It's do or die weekend for 29-3 lady spikers

Collegian Staff Writer

weekend at the Atlantic 10 Confer- They've been No. 1 the entire seaence Championships in West Vir-son ginia could end it all.

the Lady Rams from Rhode Island Lisa Chidester said. tournament. The Lady Lions will like to put extra pressure on themplay the winner of the George selves by thinking of their No. 1 Washington-Temple match, and status.

Temple and West Virginia will concerned with right now," beat Rutgers," Head Coach Russ Chidester said.

Rose said. game at a time. He places some "We've been the top team in the extra emphasis on the Rhode Is- eastern part of the U.S for the past land game because the Rams beat seven consecutive years," Rose them in September and are consid-said. "I don't think they look at ered a fine volleyball team. He this tournament, being seated maintains his strategy that the No. 1 as different then any other Lady Lions should only be contime you take the floor against cerned with their own game, the people that want to beat them." interior structure of their team. "The game of volleyball is such weekend, according to assistant that success or failure is based Coach Lori Barberich, is to beat

Three returning All-Americans, a

pre-season No. 3 national ranking

and confidence and enthusiasm could

combine to bring the 1986 wrestling

team its first national championship

Last year, the Lions finished sev-

enth at the National Collegiate Athlet-

Head Coach Rich Lorenzo said is

his team has one weakness, it is that

News pre-season poll.

Sunday.

ic Association championships after

the match." Although Penn State is ranked Although the women's volleyball No. 1 in the tournament due to its team has compiled an Eastern- 5-0 conference record, the Lady best 29-3 record, one loss this Lions feel no excess pressure.

"We just want to go to the tour-In this single elimination tourna- nament and play consistent comment, the Lady Lions aren't sched- petitive volleyball and show the uled to compete until 1 p.m. other Atlantic-10 teams that we tomorrow. Both Penn State and are No. 1," senior team captain drew a bye on the first round of the Chidester says the team doesn't

the Rams will meet the victor "If we go in there with the idea between West Virginia and Rutg- that we are better than they are and we do have to play good vol-"I can't help but think George leyball to beat these teams. I think Washington is going to beat that's what we have to be most

Rose says his players don't view Rose is concerned with one their ranking as anything new.

The biggest challenge for this primarily on what you do on your Rhode Island. The Rams pose the side of the net," said Rose. "Last largest threat to the Lady Lions. week against Eastern Kentucky "Beating Rhode Island has been

(one of Penn State's three loses) on everybody's mind all week." we played very poorly on our side Barberich said. "They still beat us of the net. I don't think Eastern earlier in the year even though we Kentucky played better than we beat them at Rec Hall. We played did and by no means are they almost a flawless match at Rec better than we are. They just hall."

by McConnell.

"When you go 27-5 with a certain

lish tonight and maintain for the rest

experience necessary to win, but still

While Portland hopes the team

makes his first visit to Rec Hall as an

opposing coach. McConnell said she

has mixed feelings about playing

him, but it's going to be weird," she

"I'm looking forward to seeing

Portland said that she, too, is

looking forward to seeing her former

assistant again "but when the gun

LION NOTES: The Lady Lions

defeated Providence last year 110-63

. . . the Lady Lions were 12-0 at Rec

Hall last season; a win tonight would

extend their home-game win streak

goes off, it's business as usual."

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The end of the 1984-85 basketball offense, you don't just trash it," Portseason meant the end of the Kahadee- land said. jah Herbert era for the Lady Lions. McConnell enjoys her position as Tonight, however, a new era begins. quarterback of the running game. The Lady Lions enter the 1985-86 "I like the responsibility of scoring season without Herbert, last season's and getting the ball to people," she star center who graduated, and with-said. "If I don't run, the team won't out Assistant Coach Bob Foley, who run." accepted the position of head coach at Something Portland hopes to estab-

For the Lady Lions, the time to of the season is consistent play. start a new quest for the National "That's something that we didn't Collegiate Athletic Association do last year," she said. "We seemed championship is 8:30 tonight against to slack off for the first five minutes Providence in the second game of the of a half and let the other team get annual Lady Lion Classic. Western back in it." Michigan takes on Minnesota on the She said the team has the depth and first contest at 6:30 p.m.

The game represents a test of the needs to acquire a "killer instinct" team's abilities as well as the first the desire to do whatever it takes to presentation of the "new" Lady Lions win the game. a team that will rely more on "I have not been able to see that vet balance and speed than the contribu- (in practice)," she said. tions of a single player.

Head Coach Rene Portland will gains the drive to win at all costs start Suzie McConnell and Vanessa tonight, the Lady Lions will also have Paynter at guard, Joanie O'Brien and to deal with feelings of nostalgia as Vicki Link at forward, and newcomer Providence Head Coach Bob Foley Pia Edvinsson at center.

