Booters defeat Temple 6-5 in sudden death

By CAROL D. RATH
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Logically, they shouldn't have walked away with a victory.

With more than nine minutes left in regulation play in the Mid-Atlantic Regional finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association playoff tournament Saturday at Jeffrey Field, the men's soccer team was trailing No. 11 Temple, 5-3. The chances of a Lion victory, much less ending the game in a tie, looked mighty bleak.

After all, it took the Lions more than 75 minutes to score those three goals.

And putting two more goals past a top-notch goalie, plus scoring one to clinch the game, cannot be considered an easy thing to do when you're down 5-3.

But the No. 18 Lions weren't adhering to logic.

Through skill, determination, and graced by luck, the Lions were able to make a remarkable comeback in those nine minutes, scoring two goals and sending the game into double overtime.

After two scoreless 10-minute periods, the game went into penalty kicks followed by sudden-death elimination resulting in a kick ruled good from Larry Miller giving the Lions a 4-3 advantage. This gave the Lions (15-5-1) a 6-5 victory and the title of Mid-Atlantic Regional Champions.

"I can't even remember the last time we had a game that went into penalty kicks and that's the way it was decided," Head Coach Walter Bahr said. "We were not prepared for it. We have four people that can take penalties and we practice a little bit with them, but we went down to our sixth and we were ready for the seventh, eight, ninth, and on down the line."

With the win, the Lions advanced to the NCAA Quarterfinals. Penn State will next challenge No. 1 Evansville, a 3-0 victor against unranked Indiana in the Great Lakes Regional finals.

Bahr said that the exact time and place of the quarterfinal game will be announced by the NCAA Soccer Committee by 1 p.m. today. He added that he expects the game to be played in Evansville, Ind., since the site depends on which school draws the larger crowds. According to NCAA rules, the quarterfinal games must be played by Dec. 1.

The loss for Temple marred its previously perfect schedule of 14-0-2. Saturday's loss was its first of the season, after two consecutive ties with Penn State (1-1) and Penn (2-2).

For a playoff game to go down to the wire in a sudden-death elimination contest between two talented teams leaves no true winner. Each team's season was decided in those few short minutes in which either team could have emerged the victor.

"It's very much of a chance thing (penalty kicks). It happens, if you dive the right way and get out there and it's down low where you can get it, it's pretty much chance," Lion goalie Bert Eckelmeyer said. "And even though we won, I feel really bad. It's a tough way for either team to win."

The two challengers, who ended a Nov. 1 confrontation in Philadelphia in a 1-1 deadlock, once again remained even after regulation time expired.

Lion forward Thomas Greve took the first penalty kick, which sailed past Temple goalie Dale Caya's left side and into the cage. Owl forward Steve Jeremenko responded with a ball put past Eckelmeyer's right side. Once again, the rivals were at a deadlock.

Lions' Paul Moylan and Steve Potter managed to put the ball in the cage, while attempts from teammates Kevin Jennings and Troy Snyder went wide.

Owls' Peter Dicce and Steffan Hausner successfully faked out Eckelmeyer, yet the Penn State goalie saved attempts from Tom Csongradi and Franklin Gbinij. Again, the Pennsylvania powerhouses were at a standstill, forcing the game into sudden-death elimination.

Owl midfielder Glenn Curry's attempt, won on the sudden-death elimination coin toss, went over Eckelmeyer's domain, setting up Lion midfielder Miller's perfect shot past Caya's right side, giving the Lions a 6-5 triumph in front of more than 1,000 spectators.

Yet the day was not only not a triumph for the Owls, but it wasn't a good day for Temple goalie Caya either.

For Caya, the No. 18 Lions had already spoiled the game statistically for him.

Caya had only given up 10 goals in 16 games, one scored by Greve on a penalty kick, before he met the Lions a second time. In a single game, he gave up five goals and failed to save any after-regulation goal attempts.

Caya either allowed the ball to go by him, or the Penn State shot went wide.

The Lions started out on the right mental note by scoring the first goal. In past games, the downfall of the game has been after the opposition scored first, breaking the mental concentration of the Lions.

Midfielder Snyder took the ball down the left side of the field, passing it to forward Niall Harrison who then looped it back across the goal mouth to Snyder. Snyder then deposited it in the far side of the Temple goal cage, giving the Lions a 1-0 lead at the 9:11 mark of the first half.

