

Violence strikes in Las Vegas

By ROBERT MACY
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LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Labor leaders asked for National Guard protection from alleged police brutality yesterday as hundreds of pickets massed outside Las Vegas' major resorts in a strike by four unions.

In addition to charges of police brutality, the strike also has produced several injuries. One striking hotel worker was run over yesterday by a car trying to enter Caesars Palace on the Las Vegas Strip.

The striker, Jim Turner, was listed in stable condition with a broken collarbone and chest and back injuries at a local hospital.

Violence from the strike has brought more than 80 arrests in three days.

But law enforcement authorities said police acted with "remarkable restraint" and charged that union leaders were trying to transfer the blame to police after provoking the violence themselves.

"We now know what side the police are on," said Cullinary Union chief Jeff McColl, one of 18 strikers arrested Tuesday at the Las Vegas Hilton. "The brutality by Las Vegas police is a disgrace against the community."

McCull and leaders of the three other unions striking the city's 20 major resorts, which are represented by the Nevada Resort Association, charged police cooperation with hotel security guards in an effort to break up the strikers during the confrontation.

But Undersheriff Eric Cooper said a review of videotapes taken

by local television stations showed that officers made no move against the pickets until a policeman was struck in the head by strikers.

"Our officers have acted with remarkable restraint," Cooper said. "They have remained calm and acted in a very professional manner. Mr. McColl's statements are an attempt to transfer the blame from those who provoked the incident onto the police who were trying to settle it peacefully."

"He wants all the publicity he can get, and these inflammatory statements are not helping the situation," Cooper said.

The head of the international Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union, Edward Hanley, said he had sent a letter to Gov. Richard Bryan to call in the National Guard to protect in the strikers.



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Nuclear plant deals with test crises

By The Associated Press

BERWICK, Pa. — Workers at the nuclear power plant here had to deal with one crisis after another yesterday — but the mishaps were all invented as part of a day-long test of emergency preparedness.

The drill at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station began just after 8 a.m. with a simulated

water spill inside the plant's radioactive waste building.

The scenario, which was not known to workers beforehand, then called for two members of a damage control team to suffer injuries. After that, plant personnel responded to a report of low water levels and "uncovered fuel" in a reactor.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires all nuclear plants to conduct such tests every

year, according to Tom Kinry, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Power & Light company, which co-owns the plant.

NRC staff members observed yesterday's drill. Kinry said. He called the test "the smoothest that we have had" in four years. He said the drill involved no outside agencies, except one rescue squad, which furnished one ambulance, and the NRC.

Joe Namath pleads guilty

By The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Former football star Joe Namath pleaded guilty yesterday to a drunk-driving charge and was sentenced to pay a \$90 fine and attend alcohol-rehabilitation classes.

Municipal Court Judge Charles Rubin handed down the sentence after Namath's attorney entered the plea as a trial in the case was to begin, said Deputy District Attorney Anna Lopez.

Besides the fine and rehabilitation classes, Lopez said, Namath was limited to driving to and from work for 90 days and placed on three year's summary probation.

The sentence "was standard for a first offense," she said.

Namath was arrested Aug. 20 by California Highway Patrol officers for investigation of drunken driving after stopping his car for weaving along La Cienega Boulevard.

