

# Only thing artificial at Eastern tourney is the turf

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After a surprising tournament format switch last Sunday, the field hockey team (15-1) is ready to play Delaware in the semifinals of the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women regional championships at 1 p.m. today at Temple University.

Temple (14-2) and Princeton meet at 3 p.m. in the other semifinal game. The championship game is at 3 p.m. tomorrow, with the consolation game at 1 p.m.

In past years, the tournament accepted 16 teams—eight seeded and eight unseeded, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the national tournament.

Because the National Collegiate Athletic Association started sponsoring women's field hockey championships this year and all the teams in the Eastern region stayed with the AIAW, the region decided to select only four teams this year and play them by seed for the championship.

The champion will receive an automatic bid to nationals, and there is a strong chance the runner-up will get an at-large bid.

As the regional seeding committee convened on Sunday to choose the teams, Princeton coach Betty Logan petitioned the group to expand the field, and the committee did just that.

"Under the circumstances, this is the simplest way to solve it," Logan said. "I'm sick and tired of our region getting caught in the groove. We have six teams in the Top 20, which should be a true measure of our region's strength. It's a fact that our entire region stayed AIAW (instead of going to the NCAA). We were getting the short end of the stick."

The winner of the Eastern region has won the AIAW championship five times in the last six years.

It seems the Tigers may have taken the stick by the handle in the regional rankings. Had the seeds only gone to four teams, Ursinus probably would have been the third seed with Delaware fourth.

Instead, the field included six teams, with Penn State seeded No. 1, followed, in order, by Temple, Princeton, Ursinus (13-9), Delaware and West Chester (6-7-3). This format gave the Lady Lions and Temple a bye in first-round games.

Princeton (12-2) led Ursinus (ranked fourth in the nation) by a 1-0 score with a goal by Linda Riefler, their leading scorer.

Delaware (10-3-3) won out over West Chester by the score of 3-0. Carol Miller, Linda Schmidt and Anne Brooking were the scorers for the Lions.

The tournament is being played on the AstroTurf field at Temple, the site of the Lady Lions' only loss in the past two years. The turf requires a faster game, one with short, connecting passes, because the harder shots scoot quickly across the artificial turf.

"The turf is much faster," Penn State right wing Sharon Tinceci said. "The passes can't be driven, they have to be sympathetic. We usually anticipate the bump (on a grass field). We can't do that on turf."

"It sounds silly, but it does take a little time to get used to it," Tinceci said.

The Lady Lions have practiced three days this week on the artificial grass field here—one of the few times they have been allowed on it—and were able to practice on the Temple turf for two hours yesterday.

"This is the second time this season Penn State will play Delaware. In their last meeting, at Lady Lion Field, Penn State won a physical contest, 4-1, with the Hens sole goal coming on a penalty stroke.

"I don't think Delaware didn't get a very good game in the first time," Penn State's Jane Koffenberger said, "so we expect to see a better team this time around."

"We played an exceptional game that day," Tinceci said. "It'll be a closer game than what it was up here."

The Delaware game is an important step in the Lady Lions' quest for their second consecutive national championship. The Eastern region is the strongest in the country and will probably receive the national tournament's one at-large bid, so all a team really has to do to reach nationals is win one game in regionals.

There is the outside chance of one more at-large bid being available. Since the nationals are being held at Cal-Berkeley, the host school automatically receives a bid.

But the California school may win the Western region if it can beat Washington State tomorrow, and that would open up one more at-large bid.

The Lady Lions will be without the services of All-American Jan Snyder. The right wing injured her knee—the same one that kept her from playing earlier this season—during practice last week.

Because the playing surface at both nationals and regionals is turf, the same surface she has injured her knee twice on, her season may be over.



Leading scorer Candy Finn (7) will lead the field hockey team into the regional playoffs when the Lady Lions meet Delaware in the second round of the EAIAW championships at 1 tomorrow afternoon at Temple.

# Lady harriers in a field of 2 at Eastern NCAA championships

For three weeks the women's cross country team has been fine-tuning its running attack for the NCAA championships.

The Lady Lions have been working out during the week and running time trials every weekend in preparation for this month's big meet.

At 1 p.m. Sunday on the Blue Golf Course, Penn State will unveil its fresh attack.

The only trouble is that only one or two teams are going to be there for the big show—the Eastern Regional Qualifier.

Unfortunately for cross country fans, most Eastern teams are still members of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

So the first step toward a national championship comes down to Penn State vs. Georgetown—a two-team shootout.

And Georgetown is a team that didn't even qualify for the Eastern AIAW championships last year.

