

Japanese hit Rec Hall

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Japan, the team that won the gold medal in women's volleyball at the 1976 Olympics without losing a single match, is bringing its expertise to Penn State for a match against the United States team.

The U.S. team, which has never qualified for Olympic competition, will take on the current Olympic champions in a best-of-five-games match at Rec Hall tonight at 7:30.

Only general admission tickets are still available. All reserved seats for the match have been sold out. Prices for the remaining tickets are \$2.50 for the general public and \$1.00 for Penn State students and children.

Tickets are available at the ticket office at 237 Rec Hall or can be purchased at the door.

Despite the success of the Japanese team in the most recent Olympic games and the failure of the U.S. team to qualify for that competition, Penn State volleyball coach Tom Tait

expects the match to be closely contested.

"The American team has made tremendous progress and certainly ranks among the top ten teams in the world right now," said Tait. This is the only stop in Pennsylvania for the touring Japanese team.

Tait called the U.S. team's performance against international powers this summer as proof of the Americans' improvement in the sport. The U.S. team had victories over Japan, the USSR and Cuba in tournaments over the past year.

The U.S. team will have an obvious height advantage over the Japanese squad, which has only one player listed on its roster at 5'10". The U.S. roster includes 6'5" Flo Hyman and 6'2" Patty Dowdell.

"The Japanese philosophy is that the ball may not touch the floor," Tait says. "Height will not be a deciding factor in the match between these two teams, despite the Americans' edge."

Tait sees Japanese training methods, discipline and conditioning

as factors in helping them overcome the size disadvantage they face against most of their international competition.

The Americans, coached by Arie Selinger, are trying to combat the Japanese advantages with a year-round conditioning program of their own.

The American touring team features the top 24 players in the country.

Dowdell, an All-American since 1973, is also a powerful spiker and is rated as an outstanding player.

Hyman, in addition to being the tallest player on the team, also is one of the team's most skillful performers.

So far on the tour, the Americans hold a 13-3 advantage in 16 matches.

The exhibition match will be the closest thing to Olympic-style volleyball ever played at Penn State. For those who won't make it to Moscow in 1980, it's probably the next best thing.

Yankees parade down Wall Street

NEW YORK (UPI) — Some two million deliriously happy New York Yankee fans threw a massive "computer card" tickertape parade in the Wall Street area yesterday for the World Series champs.

Leaning from windows, sitting atop traffic lights, crushing police barricades, they showered their comeback heroes — and the streets — with paper tape, multicolored computer cards, shredded computer

programs, IBM magnetic tapes and 7,000, crushing barricades and forcing their way to the makeshift platform.

The usually pinstriped Yankees, dressed in unfamiliar civies, blew back kisses, signed autographs, wagged their fingers to proclaim their No. 1 status and prayed that their 650-member police guard would hold the fans back as the parade wound its way up Broadway.

At City Hall, more than 20,000 persons jammed into an area that usually holds

7,000, crushing barricades and forcing their way to the makeshift platform.

"Hope I get out of this alive," said manager Bob Lemon. "I haven't come back down to earth yet. Since July 25, it's been wonderful. I thought I'd be lying on a couch watching the series."

The crowd chanted "Reggie, Reggie" until they got their wish, with Jackson begging the crowd to calm down. "I wish the whole thing was a lot cooler," he told one reporter worriedly.

Polomen in playoffs; ISC on tap

Penn State's water polo club will qualify for the league playoffs after this weekend's tournament at Monmouth according to player-coach Brian Keyser.

"The top four teams in the league go to the championships," he said, "and we're in for sure."

The big reason for Keyser's confidence was his team's four game sweep in the first league tournament two weeks ago (October 6-8).

The Lions defeated Lehigh (17-4), St. Francis (Brooklyn) (13-12), RPI (17-6) and John Hopkins (10-7).

Keyser said the key was the club's defense, especially goalie Tom Frazzo, and defensemen Brian Miller, Jim Ward and Mike Snyder.

This weekend's tournament will not be as easy, according to Keyser. The Lions play Monmouth, who also are undefeated in league play, Princeton and Villanova.

Penn State (7-2 overall; 4-0 league) played Princeton earlier this season and dropped an 18-17 decision in overtime.

That game, however, was in an open tournament which means Princeton was

able to use grad-students, Keyser said.

Penn State is led by top scorers Brian O'Shea and Keyser, with 17 and 14 goals respectively.

The International Soccer Club takes on Slippery Rock on the Jeffrey practice field at 2 p.m.

The team won two last weekend, over Rutgers, 3-0, and Lock Haven, 3-2.

Paige Brown scored four times (13 goals this season) and Wendy Coyle twice for all of the Lady Lion goals.

The women finish their fall season next weekend.

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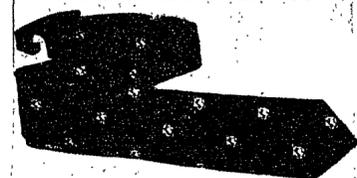
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