Portland said she plans to keep the starting five in the game for as long as possible to allow them to jell as a unit, but stresses that the Lady Lions have depth at every position.

"If we need to go to a quicker offense, I can pull Pia and Joanie out and substitute with Lisa Faloon and Bethany Collins," she said. Portland said she hopes to develop a strong inside game, with McConnell

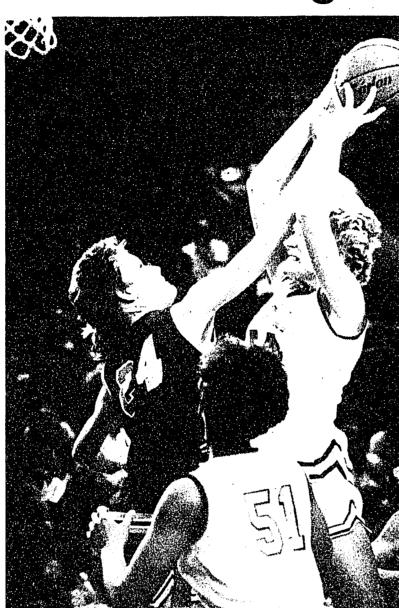
(who averaged 9.7 assists per game

last season) and Paynter (who aver-

aged 1.9) feeding the ball in to the

Grapplers begin quest for NCAA crown tomorrow

Lady cagers begin 'new era' tonight



to 17 . . . the championship game is However, Portland noted that she slated for 6 p.m., Saturday and the Veteran forward Vicki Link (shooting) goes up for a shot in last Friday's Bluewould not altogether abandon the consolation match is set for 8 p.m . . . White game at Rec Hall. Link is one of five Lady Lion starters who will take the offensive strategy that proved so this is Portland's sixth season as head floor against Providence at 8:30 tonight in the first round of the Lady Lion

pounds in 1985, is dropping to 126 and At 190 pounds sophomore Andy Voit

challenging Maurer for the starting may return after an 18-18 rookie

At 142 pounds sophomore Rob Me- gain experience and physical maturi-

junior Glenn Koser and last year's East Stroudsburg Open this weekend.

starter Gary Kaschak (15-12) will If Voit reshirts then senior Jan John-

Kaschak is student teaching now and spot.

Bevilacqua was 26-5 last year and football.

country in the Amateur Wrestling varsity.

News pre-season poll. Elinsky will

wrestle at 167 in a few tournaments at

the beginning of the season but will

At 167 pounds Tri-captain Eric Bru-

gel is back after redshirting last year

Behind Brugel is junior Mike Seckler,

who would be ranked first except for

a shoulder injury. Sophomore Mark

Sidorick, and Duane Peoples, a trans-

drop to 158 for dual meets.

als. When Bevilacqua returns, Koser carved in granite.

Lorenzo said.

will drop to 142.

pressure Meloy for that top spot. son will probably take the starting

is not quite ready for the season, In the heavyweight classification,

The 150-pound slot belongs to Koser Haladay, and sophomore John Place

until Tri-captain and two-time All- are in contention for the top spot.

American Chris Bevilacqua is back Place is trying to return from a knee

at full strength from a back injury. injury suffered while playing varsity

placed fourth in the country at nation- Lorenzo said that this lineup is not

Elinsky placed second at nationals to time." Lorenzo said. "There is no

in 1984 and had a 28-5 overall record. way you can ever go through a season

The two-time All-American has the with 10 guys. We will probably end up

spot at 158 and is ranked No. 1 in the wrestling as many as 15-20 men on .

the No. 1 man right now, but ty, and will make a decision after the

season. Voit may sit out the season to

freshman Jeff Ellis, freshman Grag

"That lineup will change from time

Lorenzo said his team has an ad-

nungry," he said. "They want to be

national champs. We have more indi-

we have ever had before. We have

more guys, even second and third

team guys that are committing them-

selves, and believing that we can be

the best team in the country this year.

You need execution, and confidence.

vantage because of its attitude.

Fencers to face big challenge at Open

Collegian Sports Writer

place higher in all weapons. In epee sabre division, and he, along with see how we compare against them." The men's fencing team will face we should have three or four semi-teammate Greg Kaidanov, give the In the epec category, the Lions are its biggest challenge of the season as finalists." the squad hosts the Garret Penn State "The whole team needs to do much nov said. better." Sabre specialist Peter Cox "I believe we have a strong team," however, as last year's champion, Open this weekend.

