

Quality field to bid for AIAW lax title

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series previewing the 1981 Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national lacrosse championships. By JEFF SCHULER, Daily Collegian Sports Writer

Take eight women's lacrosse teams with a combined record of 91-22-1, that are all ranked in the Top 10 in the country, and add four players who have scored more than 50 goals this year. And what do you get?

"A very strong field, indeed," said Penn State coach Gillian Ratray of the first Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division I national championships, which will be held starting tomorrow at Jeffrey Field.

The Lady Lions, winners of last three United States Women's Lacrosse Association Division I championships, enter tomorrow's quarterfinal matchup with Maryland as the tournament favorite. But they will by no means have an easy time winning their fourth straight national title.

"This is going to be a really tough tournament," Ratray said. "That's evident by us playing Maryland — a team we beat (in the title game) for the last two championships — in the first round."

"We may have a very difficult bracket. If we beat Maryland, we would then have to play the winner of the Harvard-James Madison game just to get to the finals."

Harvard, the Northeastern champion which is

ranked third nationally, is the only unbeaten team in the tournament at 17-0. The Crimson compiled a 4-0 record against Top 10 teams, including road wins over No. 2 Ursinus (10-9), No. 4 Temple (12-5) and No. 8 Penn (7-4). Then they won the Northeast title with wins over No. 9 Rhode Island (12-2) and No. 6 Massachusetts (9-4).

Harvard, which lost to Penn State in the quarterfinals last year, also boasts two of the top four scorers in the country in sophomore Francesca Den Hartog and Maureen Finn.

Den Hartog tallied a school-record 77 goals (4.5 per game) and 28 assists and is averaging six points per game, second in the nation to the Lady Lions' Candy Finn. Maureen Finn has 59 goals and 89 points, good for fourth in the country. Altogether, the Crimson has outscored its opponents 197-67 this season.

"Harvard is a darkhorse as far as we're concerned," Ratray said. "They did well on their Eastern Tour earlier this year, and we know winning their fourth straight national title."

James Madison, the Southern champion ranked seventh, is coming off of its best season ever at 11-2. Both of the losses were to the Dutchess' potential second-round opponents, Penn State (18-9) and Maryland (16-5). Since the loss to Maryland, James Madison has run off seven wins in a row, including a 9-8 win over William & Mary in the Virginia regional championship.

The Dutchess have three players with 20 or



more goals — Sue Peacock (28), Cara Eisenberg (24) and Sally Cramer (22) — and have outscored opponents 132-58 this year.

The WRams will have their hands full with Ursinus, ranked second nationally and the only team to beat the Lady Lions this year — 11-10 in the season finale. But Penn State reversed that outcome with a 12-9 win in the Mid-Atlantic championship. Ursinus' other two losses were to Harvard (10-9) and Maryland (7-2).

The Bears (14-3) feature high-scoring Sue Morley (60 goals — third in the country) and Margaret Tomlinson (49 goals, 17 assists).

"This is probably the strongest field of the past four years," said Lady Lion co-captain Lynn Thompson, a veteran of three national championships. "The Northeast and the South are both improving, and all four teams from this region are strong."

The power is still in the Mid-Atlantic region with Penn State, Ursinus and Maryland. And not so coincidentally, the favorites — the Lady Lions and Ursinus — are from that region.

"It would probably be an upset if someone from this region doesn't win," Lady Lion Sandy Ticknor said. "We've been hearing that Harvard is real tough, but we haven't seen them."

Division II and III will also crown champions this weekend, with all the action on Lady Lion Field.

Top-seeded Lehigh (10-4), Delaware (10-2), Loyola (11-3), Richmond (12-5), Colgate (11-1), Plymouth State (9-1), Ithaca (8-1) and Boston College (8-6) are the eight entries in the Division II race.

The Division III champion will come from top-seeded Trenton State (9-4-1), Franklin & Marshall (9-4), Gettysburg (6-2), St. Lawrence (8-1), Longwood (9-3-1), Wheaton (8-3), Bridgewater (7-5-2) or Denison (6-4).

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Islanders frustrate North Stars

By BARRY WILNER, AP Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The New York Islanders got short-handed goals from Bryan Trotter and Anders Kallur, setting an NHL playoff record for scoring at a manpower disadvantage, and blitzed the Minnesota North Stars 6-3 last night in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals.