Temple and Penn State traded off for each of its first three goals including the lead-off goal scored by Snyder, followed by Owl Gbiniji (two goals), and Jennings on a penalty kick.

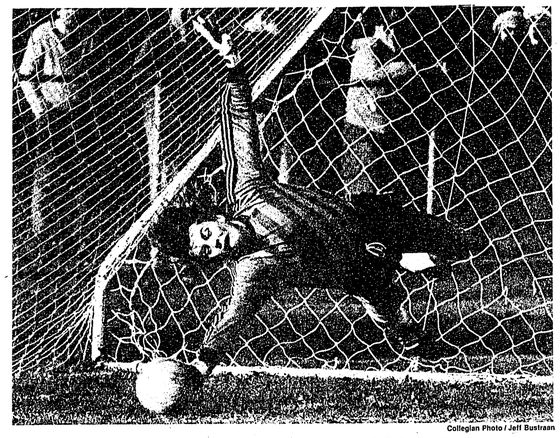
Midfielder Dave Dabora was put in the game for an ailing Harrison who suffered an injury to the shoulder at the 34:38 mark of the second half. Four minutes later, Dabora accepted a pass from Greve, bulleting it past Caya, 3-3.

The next two goals were taken by Temple, edging out the Lions 5-3. The familiar Dicce and Gbinije duo contributed to the Owls' fourth goal (66:10) while Dicce fed Curry the ball for the Owls' fifth and final goal (80:17).

With 5:22 remaining in the game, midfielder Gerry Moyer took a Greve to Jennings pass to help rally the Lions, 5-4.

Dabora saved a loss for the Lions with 2:08 on the clock when he took an assist from Greve, posting a 5-5 deadlock, forcing the game into overtime.

LION NOTE: In other regional playoff games: New York Region — Hartwick over Columbia, 2-0; New England Region — Boston University over Connecticut, 2-1 in penalty kicks; South Region — South Carolina over Clemson, 1-0 in penalty kicks; South Atlantic Region — American over George Mason, 3-1.



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Temple goalie Dale Caya could not stop Lion defender Larry Miller's sudden-death elimination attempt, giving the Lions a 6-5 victory over the No. 11 Owls and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship Title. No. 18 Penn State will face No. 1 Evansville in NCAA Quarterfinals.

Booters are heroes in Mid-Atlantic Final

By CAROL D. RATH
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Heroes.

Mothers adore them, fathers are proud of them, girls worship them and little tykes look up to them.

In any sport, heroes are to be considered the best players; the players who score the most points, or make the key saves, the ones put on a pedestal.

Yet during the Mid-Atlantic Regional final Saturday at Jeffrey Field, one single player cannot really be pinpointed as *the* hero in the Lions' 6-5 victory over the Temple Owls. Each player, in fact, earned the right to be called the hero of the game.

But if one had to individually pick a hero, one could say that goalie Bert Eckelmeyer should be the hero since he was credited with four saves in the second half and only allowed five goals and three sudden-death attempts to slip by him.

In the penalty kicks as well as the sudden-death elimination, the fate of the Lions was resting solely on the Doylestown freshman's shoulders.

"It's not something (penalty kicks) you practice everyday. In all seriousness, he (Larry Miller) and Marco (Bulatovic) and John Pascarella had a heck of a lot to do with what I did today," Eckelmeyer said.

Eckelmeyer added that those three helped him prepare for Saturday's game through coaching and moral support.

Or maybe the hero is defender Larry Miller who has been a key defensive player throughout the season as well as this past weekend. The Myerstown native has been an important backbone man in the defense for the Lions, although his position is new to Miller this season.

After playing around with the starting lineups early this fall, Head Coach Walter Bahr decided the Lions were hurting for defenders. Miller had previously been a three-year starting forward for Penn State and is currently in tenth place on the individual scoring record with 29 goals, 19 assists.

But as a defender, Miller is still an offensive contributor with seven shots on goal, one goal and four assists.

Or maybe the hero is midfielder Dave Dabora.

Dabora's third goal tied the game at 3-3 while his second of the game, with just a little more than two minutes left in the game, threw the game into overtime.

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—Bert Eckelmeyer, goalie

Dabora has been known to occupy a bench seat during the starting minutes of the game, but has been known to enter the game and be an offensive key for the Lions. Dabora has scored in eight games, including two goals in the Mid-Atlantic Regional final.