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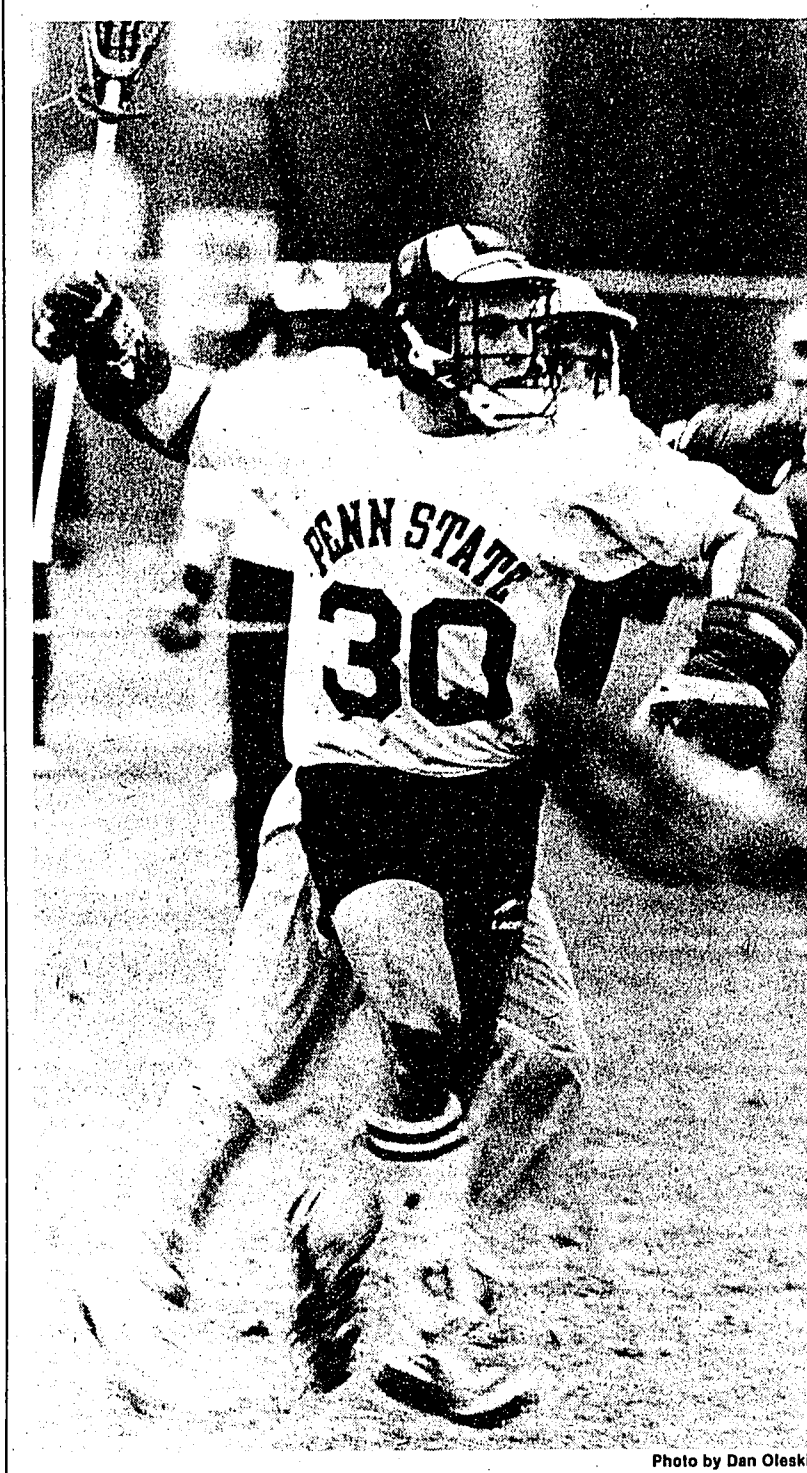
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Laxers come up short of strong Towson State



By JEFF SAUKAITIS
Collegian Sports Writer

Despite a strong late-game effort yesterday afternoon, the men's lacrosse team's chances of beating highly-regarded Towson State and surging above the 500 mark in the first time this season sunk in the Pollock Field mud.

Penn State (3-4) fell to the Tigers 12-8 in a contest clouded with questionable calls by the officials and sloppy playing conditions.

The Lions trailed 6-2 just 47 seconds into the second period, and it appeared Towson State was threatening to turn the game into a blow-out. But the Penn State defense toughened, and when Gary Martin blasted home a goal at the 10:31 mark, the Lions gained momentum.

Three minutes later, Martin appeared to have scored another goal which would have brought the Lions within two. However, the goal was nullified. And because he vehemently protested the call, Martin received a one-minute misconduct penalty.

