

Lady laxers find Penn a perfect remedy

By JOHN WEINER
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The No. 3 women's lacrosse team got just what the doctor ordered yesterday afternoon at Lady Lion Field. After a tough loss at home against Northwestern, the Lady Lions were able to get their confidence back with a 12-2 victory against the University of Pennsylvania that was not even as close as the wide margin indicates. The Quakers were only able to manage one goal in each half as the Penn State defense played an excellent game.

The dormant offense also awoke as the passing game was very sharp and the Lady Lions were able to control the ball for most of the game. Only the Quakers strong zone defense kept the Lady Lions from really blowing the game wide open.

The one statistic that really shows how Penn State dominated the game was the total of shots on goal. Penn State took 39 shots on goal and the Quakers were only able to get off 10.

Head Coach Gillian Rattray was very happy with the results of the game. "I was very pleased that we were able to keep the scoring so low," Rattray said. "Our defense did a very good job."

The Quakers opened the game with a very tough zone defense that the Lady Lions found very difficult to crack. They were able to control the ball for most of the beginning of the game but they were not able to get a goal.

It took over six minutes before the Lady Lions were able to get on the scoreboard. Freshman Tracey

Neave opened the scoring with her 21st goal of the season. Less than one minute later the Quakers tied up the score with a goal of their own.

The Lady Lions then took complete control of the game as they scored the next eight goals to put the Quakers out of the game. Freshman Anne Marie Vesco, who has been playing very well of late, scored the first of her three goals to give the Lady Lions a lead that they would never relinquish. Junior Maggy Dunphy then scored the next goal of the game for the Lady Lions.

Junior Beth Thompson then continued the domination as she scored the next two goals of the game. Senior Marsha Florio scored at the 24:25 mark to close out the scoring in the first half at 6-1.

One bad moment occurred in the first half as junior Alix Hughes was injured and had to leave the game. The injury was not that serious but Rattray didn't want to take any risks so she sent sophomore Kim Bryan into the game.

At the start of the second half, the Lady Lions continued their domination of the Quakers as Vesco scored again to increase the score to 7-1. Florio and Dunphy also tallied goals in this stretch to make the score 9-1. Penn was finally able to end its drought as it scored its second goal at the 27:49 mark of the second half.

Vesco, Florio and Bryan scored the last goals of the game for the Lady Lions to make the final 12-2. "Their defense made it very difficult on us," Rattray said. "This game did a lot to help us get our confidence back up."



Penn State's Maggy Dunphy (33) and a Lady Quaker player battle for control of the ball during yesterday's game at Lady Lion Field. The women's lacrosse team defeated the University of Pennsylvania 12-2 to bolster its confidence going into tomorrow's game vs. No. 5 New Hampshire.

Isles defeat Flyers, 6-2

By BARRY WILLNER
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UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Mike Bossy's 22nd Stanley Cup goal, which tied him with Maurice Richard as the NHL's all-time playoff goal-scorer, led the Islanders to a 6-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers last night that kept New York's playoff hopes alive.

Bossy also had two assists, putting him in fifth place on the all-time scoring list with 152 points, as the Islanders won their first game against three losses in the Patrick Division final. In the process, the Islanders drove goalie Pelle Lindbergh from the net and avoided being swept in a playoff series for the first time.

Game Five of the best-of-seven series will be Sunday night in Philadelphia.

The Islanders grabbed a 2-0 lead on first-period goals two minutes apart by Pat LaFontaine and Brian Trotter.

LaFontaine won a faceoff from Philadelphia's Ron Sutter, then skated to the front of the net and poked a pass by John Tonelli out of midair and into the net at 2:21. Trotter scored in a short wrist shot after Bossy's cross-ice pass was tipped to him by Tonelli on a power play.

The Islanders easily could have had five goals in the period. Bossy hit the goal post and Trotter changed a shot off the cross-bar in the opening 80 seconds. Later in the period, after the Islanders killed off a double-minor penalty to rookie Alan Kerr, Stefan Persson's long slap hit the post.

The Islanders made it 3-0 on a superb effort by Bossy in the first minute of the second period.

Diamondmen control their destiny against Mountaineers

By LUKE D. GLUSCO
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It's a good feeling to control your own destiny. Going into this weekend's three game series at West Virginia, Head Coach Shorty Stoner and his baseball team are feeling good.

