

Injury-riddled gymwomen face Louisville

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If nothing short of a disaster happens tomorrow afternoon, the Lady Lion gymnastics team should add Louisville to that list of teams — teams that have fallen victim to Penn State this season. The only team the Lady Lions have been fighting this year has been their own. That battle should continue in Louisville tomorrow, because the No. 9-ranked Cardinals don't expect to measure up to No. 2 ranked State.

"We're not going to win," Kentucky coach Carole Liedtke said. "We consider that Penn State will be a good learning situation. It will be an opportunity for us to see what the top team is doing, and to try to pick up as much as we can from

their routines."

Six Lady Lions will do those routines. Joanne Beck, Debbie Alston, Marcy Levine, Lisa Ingebretsen, Jan Anthony and, yes, Ann Carr will all be in the all-around competition. Assistant coach Marshall Avenir, however, isn't expecting any mat-burning performances tomorrow.

"Our lineup just will not be solid and the maximum team score will be limited," he said. "In terms of the girls, we are not looking for anything astronomical. Assuming the team performs on the average, we should score in the area of 140."

The reason why Avenir doesn't expect an upgrade in performance this meet is partly because the team isn't healthy yet. It's also partly because the Lady Lions didn't adhere to a structured practice schedule this week.

"This week's practices were a lot

lower key than they had been the past two weeks," Marshall Avenir said. "We felt that the girls needed a mental and physical rest. We didn't get nearly as much done, but we felt like this was necessary."

Beck, however, didn't work out for most of the week because of a jammed back and Carr, Anthony and Alston missed at least one practice each due to illness and injury. Margie Foster will be out for a few more weeks with a knee strain and Pat Spisak and Lynn Samuels are still sidelined with injuries. But the Lady Lions probably won't need to be at full strength to defeat Louisville. Even though Louisville is the highest scoring team Penn State has faced all season, that highest score was the 133.2 scored in a loss to Southern Illinois last week. State's highest is a 140.7; its lowest is a 138.3.

Louisville has been having problems

of its own this year. Its top gymnast from last year, three time All-American Bonnie Harris, is no longer on the team because of grade problems.

Another top all-around, Bobbie Ann Hunt, missed the first three meets of the season with a pulled hamstring. Since then, however, she has teamed up with Cindy Trahan to provide the Cardinal's one-two punch.

BACK FLIPS: This week's poll from the National Statistical Service for Gymnastics still lists Cal State-Fullerton, Penn State and Clarion State as the top three teams in the nation. Clarion's top score is listed as a 140.9. Fullerton has scored 142.15... Carr must compete in the remaining three regular season meets to be eligible for national all-around competition. She'll compete tomorrow, but due to a setback her ankle suffered last week her routines will be watered down considerably.

