

Bowlers drop to 12th in latest poll

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It comes as no surprise that the women's bowling team is again rated No. 1 in the latest poll by the Bowling Writers Association of America.

It is rather surprising, however, to Penn State coach Don Ferrell that the men's bowling team dropped from 10th to 12th in the rankings.

"I believe the people who vote have a tough job," Ferrell said. "They don't really get a chance to see all the teams bowl; they have to go on the final scores."

"The fact is, we have a very fine collegiate team. We had some outstanding sectional roll-offs; our team came back from adversity to beat a strong Robert Morris team."

Going into the final round of the Association of College Unions-International sectional tournament, Robert Morris was ahead by 101 pins. The Lions needed an inspired performance in the last two games, and they responded by overwhelming Robert Morris by more than 300 pins.

Although Ferrell finds the No. 12 rating slightly puzzling, one reason for the team's drop was the loss of a key player.

in the fact that the rankings were released before the sectional roll-offs. Another reason may have to do with the Lions' only loss of the season—a 11½-7½ defeat at the hands of Villanova.

"I believe that it (the No. 12 ranking) is fair because of that loss to Villanova," Lion bowler John Dombrowski said. "But since it is after sectionals, I think we may be ranked higher next time."

Bowler Lennie Leon did not see it quite

Mumphrey no April Fool for Yankees

By HERSCHEL NISSENSEN
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NEW YORK (AP) — When Jerry Mumphrey was told the night of March 31 he had been traded from the last-place San Diego Padres to the first-place New York Yankees, he suspected it might be an April Fool's joke.

There was a get-together for players training in the area at my agent's house in Pleasanton, Calif., Mumphrey recalls. "Lenny Randle (of the Seattle Mariners) said he heard on the news that I was traded."

Mumphrey thought it over. First, he considered the fact that April 1 was a few hours away. Finally, he decided Randle "had no reason to lie." So Mumphrey and his agent "called to find out if it was true."

It was. The Yankees had been trying to reach Mumphrey but couldn't locate him. Once they touched base, they promptly

the same way as Dombrowski.

"We have a better record (16-1) than most of the teams ranked higher than us," Leon said. "We had good representation in Wallington, N.J., for the AMF tournament, and we had good representation in Ohio State's singles tournament. I can't understand why we dropped."

Team captain Terry Sanson has said he thinks the writers tend to look down on

teams from the East, a situation which is common in other sports as well as bowling.

At any rate, the Lions will get their chance to prove they are worthy of a better fate. The National Collegiate Match-Game Championships are coming up in two weeks, and the National Collegiate Championships will be played in May. Who knows? Maybe the No. 1 spot is within reach.

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installed the 28-year-old switch-hitter in center field, batting second in the order between Willie Randolph and Dave Winfield.

Mumphrey was rather stunned by the suddenness of it all. "I didn't expect to be here," he says.

After four years as a semi-regular with the St. Louis Cardinals, Mumphrey was traded to Cleveland on Dec. 7, 1979. Two months later, the Indians shipped him to San Diego, where he had his most productive season. He batted .298 — .328 over the second half — with four homers and 59 RBIs but, more important to the Yankees' scheme of things, he covered center field like a glove and stole 52 bases in 57 attempts.

Once the surprise wore off, Mumphrey was eager to accept his new role. "I was sort of shocked," he admits. "But I was traded to a great organization, and it could be a great opportunity for me."

Cancellations

Softball

The softball team's away game with Adelphi yesterday was canceled because of rain. A make-up date has not been set.

Tennis

The men's tennis team's away match with Bucknell scheduled for yesterday was postponed until May 5.

Phillies

READING, Pa. (AP) — The exhibition baseball game scheduled for last night between the Philadelphia Phillies and their Reading Phillies farm club was postponed because of rain.

The contest has been rescheduled for April 30 at Reading Municipal Stadium, according to Julian McCracken, spokesman for the Reading team.

The Phillies resume major league action tonight against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Veterans Stadium.

Sobansky's shot at Lady Lion track successful

By PETE WALDRON
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In 1977, Elaine Sobansky was just a freshman at Trinity High School in Washington, Pa. And like other high school students her age — naive and unsure — she was willing to try new things.

Before high school, Sobansky had never picked up a shot put or a discus. Then a junior at the time, Gina Platt, who later competed at Auburn, coaxed Sobansky into going out for track. Sobansky, unsure, decided to try it — and she liked it.

Though she was not sure if heaving a shot put or discus was her thing, she decided to stick with it.

Now, in 1981, Sobansky is a freshman at Penn State, and is she ever happy with her 1977 decision.

"I am really glad that I stuck with it," Sobansky said. "It took me so far. I made two national teams and had the chance to travel. I wouldn't have done this without track."

"My parents always told us when we go out for a sport that we couldn't quit. That was a big reason why I stayed with it. — I couldn't quit. But when you look back, that was good. You could go out for so many sports and quit before you could get any benefit from it."

Sobansky's high school coach, Gerry Chambers, had nothing but praise for her as an athlete and a person.

