

Lady linksters set for Yale Invite

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When the women's golf team travels to New Haven, Conn., for the Yale Invitational this weekend, it will be seeking revenge on the team that beat it by less than 10 strokes in the ECAC Open last weekend in Basye, Va. Head Coach Mary Kennedy said her team will be better prepared for this tournament, however, because many of the 13 teams involved in the event competed in last week's tournament. Penn State finished second to Longwood College last week but the two teams will face each other again in the 36-hole tournament on Saturday and Sunday. "We have a good opportunity to win here," Kennedy said. "We'll be facing some of the same competition as last week so we should do well." "We have a chance because we beat Longwood last week on the second day (of play)," freshman

Kirsten Stone said. "We have a pretty good shot to win if we go in there and play well." Stone, juniors Lisa Dine, Erin Borowicz and Sue Highdubeck and sophomores Susan Dutilly and Valerie Krick will all compete in the tournament. Only Dine and Dutilly have played at Yale before. Kennedy said the Friday practice round will be very important to the team's performance. "The key to Yale is to have a good practice round," Kennedy said. "They'll have to learn how the greens are rolling. It's a very strategic course, a shotmaker's course." Dine said Yale has the toughest course she has played. Because of the number of blind shots, the players have to know where they're hitting the ball, she added. The large greens can be a problem for those unfamiliar with the course, Dine said. "If we can get the feel of the greens, things will fall into place," she said.

"Friday practice rounds give you a feel for the course," Stone said. "You learn what kind of clubs to use and you get adjusted." Stone said she worked on her short game in preparation for this tournament and she feels more confident with her putting and chipping. Senior Kiki Tamin played at Yale last year but will not be competing this weekend because of academic commitments, Kennedy said. "It wasn't that she didn't qualify, but she will forgo this tournament," Kennedy said. "It would have been good to have her, but academics come first and she wants to be able to play in the next three tournaments." Dine said the team feels confident with the players that will be at Yale this year because everyone has been hitting well in practice this week. "It's good to have a choice of who goes and still have confidence," Dine said.

Linksters drop from tourney

New England this time of year is beautiful. With the leaves turning and the maple syrup being harvested, it reminds one of a Norman Rockwell painting or the back of October's Reader's Digest. So anyone would jump at the chance to visit the area, right? Wrong. The men's golf team, scheduled to play in Amherst, Mass., at the Todi Intercollegiate Golf Tournament this weekend, has cancelled its reserva-

tions. Instead, the Lions will get ready for the Atlantic 10 Championships. Head Coach Mary Kennedy said the team will participate in a 52-round qualifying match this weekend, right here at Penn State. Lions Dave Lreese, Terry Hertzog, and John Kingora, who were the top three finishers in the team's last tournament, are exempt from the qualifying rounds. —Mark Furry

Netmen prepared to battle in Va.

By MIKE HOOVER
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As the men's tennis team travels to Harrisonburg, Va., this weekend, the scenario remains the same — fierce opposition among old collegiate rivals. West Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth will be joining host James Madison as the Lions strive to put away all three troublesome competitors. "We can expect some real good tight matches," Head Coach Holmes Cathrall said. "The team will have no easy time but this is the type of competition I like to get into. It gives us a chance to test the team." After fighting a nip-and-tuck struggle with the Mountaineers at the Navy Invitational, the squad will once again prepare to engage in battle. The Penn State-West Virginia rivalry can be characterized by two teams with similar talents meeting to see who can develop the best playing strategy and emerge the victor on a given day. "West Virginia always gives us

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Penn State this season in invitational play. Penn State is drilling particularly hard at practice this week after the dismal performance by the doubles squad at the invitational last weekend. The Lions are also trying to better prepare for the heat of the South. "I feel once the team pulls together we can do it," No. 2 singles player Lee Spaugle said. Lion player Bill Dollard is coming into his own lately on the team. Dollard played well as a last minute substitute for Verrey last weekend. This weekend, Dollard will assist the squad at the No. 3 doubles spot with Scott Grebe. "I have been playing good lately," Dollard said. "Scott is easy to play doubles with. He is more experienced and keeps me calm." This weekend, freshman standout Darby Meadowcroft will have an opportunity to avenge his loss to Gary Fry of West Virginia, the only person who stood in the way of a Division B Championship at Annapolis. Meadowcroft lost a three-set heartbreaker to Fry last weekend.

