

Louisville to top charts in NCAA hoops

College basketball is big business these days. Nowhere will that be more evident than at this year's site of the Final Four, the Louisiana Superdome. About 61,000 fans — the largest basketball crowd in the history of the National Collegiate Athletic Association — are expected to cram the Dome when the Final Four meet in New Orleans March 27-29.

And that means big bucks to the NCAA and the four schools involved. But does playing in the Dome and making all that money hurt the game at all? Penn State basketball coach Dick Harter thinks so.

"Anything for the money," Harter said. "That's obviously not a great place to play basketball. I'm not looking forward to going to the Superdome to see it."



Steve Graham

Maybe Harter isn't, but there are 20 teams that have an excellent chance of making that enviable trip to New Orleans. They are:

1. Louisville: It was only two years ago that Dr. Dunkenstein and Company came from nowhere to upend UCLA for the national crown. Darrell Griffith is long gone now, but the nucleus of that championship team remains. The Cardinals return all five starters from last year's 21-9 club.
2. Georgetown: How can Hoyas coach John Thompson be awake and sleepy at the same time? It's simple. He was so awake that he landed three prize recruits, the most notable being 7-0 Pat Ewing, the nation's most sought-after high school prospect. Georgetown also got All-America guard Eric "Sleepy" Floyd in the backcourt.
3. North Carolina: Coach Dean Smith has taken the Tar Heels to the Final Four six times in his 19 years at Chapel Hill. There's every reason to believe that this season could be No. 7. Leading scorer Al Wood is gone, but 6-4 freshman Michael Jordan, labeled by some as the next David Thompson, should adequately fill his shoes.
4. UCLA: Everybody's still wondering how the Bruins lost to Brigham Young by 23 points in last year's tournament. But nobody's questioning UCLA's potential this year. The Bruin offense should take off with the return of junior guard "Rocky" Rod Foster.
5. Iowa: For the Hawkeyes, this season boils down to how well coach Lute Olson can work in three outstanding recruits into the lineup. Or it could boil down to the leadership of 6-6 Kevin Boyle, a defensive wizard who averaged 11.7 points last year.
6. Kentucky: The big question in the land of the late Adolph Rupp is if he's able to play. He's recovering from a broken bone in his foot that wasn't discovered until after last season. Without Bowie, the Wildcats may have a rough time improving on last year's 22-6 record.
7. DePaul: Mark Aguirre and Clyde Drexler have flopped to the National Basketball Association, but coach Ray Meyer lured Ray McCoy away from San Francisco to team with veteran frontliner Teddy Grubbs and Terry Cummings.
8. Indiana: Despite his harsh discipline and occasional tantrums, coach Bobby Knight is a magician. Expect him to do wonderful things for the defending national champions this year. "They lost the backcourt man in Isaiah (Thomas) that made them go," Harter said. "But they had a very good recruiting year."
9. Wichita State: The Shockers lived up to their nickname last season when they made it to the NCAA Midwest regional finals. The forward tandem of 6-9 Cliff Levingston and 6-8 Antoine Carr are back to do some more shocking.
10. Virginia: Losing Jeff Lamp, Lee Raker and Terry Gates took a big bite out of coach Terry Holland's Cavaliers. But the team's skyscraper, Ralph Sampson, returns and should give UVA the punch it needs to challenge North Carolina for the Atlantic Coast Conference title.
11. Minnesota: Another skyscraper, 7-2 center Randy Breuer, will be the key if the Golden Gophers hope to make the tournament after last season's 19-11 record.
12. Georgia: Dawggonit, Georgia may just be the surprise team in the country this season. The Bulldogs return everyone from last year's 19-12 squad. Heading the list is junior forward Dominique Wilkins (23.9 points and 7.5 rebounds per game).
13. Connecticut: This may sound corny, but the Huskies (20-9 last year) could take the Big East crown. The seasons are big ones: 6-3 Cory Thompson averaged 15.3 points last season while 6-11 Chuck Aleksians averaged 14.3.
14. Wake Forest: The Deacons are

