

Men, women take top cross country honors

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Penn State refused to fill the gracious host role Saturday as both the men's and women's cross country teams won team and individual honors in the Penn State Open at the Blue golf course.

Alan Scharus, battling high winds and a tough field, won the men's 10,000-meter race in 30:56 to lead the Lions to a low point total of 24, easily defeating second place Washington State with 84. Lion Larry Mangan finished just seven seconds behind Scharus to grab third place behind Greater Rochester Track Club's Craig Holm.

In the women's 5,000-meter race it was the Lady Lions all the way, as Heather Carmichael led a charge of nine Penn State runners in the top 12 with a winning time of 19:15.

Fatty Murnane followed closely the entire route and

finished just six seconds later. Lady Lion Peg Cleary posted third in 18:39 to help pace the women to a 20-51 victory over runner-up Nittany Valley Track Club.

The gusting 20 mile-per-hour winds affected race strategy, Scharus said.

"Being light is a big disadvantage in windy weather," the Ohio sophomore said. "I only have had 112 pounds of running force. That's why I hung back and didn't make my move until late. I can't run against the wind very well."

"With a good team behind you, you can throw caution to the wind. Having the team up there made my move a little easier. It gives you a chance to gamble."

Also gambling was Mangan, who was betting on his miler's kick to move him up from eighth to first-place over the final yards.

"At the six mile mark — when I saw where the second-place runner was — I knew I had a good shot at

it," the 4:01 miler said. "With 150 yards to go, I started kicking with the intent of getting second or third and maybe even Alan."

Freshman Jeff Adams was in contact with the leaders the entire race and finished a strong eighth. Veterans Tom Rapp and John Ziegler rounded out the winning team's top five as only 44 seconds separated Scharus and Ziegler.

The women's race featured some spirited front-running as well.

"At the beginning we went out really hard," Murnane said. "We went through the mile (which was uphill and into the wind) in 5:37."

"The last start was just a chance to get to use some different strategy," Carmichael said.

Top Lady Lion Kathy Mills did not run. She twisted her ankle during the warm-up, but the injury does not appear to be serious.

Netwomen end dual meet season undefeated

By GLENN KAPP
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A poor week of practice affected the women's tennis team this weekend, but it was not enough for the University of Pennsylvania to topple the Lady Lions from its second consecutive undefeated fall season.

The women's tennis team won this weekend's meet 7-2, losing only the fifth- and sixth-seeded singles matches.

"Overall, it looked like the team had a bad week of practice," women's tennis coach Candy Royer said. "The players that had been practicing just doubles for the Eastern Collegiate Tournament had

a tough time in their singles matches."

Cherie Dow was scheduled to play Anna Maria Kleis, Penn's No. 1 player and ranked the No. 1 singles player in Puerto Rico, but Kleis never made it back from a sectional tournament in California.

Valentina Garcia took Ramsay's fourth-seed and defeated Cathy Schwebel in straight sets 7-6, 6-1.

"Valentina had a brilliant performance," Royer said. "She was down 0-5 in the first set and came back to win the match."

Carole was not that match-to-quick.

Royer said, "I didn't make the decision until that morning and it was hard for Carole to get tough for the match that quick."

"She lost the match because she has not played enough singles this week because she and Gail were practicing for the doubles competition last week," Royer said. "She had a bad week of doubles practice."

Since Ramsay was taken out of the lineup at the last minute, Carole Zajac played in the sixth-seeded position Zajac lost to Sue Willis, 6-1, 6-4.

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Stamatis ties mark; Lions split

By WILL PAKUTKA
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Jim Stamatis pulled his turtle-neck sweater snug under his chin as he strode up and down Jeffrey Field yesterday afternoon.

They told him it was to be a big event, but that ties were optional. So, Stamatis set out after the all-time school scoring title dressed casually, but neat.

A goal and an assist enabled Stamatis to tie Chris Bahr's record of 67 points yesterday. But don't bet on his dress being any more formal when he sets out to break the record in the Lions' next game.

Even though people have been trying to convince Stamatis that breaking the record will be one of the greatest achievements of his soccer career, he just can't find it any more important than a Lion win — something that happened yesterday, 4-1, against LaSalle, but never occurred during Friday night's 1-0 upset loss to Maryland.

"I'm anxious to get it (the record) just because everybody else is anxious for me to get it," Stamatis said. "It's nice to be remembered but we've got to worry about winning games first."

No Lion, let alone Stamatis, was able to pick up a point Friday night against Maryland, so Stamatis knew he needed three points yesterday against LaSalle to break the record during the home stand.

His first point came just 52 seconds into the game when he centered a pass to Duncan MacEwan who put home the first Lion goal of the day.