The defending champion Islanders thoroughly frustrated the young North Stars, especially when Minnesota held a manpower advantage.

Trotter — who has scored at least one point in 21 straight playoff games, including 14 this year — scored New York's eighth short-handed tally of the postseason at 14:38 of the opening period to break the mark the Islanders set last year.

Bob Bourne was caught spearing Minnesota defenseman Brent Maxwell, and referee Andy Van Heulemond handed him a five-minute major. Minnesota was unable to penetrate the Islanders' zone, and rookie Billy Carroll broke loose on left wing before feeding Trotter for a short tap past Minnesota goalie Gilles Meloche.

Forty-seven seconds later, Kallur got his second goal of the night. Trotter took the puck from North Stars defenseman Gordie Roberts and fed Kallur for a short backhand shot.

Kallur, a speedy wing from Sweden who missed last year's playoffs with a separated shoulder, opened the scoring with a deflection of Dave Langevin's long slap shot 2:54 into the game.

Carroll made it 4-0 at 9:58 of the second session, knocking in the rebound of Duane Sattler's shot.

Kent-Erik Andersson scored Minnesota's first goal at 13:04 of the



Minnesota North Star goalie Gilles Meloche turns back a shot by New York Islander Bob Nystrom (23) in the first period of last night's opening game of the Stanley Cup finals at the Islanders skated to a 6-3 victory in Uniondale, N.Y.

Niekro two-hits Pirates; A's suffer first road loss

ATLANTA (AP) — Veteran knuckleballer Phil Niekro said last night, "I really didn't know I could pitch until I warmed up."

He did pitch, however, and recorded the 40th shutout and 25th victory of his major league career. The 42-year-old veteran hurled a two-hitter as the Atlanta Braves downed the Pittsburgh Pirates for the 11th consecutive time, 2-0.

Niekro's concern about being able to pitch stemmed from an accident on his home Saturday when he was mowing his lawn. Niekro touched the muffler on his power lawnmower with the index finger of his right hand.

"It did not affect my knuckleball, but the blister touched the ball on my fastball," Niekro said. "I really didn't know how long I could go before it broke open. But it never did."

Niekro said he threw about 90 percent knuckleballs for his sixth consecutive victory over the Pirates.

"I was just fortunate enough to get the knuckleball over," he said, "and when I do that, I can get them to swing at some bad pitches, and they did."

Atlanta scored both runs without an RBI, the first controversial one that brought a protest from Pittsburgh manager Chuck Tanner.

It came in the fifth inning when Dale Murphy was trapped between third and home in a rundown and backed onto the edge of the infield grass to avoid a tag by Pittsburgh catcher Tony Pena.

Plate umpire Steve Fields gave a safe ruling on the missed tag, and Murphy raced to the plate to break the scoreless tie.

Field said after the game, "I just didn't think he ran out of the baseline."

Murphy opened the inning with a double off Pittsburgh's Eddie Solomon, 2-2, and took third when Glenn Hubbard's bunt out a punt toward third. Murphy moved toward the plate on a grounder by Bruce Benedict.

Atlanta added a run in the sixth when Claudell Washington singled and then raced from first to third on a sacrifice by Bill Bocor. Washington scored on a wild pitch by Solomon.

Niekro, 2-1, never allowed a runner past second base in pitching his 40th career shutout. He walked three, struck out five and yielded only singles to Phil Garner in the second and Pena in the fifth.

Yankees 4, A's 1

The Yankees made the most of their five hits, four of them for extra bases, including a home run by Bobby Murcer, and tagged Oakland with its first road loss of the season last night in New York.

Looser Rick Langford, 4-5, surrendered two hits in the fourth inning. Murcer opened the inning by walloping Langford's first pitch into the upper deck in right field for his second home run of the season.

Langford did not allow another hit until the eighth when the Yankees scored two more runs on Johnny Gant's double, Willie Randolph's triple and a double by Winfield that hit the base of the wall in left-center on the fly at the 430-foot sign.

