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Watch out for fallen Rock

By JEFF SCHULER
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The football team has its Colgate, the men's basketball team has its Loyola, and the women's basketball team has its Edinboro.

"But they weren't intimidated. Their goalkeeper played extremely well. And their defense played well, too."
What their defense played was a zone, one which Rattray said she figures the Lady Lions will see plenty of in the future.

"Unfortunately, I think we will see it a lot," she said. "We're a fast team and a passing team, and that's how you beat that style of play. It's a shame, because you lose some of the fitness that you have when you play man-to-man."
Zone or not, the Rockets joined the list of teams that couldn't stop the Lady Lions duo of Thompson and Candy Finn. Finn scored four goals and assisted on another, while Thompson set up two and scored two herself. But the duo was quiet in the second half, Thompson only getting an assist.

Defense not that lax, just cold and untested

By BOB GROVE
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It's like the difference between being sent to battle on the front line and being assigned to wash the general's car and having to drive it to the front once a week.

Which was not too often — the Lady Rockets managed just 13 shots on the Penn State goal.
By the time Slippery Rock's Janice Wright scored her team's only goal of the second half with just 21 seconds left, it was evident the Lady Lions' concentration was off a bit.

"Not one of their goals should have gone in," Rattray said. "That last goal was a lack of concentration that occurred at the end of a game that wasn't exciting — I saw it coming."
Logan agreed with her coach.

"But when you play on this team, (standing around) is something you expect. Especially when the Lady Lions play Slippery Rock, Rattray said.

"It's tough to get excited for a game like this — it's not helping our soccer program to play a game like this."



Penn State's Lynn Thompson (23) and Laurie Hoke (15) scuffle with Slippery Rock goalie Debbie Talbot for a loose ball during the Lady Lions' 10-3 romp yesterday at Lady Lion Field.

"We had a long layoff (10 days between Towson and William & Mary) and now we're getting into the season. It's good to have games no matter what the competition is like."

"This game wasn't. By the time Slippery Rock got its first goal at 16:57 on a bouncing shot by Lauri Pillo, Penn State had its 5-0 lead behind three goals from Candy Finn and two from Thompson. By halftime the Lions had a 30-7 advantage in shots on goal, and a 7-0 lead on the scoreboard.

In fact, the final result could have been much worse if it wasn't for the play of Rocket goalie Debbie Talbot. Most of the action took place in her end of the field, and the Lady Lions bombarded her with 66 shots, 31 of which she saved, a record for a Penn State opponent.

But all those shots didn't mean the Penn State offense was clicking in high gear. Penn State coach Gillian Rattray saw some flaws in the machine that is averaging 14 goals per game.

Women's coaches ponder move to NCAA

By DENISE BACHIMAN
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With the deadline for making a determination to the AIAW championships for next season less than a month away, some coaches of women's athletic teams at Penn State already have a definite idea as to whether they would like to stick with AIAW or opt for NCAA championships.

"The NCAA is the better of the two evils," basketball coach Rene Portland said. "I don't think the NCAA is perfect, but it is a little more consistent than the AIAW, and that's really why we're leaning towards it right now."

Lacrosse and field hockey coach Gillian Rattray, however, is leaning in the opposite direction, although she may be forced to change her position.

"Philosophically, I'm still with the AIAW," Rattray said, "but I'm realistic enough to realize that if the majority of the top schools are going

NCAA, I don't want to weaken our position. That's not fair to the athletes."
"Someone said to me, 'What will you do if all schools in field hockey go NCAA?' Well, I'm not going to kill my chances of good competition for a team that we worked so hard to get to the top that I'm going to stand out there for the principle of the thing and say, 'OK, I'm AIAW. We have no one to play but I'm AIAW. It's a tough one.'"

Even though their coaches do not agree upon the same championship structure, both Rattray and Portland will be allowed to have their teams compete in the championships of their choosing next year, provided that the athletic department agrees.

"When the NCAA voted in January to admit women into its governing structure for the first time in its 75-year history, it gave coaches four years to experiment with their individual sports before their entire institution must make a commitment. May 1 is the determination date for next year's AIAW championships.

