

Women's soccer club files Title IX suit

By TOM SAKELL, Daily Collegian Sports Writer

The women's soccer club recently filed a sex discrimination suit with the federal Office of Civil Rights against the University in a last-ditch attempt to gain varsity status.

Tim Conley, the soccer club coach and adviser, said the University is in violation of Title IX because Penn State does not have a women's varsity soccer program even though it has one for men.

The governing principle behind Title IX, a federal law, is that male and female athletes should receive equal treatment, benefits and opportunities in federally-funded programs and institutions.

In a statement released by the University, the administration said its decision to deny the club varsity status is based solely upon budgetary considerations and the fact that the club is a women's team was not a factor.

Athletic director Joe Paterno said there is not room in the athletic budget for another varsity team.

"I'm thinking about cutting back, and I'm not even giving thought to adding," Paterno said. "We've got budgetary problems. It would be impossible for me to add varsity teams."

The women's soccer club, established in 1977, has asked the University for twice in the past two years, and both times it was turned down.

If the club does not become a varsity team through the suit, it may be forced to disband because of lack of funds, Conley said.

Conley is the club's only coach and is not paid. He said he spends about 25 hours a week working with the club, as well as traveling with the club to all away games.

Conley said the athletic department has been getting a bargain the last two years because the women's soccer club has been competing on par with other varsity teams, despite a lack of funds from the University.

"For the past two years, the University has gotten a varsity team for nothing," he said. "We are a varsity team in every way except for name and funds. We have an off-season and a fall regular season, with practices five days a week."

He said the future of the club depends on attaining varsity status.

"If they're not varsity, the team couldn't compete in AIAW regional or national championships," Conley said. "They won't have adequate medical attention or facilities. There will be no paid coach, and quite possibly, no coach. There would be no high school recruits."

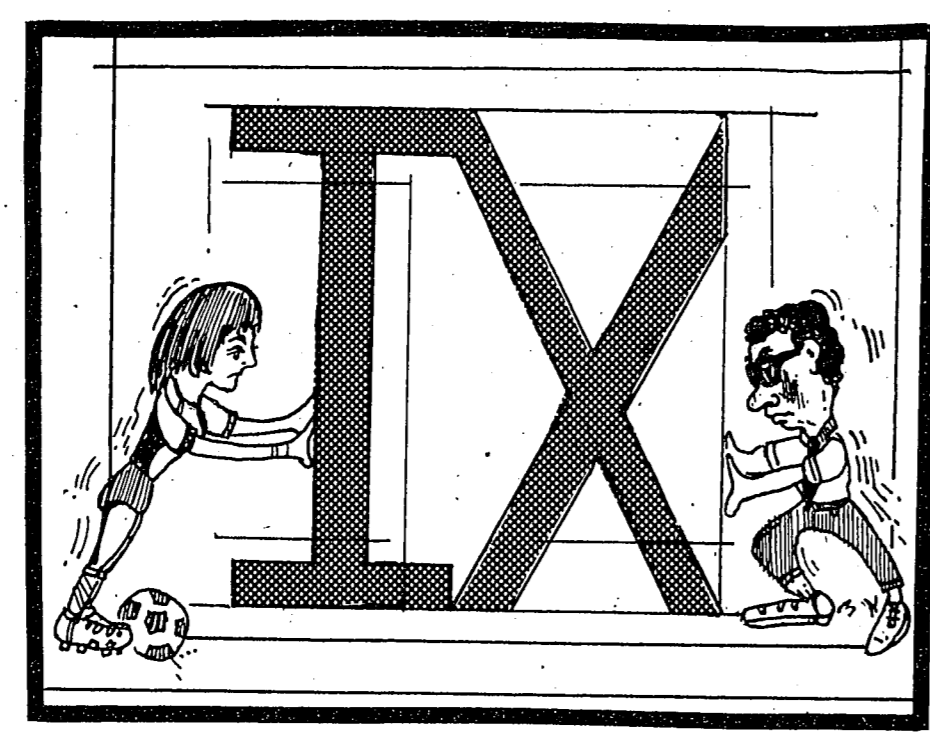
It is difficult to estimate exactly how much a women's varsity soccer program would cost because most of the expense would depend on the coach and his salary. But Conley estimated it would cost about 0.6 percent of the total athletic budget.