The senior from Storrs, Conn., has compiled an impressive nine goals and four assists for the season, with two of those goals scored on Saturday. The senior substitute forward occupies the number third spot on the individual scoring record.

No one player can be singled out as the ultimate hero in the Lions' crucial victory on Saturday. Each was needed to contribute and without just one of those important pieces to Bahr's puzzle, the outcome of the Mid-Atlantic Regional final may have turned out a little differently.

D.J. injured, should play in Orange Bowl

By CHRIS LINDSLEY
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Nothing could have been better for the Lions following their 31-0 trouncing of Pitt Saturday in Pitt Stadium. Nothing, that is, except for the condition of tailback D.J. Dozier.

The junior from Virginia Beach, Va., dislocated his left elbow at the end of a 16-yard run late in the third period when he fell on his left arm.

Dozier was carried off the field on a stretcher, but Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno said people's fears that it was a shoulder injury were for not.

"The x-rays are negative," Paterno said. "He's got a dislocated elbow, and it will probably be three or four weeks (before he will begin practicing for the Orange Bowl)."

After getting his left arm put in a sling to take the pressure off the injured elbow, Dozier reappeared on the field to watch the last few minutes of the game.

When asked about his teammate, quarterback John Shaffer said he expects him to be in the backfield when the Lions take on the Sooners.

"I just talked to him and he's hurting a little bit," Shaffer said, "but I think he'll still be around."

Dozier, Penn State's leading rusher this season with 723 yards and fifth alltime, is one person Paterno needs to be healthy when the Lions square off against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl on New Year's night.

Sports Information Director Dave Baker said yesterday that "he would think" Dozier would be ready to play against the Sooners, and that his left elbow would be in a sling for about three weeks.

Manoa stars in homecoming

By MARK ASHENFELTER
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PITTSBURGH — Although it was not truly home, Tim Manoa still managed to have a homecoming to remember when the football team traveled to face the Pitt Panthers Saturday night.

Manoa lists Pittsburgh as he latest residence, but he is hardly a native to the state. He was born in Tonga, an island in the South Pacific, and moved to Hawaii when he was five. Eleven years later, before his junior year of high school, he moved to Pittsburgh and lived with family friends in order to get a better education.

In terms of homecomings, the 1983 Aloha Bowl probably meant more to the 6-0½, 227-pound junior, but Saturday's performance in the No. 1 Lions' 31-0 victory made this game special as well.

Manoa rushed for 91 yards and two touchdowns against a defensive unit ranked fourth against the run. His first score, a 60-yard burst through the Panther defense, gave Penn State a comfortable 14-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

On his second touchdown, Manoa relied more on brute force than speed as he ran through a host of defenders for a three-yard score early in the final period.

Both runs were equally special for the fullback who has rushed for 380 yards and three touchdowns on the season.

"I came through the hole ... and my eyes opened up," he said. "I said, 'I've got to do it.' I saw the guy coming from the side and I thought he was going to catch me. . . I think I ran the quickest I've every run on that play."

His second touchdown, on a first and goal from the three showed just how strong Manoa is after he gets going. He was met by a host of defenders at the two, but continued moving until he crossed reached the end zone. Manoa said he had something to prove on that carry.

"I've been stopped a lot of times at the goal line," he said. "I had it in my mind that I was going to make it."

Head Coach Joe Paterno said it was nice to see Manoa make it to the end zone twice in his adopted hometown.

"I was glad Timmy could come home and have a big night," Paterno said. "That (first touchdown), was a great run, I thought he did a great job."

Manoa is just glad he is getting a chance to do the job period.

As a freshman he started the season as a fullback, but ended up splitting his time as an outside linebacker and defensive end.

"I came in as a freshman and I wanted to play — I wanted to play as a fullback — but they wanted me to play linebacker," he said. "At that time they had a lot of good running backs and I just wanted to play somewhere."

He welcomed the switch back to offense for his sophomore season and he responded by carrying 47 times for 166 yards, after rushing just once in 1983.

"When John Williams (graduated), they needed fullbacks and they asked me to come back," he said. "It turned out last year that I liked it. I figure I'm going to stay there — I don't want to move any more."

You could say that fullback is the one place Manoa can truly call home.

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Tim Manoa

Lady spikers win Atlantic 10 title

By STACEY JACOBSON
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The women's volleyball team, ranked No. 1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference, proved its dominance last weekend by capturing its third consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament title.

The Lady Lions defeated both George Washington and No. 2 University of Rhode Island, to earn an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament to be played in two weeks.