"I'm not trying to make quick decisions. And I'm looking at it from the standpoint where I think my program may be at its best next season, so I feel that right now I am interested in going NCAA."
"I train my athletes to be the top team in the region, and if we achieve our goal and are the top team in the region, there's a greater opportunity to either AIAW or NCAA championships. The latter option would give teams for which the NCAA offers no championships an opportunity to compete for postseason honors.

Volleyball coach Russell Rose, named to the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association Division 1 women's volleyball committee to help develop NCAA championships for 1981, said he sees the interim period as an opportunity for coaches to weigh the costs and benefits of going NCAA in their respective sports before making a commitment.

"The thing is for each coach to figure out what is best for his program in the future," he said, "and not try to make quick decisions. And I'm looking at it from the standpoint where I think my program may be at its best next season, so I feel that right now I am interested in going NCAA."

Spikers in good hands with Pittsburgh

By STEVE GRAHAM
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If men's volleyball coach Tom Tait had become an insurance salesman, you'd have a hard time convincing him to sell a policy to Pitt's men's volleyball team.

Tait would concede that the Panthers don't live in a neighborhood ridden with vandalism and they don't even buzz around campus raising havoc in their souped-up automobiles.

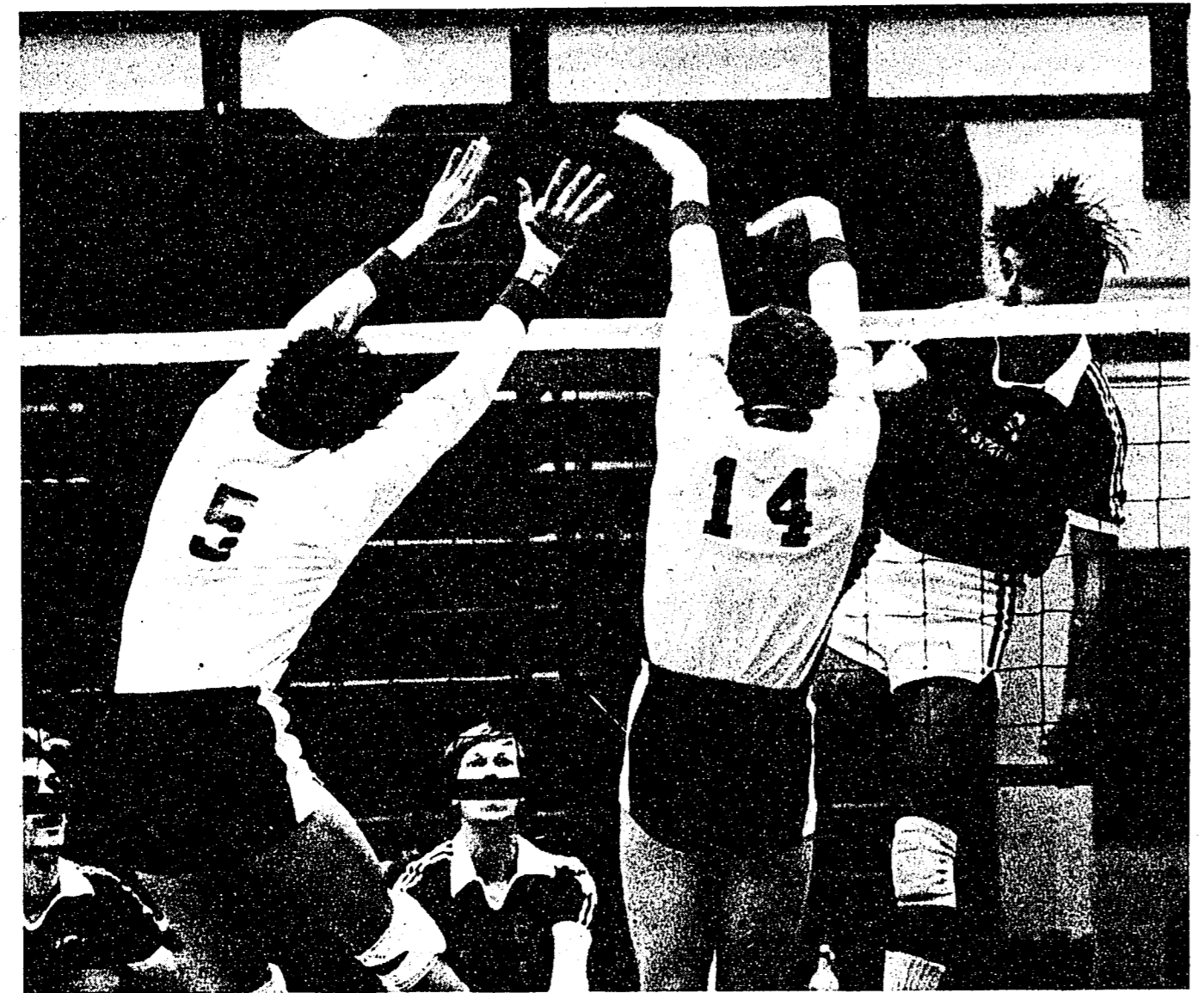
But he would also tell you that by employing a high-risk offense, the Panthers might even run Prudential into bankruptcy.