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Brenda Stauffer

State's Finn, Stauffer, an All-American duo

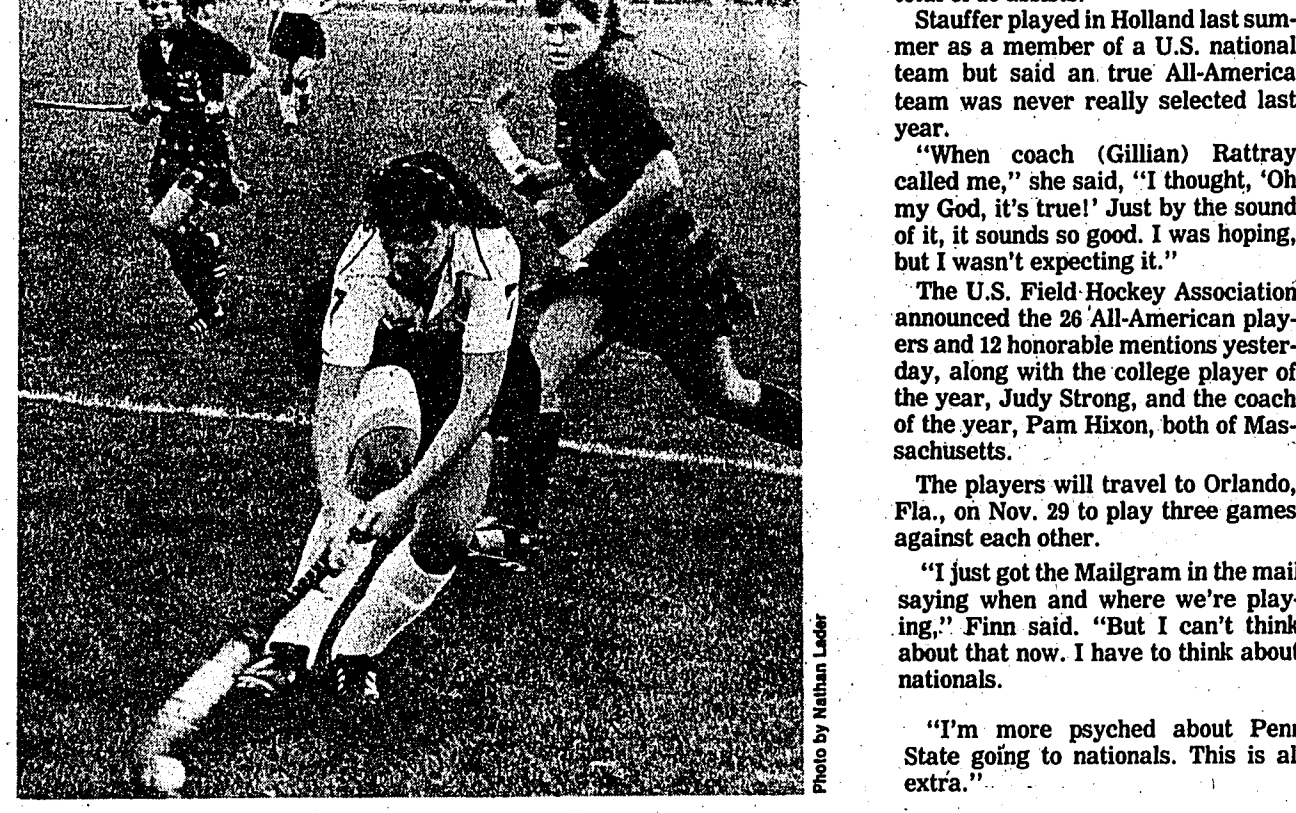
By MARIA MARTINO Daily Collegian Sports Writer

When the field hockey team makes its third appearance in the AAIAW national championships Nov. 19-21, it will feature two All-American players — Candy Finn and Brenda Stauffer, who both were named to the Mitchell and Ness All-America team.

"I was kind of working for it all year," Lady Lion co-captain Finn said. "I've been pretty much with U.S. lacrosse since I made a decision to play lacrosse (for the national team)."

The senior midfielder won the Broderick Award earlier this season as the best female lacrosse player in the country and was named to the national field hockey team two years ago.

"This is a real stepping stone for me in field hockey," Finn said. "I'm thinking about trying out for the Americans in hockey; nothing's definite yet, though."



Candy Finn

"I just wanted to have a good senior year at Penn State. It's an honor, and I'm very happy."

Finn's blistering shot has helped her set every Penn State scoring record. Her 29 goals so far this season have upped her career total to a school-high 85 goals and 100 points.

