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Reserves pace Hoyas to 1st national title

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SEATTLE (AP) — Georgetown has Patrick Ewing and Houston has Akeem Oluajwon, but the Hoyas are NCAA basketball champions because they also have a host of reserves, led by freshmen Michael Graham and Reggie Williams.

And in the eyes of Oluajwon, the 7-foot center from Nigeria, the Cougars were beaten 84-75 last night in the Kingdom because his teammates were "selfish."

While Ewing was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Final Four after his personal battle with Oluajwon, Williams and Graham

carried second-ranked Georgetown to victory.

"It's a fabulous feeling. We're elated to win the national championship," said Hoyas Coach John Thompson, whose team narrowly missed the title in 1982. "It's much harder to get here than win one game for the national championship."

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Houston's Rickie Winslow (41) leaps through the air as Georgetown's Fred Brown looks for an open teammate downcourt.

Williams, a slender 6-7 swingman, connected on 12 of his 19 points in the second half and hit nine of 13 shots from the field. Graham, a burly 6-9 who had only four points in the first half, finished with 14 on 7-of-9 shooting. The freshmen combined for 11 of Georgetown's 15 field goals after intermission.

The best of the big men never fully materialized, partly due to a zone defense used throughout the game by Houston, while Georgetown switched from a man-to-man to a zone several times. Also, both got into early foul trouble and spent some time on the bench or played cautiously.

Lewis complained about the officiating.

"They (refs) told us before the game started, they were really let them play in there," the coach said. "But then bing-bing-bing."

Ewing finished with 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting from the field, nine rebounds and four blocked shots. Oluajwon, the nation's leading rebounder and shotblocker, grabbed only one shot. He hit 6-of-9 from the field and had 15 points.

Georgetown, which finished 34-3, had 15 other players in double figures, led by David Wingate with 16 points. Most of his eight second-half points came on free-throws down the stretch. Michael Jackson had 11 points.

Sophomore guard Alvin Franklin, who kept Houston in the game after the intermission, was the top scorer



Georgetown Head Coach John Thompson (left) hugs his 7-0 center Patrick Ewing as the two celebrate the Hoyas' 84-75 win over Houston last night in Seattle to claim the national championship.

Graham held off the Southwest Conference champs.

Houston three other times cut the margin to five points, the last on a field goal by Eric Dickens to make it 72-67. The Hoyas made good on the free-throw line down the stretch, as they snapped the Cougars' six-game winning streak.

Houston could take some consolation in rolling up 75 points against the Hoyas defense, which had held opponents to an average of 57.4 points in previous games this season.

Georgetown, champions of the Big East, usually uses 10 players but had to do without standout defensive guard Gene Smith, who suffered a sprained right foot in a 50-40 victory over Kentucky in the semifinals Saturday.

Reds, White Sox win openers

By The Associated Press

The Cincinnati Reds, last in the National League West in 1983, got baseball's 1984 season underway yesterday by defeating their Eastern Division counterpart, the New York Mets, 5-1.

Dave Parker, welcomed to his home town with a standing ovation from many of the 46,000 at Riverfront Stadium, got the Reds started with a two-run single in their three-run first inning off Mets right-hander Mike Torrez.

"That was very nice," said Parker, who left Pittsburgh as a free agent last year. "I even saw a Pittsburgh hat out there. The people were nice, congratulating me being back home. It was a good feeling."

The Reds, as the oldest team in the older league, traditionally open the National League campaign, its 109th.

There was one other afternoon game yesterday with the Chicago White Sox defeating the World Series champion Baltimore Orioles 5-2 before a crowd of 51,333. President Reagan threw out the ball that began the American League's 84th season.

New York at Kansas City was rained out in the American League, putting off the Royals' opener for one day. The teams' scheduled opening day starters — Ron Guidry for New York and Bud Black for Kansas City — will remain the same.

