

The Rock can't 'Slip' by again

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Slippery Rock came to Lady Lion field yesterday hoping to do a repeat performance of its upset last year.

Only trouble was the Lady Lions were ready for The Rock this time around and they dealt it a 6-1 setback.

"Slippery Rock is always fired up for Penn State," Coach Jill Rattray said. "The players are all very well conditioned and they have a lot of spirit, but after a slow start, we just took over the game."

You could tell from the onset of the game that the Slippery Rock players were psyched. On the sidelines, they were yelling and carrying on, and on the field, they were hustling and fighting for the ball.

But Slippery Rock learned a very valuable lesson in this contest. Spirit and enthusiasm might beat some

lesser teams, but it won't be able to stop teams of the Lady Lion's caliber who have players like All-American Charlene Morett.

Speaking of Morett, nothing short of a brick wall could have prevented her from having one of her best games of the year. Not only did she score three goals but she was all over the field, making big plays on offense and defense.

Morett scored one goal at the end of the first half, with an assist by Candy Finn, and then added the remaining two, the fifth and sixth of the game, in second half action.

Morett's final two goals, which gives her 15 tallies for the season and 48 in her career, were high scoops that were perfectly placed right out of the goalie's reach.

"Char's goals were really pretty," Rattray said. "Those kind of shots

are just impossible for the goalie to stop."

Jill Van Bodegom-Smith chipped in two goals to raise her season total to 10.

This evening, the team takes off for Cortland to do battle with Connecticut Saturday and Cortland Sunday.

Coached by former U.S. player Diane Wright, Connecticut was No. 6 in the nation last year. So far this season, it has a 5-3 record but two of its three losses have been to West Chester by one point, 2-1, and Delaware, 1-0.

"They're one of the two teams to score on West Chester this year," Rattray said. "In fact, they've done an awful lot of scoring this year. They've beaten Yale, 4-1, Southern Connecticut, 5-1 and Brown, 6-0, among others."

Georgetown healed for unbeaten harriers

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As far as the men's cross country team is concerned, its dual meet season begins and ends Saturday.

Last year the men were perfect in their dual meets, turning in a record of 6-0. But this year is a different story. The team has traded in its dual meets for more invitationals and has been choosing its competition with care. The one thing the team hasn't changed is its winning ways.

First the Lions went to Philadelphia and conquered the East. Then they hosted the Penn State Open and showed their guests no hospitality as they totally dominated the meet.

Now the Lions will travel to Georgetown for their only dual meet of the season.

If last year's meet was any indication of what will happen this year, it should turn out to be very interesting.

The Lions squeaked out a 28-30 victory last year due mainly to the heroics of

John Ziegler. He came in second but, more importantly, he broke up the top Georgetown runners, forcing them to finish farther back in the pack.

This year, Georgetown is expected to be tough again. They were ranked ninth in the nation at the beginning of the season but several injuries and an unexpectedly tough Villanova team, both early in the season, soon dropped them out of that spot.

Now it's the Lions (currently fifth in the nation) who are riding high in the polls. But just as it seemed as though they would have it all wrapped up, Georgetown started to heal. Now it's just a matter of who has the better team.

Georgetown's big guns are freshmen Tom Goegoric, Dave Dobrynski, one of the top performers last year, and highly

regarded Kevin Byrnes from New Jersey.

The Lions counter with a well seasoned and well balanced squad led by Bob Snyder and Ziegler.

Snyder was the top Lion finisher in the Eastern championships and Ziegler ran away with the Penn State Open last week. Joining them at the front of the pack should be Dave Felice, Bruce Baden and freshman Allen Scharsu.

Neither team will really have the advantage of a home course Saturday as the meet has been moved from Georgetown's course in Rockville, Md. to a course at Mt. Saint Mary's College.

The Lions will be swinging away from the metric system this week with the run being five miles. Their next meet will be Oct. 28 in the Central Collegian Championships at Loyola.

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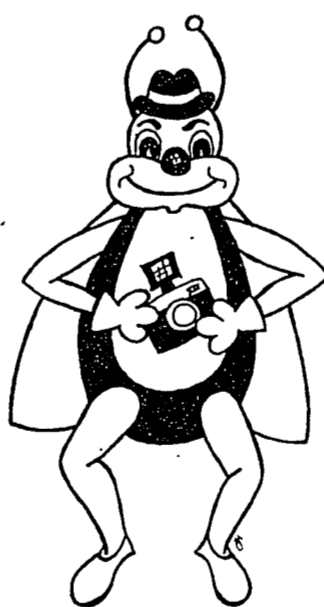
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