As far as assists go, Stauffer, a junior, already has set the school record with 42 in her career. Her exceptional work and accuracy with the handstop on the corner hit play have earned her the season-high total of 38 assists.

Stauffer played in Holland last summer as a member of a U.S. national team but said an true All-America team was never really selected last year.

"When coach (Gillian) Ratray called me," she said, "I thought, 'Oh my God, it's true!' Just by the sound of it, it sounds so good. I was hoping, but I wasn't expecting it."

The U.S. Field Hockey Association announced the 26 All-American players and 12 honorable mentions yesterday, along with the college player of the year, Judy Strong, and the coach of the year, Pam Hixon, both of Massachusetts.

The players will travel to Orlando, Fla., on Nov. 29 to play three games against each other.

"I just got the Mailgram in the mail saying when and where we're playing," Finn said. "But I can't think about that now. I have to think about nationals."

"I'm more psyched about Penn State going to nationals. This is all extra."

Bleeding Dodger Blue...

all the way to the World Series title gets Tommy Lasorda NL Manager of the Year

By HAL BOCK AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tommy Lasorda, the good-humor man who managed the Cinderella Los Angeles Dodgers to their first world championship in 16 years, was named National League Manager of the Year by The Associated Press yesterday.

Lasorda, the spirited leader of the huggiest team in baseball, was an easy winner in nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters who watched him rally the Dodgers from the edge of elimination three times during postseason play.

He received 215 votes, outdistancing Whitley Herzog of the St. Louis Cardinals, who finished second with 163 votes. John McNamara of the Cincinnati Reds was third with 81 votes.

A consummate company man who continuously sings the praises of "Dodger Blue," Lasorda has been part of the organization as player, scout, coach and manager for 32 years.

He faced his most difficult challenge in 1981 with an aging team that some baseball people thought had passed its peak. But heajoled the Dodgers to their first world championship since 1955, and he did it in two languages.

Lasorda started the season boldly, turning over the Opening Day pitching assignment to a rookie left-hander who couldn't speak English. But the manager had picked up enough Spanish in his vagabond baseball career to communicate with Fernando Valenzuela, and he nursed the young Mexican southpaw through a brilliant start.

The Dodgers, sparked by Valenzuela, led the National League West when a strike halted baseball for seven weeks in mid-summer. When play resumed and the split season concept was adopted, Los Angeles was one of four teams assured of a postseason playoff.

The plan appeared to rob the Dodgers of incentive in the second-half, and they were flat when they opened the divisional playoffs with two consecutive losses in Houston. Then, only one loss from elimination, the team came home and won three straight games to wipe out the Astros.

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Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, flanked by players Steve Garvey (left) and Bill Russell, watches the action during the opening game of the 1981 World Series. Lasorda was named the 1981 National League Manager of the Year yesterday by The Associated Press.

Lions out to shake blues before Alabama clash

By WILL PAKUTKA Daily Collegian Sports Writer

Joe McIntosh is a freshman — an honest, straightforward, confident freshman running back for North Carolina State. Some day, before his football playing days are done, Joe McIntosh may get himself in trouble for being so honest, straightforward and confident.

Some day, that is. Maybe not for a while.

He was, as usually is, stuffing his uniform — pads and all — into a duffel bag after last Saturday's game when somebody asked him if Penn State had been as tough a football team as it was supposed to be.

"No," he said, jamming his shoulder pads into the bag. "I don't think they were at all. As you saw, our offensive line knocked them off the ball."

"Where's your respect, plebe?" one might have asked.

That was the No. 6 team in the nation out there, soon to be No. 5. So what if you just gained 137 yards rushing against it?

"Rankings don't mean anything to me because we can play with anybody in the country, I think," he said.

Yeah, some day Joe McIntosh's words might get him in trouble. But they probably wouldn't have after Saturday's game against Penn State — not even if the whole Lion team had been there watching him stuff his garb into that duffel bag, listening to everything he said.

In fact, most of them probably would have agreed with him.

Penn State had been undeniably flat that afternoon in Raleigh. The players knew it and knew it was something they'd have to cure — and fast.

"I don't really think there's one reason for it. I think every team goes through this."

The trick is to come out of it without any bad effects. The Lions almost did against Miami, but the rain came down, and time ran out.

Saturday's N.C. State game just followed the usual script. Poor boy N.C. State makes good throughout the picture, but then gets run over by a trolley — or a take punt — in the end.