The United States Military Academy may compete, too, but even if it does, it shouldn't be much of a factor.

Georgetown brings three good runners to the meet, Pia Palladino, Maria Small and Sharon Dougherty.

They've led the Hoyas to a season that Penn State coach Gary Schwartz described as "up and down."

"(Georgetown's) had some illness," Schwartz said. "One good runner is in the hospital with anorexia."

"They're strong through three, and in a meet with two teams, that's all you need."

Mathematically, Schwartz is correct. Simple addition proves that if Georgetown's runners grab first, second and third, the Hoyas will score at least a 29-30 victory.

With all of Penn State's runners healthy for the first time this season, however, a Georgetown sweep shouldn't happen.

Penn State's Heather Carmichael and Patty Murnane are the class of the field. Although both have been slowed sometimes by injuries this season, they are healthy enough to conquer the Hoyas.

All the Lady Lions have to do is to break up Georgetown's top three. If they accomplish that, their depth should carry them to victory and an automatic berth in the national championship.

And even if Penn State doesn't emerge from this meet as the Eastern champions, chances are still good for an at-large berth.

—by Clint Loper

# Diving season begins at home

By KEITH GROLLER  
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Cecatiello and Dmitrak.

Names hard to pronounce. Names that seem to belong on a eye chart in an optometrist's office. But names diving coach Bob Goldberg clearly sees as promising for the men's team this season.

Both Mike Cecatiello and Dale Dmitrak will have a chance to make a big splash this weekend as the two lead the men's diving team against 13 other schools in the Penn State Invitational Springboard Diving Championships at the Ernest McCoy Natatorium.

Both the men's and women's teams from Army, Bucknell, Clarion, Connecticut, George Washington, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio University, Pittsburgh, Shippensburg, Syracuse, Virginia, West Virginia, and William & Mary will join the Lions in the biggest field the fifth annual event has ever had.

Penn State doesn't figure to be in the men's team race since Goldberg has only three men diving, while the other teams will have four. But the coach is still looking forward to seeing Cecatiello and Dmitrak in action.

"Both of them are outstanding divers," Goldberg said. "Both did real well as freshmen last year, and I'm looking for big things from both of them."

Dmitrak finished sixth in Easterns last year, while Cecatiello, his roommate, figured to do just as well before suffering

a back injury. Both appear to be in top form now and join freshman Jim Ebert in battling highly-rated Pitt and other powers.

On the women's side of the pool, Penn State may be in the swim of things as coplacians Pam Heister and Patti Jones pace a strong Lady Lion unit. The pair will joined by freshmen Mary Ellen Clark, Kathy Wentz and Betsy Baker.

"We don't try to peak for this meet," Goldberg said. "It's a meet we started to give us something to shoot for."

The women's three-meter preliminaries start the invitational at 4 p.m. today, with the men's one-meter preliminary to follow at 7:30. The women's one-meter preliminary opens tomorrow's diving at 11 a.m. and the finals begin at 3 p.m.

# Icers to host Upsala twice

The ice hockey team will bring its unblemished record of 4-0 into the Indoor Sports Complex at 8:15 tonight and at 8 tomorrow night against Division III power Upsala.

"Upsala is a very well-coached team," Joe Battista, one of the Lions' tri-captains, said. "They award hockey scholarships there, and they draw a lot of talent from the New York and New Jersey areas."

The Lions have been awesome in their first four regular-season contests. They've outscored the opposition 30-0, but aside from a third-period rally by Villanova last Saturday, they haven't really been tested.