Head Coach Russ Rose said the main objective of the weekend was to receive a bid to NCAA's. Penn State had a 5-0 record in conference play and although all factors pointed towards a Lady Lion victory, the team needed to play intense, competitive volleyball.

Assistant Coach and former All-American player Lori Barberich explained that because the tournament was played at West Virginia, neither team had a home court advantage. Since Penn State was ranked No. 1, all the teams were fired up to play competitive volleyball in the hope of knocking them down.

"We knew the winner was going to go to the NCAA," Barberich said, "so therefore, we couldn't lose."

Due to their rankings, Penn State and URI didn't play the first round of the tournament. In the first round West Virginia defeated Rutgers, which pitted the Lady Mountaineers against the Lady Rams from URI, and George Washington triumphed over Temple, forcing them to face Penn State.

"We were very nervous in the first game," senior Co-captain Marcia Leap said. "We had the jitters because it was a big tournament and we made a lot of nervous mistakes."

Despite the jitters and mistakes, the scores told the story of the match. The points for George Washington came less often as the Lady Lions loosened up. The final result was a 3-0 match victory, 15-10, 15-4, and 15-3.

"In the beginning of the game, we were pretty tight," Rose said, "but I wasn't too surprised or concerned."

His confidence in his team was obviously not unmerited. In spite of their slow start, several players still had some outstanding statistics, including Marcia Leap, who had 15 kills, Vida Kernich, who had seven, and Lisa Chidester, who had three service aces.

URI was victorious against WVU, earning the right to take on the Lady Lions for the NCAA bid.

Unlike the last time these two teams met, URI came in healthy, as setter Dee Dee Hull was able to compete after missing the team's encouter in Rec Hall.

The games were fast moving well played competitive volleyball. Although Penn State won all three games 15-12, 15-9, and 15-9 and were never behind during these games, URI was definitely a worthy opponent.

"They were up to play us but we played our own game, we served well and passed almost perfectly," Barberich said. "We were really scrappy, we wouldn't let their ball drop and they had very few service aces."

During the URI match several players had noteworthy games, including Denise Navoney, who aided the defense with 15 digs. Lisa Leap slammed 12 kills and Izetta Phillips had seven.

Awards for the tournament and the conference were presented at the conclusion of the match. Penn State players dominated these awards. Three players, Marcia Leap, Lisa Chidester, and Ellen Hensler, were voted on the all-tournament team. Hensler was the MVP.

Hensler, Leap and Kernich were selected for the all-conference team. The conference also honored Leap as the Player of the Year and Rose as the Coach of the Year.

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the type of player Paterno said has made this team special.

"We've been very fortunate that we've had good leadership and maturity," Paterno said. "And they were able to handle the pressure of trying to win all their regular-season games . . . I think it's tougher to be playing our schedule and having an undefeated season. It's not going to happen a lot of times."

No matter how good you are, the ball has to bounce your way sometimes to go undefeated, as it did for linebacker Pete Giftopoulos Saturday. Giftopoulos recovered Pitt quarterback John Congemi's fumble in the end zone for his first career touchdown, giving the Lions a commanding 21-0 lead.

Giftopoulos said he knew the Lions would improve upon last year's win total, but he didn't even consider the possibility of going through the season unbeaten.

"I couldn't have imagined 11-0, but I couldn't imagine another year like last year," Giftopoulos said. "I thought we'd have a very competitive team. We worked really hard over the summer, a lot of guys stayed up and practiced together. I knew we'd be competitive. Being around the national championship scene, I didn't think we'd be undefeated or ranked No. 1."

But they are No. 1 and, after a sluggish start, have shown just how good they can be in crushing Notre Dame 36-6 and Pitt 31-0.

And with a win over 8-1 Oklahoma, Paterno would have his second national championship in the last four years.

Oklahoma will be just another chance for the Lions to prove those who think Penn State can't stay with the wishbone offense, All-America-filled defense the Sooners possess wrong.

"It's just another game, another challenge for us," Moules said. "They've got a great football team, great football tradition down there, and it's a great challenge for the Penn State program."

And as Penn State's opponents have learned this season Joe Paterno likes nothing better than challenges.

New-look lady cagers win Lady Lion Classic

By MATT HERB
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It's a strange hybrid, this new Penn State womens' basketball team, an unlikely combination of speed, finesse and power that has rarely existed in the past. But together, these disparate elements resulted in a pair of season-opening victories en route to a first place finish in the annual Lady Lion Classic.

