

Navy sinks Lions in twinbill opener

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For eight consecutive years, the old Washington Senators won't open, but could only finish above .500 once and usually ended up in the cellar of the American League East. So there is still hope for the baseball team after it was trounced by Navy, 8-1 and 15-1 on Saturday in Annapolis.

In the first game, played in gusty winds of 40 mph and a wind chill factor of 20 degrees, Penn State trailed 2-1 until the bottom of the fourth when the Midshipmen loaded up the bases on two walks by starter Dave Spamer and a single by Bob Wild. Navy's Steve Kaiser clouted a triple to clear the bases.

After Kaiser's triple, Penn State coach Clarence "Shorty" Stoner replaced Spamer with sophomore Mike Hughes.

"Stoner had to throw one down the middle or he would have walked in a

run," Stoner said. "He (Spamer) looked really good considering he has thrown the least of the starters."

Navy added two runs in the sixth to make the final score 8-1.

The Lions scored their only run in the second after a walk to designated hitter Keith Carango. Carango advanced to second on a single by rightfielder John Tarley and after shortstop Joe Phillips struck out. Catcher Mark Bernihr singled to score Carango.

"Things started miserably for the Lions in the second game as starter Tom Bart gave up seven first-inning runs. Bart started the second inning but couldn't retire a batter as the Midshipmen showed no mercy pummeling him with three more runs.

Junior pitcher Regis Scanlon fared no better as he gave up three more runs in relief of Bart. However, he did manage to retire two Navy batters. Sophomore pitcher Mike Bellaman finally got the

Lions out of the inning. But the only trouble was the scoreboard displayed a 13-0 score after the second inning.

After Navy scored two more runs in the fourth inning to make it 15-0, the Lions finally crossed the plate when freshman pinch hitter Mike Obeid smashed a double. Third baseman Todd Hostetter drove in Obeid for the Lions only score.

Mercifully, the umpires called the game after the fifth inning because of the cold.

"I couldn't even feel my hands," Hostetter said.

"Obeid showed a lot of guts being down and playing in a gusty wind to come in and hit a rope like that," Stoner said.

Although the inclement weather played a major role in the demise of the Lions, that wasn't their only problem.

"We essentially lost all three phases of the game," Stoner said, "we made some bad routine plays, we definitely have to get our hitting back, and we weren't

doing any pitching at all.

"You can't win ball games when you lose all three phases like that."

It definitely wasn't the Lions' weekend as they also lost cleanup hitter Mike Puharic for the second game against Navy.

"I hurt my elbow in practice two days ago throwing in the outfield," Puharic said. "I'm going to see the doctor tomorrow and see what's wrong with it."

Puharic played the first game but couldn't play the second because the wind and cold tightened up his arm. Puharic's status for Wednesday's home opener against Bloomsburg is uncertain.

Despite the shelling by Navy, Stoner still remains optimistic.

"The talent and potential is there, we just have to erase this whole weekend from our minds," Stoner said. "We have only one way to go and that's up."

Something the old Washington Senators never did.

Penn State bowlers gutted in regionals

Both the men's and women's bowling teams' seasons came to a disappointing close this weekend as they failed to win the ACU-I sectional tournament in Bel Air, Md. that would have sent them to the national tournament.

SUNY-Buffalo, ranked fifth in the country, edged the Lady Lions by 18 pins, overcoming a 175 pin lead in the last four games.

"We lost it in the 10th frame of the 11th and 12th games," Penn State coach Don Ferrell said. "In the 11th game, we had four open frames in the 10th, which means we lost about 60 pins. In the 12th game, we had three open frames, which cost about 45 pins."

The turning point of the tournament was in the 11th and 12th games, but in the seventh game when Penn State shot a paltry 731 series.

"That put doubt into our minds on whether we could win it," Ferrell said. "It gave the other teams momentum especially SUNY."

Of all the teams in the country, the Lady Lions had the toughest road to Orlando because they were in the toughest section of the country.

"It's a shame that two of the top ten teams in the country have to be in the same section to qualify for nationals," junior captain Audrey Hicher said.

The Lady Lions received fine performances from Donna Pedro, who shot a 941 for five games and Diane Novick, a 188 average for 12 games, edged the team.

While the Lady Lions had a shot at winning the title, the men's team never really figured in the picture, as it finished fifth behind eventual champion Robert Morris,

SUNY-Buffalo, Essex Community College, and St. John's.

