

Lady laxers stalled in bid for EIAIW championship

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After the top-seeded women's lacrosse team finished third at regionals this weekend, people asked the Lady Lions if they were jinxed at Maryland.

Strange question. Their only loss this season came at the hands of the Lady Terps at Maryland. In fact, before Saturday, Penn State hadn't won a game at College Park, Md., since 1976.

So when fourth-ranked Penn played keep-away and upset Penn State 7-6 in the first round of the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women regional championships, ironically it happened at Maryland.

Then Penn stalled again and upset Temple 5-2 to

win the title while the Lady Lions demolished Maryland 9-2 in yesterday's consolation game.

The Lady Lions still have a chance to qualify for nationals as an at-large team. Bids will be announced later today.

Despite the playing site of this weekend's tournament, Penn State Coach Gillian Ratray insists there's no jinx.

"(Penn) stalled for the last 13 minutes," Ratray said. "I guess if you're playing to win...we played a good game. They don't play the kind of lacrosse we play. They like to change pace. They like to play monkey in the middle.

A couple of things killed us—that one goal just before the half, but what really killed us was when they scored three goals in a row in two minutes."

After center Judy Mahaffey and Candy Finn put Penn State up 2-0, Penn's Sherry Marcantonio

scored two quick ones to tie it up midway through the first half. Then, with the Lady Lions on top 4-3, Bettie Lombardo evened the score with only 30 seconds left in the half.

Penn's Lisa Romig netted two quick goals in as many minutes in the second half, then seconds later, Marcantonio scored right off the draw.

With just more than 15 minutes to play it was Penn 7, Penn State 5 and time for the Quakers to let the clock waste away.

"They stopped play," sophomore Ellen Cahill said. "There wasn't much we could do but play a tight man-to-man. It was frustrating, but it was effective. They held the ball and they didn't have to. It wasn't a good, fast, passing, flowing game."

"They took four-corner positioning and just passed it around. At the end of our game (against Maryland), we were working on the good shots,

but Penn wasn't working the ball."

Even so, the Lady Lions had ample opportunities to score on Penn's many turnovers, outshooting the Quakers 17-10 in the final half.

"We took low percentage shots on goal," Ratray said. "They were really, really aggressive. The night before, they found out they tied Harvard for the Ivy League title. They were very excited about that. If we get to nationals, we'd like to meet them again."

Penn State did a complete turnaround yesterday, outshooting Maryland 31-13 in a classic Lady Lion romp.

Finn picked up a loose ball to give Penn State an early lead when Maryland failed to clear the zone nine minutes into the half. After the Lady Lions scored—their first and last goal until a fluke at the end of the game—Betsy Williams netted a

fluke of her own.

From about 20 feet out, Williams flung a pass over the head of her intended receiver and right into the cage.

"There was no way we were going to lose to them again," Ratray said. "We knew we were a better team. We had some beautiful passes—some were really perfect."

After all, passing is their game.

"We just weren't clicking (against Penn)," Cahill said. "We weren't together as a team. (Yesterday) we were a totally different team. It was so nice. We played so much like a team—we were so happy, we forgot we lost."

SIDELINES: Temple squeaked by Maryland 3-0 in the other first-round game. It marked the first time Maryland had been shut out in 129 games.

Nichols' value increases

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Nichols' performance on Saturday left many people wondering if he has a chance of seeing more playing time.

"That's hard to say," Nichols said. "Both Jon (Williams) and Curt (Warner) are good runners and to say I was out in front would be a misconception."

"Curt, by far, is the best. Jon, Tony (Mumford) and I are pretty close, but Jon has a little more experience and that's what counts."

"My biggest concern," Nichols added, "is to make sure I contribute to the team. I want to give 110 percent on every play."

Even though Warner will be returning in the fall—he participated in

men's track this year instead of spring drills—Penn State Coach Joe Paterno said Nichols will still see playing time come the regular season.

"I think Nichols would be an awfully fine all-around back," Paterno said. "He catches well and he is a big, strong kid who can block. He doesn't seem to be the speedster that Jonathan Williams or Curt Warner are, although he has the type of acceleration."

