

Longhorns foil Lady Cagers again

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Is there such a thing as the Texas jinx? The women's basketball team is certainly beginning to think so.

For the third consecutive year the Longhorns captured the Penn State Invitational crown, defeating the Lady Lions, 76-69, in the championship game. In 1977 Texas slipped past the lady cagers in the first round, 77-72, and last year they trampled Penn State, 96-67.

"We never even gave our offense a chance to develop," Coach Pat Meiser said. "Not only were we not shooting but we were not getting people in the position to rebound."

"The offense rushed things. We should've been taking better shots and taking second shots."

Despite the Lady Lions' dismal shooting performance in the first half, 17 of 45 for 37.8 percent, they left the court at the half down by only one, 39-38. In the second period the offense still wasn't able to get untracked, as it only managed to muster a few one-point leads before being shut out in the final three minutes.

"This was a good ball game; it has to help us," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "We made a lot of mistakes, but

came back and handled the pressure very well.

"I felt we didn't have the basketball as much as Penn State did so we had to score; we couldn't afford not to. Then once we established the lead we were not too anxious to shoot."

Guard Hattie Browning, the tournament's Most Valuable Player who was averaging 6.5 points per game, and Jackie Swaim ignited the Longhorns' offense, scoring 16 points apiece. Jen Bednarek was high scorer in the Lady Lions' losing cause with 21 points, although she shot only 9 for 24 from the floor.

"We need to show more patience on offense," Meiser said. "We tend to rely on one or two people to shoot and that should not be the case."

"I felt we could beat them. We blew it ourselves, particularly in the second half. We would like to play Texas again."

In Penn State's first contest, Southern Connecticut definitely lived up to the Lady Lions' expectations, and then some. After the Lady Lions jumped out to an 8-4 lead early in the game, the Owls countered with eight consecutive points to pull ahead. The Lady Lions failed to

regain the lead and found themselves trailing at the half, 35-30.

But in the second period the momentum changed. Sue Martin baffled the Owls' defense, as she connected for 16 of her team high 19 points to direct the lady cagers' comeback, and decisively beat Southern Connecticut, 83-68.

"We haven't faced a diamond-and-one all year," Meiser said, "and it took us a long time to adjust. They took Jen out of the offense."

"But in the second half we made some adjustments to their defense and took them out of their defense."

Besides Martin, four other Lady Lions scored in double figures — Bednarek (18), Nancy Kuhl (16), Mary Donovan (13), and Peg Schwinge (13).

"In the second half we just started putting the ball up more," Martin said. "We started playing our game instead of theirs."

FREE THROWS: Penn State's record is now 8-3 with all three losses to nationally ranked teams. . . . The all-tournament team included Texas' Kim Bassinger and Browning, Ohio State's Frani Washington, and Penn State's Martin and Bednarek. . . . In the consolation game, Ohio State tripped Southern Connecticut, 79-69.

TEXAS	FG	FT	R	A	TP
Swaim	6-15	4-6	9	1	16
Forner	4-8	0-1	5	0	8
Waggoner	2-8	2-2	1	0	6
Bassinger	6-16	2-4	2	1	14
Swindell	4-9	0-1	14	2	8
Browning	8-14	0-0	3	1	16
Munn	4-7	0-0	2	1	8
Denton	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Hartman	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
TOTALS	34-77	8-14	40	7	76

PENN STATE	FG	FT	R	A	TP
Kuhl	5-16	0-0	8	6	10
Martin	6-12	0-0	10	1	12
Bednarek	9-24	3-3	2	1	21
Schwinge	6-17	1-2	5	0	15
Donovan	3-4	2-2	14	2	8
Gabriel	1-3	1-2	2	1	3
McGuire	1-1	0-0	1	0	2
Cornish	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
TOTALS	31-77	7-9	17	12	69

Halftime: Texas 39, Penn State 30

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT	FG	FT	R	A	TP
Rajecula	8-13	4-5	6	1	20
McDonald	4-7	0-0	3	1	8
Rhodes	4-8	3-7	3	0	14
Van Ness	3-11	0-0	9	3	6
Ingles	4-10	3-4	3	0	11
Jones	0-3	0-0	1	1	0
Henry	5-7	0-0	2	1	10
TOTALS	28-59	12-16	29	7	68