Seconds later, the official claimed Martin hit him, and the Lions' stand-

out attackman received another minute misconduct. The score remained 6-3 at the half, and the Tigers tallied twice in the opening 1:08 of the third stanza to provide a more comfortable cushion.

After the game, Martin was frustrated about the call because he said the penalties and the disallowed goal turned the tide in favor of Towson State.

"Everyone heard it (the ball) hit the piece of wood and that's a goal," Martin said. "It bothers me a lot. I got my first minute penalty and he gave me the second minute for hitting him. I didn't even know I hit him. I didn't mean to hit him if I did. I'm just very upset. You could say that it was very penalties that took us out of the game."

Although Martin's penalties may have been the turning point, Penn State was essentially outplayed throughout most of the game. Head Coach Glenn Thiel said the Lions lacked aggressiveness, and did not start to open things up until late in the game when Towson State had its second and third string units on the field.

"We lost our poise a little bit, got out of control and wound up playing too many man-down situations in the middle," Thiel said. "We didn't come out there with a whole lot of fire to start the game. We weren't really ready to storm out and dominate."

And when the Lions did mount a decent offensive surge, they were repeatedly thwarted by the Tigers' outstanding goalkeeper, Gavin Moag. A slight leg injury sustained midway through the first period forced Moag to leave the game for almost two minutes.

The Tigers' backup goalkeeper, Evan Jones, surrendered the first Penn State goal to Bill Schoonmaker at the 7:37 mark. Moag, who notched a remarkable 13 saves on the afternoon, came back into the game and made life difficult for the Lion shooters.

Schoonmaker said Penn State was anticipating a tough time against Moag. The Lions' junior midfielder said Moag is an excellent all-around goalkeeper who has no obvious specific weaknesses.

"We knew he was strong because

we played against him in the fall," Schoonmaker said. "We knew he was good low and he pretty much proved that in the first half when we took a lot of our outside shots on the ground and he stuffed us right there."

Other aspects of the game were frustrating for Penn State, including 11 penalties to Towson State's three. And once again, the Lions were unable to play in good enough weather conditions to utilize their quickness.

But Thiel said he was pleased with the performance of the defense, which has been fairly consistent all season.

"Considering the amount of penalties we had and the wild situations that were going on because of the conditions, the defense did a pretty nice job," Thiel said.

"Offensively we had plenty of shots, and their goalie stopped them," he added. "Then we got to the point late in the game where the conditions were such that we just couldn't plant our feet and shoot. And their zone defense did the trick on our shooters."

Despite loss, midfielders have best game

By RICH BRADLEY
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Rising from the muck and mire of Pollock Field yesterday was a midfield...

While the men's lacrosse team slipped, slid and eventually fell to Towson State 12-8, the midfielders played perhaps their best game of the season.

And leading the surge was junior Bill Schoonmaker.

Schoonmaker tallied two goals yesterday, his third and fourth of the season, and 18th of his career. Along with single goals by Ken D'Ortono and Dennis Curran, the midfielders accounted for half of the Lions' offense for the day. "Schoons" said he was pleased with the increase in offense among midfielders.

"I think today we got a lot more offense out of our midfielders," the 5-10 junior from Greenwich, Conn. said. "I think that was one of the strong points of the game — that the midfielders

managed to generate some offense and stick a couple of shots on the goal. We've been relying too much on our attack. It kind of balanced out the attack so they (Towson) wouldn't worry so much about our attack."

Schoonmaker's first goal yesterday came just 12 seconds after Towson had gone up by a 2-0 count midway through the first period. He cleanly won the ensuing faceoff and took the ball downfield to notch the Lions' first goal.

"He (their face-off man) came out and played me really aggressively and I picked up the ball," Schoonmaker said. "He was playing me out at midfield so my whole objective was to get around him and create something there. He played me out so far that I knew that if I could beat him I could create a six-on-five situation. I was looking for somebody else to get open, but they covered everybody else so I just went in for a shot."