"Paterno said what we were asking for is peanuts," club president Elyse Falsetta said. "They tell us we require such a little bit, but then they tell us we can't have it."

Paterno said the fact that it is a women's club seeking varsity status has nothing to do with the University's decision.

"Obviously, we are completely committed to women's athletics," he said. "It's not a sexist thing; I resent that."

"If we had six-tenths of 1 percent in the black, I'd give it to them. We just don't have it," University President



Arthur Ciervo, director of public information and relations for the University, said: "There's not much money to go around. Any sport that tried to get funding right now would not get it. It will be a long time before any other team becomes varsity here."

Conley argued that every men's varsity team at Penn State has a comparable women's team except football and wrestling. The soccer club saw the suit, based on a charge of sexual discrimination, as the only alternative.

"Everyone in the administration was aware of what we would do if we were turned down," Conley said. "Joe Paterno knew it, University President

University has the capabilities to expand its varsity program, the University will have another 90-day period, which would end around Sept. 30, to negotiate funds for an extra varsity team. If the University decides it still does not want to grant the club varsity status, the University can take the matter to court, Carven said.

Both Paterno and Ciervo said it is too early to tell whether the University would take the matter to court if that should happen.

By the time the University decides whether or not to take the case to court, the women would be in the middle of their fall season. Conley said a fall season must be declared for a varsity team well ahead of time.

"We don't want to have conflicts with the University," Ciervo said. "We didn't want to start trouble, but I think we messed ourselves by waiting too long."

The club has established itself as a good team in its past two seasons. It posted an 8-5 record this past fall, playing both varsity and club teams. Last year, Penn State was the only club team invited to the Eastern AIAW regional tournament. At an indoor tournament last winter, the club beat England State, the outdoor national champion, and the club also toured England last May and June. The members of the club paid all of their own expenses.

"They're a very good team," said Anna Rush, the women's soccer coach at Cortland State. "The club definitely deserves varsity status, and Penn State does, too. They have a high caliber of play and are certainly ready to be a varsity team."

"We have beaten varsity teams by

scores of 17-0, and we beat (Penn State) 2-1 (outdoors). It was a very tough game. We want to keep them on our schedule whether they are varsity or club."

Penn State boasts 31 intercollegiate men's and women's varsity teams, one of the largest programs in the country. But in recent years, Paterno said, money hasn't flowed quite as freely through the athletic department as in the past.

"Between 1968-1975, that's eight years, we went to seven major (football) bowls," Paterno said. "In the last five years, we've gone to one major bowl. That's where we get our appreciable amount of money. We have diminishing income and increased sports costs are going up. All varsity sports get grants from the state."

Besides club dues from each of its 40-50 members, the club is partially supported by funds that are appropriated to all clubs by the Association of Student Affairs.

"As a club, they received major funding. It's comparable to ice hockey," said Vance McCullough, head of club funds appropriation. "Currently, women's soccer receives about less than 10 percent of what they need to run a varsity sport."

The men's and women's volleyball teams were granted varsity status in 1976, the last varsity teams the University approved. Men's volleyball coach Tom Tait said the club funds the men's team received were approximately 10 percent of the varsity budget. Gaining varsity status, even when there was a lot more money in the athletic budget than there is now, was not easy, Tait said.

"It was not a fun process; it was a very difficult time," he said.

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Laxers erupt to win season opener, 23-9

By DAVE PACCHIOLO, Daily Collegian Sports Writer

To anyone arriving during the pregame warmups for the men's lacrosse game Saturday, it should have been obvious the game in the Blue and White had no intention of folding around.

The Lions went through drills as if they hadn't taken a day off, and soon after the opening face-off, it became apparent Lehigh would serve as a pushover.

Penn State hammered the Engineers 23-9, and as the saying goes, it wasn't really that close. Thirteen Lions shared in the scoring, and every player on the Penn State roster saw action as the Lions rolled to an 11-0 halftime edge and then coasted through the final two quarters on the AstroTurf practice field.

Lehigh's first-year coach, Pete Von Hoffman, refused to pull any punches in acknowledging his team's defeat.

"What if got down to was Penn State came out here in its first game of the year psyched to blow somebody off the field, and our guys backed down," he said.

