

Dome, sweet Dome for Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The National League Championship Series switched artificial surfaces yesterday, moving from Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium to the Houston Astrodome, a house of horrors for visiting clubs this season.

"It's a pleasure to be going home," said Houston manager Bill Virdon, whose Astros split the first two games in this best-of-five pennant playoff at Philadelphia.

It should be a pleasure. The Astros were awesome at home season, compiling a 55-28 record under the dome, compared to 38-44 on the road.

That doesn't scare the Phillies, though. They won 21 of their last 28 games on the road to finish 42-39 away from home, their best road record since 1976.

"We've played down there before, you know," snapped Philadelphia manager Dallas Green. "It's not as if we're doing something completely new. We're 9-3 for the year against the Astros. We must have won some down there."

In fact, the Phillies have won four of six under the dome in each of the past two seasons.

More important than playing in-liners is the state of mind the Phillies will bring with them for Game Three of this series tonight. They lost a game they should have won Wednesday night, leaving 14 runners on base.

The 7-4, 10-inning loss in Game Two can stay with a team, but the Phillies insist it will not stay with them.

"We gotta forget about this and just play like nothing happened," shortstop Larry Bowa said.



Philadelphia's Pete Rose, caught stealing in Game One, will try to lead the Phillies past Houston today in Game Three at the Astrodome, where the Astros were 55-28 this season.

Netgals aiming for top 3 at invite

By JEFF SCHULER
Daily Collegian Sports Writer
When the women's tennis team travels to the Heart of Dixie weekend for the Tennis Life Invitational at James Madison University, Virginia and William and Mary will be the obvious regional favorites. But look closely and you'll see a Yankee invader amongst the group.

Both James Madison coach Maria Malerba and Penn State coach Candy Royer believe the Lady Lions are one of the top three at the tournament.

"The top three should be Penn State, Virginia, and William and Mary," Malerba said.

"I would have to agree with her," Royer said. "I think we should be expected to do pretty well."

These three teams come into the tournament with some impressive credentials. William and Mary finished sixth

last year in Division II nationals, and Virginia, Malerba said, is the best team in the state. The Yankee invaders were second in the East last year, and last weekend finished third in Easterns at New Paltz, N.Y.

The three are not strangers to each other, either. Virginia earlier defeated the Lady Lions 6-2 in a dual match, while William and Mary finished only one-half point behind Penn State last weekend. And Virginia and William and Mary have their own little rivalry down South, also.

Just as the Lady Lions were determined last weekend to finish ahead of Syracuse, they will also be out to better Virginia this weekend.

"The girls are psyched," Royer said. "We're out to get Virginia as much as we can. It'll be a little different situation than when we played them earlier in the year."

Senior co-captain Carole Zajac agrees with her coach.

"We'd like to place ahead of them," she said. "We're out to play every team equally, but we really would like to place higher than Virginia after the dual match."

Southern schools have traditionally been stronger than their Northern counterparts, but Zajac said the team isn't going to Virginia with the idea of proving the caliber of Northern tennis.

"Our attitudes to push PSU tennis," she said. "We want to be representative of the University."

NET NOTES: Cherie Dow is seeded third, Carol Daniels second, and Zajac third in their respective singles flights. Both doubles teams — Liz Campbell/Anne Beasley and Donna DiRenzo/Valentina Garcia — are seeded third.

Lady golfers to defend Eastern crown

The women's golf team takes to the road again to compete at the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championship today and tomorrow in South Hadley, Mass.

After traveling to Princeton, N.J., last week, the Lady Lions hope to be physically and mentally prepared for another away meet.

"The girls are psychologically ready to play well," Penn State coach Ann Thompson said.

The 1979 champion, Penn State will defend its title against such schools as Rutgers, Cortland, Amherst, Rochester, Mount Holyoke and Massachusetts. Team member Sandy Jaskol agreed with Thompson that the Lady Lions are

favored to win.

"We will maintain the title," Jaskol said.

Thompson said she believes experience has increased the team's level of aggressiveness.

"We are getting better at it," she said. "In playing too cautiously, Thompson said, a player tends to throw away strokes, but she added, "if you get too aggressive, you throw away strokes."

Jaskol said all team members could be cutting down on their scores.

"We're all learning," she said. "There is still a lot of inexperience."

Senior Lynn Marriott, a veteran who can't complain about not having enough experience, has been struggling with her

game.

"Lynn has had a real inconsistent fall," Thompson said.

Marriott said her problems have ranged from hitting poor drives to putting that "hasn't been that good."