"We were out of the competition by the seventh game," Ferrell said. "We were down by 520 pins and it is almost impossible to comeback from that kind of deficit."

While both teams' seasons came to an end, two of the teams' members will represent Penn State at the individual championships.

Jeri Edwards will be going to St. Louis for the Women's Individual Championships next week and freshman Ken Ogden heads to Baltimore for the Men's Individual Championships in late April.

—by John Severance

Sixers shatter Celtics' 18-game win streak

By HOWARD ULMAN
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BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics were the ones with the 18-game winning streak, but it was the Philadelphia 76ers who more nearly resembled the team that had not lost in more than a month.

"They played the game today the way we played the last 18 games," Boston's Larry Bird said yesterday.

The 76ers, behind Andrew Toney's 23 points, had just rolled to a 116-98 NBA victory that snapped Boston's winning streak.

"Regardless of what the records are, when these two teams meet, you can't throw that at the window," Philadelphia's Caldwell Jones said.

"I thought it would be a close game, and I think everyone on this team felt we would win the ballgame. We never let them establish their game. We wanted to go out and be the aggressors."

Boston coach Bill Fitch said, "As long as we had to lose, I'm glad it was to Philadelphia. ... If you've got to get beat, get beat by the best."

Bird said that now that it's over, he didn't think the longest winning streak in Boston history means that much to the players who achieved it.

"It's great to have a Celtic record, but you have to go out and play every game," he said. "This streak meant a lot for a while, but now it's a thing of the past."

The Celtics never led in the game, as their nine-game home winning streak over Philadelphia was snapped. The 76ers won just one week after losing to Boston at Philadelphia 123-111.

Philadelphia led 26-15 after the first quarter as Boston made just 25 percent of its field goal attempts. The 76ers then started the second quarter with a nine-point run that built their lead to 35-15 with 10:31 left in the first half.

Mike Bantom started the spurt with a dunk, and a 12-foot jumper by Darryl Dawkins closed the outburst. Philadelphia moved to within 5 1/2 points, then capped a fast break with a dunk, and a 12-foot jumper by Darryl Dawkins closed the outburst. Philadelphia moved to within 5 1/2 points, then capped a fast break with a dunk, and a 12-foot jumper by Darryl Dawkins closed the outburst.

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Lady Lions 'beat odds' to win opener

By MARIA MARTINO
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When the women's lacrosse team opened its season at James Madison Saturday, it was prepared to play a new game based on Murphy's Law, it's called *Beat the Odds*.

The rules are relatively simple.

First, play the season opener away against a team that has two wins under its belt (11-9 over Towson State and 12-9 over Old Dominion) not counting a difficult tournament a weekend earlier at the University of Richmond.

Then, discover Thursday that the game will be played on grass after practicing almost exclusively on astroturf.

Next, Mother Nature decides to provide bitterly cold, history weather for the occasion with a windchill factor of zero.

Then for good measure, field a team that consists of five freshmen, one senior in her first varsity game and only five returning starters.

And to make the odds seem virtually insurmountable, play without the services of Penn State's all-time leading scorer — All-American Candy Finn, who strained a ligament in her knee.

But, all the Lady Lions could do was laugh at the hand fate had dealt them and play out the hand.

Penn State played catch-up in the first half before beating the Dutchesses 8-7 in a see-saw game.

"We were up against the odds," coach Gillian Ratray said, "and it's our credit that we didn't panic and we came back from a 2-0 deficit. We had a lot of pluses — six of our eight goals were from freshmen. That speaks well for the future."

"I don't think in the history of Penn State we have ever had five freshmen start, and only one senior, Janet Dolan, in what was some opening game nerves, some hesitation, but I was pleased with it for an opener."

Freshman Marsha Florio, who started at second home — Finn's regular position, didn't hesitate long as she gave the Lady Lions their first lead (3-2) late in the first half. Florio ended the day with three goals and three assists while freshman Lynn Jordan also tallied three goals.

"I felt a little nervous," Florio said. "Without Candy, there was a little extra pressure on us. This was the only game she's ever missed since she was in college. Everyone was a little scared, but after the first half, we were more confident."

Sarah Heilman put the Dutchesses on top first with a goal assisted by Sue Peacock. Then Peacock doubled their lead halfway through the first 25 minutes.

Lynn Jordan and Florio combined for three goals in the space of one minute to put the Lady Lions up by one: Jordan from Florio at 16:18, Jordan unassisted at 17:10, and seconds later, Florio from Betsy Williams. But James Madison scored once more to tie the score 3-3 at halftime.