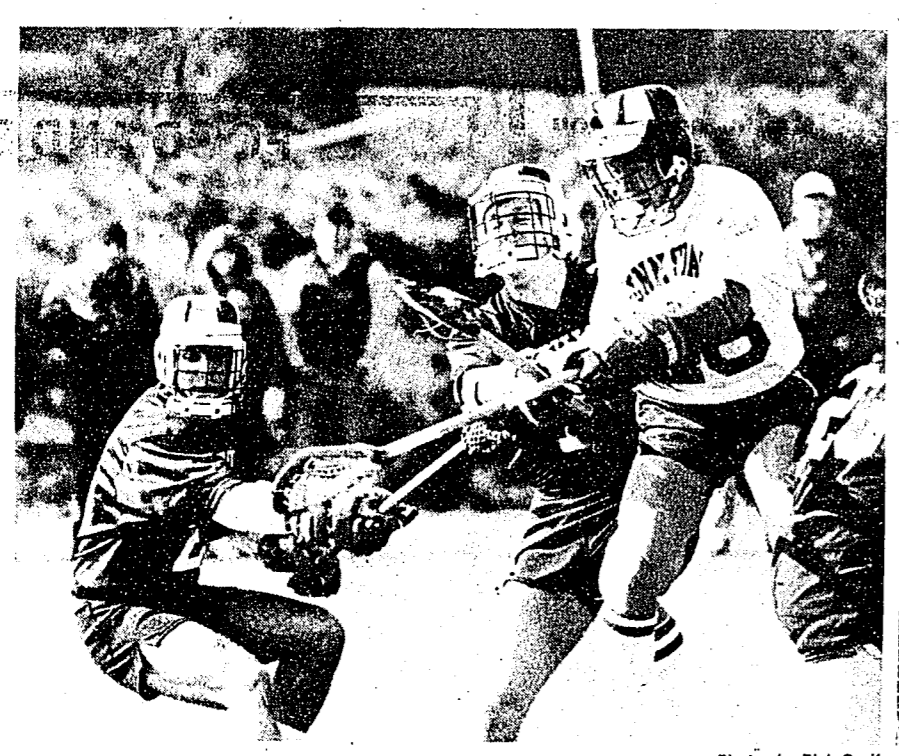
Penn State coach Glenn Thiel was quietly pleased with the Lions' season-opening outing.

"It was a good opener," he said. "We moved the ball well and ran well. These guys have been practicing for a long time, waiting for a game like this."

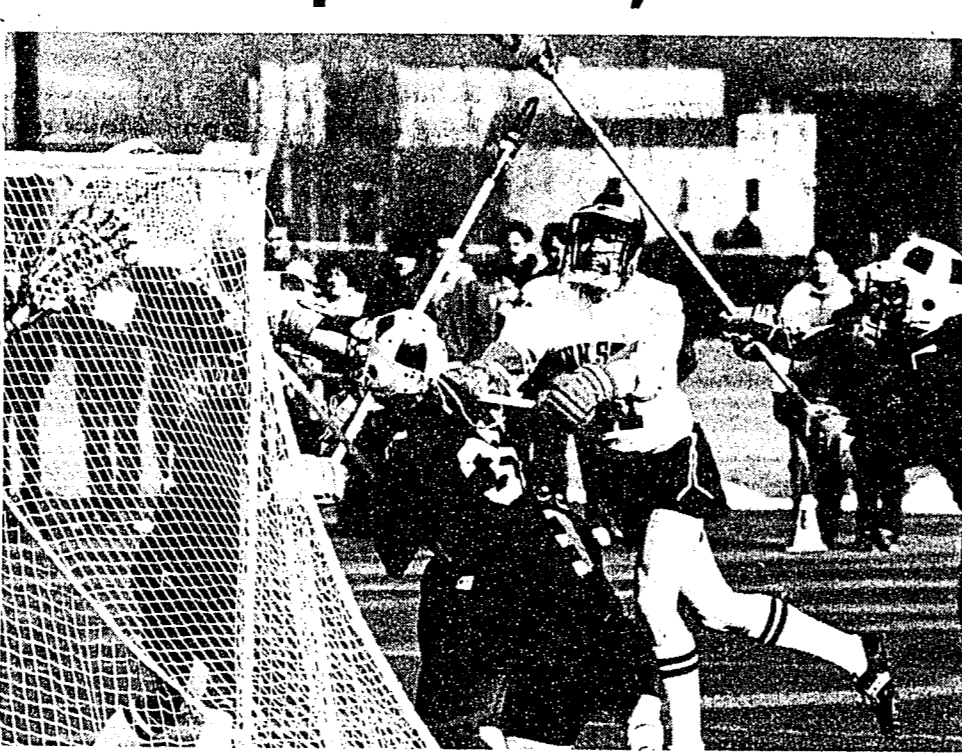
The newly-created firm of Staropoli and Martin led the way for Penn State, as attackman Jay Staropoli scored five goals — four on assists from freshman Gary Martin. Martin finished with five assists.

