# Final 4 field bracing for NCAA semifinals

**AP Sports Writer** 

NEW ORLEANS (AP) --- Dean Smith has taken North Carolina to the Four, and the Cardinals were fourth Final Four of the NCAA basketball in 1972. tournament seven times. Denny Crum of Louisville is heading into his fourth town in the depth of its bench and Final Four. Houston's Guy Lewis is speed. Each team also uses a fullworking on No. 3, and John Thompson court pressure defense, but the obof Georgetown is the rookie.

Thompson. "I just hope that I can trols the middle for Georgetown and, control my excitement to the extent that I can be rational enough to

Showing the impatience of newcomin blocked shots with 116. ers, the sixth-ranked Hoyas were the first to arrive for the Final Four. However, as he has done in the past, Thompson chose to keep his players out of harm's way. They arrived at their hotel Wednesday in Biloxi, Miss., about 60 miles down the 'pike

from New Orleans. The Final Four begins Saturday at 2:39 p.m. CST before a sellout crowd of 61,000 at the Louisiana Superdome. Georgetown and 20th-ranked Louisville start the show. They will be followed by No. 1-ranked North Carolina and Houston. The final will be

held Monday night. The Hoyas, 29-6, come into the Final Four on a tear. They won their first three games of the tournament by an average margin of 16.6 points, including a 24-point victory over fourth-

ranked Oregon State in the final of the West Regional at Provo, Utah. "I feel like we must sustain the play we have had," Thompson said. "We were really pleased with the way we played in the regionals, and, as in any tournament, I hope we can sustain a certain level of consistency so that our

"Basically, that's what it takes," he While trailing Smith in number of appearances, Crum is the only coach

team is able to survive.

and Crum has seven players, including four starters, back from that squad. Crum guided Louisville to a third-place finish in the 1975 Final

Louisville, 23-9, matches George-

vious difference is in the middle. "It's a new experience," says Patrick Ewing, a 7-0 freshman, paalthough he has yet to fulfill his offensive potential, he has become a strong factor on defense, leading the nation

> Another major concern for Louisville is its physical condition. Reserve forward Pancho Wright has a stubbed toe, and freshman guard Milt Wagner is suffering from a virus. Starting forward Derek Smith has six stitches in his upper lip and a sore jaw, suffered in the regionals.

"And they say this is a non-contact sport," Smith said. "I believe it's

North Carolina, 30-2, will be a big favorite over the Cougars, 25-7, although Houston is the only team that has played in the Superdome this season. Houston beat Louisiana State 73-69 for the title of the Sugar Bowl tournament, which was held the week

Roy Danforth, former Tulane coach tor, has seem teams flounder in their first trip to the Superdome.

"Initially, there is a problem of depth perception," Danforth said. "A player, going into the dome for the first time, after playing in the normal basketball arenas, tends to overshoot. He finds his shots hitting the back of

Smith, who has yet to win the touramong the four that has won the title. nament in six appearances, may have The Cardinals, led by Darrell Griffith. assembled the best starting five of his won the 1980 national championship, 20 years at North Carolina.

# Finn-less Lady Lions open season Lions start 'Shorty' season

By MARIA MARTINO Collegian Sports Writer

Along with the normal round of opening-day anxieties, the first women's lacrosse game of the season will serve up its own helping of problems and promises. Problem One: When the Lady Lions travel to play James Madison at 2 tomorrow, they will be without seven of 12 players who started last year. Make that eight - Problem Two - as senior All-American Candy Finn will also be sidelined for the

season opener with an injured knee. Finn said she sprained a ligament six weeks ago on the Astroturf at the Indoor Sport Complex when she "was in the air and came down on (her leg) the wrong way." She is waiting for a restrictive brace to arrive before working her way back into the lineup. "I have to be patient," she said. "I've been running,

but I've been helping out the attack mostly. I'll be starting some drills, then a scrimmage. I'll take it in The Lady Lions, who have won three national titles in the past four years, intend to take this season step by step. With only two seniors and six returning varsity

players, the squad is relatively young. "I'm reluctant to say we'll win the national championship," Finn said, "but we have a team that could be in contention."

The team promises to be almost as strong off the bench as on the field. Now with the new Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women rule that allows unlimited substitution, the Lady Lions will be able to take full advantage of their depth. "We're optimistic," Penn State coach Gillian Rattray

said. "We hope the pressure will be off of us. We have the skill. We have the potential but not the experience. The tough thing is molding it into a team." Rattray has Betsy Williams slated to start at first home, Marcia Flore at second home, Laurie Gray at third home, Lindsay Sheehan at center and Laurie Hoke at left attack wing, with senior Janef Dolan and sophomore Chris Moon fighting it out at point.