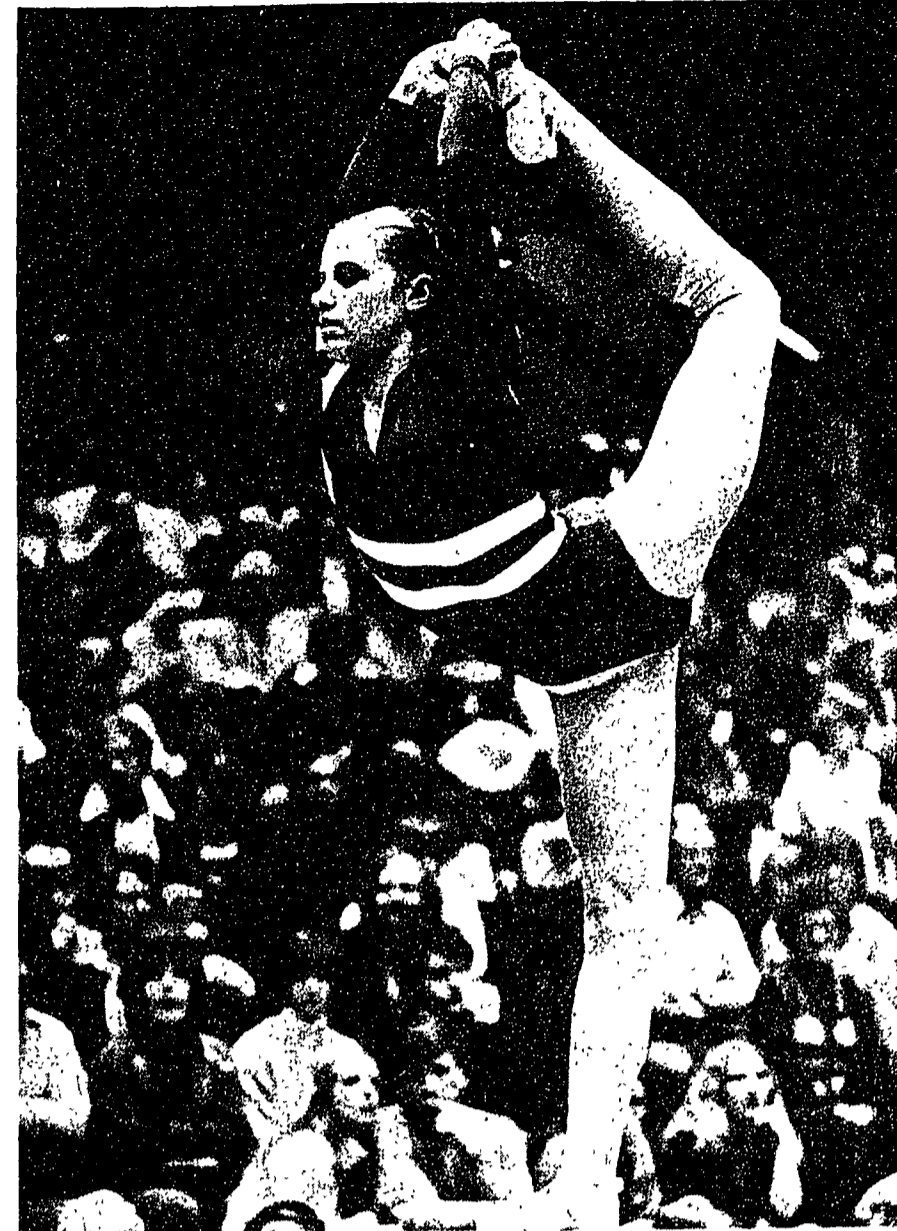


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Lisa Ingebretsen is one of the few Lady Lion gymnasts who will be at top physical condition when No. 2 Penn State meets No. 9 Louisville Saturday.

Penn State Sports Weekend

Women's soccer club hosts indoor tourney

The Penn State women's soccer club is hosting an indoor tournament this weekend at the IM building.

Teams representing the University of Chicago, Slippery Rock, Rutgers, Cornell, Indiana University of Pennsylvania as well as a Blue and a White team from Penn State.

"It should be interesting," Jan Herschkowitz, a member of the team said. "We have a lot of spirit and are really enthused about playing. Hopefully we'll do well."

"This is the first play the team has seen

this term but during the fall they played 10 outdoor games and finished up with a 7-3 record.

Bowling teams romp

The Penn State women's bowling team beat Shippensburg, 15-10, yesterday while the men defeated them, 16-9.

For the women, total pin fall was Penn State 3,147, Shippensburg 3,125. Tina Clark and Heidi Derk shared high series honors at 656 and a 164 average. Paula Richley had high game at 193.

Total pin fall for the men was Penn State 3,882, Shippensburg 3,668. High game honors went to Art Mahnken with a 224.

Icers meet Delaware

The ice hockey team can clinch first place in its league by beating Delaware and Villanova this weekend. The Lions are 8-1-1.

Coach Clayton John expects that Delaware will do anything possible to

"save face" in front of their home fans tonight. The Lions defeated them soundly this season; once in Delaware, 11-5, and this past weekend in Mechanicsburg 9-4.

Saturday's game against Villanova will be played in the Philadelphia Civic Center.

"Everyone should be up for that game," John said. "It's a big place. It's like playing in a big league rink."

"And of course afterwards there's the Firebirds'-Nova Scotia game."

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