In the first round of the four-team tournament Friday night, Penn State overcame a mediocre first half and a serious shortage of rebounds to down Providence, 93-68. In the championship game Saturday against Western Michigan, the Lady Lions put Friday's difficulties behind them, winning handily, 83-53.

The speed came from the usual source, point guard Suzie McConnell, who fueled the transition game with her passing. She finished the weekend with 20 assists and 27 points and was the tournament MVP even though she played little over 20 minutes in each game.

The finesse too, was not unexpected. Forward Joannie O'Brien and reserve guard Lisa Faloon hit from the outside, seemingly at will, just as they did last season.

It was the power, though, that surprised, especially considering who it came from. While the Lady Lions fully expected newcomer Pia Edvinsson to bring a more physical style of play to Penn State thanks to her experience in the European leagues, it was back-up center Bethany Collins and forward Vicki Link who turned in the tournament's most memorable performances.

In the championship game Link was the star, topping her previous personal best of 11 points with 16 to lead the Lady Lions, and crashing the boards for 13 rebounds. Edvinsson followed her lead, snagging nine rebounds and pouring in eight points of her own. For both, it was a chance for redemption after sub-par performances against Providence.

"I thought I did a lot better rebounding," Link said, "but it's something we still need to work on. We let them get a lot of offensive rebounds."

Against Western Michigan, the Lady Lions came out smoking and rarely let up during the ensuing 40 minutes. The Broncos, who had escaped the first round with a narrow come-from-behind victory over Minnesota, spent all but the first two minutes of the championship game playing catch-up ball.

With the score tied 2-2, the Broncos took their last look at daylight as the Lady Lions proceded to bury them with 12 unananswered points. By halftime, Penn State had extended that cushion to a comfortable 21 points.

"We forced them into taking some bad shots," O'Brien said. "We forced the clock to run down and if you can make people throw up a shot when there's only three or four seconds left on the clock, it's usually not going to be a good shot."

Although Head Coach Rene Portland agreed that the Lions acquitted themselves better against the Broncos than the night before, she was cautious when assessing the Lady Lions' future.

"We were more relaxed," she said, "but I still contend that rebounding is probably the biggest area that down the road could get us in trouble. So that's an area of concern."

Another worry for Portland this weekend was the health of McConnell, who was suffering the after-effects of a bout with the flu. Although she chipped in 11 assists against Western Michigan, nearly up to her 12.6 average from last season, her defensive performance against the Broncos' Tracie Wells received mixed reviews.

"I don't think Suzie felt all that well," Portland said. "Wells shot two for 11, I think she's a street player, she threw up a lot of junk, but she was able to penetrate on us anytime she wanted to. I don't think we did a good job of keeping her out of the middle."

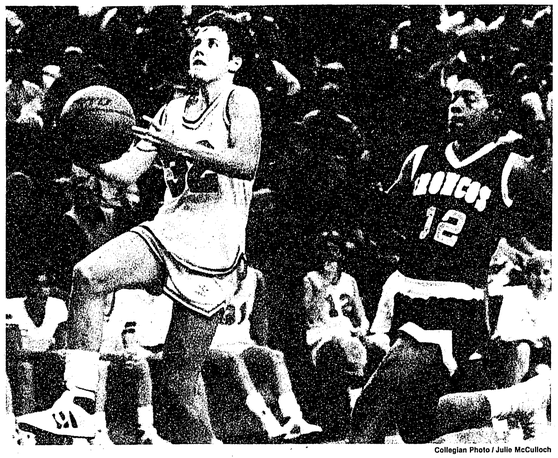
Even so, the Broncos did much of their shooting from the perimeter, where they hit a lowly 29 percent.

It was a defensive performance that Portland had no reason to expect after being outrebounded by Providence. In a game that marked the head coaching debut of former Penn State assistant Bob Foley, the Lady Friars dominated Penn State on the boards.

It took the deadly outside shooting of O'Brien, who was six for seven from the floor, and McConnell's driving lay-ups which accounted for 20 points to help sink the Lady Friars. But most of all, it took the shooting of Collins, whose 26 points were both the game high and a personal best.

Collins muscled most of her shots in from the middle in heavy traffic, and some, uncharacteristically, from outside. But like McConnell, Collins' questionable health threatened to cut short a stellar performance. She's been bothered with a painful back injury since before coming to Penn State last year.