"I feel once the team pulls together we can do it," No. 2 singles player Adam Steinberg said. "They are always a tough match. But the team is psyched after this weekend's performance. We are ready." James Madison and Virginia Commonwealth are two teams that could pose complications for the Lions as well. Last season, the squad lost a see-saw 5-4 battle to each school. "Team for team we are playing a tougher schedule than the invitational," Cathrall said. West Virginia has stronger top seeded singles players than the Lions and a balanced doubles team as was evident in their two meetings with

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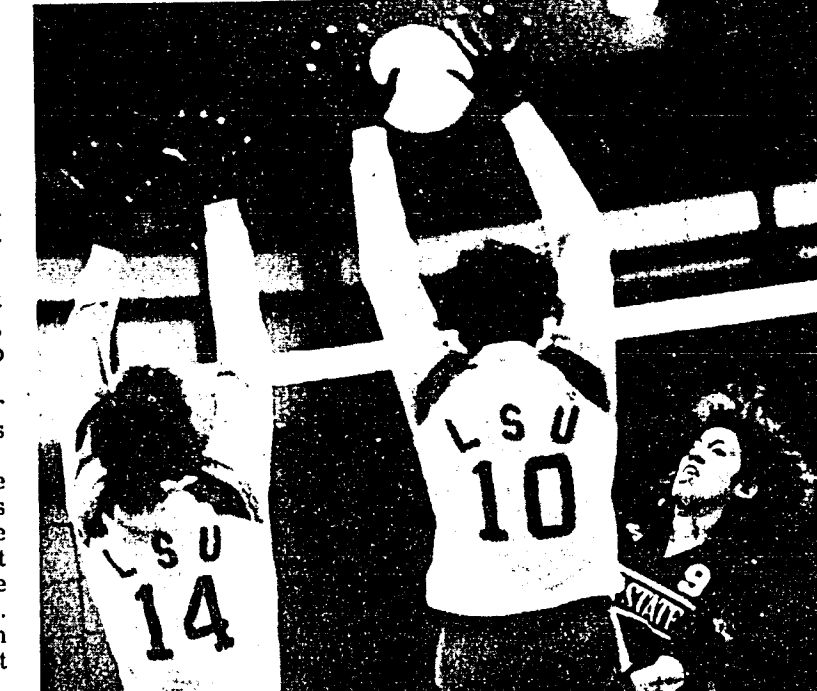
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Lady spikers try to control own destiny

By CHRISTINE BORN
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If the women's volleyball team learned a lesson from the last two tournaments, it's that it has to be responsible for its own success. After losses to Rhode Island and Illinois State, Head Coach Russ Rose said Penn State needs to control its own game, rather than worry about the other team's. The Lady Lions lost games to both teams when they fell flat and lost control after building early leads. "We have the ability to control our own destiny," Rose said. "and if we do that and play well, we can win." In preparing for this weekend's home matches against Atlantic 10 foe George Washington and cross-state rival Pittsburgh, Penn State has been working on control in the form of mental toughness. "They need to improve their mental attitude as an entire group," Rose said.

The teamwork scenario also works in a more concrete way. The Lady Lions must continue to communicate among themselves if they want to win. "Even when someone gets down, they have to keep that communication going at all times," Assistant Coach Lori Barberich said. "They have to learn to play as a team and not as individuals." Penn State is taking an 11-2 record into the weekend with a positive attitude that it can beat both teams. The George Washington match is a conference game and Rose puts more importance on that game than Saturday's match with Pitt. The Lady Colonels bring a 9-5 record to Rec Hall. "Beating conference teams is our ticket to the national championships," Rose said "and I'm more concerned about our streak of six consecutive nationals than I am of beating Pitt."



Penn State's Lisa Leap (9) attempts to spike the ball past two Louisiana State defenders during a game earlier this season at Rec Hall.

"We play well at home," senior Marcia Leap said, "and its always nice to play before a home crowd." Penn State has done well at home matches this year. The Lady Lions have compiled a 6-0 record on the floors of Rec Hall and have only lost one game here, to Louisiana State University, while winning 18 games. Both match losses have come from road trips, where Penn State has lost eight out of 17 games. To continue their consistent record, the Lady Lions have also been working on their serving game after the past two tournaments and that was the primary focus of practice all week. "We've been working on serving to different areas of the court," she said, "and we need to concentrate on serving this weekend if we want to win. We have to learn to serve tough all the time and not give the other team so many easy serves to score on."