He does other things that a good back does. He's strong and he breaks a lot of tackles."

The 1982 Blue-White Game is over and so is Skeeter Nichols' command tackle-breaking performance. About all he can do now is dig in and hopefully look toward the fall.

Lion laxers pound Montclair State

By MICHAEL FELICI
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Penn State 79, Montclair State 5.

That's what the Jeffrey Field scoreboard read Saturday night. The left in the game. No, the men's lacrosse team did not set a record for most goals in a game, a malfunction in the board showed the 1 in the tens column was active, so a 7 is used. But if the game was a little longer, the Lions might have proved the scoreboard correct.

Penn State did not play Montclair State, 20-5, in a game marked by many high-fights.

The first was the third consecutive 12-point game by Lion attacker Gary Martin. The scoring spree by Martin put him in the record book twice: as the only player to score 12 points in three games in a row, and as the record holder for most points in a season. The old record of 70 was set by Jim Trentz in 1972.



The men's lacrosse team's Stu Hall (22) and teammate Bill Turri battle for a loose ball at midfield in Saturday's 79-5 win over Montclair State at Jeffrey Field.

"Setting the record is really not important," Martin said. "We have to keep on winning. After the season it will be a big deal, but not much, because I don't set goals for myself."

He might not set goals, but he sure scored them and set them up. His six goals and six assists Saturday night are indicative of the way he has been playing all year. His 73 points are almost evenly divided (34 goals, 39 assists).

One teammate Martin was setting up was midfielder Bill Turri, who netted four goals, two assisted by Martin. Because of the board malfunction, Turri's goal in the first quarter, two by Martin and another pair by Jay Staropoli. Turri's first goal, in which he reached from behind the net and put the ball past Montclair's goalie Steve Dudaski's left shoulder, put the Lions in command.

The score reached 7-0 before Montclair scored its first goal in the second quarter. Penn State's freshman goalie Tom Florence, Florence replaced senior Joe Guteringer after the first quarter and played brilliantly, stopping eight shots in 42 minutes, the most he has played all season. Goals by Russo, Turri and sophomore Rich Martin gave the Lions a 16-2 lead at the half.

During halftime, the nine seniors on the Penn State squad (Brian Herzer,

Doug Bailey, Joe Guteringer, Mark Goulding, Ken Panzer, Mark Erwin, Jim Kopenhaver, Bob Campbell and Turri) received letters from the coaches. Another freshman, John Curcio, scored his third goal of the season at 1:11 of the fourth quarter. That put the Lions ahead 29-2, or 19-2. Montclair managed to get three goals before Penn State junior Steve Schwin scored the first goal of his career to cap the scoring.

Thiel said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"It was a good game for the seniors to go out on, a fun game," he said. "Our second defense did a real nice job. Doug Kohn and Jeff Gary made some nice clears and got to every ground ball. It was nice to give them some playing time."

Thiel said he used the game to practice

various tactics in preparation for the Army game on May 8.

"We wanted to practice getting Gary (Martin) the ball in pressure situations," he said. "We also worked on some new plays and other things to sharpen our skills."

"The coach called a time-out and told the team to relax and get the ball to me so we could practice threading some passes to Bill and the other attackers," Martin said. "We need the work because Bucknell and Army are going to try and do it in like Rutgers did."

NOTES: Martin's 129 career points puts him second on the all-time scoring list in less than two seasons time. Only Keith McGuire (1974-77) has more points with 154. Martin's 79 assists place third on the all-time list, one behind Karl Hurlitz (1973-76) and 23 behind McGuire.

Records fall, Lions dominate at relays

By MIKE FRANTZ
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What was to be a track meet for the record books, certainly was, as eight meet records were broken and one was tied Saturday at the Nittany Lion Relays.

The men's track team continued its steady improvement, as it accounted for seven of the new marks and won half of the 24 meet events.

Rick Kleban set two individual decathlon records, and his two-day total of 6,772, easily placed him first and was just three points short of another record.