In explaining the inconsistent rounds, Marriott said, "I haven't been able to put a whole tournament together."

The Lady Lions will try to master The Orchard's Golf Course, which features small greens, lots of water and rolling hills, Thompson said. It was the site of the 1974 national collegiate championship.

"It's a good test of golf," Thompson said. "They try to make it tougher because it's regional."

Lady harriers host Southern foes

By PETER WALDRON
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Runners from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the bluegrass river regions of Tennessee will converge on Happy Valley this weekend to compete in a test of stamina, skill and speed.

At 11 a.m. tomorrow on the Blue Golf Course, the women's cross country team will host Virginia and Tennessee in a race that is considered by many coaches to be the top matchup in women's collegiate cross-country this year.

Penn State junior Patty Murnane said she is ready for the upcoming meet and said she feels this is the biggest meet of the regular season.

Lady Lion coach Gary Schwartz agreed, adding "Saturday's meet will be the pinnacle of the season before Easterns and nationals."

All three teams emphasize "pace" running and have excellent speed. Schwartz pointed out that Tennessee has as very young squad whereas Penn State and Virginia are more experienced.

UVA will enter the competition with an unblemished record. They have recorded decisive wins over Maryland earlier in the season and Tennessee last weekend.

It is doubtful that Virginia's top runner, Margaret Groos, will be a starter due to a possible stress fracture. UVA's starting contingent consists of Aileen O'Conner, who finished very high in Georgia's Peach Tree road race, Jill Hayworth, freshman Mary Jean Wright, Val Hardine, Kendall Tata, Marisa Schmidt and State College's own Martha White.

Although a very young team, Tennessee has shown some very aggressive running this year. After knocking off top-ranked North Carolina State, 35-38, it continued its winning ways by beating Michigan State. Penn State lost to



Lady Lions Mary Hawe and Peggy Cleary will be pacing the women's cross country team when it hosts Tennessee and Virginia at 11 a.m. tomorrow on the Blue Golf Course.

Michigan State earlier this season. Tennessee has come off of a heavy recruiting year, acquiring two top freshman standouts: Donna McLain—a Pennsylvania AA State champ from York—and Kathy Bryant, an Ohio State champ in the two mile and second runner for Tennessee.

The remainder of starters consists of top runner Lynda Fortasik and Miriam Boyd, both sophomores. Eileen Horn-Michigan State. Penn State lost to

holds the third position.

Top runners for the Lady Lions will be Heather Carmichael, Mary Hawe, Patty Murnane and Peggy Cleary. Also competing for Penn State will be Magda Kubasiewicz, Doreen Sartare, Natalie Updegrave and Julie Sutton.

Schwartz said the race is going to be a challenge. Penn State's talent is comparable to the other two but a lot of the race will depend upon key matchups and pace running.

Lions run up against Wildcats at invite

By RON GARDNER
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The men's cross country team just doesn't believe in easing

After crushing nationally-ranked Fairleigh Dickinson in the Penn State Open last weekend, the Lions will square off against Villanova, a perennial power in Eastern cross country, and four other top teams at the Paul Short Invitational at 11 tomorrow morning in Bethlehem, Pa.

Villanova, led by the trio of Sydney Maree, Kevin Dillon and John Hunter, should provide Penn State with its most difficult competition of the season thus far.

"They have very strong backup for their top runners," Penn State coach Harry Groves said. "Manpower-wise, they're a very solid team."

Last weekend in the Penn State Open, our only focus as far as competition was Fairleigh Dickinson and even that included only their top runners," Groves said.

In the Paul Short Invitational, we will face not only stronger teams, but teams with much more depth. That should provide us with more of a challenge."

Other top team entries in the 10,000-meter (6.2 miles) event are George Mason, Maryland, Massachusetts and Queens University, the Canadian national cross country champions.

George Mason, which defeated Georgetown earlier this season, and Queens University are two teams that would love to knock off Penn State or Villanova, and they may have the talent to do just that, Groves said.

"George Mason would love to beat on Villanova or us to gain themselves a reputation," Groves said. "And Queens could turn out to be a giant killer because nobody seems to know much about them."

The Lions, third at the National Collegiate Athletic Association meet last year run at Bethlehem, will enter 12 men in the competition. Alan Scharus, second to FDU's Solomon Chebor in the Penn State Open, Larry Mangan, Gary Black, Tom Rapp, Jeff Adkins and freshman John Ziska and Dwight Stephens should set the pace for Penn State.

"We feel we have a good team," Groves said. "But we won't be really good until we're tested against equally tough competition."

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