Stamatis' second point came on an identical play at 37:19, only this time Stamatis' pass hit a LaSalle defender and trickled in (Stamatis got credit for the goal).

Stamatis missed his chance to break the record in the second half not by bad shooting or a fabulous LaSalle defense, but by just one minute.

"I thought it was ironic," Penn State coach Walt Bahr said. "We just took Jimmy out, and less than a minute later we get a penalty kick, which at any other time, would have been Stamatis'."

Stamatis slid into his warm-up outfit as Dan Canfer put in that penalty kick. Stamatis shook his head and couldn't help but smile.

Earlier, a joint effort by Malik Kermouche and Lou Karbiener had given the Lions a solid lead. Kermouche was awarded the goal which both players apparently kicked at the same time.

The whole thing was such a contrast to Friday night's fiasco that one had to laugh at the irony.

"That was just one of those games," Stamatis said yesterday. "We could still be playing right now and the score would be 0-0."

Maryland won Friday night even though the Terps took no shots that went near the goal. The lone score of the game came when the Terps' Ron McKeever centered a ball which deflected off a Penn State defender and slid into the Lions' net.

The Maryland style of play left Lion goalie Angelo Nickas feeling like a



Co-holder of Penn State's all-time scoring record, Jim Stamatis tries to get by a Maryland defender Friday night at Jeffrey Field. Neither Stamatis nor the Lions fared well that night as the Terps won, 1-0. State came back yesterday, though, to defeat LaSalle, 4-1.

lonely man Friday night. The Terps refused to play offensively during the game, taking only seven shots, none of which required a save on Nickas' part.

Instead, Maryland bunched its players in front of its own goal as if the game were a giant football match.

"They kept a bunch of people in front of the net for the whole time," Bahr said. "I didn't know what to do. I certainly couldn't have tried anything else. I was hoping to get a few suggestions from the bleachers."

Those Bahr got. But not even Nigel Muryati was able to put in a goal that night.

Northeast trip reaps stickgals 2 victories

By JUSTIN CATANOSO
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STORRS, CONN. — The women's field hockey team beat the odds this weekend. Despite being far from home, traveling long hours on a bus and playing on fields better suited for cow pastures, it still managed a clean sweep of two Northeastern opponents.

On Saturday, the third-ranked Lady Lions (9-1) thrashed Rutgers 6-2 and yesterday, in their biggest game to date, dominated fourth-ranked Connecticut (11-2), winning 2-1.

"I'm extremely pleased with the team's play this weekend," Penn State coach Gillian Ratray said, "especially since we came on the road for two games and played under such grueling conditions."

Yesterday's game with Connecticut was played on a badly mottled soccer field where the north goals and shooting circle were reduced to a mud hole.

This didn't seem to bother Lady Lion wing Candy Finn as she plodded through the muck and fired two shots past Husky goalie Diane Hughes in the first eight minutes of play. In Connecticut's first 11 games, Hughes saw just four shots get past her.

"Candy plays her best against the toughest competition," Ratray said. "When she gets determined, it's very hard to stop her."

Showing extraordinary determination was the Lady Lion defense. Led by center back Sally Scheller, it held the Huskies' usually aggressive offense to just 13 shots, only three of which came in the first half.

"The defense played extremely well," Ratray said. "They dominated the

midfield play and were always in position in the circle."

Connecticut's only goal came off a disputed penalty stroke by its high scorer Lauren Suech mid-way through the second half.

Lady Lion back Nancy Deal and sweeper Wendy Emery both made vital clearing passes in the closing minutes of the game to keep the Huskies from tying the score. Goalie Jeanne Pisinger had six saves to preserve the win.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions' game with Rutgers (3-2-2) was switched from a swamp in New Brunswick, N.J., to a marsh in Woodbridge. Because the Knights' field was worthy of fish life, the teams met at Middlesex Community College on a field only slightly drier.

In a soggy, slow moving contest, Penn State leaped to an early 2-0 lead when wing Deb Malone took a pass from Scheller and nudged a shot past Knight goalie Joan Gilbert. Two minutes later, link Judy Mahaffey followed up her own shot for the second tally.

Rutgers, however, slotted right back behind Alonza to the score and grab the momentum.

Ratray, having started four freshmen, decided that with Rutgers surging and the field in poor condition, more player experience was needed.

The players, forwards Jan Snyder and Jill Van Bodegom-Smith and back Deal, helped break up the long defensive stand-off and regained control of the game for the Lady Lions.

Van Bodegom-Smith hit for two goals midway through the second half to break the tie and sink Rutgers' confidence.

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