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## NCAA proposal avoids antitrust

SAN DIEGO — The National Collegiate Athletic Association has asked its lawyers to draft a bill making NCAA television sports plans exempt from federal antitrust laws, it was disclosed yesterday.

Michael Scott, of the Washington, D.C., law firm of Spire, Sanders & Dempsey, told the opening session of the NCAA's 77th annual convention that an antitrust exemption is one of several options if an appeals court upends a lower court ruling which overturned the NCAA's four-year, \$26.5 million football TV package with ABC and CBS.

Another option would send the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, although the NCAA's Football Television Committee has concluded that chances of review by the high court are "not great."

Scott said his firm — which does not specifically represent the NCAA in connection with the TV case — has advised the TV committee that if it plans to seek an antitrust exemption, "it would probably be best advised to advance one covering all multi-institutional television arrangements, and not merely one which describes the NCAA football plan," he said.

"Under the proposal, the antitrust laws are declared not to apply to the adoption, performance or enforcement of any joint agreement among members of an organization of educational institutions by which the organization controls such members' rights to televise their athletic events, nor to the negotiation, performance or enforcement of any contract entered into by the organization pursuant to such joint agreement," Scott said.

"In concrete terms, the exemption would thus cover, for example, the traditional NCAA television plan and the traditional NCAA-network contract which is upon that plan. It would also cover

# Dukes destroy Lion cagers

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PITTSBURGH — The first half was a nightmare and the second half didn't get much better as the men's basketball team put on a clinic on how not to play the game in a 94-82 loss to Duquesne at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena last night.

Freshman Alex Agudio's two three-point field goals in the opening minutes were as good as it got for the Lions. Penn State managed to turn the ball over 20 times in the first half. That turned out to be one more than the Lions scored as they went in the locker room trailing the Dukes 37-19 at the half.

"You saw it," Penn State Coach Dick Harter said after the game. "We made 20 turnovers in the first half. One player misses four layups, and you take about five bad shots — that equals 30 turnovers. If you turn the ball over 30 times, you're not going to do too well."

As poorly as his team played, Coach Harter said that he hoped that the hapless performance of the Lions didn't overshadow the good performance of the Dukes.

Duquesne was led by guards Perry Teachout and Andy Sisinni, who each scored a career-high 20 points. The Duquesne guards combined to make 94 of 99 free throws. The Dukes went on to shoot an Atlantic 10 record, 60 free throws. On the night, Duquesne scored 44 points from the charity stripe.

Penn State was paced by center Mike Lang's 15 points and 11 rebounds. It was Lang's 18th career double-double game where he was in double figures in both scoring and rebounding. Rich Petter tossed in 14 points and David Griffin had 10 points in the losing cause. It was the Dukes full-court press that did the Lions in.

Duquesne Head Coach Jim Satalini openly admitted that Penn State's glaring 26 turnovers against St. Bonaventure last Saturday prompted the full-court pressure.

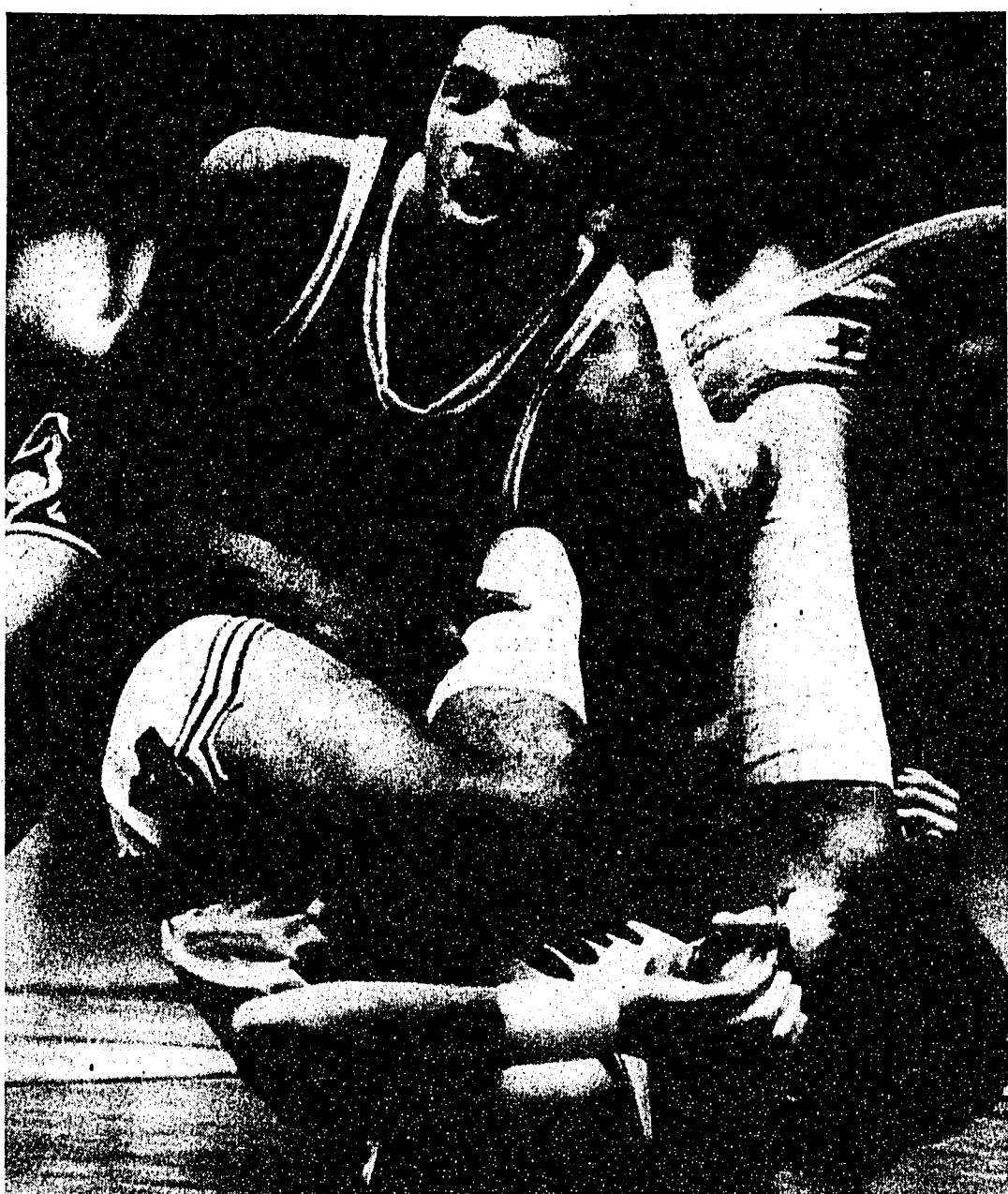
"(Satalini) scouted the St. Bonaventure game," Harter said. "I anticipated a lot of pressure. The way we set it up, they'll be coming at us."

