



Lion midfielder Ed Recco will lead the lacrossers' attack against Bucknell at 8 tonight at Jeffrey field. The lacrossers have added a new alignment to speed up their attack and create more scoring opportunities.

Bucknell mild relief Lacrossers need breather

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The men's lacrosse team has been looking for a breather in its awesome schedule. Although Bucknell can hardly be deemed a pushover, the Buffalos must come as a mild relief compared to the national ranked squads Penn State has faced off with in the past two weeks.

Bucknell, 6-4 and sporting a well-disciplined, conventional club, will take on the Lions tonight at Jeffrey Field. For lighting purposes, the game's starting time has been moved from 7 to 8.

Penn State, 2-7 after dropping its last five contests, is having trouble generating sufficient offense. The task of scoring more goals will not come easy against Bucknell's goalie Tom Sanders.

"Sanders is just tremendous in the net," Penn State coach Glenn Thiel said. "Against us in the past three years, he's stopped 70 percent of our shots (the Lions lost 16-14 to Bucknell last year) and has a 66 percent save average this season."

Since Sanders' strength is blocking shots above the waist, Thiel said he hopes his attackmen and midfielders

will take aim low and in the corners to beat him.

Against Maryland last Saturday (a 21-6 loss), the Lions opted for a slow down offense in an attempt to contain the super-quick Terrapins. Against Bucknell, however, the team will be running.

"We are definitely going to speed things up," midfielder Ed Recco said. "They usually are the ones to slow it down, so we'll try to beat them with some fast breaks."

Also, Penn State has added a new wrinkle to its offensive set. If it is executed properly, it will create more scoring opportunities. This alignment puts one midfielder at the point, while the other two cut inside setting picks for the dodging attackmen.

"The play requires more passing and creates a lot of motion," Recco said, who leads the Lions in scoring with 22 goals and 11 assists. "It should get the attack open for better shots."

Bucknell's offense promises to be less complicated.

"They play very disciplined and controlled offense, and won't take many

chances," Thiel said. "They work out of a four-corner set and are very patient. They'll pass the ball around as long as they have to get an open shot."

Leading the Buffalos offensively is all-purpose midfielder Pete Van Hoffman. Thus far this season, he has produced 25 goals and 29 assists. Lion midfielder Karl Herzer said, "Van Hoffman can do it all. He can feed, dodge and control the ball well; and if he can't score, he'll look for the assist."

"The defense has been playing well," Thiel said. "They got beat on a lot of fast breaks against Maryland, but when they were set, they really did a good job."

Thiel said the team will also need some fine performances from the goalies in order to win. "To beat Bucknell, we'll need four quarters of good goaltending and 65 percent saves."

Physical aspects aside, the Lions will have to be psychologically ready to win tonight. "We haven't been winning and I'm not sure if the team remembers how," Thiel said. "We need more confidence. We have the talent to win, it's just a matter of playing well enough to do it."

Netwomen trip Rams; tune up for Easterns

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The Lady Lion tennis team tuned up for next week's Eastern regional championships with an 8-1 victory over a flat West Chester team yesterday.

The tempo of the match was set when Penn State's No. 6 singles player, Barbara Hare, disposed of Allison Smith, 6-0, 6-1.

"Barb hit the ball well today," Penn State coach Candy Royer said. "The other girl, I think, was a little drained."

West Chester looked drained as a team. The Rams were tired from last weekend's Middle Atlantic Lawn Tennis Association Tournament.

"The girls played really hard down there, through Sunday, and I think there was a bit of a letdown," West Chester coach Barbara Karas said. "There are a number of factors that hurt us — the heat, finals coming up. But it's the same for both teams."

You wouldn't have known it watching the Lady Lions. As if almost relishing the sunshine, No. 1 Carol Daniels stopped Sue Storm 6-3, 6-0. Daniels trailed in the first set 3-2, but shook off a little early nervousness to win the next nine games.

"I was a little nervous with all the people sitting there along the fence," the freshman said. "But I worked at

blocking the people out. It's something that comes with experience."

Daniels had faced Storm earlier this year, at the Middle States Tournament, where she had a little more difficulty, winning 6-3, 6-2 on clay.

"She played me better at the Middle States. My hard shots don't take off on clay — which is why I don't like playing on it," Daniels said.

In contrast of Daniels' effective hard shots, the Lady Lions' No. 2 and 3 players "rely very heavily on placement of the ball," Royer said, a strategy that was difficult in the moderate breeze during the match.