After the first five events, Kleban was in second place with 331 points, but just as he was at the Penn Relays' decathlon last week, Kleban was fantastic in the final five events to put himself on top. His time of 14:9 in the 110-meter high hurdles and his height of 14-6 in the pole vault each set new meet records.

"Just coming off the Penn Relays, I wasn't expecting myself to do that well," Kleban said. "But my better events are the high hurdles and the pole vault, and I guess they put me in the right rhythm."

The Lions took the top three places in the decathlon as Carl Cowen (6,071) and Tony Reilly (5,920) finished behind Kleban.

Jeff Adkins won the 5,000-meter run in 14:24.25, which was a little slower than he expected to run, but the result is still another first place and a new meet record.

"I started out a little slower than planned," Adkins said. "My knees were bothering me beforehand and it affected me a little."

Though his tempo was a bit slower than his championship pace at the Penn Relays, Adkins believed it was quick enough for a new record.

"I realized I was on record pace towards the end," Adkins said. "But when you are far ahead you start thinking about a lot of things and it slows you down. I thought I was running it faster, but it still turned out well."

Mike Cook and Ken Wynn put on a

superb display once again in the 800-meter run, as Cook repeated the old record with a 1:59.61, and Wynn crossed the finish line just .05 later. Steve Steve Shisher, Tom Walchuck and Paul McLaughlin finished fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively, with times all lower than the previous record.

High jumper Paul Souza and Shippensburg pole vaulter Doug Bushong also each won an Outstanding Performer award for their achievements. Souza scaled 4-9 1/2 for a new meet record, and Bushong cleared 15-0 to tie the meet record.

Kenny Jackson may have been missed at the Blue-White football game, but he was definitely not overlooked at the relays. Jackson broke the tape in a record time in the 400-meter race, edging out four excellent sprinters from the U.S. Marine Corps.

Ed Roskiewicz joined the group of record-setting Lions, as he covered 49-3 in the triple jump, just a 1/2-inch further than Andre Collins of the U.S. Marines.

McCallill and Todd Shenk awarded the Lions two more victories, as McCallill ran the 400-meter hurdles in 52.78, and Shenk threw the hammer 172-2 1/2. Although the Lions did not put their emphasis on the individual events, their

relay teams did not slacken their pace, as they won four of the five relays.

Cook and Wynn joined Curt Warner and Doug Walker to capture first place in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:29.53, and Warner and Walker regrouped with Jackson and Steve Phelan to lead the field in the 400-meter relay in 42.30.

Mark Overheim, Rick Garcia, Clark Haley, and Dwight Stephens ran a combined 7:49.25 in the 3,200-meter relay to earn a first place, and the foursome of Phelan, Jackson, Bruce Evans, and Mike McCallill ran a 3:13.92 in the 1,600-meter relay to edge the U.S. Marines and conclude the meet.

Lady Lions finish 2nd at quad meet

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Going into Saturday's meet at Knoxville, Tenn., Women's Track Coach Gary Schwartz predicted the Lady Lions would be able to hold their heads up when the dust on the track settled.

And when you're battling three of the top collegiate track teams in the country—Tennessee, Alabama and Wisconsin—being able to hold your head up after the meet is a pretty commendable feat.

Well, Penn State was able to do just that after finishing in second place with a total of 53 points. Tennessee, the defending outdoor track champion, easily took the quadrangular meet with 121 points, Alabama finished a point behind Penn State in third, while Big Ten Champ Wisconsin finished a surprising fourth with 36 points.

"We had the usual kind of meet," Schwartz said. "We had some real good events and some not-so-good events. The competition was pretty tough. Alabama turned out to be tougher than I thought and Wisconsin wasn't as good as I expected. I knew Tennessee would be the toughest, and it was."

Leading the way for the Lady Lions was the shotputter Elaine Sobansky, ranked fourth in the nation. Sobansky turned out to be fronted with sort of a grudge match as she was facing Tennessee's Rose Marie Hauck. Sobansky, who finished behind Hauck at the 1982 national indoors, has never beaten Hauck.

But Saturday was a whole different story as Sobansky got a little bit of revenge by beating Hauck. Sobansky won the shot with a toss of 54-feet and 1/2-inch. Her throw bettered that of Hauck's by a foot.