"It doesn't matter who's starting, because whoever's backing up is just as strong," cover point Pattie Sue Ewan said. "We have a lot of depth. We look very

"Our game is still one of quick, short passes and finesse, not running with the ball. The girls we have, though they're young, I don't think we'll be lacking in experience. They'll pick up the slack. We have a lot of faith in them." Rattray said Ewan was in-and-out twice with a

hyperextended knee, but Ewan said she will play tomorrow. Ewan and junior right defensive wing Jane Koffenberger are the only two returning defenders. They'll be joined at left defensive wing by freshman Barb Jordan — one of the Lady Lions' brightest prom- much stronger than the Duchesses that Penn State beat ises for spring. "She's doing a real good job," Ewan said, "She's a

"^^11v good little player."



The women's lacrosse team will be without the services of senior All-American Candy Finn (right) when it opens its season at James Madison at 2 tommorrow afternoon.

But as young as Penn State's team is, James Madison 5 record while winning the Virginia state championship should field an equally young squad that has should be over such powers as William & Mary.

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"If that's any inkling of their team this year," Ewan said, "it's not going to be a blow away. But we should James Madison finished its season last year with a 13- win, just because of our explosiveness."

A new era in Penn State baseball begins tomorrow when the Lions travel to Annapolis, Md., to face Navy in a double-header. For 19 years, Chuck Medlar was the Lions' coach on opening day, and over the course of those 19 seasons, Medlar guided his clubs to 312 victories — the second-highest total in school

Medlar, who served as an assistant for 14 years prior to be being named coach, announced his retirement last May. The Lions' new skipper, Clarence "Shorty" Stoner, was barely three years old when Medlar began his Penn State coaching It would seem that succeeding a coach with Medlar's record

would cause Stoner a few sleepless nights, but Stoner thinks the pressure to win comes from another source. "I feel the pressure from Chuck a little. I think he only had one losing season," Stoner said. "The real pressure comes from the other sports — they're so successful. Just look around you,

Stoner didn't have to worry about the other sports at Behrend College, where he managed the last 12 seasons. His teams racked up 147 wins during that time and appeared in the NAIA playoffs the last four years. Stoner has had no trouble adapting to Division I coaching, but

he has noticed the differences. "The big change is facilities." Stoner said. "The indoor complex is a tremondous asset. Now, if it's wet or muddy outside, we can still work out. We are able to use machine baseballs on the Astroturf." The only problem Stoner has encountered so far is one that Phillips both played more than 20 games in their freshman

have only 19 players on the traveling squad, so players like Gary Binduga and John Aimino have to stay home. "The competition is good," Stoner said. "There are some people who are really pushing the others. It was a toss-up on Slated to start against Navy are righthanders Dave Spamer

every manager can live with — too much talent. The Lions can

who we decided on. We know if someone gets hurt, we have the and Tom Bart.

The Lions' leader on the field this year is, without a doubt, captain Bob D'Ambrosio. The senior from Wethersfeld, Conn., hit a lofty .330 last year, led the team in at-bats and doubles, and was second in RBIs.

"Bob commands a lot of respect. He's a very heady ballplayer," Stoner said. "He's one of the better second baseman I've seen in a long time.'

The only other .300 hitter returning from last year's team is first baseman Randy Simcox. Despite returning only two .300 hitters, Stoner expects the Lions to be a good offensive club. "We're hitting the ball pretty well," he said. "We emphasize being aggressive and making contact. Our third, fourth and ifth hitters have the potential to get some extra base hits. "It's hard to hit home runs at Beaver Field. I define power as a man who hits the ball in the gaps and down the lines."

