

Lady golfers shoot to make the top 15

By TODDLIGHTY
Daily Collegian Sports Writer
What the women's golf team could do more than anything else this weekend is a case of Sure an-
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The Lady Lions will be competing in one of the most prestigious tournaments in the country today, tomorrow and Sunday at the Women's Southern Intercollegiate Championships at Athens, Ga., and Penn State coach Annette Thompson said they must be "cool, calm and collective."
Eighteen of the top teams in the country will be among the 27 teams slated to play in the tournament. This is a major obstacle the Lady Lions must overcome.
After the first two rounds are played today and tomorrow, the field will be narrowed down to the 15 teams with the lowest scores for the competition Sunday.
"I think our main objective," Thompson said, "is simply this—it is a tournament where we face top competition, which puts a lot of pressure on our team, so we are not trying to look ahead."
"It's a different course, we know

Hofstra test of stickmen's progress

By BOB GROVE
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Now past the halfway point in its season, the men's lacrosse team's fortunes continue to look up. The Lions (4-2) have an excellent chance of reaching Penn State coach Glenn Thiel's preseason goal of six victories.
Hofstra, on the other hand, is suffering through a rather lackluster season. It has lost five of its first eight games and so far has been unable to play the tough, physical game it's been noted for.
These two teams, seemingly headed in different directions, will square off at 7:30 tomorrow night at Hofstra in a game Thiel hopes will manifest the Lions' belief that they can play even with anyone.
"The kids have always believed they could play with the good teams," Thiel said. "But before, we only had the idea we could play with them. Now we know it."
Thiel is referring to the Lions' performances against Syracuse and Rutgers, two powerful teams which handed Penn State its only losses this year. The 7-4 loss to Rutgers last weekend was a heartbreaker, but junior defenseman John Farrell doesn't see it as adversely affecting the Lions.
"There's no doubt that it was a tough game to lose," Farrell said. "But the attitude is very positive. It can only serve to make us want to win even more. We see how it is to win, and we like it."
Thiel said he hopes the Lions will



On the rise this season with a 4-2 record, the men's lacrosse team, shown in white, will battle a 3-5 Hofstra team tomorrow night at Hofstra.

Thinclads set for Relays

By RON GARDNER
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The Lions will also enter the sprint relay team of Vern Lucas, Tom Walchuk, Mike McCall and Gary Black. Penn State holds the sixth fastest time in the nation so far this season (3:18.9) in this event.
However, Lankford and Mangan, who helped post this time, will not run in the event at Penn.
"We're not going to be able to run in all of the relays," Groves said. "It's just too many events for Lankford."
Another top relay entry for Penn State will be in the 4x1,500 meters where the team of Cook, Tom Rapp, Scharus and Mangan will lead it out with Villanova, one of the pre-meet favorites, and a large field of nationally-ranked teams.
"This event is just so stacked," Groves said. "Villanova's Don Paige is a very prominent factor. I can't see anybody beating him on any leg."
"The rest of their guys can be copied with, but he's just so good. I'll be glad to see him graduate."
The Lions' other relay entries will meet for UTEP, UCLA, USO and a few other quality teams from out west. Everybody's got somebody nowadays, where in the past there used to be three teams with everybody."
Once inside, No. 2 doubles Bill Schilling and Don Lowry made the score

Netmen nip tenacious Huskies

By CAROL BROWN
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Here's a variation on the old junk/pressure edge: One man's score is another man's good luck charm.
The little bit of rain that sprinkled on the outdoor tennis courts yesterday worked like a charm for the men's tennis team, but cursed the Bloomsburg squad, as Penn State nipped Bloomsburg, 5-4.
At the end of singles competition, which was played under partly sunny skies, Penn State was down 4-2 in what was shaping up to be a big upset. A loss to Bloomsburg would be a first for the Lions. The only singles wins the Lions could muster came from the Nos. 3 and 5 spots.
No. 3 Don Lowry beat Craig Diehl, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, and No. 5 Bill Schmucker won, 6-3, 6-6, 6-3, against Steve Bleckschmitt.
Schmucker was also successful in No. 3 doubles, teaming with Tom Beckhard to win in straight sets.
The Lions' Nos. 1 and 2 doubles appeared not to be as lucky as they split the first two sets.
But then the rains came. Not much, but just enough to soak the courts and force the match indoors.
"We just don't play indoors," Bloomsburg assistant coach Jim Hollister said. "We practice outside all the time. I was the one who wanted to continue playing outside until it got really rainy or windy."
While the pressure undoubtedly hindered the Huskies, it helped the Lions. McAvoy and Whiteside came back from a 4-2 game deficit in the third set to win the match, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5-2 in the tiebreaker).
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"After losing to him (Vance), he (McAvoy) was pretty down," Cathrail said. "Finally in the second set (of doubles) they (McAvoy and Whiteside) got together to fight."
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