"I just wanted to play to begin with and I wasn't sure was going to happen with it," she said. "but I didn't want to use that as an excuse."



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Lady Lion guard Suzie McConnell drives for a score in Saturday's championship game of the Lady Lion Classic at Rec Hall. McConnell led the women's basketball team to the championship with a 83-53 win over Western Michigan.

Sinisalo paces Flyers past Penguins, 7-4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ilkka Sinisalo scored two goals in the third period as the Philadelphia Flyers surged to defeat the Pittsburgh Penguins 7-4 in the NHL last night.

Dave Poulin scored three goals, shooting his last short-handed into an empty net at 19:55 in the third period after Pittsburgh pulled goalie Denis Herron.

Sinisalo's game-winner, his fourth of the season, came on a power play off a rebound shot from Tim Kerr 11:43 into the period to give Philadelphia a 5-4 lead. His first goal, which broke a 3-3 tie, came on a rebound shot off a faceoff deep in the Pittsburgh end at 4:43.

Ron Sutter gave Philadelphia an insurance goal on a breakaway steal at 19:55 before Poulin ended the scoring.

The lead see-sawed until Sinisalo's game-winner.

Pittsburgh opened up the scoring when Mario Lemieux fired in a rebound off a blocked shot by the Flyers' Brad Marsh at 6:03 into the first period.

Poulin's first goal of the night, on a pass from Tim Kerr, tied it at 1-1 7:38 into the period. The Flyers took the lead at 14:27 when Murry Craven scored on a faceoff pass from Peter Zezel on a power play.

Pittsburgh came back for a 2-2 tie at 17:09 when Randy Cunneyworth took a pass from Jim Johnson and fired past Flyers goalie Darren Jensen.

The Flyers pulled ahead 3-2 at 1:14 into the second period with Poulin's second goal, a 40-foot slapshot.

Grapplers fare well in two tournaments

By CHRISTINE BORN
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For Eric Brugel, the 1985-86 wrestling season is starting off well. The 5-10 senior began his season with a win last night at the Bloomsburg Invitational. But while Brugel won the 167-pound bout, the Lions finished second in last night's tournament.

Penn State fared better, however, in Saturday's East Stroudsburg Open, taking home first place. Penn State also had a total of seven individual titles over the weekend.

Head Coach Rich Lorenzo sent half the squad to compete at East Stroudsburg while the other half traveled to Bloomsburg.

On Saturday, the Lions won their fourth straight East Stroudsburg Open by scoring 82.5 points. Maryland was second with 74.25 while Rider finished third with 59.75. The tournament host placed fifth with 48.25 points.

In the Bloomsburg Invitational, Penn State finished second with 130.25 points. Bloomsburg won the tournament by scoring 175 points and Franklin and Marshall came in third with 165.25 points.

At East Stroudsburg, Penn State placed six wrestlers in the finals and the Lions emerged with five individual title winners. Matt Gerhard finished in second place at 126-pounds when he defaulted to East Stroudsburg's Tom Vara because Gerhard had a pinched nerve in his neck.

Freshman Jim Martin beat Tim Jacoutot of Trenton State 12-8 in the 118-pound finals. At 134 pounds, Joe Hadge beat Jim Frick of Lehigh 7-3. All-American Greg Elinsky won by forfeit over Jody Karam of Lock Haven to win the 167-pound title.

In the 177-pound class, Dan Mayo won on criteria over former Lock Haven standout Doug Buckwalter. Mayo won on riding time after a 1-1 overtime score. The regulation score was 6-6.

Penn State's Andy Voit won a 7-3 decision over John Bott of Rider to capture the 190-pound title.

At Bloomsburg, Penn State sent five wrestlers to the finals and emerged with two individual winners. Brugel defeated Ted Filwinski of Duke 19-7 at 167 pounds. The other Lion winner was Glenn Koser in the 150-pound weight class. The 5-8 junior won by injury default over Dave Gable of Franklin and Marshall.

Finishing in second place for Penn State was Keith Maurer at 126 pounds. The junior lost 6-4 to Ricky Bonomo of Bloomsburg. At 134 pounds, Tim Flynn lost to Rocky Bonomo 7-2 of Bloomsburg. Bonomo was named the outstanding wrestler of the tournament. The 142-pound champion was Bloomsburg's Marty King, who defeated Penn State's Rob Meloy 9-3.