Those two matches were the closest of the day. State's Anne Beasley beat Linda Ritter 6-3, 7-5, while Carol Zajac needed three sets to gain a come from behind, 1-6, 7-6, 6-3 victory over Karen Zimmerman.

"I wasn't quite ready to cope with the wind during the first set," Zajac said. "Then I just started playing my game and got grooved."

Penn State made it a clean sweep of the singles matches and clinched the match, raising its overall record to 11-3, when Nos. 4 and 5, Gail Ramsay and Joan Backenstose, won by identical 6-2, 6-1 scores.

In doubles play, Daniels and Ramsay won their match in two sets, while Donna DiRenzo and Beasley won in three.

Lion nine must down Cornell to keep playoff bid hopes alive

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"Hey, certainly I'd like to have a fellow who hits a home run every time at bat, who strikes out every opposing batter when he's pitching and who is always thinking about two innings ahead. The only problem is to get him to put down his cup of beer and come out of the stands and do those things." —Danny Murtaugh

Murtaugh's quote displays the true feeling of many managers and it comes as no surprise that the words are framed over Penn State baseball coach Chuck Medlar's desk.

If those same fans to which Murtaugh was referring have anything to say about the Penn State baseball team today, it's probably that the Lions are looking right past this afternoon's double-header with Cornell (1:30 Beaver Field) and on to Saturday's toughie with Temple. In fact, the exact opposite may be true.

With regional playoffs just around the corner, the Lions, even with their 17-4 record, still have a lot of work to do before they receive a bid. But Cornell is in a different boat entirely.

"We're in a difficult position," Medlar said of his team's play-off picture. "But if we do well from here on out, we have a good shot."

Being an independent, Penn State has only its won-loss record to show tournament officials. Since Medlar doesn't expect to hear from those officials for a while yet, the Lions cannot afford any losses in their last few games.

"They (the officials) will probably wait till our season is over," Medlar said. "So we've still got six big games before we can think about that."

Such was not always the case for the Lions though. At one

time they were members of the East Coast Athletic Conference and things weren't quite so involved.

"Three ECAC mini-tournament winners get into the regional play-offs automatically," Medlar said. "We're no longer a member of the ECAC and that's made it a little bit tougher. But so far we're doing well."

Cornell is lucky, though. The Big Red belong to the Eastern Collegiate Baseball league which is made up of Ivy League teams plus Army and Navy. The league champion automatically gets into the regionals.

Cornell is in the middle of a five team fight for first place in that league and, with a few inter-conference games coming up, the Big Red are not likely to throw their top pitcher against the Lions this afternoon.

But don't think that Cornell isn't after a pair of wins today. Even though Mike Murphy, a probable starter for Cornell this afternoon, is not the number one man on the roster, he did beat the Lions (9-1) last year giving up just six hits in the process.

"In all probability we're going to go with (Mike) Guman and (Dave) June," Medlar said of his own pitching situation. "We hope June will be ready since he hasn't used too much on Sunday."

EXTRA BASES: Paul Gallagher will be the designated hitter for the Lions against left-handed pitching but in the case that Cornell pitches a right-hander, the Lions will waive the designated hitter option and Guman will bat for himself . . .

However, Cornell is likely to use another left-hander along with Murphy tomorrow . . . After today's double-header, the Lions will only have one home game remaining — at 1:30 Saturday afternoon against Temple.



Mike Guman

Rangers win to enter finals; Canadiens lose

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Murdoch and Ron Greschner scored second-period goals just 3:42 last night, rallying the New York Rangers to a 2-1 triumph over the New York Islanders and sending the winners into the National Hockey League playoff finals.

Islanders' right wing Mike Bossy finally broke his longest goal-scoring slump of the season, snapping a five-game scoreless streak by netting a 10-foot power-play backhander at 8:56 of the first period. But the Rangers,

showing the poise that has been their signature this spring, pulled even when Murdoch converted the rebound of a Mario Marois shot to tie it at 5:03 of the second session.

Before a delirious crowd of 17,372, with 4,099 more watching on closed circuit television at the Felt Forum elsewhere in Madison Square Garden, the Rangers scored their 10th victory in 13 playoff games — the only losses have come in overtime — since the 1979 Stanley Cup playoffs began.

