeffrey Field and neither are the players."

The thing Bahr and his players are concerned about is a win over the Owls. Strictly. It will be a stiff test, though.

"Temple's a good club. They're probably the best technically playing

team other than Hartwick that we play," he added. "They're skilled ballhandlers."

Bahr said the key Owls to watch for are Bill Sauter, Mike Gorni and Jack Dietz.

Penn State will be back at full strength as Bill Klauberg and Rich Reice, ailing earlier this week, practiced yesterday. But that was yesterday. Tonight's the night.

THROW-INS: Reice will play his final regular season game, fifth on the all time Penn State scoring list . . . Who knows? Next year he could be a Cosmo . . . Jim Stamatis leads the Lion scoring parade with 17 goals . . . Game time is 7 p.m.

the daily Collegian scoreboard

National Basketball Association				National Hockey League				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				WALLES CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				Norris Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pts	GF	
New York	3	3	.500		6	2	15	39
Buffalo	3	4	.429	1/2	4	3	10	27
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	1	4	4	2	10
New Jersey	1	5	.167	2	3	6	1	7
Boston	1	6	.143	2 1/2	2	6	1	5
Central Division				Adams Division				
Atlanta	5	1	.833		6	2	1	13
New Orleans	5	2	.714	1/2	5	1	2	12
Cleveland	6	3	.667	1/2	5	1	2	12
Houston	3	2	.600	1 1/2	5	1	2	12
San Antonio	4	5	.444	2 1/2	4	5	1	9
Washington	1	3	.250	3	4	5	1	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				CAMPBELL CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				Patrick Division				
Chicago	5	3	.625		5	3	3	13
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1/2	6	2	1	13
Indiana	3	3	.500	1	3	3	4	10
Denver	4	4	.500	1	3	3	4	10
Detroit	4	4	.500	1	4	6	1	9
Kansas City	4	5	.444	1 1/2	4	6	1	9
Pacific Division				Smythe Division				
Portland	5	1	.833		4	2	4	12
Golden State	6	2	.750		4	2	3	11
Phoenix	4	3	.571	1/2	3	4	2	8
Los Angeles	3	5	.375	3	3	7	0	6
Seattle	2	7	.222	4 1/2	1	8	2	4

Norton-Young go toe-to-toe for the champ

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Ken Norton remembers very well a sparring partner he had four years ago — a moving target named Jimmy Young.

"He was very difficult to hit to the head," Norton recalled yesterday of the fighter he used to help get ready for a fight with Muhammad Ali four years ago.

Norton fights Young tomorrow night in a scheduled 15-rounder and he realizes that Young has improved greatly as a slight-of-hand fighter.

The fight will be part of an ABC telecast which will run from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., EST.

There's no doubt that, win or lose, Jimmy Young can make his opponent look foolish, and this concerns Norton who feels he needs more than just a victory.

"If I win decisively, it'll help my bargaining power with Ali," said Norton. "It'll help force him to fight me."

Ali has promised to give a title bout to the winner of the fight between the two

top contenders in the world. Norton is ranked No. 1 and Young No. 2 by both the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association.

But there are boxing people, including Norton, who feel that Ali is far from anxious to fight Norton or Young again.

Ali has beaten Norton twice in three tough fights, including a controversial title bout, and scored a disputed decision over Young in a title match.

Ali has signed to fight in February the winner of a Leon Spinks-Alfio Righetti fight, according to Top Rank, Inc.

Flyers put lid on Capitals

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Barber's second-period shot off the shoulder of Washington Capitals goalie Bernie Wolfe proved to be the game winner last night as the Philadelphia Flyers dumped the Caps 4-1.

The win pushed Philadelphia, now 6-2-1, into a tie with the New York Islanders for first place in the NHL's Patrick Division. Washington, now 2-6-1, fell to the basement of the NHL's Norris Division.

McMiffs win rainy crown

The McMiffs braved the rain and a tough Butler-Did-It defense last night. But their reward was well worth the effort — a 9-6 victory and the co-ed football championship.

The sloppy conditions made it difficult for both teams to generate any offense. But in the second quarter McMiff signal-caller Tom Komarnicki reared back and completed a 60-yard pass to his favorite receiver, Kevin Maronic.

Before the close of the half Butler-Did-

It managed to penetrate the McMiff defense, which had priorly been scored on only once. But they missed the conversion.

And then in the final minutes of the game, it was Maronic again. After a punt was downed on the four-yard line, Maronic caught a Butler defender in the endzone for a safety which gave the McMiffs a 9-6 lead and the championship.

— by Darlene Hrobak

Wednesday's Results

Cleveland 104, Boston 101
Buffalo 104, Denver 100
Los Angeles 107, New Jersey 102
Chicago 103, Philadelphia 102
Kansas City 104, New Orleans 102
Atlanta 102, Detroit 89
Seattle 106, Indiana 104, OT

Yesterday's Games

Cleveland 100, Milwaukee 91
Phoenix 110, San Antonio 89
Golden State at Houston

Today's Games

Denver at Boston
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Phoenix at Washington
Buffalo at Chicago
Golden State at New Orleans
Atlanta at Kansas City
Houston at Milwaukee
Indiana at Los Angeles
New York at Seattle

Wednesday's Results

Chicago 2, Washington 2, tie
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 4, tie
Atlanta 2, Montreal 2, tie
Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 1
Minnesota 3, New York Islanders 2
Colorado 6, New York Rangers 2
Toronto 5, Vancouver 1

Yesterday's Games

Buffalo 4, Boston 1
Philadelphia 4, Washington 1
Toronto at Los Angeles

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Atlanta
New York Rangers at Vancouver

Intramural Scores

FLAG FOOTBALL FINALS
COED — McMiffs def. Butler Did It, 9-6.

VOLLEYBALL
DORMITORY — Lebanon def. Maple, 15-4, 15-4; Fleetwood def. Monroe, 15-9, 7-15, 15-7; Northampton def. Washington, 15-10, 15-5; Freedom def. Locust, 15-3, 14-16, 15-3.

INDEPENDENT — A.A.'s def. Free U, 15-1, 15-11; Looney Tunes def. Army, (for.); Chambersburgh def. Blue Knights, for.; Japan III def. Math Department, 15-17, 15-13, 15-10; Bullman's Tavern def. Blue Dykers, for.; Terps def. Noll Ergonites, 15-7, 15-6; Geophy def. P.T.I. (for.); Nittany 53 def. Machine, for.; Friendship def. Solution, 15-10, 15-6; McKee Hall def. Aardvarks, for.

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