Today's openers in the National League have Chicago at San Francisco, St. Louis at Los Angeles, Philadelphia at Atlanta, Montreal at Houston and Pittsburgh at San Diego. In the American League, it's Cleveland at Texas, Detroit at Minnesota and Milwaukee at Oakland. Toronto opens at Seattle tomorrow as the major league's last two teams swing into action.

Mario Soto, 17-10 last year, worked the complete game for Cincinnati, scattering seven hits and striking out eight batters.

Parker, once one of baseball's greatest hitters before falling on hard times the past three seasons, hit his two-run single with the bases loaded and none out in the first.

The Reds also got an offensive assist from Eddie Milner, who hit a three-run homer that chased Tor-

rez in the second inning.

Darryl Strawberry homered for the Mets only run in the second inning.

"Inauspicious, right?" Mets rookie Manager Dave Johnson asked. "We just got blown out early."

Reagan became the 13th President to throw out the first ball. In the first inning, Cal Ripken Jr., the 1983

Phillies visit Atlanta, Pirates at San Diego

ATLANTA (AP) — The defending National League champion Philadelphia Phillies and the Atlanta Braves kick off their seasons tonight with a lot of familiar faces missing — Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Phil Niekro and Pascual Perez, to name a few.

Rose and Morgan are gone, victims of the Phillies' youth movement. The Braves, in similar fashion, decided Niekro was too old and released him. Perez, a promising young Atlanta pitcher, remains incarcerated in the Dominican Republic on drug charges.

Missing two fixtures from last year's rotation, Braves Manager Joe Torre concedes that pitching "is my top concern."

"We're going to be as good as our pitching lets us be," he said. "I don't care how many runs you can score . . . if you look at spring training and realize that we have our No. 1 positive, then you have to be happy."

Len Barker, the right-hander who came to Atlanta from Cleveland late last season in a deal for three players, will start tonight's opener at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. He is fresh from a superb spring — one run and three walks allowed in 20 innings.

He'll face one of the game's premier pitchers in Philadelphia lefty Steve Carlton, who is coming off a 1983 campaign that was mediocre by his standards — 15-16 with a 3.11 ERA.

The presumption is that Carlton will be just fine, along with Cy Young Award winner John Denny. But another starter, newly ac-

quired veteran Jerry Kosman, was pounded in spring training.

"I'm not discouraged," said Scott McGregor in the top of the inning. Manager Paul Owens, "but it concerns me a little. He's getting hit hard by left-handed hitters, and that bothers me. And he might be thinking of so many mechanical things that he's forgotten to throw the ball. So he has me a little worried."

The Phillies have another question mark in catcher Bo Diaz, whose back may keep him out of the lineup on successive days. He did not play in Sunday's exhibition finale against St. Louis.

But Owens said he was pleased with the performance of Morgan's successor at second, Jun Samuel, who stole seven straight bases before being picked off Sunday.