Bruins 5, Habs 2

BOSTON (AP) — Stan Jonathan, sidelined most of the regular season by a shoulder injury, scored three goals last night and led the Boston Bruins to a 5-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

With the victory, the Bruins, beaten in seven consecutive post-season games on Montreal ice the last three years, earned another chance to end the hex at the Forum tomorrow night in the deciding game of the best-of-seven series.

Jonathan, who scored just six times

during the regular season, had one goal in the first period, tying the score 1-1.

Then, after Wayne Cashman put Boston in front 3-2 with a big assist from Brad Park at 16:30 of the second period, Jonathan added two insurance goals in the finale.

The Bruins, with their backs to the wall after a 5-1 loss in Montreal Saturday night, elected to try to skate with the speedy Canadiens.

Boston had much better scoring opportunities.

Run-and-gun Spurs might decide to reverse strategy

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — San Antonio Coach Doug Moe, high priest of the run-and-gun offense, says his high-powered Spurs might have to slow it down tonight night if Washington's running game gets out of hand.

"If we're not getting out of the blocks good, if they're running us, then we'll go into the slow game,"

said Moe, whose Spurs host the Bullets in the third game of the best-of-seven National Basketball Association Eastern Conference championship series. The series is tied 1-1.

Moe was concerned, about Washington's 6-foot-7, 250-pound center Wes Unseld, who has grabbed 41 rebounds and scored 40 points.

Princeton seeks to steal title from lady lacrossers

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When Penn State puts its women's lacrosse national championship on the line this weekend its top competition will come from a New Jersey team which didn't even expect to be in that position.

That team is Princeton, which drew a second seed behind the Lady Lions, and it competes this Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Division I national tournament at Lady Lion Field with 11 other teams.

"I was surprised to hear that we were seeded second," Princeton coach Betty Logan said. "We thought we'd be in the top five. We'll just have to come to Penn State and prove that we belong there."

Princeton proved to the seeding committee that it belonged there by compiling a season record of 9-1-1 including an 8-7 victory over 1978 runner-up Maryland at the Terrapins' field. For Penn State coach Gillian Rattray, who was on the seeding committee, ranking the teams was not an easy thing to do.

"It's difficult to equate how good they are," Rattray said. "Maryland (this year no. 4 seed) had a tougher schedule and William and Mary (no. 3) is doing very well. It's going to be a super tournament."

For Princeton, the tournament is nothing to get all that excited about. The Tigers have taken a relaxed but determined outlook on their quest for a national championship.

"We just came off the practice field



(yesterday) and I didn't sense any kind of pressure," Logan said. "We're treating it as just another game, and taking it very seriously. We know damn well that we have to go out and win these games. This is another regular season."

Princeton's first regular season was very successful. Only a couple of let-downs prevented the Tigers from achieving a perfect season.

"Any team can have an off day, and against Penn (a 7-6 loss) and Rutgers (a 7-7 tie) we had a couple of let-downs," Logan said. "Against Rutgers we were behind the whole game and they played a super game. Hopefully, that was our slump."

It's difficult to foresee a slump for the Princeton attack. With five players scoring in double figures through the

course of a competitive schedule, the Tigers don't rely on offensive production from just one individual.

"We could be playing the weaker teams and putting in 19 goals a game, but we play some tough teams," Logan said. "Our offense is well balanced and with five players in double figures rather than one or two high scorers, we're solid."

The players that help make Princeton solid are "Wiz" Lippincott (21 points), Anne Evott (26), Sally Glodgett (13), Sue Wilkins (23) and Kate Bucknell (28). Like Penn State, Princeton has been nagged by several injuries during the season which prevented the five from playing together all the time.

"We've had injuries that have cost us players here and there," Logan said. "We played with five freshmen for most of the season. None of the five high scorers played in all our games."

On the defensive side of the field, Princeton has been nothing short of tough. Its goals against average of 4.9 per game is sixth among Division I schools and .3 behind Penn State's. The leader of the defensive corps is goalie Sue Kohler whose saves percentage of 71.5 is fifth best.

"She is somebody who we can have confidence in," Logan said. "She relaxes the defense. We play straight-forward lacrosse; nothing fancy. Some people think we play rough but I don't think so. In the tournament we'll take our chances on getting called for it."



Penn State third man Michelle Fielder (left) checks Maryland first home Judy Dougherty in a game held earlier this year. The same two teams met in the Division I national championship finals last year but this season a

new team has entered the picture. Princeton, seeded second after a 9-1-1 season, is a top challenger for the Lady Lions' title.