

Buckeyes top spikers in thriller

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Some people were probably skeptical when men's volleyball coach Tom Tait said before the season that his squad had a crowd-exciting nature.

The sixth-ranked Lions did everything to try and back up Tait's claim Saturday night when it lost to 10th-ranked Ohio State, 10-15, 15-9, 10-15 and 15-17 before an enthusiastic captive crowd in Rec Hall's South gym.

"That was absolutely top-caliber volleyball," Tait said. "Whoever missed a ball missed a whole ball. Both teams played excellent ball. We're so evenly matched."

Buckeye coach Bob Yoder said that this match, the third meeting between the schools this year, was the most important thus far for the season. "This was really our first big meeting with them," Yoder said. "The other two times we played were in tournaments. They were only two-out-of-three matches."

Penn State defeated Ohio State in the finals of the Nittany Lion Invitational in January, and the Buckeyes won the second meeting in the semifinals of the RIT Invitational last month. "It was a good win for us," he added. "It was our first big victory of the season."

The Buckeyes' game plan was to attack the Lions from the outside, Yoder

said, and to exploit Penn State's weaknesses in its passing game.

"I think they're (the Lions) a strong passing team overall," Yoder said. "But we knew they had a couple weak spots and attacked them. We were so evenly matched."

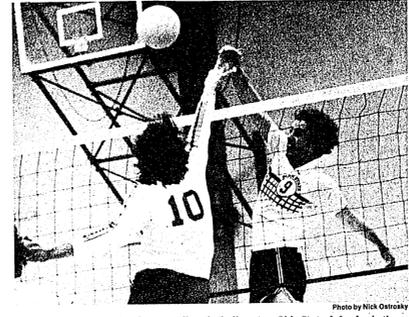
Ohio State stayed with that game plan in the first contest and won. The outcome was decided, however, when Penn State committed serving errors at crucial points as the Buckeyes moved from an 8-6 deficit to a 15-10 win.

The Lions improved their ballhandling in the second game, making only one error. Chuck Kegerreis had four kills in the game, mainly off the jump or quick set, as Penn State showed some variety in its attack.

"It's the style of offense that's been our trademark over the past few years," Tait said. "It's the style we have to ride into the Eastern championship. We misfired occasionally," he said, "but our setters ran our offense better."

The Lions played intelligent ball in the third game, and were ahead late in the match, 9-2. Ohio State's blocking became more effective, though, in the rest of the game, and went up 2-1 in the match as the Buckeyes' Craig Forster and David Sears blocked down on a Dave Mulligan.

In the final and most exciting game, Penn State made some mental mistakes



Penn State's Rick Genday (9) spikes the ball past an Ohio State defender in the Lions' four-set loss to the Buckeyes Saturday night in Rec Hall.

Fencewomen battle Barnard in finale

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Tonight will be the quiet before the storm, as the women's fencing team hosts Barnard College.

The Lady Lions hope to close the regular season on a winning note at 7 in White Building before the ultimate test at nationals to be held this weekend in Columbus, Ohio.

Barnard is not expected to give the Lady Lions any trouble. Penn State coach Beth Alphin knows that Barnard is the type of team that can spoil a season of hard work.

The Lady Lions are hoping to add one more victim to their already impressive season record of 15 wins and one loss. The only loss came early in the season against Temple, the state champion.

Barnard coach Seymour Brover will lead his young team into action hoping to spoil the Lady Lions' night. "We don't know what to expect," Alphin said. "I think they'll give us a good fight."

A puzzling question for Alphin all the season has been who would fence in the No. 4 position at nationals. She came to a conclusion by announcing tonight's lineup as the starting four for nationals.

Senior All-American Judy Smith will fence in the No. 1 slot, while junior Cathy McEllan will fence in the No. 2 slot. Finishing out the lineup will be captain Nancy Anderson fencing No. 3 and Phyllis Wert in the puzzling No. 4 position.

Still, Wert cannot help but think ahead to nationals. It is nice having competition closer to nationals, she said.

"I feel pretty good about my fencing. I'm satisfied," Wert said. "When it comes to getting psyched, no one can get me psyched that well. I have to get my act down as far as skill level goes."