Penn State's Tom Lion, another freshman, added three goals and an assist, and veteran midfielder Bill Turri also turned the bat trick. Turri said the team's attitude about this season is a very positive one, and that attitude was reflected in Saturday's game.

"We were ready to play," Turri said. "We want to get some recognition in the Top 15, and to do that we just have to go



Lions Tim Flanagan (left) and John Schmitt (right) scored back-to-back goals in the first period of the men's lacrosse team's 23-9 victory over Lehigh at the AstroTurf practice field.



The final quarter turned a bit sloppy as Staropoli and Lion, who were the Hawks' found themselves down by 16 points with the game less than 17 minutes out.

Martin, 'Star' find 5 lucky against Lehigh

By BOB GROVE, Daily Collegian Sports Writer

Moments before the first half of the men's lacrosse game ended Saturday, Lehigh defenseman Brian McGuinness just shook his head in frustration.

His team was taking a beating, and Penn State attackers Jay Staropoli and Gary Martin were much to blame for that.

The pair put on quite a show Saturday as Staropoli scored five times and Martin handed out five assists to pace the Lions' 23-9 opening game romp.

Their performance was good enough to make Penn State coach Glenn Thiel smile after the game.

"They're going to be a good combination," he said. "They weren't tested that much, so they probably had more points than natural."

"But they both played very well. They really complement each other because Gary's a good feeder, and 'Star' was just putting the shots in the goal today."

"That's probably what Lehigh goalie Steve Schmitz was saying after the game, too."

Staropoli beat him for Penn State's fourth goal of the game at 10:28 of the first period. The 6-4 sophomore scored his second goal of the game just 1:48 later after taking a perfect pass in the crease from Martin, who was positioned behind the net.

Little did Schmitz know the pair was just warming up.

After Martin fed junior Bill Turri for Turri's second goal of the game at 2:09 of the second period, he set up Staropoli for two more goals just 1:17 apart.

Staropoli scored his fifth goal at 7:39 of the third period, stretching the Lions' lead to 14-4. Martin assisted on that goal, too.

"He's a big man, so it's a little easier to do," Martin said of feeding Staropoli, who had 17 goals last season.

Thiel is hoping the two will play a big part in Penn State's offense this season.

"Staropoli could have had 20 goals last year," he said. "He was really inexperienced and didn't have the confidence."

"I think he can have big games all the time this year with (freshman attacker Tom) Lion and Martin feeding him. They're good feeders and he's gonna get goals."

Staropoli gave freshman Martin some of the credit for his performance.

"It was nice scoring five goals," he said, "but playing with Gary Martin makes it a little easier."

Lehigh first-year coach Pete Von Hoffman agreed with that assessment.

"We've been doing well together," Martin said. "That's what the coach likes — me and (Staropoli) get along well, he'll be liberally throughout the contest."

Lucky for Penn State. Unlucky for people like Brian McGuinness, Steve Schmitz and Pete Von Hoffman.

Indiana, Louisiana State victorious; make Final Four

By JOHN NIELSON, AP Sports Writer

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Ray Tolbert and Landon Turner provided the muscle and Isiah Thomas applied the muscle yesterday to give Indiana a 78-66 victory over St. Joseph's, Pa., and sent the Hoosiers into their fifth Final Four appearance.

Thomas had 12 assists and 8 points to spearhead an Indiana offense that has grown rich with efficiency.