PENN STATE	FG	FT	R	A	TP
Kuhl	6-15	4-4	5	9	16
Martin	8-15	3-4	11	2	19
Bednarek	9-18	0-0	4	1	18
McGuire	2-4	0-1	3	1	4
Donovan	6-8	1-4	11	3	13
Cornish	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Schwinge	6-13	1-2	8	1	13
Gabriel	0-1	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	37-71	9-15	39	18	83

Halftime: Southern Connecticut 35, Penn State 30



Betty McGuire, 34, tries to grab a rebound from a Texas player as teammates Nancy Kuhl, 10, and Sue Martin, 23, look on. Her efforts were for nix as Penn State lost the game — and the championship — 76-69.

Intramural standings

League D	2-0	Poplar	2-0	Montour	1-1
Carbon	2-0	Jefferson	1-1	Renaissance	0-2
Chester	2-0	Dunmore	1-1	Allentown	0-2
Norrisstown	1-1	Centre	0-2		
Beaver	1-1	Delaware	0-2	Fulton	2-0
Fleetwood	1-1	Leete's	0-2	Cameron	2-0
Freedom	1-1			Fayette	1-1
New Ken	0-2	League F	2-0	Larch	1-1
Gambria	0-2	Kingson	2-0	Bethlehem	1-1
		New Castle	2-0	Butler	1-1
		Northumberland	1-1	Hazleton	0-2
Bucks	2-0	Aliquippa	1-1	Pittsburgh	0-2
Hershey	2-0	Lawrence	1-1		

Texas' Browning enters late and steals show

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The scene — Rec Hall Saturday afternoon. The event — the Penn State Invitational women's basketball final. The teams — the Lady Lions vs. the Texas Longhorns.

Enter Longhorn Hattie Browning, at 5-4, the shortest player on the court.

Browning, a point guard, is a "quiet kind of player," Longhorn Coach Jody Conradt said.

Apparently Browning, a junior, made a noticeable entrance. The point guard stepped onto the court after approximately eight minutes had elapsed with her team trailing, 12-8. When the game ended, Texas was on top, 76-69. Browning and Jackie Swaim, a forward and the team's leading scorer, collected 16 points apiece.

And Browning, a Temple Junior College transfer with a scant 6.5 total point average prior to the Invitational,

made the all-tourney team and captured the MVP title.

The junior from Bellville, Texas connected on eight of 14 field goals against Penn State with eight points in each half.

In the first half against the Lady Lions, Browning tied the score at 22 and put her team ahead, 26-22, with three straight baskets including two left layups. Ten of Browning's 16 points resulted from layup shots.

The point guard committed only two turnovers in 31 minutes of play against the Lady Lions.

Her lack of height did not hamper Browning's aggressiveness on the court. That was "the best Hattie's played under pressure situations," Conradt said.

Referring to the point guard's jumping ability Conradt said, "She came up with the ball when it didn't look like she had a chance."

Prior to the Invitational, Browning started more than half of Texas' games. She was only the seventh leading scorer on the team, with her field goal percentage a dismal .453.

Browning did not start Friday night against Ohio State, the eventual third place team in the tourney, but made the starting line-up in the second half of the Penn State final. It "doesn't matter" to the Texas point guard whether she starts or comes off the bench.

Her statistics against Ohio State included three for five field goals and four for four from the line in just 18 minutes of play.

Texas' ability of "capitalizing on

(Penn State) turnovers" led to the victory, Browning said. The Lady Lions turned the ball over 21 times, five more turnovers than the Longhorns committed.

Browning said she feels that "the team as a whole should get credit" for the victory. For instance Retha Swindell, a 6-2 senior from Center, Texas, collected 14 rebounds and blocked six shots.

"The Longhorns started the game in the man-to-man set-up but switched to the zone for most of the game."

"They had a good all-around team," said Sue Martin, a Penn State forward.

Conradt said, Browning "eventually will be a terrific point guard."

Lady lacrosse meeting set

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