Simcox is slated to hit fifth, with third baseman Todd Hostetler hitting third and newcomer Mike Puharic in the The Lions are hoping Puharic, a transfer from Allegheny Community College, can take up some of the slack left by the graduation of left fielder Dale Reynolds. Reynolds led the club

with a .436 average, three homers and 23 RBIs. Hostetler will be hitting third, despite hitting a paltry .221 last "Those stats can be deceiving," Stoner said. "Todd was just a freshman, and not many freshman can jump right out of high

school and be successful. Todd is just starting to come into his Stoner pointed out that despite having a young team, the Lions are not inexperienced. Hostetler and shortstop Joe

Of course, all of this means very little if the Lions' pitching staff fails to perform. And right now, it is surrounded by

Sophomore Bob Zonts is part of a Lion pitching staff that this year is surrounded by question marks. Right∙handers Dave Spame



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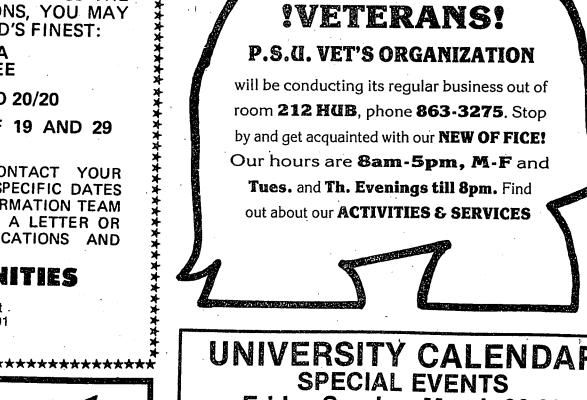
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on "Vergil at the Gates of Speech and Silence." Geography Dept. Coffee House, 3:40 p.m., 319 Walker. Thomas Hubka, prof. of architecture, Univ. of Oregon, on "Maine Farmers: The Connected Farm Architecture of Northern New England." Free U Course, Advanced Dungeons & Dragons, 6 p.m., 227 HUB. Cinematheque, Carnal Knowledge, 7 and 9 p.m., 121 Sparks. Also March 27. Commonsplace Theatre, For Your Eyes Only, 7 and 9 p.m., 112 Kern. Also

Campus Crusade for Christ meeting, leadership training class, 7 p.m., 115 EE Astronomy Club Open House, 7:30 p.m., 6th Floor Davey. If cloudy, Sat., March GSA Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., 102 Kern.

Vergil Celebration, 10 a.m., 101 Kern. John Adams, classics, on "Vergil and Cornelius Gallus"; 10:45 a.m., Gerard J. Brault, French, on "Vergil and Twelfth-Century French Literature"; 11:30 a.m., Alfred A. Triolo, Italian, on "Dante's Vergil: Symbolic Levels"; 2 p.m., Robert W. Carrubba, classics, on "Horace's Propempticon to Vergil (Odes I, 3)"; 2:45 p.m., Ralph Condee, English literature and humanites, on "Homer/Vergil = Vergil/Milton? Perhaps"; Elizaberth Block, Dept. of Classics, Univ. of Pa., on "Vergil and his Readers."

GSA Script Seminar, 2 p.m., 108 Forum. Sports: men's lacrosse vs. Syracuse, 2 p.m., men's volleyball vs. Ohio State, 7 rance-Cinema, Bergman, Life of the Marionnettes, 7 and 9:15 p.m. 112 Kern. Alpha Sigma Pi meeting, 7 p.m. 316 Boucke. Yachad film, I Love You Rosa, 8 p.m., 111 Boucke.

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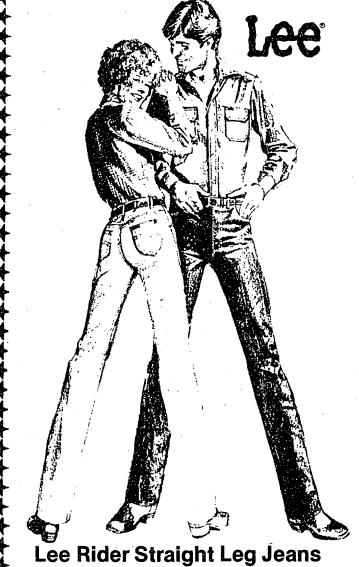
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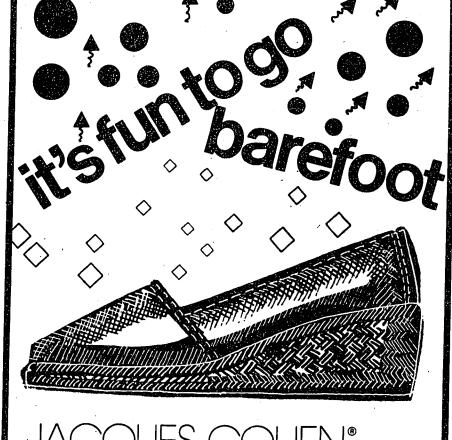


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