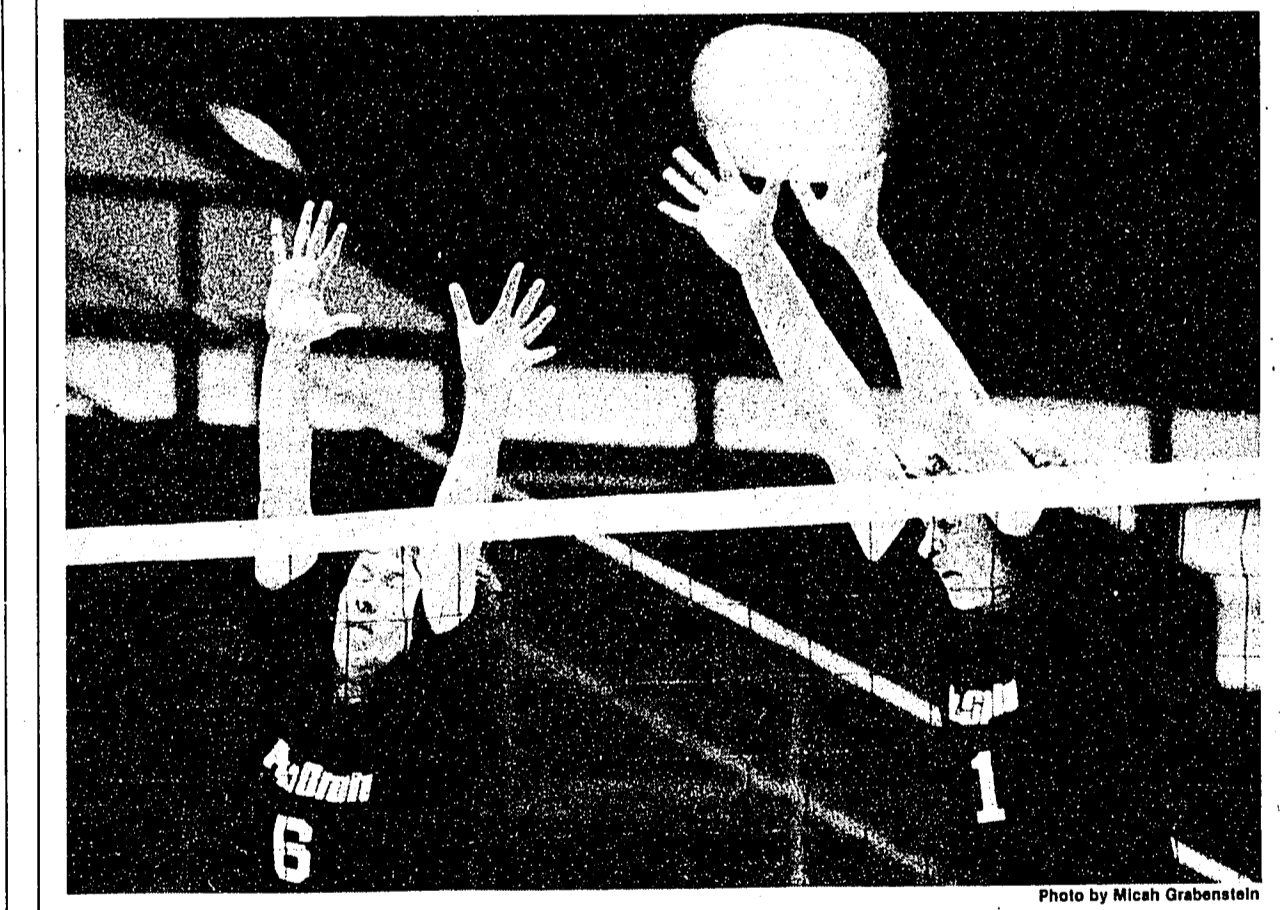
And veteran reliever Tug McGraw appears to have come back strong, Owens said.

Atlanta's key departures from the start of last season are Niekro and Perez along with left fielder and leadoff man Brett Butler, who went to Cleveland in the Barker trade.

Torre's rotation to start the season will be Barker, second-year man Craig McMurtry, young lefty Ken Dayley and the big surprise of the spring, Pete Falcone, who was barely used down the stretch last season.

In the spring, Falcone shortened his motion and gave up just one run in 20 innings. Over the last 10 innings, he allowed just one hit.

The thing that stands out in my mind is that we accomplished the start of Pete Falcone's consistency," Torre said.



Lions Steve Hunkins (6) and Ole Lechenmeller go for the block during a match earlier this season against Georgetown Mason. The men's volleyball team will host Indiana-Purdue at 7 tonight at Rec Hall.

Spikers hope to breath easier

By CHRIS LINDSEY
Collegian Sports Writer

After coming back from a slow start at the Ball State Invitational last weekend, the men's volleyball team is looking forward to a breather of sorts when it plays host to Indiana-Purdue at 7 tonight at Rec Hall.