Wert sees the match with Barnard as a building block to go into nationals. It is nice having competition closer to nationals, she said.

"Everyone's ready for nationals," Wert said. "It's time to go out and do it."

scoreboard

NBA		Wales Conference		Adams Division	
Edmonton	24 38 12	60 276 303	Buffalo	42 17 14	98 275 107
Colorado	18 44 22	48 218 263	Calgary	42 20 13	97 209 222
Winnipeg	17 46 11	45 197 299	Minnesota	34 15 14	82 294 237
Eastern Conference			Toronto	32 5 5	69 271 294
Atlantic Division			Quebec	24 38 9	57 213 257
Boston	36 22 14	82 294 237	Norris Division		
New York	35 21 4	81 291 237	Montreal	44 39 19	98 300 226
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Netmen win, lose by 5-4 score

By CAROL BROWN
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The men's tennis team played two very long and grueling matches over the weekend, losing to Columbia 5-4 on Friday but defeating Brown 5-4 on Saturday.

The Columbia match lasted six hours and was played in less than ideal conditions, to say the least. Columbia's four clay courts, said Penn State coach Holmes Cathrain, are enclosed by a large plastic bubble with little room behind the baselines or sidelines and has lights on the sides of the courts rather than on the ceiling.

"They were constantly running into lights, nets and the sides," Cathrain said, "but the kids were super. They adjusted, but some of these things had to upset them because we didn't win."

No. 1 singles Tim McAvoy lost to Columbia's Dave Cooper 6-1, 14-6, 2-6. Lion Don Lowry also dropped his match 3-6, 7-6, 6-2 in the No. 2 spot against Columbia's Jeff Pappell.

Nos. 3, 4 and 5 singles for Penn State were all winners, battling out each match to three sets. Lion Bill Schillings won 2-6, 6-4, 3-6; No. 4 Tom Beckhard won 4-6, 6-3; and Bill Schmucker had a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

The only successful doubles team for Penn State was Beckhard and Schmucker in the No. 3 spot. They defeated

Columbia's Jeff Pappell and Doug Saputo in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. This was a surprise for Cathrain who expected more from his doubles teams.

"I had so much confidence in our doubles," he said, "I thought we'd win."

The doubles teams did help to give Penn State a victory against Brown, but the real fighter was No. 6 Jon Whiteside. In the third set, Whiteside came from a 5-2 game deficit to defeat Brown's Tom Ferguson, 7-5, and win his match. Whiteside's win split the singles matches three each, with Schillings and Schmucker also winning for Penn State.

McAvoy and Whiteside had a rough time in the No. 1 doubles match, losing in straight sets with each set going into a tie-breaker. No. 2 Lowry and Schillings had better luck defeating Steve Pifcusuk and Ferguson, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Beckhard and Schmucker were also successful, winning in straight sets, 7-5, 7-6.

Overall, Cathrain was pleased with the weekend results, especially since both matches were played on the road.

"To walk into their environment and split with them was pretty good," Cathrain said of the Ivy League competitors. "The Ivy League teams are considered the top tennis schools in the East. We need to play them for exposure and recognition."

Rams trade 'Cappy' to Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Running back John Cappelletti has been traded from the Los Angeles Rams to the San Diego Chargers in exchange for an undrafted future draft choice.

Cappelletti, 27, played for the Rams for five years before missing the 1979 National Football League season because of a severely pulled groin muscle he suffered during the preceding campaign.

Cappelletti, who won the Heisman Trophy at Penn State in 1973, gained

2,246 yards overall for the Rams, averaging 3.6 yards per carry. He was the team's starting fullback in the 1978 season but continued to play. His last action for the Rams came in their 28-0 loss to Dallas in the NFC championship game following the 1978 campaign. He left that contest in the second quarter with a shoulder separation.

Cappelletti, a 6-1, 220-pounder, reported to the Rams' training camp last

summer but after a week or so, he realized his groin injury hadn't sufficiently healed, so Los Angeles placed him on the injured reserve list and he missed the entire season.

The Rams took Cappelletti as their No. 1 draft choice in 1974 and he was used sparingly for two years before breaking into the starting lineup.

His best season was 1978, when he gained 694 yards on 174 carries and caught 41 passes for 382 yards.

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