"Just the fact that I knew she was there probably caused me to do better," Sobansky said. "I really felt good when I beat her because I felt like I accomplished something."

Another track meet was the only thing Sobansky accomplished. With her throw, the Lady Lion broke her own Penn State record of 53-3.

The Lady Lions also won the javelin as Marilyn Senz came up with her best performance of the season by posting a throw of 150-1.

"Marilyn hadn't been throwing too well this season, so we're real happy to see her do so well," Schwartz said.

"I've been having some problems with my form," Senz said. "I can't really say what happened on Saturday. Basically, I think, I stopped thinking about the event and just went out and did it."

In addition to the impressive throwing of Sobansky and Senz, the Lady Lions also received national qualifier performances from four runners.

Qualifiers for Penn State were Paula Renzi, who came in third in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:49; Patty Murrain (4:24.5) and Doreen Startare (4:26.2) in the 1,500 meters; and Terry Fioli, who finished third in the 800 meters in 2:09.2.

Qualifiers for Easterns, which will be held in two weeks, included Elaine La Framboise in the 800 with a 2:11.5, Karen McGlashan in the 400-meter hurdles with a 65.5 and Vivian Riddick in the 200 with 29.0.

But, Schwartz said, the Lady Lions got more out of the meet than just some qualifiers.

"We got quite a few things out of the meet," he said. "We got some people in the meet who were not there and seven of them had their personal best performances."

Baseball team wins 3 of 4

By JOHN SEVERNANCE
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The baseball team ended a murderous nine-game road trip in style this weekend as it split a double-header with West Virginia and swept one from Robert Morris.

The Lions' power hitting and three complete games from a pitching staff that has been struggling was too much for the Mountaineers and the Colonials to handle.

It would have been a clean sweep this weekend for the Lions if it hadn't been for a two-run West Virginia rally in Saturday's game. The rally came in the bottom of the 10th to steal as the Mounts took the first game from the Lions, 5-4, after Penn State had scored in the top of the inning on a RBI double by Keith Carango.

Not only did the Lions lose the game but they also lost the services of catcher Mark Bernolir for the remainder of the weekend. Bernolir was injured when a ball hit him below the right eye in a play at the plate in the fourth inning.

Dave Spamer started the first game for the Lions, but only lasted four innings after giving up three runs. Bob Zonis came in relief and pitched a strong 5 2/3 innings before giving up the two runs in the fateful 10th.

The hitting heroes in the first game were Mike Obeld, John Tarley and Carango, who each had two hits. Randy Simcox also got into the act as he slammed a two-run homer in the second.

Saturday's nightcap was no contest as the Lions came out with a vengeance and annihilated the Mountaineers 13-0. It was

essentially over after the third inning when Penn State had already piled up 11 runs.

Regis Scanlon turned in his second consecutive impressive performance as he shut out West Virginia on six hits to get the win.

Not only did the Lions receive a much-needed complete game from Scanlon, but they continued their torrid hitting, pounding out 15 hits.

Once again the hitting heroes were Carango (3 for 3, 2 RBIs) and Obeld (4-4, 2 RBIs), who had some help from Al Warrington (3-4, 3 RBIs). In addition, both Obeld and Warrington smashed homers.

The Lions took their hitting show from Morgantown, W. Va., to Coropolis, Pa., where they pounded Robert Morris 11-5 in the first game and squeaked by 4-3 in the second.

In those games yesterday, Penn State once again got off to a fast start. The Lions led 8-1 after three innings with John Tarley, Todd Hostetler and Obeld each collecting two hits. Tarley, in the third inning, and Carango, in the sixth, both belted two-run homers.

Tom Bart upped his record to 4-1 as he went the distance striking out eight Colonials giving up nine hits and five runs. In two outings this year, Bart has flirted with no-hiters, only to be denied in the sixth inning.

Penn State got a close game in the second game against Robert Morris, rallying with two runs in the top of the sixth to creep by the Colonials, 4-3.

Mike Hughes got the Colonials out in the sixth and the seventh innings to get the second win of the season.