Now to suddenly snap out of it and avoid going down in history as the Alabama head coach "Bear" Bryant had to tie the record for most career victories.

"We're going to have to open up the game right away — pass the opening play of the game, pass on first down," said Munchak. "If we could get a quick shot to Kenny Jackson or Gregg Garrity, they can't play us for the run so much."

And if the Lions can do that, forget about finals, pressure, Curt Warner (still questionable), and all the little things for an afternoon, well, the Bear might just have to wait till Nov. 28 and Auburn.

"We'll be ready," Ashley said of the Alabama game, which ABC will televise regionally. "Immediately after the (N.C. State) game we were fired up. I don't know why. I assure you, Saturday we'll be ready."

Maybe Joe McIntosh should sit down next to a TV set come 12:30 Saturday afternoon.



The Penn State offense, led by tailback Jon Williams (44) and guard Mike Munchak, will have to shake off their Miami and N.C. State flatness to be in a position to win against Alabama on Saturday.

Gray makes IM history with 6 individual titles

By LEE DEORIO Daily Collegian Sports Writer

His record at Penn State is similar to Bjorn Borg's at Wimbledon, only more diverse.

During the last three years in intramural competition, Bruce Gray has won three singles titles in racquetball, two singles championships in handball and one doubles crown in handball.

Gray's six championships are the most ever in the fraternity division. The 5-11, 170-pound senior, competing for Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, is the first person since 1974 to win three intramural championships in the same year.

All of this from a guy who was pushed into playing.

"My friends talked me into playing," Gray said. "I wasn't planning on playing, but I decided to do it for the frat. I never expected that I would have this much success."

Gray didn't start playing racquet sports until six years ago when he joined the Kirkwood Fitness Club in his hometown of Chadds Ford.

"My brother joined the club, so I decided to follow him," Gray said. "Originally we joined for weightlifting, but the more I played racquetball, the more I liked it."

A lot of racquetball players at Penn State probably wish Gray had stuck with weightlifting. In a way, however, they are fortunate because Gray could have been even more difficult to face.

"I think if I would have started at an earlier age, say 12 or 13, I would be a much better player," Gray said.

It is apparent Gray does not need a great deal of experience to become a top-notch player. He started playing handball only three years ago. One year later he was intramural champion.

"There are guys out there who are just as good of an athlete as I am," Gray said. "I am able to win because I play a very good mental game."

Gray's mental toughness has allowed him to overcome several tough matches on his way to intramural history.

The past two years Gray has met Tom Boyd of Acadia in the finals of the racquetball tournament. Gray won easily the first year, but in their last match, he was forced into a third game.

Gray wore down Boyd to win the decisive game, 21-12, and along with it an unprecedented third racquetball title.

"I expected a tough match from Boyd," Gray said. "We've sort of become arch rivals."

Despite the three-set marathon against Boyd, Gray said his toughest match at Penn State came this fall in the handball finals against Dave Thazie.

Gray won in straight games to capture his sixth overall title, but it was far from easy. He won the first game 21-17 and barely hung on to win the second, 21-19.

"I knew I had to have that second game or I probably would have lost the match," Gray said. "My knees were shaking when I served the final point. I didn't have much stamina left."