The Lions are expected to be one of said. "We have to win as a team so Kaidanov said. "Brian is definitely Steve Trever of Columbia, returns to the favorites in this talent-rich com- the competition knows Penn State got one of the favorites but I will be defend his title. petition as 45 colleges are scheduled their act together rather than just a satisfied if I see two or three individu- Lions Al Stein, Joseph Orvos and few individuals "

Visiting universities such as tradi
One of those individuals is Team "We want to see what the other of dethroning Trever." tional fencing powerhouses Notre Dame, North Carolina and Illinois are a few of the many contenders that will pose problems for a Lion team. The Irish, in particular, who finished second at the National Collegiate By BRIAN McMAHON Athletic Association Championships last season, appear to be the team to

Although the fencers turned in a strong season-opening performance tion in the country when the Garret Penn State Open think that gives them an advantage when they're competin the Temple Open, the opposition in begins here tomorrow morning. this two day competition will be even "This is one of the strongest colle-strongest fencers in the country here."

giate tournaments," Head Coach Kaidanov said the Open will be "a preparation period" their opponents style . . . to come into position with a Emmanuil Kaidanov said. "Our main for the team, and added that its goals remain the same as definite plan of action, but with the ability to change their objective is to gain experience. We those of the Temple Open three weeks ago: to gain attention spontaneously as the bout develops." have 12 freshmen. Our task is to get experience and get a look at the competition. them in as many bouts as possible. They are used to junior and high plagued the Lady Lions since before the Temple Open, but demonstrates them any better than Captain Sue Page. school competition. At the Open they Kaidanov said these factors, as well as the looming "She has the capability to develop into any level fencer

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open," Epee Specialist Joe Orvos Captain Brian Keane. At the Temple competition has," Epee Specialist

said, "but we need more people to Open, Keane completely won the George Poslusny said. "We want to

als with the top finishers."

Lions strength in this division, Kaida- expected to turn in a strong showing

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compiling a 10-6 dual meet record. They also won the Eastern Wrestling League Championship for the fourth The road to the national championships will not be an easy one. Penn State's schedule calls for seven dual meets with Top 10 teams. as ranked in the Amateur Wrestling The Nittany Lions kick off the season by splitting their team into two squads for two tournaments this weekend. Penn State will compete in the East Stroudsburg Open tomorrow and the Bloomsburg Invitational on

Jim Martin (top) is in control of Mike McNally at wrestle-offs last Sunday at Rec Hall. Both Martin, who won the starting "We have a lot of young kids in the spot at 118 pounds, and McNally will see action this weekend as the wrestling team opens its season at the Bloomsburg

good nucleus of three or four guys that have proven themselves. We proving themselves. And a lot of This is how those weight classes redshirt last year, is a four-time fer from Oklahoma State, are two have a couple of youngsters and some breaks, like being able to stay shape up at this time. transfers that are capable of being healthy."

the number one team in the United class. States this year but we don't have on "If everyone stays healthy, we ranked behind Martin. paper the proven credentials to be the should have a super team," Elinsky At 126, junior Keith Maurer is the Joe Hadge won the right to the 134- year because of a severe ankle in-

attitude, hard work, dedication, and in every weight class."

lineup," Lorenzo said. "We have a Invitational and the East Stroudsburg Open. At the 118-pound weight class, more Ken Chertow posted a 26-14 weight. Peoples, however, has an

because they're the type of team that if you make a

"We've got to continue to concentrate on moving the

holding on to the puck, thinking about what to do with

Including last year's losses, Michigan-Dearborn's

4-3 sudden death overtime loss to St. Bonaventure

The home-ice advantage should help Penn State this

"They're big, they're quick and they're physical," he

said. "We're going to have to be physical. We're going

to have to back check a lot, harder than we have in the

other games. We're going to have to go out and hit

Lion defenseman John Holland said the Lions consid-

er Michigan-Dearborn a Division I-caliber team. He

added that the Wolves would be the best team Penn

State will play all season, but cautioned that they

"If they think that they're going to come in here and

said. "Games like this bring out the best in our hockey

should not take the Lions lightly.

mistake, they will captitalize on it.

Michigan-Dearborn

excellent, but have yet to prove that Tri-Captain Greg Elinsky said this freshman Jim Martin, who record last year at 118 but is recov- injured knee that may require sur-All-American status. We want to be year's team is strong in every weight redshirted last year, is the top man ering from elbow surgery and may gery. for now. Sophomore Mike McNally is redshirt this season.

Pennsylvania state champion. Sopho- others that may see mat time at this

Dan Mayo returns as the No. 1 man gance. Louisiana State University transfer at 177 pounds after redshirting last "We have a bunch of aggressive,

number one team. So that comes into said. "There will be matches to watch starter but will probably drop to 118. pound weight class by defeating Tim jury, which cut short a promising and who have put a lot of work into

"but I think that our depth will help tions and they've come through for

Penn State's depth has been an Krimmel has been happy with his

Freshman Matt Gerhard, a medical Flynn in the wrestle-offs Nov. 10. freshman season. Mayo was 17-6-1 it." Swimwomen at home tomorrow

By JIM SAUNDERS

Although the Lady Lions are curthis depth was not developed totally rently undefeated, other than their by design. gious Cincinnati Bearcat Invitational and Clarion) by a combined total of

Betsy Spiegel and Beth Fahey to By MARY DEWEES prevent the Lady Lions from tying Collegian Sports Writer Division II Clarion.

and George Washington.

