Collegian Sports Writer A team that is ranked No. 1 is often said to have been jinxed or given the "kiss of death" as it loses one or several games immediately af-

ever, must not believe in such bad luck - at least not yet. The No. 1 Lady Lions, rather than succomb to any misfortune that might accompaoccupying the top spot, instead defended their top ranking with a vengeance by thrashing No. 3 and defending national champion Delaware 19-7 yesterday on the Blue Hens'

Head Coach Gillian Rattray told her team to quickly establish its

"We looked at Delaware's scores and they had been slow starting," Rattray said. "We were determined to set the pace. We were attempting to not let them get their rhythm." . And the strategy worked well. After Penn State (6-0) jumped out to a 3-0 lead by the 3:12 mark, Delaware (2-1- Lynn Mattson had an excellent 1) could only come within 4-2 before the Lady Lions went on a 6-1 streak to build a 10-3 intermission cushion. The Blue Hens could not recover in

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play No. 2 Maryland, who tied Dela- be careful not to let this easy win ware 8-8 in the Blue Hens' first game cause them to take Delaware too this season, on April 19 at College

While the Lady Lion defense was responsible for preserving Penn State's 6-5 win over Temple last Tuesday, Rattray said the attackers car- is," Rattray said. "It was our day, ried the weight against Delaware. "Our defense won the Temple game, but today our offense came through," Rattray said. "Laurie

Gray was very strong."

First home Gray led the Lady Lions with seven goals and an assist, while second home Marsha Florio accumulated five goals and an assist. Third home Beth Thompson contributed two goals and two assists, Captain and right attack wing Betsy Williams had 55 and Florio 53. After last Thursadded two goals and four assists and left attack wing Maggy Dunphy chipped in three goals.

Rattray, although highlighting the offense, did not forget about the de-"We pressured every ball," she said. "Barb Jordan looked superb. record first at the 12:12 mark, ironi-

Mattson made 10 saves, while Jordan made four interceptions, got six ground balls and caused seven Delaware turnovers. Dunphy led with eight ground balls. Penn State had 21 mand. Florio tied Williams at the Magazine this year - released in shots on goal in the first half and 20 in 42:21 mark, but Williams went ahead preseason — Temple was No. 1 (now the second compared to eight and 14 No. 4), Delaware was No. 2 and Penn for Delaware.

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#### Crist shines, but netmen lose 2

By ROBERT LEICHTMAN Collegian Sports Writer

lightly for a possible meeting in the

ahead in our season than Delaware

but we must guard against counting

Delaware out. I think we'll play them

Although Penn State's offense and

defense have been consistent this

season, one variable that looks to

At the beginning of the season,

Candy Finn (1979-82) led the all-time

list with 60 assists, while Williams

day's West Chester game, Florio had

Both passed Finn in the William &

major seesawing. Williams passed

both Finn and Florio to break the

cally on a Florio goal. Florio tied

Williams at 61, and had to again at 62,

before recording two more assists to

Against Delaware, Williams passed

for three assists to again take com-

again with an assist at the 46:52 mark

on another Florio goal to lead 66-65.

Lion career assists leader is.

tion playoffs.

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Every black cloud has a silver lining, and one player that emerged for the men's tennis team (6-12) through the recent defeats at the hands of Harvard 7-2 and Yale 8-1, was junior Bryan Crist.

Crist, playing No. 5 singles, was the only Lion to come away victorious in both of his matches against the Ivy League powerhouses. Head Coach Holmes Cathrall said it was only a matter of time before he

"He's been working hard all year," Cathrall said. "I knew he could play better than he has been and I think he finally played up to his full potential." Cathrall said, however, he will not move Crist up a

might destroy his confidence and I know he's fine where he is and he can cope with it." "I just think that getting some matches under your belt is important to build up your confidence," Crist said. "Once I play this good and win though, I expect to win all the time. I might be putting a lot of pressure on myself in the future. But it's good not to have the

"I think to reward is to punish," Cathrall said. "It

underdog feeling walking on the court." The No. 3 doubles team of Ben Shobaken and Howard Beckman also managed to emerge victorious against Harvard, while No. 1 singles player Virgil Christian had a good showing at Yale, losing to the No. 1 Canadian Davis Cup player Martin Wostenholme only

Cathrall was pleased with the overall performance of the team but thought the final scores should have been

Cathrall said, "because that is more of a team situation as compared to singles. We knew we couldn't match them man for man, but we thought we could have staved with them in the doubles matches at least. "The Yale match could have been very close," Cathrall added. "I feel we could have won three doubles matches there and if we did, the score would

have been 5-4 instead." The fact that the team has one of the toughest schedules in the country gives it a good opportunity to

"We look forward to playing these type of people," Cathrall said. "You're forced to really work hard to win; they challenge you. They (Harvard and Yale) take their tennis so seriously that they had tailgate parties before the matches. "This way you have to raise your game in order to win," Crist said. "If we didn't play anybody better than

us, we would eventually start playing down to the level

of our opponents and that won't help us any." With the recent losses, the Lions' losing streak ran to seven and one wonders just what the team is missing. "I think it's just a matter of us getting together and playing well all at the same time," Crist said. "What we're doing instead is just trying to survive each match and we're losing perspective of what our goals are. "Each match is important," Crist added. "But I think we should focus on winning the Atlantic 10. If we

concentrate on that, we'll be alright." On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Lions play at Maryland, Navy and Richmond respectively, and Cathrall said it will be yet another uphill battle. "Virginia beat us 8-1," Cathrall said, "and Maryland beat them by the same score. Harvard and Yale beat