Although Satalini agreed that Penn State played poorly, but he had a lot of praise for his own ballclub.

"We played well tonight," said Satalini. "I hope it's not a one-shot deal. It was nice to win a late game and to beat a good team."

Last night's game was Duquesne's first Atlantic 10 contest. The Dukes are now 4-5 and undefeated in the conference. Penn State, on the other hand, dropped to 3-1 in the conference and to 9-5 overall.

It will be tough for Penn State to prepare for Thursday night's confrontation with highly respected West Virginia. The Mountaineers, known for their pressure defense, will certainly again test the Lions' ability to break a full-court press.



Penn State's Craig Collins topples over Andy Sisinni of Duquesne during an Atlantic 10 game last night at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena. The men's basketball team, however, was toppled by Duquesne, 94-82.

"We have to start all over," Harter said with regard to the West Virginia game. "Obviously, we'll make some changes and go with some different people."

"We have to take our time," Agudio said. "We have 10 seconds to bring the ball up the floor, we set like we have three. We just have to break the press."

The general consensus of the Lions was that in a season with as many as 27 games, teams are bound to have nights like this. It's just something that has to be forgotten and somehow used as a learning experience.

# Freshman starting for lady cagers

By JOHN SEVERANCE  
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When the women's basketball team (10-3) travels to Syracuse to take on the Orangewomen (7-5) tonight at Manley Field House, freshman forward Lorraine McGirt will get a chance to prove she is a worthy starter.

McGirt got her chance to start last Saturday night in the Lady Lions' 98-88 win over Connecticut. McGirt took the starting spot away from Kahadejah Herbert, who had missed practice the Thursday before the game. As a disciplinary action, Women's Basketball Coach Rene Portland started McGirt in place of Herbert.

When McGirt's teammates found out she was starting last Saturday night, the four seniors Carol Walderman, Louise Leimkuler, Annie Troyan, and Cheryl Ellison all came over and gave her support. But still, she was nervous.

"It was really strange, there I was starting with four seniors," McGirt said. "They were really great though, because they wouldn't holler when I made a mistake. They just pushed me in the right position when I was in the wrong zone."

Although she was admittedly anxious in the first half and her play showed it, she calmed down later on and shut down Connecticut's big gun Leigh Cur, holding her to 14 points.

"I was really nervous at first and Curli scored the first three times she had the ball," McGirt said. "Then I told myself, you can't let her do this. After that first three, I decided to deny her the ball. They were setting a lot of screens for her, but I fought through them so I wouldn't lose sight of her."

Besides shadowing Curli, McGirt also grabbed seven rebounds and contributed five points on two for three shooting from the field.

Although McGirt's primary force is rebounding and defense at Penn State, it wasn't always this way. She also has the ability to score.

During her senior year at St. Maria Goretti in Philadelphia, McGirt averaged 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds per game, leading her team to a second-place finish in the Catholic League.

"It was different in high school," McGirt said, "because they didn't play much defense. In college, they play really tough defense and it's tough to score. I figure the offense will come later."

McGirt will get a chance to get into the offensive scheme of things tonight, when the Lady Lions face an extremely physical and tall Syracuse squad.

