

Lacrossewomen's title at stake

Top teams want shot at Lady Lions

Editor's Note: The following is the second in a three part series previewing this weekend's Division I women's lacrosse national championship.

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The seeding committee for this tournament must have had more than its share of headaches.

While everyone agrees that Penn State is the team to beat in the U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association Division I national championship, no one can really determine who is the number one challenger. The seeds established by the committee has Princeton second, followed by William and Mary, Maryland, Massachusetts, Yale, and New Hampshire.

It seems that all of these teams have equal chances of accomplishing their common goal — to play defending champ Penn State for the national title.

"Our incentive is to beat Maryland in order to play Penn State," Yale coach Richard Kentwell said. "It would be an honor for us to play a team like Penn State. They're in a league of their own and are highly skilled."

"Penn State is a step higher than us," Princeton coach Betty Logan said. "If we get that far (to play Penn State) we've got nothing to lose."

William and Mary is one team that



would surprise no one if it did get that far. The Indians earned a no. 3 seed after rolling up a 9-4 record. The losses came at the hands of Princeton (7-6) and Yale (6-5), as well as two defeats to the Piedmont Club, a high caliber team made up of college graduates.

William and Mary, which was 13-0 against collegiate competition during last year's regular season, finished with the most productive attack among Division I schools this season. Its average of 15.3 goals per game was three more than the 12.3 average of second place Maryland. The leader of the Indian scoring machine is Pixie Hamilton, a

native of Radnor, Pa. Hamilton has scored 40 goals in 13 games.

Still, there is some doubt as to whether William and Mary is as good as the statistics say. The Indians racked up 19, 21 and 28 goals against such schools as Richmond, Bridgewater and Longwood. Another question to be answered is if it is ready to play. William and Mary has not played in two weeks due to the termination of its school year. How this might affect them will be determined in its second round game with the James Madison-Massachusetts winner tomorrow at 3.

Behind William and Mary in the fourth seed is last year's runner-up Maryland. The Terrapins sport an 8-4 slate with all four defeats coming by one goal, including a 6-5 loss to the Lady Lions earlier this year. After the setback, Maryland captured its third consecutive Maryland State Tournament championship as it outscored its three opponents 54-6.

The potent Terrapin attack is led by sophomore Judy Dougherty (33 goals, 30 assists, 63 points). Lisa Pierce (56 points), Sue Brown (39) and Sandy Lanahan (30) also have scoring potential. On the defensive side, Maryland is led by 5-10½ goalie Denise Westcott who is allowing only 4.4 goals a game.

The fifth seed, Massachusetts, will

have to prove itself for the second time this year. After rolling to a 10-0 record over some low-regarded teams, the Minutemen scored a stunning 4-3 sudden death victory over 8-1 New Hampshire and then went on to win the New England Tournament at Yale.

Massachusetts, which enters the tournament at 12-0, is lead by Jean Hackett who has accounted for 31 goals and 19 assists in just 10 games.

The surprise of the entire tournament could be sixth-seeded Yale. The Elis, 12-2-1 in 1978, are 12-4 despite the loss of two of their top players.

"I'm pleased with our season performance," Kentwell said. "We went through a downswing after we lost those two players, but now we're gaining momentum and believing in ourselves."

Everyone is believing in Yale's Tracy Ball. The sophomore from Boston, who is ranked ninth nationally in squash, scored a school record 57 goals this season. Ball, who is a strong aggressive player with quick acceleration, could be keyed on by opposing teams.

New Hampshire has been counting on two talented players all year. Cathy Sanborn, a four-year varsity standout in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, is second in Division I goal scoring with 3.9 scores a game. Donna O'Brien is tied with Penn State's Candy Finn at 3.5 a game at fourth best.

Rose bringing the best out of Phils

SAN DIEGO (AP) — And the beat goes on for ageless Pete Rose.

Playing on a new team, in a new position and no longer a fixture as a leadoff man, the 38-year-old Rose has the Philadelphia Phillies off to one of their fastest starts.

"I knew what he could do on the field, but I wasn't aware of the things he does in the clubhouse," said manager Danny Ozark, whose streaking Phils own one of the best records in the big leagues.

Ozark's month-old experiment that shuffled Rose into the third spot in the batting order is paying dividends for the Phils.

Since the switch, Philadelphia is 19-5 and Rose has been vintage Rose. He drilled three hits Tuesday night, including the decisive two-run 12th inning double, in a 9-7 victory over San Diego to boost his batting average to .340.

Rose landed in Philadelphia last winter for \$800,000 a year after his 16-year love affair with the Cincinnati Reds soured.

During the winter, the argument raged loud and long whether Rose, at his advanced age, was worth the unprecedented price for the potential short haul returns.

Ozark feels Rose is paying his freight — in ways undetected in the box score.

"Some players are playing hurt. And some are playing with a little more enthusiasm. He's always there on the bench making them think more optimistically and more aggressively," said Ozark.

The decision to drop Rose from the leadoff spot to No. 3 in the batting order came after the Phils got off to a slow start.

"I started off with Bake McBride hitting fifth but it was really screwing him up. With Bake leading off we've got more speed and Pete is perfect for the third spot because he's a switch hitter. The No. 3 batter should be your best hitter," explained Ozark.

Noted for torrid spring getaways, Rose leads the club with 33 hits in 26 games and has hit safely in 16 of his last 17 games.

Currently with 2,356 singles, Rose is one single shy of tying Nap Lajoie for sixth place on the all-time singles list. He is 70 singles away from Honus Wagner's all-time mark of 2,426.

Rose, who set a National League record last year with his 44-game hitting streak, is taking aim at his 14th .300 season in 15 years.

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