

# Lady cagers claim their own crown

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The women's basketball team powered its way past two nationally-ranked teams to capture the trophy in the Lady Lion Classic this weekend and up its record to 5-0.

All-America candidate Jen Bednarek triggered the 11th-ranked Lady Lions' offense, scoring 36 points in the squad's 75-67 victory over 12th-ranked Queens in the championship game. The junior guard converted 17 of 29 shots and was two for two from the foul line.

Surprisingly, the Knights, who beat Penn State in the two teams' only encounter last year, played zone the entire game, enabling Bednarek to get off the open shots.

"I don't feel that they have the personnel to play man to man," Lady Lion coach Pat Meiser said, "and we can play well against the zone. Our team is maturing very rapidly."

"She (Bednarek) didn't have a very good game last year against Queens and I don't know if she's (Queen's coach Lucille Kyvallos) ever really seen Jen play."

The game started out as a see-saw battle as both teams exchanged shots,

until Queens grabbed its biggest lead of the game, going ahead of Penn State, 20-14. The Lady Lions quickly regained the lead after Nancy Kuhl and Janet Gabriel each had a bucket, and Bednarek struck with nine consecutive points. Queens was unable to come any closer than two points for the remainder of the first period, and Penn State left the court at the half with a 43-37 lead.

Throughout the early part of the second half, Queens threatened to pull ahead, tying the score a few times. The Knights finally did forge their way into the lead, 63-62 with 9:20 remaining in the game.

After the lead exchanged hands two more times, Mary Donovan broke a 67-67 tie with a follow-up shot to put the Lady Lions on top to stay.

A tough Lady Lion defense, which caused Queens to make some costly turnovers (26 total), another goal by Donovan, and two baskets from Sue Martin secured the championship for Penn State.

"The two throw away passes did it," Kyvallos said. "Our inexperience against a good team and sloppy passing errors were the key to our defeat."

"The defense is shaping up very

nicely," Meiser said. "We kept the pressure on the whole game."

The Lady Lions barely advanced to the finals, nipping Montclair, 71-69, at the buzzer Friday night. The Squaws' Pat Colasurdo fouled Martin, at what appeared to be the end of regulation time, and with Montclair ahead 69-68. Martin, shooting one-and-one, took two shots, without a single player in the foul lane, and made the first shot but missed the second to knot the score.

Immediately following the shots, however, the referees and timekeeper ruled that the time had not actually expired; two seconds still remained in the game at the time the foul was committed.

Since nobody was in the foul lane to rebound Martin's missed shot, a jump ball was taken at the Lady Lion's offensive end. Donovan tipped the ball to Kuhl, who connected on a 20-foot jumper off the backboard to preserve the victory.