The Orangewomen are led with talent up front with Anne Flannery, who averages almost 16 points per game. Along with Flannery on the front line, Syracuse Coach Barbara Jacobs will start on and shut down Connecticut's big gun Leigh Cur, holding her to 14 points.



Lorraine McGirt

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# Lady gymnasts at home tonight

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Sunday, 11 a.m. White Building main gym. Mats and more mats. Every square inch of floor is padded.

"New Hampshire killed Pitt last night. They scored 176 points. It'll be a tough practice today, get psyched."

When the women's gymnastics team meets University of New Hampshire at 8 tonight in Rec Hall, the Lady Lions will have a tough practice behind them and will be prepared for a tough meet.

However, the Lady Wildcats were second to Penn State in regional competition last season and promise to arrive in State College ready for a fight.

"When New Hampshire comes to Rec Hall they are in for a surprise," Assistant Coach Marshall Avenir said. "We will turn them in, like a street gang. We will be in front of them when they turn down the alley, and when they turn around we will be behind them too. By that time it will be too late for them to turn back. And we will have them."

New Hampshire is currently ranked No. 1 in the East and Penn State is ranked 11th. Both teams have nothing to lose from this meet and everything to gain, according to Coach Judi Avenir.

"We are really looking for a fight," Judi said. "New Hampshire's coach used to be a teammate of mine, and she said they were going to beat us. They are the odds-on favorite having scored 176 to our 159 so far this season. But we are looking for a good solid fight."

Fighting for Penn State will be all-arounders Pam Loree, Renee Bunker, Joanna Sime, Diane Drum and captain Joanne Beltz. Lynn Harston will compete on the vault and floor exercise. Lisa Smith will be on the uneven bars and Betsy Noll will be on the balance beam.

Not only is Penn State taking on the current No. 1 Eastern team but it is also protecting a 25-meet winning streak in Rec Hall.

"The winning streak isn't emphasized," captain Joanne Beltz said. "There are so many new people they aren't as aware of it. I am aware of it because I have been here for the past four years. It is not



Joanna Sime

# Vermeil resigns from Eagle post

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PHILADELPHIA — A teary-eyed Dick Vermeil, saying he was "burned out" after seven seasons as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, ended weeks of speculation yesterday by resigning.

Leonard Tose, owner of the National Football League franchise, immediately named Eagles' defensive coordinator Marion Campbell, former head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, as Vermeil's replacement. Tose also firmly denied rumors that the club was for sale.

"I'm my own worst enemy," Vermeil, 46, said at a hastily called news conference. "I'm far too intense, far too emotional and I put too much into trying to get things together."

His decision to quit came at the end of a season in which the Eagles, one of the contenders in Super Bowl XV two years ago, compiled a 3-6 record.

Vermeil, standing at the same lectern in the Veterans Stadium press club where he usually sparred with reporters at Monday post-game briefings, appeared pale. Glistening in his eye as his emotions forced him twice to stop while he made his announcement.

"I've made a lot of mistakes and probably the most vivid mistake I've set a pace for 23 years that it may not be possible to keep through the 10 years of the professional contract," the former UCLA head coach said.

"That's why I say 'I'm burned out'... I think it's time. I have never coached football for a living. Coaching football has been a way of life for me and my family."

Vermeil choked with emotion and came to a halt in mid-sentence as he said, "I hope very much that my immediate friends, I hope very much the management, I hope very much the coaches... I hope very much my players can understand where I'm coming from."

"I love these guys, I love these people, all the people in the Eagles organization. And it's not an easy thing to say goodbye to them."

Tose, 56, the businessman-owner of the Eagles who once described Vermeil as his "last coach," firmly denied that the end of Vermeil's reign meant the end of his ownership of the club.

"What I meant was that he was my last coach as long as he wanted to be here," Tose said. "Unfortunately for me, for his best interest he chose not to be here."

Vermeil, whose contract ran until 1985, said he would work in the club offices for several weeks to help Campbell get oriented and indicated he might also serve the Eagles as a scout.

Otherwise, Vermeil said, "I don't have a job," although he added that he would be interested in offers to serve as an announcer for NFL network broadcasts.

Campbell, 53, said he planned to continue Vermeil's coaching policies but added, "There will be some things I will do... It will be me."

He declined to say how many coaches he would retain and he also declined to discuss his contract, other than to say he has signed for five years.

The former Eagles tackle, who played in the championship team that won the 1960 NFL title, was reluctantly thrust into the head coaching job in Atlanta in mid-season in 1974.

After a 4-10 season there in 1975, he compiled a 1-4 record in 1976 before being fired.

During the 1981-82 season, the Eagles defensive squads under Campbell's direction allowed only 221 points, the fewest in the NFL.

But this season, the Eagles' defense finished 12th among the 14 NFC teams, allowing opponents an average of 326.4 yards per game. In their conference, the Eagles were ranked ninth against the rush and 12th against the pass.

Campbell, a native of Chester, S.C., who now lives in Bedford, N.J., said he will continue to serve as the Eagles defensive coach.

"I got the job by being a successful defensive coach," he said.

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