The Lions (24-7) know that two wins against the Mountaineers (19-11) will give them the Atlantic 10 West Division crown and the home field advantage in the conference tournament.

This year the West Division winner hosts the tournament. The Lions believe hosting the tournament is the edge they need to unseat Temple, the Atlantic 10 champion for the past two years. The Lions have won 13 of 14 games at Beaver Field this year.

"That (playing at home) is an advantage, there's no doubt about it," Stoner said. "And that's what we're fighting for. Hopefully we can go in against West Virginia and take two out of three from them, and then host the playoffs."

While Stoner and the Lions desire the home field advantage, West Virginia Coach Dale Ramsburg said his only concern is making the playoffs.

"We have to win three out of six to get in the playoffs," Ramsburg said, "that's all we're worried about."

Last year West Virginia beat Penn State two out of three games at Beaver Field to edge the Lions out for the West Division crown, and Ramsburg said he doesn't really see playing at home as an important factor.

"We played well at Penn State last year," he

said. "We've played two-thirds of our games on the road (this season), we played eight at home. That's one factor (the home field) that I don't put a whole lot of stock in."

Before Tuesday's double-header against Mansfield, Stoner was concerned about keeping the team's momentum going. The Lions took both games of the twillib to extend their winning streak to nine games.

Since a March 21 upset loss to Juniata, the Lions have gone 20-3.

"That game has been on our minds the whole year," Stoner said. "That game probably did more for us than anything that possible could have happened, because it made the kids realize that you don't take anything for granted. . . I guess that's the Juniata game was a blessing in disguise."

Since that loss the Lions have been winning and improving consistently. Their only losses since then have been to Rutgers on March 30, George Washington on April 6 (their only division loss), and Rider on April 14. Those losses occurred during double-header splits.

"I think we're putting everything together right now, right in time for the big series against West Virginia next weekend," Captain Mike Obeld said after last weekend's three game sweep of conference foe St. Bonaventure. "If we beat them two out of three we got it. That's right where we want to be. We'll definitely be up for it."

The series with West Virginia consists of a single game Friday and a double-header at home, against St. Joseph's (12-21, 2-10 Atlantic 10 East).

On Friday, Stoner will send senior Mike Bellman (6-2, 2.68 ERA) to the mound. Bellman, the ace of the Lions' staff, has won six straight games and has been named Atlantic 10 pitcher of the week the past two weeks. He leads the Atlantic 10 with 45 strikeouts. Ramsburg will counter with Mick Mamarella (5-1, 2.79).

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Penn State's Doug Keener (front) gets caught between first and second base during a game vs. George Washington earlier in the season at Beaver Field. The baseball team will play West Virginia on the road this weekend.

Softball team takes 2 from Hawks

By TODD SHERMAN
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The softball team hammered Atlantic 10 foe St. Joseph's 17-1 in five innings and 5-0 in game two to sweep a double-header yesterday and prepare for this weekend's critical games against Rutgers and Princeton.

The Lady Lions (28-12 overall, 6-2 in the Atlantic 10) tied their longest winning streak of the year as they won their sixth straight game by pounding out 24 hits and coasting on the excellent pitching of Mary Butler and Aileen Polans, who limited St. Joseph's (5-10) to five hits in the twillib.

Head Coach Sue Rankin said her team is peaking at the right time as it makes a run at the Atlantic 10 title and a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships. Penn State is currently third in the conference behind Temple and first-place Rutgers, which will travel here Saturday to play a double-header against the Lady Lions. A double-header against Princeton (No. 2 Northeast Region) in Allentown, Pa., is on the slate for Sunday and will close out the regular season. Penn State will then play in the Atlantic 10 Championships May 4-5 at Lady Lion Field. The top four teams in the conference will compete.

Before the winning streak, the Lady Lions had split three double-headers in a row and were not playing well. Rankin and Assistant Coach Chris Pohl attributed the turnaround to intensity.

"The girls lost a couple of games they shouldn't have and I think they realized that they had to bear down and work a little harder," Rankin said.

Pohl agreed.



Penn State's second baseman Carol Fultz makes the tag on a runner from St. Joseph's during yesterday's double-header at Lady Lion Field. The softball team went on a scoring spree to sweep two games from the Lady Hawks, 17-1 and 5-0.

"I'm glad the (Atlantic 10) Championships weren't last week because I don't think we would have been ready," Pohl said. "But we are in a groove now and the girls are really concentrating out on the field."