"At the beginning of the year, Isiah was a bit reluctant to say 'This is the way we're going to do it.' But that reluctance has dissipated over the season," said Indiana coach Bobby Knight, who will try for his second NCAA title as a coach in the past five years next weekend in Philadelphia.

"Isiah has done a great job taking over," Knight said. "If you're going to be good, this leadership has to come from somebody on the floor. By doing this, Isiah not only made the team better, but it made him a better player, too."

Turner, who fouled out with 11:12 to play and Tolbert each scored 14 points as Indiana completely dominated the inside, holding a 33-21 rebound edge.

And Turner, a 6-10 junior, and Tolbert, a 6-9 senior, were the men who so stymied St. Joseph's offense that the Hawks came away with a 33 percent field goal mark for the game.

At the same time, Turner hit 7-of-8 shots and Tolbert 6-of-8 to contribute to Indiana's 68.6 field goal percentage.

"Tolbert's play has been excellent," Knight said. "There's no doubt in my mind that he was the Most Valuable Player in the Big Ten this year. His play from the beginning of the conference season was instrumental in us winning the championship."

Knight won his only other NCAA title in 1976, five years next weekend in Philadelphia.

The loss ended the Cinderella story of the Hawks, whose stunning 49-40 upset of top-ranked DePaul in the regionals got them to Bloomington.

"We were hoping at the outset to spread their defense," said Hawks coach Jim Lynam, who was a

player for St. Joe's when the team made its only Final Four appearance in 1961. "But Indiana's such a terrific defensive team, baskets are hard to come by."

The Indiana defenders so beleaguered St. Joe's that the Hawks found themselves down by 16 points with the game less than 17 minutes out.

"When you fall behind very early like we did, any kind of a spread offense becomes that much less effective," Lynam said.

Guard Randy Wittman had all 8 of his points before the half, and he set out the second half, as Knight rested his starters for the trip to Philadelphia.

Jim Thomas replaced Wittman and scored 10 of his 12 points after intermission. Isiah Thomas added 8 points, but it was his ballhandling and leadership that paid off for Big Ten champion Indiana, 24-9.

St. Joe's, 25-8, champions of the East Coast Conference, was trying for its second Final Four berth. The Hawks finished third in the 1961 tournament, but all record of their appearance that year was erased from the books when the team was disqualified for using an ineligible player.

Schmitz at 9-45.

The defense played really well, although I'm not sure we were really tested. "This opener had to make only five saves for Penn State, Thiel said his goalie's light workout would not effect the defense against Syracuse.

"We'll get plenty of work in practice," Thiel said.

Turri said the Lions will have no trouble coming off Saturday's easy win to face the Orangemen.

"Everybody knows who Syracuse is," he said.

NOTES: The final shots-on-goal totals were somewhat misleading: Penn State 54, Lehigh 42. . . Lehigh played deary for six second-period penalties as Penn State converted four into power play goals.

Ozcam ignites Lions in invite win

By STEVE GRAHAM, Daily Collegian Sports Writer

While sitting on the Tee Hall bleachers Saturday night in front of a few Turkish-speaking folks, some spectators couldn't help but notice the giggles emanating from directly behind them. After all, in the eyes of those people, the public address announcer for the championship match of the Penn State Volleyball Invitational was making a slanderous attempt to correctly pronounce the last name of the Lions' Ahmet Ozcam.

Ozcam, you see, is a native of Istanbul, Turkey, and a new addition to the men's volleyball team. His contributions to the team have been manifold, as was evidenced Saturday night when he helped guide the Lions to the tournament crown by downing BACA of Philadelphia 7-15, 15-10 and 15-8.