New York starter Ron Guidry, 4-2, spaced six hits and blanked the A's until the eighth, when they scored on Dave McKay's leadoff double and a one-out single by Ricky Henderson.

Celtics get fast break in gear, sprint past Rockets, 109-80

By ALEX SACHARE, AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Robert Parish and Cedric Maxwell led a furious first-quarter Boston burst as the Celtics got their running game going early and breezed to a 109-80 victory over the Houston Rockets last night to take a 3-2 lead in the NBA championship series.

The Celtics will try to wrap up their 14th NBA title in Houston tomorrow night. If the Rockets win that one, the best-of-seven playoff finals would be decided here Sunday afternoon.

Boston's running game had been closely checked by the Rockets in the first four games of the series, but midway through the first quarter of Game 5, the Celtics finally got their fast break in high gear and raced away from Houston with a dazzling 19-1 surge.

Larry Bird started it off by hitting a 12-foot jumper that gave Boston a 15-14 lead with 6:02 left in the first period.

Nate Archibald then sank a 16-foot jumper, and Maxwell scored on a spinning layup before Houston center Moses Malone sank a free throw.

Bird set up Chris Ford for a fastbreak layup, and then Parish, the Celtics' 7-foot center, took over. He scored eight consecutive points and knocked a shot by Houston's Bill Willoughby to set up a three-point play by Maxwell.

That gave Boston a 20-15 lead with 1:23 left in the opening period.

The Celtics, who were ahead 34-19 after the first quarter, widened their advantage to 59-37 at halftime. Maxwell had 16 points in the first half and Parish 14, while Malone scored 13 for the Rockets.

Houston had only one field goal in the last 7:40 of the second quarter and was held without a basket for the first 4:26 of the third period, by which time Boston held a 69-42 advantage.

The Celtics biggest lead after that was 29 points, and Houston came no closer than 22 points in the fourth quarter.

Maxwell led the Celtics with 28 points, his career playoff high. Parish finished with 18, while Malone led the Rockets with 20.

Calvin Murphy, Houston's explosive reserve guard, suffered an injured left shoulder late in the second quarter and sat out the second half.

Houston's fatality was exemplified by several plays during the third quarter.

Robert Reid missed a stuff shot; Willoughby lost control of the dribble while ahead of the field; Willoughby later missed a dunk attempt, and reserve Allen Leavell shot the ball over the backboard while driving toward the basket.

None of those plays really mattered in the outcome, which was decided by Boston's 19-1 burst in the first quarter.

Neither team played particularly well in the second half, but the Celtics did have to, and the Rockets were too far back for it to make any difference.

Bird, who led the Celtics with a 21.2 scoring average during the regular season but had been held to just 53 points in the first four games of this series, scored just 12 points.

But the Celtics didn't need his scoring, and his rebounding and passing were key factors in Boston's successful running game.

The game was a physical one, as expected, but referees Earl Strom and Paul Mihalak never let it get out of control. Strom was working his 200th playoff game, the most among active NBA referees.

Boston beat Houston by a lopsided 94-71 score in Game 3, only to have the Rockets bounce back to tie the series with a 91-86 victory Sunday.

When the series resumes tomorrow night in Houston, it will get up to the Rockets to try and bounce back once again.