"The fact that she stuck with us," Chambers said, "was an indication of not only her non-quitting attitude but also her personal attitude to set goals. Elaine always strived to win a championship or to set a record."

Sobansky has already set new goals. She said she wants to end her college career on top. To do this, she wants to win both the indoor and outdoor nationals championships in her senior year.

And then there is the Olympics. Sobansky was the youngest thrower at the 1980 Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore., and she finished 10th. Now she is shooting for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, and Chambers said the opportunity for her to make the 1984 squad looks good.

Sobansky did point out track does hinder her social life a little bit because she cannot participate in all the social events sponsored by her dorm floor that she would like to. But she said it is better

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Chambers' praise for Sobansky continued.

"She is a person of good moral fiber who always keeps an honest outlook of what her capabilities are," Chambers said. "At the sports banquet, Elaine gave me her 1980 gold medal — the one that she won for breaking the PIAA shot put record. It just showed the type of giving person she was. It meant a lot to me, and I know that medal meant a lot to her."

If Sobansky had not decided to stick it out, she never would have competed on the 1978 and 1979 Junior National teams — which she said was the highlight of her career — against the high-caliber talent of the West Germans and the Russians.

"The competition in Russia was really tough," she said, "but it was good because it helped you to gain experience."

Sobansky said she found one aspect of the Russian athletes unfavorable — their questionable amateur status.

"To the Russians, track was their whole life," she said. "I wouldn't want it to be that way. If I thought track was my

whole life, I would miss out on so much of the other good things life has to offer."

Sobansky won the national high school shot put championship with a heave of 30-

feet along with three PIAA shot put championships. But the highlight of her career, she said, was being named 1980 Female Athlete of the Year by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. It came as a total shock to Sobansky.

"I was really surprised, but glad, too," she said. "I didn't expect it — there were so many good female athletes in the Pittsburgh area."

Sobansky said she likes throwing the shot put better than the discus.

"I never really learned the right technique for the discus," she said, "but now my coach is picking up because (Penn State coach Gary) Schwartz knows the technique."

Like Sobansky, Chambers realizes the quality of coaching she is receiving is helping mold her into a class international competitor.

"Elaine is getting superior coaching," Chambers said. "With this, she has the

potential to throw in the 60-foot range — to be an international shot putter — you have to throw in the 60s."

Schwartz agreed with Chambers. "Elaine has already proven herself on the collegiate level that she is a national caliber athlete," he said.

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The parks and recreation major said she was heavily recruited by Arizona, California-Berkeley and Georgia but chose Nittany Valley because she wanted to go to school close to home so her parents and high school coach can come

see her meet.

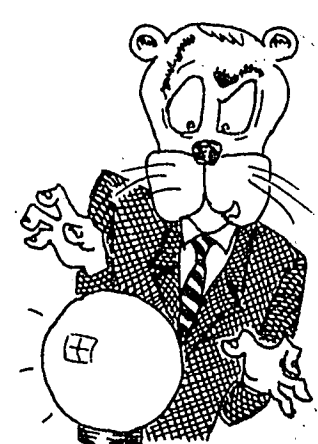
"I wanted a big school," Sobansky said. "I knew Schwartz was a good coach and that Penn State always turned out good athletes."

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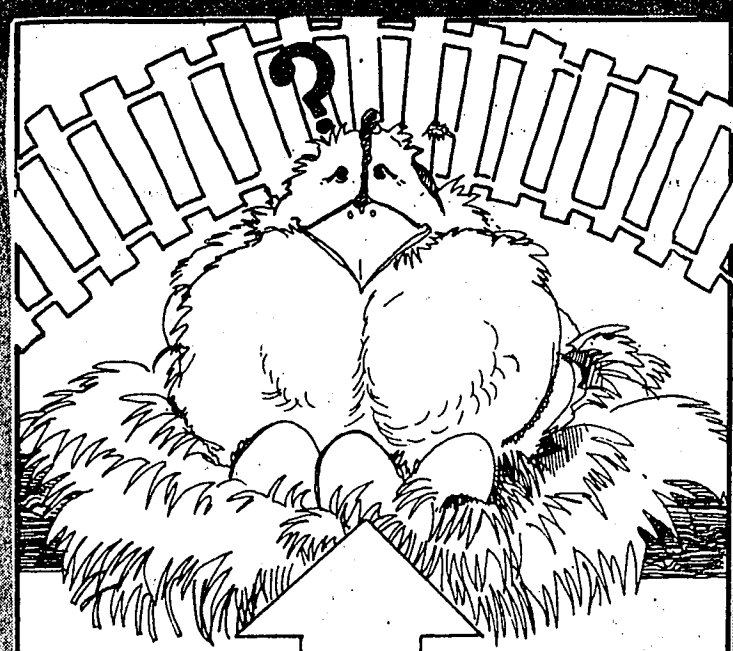


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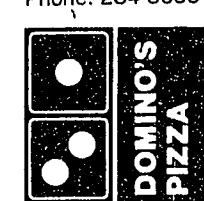
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