Schoonmaker's second goal came with the Lions down 12-8 early in the fourth period. The

goal started a 'mini-comeback' for Penn State as it crept back to 12-8.

With the Lions in the extra-man situation, attackman Gary Martin found Schoonmaker all alone in front of Towson goalie Gavin Moag on a broken play. All Schoonmaker had to do was turn and pick an empty corner to deposit the ball.

"The ball had been down behind the goal and Gary made a real nice play being real aggressive on the ground ball," Schoonmaker said. "I had been behind the goal on the ground ball also, and when Gary scooped it up and came around the cage, the whole team went out on him. I stopped and waited for everybody to leave and then I came around for the 'back-door' and hoped he would see me and he did. He made a real nice pass."

With his 28 career points, "Schoons" is the fifth leading scorer on the Penn State roster. Among midfielders, Schoonmaker's career total is second only to George Connor's 37 points.

Caps take 1st game from Flyers, 4-2

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Gaetan Duchesne tipped in a tie-breaking goal at 7:37 of the third period as the Washington Capitals came from behind twice to defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-2 in the opening game of the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoffs last night.

A sellout crowd of 18,130 watched at Capital Centre where the second game of the best-of-five Patrick

Division semifinals will be played tonight before action shifts to The Spectrum in Philadelphia Saturday night.

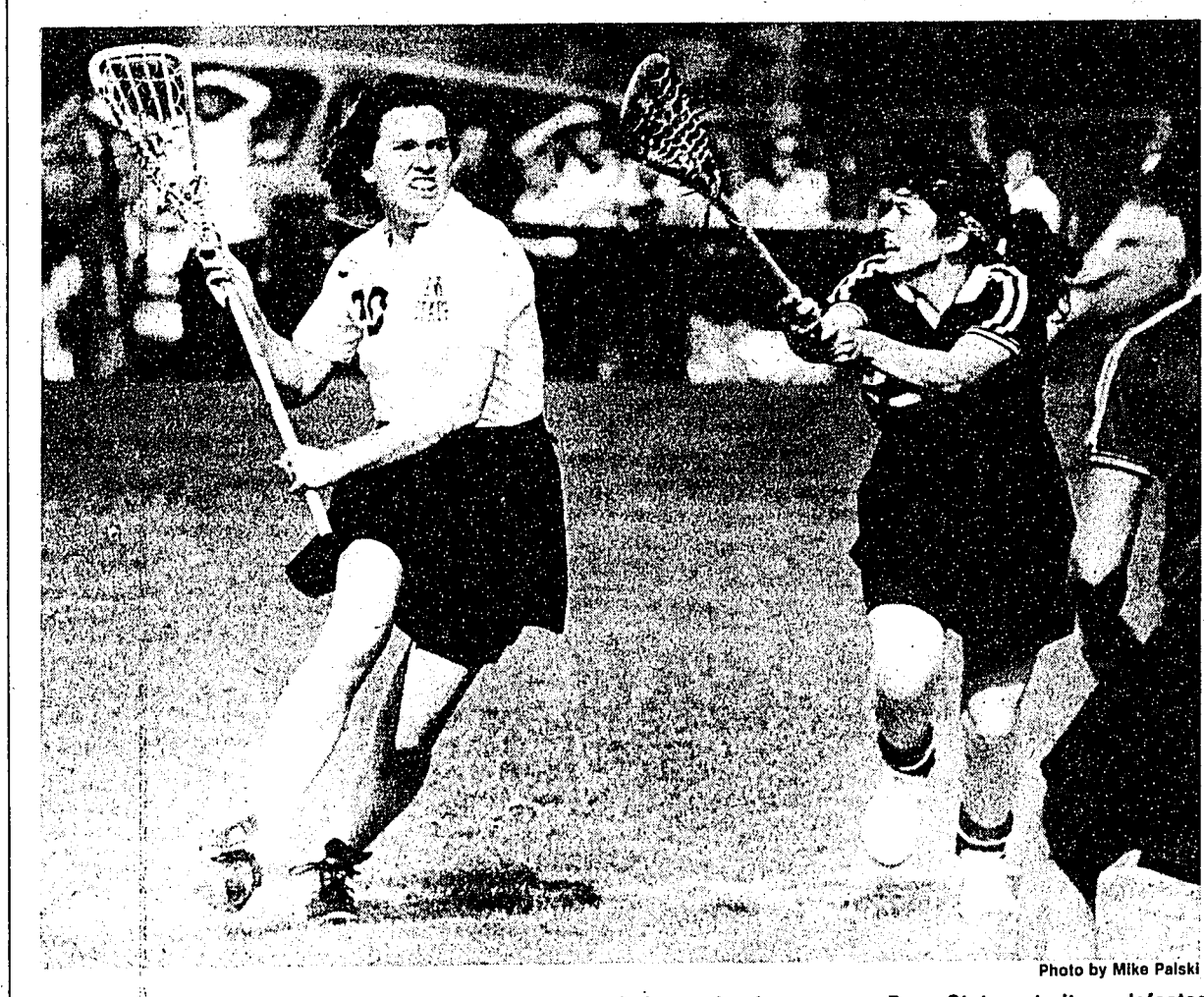
Duchesne tipped in a blue line slapshot by Rod Langway to snap a tie that had existed since Bryan Erickson scored for the Caps at 9:32 of the second period.