Even though the Pitt game is not a conference game, it will still generate the excitement that always goes along with Penn State-Pitt athletic events. The Lady Panthers are 16-3 on the season and the Penn State-Pitt matchup always seems to be close regardless of the two team's records. While most team members think of beating Pitt for in-state bragging

rights, one Lady Lion has a more personal feeling toward the match. Judy McDonough's step-sister plays for Pitt and McDonough is looking forward to this weekend. "She's five days older than me," she said. "I forget she's my sister and just play against the team."

Johnson, others deny point shaving accusations

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Butch Johnson and three of his ex-teammates have denied any involvement in an alleged scheme to shave points in exchange for cocaine, as outlined in an FBI agent's memo.

A Miami newspaper reported Wednesday that the FBI and the NFL were investigating three-year-old allegations that five current or former Dallas players fixed games in return for cocaine. The players were identified by a Dallas newspaper

as Johnson, Danny White, Tony Hill, Tony Dorsett and Ron Springs. The allegations surfaced in a report by former FBI agent Daniel Mitrone, but they were ignored by the FBI because officials felt the information was too vague. Mitrone has since pleaded guilty in Miami to federal charges of bribery, conspiracy and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

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By Tom Flynn
BANG! You're dead!
Remember that phrase? It's the same one hollered at the tops of thousands of kids' lungs as they play "Capture the Flag," "Cops and Robbers," "Cowboys and Indians," or whatever they want to call the game in which they hide from and shoot at their foes (with finger guns or water pistols).
Now, imagine yourself in the thick of some dead underbrush. Armed with a Nel-Spot 007 marking pistol and its paint-pellet ammunition, a map of the rugged terrain and a compass to guide you to the pot of gold — the opposing team's flag — you hear a dried twig snap off to your left. About 15 yards away, a camouflaged figure wearing the identifying colored armband of the other side pauses to rethink his strategy, hoping that he's not been spotted.
Too late, sucker, you say to yourself, as you silently pull back the bolt on the Nel-Spot, dropping a pellet into the chamber. You take careful aim, and — SPLAT! He's dyed!
Notice the similarity between a game you left behind in elementary school and the weekend fun that thousands are discovering across the country? The grown-up version of "Capture the Flag," better known as The Survival Game, has been introduced to State College, courtesy of High Adventure Survival Games.
Although many variations are possible, there are two general game forms, The Individual Game and The Team Game. The individual setup pits competitors against each other as they collect flags from each of four stations in the field while trying to avoid others doing the same thing. In the team version, two sides go for each other's flag, while trying to foil the opposition's efforts to do the same. Field judges monitor splattered players and enforce the ironclad rule of wearing goggles at all times.
It seems simple enough, and an even easier way to be introduced to the Game is to participate in the AXE Survival Game, sponsored by Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity. The event, which benefits the Howard J. Barnhart Memorial Fund of the American Cancer Society, will be held Oct. 19-20 at the High Adventure field, 2.9 miles past the Stone Valley entrance on Route 26. Signups continue through today in the HUB basement; for more information call the fraternity at 237-3118 or High Adventure at 234-9640.
How the Game got started is a rather long story, but briefly it was created by a bunch of friends to settle a long-running argument: Would survival skills honed in the Innetic Wall Street option markets be transferable to a wilderness situation, or would an outdoorsman hold a natural edge?
The first Game didn't provide a conclusive answer to that question, but it did introduce a most unique way for adults to enjoy themselves. Just about all types, male and female, play the Game, and there's yet to be a prototype definition of the perfect player, according to Edward Davis, owner of High Adventure.
"It's a skills game. Any skill that you have, you can apply to the game," he says.
Speaking for myself, I hope that's true. To be perfectly honest, I've yet to play the Game, and I'm wondering about my ability to fend for myself in woods loaded with paint pellets aimed at my tummy.
On the plus side, I'm pretty competitive. I have 20-20 vision, and I aced Food Science 106 (that's Winetasting). However, my only experience in the wild, excluding a few tame fishing trips, includes a few mad dashes from Officer Friendly as he busted several beer bashes in my teenaged days.
So, I'm not too different from the average Joe or Jane Student. We'll see how different, as I report on my High Adventure in The Survival Game, which I will suit up for sometime soon. Hopefully, my adventures will be a rich source, a veritable textbook on how to win the Game while ducking those nasty, water-soluble blotches of color. Actually, they will probably be a list of What Not To Do. Anyway, look for them in this newspaper next Wednesday, and save that column for ideas while you join Alpha Chi Sigma and High Adventure in a worthy cause.

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