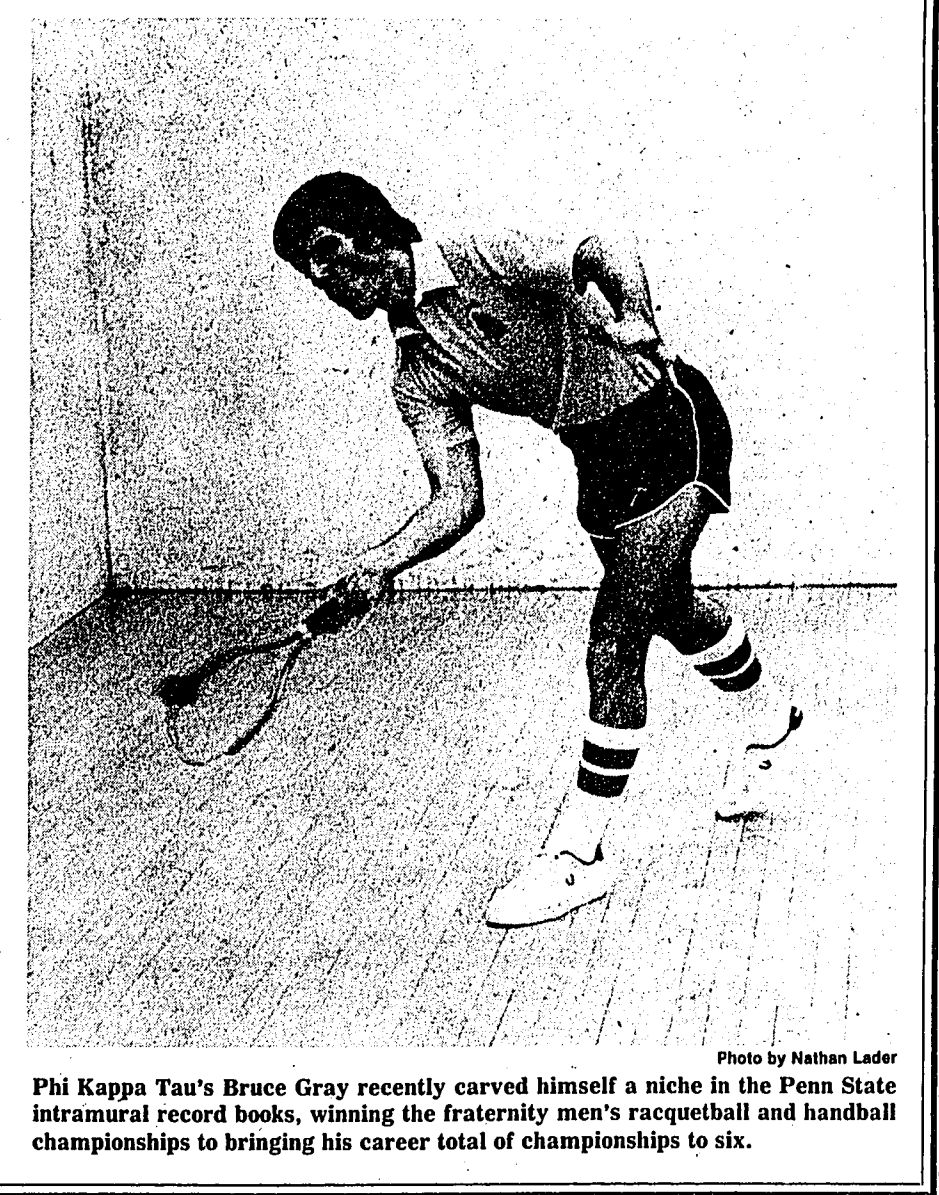
"I was out of shape from the summer layoff. I just had no time to work out. Dave (Thazie) was in shape."

The grueling and demanding sport of handball has made it Gray's favorite. It's not that he has lost his desire to play racquetball; he simply enjoys the different aspects of handball.

Despite Gray's remarkable success, turning professional has never really entered his mind.

"It would be fun trying to play professionally, but I'm not in a class with those guys," Gray said.

It seems he will just have to be satisfied with being one of the all-time greats in Penn State intramural history.



Phi Kappa Tau's Bruce Gray recently carved himself a niche in the Penn State intramural record books, winning the fraternity men's racquetball and handball championships to bring his career total of championships to six.

Steelers looking for replacement for Stoudt

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers went shopping yesterday to replace backup quarterback Cliff Stoudt, whose season, and perhaps his career, may be over after breaking his throwing arm on a punting bag.

"It may end Cliff's career is what it may do, if he ends up with a broken arm like Robin Cole," Steeler coach Chuck Noll said.

Cole, a linebacker, developed calcium deposits after breaking his arm in 1977. The injury healed slowly, but Cole can still play because he doesn't throw.

Noll used grim terms to describe Stoudt's fractured arm.

"It was shattered, I'm told," he said. "It's not a 'his-hat' situation. You don't know how bones mend. Maybe he'll be a full-time radio announcer."

The Steelers may call up former Pitt quarterback Dick Trocano, who must clear waivers because he was placed on injured reserve before the season started.

They might carry just two quarterbacks, or they might sign one who is out of work.

"We're going to search around and see," Noll said. "We'll make a decision later on."

"We're talking about a third-string quarterback right now. Whoever it is, is not going to get a lot of playing time." Meanwhile, Mark Malone is back at quarterback.

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