

Lady laxers light up West Chester

By CHRIS LINDSLEY
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The top-ranked women's lacrosse team faced a different type of opposition on the road Saturday night. Penn State played its only night game of the season on Saturday as it traveled to meet West Chester, and it showed no adverse effects under the lights in registering a convincing 18-5 victory.

The Lady Lions' road record now stands at 5-0. Penn State never trailed in the game, and took the lead only 48 seconds into the game on a goal by Beth Thompson. Thompson paced the Lady Lion offense by scoring a career high six times. Penn State Head Coach Gillian Rattray said Thompson played extremely well.

Although the Lady Rams proceeded to tie the score at 1-1, that was as close as they were to get as Penn State moved out to a 10-5 lead at halftime. From this point on the game was dominated by the Lady Lions. Penn State outscored West Chester 8-0 in the second stanza. Rattray said the squad did a better job in the second 20 minutes.

"We executed well in the second half, and the defense was more aggressive, double teaming the ball and it made a difference in our play," Rattray said. "We have been a strong second half team all season, but we need to work on improving our play (in the first half)." Also playing big roles in the Lady Lion offense, which recorded 51 shots, were Laurie Hoke, four goals, Laurie Gray, three goals and one assist, Marsha Florio, two goals and four assists and Betsy Williams and Jane Koffenberger, who scored two and one, respectively.

Baseball team falters in 2 against Rutgers

By RON LEONARDI
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There's an old baseball adage that says pitching and solid defense are 90 percent of the game. Hitting, which makes up the remaining 10 percent, has consistently taken a back seat, but it's a necessary ingredient to complement the other two. On Saturday the baseball team could not combine either two ingredients. The Lion bats were silenced once again, but this time the pitching faltered as well as the Lions dropped both ends of their twinbill against Rutgers by scores of 9-3 and 4-1.

During their mid-April surge, the Lions, who used strong pitching and solid defense as catalysts, reeled off six straight wins and found themselves nestled in first place of the Atlantic 10 Western division with a perfect 6-0 slate. In the opener, the Lions, who managed just six hits in each game, staked Lion southpaw Jim Harry 1-1 to a 2-1 lead with a pair of runs in the second inning. Junior Roy Walker, who has been alternating with Gary Binduga at the third base spot and who went into the contest hitting .172, drove in both runs with a bases loaded single. The Scarlet Knights, however, took advantage of some early control problems by Harry with a pair of runs in the second and knocked him out in a big three-run fourth which led to the game.

Connors wins in 2 sets at King Classic

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Defending champion Jimmy Connors had some problems in the first set, but once he got on track had little difficulty beating Marc Edmondson, 7-6, 6-1 yesterday to win the \$300,000 Alan King-Casars Palace Tennis Classic.

It was the fourth Alan King singles title for Connors, the tournament's top seed, who garnered the first prize of \$82,500 with the victory in a final

played in gusty winds on the center court at Caesars Palace. "I enjoy playing here, I've done well here," said Connors, who beat Edmondson for the sixth time in his career without a loss. "What's important to me is winning the tournaments I get involved in."

Connors was the only seeded player to get as far as the semifinals in the upset-filled tournament. game and then taking the second for a 2-0 lead. But Edmondson, an Australian ranked 24th in the world, came back to take the next two games, then broke Connors' serve twice as the two battled to a 6-6 draw in the first set.

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Softball team drops 2

By TINA REIGHARD
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Collegian Staff Writers

Warm weather, streakers, and two consecutive losses were three rarities the softball team had to deal with this past Saturday at Lady Lion Field. The weather was a surprise after a long cold spell, the Lady Lions were deluged with tough losses and as for the people streaking — that barely has anything to do with it.

The team. We were down 4-1 in the last inning and then came back 4-3. It was a good game overall." With the score 4-1 in the sixth inning Pam Mowery sacrificed runners to second and third. Christy Phillips singled to center field scoring Al-bright and advancing Lasorsa to third. Geri Sava then singled to center field scoring Lasorsa. Phillips was safe at second because of an error on the second baseman and Michelle Turk walked followed to lead the bases.

Netmen edged by rival WVU in Atlantic 10

By MATT MICHAEL
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The first Atlantic 10 tennis championship was held this past weekend at the Airport Racquet Club in Pittsburgh, but for all intents and purposes, it could have been called the Atlantic Two tournament.

The men's tennis team and West Virginia played head and shoulders above the rest of the teams from the Atlantic 10 and the Mountaineers came out on top in their on-going rivalry, edging the Lions by eight team points, 57-49. In five of the six singles and all three of the doubles brackets, Lion and Mountaineer players faced each other for the second time in as many weeks. Last weekend, Penn State defeated West Virginia 5-4 en route to capturing the Mercyhurst Quadrangular at Mercyhurst College.

Team captain Jeff Factor (No. 1 singles) and Ben Shobaken (No. 5) won individual championships for the Lions while Factor and Virgil Christian won the No. 1 doubles title. (No. 2 singles), Bryan Crist (No. 4 singles) and Brad Rush and Mark Inserra (No. 3 doubles). Factor defeated West Virginia's Joey Chambers 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 1 singles final. Lion Head Coach Holmes Cathrall said Factor was on top of his game all weekend.

"Jeff played the best of anybody in the entire tournament," Cathrall said. "There was no question why he was the No. 1 seed." Factor had beaten Chambers the week before and he was aware the No. 1 singles player from West Virginia would be out to get him in the Atlantic 10 championship. "He was definitely up for the tournament and he was playing a whole lot better than last week," Factor said. "I had to concentrate hard against him because he has the ability to beat me."

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