Navy in close matches and Richmond has one of their

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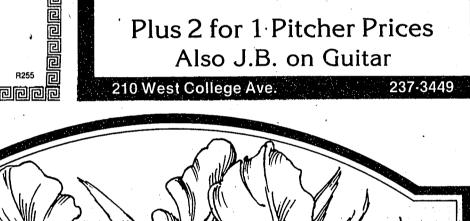
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## Schmidt's smash lifts Phils past Astros, 3-1

AP Sports Writer PHILADELPHIA — Mike Schmidt

described his game-winning home who had allowed only four hits in the Lemon and Howard Johnson to force run as a relaxed, easy swing. The first seven innings. Len Matuszek result was a smash. Schmidt hit an eighth-inning 2-2 pitch from Houston's Nolan Ryan into ond home run of the season. the left-field stands for a three-run

over the Astros. "He (Ryan) is a battler, a challenger and I just got one hit that happened to beat him." Schmidt said. The home run was Schmidt's fourth off Rvan and the 391st in his career. one-out walk to Jose Cruz, then re-leagues.

approached the plate anxiously after post his first save. failing to get a hit in three earlier efforts and leaving six runners career total to 3,694. It was the 152nd Twins stranded. But once there, Schmidt said he felt at ease. "It was a good feeling. He didn't strikeout list, 27 behind the Phillies" freeze me or anything," he said. Schmidt said the home-run pitch,

waist high and a little inside, was the same one Ryan used to get him out earlier in the game. Ryan said he tried to go outside with a fastball.

"That was the place to throw it. But it tailed back over the plate "As soon as I released it I knew it was gone," Ryan said.

Phillies' Manager Paul Owens said Schmidt's homer "was the best at bat was a lot of pressure on him because career in the National League. he had left so many on. It shows why he is such a great player.' Ryan now has lost six straight

hand with his home run after Hous- making his first appearance in Tiger season, the 28th of his nine-year ca- earned runs in the eighth. After load- Filson came on to face Don Matting- left-field as two runs scored.

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Juan Samuel had started the inning by drawing the fourth walk off Ryan, art walked Larry Herndon, Chet then dropped a bunt single off Ryan's glove before Schmidt ripped his sec-

The home run gave John Denny, homer that gave the Philadelphia the 1983 National League Cy Young Phillies a 3-1 home-opening victory Award winner, his first victory against one loss. He gave up five hits, struck out four batters and walked Larry Parrish. none. He left after Terry Puhl led off Houston's ninth with a single. Al Holland came on and issued a

Schmidt, who broke two bats dur- tired Jerry Mumphrey on a fly to ing previous appearances, said he right and struck out Ray Knight to Ryan's 11 strikeouts improved his Yankees 4 double-figure strikeout game for

Ryan, who is second on the all-time

Tigers 5

DETROIT (AP) — Darrell Evans belted a three-run homer to back the four-hit pitching of Dan Petry yesterstreak to six games with a 5-1 victory

over the Texas Rangers. It was the second American League fought off a lot of tough pitches. There Tigers as a free agent after a 15-year Petry, 2-0, walked three and struck out seven before an opening-day

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upper deck in right field. Kirk Gibson then singled and Stew-

Schmidt and scored on Dave Bergman's single in the Detroit third. 42-minute first inning when Buddy Bell singled, went to second on a grounder and scored on a single by

The Tigers' 6-0 start matches a club record set in 1911 and leaves Detroit the only unbeaten club in the major

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Niekro and Jose Rijo, the oldest and youngest players in the history of the New York Yankees, combined with Dave Righetti on a seven-hitter yesterday and Willie Randolph hit a two-run homer as the Yankees won their home opener from the Minnesota

Niekro, the 45-year-old knuckleballer released by Atlanta following the 1983 season after 25 years in the Braves' organization, allowed five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He walked one, struck out two and did not permit a batter beyond first base until Darrell

430, scored off Frank Viola, 0-2, when Schmidt's three run smash led the Phillies to a 3-1 win over the Astros. Tim Foli singled with one out in the

The Yankees, before a crowd of 52,- Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt watches his eighth-inning home run travel over the left field fence yesterday in

third inning and Randolph followed reer. It was the sixth consecutive loss ing the bases against Larry Pashnick ly. But Gaetti, the third baseman, walked Lou Whitaker and Alan Tram- with a towering fly into the left-field for Viola dating back to last season. on two-out singles by Don Baylor, muffed Mattingly's low liner for an Schmidt delighted the 37,236 fans on mell in the Detroit first. Then Evans, stands for his first homer of the The Yankees added a pair of un- Dave Winfield and Toby Harrah, Pete error and the ball caromed into short

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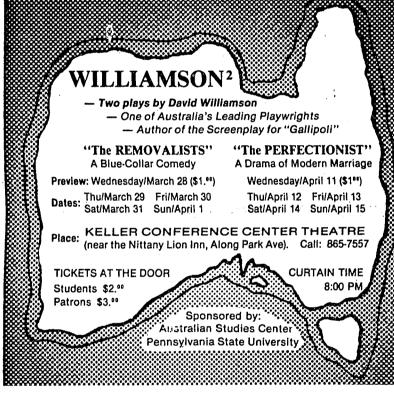
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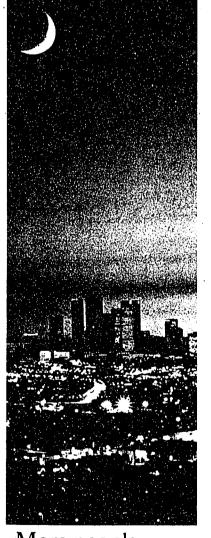
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