On Friday, the Lions got their heads handed to them by the host school, as Ball State won convincingly 15-7, 15-6, 15-13.

They rebounded quickly, however, as a rejuvenated Penn State team topped No. 9 Ohio State in straight games on Saturday morning, and were within one bit of taking the title before they succumbed to George Mason 11-15, 15-9, 15-10, 12-15, 18-16.

Losing to Ball State was a tough pill for the Lions to swallow at the time, but Penn State Head Coach Tom Tait said the defeat could be beneficial to the team in the long run.

"We played our worst match of the season against Ball State, but then we came right back and played some of the best ball we have all year," Tait said. "That loss got our eyes open, and it has made us more determined, which is a good sign with only three weeks left until the Eastern Regional."

But that does not mean Tait is taking tonight's match with Indiana-Purdue, a team the Lions beat 15-4, 15-9,

15-4 at the Ohio State Invitational, lightly.

"When we played them in Columbus, they were a brand new team, and hadn't had much of a chance to play together," Tait said. "But right now they are the third best team in the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (behind Ohio State and Ball State) and they have played a tough schedule, so I'm certainly not looking past them."

For the players, getting ready for post-season play is reason enough to take this match seriously.

And after going head to head with some of the best competition on their schedule, the Lions are looking forward to a match in which making a few errors will not necessarily spell defeat.

"We have to maintain our aggressiveness against them if we want to keep our momentum from the weekend, and we can't afford to slack off," sophomore Duane Trumble said. "I think the team finds this match just as much of a challenge as we would find any other because we have the opportunity to do more things we wouldn't try against someone else."

Although this match is important to Tait, he said at this stage in the season, the team is just trying to get mentally and physically ready for post-season play.

"Right now, we are trying to fine-tune some parts of our game to establish some consistency," Tait said.

Softball team gets unexpected trip

By CHRIS RAYMOND
Collegian Sports Writer

After more than a week of rest due to the cancellation of last weekend's double-headers versus Rhode Island and Adelphi, the women's softball team will finally get a chance to "play ball" today at West Chester.

Today's trip catches the Lady Lions off guard because the double-header, originally scheduled at home, was postponed because of poor weather conditions. Last night, however, they were told they would be making the games up on the road.

Penn State Co-Captain Geri Sava said this could have an adverse affect on the team's performance.

"We haven't practiced in four days which, I think, could hurt us," Sava said.

Assistant Coach Becky Smith said the rest would do the players good, but added that it might hurt their competitive edge.

Although West Chester is only a Division II team, it is just the kind of team that could hurt the Lady Lions.

"They're not a great team but they're the type of team that can make you lose a game," Sava said. "We can't afford to lose a game against Division II teams."

To win the game, she said the team would have to rely on a consistent offense.

"I think our game depends on our hitting," Sava said, "and if we're hitting then we're going to win the game."

Smith agreed with Sava's strategy.

"We'll have to be aggressive when we get in there to bat," she said. "I think we need to go out and play just as if they were a division I team."

Trackmen place high in Florida

The throwing squad of the men's track and field team returned from this past weekend's Florida relays with high marks in the field events.

Sophomore Greg Keyner grabbed the highest finish for Penn State with a second in the shot put. Reyner put the shot 54.2, 3-6 short of the winning toss by Ed Ellis of Alabama. He also competed in the discus where he placed seventh.

Penn State Head Coach Harry Groves said the team performed well for early in the season against top-notch competition.

"Our purpose was to give the throwers a chance to compete," Groves said. "I think the fact that we placed so often shows how strong our throwers are."

Mike Valenti, who finished fifth in the shot put with a throw of 52-11½ and eighth in the discus with a 144-throw, was less than happy about his performance.

After coming off a strong indoor season, Valenti said he didn't perform as well in Florida as he planned.

"We've been doing a lot of lifting for the past month and not working on technique so things didn't go as well as I had hoped," Valenti said. "In April the team will have to learn the form all over again."