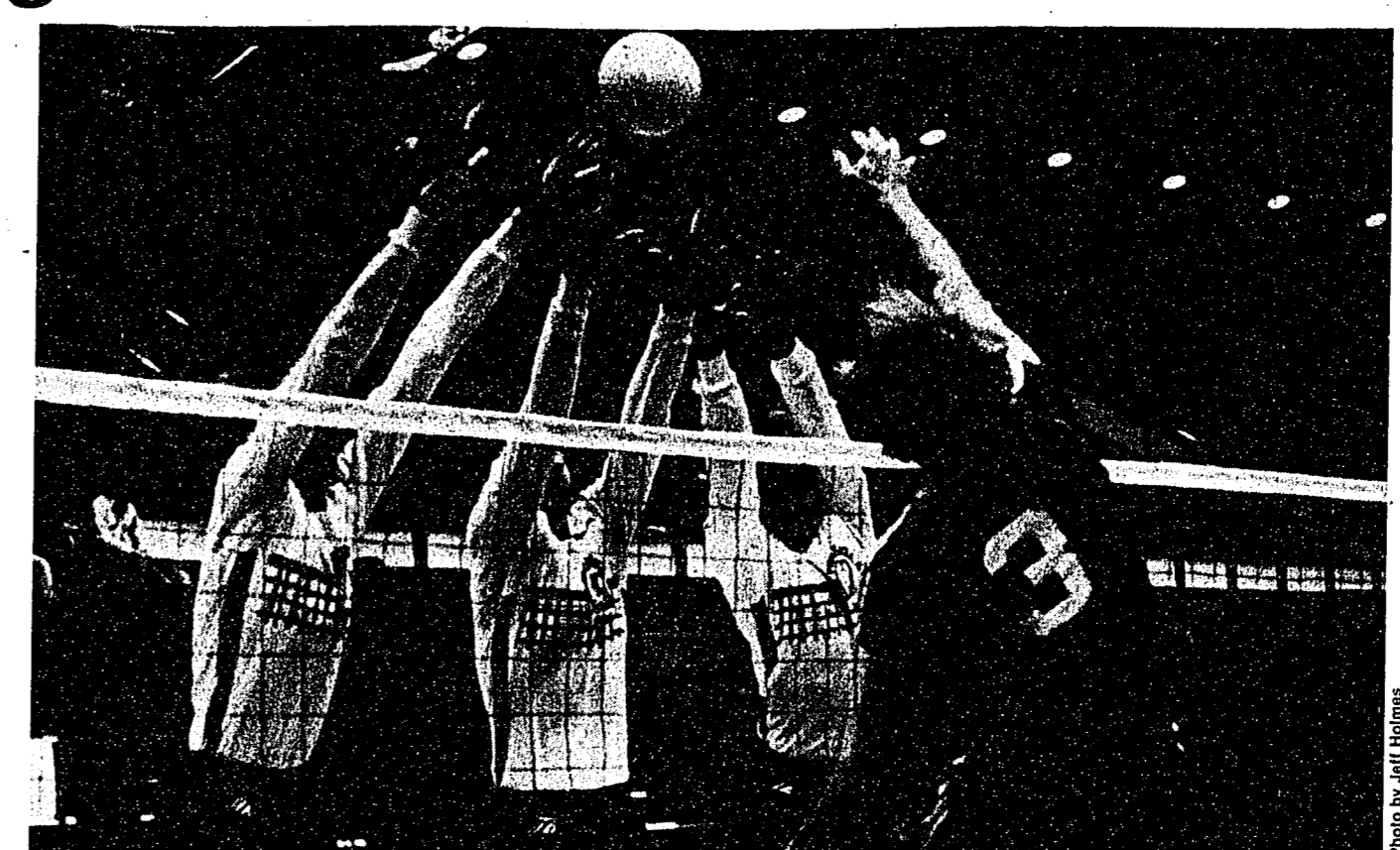
And at 7 tonight, he will again lead the Lions when they take on Pitt in an Eastern Collegiate Volleyball League match at Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald Field House.

Ozcam will tell you he would like his last name pronounced "oz-chum." He will also tell you, as will his friends who came to watch him play Saturday night, that the announcer butchered his name by pronouncing it "oz-chum" with a heavy emphasis on the "oozoo."

But that's OK with Ozcam. He just laughs things like that off and goes about his business intimidating opposing defenses with his 45-inch vertical leap and thunderous spikes — spikes that are so hard that one of his Turkish comrades remarked after an Ozcam kill shot, "Put an ice cube on it."

Ozcam is a cool customer. In fact, Penn State head coach Tom Tait will tell you that, until last week, Ozcam was too cool. During a game, Ozcam was often afraid to speak up on the floor for fear his teammates might not respect his judgment.

