

Women spikers primed for invite

When a team is on top, people are hungry to take that luxury away. And that is what women's volleyball coach Russ Rose doesn't want to happen tonight and tomorrow at the Princeton International Invitational. The Lady Lions are the big honchos in the East, and Rose hopes to hold on to that honor there.

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"Personally, I think we are going to win," Rose said. "But winning is not based on what I say, but how the girls play."

"If the girls think they are going to walk through the tournament, well, I tend to differ. Everyone gets up for Penn State—we are the team to beat."

The 15-team tournament will feature two teams from Canada—McMaster and Queens Universities—and Florida International, in addition to the predominantly Eastern lineup of teams including Georgetown, Temple and Rutgers.

The Lady Lions will start working toward tomorrow night's championship finals by battling Hofstra and Delaware at 6 and 9 tonight, respectively. Penn State will then go against Queens at 1:30 tomorrow morning and Maryland at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon before entering the playoffs at 4:30 p.m.

Even though they are playing teams of a lesser caliber compared to last week's matches with Southwest Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska, Rose said the Lady Lions cannot take things too lightly.

"We still have to go in there with the same attitude as we did last weekend," Rose said. "We have to go in and play hard. You never know what might happen if we don't play well."

"And you don't look for excuses—you either play well or you don't. It's that simple. We could easily go in there and destroy teams. I hope we do."

—by Pete Waldron

icers start exhibitions

The ice hockey team opens its exhibition season 7:30 Sunday evening at the Hersheypark Arena against the Hershey Junior Icers.

But the Lions learned yesterday they will be without the services of junior center Glen DeStefano for an undetermined amount of time. Doctors confirmed that DeStefano tore a ligament in his right knee in a collision during practice last Tuesday and will be out 6-8 weeks plus a rehabilitation period.

Coach DeStefano won't see action again this season.

Replacing DeStefano will be junior Wayne Powers, who played junior varsity last year.

According to tri-captain Joe Battista, first-year coach John Shellington is gooding the team for the season.

"Coach Shellington's done a good job," Battista said. "He's drilled us into the ice, so we should be in better shape than most teams."

Penn State's other captains are senior Randy Fardelmann and sophomore Brad Rush.

Battista is optimistic about the team's chances Sunday.

"There's a good feeling in the locker room," he said. "The team has more potential than ever—it's just a matter of putting it together by game time."

Next weekend the team hosts the Junior Penguins for two games, and on Oct. 23 and 24, the Junior Flyers come to town.

Lady Lion tennis

The women's tennis team is in Washington, D.C., this weekend for the Tennis Life Tournament.

The Lady Lions, who will be led by Carol Daniels and Linda Learmonth in singles, should battle William & Mary for the tourney crown. The Indians snatched second place from Penn State last week at the Eastern Intercollegiate tournament, as Penn State finished third and Princeton won.

Other Lady Lions playing singles this weekend are Sue Whiteside and Bessie Paragas, while the doubles teams will be Liz Campbell-Susan DiBiase and Donna DiRenzo-Zenia Matkivsky.

Some of the big names in men's lacrosse will be returning for the contest—names like Richie Caravella, Keith McGuire and Jack Berry, who were to men's lacrosse what Clark, Millen and Fusina were to Penn State football in the mid-70s.

Also playing on the alumni side will be Paul Sullivan, John Farrell and Kevin Curran, who were part of last year's 9-2 team which finished 12th in the nation.

The current Lions will be led by co-captains Billy Turri, Joe Gutering and Ken Panzer. For the Lions, the game will serve as a tuneup for the Penn State Invitational tournament next week.

"The tournament is what we've been gearing for," Thiel said. "It will give us a chance to see what we're really got."

—by Keith Grolier

Lion baseball

The baseball team, raised out of its final home game of the season Wednesday, returns to action Sunday.

The Lions take the field at Lock Haven for a 1:00 p.m. double-header.

Rochester is ranked sixth in this week's Mid-Atlantic Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association poll, while St. John Fisher is not ranked in the top 10.

Penn State is fourth in the same poll, falling from second after its losses to No. 1 Cortland and No. 2-ranked Hartwick last weekend.

—by Keith Grolier

Lax alumni return

Imagine what a football alumni game would be like.

Can you picture guys like Franco Harris, John Cappelletti and Jack Ham returning to go against the current den of Nittany Lions?

Well, this homecoming weekend will not feature an alumni football game, as great as it sounds. But there will be an alumni game. The men's lacrosse team will meet a group of former Penn State stars at 11 a.m. Sunday at Pollock Field.

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Take Sooners over third-ranked Texas

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON AP Sports Writer

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Carter homers Expos over Phils

MONTREAL (AP) — Gary Carter's two-run homer in the third inning triggered the Montreal Expos to a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies last night and gave them a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five series for the NL East Division title.