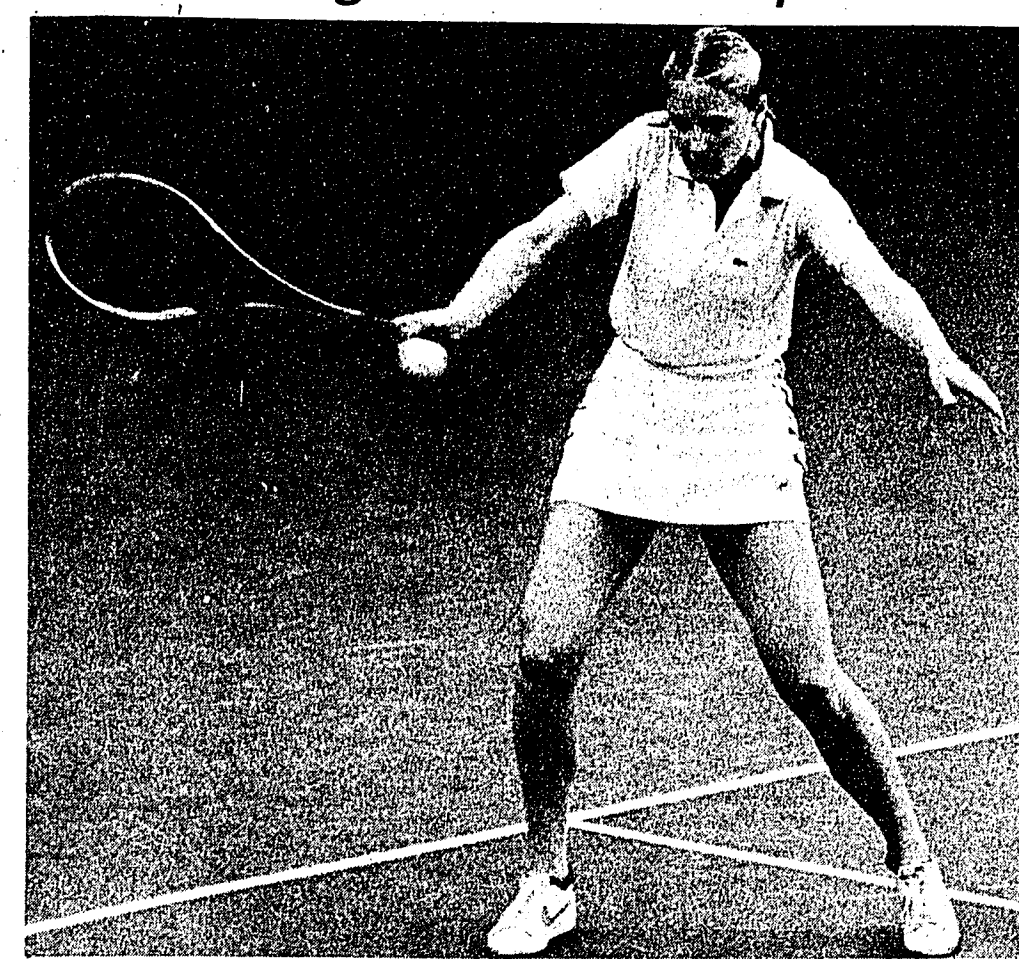
If they don't, the Celtics will succeed the Los Angeles Lakers as NBA champions for their first title since 1976, ending the Rockets' Cinderella hopes for their first championship ever.



Houston Rockets' center Moses Malone is sandwiched by Boston's Larry Bird (left) and Robert Parish in a battle for a rebound as the Celtics rolled to a 109-80 victory last night at the Boston Garden.

Lady Lions to face powerhouse field at Easterns

Strong doubles lineup leads Penn State in regional battle for one berth to nationals



Carol Daniels

By DEAN LONGO, Daily Collegian Sports Writer

When the women's tennis team takes to the court against Dartmouth to begin playing for the EAIAW crown at 9 a.m. today at Yale, it will be taking part in one of the strongest five-day tournaments in the country.

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are serious, and Royer said both should be able to play.

Royer said Penn State should finish among the top three in the region, along with Princeton and Yale. Earlier in the year, Yale beat Princeton 6-3, but the Lady Tigers are still considered the top team.

"Princeton is always the team to beat," Beasley said. "Princeton is the better team. I feel they are stronger even though they lost."

The Lady Lions will rely on their strong suit — the doubles teams — to upset the higher-seeded teams in the competition. Royer will use her usual lineup of Daniels-Beasley at first doubles, Whiteside-Dow at second doubles, and Matkivsky-Campbell at third doubles.

"This will be very tough in doubles," Dow said. "They're not going to be able to beat us in doubles."

MATCH POINTS Maryland, a team that consistently gives the Lady Lions trouble, will not be participating because its coach, Sylvia Feldman reportedly does not believe her team has a chance to win the tournament. The winner of the Penn State-Dartmouth matchup plays top-seeded Princeton tomorrow. Valentin Garcia quit the team for personal reasons and will be transferring to Georgetown next year.

Matkivsky, a freshman, is the only Penn State player who has not played in the regional tournament before. The team championships are today and tomorrow, and the individual championships are Friday through Sunday.

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