

Defeat St. Joseph's, 76-62

Lady cagers advance in playoffs

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The women's basketball team forged its way into the semifinals of the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Middle Atlantic Championships by downing St. Joseph's, 76-62, in the EAIAW Middle Atlantic Satellite Tournament last Friday.

By virtue of their win over St. Joe's, the Lady Lions will play Rutgers at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Towson State (Maryland). "We were glad that we started tournament play with St. Joe because they play like us," Lady Lion coach Pat Meiser said, "and psychologically it was good for us because they had beaten us earlier in the season and we felt all along that we were a better team. Besides, we didn't have any major competition since Feb. 10."

During regular season play, St. Joe overcame a 48-34 halftime deficit, outscoring Penn State 43-20 in the second half, to deal the Lady Lions a 77-68 loss.

In that game, however, playmaker Nancy Kuhl suffered a knee injury early in the second half which resulted in Penn State breakdowns both offensively and defensively.

But in the satellite tournament at the University of Maryland, Kuhl was healthy, played the entire game and made up for the lost time in the previous contest. The senior was seven for 13 from the floor and seven for eight at the line, scoring a team high 21 points.

When Kuhl wasn't sinking baskets, Mary Donovan was busy on the boards. The 6-3 center pulled down 25 rebounds, tying a Penn State record set by Pat Semon in 1973.

"The difference between this game and the other one was that Nancy played the whole game," Meiser said. "Mary (Donovan) was also a big factor. It was a very physical game and when she wants to use her feet and arms not too many people can stop her."

The Lady Lions, seeded third in the East, not only controlled the opening tap

but they also led the entire game. It was a tight contest until Penn State reeled off six consecutive points, with two buckets by Donovan and one by Janet Gabriel, midway through the first half that gave the Lady Lions an eight-point lead.

The Hawks fought back to narrow the margin to four, but then Penn State pulled away once again and led at the half, 39-26. In the first half, the Hawks connected on a measly 18.4 percent of their shots compared to Penn State's 43.6 percent. At the line, the Lady Lions made all five of their free throws and St. Joe was 12 for 14 (85.7 percent).

Throughout the majority of the second half, the Lady Lions held onto a commanding lead, extending the gap to as much as 15 points. But with six minutes to play in the game, St. Joe put a scare into the Lady Lions; Penn State's comfortable lead dwindled to six points.

The Lady Lions, however, quickly struck back, scoring seven consecutive points — five by Sue Martin and two by Betty McGuire — and Penn State glided to a 76-62 victory.

"I was pleased with the way we played because we were able to come back with the pressure late in the game," Meiser said. "We rotated quite a bit, and the girls that came off the bench did a good job."

Besides Kuhl, Martin was the only other Lady Lion to hit in double figures with 13 points. Jen Bednarek, Penn State's leading scorer this season averaging 19.6 points per game, played

only a little over half the game because, according to Meiser, "she's still not playing up to par; her whole game is not together yet."

FREE THROWS: The Lady Lions also ended their regular season over term break, easily beating Lock Haven, 100-56, behind the efforts of Donovan who led the squad in scoring (20) and rebounding (13). . . . Penn State's slate is 21-6. . . . Kuhl shattered her own individual season assist record (180 assists so far) and extended her career record to 510. . . . The Lady Lions reached the 100-point mark three times this season the most ever by a Penn State team. . . .

ST. JOSEPH 62						
	MIN	FG-A	FTA	R	A	TP
Descano	38	7-14	8-9	7	1	22
Burke	32	5-17	2-2	10	3	12
Dishman	17	1-13	0-0	5	1	2
Dunne	37	7-10	0-0	3	2	14
Ridge	23	0-3	0-0	0	0	0
Boyer	30	3-15	0-0	6	2	6
Gentry	23	2-8	2-3	7	2	6
TOTALS	200	25-80	12-14	40	11	62

PENN STATE 76						
	MIN	FG-A	FTA	R	A	TP
Martin	34	6-15	1-2	6	3	13
Schwinge	25	4-11	1-2	9	3	9
Donovan	34	4-10	0-2	25	0	8
Kuhl	40	7-13	7-8	5	4	21
Bednarek	24	4-9	1-1	1	0	9
Gabriel	18	3-9	0-0	1	1	6
McGuire	17	3-5	0-1	5	0	6
Adams	6	1-2	2-2	0	0	4
Christman	2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	32-76	12-18	63	11	76

Halftime score: Penn State — 39; St. Joseph's — 25

Bus trip available for regionals

The athletic department is sponsoring a bus trip to the women's basketball game with Rutgers in the EAIAW Middle Atlantic semifinals at 7 tomorrow night at Towson (Md.) State.

The bus will leave White Building at 2:30 Friday afternoon and will return immediately following the game. Bus

tickets are 10 dollars each and are available at the ticket office, 237 Recreation Building, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Game tickets can be purchased at the gate. They cost four dollars for reserved seats, \$2.50 for general admission and two dollars for students with I.D. cards.

Phillies sign Ruthven

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — "I didn't want to be so greedy that they'd trade me," said pitcher Dick Ruthven yesterday after signing a five-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies reportedly in excess of \$1.5 million.

Ruthven was obtained by the Phillies last June 15 and won 13 games to help the club capture its third consecutive National League Eastern Division championship.

"I wanted to play here. I didn't

want to go anywhere," said Ruthven after joining baseball's ever-growing millionaire's club.

While he declined to confirm or deny the money involved, Ruthven said the five years were guaranteed and that his new contract did not include a no-trade clause.

"If they don't want me, I don't want to be here," said the 27-year-old righthander who now makes his home in Sicklerville, N.J.

Men gymnasts lose first contest of season

By TIM BEIDEL
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The men's gymnastics team did something a little bit different over term break. It dropped its first meet of the season to Southern Connecticut, 220.1-218.2.

Despite the loss, head coach Karl Schwenzfeier was not totally disappointed for a number of reasons, not the least of which was the performance of Southern Connecticut.

"It was by far their strongest performance," Schwenzfeier said. "It was

probably within a half of a point of their absolute maximum."

Schwenzfeier compared the meet to the Nittany Lion's meet with Indiana State. It was on Southern Connecticut's home floor, and the home team gave a super-charged performance.

Another reason that the meet was not disheartening was that the Lions were playing without a full deck. Bob Desiderio pulled a muscle in warm-ups, and Paul Simon had to be carried off the floor after sustaining a leg injury during competition.

"It was kind of a depressant with Bob in only three events and Paul being carried off," Schwenzfeier said. "Our guys showed courage, though."

Schwenzfeier was referring to the performances of the team members that were forced to substitute for the missing regulars.

"We put a lot of experience-type work on people that weren't used to the pressure," Schwenzfeier said.

One reason for Southern Connecticut's high score was the performance of Mario McCutcheon. McCutcheon

finished first in the all around competition with a score of 56.35.

"McCutcheon had the best night of his life," Schwenzfeier said. McCutcheon took first place in four of the six events.

"The meet was depressing only from the fact that Paul Simon was hurt, and we're not sure whether he can come back strong for nationals," Schwenzfeier said. Overall, Schwenzfeier was happy with the way his team faced the odds.



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