Whitner of the Division II team, "but I'm sure that they'll be ready for us." much trouble tomorrow, though.

culty with Syracuse last season, circulating a lot around here lately, er, the 1984 squad also built large its No. 1 ranking in the polls. Well the most part, they make them count," margins of victory against Clarion men's swimming and diving team is he said. "It's not like they have any now thinking 'orange' too, as they dead weight, so to speak." The Lady Lions will be meeting prepare themselves to take on Syracuse at 7:00 tonight at the McCoy

night's meet.

quality and not quantity that will

(in practice)," he said. "It's a big weekend and there will be a lot of family and friends at the meet."

first victory, an 80-49 defeat of "With some of the injuries that niors Christine Reidel and Janeen George Washington, those wins did we've had, we've been forced to de- Leeshock, along with freshman Krisnot come easily. They captured their velop depth," he said. "We've put ten Elias in the meet's opening event, second and third wins (at the presti-some people into really tough situathe 200-yard medley relay, agreed.

Swimmen thinking 'orange'

pretty easily, but this year it's going The Orangemen are coming off of a to be a different story," he said. Bucknell," said Tri-captain Kristin big meet Wednesday against St. Bo- Freshman Craig Dies, who was a naventure, in which several of their member of the winning 800-yd freeswimmers shaved for faster times. style relay team at last weekend's Whitner, a freestyle sprinter, This will give them a slight advan- Cincinnati Bearcat Invitational, said doesn't expect the Lady Lions to have tage over the Lion swimmers in to- that Syracuse's shaved swimmers

Icers seek 1st win over Dearborn

Collegian Sports Writer

The ice hockey team will face what could well be its biggest challenge of the season this weekend when it puck quickly," he added. "You get in against a fast meets a fine Michigan-Dearborn team at 9:15 tonight team like Dearborn, and anybody standing around and and 3:30 tomorrow in the ice pavilion. Michigan-Dearborn is an independent varsity team it, they're going to be in trouble."

which primarily has National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I teams on its schedule. The Wolves last four victories over Penn State have been on the have a 5-5 record this season, but that slate includes Wolves' home ice; however, this weekend's games will two wins over ice hockey power Notre Dame. As a be played at the ice pavilion, where Penn State has member of the National Association of Intercollegiate been dominant over the years. Athletics, the Wolves finished second twice and third
The Lions posted a 13-1-1 record at home last season, once in the last five years and were 8-9 against Division and their only loss on their home ice this season was a I teams last season Add all this to the fact that the Lions have never Nov. 13. They also beat visiting Niagara College 7-2

beaten Michigan-Dearborn in seven meetings, and one and 8-6 Oct. 18 and 19, respectively. can see that Penn State has quite a task on its hands this weekend. Last year, the Wolves beat Penn State 3- weekend, but right wing Greg Powers said the Lions 1 and 10-1 at Dearborn, and in the first loss, the Lions would have to play their best games of the year to beat were hurt by two disallowed goals that would have tied "They've got a solid team, and they've got depth on the bench," Head Coach Jon Shellington said of this

vear's Michigan-Dearborn squad. "Their first line's better than their second, second's better than their third, but they're not that much better. They're all good lines. There's not much of a difference between any of them, so you've got to have depth to play against "You've got to have intensity all the time. You let up

one second, and they're going to be on you." In order to beat Michigan-Dearborn, every member of the Lion squad is going to have to make a concen- blow us away, they've got another thing coming," he trated effort. Shellington said.

"Everybody's going to have to be thinking and team. The best players on our hockey team will come reacting quickly every second that they're on the ice," through."

Collegian Sports Writer

After three consecutive wins on the important factor in each of its first team's attitude this week. road, the women's swimming and three victories that they have won by diving team hosts Bucknell and Syra- consistently placing individuals seccuse at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow to open ond and third in the events which they

It took fine performances by divers

Bucknell for the first time. "We don't know too much about

for us," said the Allentown senior, team boasts a small roster of only small visiting team.

failed to win. According to Krimmel,

us pull it through."

Penn State experienced little diffi- Orange. It's a word that's been count in the meet. soundly defeating them 93-47. Howevever since the football team ensured but each person they have, for the

But Coach Peter Brown said that it is "They don't have a very big team,

"Syracuse has some good individu- However, Penn State will also have also said that Penn State's depth will als and we know that they're resting an advantage since the Syracuse give them an advantage over the