Pittsburgh is hoping its offensive attack won't be a major liability when it meets Penn State (25-3) in an Eastern Collegiate Volleyball League match at 7 tonight in Rec Hall.

The Panthers, who have succumbed in two previous encounters with the Lions this year, will need to be near-perfect in their execution if they hope to overcome the Lions' dreaded front line of 6-5 Chuck Kegerreis, 6-6 Steve Hunkins and 6-1 Ahmet Ozcam.

And if Penn State's experience this season is any indication, it won't be easy for Pitt to successfully use a high-risk attack, which consists of making quick sets predominantly to the middle of the court.

"The reason why you would go with a high-risk attack," Tait said, "is it's difficult for a team to stop a team without making some major adjustments."
"Pitt earlier in the year made error after error after error. As the year goes along, they get better and better running a high-risk offense."



Ahmet Ozcam (right) will lead the men's volleyball team when Penn State hosts Pittsburgh at 7 tonight in Rec Hall.

Conn saddened by Louis' death

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former light heavyweight champion Billy Conn said he was saddened by his visit nine days ago with former heavyweight champion Joe Louis, who died Sunday.

"I knew it would be the last time I would see him," the Pittsburgh resident said. "He understood you, but he couldn't speak. He was confined to a bed and had a nurse there. It was sad," the 62-year-old former fighter said.

Forty years ago, Conn met Louis at the Polo Grounds in the first of two unsuccessful challenges for the heavyweight title.

"I hurt him in the 12th round," Conn recalled. "But I didn't listen to the guys in my corner. You can win in points in three more rounds," they told me.

"But I wanted to knock him out, and I made a mistake. Instead of trying to outbox him, I tried to outslug him. He was too big and too strong and he hit me with everything, about 25 real good shots."
"He knocked me down, and the referee stopped it," Conn said. "The referee should have let him kill me, I was that stupid."

The two fought again in 1946 at Yankee Stadium. Louis won by a knockout in the eighth round.
"Joe was the best of all time. He was great," Conn said. "He did everything the right way, and he didn't make many mistakes."
"Boxing didn't take its toll on Joe. No one ever was around long enough to hit him that often. Old age caught him, that's all."

Court, foes explode on netmen

By MARIA MARTINO
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The men's tennis team had one bang-up of a weekend at Kent State.

Burns, last year's NCAA Division III champion, also beat Schillings in singles action 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

"It was unbelievable. It blew up three or four pieces of court that were 15 or 20 feet in diameter. They called in the emergency crew, but the boys who were playing were lucky."

"They were changing sides and lowering down at the time of the explosion," he said. "If they had been on the court, they could have been killed. It shook everyone up."

An electrical overload supposedly caused the accident, Cathrall said. "The explosion wasn't the only thing that shook the Lions up. Once again they couldn't overcome their aversion to playing on the road, as they lost two of three matches, beating only their host, Kent State."

"Our jmaia problem," Penn State's Tom Beckhard said, "is that we can't seem to play the close matches."
"We didn't play badly," Royer said. "We just didn't adjust to the indoor conditions as well as we should have."