Ratray said Penn State had worried that Williams, the first home, suffered from frostbite because she couldn't grip the stick in her hands. While she could not grip her stick well, she still managed to get off the "good passes," Florio added.

"It was punishing," Ratray said of the cold. "It certainly spoiled the flow of our game. We like a quick, short passing game, but you couldn't feel the ball in the cross."

"And with the gusting wind, you'd think you would have the ball, and it takes off on its own," she laughed. "I was hoping to make more substitutions, but it took too long to warm up from the sidelines."

Ratray sent Judy Mahaffey into the game halfway through the final half to distract the Dutchesses behind the cage.

"Two of Peacock's goals came from the backdoor," the Lady Lion coach said. "Our defense was caught ball-watching. But our second half showed we really learned a lot from the first half. We kept our calm and we shot them down to just six shots the second half."

Penn State was outshot 12-10 in the first period.

Lady Lion Laurie Gray scored an unassisted goal to open the second half, but Peacock tied it up less than a minute later.

Williams and Florio each added a Penn State goal before Heilman scored for James Madison. Then Jordan and Duchess Barb Baker exchanged goals before Peacock tied it up 7-7.

With 1:21 to go, Florio converted a pass from Jane Koffenberger into the game-winner.

"Their cover point would drop off of me to pick up another player so we just waited for that," Florio said. "We kept things more spread out on attack, too."

"At first, we weren't patient enough. We all cut at the same time instead of waiting for the good cut. Candy was helping us out so much because she could see our plays a lot better than we could."

SIDELINES: Penn State outshot James Madison 22-18. Goalie Lynn Mattson made 10 saves for the Lady Lions while Duchess goalie Chris Bauer saved nine. Penn State plays Towson State Thursday at Lady Lion Field.

Laxers crushed by Orange

By PAUL ALEXANDER
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The men's lacrosse team experienced more than an abrupt change in the weather on Saturday at the Astro-turf practice field when the Orangemen from Syracuse proved to be too much for the Nittany Lions.

After a relatively easy victory over Lehigh (2-0) on a beautiful spring day last Saturday, both Mother Nature and the Orangemen made things rather unpleasant for the Lions to the tune of a 12-4 defeat in very blustery conditions.

Syracuse, ranked 10th nationally, totally dominated the Lions with their ball-control offense and overall team speed.

The lopsidedness of the contest, the Lions did a lot of things right, head coach Glenn Thiel said.

"(Goolie) Joey Guttering played great for us against some very good shooters and the defense as a whole played well," he said. "We forced a lot of loose balls, but they always seemed to pick them up and we started some good plays, but we weren't able to finish them."

Loose balls and face-offs were controlled by Syracuse almost solely and its ball control on offense really kept the pressure on the Lion defense.

Greg Tarbell, one of the country's finest attackmen, kept quite a bit of pressure on the Lion defense. He and teammate Dave Desko each scored three goals a piece for the Orangemen.

Tarbell set the tone for the contest with only 43 seconds elapsed. He and Desko combined for the first three Syracuse goals and gave the Orange-

men a 3-0 first quarter lead. They had built the lead to six before Dave Taylor put the Lions on the board with a goal on an assist from Gary Martin.

The Lions went into the Indoor Sports Complex locker room, trailing 6-1, but with a trace of momentum generated by getting the last goal of the half and finally getting on the scoreboard.

Syracuse started the second half just as they did in the first half, with two quick goals. Trailing 8-1, the Lions had two choices: roll over and play dead or suck it up and give the Orangemen everything they had.

A great individual effort by Martin convinced the Lions that they weren't finished yet and then five minutes later Martin netted his second goal of the third quarter on another unassisted goal from point-blank range.

The attempted comeback was contagious. The few brave fans rallied behind the Lions as freshman Bill Schoonmaker brought the Lions one goal closer, 8-3 with a fine unassisted goal in the waning minutes of the third quarter.

"I was pleased with the way the kids came back," Thiel said. "When they reflected back on this game, they'll realize they did a lot of things well."

The Lions on the other hand were given a lesson in what to expect from the top lacrosse teams in the country.

"The guys are going to be very anxious to work," Thiel said. "We have to be more patient on offense and more selective with our fast breaks."

Last year the Lions lost 14-1 to Syracuse and finished the season with a 9-2 record and Thiel feels the team is much further along than last year's squad.

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