Mike Gartner's rebound goal at 10:16, at the conclusion of an unsuccessful Washington power play,

completed the scoring as Washington defeated Philadelphia for the fourth consecutive time.

The Flyers, who have lost seven consecutive playoff games in three years, took the lead on a goal by Bobby Clarke at 5:21 of the first period. But, Craig Laughlin tied it for Washington at 13:57.

A power play goal by Ilkka Simonsalo gave the Flyers a 1-1 lead at 4:51 of the second period.



Lady Lion Laurie Gray (left) fights off a Penn defender during action last season. Penn State puts its undefeated record on the line today against West Chester at Lady Lion Field.

Lady Lions open home season

By PATTI SILVESTRO
Collegian Sports Writer

For the last seven years, the women's lacrosse team has been almost invincible at home. Since 1977, Penn State has accumulated an impressive 41-1-1 record at home.

And when they meet West Chester (2-2) at 3 today, the Lady Lions (3-0) will hope to continue their domination at home.

Yesterday, Penn State thought it was playing its fourth straight away game when the West Chester game was moved to the Lady Rams' home field. But due to its poor field conditions, the action is back at Lady Lion Field for the first time this season.

If today's game follows with the same intensity of last Tuesday's game in Philadelphia, there will be nothing but action.

The No. 3 Lady Lions earned their third straight win by defeating the No. 1 Lady Ows 6-5, despite a furious rally by Temple in the last five minutes of play. Head Coach Gillian Rattray said a victory away from Temple was a double victory.

Now after three straight away game wins, Penn State is ready to play at home.

"We would like to finally be home. We're tired of riding on the bus," Rattray said. "This will be good

competition against West Chester."

The Lady Lions beat the Lady Rams last season 18-5, but Rattray said West Chester is a different team from last year. Penn State and West Chester were the only two teams that beat Delaware. And the Lady Blue Hens went on to the National Collegiate Athletic Association finals.

"They (West Chester) have a lot of good athletes and they're always up for us," Rattray said. "We're going to have to work hard for this win."

West Chester has won its last two games by wide margins. Rattray said it has good scoring with a lot of strong players.

Gymnasts receive bid to NCAA

By JEFF SAUKAITIS
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The men's gymnastics team finally received the news it had long been anticipating Tuesday when it captured a bid to the NCAA championships scheduled for April 12-14 at UCLA.

Since each of the four regions must have at least one representative, the first bids went to Penn State in the East and Southern Illinois in the Midwest, while Oklahoma will represent the Midwest and UCLA the West.