The Expos left this chilly city after the game for Philadelphia, where the defending World Series champions will send right-hander Larry Christenson against Ray Burris today in an effort to prevent elimination.

Right-hander Bill Gullickson blanked the Phillies on three hits through the first seven innings and was credited with the victory, although he helped lead the last two innings from reliever Jeff Reardon.

Trailing 3-0, the Phillies rallied with two outs in the eighth. Lonnie Smith, who has at least one hit in 25 straight games, doubled into center field and came home on a single by Pete Rose.

Bake McBride, who had snapped an 0-for-20 slump with a first-inning single, then doubled into the right-field corner, with Smith stopping at third. At that point, Montreal manager Jim Fanning brought in Reardon, who intentionally walked Mike Schmidt to lead off the bases.

Reardon, who had allowed four earned runs in his last 32 2/3 innings, worked a 3-2 count on Gary Matthews and then retired the outfielder on a foul pop behind first base to Warren Cromartie to end the inning.

The Expos took a 1-0 lead on an unearned run off Phillies starter Dick Ruthven in the second, to the delight of a crowd of 45,896 who turned out on a night in which the temperature dropped into the upper 30s.

Ruthven lasted only four innings, giving up three hits and three runs, two of them earned. He was relieved by Warren Bruslarz, Sparky Lyle and Tug McGraw, who kept the Expos in check the rest of the way.

The Phillies have now lost seven straight games at Montreal.

Yanks 3, Brewers 0

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Lou Piniella lined a fourth-inning homer and Reggie Jackson added a two-run blast in the ninth, leading New York to a 3-0 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers yesterday as the Yankees took a 2-0 lead in the American League East Division championship series.

"Our goal is to match up well with the other teams," Groves said. "We like to make sure that our fifth man is ahead of their fifth man, and our sixth man is ahead of their sixth man."

"Of course, when our fifth man finishes ahead of their second guy, that's even better."

Looking at things from an individual perspective, Groves said that it could be a race between Scharsu and Jim O'Connell of Syracuse for first place.

Among those runners include Ross Donoghue and Kevin Dillon. Groves said Donoghue and Dillon are probably the two top runners for the Wildcats, although he put more emphasis on team depth than on individual stars.

"I think Villanova will be a surprise to a lot of teams out there," Groves said. "They really don't have any heavy front runners, but they have a group of high-quality runners who possess the capability of scoring in bunches."

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"We'll have our hands full with Maryland," Penn State coach St. Jill, the Lions are coming off an impressive showing last Saturday. Their team score was 40 points, as compared to 133 for the second-place team (Greater Rochester Track Club). Lions Alan Scharsu, Jeff Adkins, Dwight Stephens and Gary Black all placed in the top 10.

Fairleigh Dickinson, a team expected to give the Lions trouble, tied for a distant third (154). Fairleigh Dickinson will also be competing at Bethlehem, Pa.

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Unser ruled winner of '81 Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bobby Unser illegally passed cars during a yellow caution period in last May's Indianapolis 500, but he was declared the winner over Mario Andretti yesterday after a special U.S. Auto Club appeal panel ruled a one-lap penalty was improperly assessed after the race.

The penalty against Unser "should have been called during the race. If any other conclusion were reached, the officiating of an event such as this would be nothing short of chaotic," panel chairman Edwin Render wrote in a 23-page opinion released at USAC headquarters.

Unser beat Andretti across the finish line by eight seconds, but the penalty cost Unser one lap and dropped him to second place when the official standings were posted the day after the May 24 race.

Unser protested the USAC decision, and the three-member panel conducted hearings on the appeal during June and July.

Unser, elk hunting in northern New Mexico when the panel's ruling was announced, told his car owner, Roger Penske, that he was "extremely happy to become the sixth three-time winner of the world's greatest race. This has been a goal for me since I began competing at Indianapolis in 1963."

Andretti, at his office in Nazareth, Pa., said the reversal was "stunning" and that he was "just too sick to even think about it."

Andretti, who won the Indy race in 1969, said, "I'll never be able to swallow this. It's totally unjust, it really is."

Render, a University of Louisville law professor, and former USAC President Reynold MacDonald signed the majority opinion.

Harriers travel to Paul Short Invitational

By TONY SMITH Daily Collegian Sports Writer

Despite the men's cross country team's relatively easy victory last week at the Penn State Open, coach Harry Groves sees some stiffer tests in the future.

One of those tests might be taken at 11 a.m. tomorrow, when the Lions compete in the Paul Short Invitational at Bethlehem, Pa.

It is a test the Lions are expected to pass, if one judges by rankings alone. The Lions are ranked eighth in the country by Harrier Magazine.

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