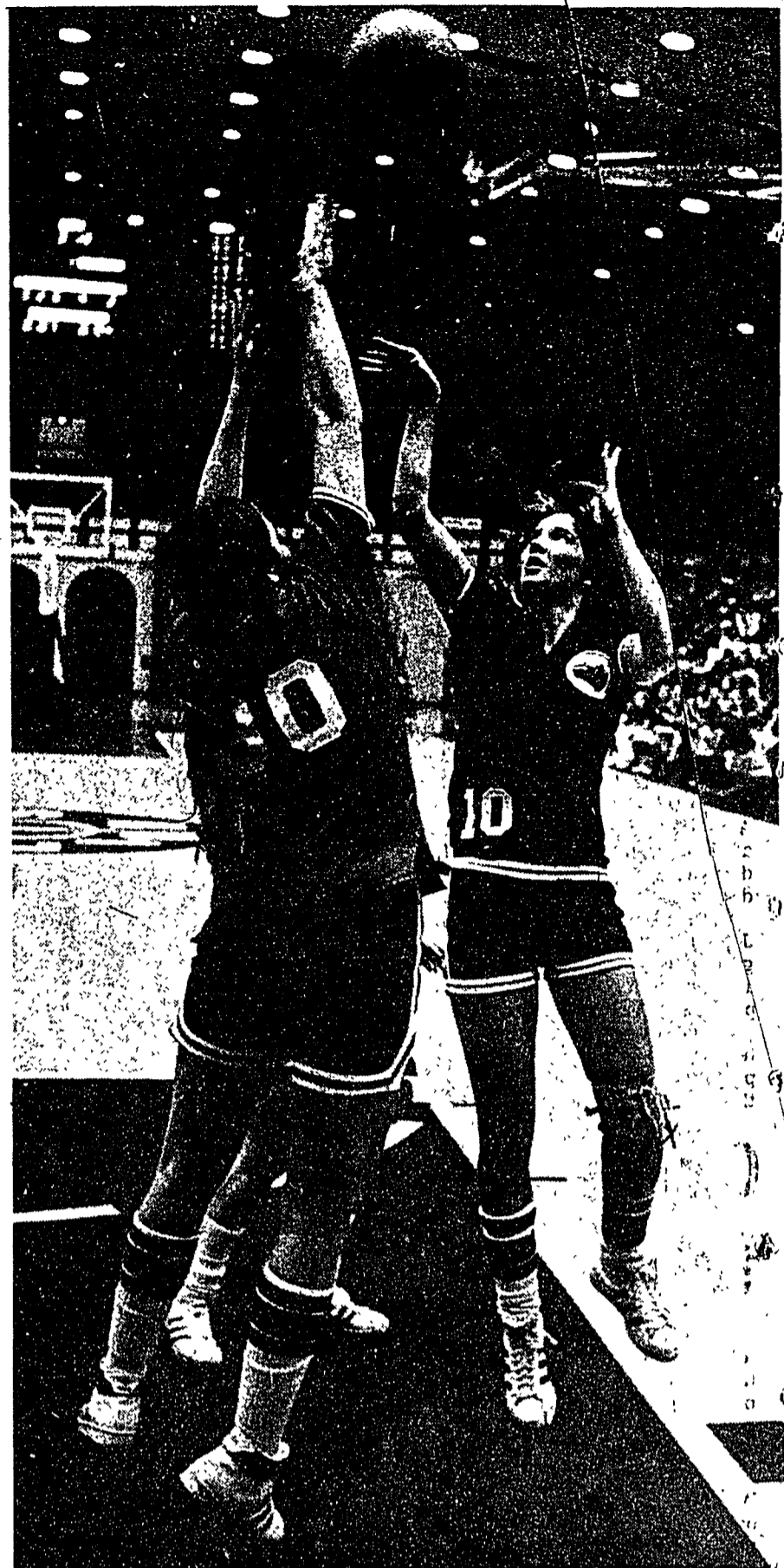
"We were supposed to get the ball to Jen," Kuhl said, "but I didn't think there was enough time. So I just shot the ball and hoped it would go in."

The Lady Lions led at the half, 36-24, and didn't fall behind in the second half

QUEENS	FG	FT	R	T
Baker	4-14	2-3	8	10
Wilks	7-11	2-5	1	16
Brantley	2-8	0-0	4	4
Ward	5-14	1-2	13	11
Simms	6-13	0-0	14	12
Horak	6-11	0-0	3	12
Moses	0-1	0-0	1	0
Strawich	1-1	0-0	0	2
Fazio	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	31-73	5-10	48	67

PENN STATE	FG	FT	R	T
Kuhl	5-14	0-0	2	10
Gabriel	2-3	0-0	3	4
Martin	7-15	0-0	7	14
Bednarek	17-29	2-2	1	36
Donovan	4-9	1-2	11	9
Christman	1-1	0-0	5	2
Adams	0-2	0-0	1	0
Cornish	0-0	0-0	0	0
McGuire	0-3	0-0	3	0
Totals	28-76	3-4	39	75

Half Penn State 43  
Queens 39



Thanks to Nancy Kuhl's buzzer beater against Montclair, the lady cagers were able to advance to the finals of the Lady Lion classic Saturday and go on to win the title.

## Bednarek, Donovan inseparable on the court

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Jen Bednarek and Mary Donovan, former teammates at Paramus Catholic High School in New Jersey, paired up once again and sparked the women's basketball team to the Lady Lion Classic title.

Bednarek picked apart her opponent's defense, breaking and tying a few of her own records, while Donovan was busy destroying some defensive records.

Against Queens, Bednarek outclassed all other players, collecting 23 points in the first half and 13 points in the second. In the process, she tied the school record that she set last year against Rutgers for most points scored in a game (36). She also broke the Penn State Rec Hall record (overall record is held by Delta State's Cornelia Ward who tallied 38 points against Baylor) of 20 that she shared with Sue Martin and Ginny Johovich.

