



Penn State's Mary Sue Patterson (19) said the Lady Lions will "play rough if we have to" when the top-seeded fieldwomen meet Temple Nov. 16, in the Mid-Atlantic tournament in a rematch of last year's playoff.

Top seed, rematch for stickgals

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Last November, the women's field hockey team, seeded first regionally and riding the crest of an undefeated season, splashed into Philadelphia hoping to wash out the Mid-Atlantic competition en route to the national playoffs.

Unseeded and unheralded Temple, however, pulled the plug on the Lady Lions, upsetting them 2-1 in the tournament's opening round, thus dousing their hopes for a national title in a sea of bitter disappointment.

This season, Penn State finds itself flowing in the same current. Again the Lady Lions, 12-2 and ranked second nationally, are the top seed of eight Mid-Atlantic teams and again will face Temple (seeded eighth and ranked 15th at 11-4-2) in the opening round of regionals next Friday (Nov. 16) at Temple University in Philadelphia.

"We are all very happy to be matched with Temple," Penn State goalie Jeanie Fissinger said. "It's our chance to prove that we should have beaten them last year."

Overconfidence did not topple the Lady Lions from the playoffs last season, Lady Lion coach Gillian Rattray said. Rough play, bad breaks and poor officiating did.

"We tried too much finesse against a very physical team," she said. "We outplayed them in every area of the game, but we let ourselves be worried too much by the officiating, which was very poor."

Temple's first goal was scored by Terry Brookshaw on a hotly disputed penalty stroke and the game winner was deflected past Fissinger by Lorraine Lodise on a pass from Bev Grove.

That winning combination foreshadowed Temple's present season as Lodise led the Lady Owls in scoring with 14 goals with Grove tops in assists with 12.

Of the seven other teams competing next week, Temple is the only squad the Lady Lions did not face during the regular season. Rattray said she knows very little about the Lady Owls, but if last year's game is any indication of what to expect, the fieldwomen better not forget their shin guards.

"Temple played a very physical game," Fissinger said. "Everyone came out of it with bumps and bruises."

Fissinger knows that better than anyone. During one wild scramble in front of the net, she had her nose broken and a front tooth knocked out by the stick of a Temple player.

"We just weren't expecting the level of play to be dragged down like it was," link Mary Sue Patterson said. "But this year we're mentally prepared for a game like that. We're a skilled team, but we'll play rough if we have to."

Exhibiting its skill, Penn State offense, led by Candy Finn's 15 goals, was not held scoreless all season. Temple was shut out in each of its four losses and it's up to the Lady Lion defense to bottle

up the Lady Owls' quick attack.

"We'll play them tight man-to-man all over the field," back Sally Scheller said. "It worked well against Ursinus (a 1-0 win) and we were under a lot of pressure. It should work against Temple, too."

Regardless of how excited the Lady Lions are about the rematch, Temple is apparently underwhelmed.

"We have gradually accepted the fact that we have to play them again," Temple coach Tina Sloan-Green said. "I'd much rather we play someone else."

But Penn State is eager to meet the challenge, Rattray said.

"The girls' attitudes are good and they are really dedicated. I think they are taking it more seriously than last year," she said. "They know they have a great chance to go to nationals, but they have to get through regionals first."

NOTES: Provided Penn State defeats Temple next Friday, it will face the winner of the Delaware-Ursinus game in the semifinal round on Saturday. Three of the four teams to reach the semis will advance to nationals in Princeton, N.J., on Nov. 15.

The Lady Lions set a season scoring record with 57 goals, eclipsing last year's mark of 51. . . . Jill Van Bodegom-Smith followed Finn in scoring with 14 goals. . . . Patterson's nine assists on the season set a team record, surpassing Finn's record by one set last season year. . . . Goalie Fissinger recorded five shutouts.

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Nationals not easy for Lady Lions

By MIKE POORMAN
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The women's cross country team, winner of last week's Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women cross country meet, will travel to Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 17, for the AIAW national championship meet.

Kathy Mills, third at the AIAW meet last year after a wrong turn cost her a possible victory, will again lead the Lady Lions as they hope to improve upon their third place team finish of 1978.

Any improvement will be a tall order to fill, as numerous teams loom as pre-race contenders. Iowa State claims sole squalter's rights to the meet's team title, having won the championship all six years the race has been run.

North Carolina State, second last year, looks even stronger as it won its region last week and boasts the potent sister duo of Mary and Julie Shea as well as a dazzling new wave of freshmen. Virginia, which defeated Penn State by a single point in an early season dual meet, has one of the only two runners to beat Mills this year in Margaret Groos.

West Coast schools Oregon, which took seven of the

top nine in their regional meet, and California-Berkeley rank with Midwestern power Wisconsin as teams which could cause the Lady Lions trouble.

But the Penn State women can cause problems of their own. In winning the EAIAW title they grabbed the second through fourth spots — Patty Murnane finished third and Heather Carmichael fourth — and whipped runner-up Maryland by 86 points in an amazing show of depth.

The secret to that whopping victory, however, was the finish of Penn State's back-up runners. Magda Kubasiewicz and Carol Ihrig placed high in the standings and together with experienced veterans Peg Cleary and Mary Rave will provide the key to the Lady Lions' performance at the AIAW meet.

"Against teams like N. C. State, we need to match up with them from the first through the last woman. We can't afford to have a gap anywhere," Penn State assistant coach Jane Weizel said, emphasizing that all of her runners must run even with the top opponents' people.

"We're lucky enough to have sixth and seventh women good enough to fill these gaps," she said.

The 5,000-meter (3.1 miles) race will be run on a

basically flat course that follows a narrow path for the middle mile-and-a-half of the route. This will make for an early fast pace, Weizel said, predicting the first mile to go in around five minutes.

If that occurs it will be the fastest initial mile of the year for the Lady Lions. Practice will be geared toward "getting used to going out at such a hard pace," she said.

A hot pace could be a problem for senior Mills. "Kathy will naturally be with the front-runners, but there are still some things she still needs to work on," Weizel said. "Speed is definitely what she's lacking, but endurance-wise she's there."

And her foot, injured last year, still necessitates careful scrutiny when doing speedwork, Weizel said.

A past injury will also put a damper on Kubasiewicz's speed training as she hasn't done any real quality speed workouts for a year.

Murnane and Carmichael, both experienced in national competition, should fare well as Weizel cites the EAIAW meet as giving Murnane "the confidence she needs." And Carol Ihrig, coming off a strong performance at Easterns, is tabbed by Weizel as another runner nearing her peak.

Harriers, Wildcats clawing again at districts

By MIKE POORMAN
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Penn State and Villanova — again. It will be business as usual when these two Eastern cross country powers battle it out for team honors at Saturday's National Collegiate Athletic Association District II championship meet at 1 p.m. at Lehigh University's Saucon Valley Field.

In the 50-team field for the 10,000-meter (6.2 mile) race, the No. 1 challenger to dethrone defending champion Penn State will be Villanova, a team led by Ardisney Sydney Maree and Amos Kip Korir and American ace Cary Pinkowski.

The three top Penn State finishers

must break up the top three grouping of Villanova, Penn State coach Harry Groves said.

"But exactly where our fourth and fifth men finish in relation to our first two, second behind Korir and 4 seconds off of Maree, and Mangan garnered 11th. If the Lions finish among the top five teams Saturday, they will advance to the NCAA championship, to be contested over the Saucon Valley course Nov. 19.

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