Third place winners were Lions' Jan Johnson at 190 pounds and Jeff Ellis in heavyweight class.

Overall, Lorenzo was impressed with the team's performance.

"The competition was very intense," he said. "We gave a good effort and I feel we did a lot of things right. We now know what we have to work on."

Defensive woes plague cagers in loss

By MARK BRENNAN
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When Craig Collins finished his basketball playing days at Penn State last year, there is no doubt Head Basketball Coach Bruce Parkhill was sorry to see the four-year letterwinner and team co-captian leave.

Parkhill was probably even sorrier after Collins lead Marathon Oil, an amateur touring team, to 84-78 victory over the Lions in an exhibition game at Rec Hall yesterday.

Collins burned the nets for 31 points, hitting on a mixture of long-range jump shots, some strong inside moves, and a slam dunk or two. He went 15 for 20 from the field and one for two from the line while grabbing five rebounds and handing out four assists.

Despite the loss, Parkhill was glad to see Collins play well against the Lions.

"I was glad he had a big game," Parkhill said. "I hope it will help him down the road, maybe give him a chance to play in Europe. I was really glad he had a good game, I just wish he was wearing blue and white."

While Collins seemed at ease playing in front of the Penn State crowd, Parkhill said the Lions were tentative and did not look like they were comfortable on the court.

"I really think we were hesitant and uncomfortable for most of the game," Parkhill said. "It was really evident in the first half that the guys were breathing hard and really looked nervous. We were very tentative defensively."

The nervousness caught up with Penn State about one quater of the way through the second half. After controllling the game throughtout the first half and building up as much as a nine-point lead at the beginning of the second half, the Lions started to make some mistakes that later in the game proved to be costly.

Marathon took advantage of a series of Penn State turnovers to tie the game at 49 with about 14 minutes left in the game. A few plays later, center Brian Roth of the Oilers hit a short baseline jumper to give Marathon the lead for good.

Parkhill attributed the mistakes to the youth of the team and said it is a matter of the younger players getting used to the game situations.

"The mistakes are there because we are a young team," Parkhill said. "It has been evident in practice that we make a lot of mistakes and it sticks out even more so in a game situation, the kids were like they were running in sand."

Junior forward Carl Chrabascz got his feet out of the sand enough near the mid-way point of the second half to take control of the game offensively for Penn State. The 6-8 tri-captian scored on a series of inside power moves and foul shots, tallying 10 straight points for the Lions in one stretch.

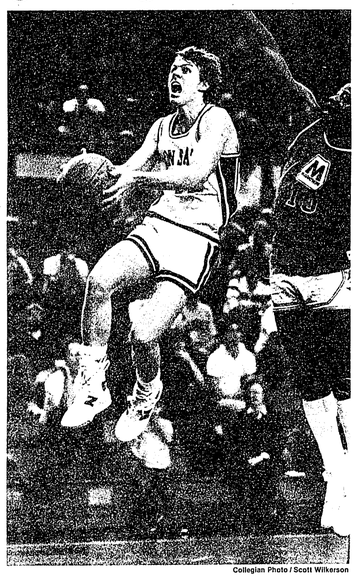
The only problem was that Marathon responded almost every time Chrabascz scored, so the Lions came out of his scoring tear in just about the same position they went into it, behind.

Parkhill said that is one of the main problems his team is facing now. He said offensively, the team seems to be in good shape, but defensively the team is struggling.

"The offense was O.K., but it should be against Marathon because they don't have a chance to practice team defense a lot," Parkhill said. "Defensively, it stands right out, we're not good defensively. And on the boards we were bad too.

"So those two areas have been areas of concern from day one and will be all year," he added.

Guard Tony Ward finished with 18 points and Chrabascz added 17 to lead the Lions while 6-10 Frank Kaminsky pumped in 22 for Marathon.



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Penn State's Paul Murphy soars for a layup in yesterday's exhibition game against Marathon Oil at Rec Hall. The men's basketball team lost to the amateur club, 84-78.

Icers improve despite setbacks

By TIM EYSTER
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Going into this weekend, the ice hockey team had an 0-7 record against powerhouse Michigan-Dearborn since late December, 1981.

You can now make that mark 0-9.

The Wolves, an independent varsity team which has had success against National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I clubs, used good puck movement and a stingy defense to beat the Lions 8-0 Friday and 6-4 Saturday at the ice pavilion.