"A lot of it had to do with my teammates," Bednarek said. "We worked the ball around well and Nancy's passes to me were phenomenal. If it weren't for some of her passes I don't know what would've happened."

"One of the main things was that we all hung in there and were patient with our offense."

Contrary to what the game plan appeared to be at the outset of the game, the Lady Lions' strategy was not to feed the ball to Bednarek.

"It all depends who comes out and is shooting well," Bednarek said. "Once I kept putting the ball in, Coach Meiser told them to give it to me; it was a total team effort."

"After I committed that foul last night (Friday) and practically threw the game away for us, I just wanted to shoot the ball."

And it was evident from the very start of the game that Bednarek was hot, as she accounted for eight of the

lady cagers' first 10 points. Defensively, sophomore Donovan was the Lady Lions' standout, especially in the first game against Montclair.

The 6-3 center broke Mag Strittmatter's Penn State Rec Hall mark of 14 rebounds, bringing down 15 in the first half and 21 total. Then against Queens, Donovan blocked five shots to erase Strittmatter's game record of four and she tied Nancy Dunkle's, Cal State-Fullerton, Rec Hall record.

"Mary had an incredible game," Meiser said. "I was really pleased with her. She played a dominating game inside."

"I was surprised that I was rebounding as well as I did," Donovan said. "I just seemed to be at the right place at the right time. The ball just seemed to come in my direction."

## Barret leads icers to win over West Chester

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In Penn State's 7-3 victory against West Chester State's Golden Rams, in Westtown Saturday night Ramsey Barret scored a three-goal hat trick.

"I haven't scored a hat trick since ninth grade," Barret said. "Thom Horgas gave me that last goal. He didn't have to pass it (the puck) to me. He could've taken the shot himself."

After the first period the score was tied, 1-1. The Rams' Jim Augustefer scored at 8:52 into the game. Penn State retaliated with a goal by right winger Greg Warren at 13:12. Barret received the assist.

It seemed that West Chester would have had more break-aways, thus scoring opportunities if it weren't for the Lions' defense.

Penn State Coach Clayton John said,

"These past two games have been our best defensive efforts. And I don't care how far back you go."

It was evident the team is beginning to gel.

"The players trust each other now," John said. "Each player knows now that he can do his job because he has faith that the other guy will do his."

Forty-nine seconds into the second period, the Rams capitalized on a goal by Mike Darmiento while Dave Brubach was serving the second half of his roughing penalty.

From there the Lions took on the scoring plays. John Grainda scored a power play goal at 7:58. Gary Dent and Brubach received assists. At 13:35, it was Barret scoring on an assist from team captain Jerry Fry. Less than two minutes later (at 15:03) Horgas made it 4-2 for the Lions. The assist went to

Brubach. Darmiento scored the third and final Rams' goal of the night 7:49 into the third period. Penn State's Greg Smith was sitting a five minute slashing penalty for drawing blood against the Rams' Dan Moore. Moore was cut above the eye.

At 8:42 when Fry received a two minute interference call, Gary Aurillo of West Chester started to fight.

Fry said, "It would have been foolish for me to fight back because our team would have had the disadvantage if we both went off for fighting. I still would have had the two original minutes. This way we had a three minute power play."

"If I fought I would have been thrown out of the game. And I think I'm more valuable to my team when I'm on the ice."

"I think Jerry showed more courage

by not fighting than if he did (fight)" Barret said. "I think that's one of the qualities that makes him a good captain."

Aurillo received a five minute fighting and a game disqualification penalty. Fry sustained an ear injury.

Barret scored his second goal at 11:18 into the third period. The assist went to John Grainda.

Joe Battista scored on a three on two play while John Hoertz of the Rams' was off for an elbowing penalty. Randy Fardelman and Greg Warren received assists.

Battista, a defenseman said, "I think the defense should play an offensive part of the game."

"That's what I like about it (defense)," Battista said. "I get to block shots and score goals."

## Fencers stick it to Cadets

The men's fencing team managed an impressive 18-9 win over Army Saturday despite an out of tune performance by the sabre squad.

The foil team turned in a really super performance, including the substitutes," Garret said. "They only lost one bout — by Stu Rothenberg to a tough competitor — out of nine."

Coach Mac Garret said, "Even Don Lear who won two bouts was not fencing as cleanly and as sharply as he has been."

Garret praised the consistency of the epee team. Jeff Haney was undefeated in three bouts. Matt Harris took two bouts to one defeat.

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