Mary Butler struck out seven while giving up three hits and one run in five innings to run her record to 9-3. The umpires stopped the game because of the 10-run rule. Her teammates backed her with a 17-run, 17-hit attack, including a 10-run third inning in which Penn State sent 14 batters to the plate. Second baseman Carol Fultz and leftfielder Julie Reed each had two hits in the inning.

The Lady Lions also scored two runs in the first and second innings and three in the fourth to cap an

attack in which every starter hit safely. Penn State jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first on back-to-back triples by designated hitter Donna Devanney and third baseman Geri Sava and a sacrifice fly by shortstop Nan Sichter. The Lady Lions continued the scoring in the second when catcher Lori Frey knocked Reed in from third with a fielder's choice and Pam Mowery stroked the first of her five hits in the doubleheader to drive in first baseman Peg Hefferan. The third inning featured ten hits, including eight in a row to start the inning from Sava, Sichter, Fultz, Reed, Hefferan, rightfielder Eileen Roach, Frey and Mowery. Two Lady Hawk errors also contributed to the inning. Penn State capped the scoring in

the fourth when Devanney singled in Frey, and Mowery and Devanney scored on throwing errors. St. Joseph's showed its only run of the day in the first inning on an RBI double by centerfielder Deborah Black.

In the second game Allison Pala-nis resched 9-5 with a two-hit shut-out. The Lady Lions opened the scoring with a run in the first when Sichter singled to center to score Mowery. Penn State added two in the third. With one out, Mowery singled, Devanney then hit a single, which skipped between the legs of Lady Hawk rightfielder Leanne Greenwood and rolled all the way to the fence. Mowery scored and Devanney advanced to third, while the relay throw got away from third baseman Helen McBride.

Laxers planning to surprise Statesmen

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The men's lacrosse team (2-8) would like to spring a little surprise on the powerhouse team of Hobart (5-2) tomorrow and leave Geneva, N.Y., with an upset. That upset could be the light at the end of the tunnel which the ailing Penn State team is looking for.

With three games remaining in the season, a win against Hobart, which has dominated the Division III Championship pedestal for the past five years, could be exactly what the team needs to finish out the season on a positive note.

"The fact that they're Division III doesn't mean anything," Head Coach Glenn Thiel said. "You have to realize that Hobart is the best team in the sport. It's just a great program and a great tradition for 87 years. It's just an honor to go against them."

"I just hope we realize that we can stay with them," Thiel said. "If we don't realize that, we'll be in trouble. We can't do it last year. It was a rough and tumble, aggressive game. We came back really strong in the second half just because we took some chances. If we do that again, it'll be a good lacrosse game."

Thiel added that E.G. Hall has to be on his toes in the goal.

"E.G. has to be great in the goal, there's no question about that. He's been fantastic in practice and the last game was probably his best. And if we can get that out of our goalies, we'll gain confidence and get more out of our offense."

Penn State's leading scorers are attackman Connor (10 goals, 17 assists), Mike Mosko (18.5), King (16.6) and midfielder Bill Schoonmaker (17.6).

According to Thiel, Hobart's attackmen Marc Van Arsdale (20.12) and Tom Grimaldi (17.13) pose the greatest threat to the Lions' cage.

Criste takes fifth at Penn Relays

By ROBERT LEICHTMAN
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When analyzing fighters, it's usually not important to focus on the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog. Unless you're a pentathlete competing in a meet against some of the best athletes the nation has to offer.

Penn State junior Carla Criste usually holds her own in jumping and running events, but people who win pentathlons stand head and shoulders above the 5-6, 115-pounder in the shot put and javelin throw.

Criste finished fifth out of 15 in the heptathlon portion of the Penn Relays at Franklin Field in Philadelphia Tuesday and Wednesday with a point total of 4,375 — 16 points better than her 4,859 third-place total at the March 23 Florida Relays.

Heidi Mann of Florida, who won the Florida Relays, emerged victorious again with 5,224 points, followed by Lanna Zimmerman of Louisiana State (4,951), Beth Sheehan of Virginia (4,892) and Cheryl Wilson also of LSU (4,885). A total of 5,280 is qualifies for nationals.

The shot put and javelin throw were the pair from Rutgers. "It will be the best competition and the most fun that we will have all year," Groves said. "If you don't go to Penn and get excited, then there's something dead inside you. If you ever have to die, I hope it's not until the Monday after the third weekend in April."

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