Michigan-Dearborn, which the Lions considered Division I-caliber, jumped on Penn State early Friday, registering five goals in 11:22 of the first period in the victory. The Lion offense also had trouble getting untracked the whole night, getting off only 14 shots on goal against a strong defense.

Penn State showed signs of a major resurgence on Saturday, however. The Lions had one-goal leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the first and second periods, respectively, and also came back from a 4-2 deficit to tie the game at 4-4 in the third period before two Michigan-Dearborn goals at 12:04 and 13:24 put the game away.

Head Coach Jon Shellington said the difference between Penn State's performances Friday and Saturday was the level of aggressiveness.

"We were more aggressive (Saturday)," he said. "Don't ask me why. We talk about it all the time. You've got to be aggressive in any sport. I don't know why we didn't have it (Friday), but they didn't, and tonight they did, and it shows.

"We had a meeting (Saturday). We double-underlined, 'We've got to be more intense, more aggressive, and we've got to want the puck, we've got to want it to win,' " he said, "and we came out, and the first couple shifts we did, and I think that kind of helped set the tone for us, that we were going to play a more aggressive game."

Left wing Jeff Podeszwa agreed with his coach's analysis of Saturday's game.

"We forechecked a lot. We had our intensity level up," he said. "We figured we didn't have anything to lose. We just went out there and tried to hit."

On Saturday, Penn State jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Pat McQuillan at 8:56 of the first period, but the Wolves tied it only 17 seconds later. The Lions regained the lead on a slap shot from the left corner by defenseman John D'Aloisio with only 1:25 gone in the second period, but Michigan-Dearborn answered with three goals in a little more than 14 minutes.

The Lions also showed an ability to come back, pulling to within one at 17:27 of the second period on Podeszwa's first-ever goal in a Penn State uniform and tying the game on a goal by team captain Lynn Sipe at 9:31 of the third period.

The Wolves then kept their unbeaten streak against the Lions alive, however, when forwards Pat Marody and Scott Davenport scored goals within 1:20.

Defenseman Geoff Bishop said a big momentum builder for Penn State in Saturday's game came when the Lions had their 2-1 lead in the second period. At one point, the Wolves fired many successive shots toward Gerry Hourihan from both short and long distances, but the goalie did not let them score.

Lady harriers set for title meet

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Coming off of a big win at last week's Regional championships and a great regular season, the women's cross country team makes its final 1985 appearance today in the NCAA championships at Marquette University.

Penn State is hoping to live up to Head Coach Teri Jordan's preseason prediction.

"I see this as a top ten team, nationally," the coach said at the season's outset.

By using the best runners available for each meet, the Lady Lions have taken advantage of their extreme team depth to remain consistent throughout the season. Jordan has listed the same line-up for today's meet that was good enough to easily win Region I.

Competing for Penn State will be senior Kathleen Kuhn, juniors Holly Loht and Lisa Ross and sophomore Kathy St. Clair. They will be joined by freshmen Amy Aston, Kathy Pitcher and Stacy Prey.

With five first place finishes in seven attempts, the Lady Lions have never finished 'out of the money', taking a second at the Western Ontario Invitational and third at the Rutgers Invitational. But, according to Kuhn, the competition in this meet is by far the toughest that they've faced.

"In a meet like this we all have to run to our maximum potential," said the team's captain, "because a few seconds could mean a lot of points when everyone is so evenly matched and you're competing with the best runners in the country."

Teams joining Penn State in Milwaukee, where the nation's top 16 squads are squaring off to finalize the 1985 rankings, include Boston College, Brigham Young, Clemson, Kansas State, Iowa State, Kentucky, New Mexico and North Carolina State.

Other teams that have made the cut in their respective regional meets include Northwestern, Oregon, Texas, University of California at Los Angeles, Villanova, Washington State and Wisconsin.

Also competing in the meet will be the many athletes who placed individually in their respective regions, but whose teams failed to qualify.

The Lady Lions have the advantage of having run, during the regular season and Regional competition, against four of these teams.

They finished a respectable third to No. 1 North Carolina State and No. 2 Wisconsin at the Rutgers Invitational early in the season and ahead of Villanova and Boston College in last week's combined Region I & II Championships at Lehigh.

Considering their performance and development, Jordan feels that her squad, ranked No. 14 nationally, is better than the polls indicate.

"I don't hold much stock in polls," she said, "They all go out the window (today) and the only one that counts is at the end of the season."

This meet is one in which the weather could play an important role.