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Kenny Jackson breaks the tape to win the 200 meters at Saturday's Nittany Lion Relays held at the Nittany Lion Track.



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Soares defeats Van Patten

NEW YORK (AP)—Joao Soares of Brazil upset 15th-seeded Vince Van Patten in yesterday's feature match at the \$500,000 Tournament of Champions Open's eight-day run at the famed West Side Tennis Club.

Soares' 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 victory highlighted a day in which South American clay-court specialists dominated play. Mario Martinez of Bolivia upset Poland's Wojtek Fibak 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; Pablo Arraya of Peru eliminated Tom Cain 6-4, 6-4 and Haroon Ismail of Zimbabwe downed Mark Vines 5-3, 6-1.

The tournament's top seed, John McEnroe, will begin play tonight when he takes on Chris Johnstone of Australia. Second-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia will face his first-round opponent, Damian Keretic of West Germany, tomorrow.

Van Patten, one of only two seeded players to see action, made numerous unforced errors as he dropped the opening set. But he changed tactics and began to serve and volley. He traded ground strokes with the clay-court

specialist from Brazil.

It worked slightly as the son of actor Dick Van Patten captured the second-set tiebreaker 7-5.

The two again fought to a tiebreaker in the third set, this time Soares coming out on top 7-2, the winning point coming on his 10th ace of the match.

Fibak had little problem with his Bolivian opponent in the opening set, breaking Martinez' serve in the first and seventh games. But after that, Martinez' speed and agility took command against the experienced Polish player.

The two traded service breaks seemingly at will in the middle set - with the breaks coming in the second, third, seventh, eighth and ninth games.

Then Fibak, leading 5-4, was serving for the match. But Martinez broke once again to even the contest, then broke Fibak once more in the 12th game to capture the set.

Martinez, the third generation of his family to win the Bolivian national championship, sailed through the third set as everything Fibak tried failed.

Waltrip smokes to Winston win

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP)—Darrell Waltrip charged past Benny Parsons on the last lap, then held off Terry Labonte, Parsons and Kyle Petty through the final two turns to win the \$398,000 Winston 500 Grand National stock car race yesterday.

Parsons, who set a Grand National qualifying record with a lap of 200.176 mph in his Pontiac LeMans, was on top at Alabama International Motor Speedway as the four leaders began the final lap. But Waltrip came roaring past on the backstretch, pulling Labonte behind him.

Parsons dropped low on the track coming through the final turn in an effort to get back up front, but both Waltrip and Labonte slipped across the finish line ahead of him, with the 21-year-old Petty right behind.

It was the best finish ever for Petty, the son of seven-time NASCAR champion Richard Petty.

For Waltrip, the defending NASCAR Winston Cup champion, it was the fourth victory of the season and the 43rd of his career. His green and white Buick Regal moved across the finish line less than a car length ahead of Labonte's Buick. Waltrip's average speed was 156.683 mph, held down somewhat by eight caution flags.

The last caution, coming out for a blown engine on lap 173, set up an 11-lap dash to the finish after the green flag fell for the

final time on lap 178. The top four cars were averaging more than 200 mph through most of that final sprint.

It was the second Winston 500 victory and the second career triumph on the high-banked 2.66-mile oval for Waltrip, a 35-year-old from Franklin, Tenn.

Defending champion Bobby Allison was running right with the leaders when they made their final scheduled pit stops under the green flag. As Allison tried to pull away from his pit, his driveshaft broke, ending his race.

The fifth caution flag of the day eliminated a pair of contenders.

Dave Marcis, who had moved up as high as third place and still was in the lead draft, blew his engine as he entered the second turn on lap 65. He spun into the outside wall.

Ricky Rudd, who started third and also was among the leaders, slowed in a hurry to miss Marcis and Lennie Pond slammed into his rear end, badly damaging Rudd's car.

Others dropping out in the first half of the race with mechanical problems included seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion Richard Petty, 1981 Talladega 500 winner Ron Bouchard, rookie Geoff Bodine, who started fifth, and former Winston 500 winner Cale Yarborough, started sixth.

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