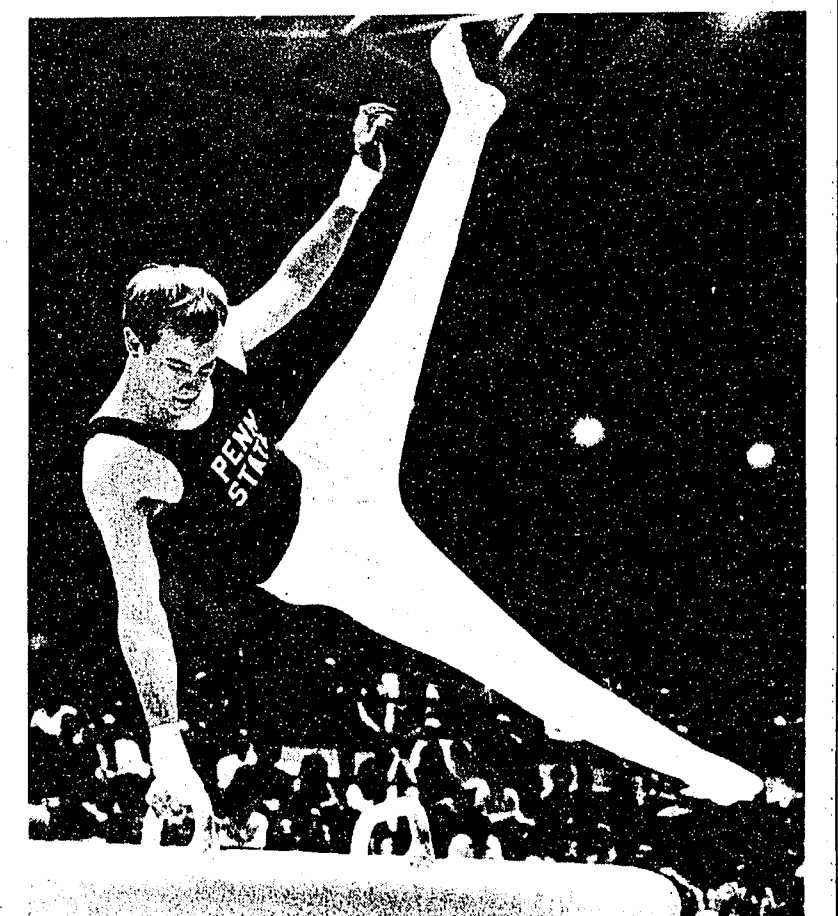
Six other at-large bids were awarded, in order, to Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio State, Iowa, Iowa State and Illinois. Two alternates — New Mexico and Brigham Young — were also named.

Penn State Head Coach Karl Schier said the major criterion for selection was national average score taken from five meets, at least three of which had to be on the road. However, won-loss record, head-to-head competition, and early vs. late season performance were also considered.

On the sole basis of national average, the Lions turned in the fifth best score. UCLA's 281.58 average was the highest, followed by Ohio State (278.75), Nebraska (279.47), Oklahoma (279.01) and Penn State (279.00).

The Lions are the lone representative from their region, and Schier was extremely pleased that they were chosen as the top team from the East.

"Obviously we are very excited to be selected for the NCAA's," Schier said. "It was a foregone conclusion to some extent, but it's nice to know that the selection committee picked us, especially as the leader in our region."



Lion gymnast Bill Stanley recorded a 9.9 performance on the pommel horse against Temple earlier this year. Stanley and his teammates received a bid to the NCAA Championships next week.

Because they were unable to hit the 280 mark during the regular season, the Lions managed only the fifth-best average score in the country. But they had to battle through a season plagued with several significant injuries.

As the Lions began to perform more consistently toward the end of the campaign, they were forced to

complete while top all-rounder Terry Bartlett was less than 100 percent due to a dislocated finger.

Because of the overall team depth and the Lions' solid efforts despite the critical injuries, Bartlett is confident about Penn State's chances. In fact, he said he enjoys being in the underdog role for the championships.