But things are different now. Last week at practice, Tait appointed his outside attacker as floor captain in an effort to get Ozcam more involved in the Lions' scheme of things. The result has



Lions Steve Hunkins, Chuck Kegerreis and Mike Gordon (left to right) helped the volleyball team beat the BACA club team from Philadelphia, 7-15, 15-10 and 15-8, Saturday night at Tee Hall to win the Penn State Volleyball Invitational title.

been a more emotional, more verbal, and most importantly, a more intense Penn State team.

"We had to get him to start talking," Lion middle blocker Mark Kraynik said. "He was kind of laid-back."

The Lions were anything but laid-back during the Invitational, which featured seven United States Volleyball Association club teams. In winning six of eight games in round robin play, Penn State coasted by Marvot, BACA and Buffalo-Rochester to advance to the semifinals against Meadville.

Loose and free-wheeling, the Lions breezed to a 15-3 triumph in the first semifinal game, prompting Meadville player/coach Denny Patton to quip: "I

know that they're good, but I'm just wondering how good they are."

It didn't take him long to find out. Despite a sluggish start, Penn State held Meadville to one point the rest of the way in posting a 15-3 win. Patton, being realistic, said his team didn't stand a chance of beating the Lions in the best-of-three confrontation.

"They're too young and in too good condition," Patton said. "I've seen Penn State three times this year. They really have a nice squad. Tait's really done a fantastic job here. I knew him when he didn't know a volleyball had air in it."

Against BACA in the championship

match, the Lions staged a fierce comeback behind the aggressive net play of Kraynik, Ozcam and junior middle blocker Chuck Kegerreis. The comeback was a scenario not normally associated with this year's squad.

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Bizal earns All-America at AIAW swim nationals

By KATHY ANDREWS, Daily Collegian Sports Writer

By the end of the AIAW national swimming and diving championship in Columbia, S.C., Saturday night, Lady Lion swimmers had broken three school records, and Penn State coach Ellen Perry was once again pleased with the women's performances.

"We're not disappointed with the performances," Perry said. "I'm very pleased with them. Even though we were not at full strength, we set three team records, which means we swam well."

One record was set by Sandy Bizal in the 100-yard butterfly event Wednesday night with entries in the 50-yard butterfly and the 400-yard medley relay. The medley relay team of Millard, Julie Sygenda, Bizal and Bobbi Anne Mabeck finished 36th in the old record of 57.22.

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Bizal was responsible for breaking another school record Saturday night in the first leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay. Although the relay team, which consisted of Linda Krausser, finished 23rd, Bizal swam

the first leg in 52.90 seconds. That time broke the old record of 53.01 held by teammate Megan Tompkins.

Before the four-day competition was over, Bizal had captured another award. For the third straight year, she received the Coaches' All-America title, this time for her 26.25, clocking in the 50-yard butterfly during the first day of competition. Bizal placed 15th in the event and scored State's only three team points.

The other Lady Lion record was set Friday night by the 800-yard freestyle relay team of Krausser, Katy McQuaid, Millard and Post, who swam the race in 7:41.80.

The Lady Lions began competition Wednesday night with entries in the 50-yard butterfly and the 400-yard medley relay. The medley relay team of Millard, Julie Sygenda, Bizal and Bobbi Anne Mabeck finished 36th in the old record of 57.22.

In action Thursday night, the 200-yard medley team of Bizal, Millard, Post and Mabeck finished 20th with a time of 1:50.26. Perry said the team swam well considering the caliber of competition it faced.

Overall, Penn State, with three points, finished 31st out of 78 schools. Texas finished first with 482 points, followed by Stanford, the University of North Carolina and Arizona State.

Track coach 'Jumbo' Elliott dies

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — James F. "Jumbo" Elliott, track coach at Villanova University since 1955, died of a heart attack yesterday at a family condominium here, family members said.

Elliott was 67 and had coached numerous world-class athletes from all over the world, including Marty Liquori, Don Paige, Paul Drayton, South African

Sydney Maree, and brought prominence to Villanova's track program.

Villanova public relations director Eugene J. Ruane said Elliott had breakfast with his son, daughter and son-in-law, returned to bed, and could not be awakened.

Elliott's wife, Catherine, died Feb. 21 after a long illness. But friends said the coach seemed in good health.

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