Co-captain Todd Shenk placed third in the hammer throw with a 72-2 toss. The event's winner, Vic Napolitano of Iowa, threw the hammer 195 feet. Shenk also competed in the discus where he placed sixth with an entry of 155-1.

Spiked Shoe Club, finished fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 49-9½, but said he had hoped to jump better.

"I just didn't have any zip in my legs. Because of the snow it took us 24 hours to get there and I was little worn out. I guess considering the trip I jumped pretty well though," said Reskiewicz.

—by Todd Benoit

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Lady laxers visit No. 1 Temple

By RICK STOUCH
Collegian Sports Writer

If the women's lacrosse team really wanted the snow to melt, perhaps Head Coach Gillian Ratray should have rescheduled today's game with Temple to be played at Lady Lion Field.

The hot rivalry and blistering action predicted for the 3 p.m. start at Temple's Geasey Field between the No. 3 Lady Lions and the No. 1 Lady Owls might be enough to melt the snow. Both teams have high-powered offenses and have defenses that, while having a few new faces, are solid.

The last three games between these two squads have all been decided by one goal and no evidence exists to suggest any wider a margin tomorrow. Since Penn State has won only one of those three games, Temple and the weather are similar as both have been a recent menace to the Lady Lions.

Just as the snow has ruined many practices already this season, the Lady Owls have helped dampen the last two Penn State seasons.

Temple beat the Lady Lions 6-5 in overtime in the 1982 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national semifinals to end Penn State's title hopes.

Then last year, the Lady Owls dealt the Lady Lions their only defeat ever in Lady Lion Field and their only 1983 regular season loss by the score of 12-11.

Penn State led at halftime of both games and Ratray said Temple had used a man-to-man offense in the first half of both games, but resorted to a zone in the second period each time. Ratray expects to see a tight zone again today.

"When you lose several key defensive players — as they did — I think they would be smart to go to a zone against us," Ratray said. "They might be younger

than last year, but they've always had depth. So rather than replacing the graduates with freshmen, I think they've probably brought up players from the JV team who are new faces, but have some collegiate experience."

Ratray said the Lady Lions (2-0) got some good defensive practice in its 16-7 victory over Virginia on Sunday and will be able to change defenses against the Lady Owls.

"We will start with a man-to-man defense as we did against Virginia," Ratray said. "On Sunday we had the opportunity to come into a zone and go out of a zone into man-to-man several times — which is good experience to have the capability of changing the pace of the game and the rhythm of the opposition. It will probably take that kind of defensive play to stop (Temple's) offense."

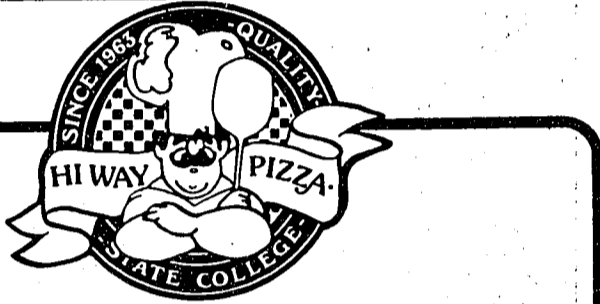
Temple's offense has scored 79 goals this season while allowing only 24 in compiling a 4-1 record, including a 28-1 destruction of Drexel. The Lady Owls have already beaten nationally-ranked Northwestern 13-9, but have lost to nationally-ranked Maryland 6-0 on the grass at College Park, Md.

Lady Lion captain and right attack wing Betsy Williams said the team is anxious to play the Lady Owls.

"It's definitely going to be one of our hardest games of the season," Williams said. "We're all psyched up for it because they have basically the same team which we lost last year. They're also a hot rivalry and we can't wait to play them."

While the Lady Lions worry about Temple today, the snow continues to play havoc with the game and practice schedule. This Thursday's scheduled game against West Chester at Lady Lion Field has remained a 3 p.m. start, but will be played at West Chester.

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