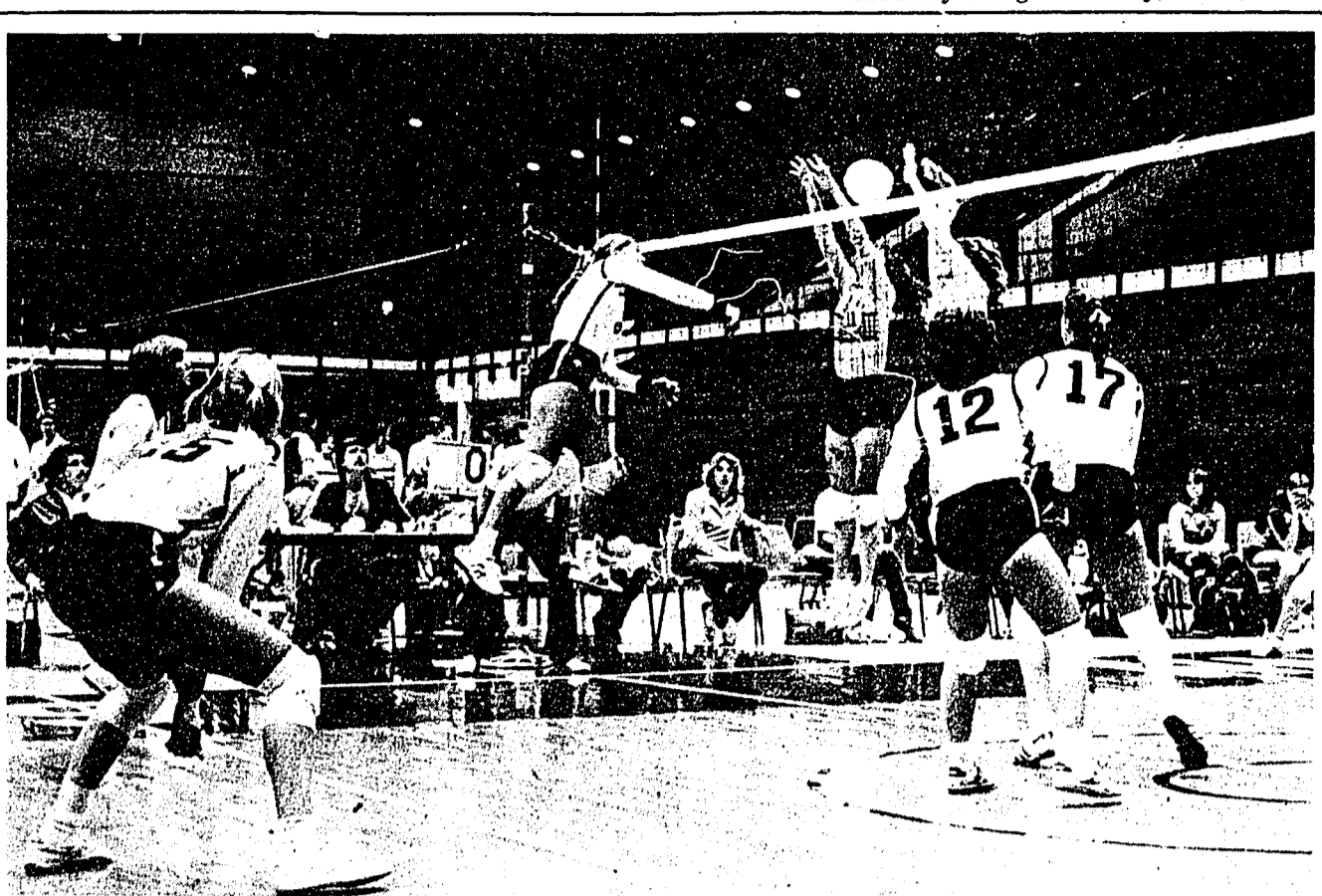
The Lions also have more than their 4-0 record to be happy about. Rodger Furco, a standout player last year, will begin working out with the team as soon as he completes a practicum, and last year's leading point scorer and most valuable

player, Glenn Destefano, will be back on skates in a week. He's recovering from a knee injury that's kept him out of the lineup.

"This is where the ball starts rolling," Battista said. "For now it gets progressively harder. It seems that the next game is always bigger than the last one. You have to take one game at a time, but you can't help looking ahead to games like Canisius and Cortland State."

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Outside hitter Jan Mosier (center) and the ninth-ranked women's volleyball team will battle the top teams in the Big Ten—Purdue, Ohio State and Michigan—tonight and tomorrow, at the Ohio State Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

# Purdue isn't chicken Lady spikers set for difficult foe

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Women's volleyball coach Russ Rose and Purdue coach Carol Dewey have drawn up similar game plans for their teams for this weekend's Ohio State Tournament, but the plans' outcomes are different.

Both teams, which are nationally ranked—Penn State ninth, Purdue 13th—want to go in there, play hard and come out as winners.

Usually, however, there is only one winner. And Rose is going to make sure it's the Lady Lions.

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all worked too hard, so they know what is at stake—a bid to the national tournament.

"This is a one-shot deal," he said. "Purdue is third in the Midwest region, and we're first—the roles could reverse. It's unfortunate you don't get anything for being first throughout the season—it's the end that counts."

Bids for the women's National Collegiate Athletic Association championship are for us—it will probably have an effect on bids.

"I feel more comfortable now than I did last weekend (in the Penn State Classic) at this time. I am looking forward to the harder competition, and we are going to play better because of it."

Rose agreed with Crandall.

"The players are motivated by the level of competition this weekend, plus the fact they are ranked No. 1 in the tournament," Rose said. "I am confident they are going to respond to that challenge."

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