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Miami's Steve Isleib 6-7, 7-5, 6-1 to account for the 1/2 points.
Kent State then fell to Penn State 7-1 in the only Lion victory of the long, windy weekend.

"The top two players in Kent State's lineup are pretty good," Beckhard said, "but the bottom half is kind of weak. The other teams were pretty solid, though."

"The Lions, who have had trouble playing outdoors, were rained out after three-quarters of the Miami match and were forced to finish inside. Immediately after the Miami match, they played Kent State in what proved to be a very quick match."

"Our doubles are really getting bad right now," Beckhard said. "Coach thinks we're not being aggressive enough that we're letting them make all the plays. That could be true. But Bill

(Pilardi, his doubles partner) and I were getting aggressive in the second match, and we played really well."
Because the Miami match lasted so long and Schillings needed until 10:30 p.m. to beat Kent State's Tony Bebo in three sets, the Lions skipped the No. 1 doubles competition against Kent State, winning both No. 2 and No. 3 doubles.

"I kept those guys working hard," Cathrall said. "It was a very disappointing weekend."
The Lions will again take their game on the road, if it doesn't rain, at 3 p.m. today to meet Bucknell.

"They're not a perennial powerhouse," Cathrall said, "but they're a good team. They're just in the Mid-Atlantic Conference and Bloomsburg's won that title the past few years."

Lady Lions record net loss

By DEAN LONGO
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The women's tennis team went to the University of Maryland this weekend with hopes of coming home with a strong regional victory. Those hopes were dashed, however, as Maryland won, 7-2.

The Lady Lions could only salvage one singles victory over the Lady Terps when freshman Zenia Matkivsky beat Maryland's Davis 6-1, 6-0 and one doubles win as Carole Daniels and Anne Beasley won 6-4, 6-2. Although Penn State did not fare well score-wise, Lady Lion coach Candy Royer said she felt the team played well.

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Co-captain Carole Zajac agreed with Royer. "We didn't adjust to the situation as well as we did," Zajac said. "They played better than we did that day. We did not think that much difference. She said that the Lady Terps had to adjust just as much as Penn State and it should not have made such an impact on the outcome of the match."

Beasley also said the team was playing on a surface that it was not used to, but added that the surface really didn't make that much difference. She said that the Lady Terps had to adjust just as much as Penn State and it should not have made such an impact on the outcome of the match.

"The match showed us that we have a lot of work to do in order to do well at regionals," Beasley said. "We'll have to come back against them in order to do well at regionals."

Lions' Coles out with broken bone

A broken bone has ended the spring drills of Penn State tailback Joel Coles.

Coles, a junior from Pittsburgh, said he suffered a fracture to the fifth metatarsal of his left foot during drills last Wednesday and will be sidelined for four to six weeks. A cast was not necessary, he said.

The first-place finish enabled the club to be the reserve (second) championship school of the 22 Region 5 (Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania) teams. Centenary, which placed third at Gaithersburg, won the championship. Penn State also had an individual champion as Clark was the high point champion western rider in the region.

The club will host its own meet — and the final International Horse Show Association meet of the season — this Saturday.

Coles was third on the team in rushing last year with 406 yards on 75 carries, including a team-high 151 yards against North Carolina State. He is listed second at tailback on the spring depth chart behind junior Curt Warner.

The equestrian club had six individual championships to capture high point college honors at a meet of 18 schools hosted by Maryland at Gaithersburg, Md., over the weekend.

Penn State riders capturing first place honors included: Lynn Bowser, open horsemanship over fences; Tammy Clark, advance stock seat equitation; Colene Hovsey and Sara Shute, open horsemanship on the flat; Renee Nodine, novice horsemanship on the flat; and Cathy Kierner, beginner stock seat equitation.

McCluskey, who averaged 17 points this past season at Saddleback, will have two years of eligibility remaining. He is a former teammate of Kevin Magee, the second-leading scorer in the country last season from the University of California-Irvine.

McCluskey is coach Dick Harter's second signee this far. Last week, Harter landed a prospective point guard in 6-1 Dwight Gibson of Uniondale, N.Y.

Gibson, who had narrowed his choices to Penn State and Syracuse, averaged 22 points and eight assists a game last season for Uniondale High School.

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