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Rested cagers set for Hawks

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Whenever a team comes off a big victory, it must be cautious of suffering a letdown against its next opponent.

The men's basketball team is hoping to catch St. Joseph's off guard tonight when the two teams square off in an Atlantic 10 clash at 8:10 in Rec Hall.

St. Joseph's, 14-3, is coming off an impressive 75-70 win over Lehigh, leading West Virginia Monday at the Palestra. The loss was the first for the Mountaineers in Atlantic 10 play and boosted St. Joseph's to an 8-1 conference record.

Penn State Head Coach Bruce Parkhill said he hopes the Lions will be ready for the game.

"We're probably getting them at a good time," Parkhill said, "but what I'm really more concerned about is us. We have to go in the game with the right attitude. There's no question we have to be at the very, very top of our game."

The Hawks are led by All-American Paul Murphy, who averages 16 points per game, sophomore Rodney Blake (12.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game) and Wayne Williams (12.6 points per game). Greg Mullane leads the club in rebounds with seven rebounds per game.

Parkhill said the Hawks field a powerful lineup.

"St. Joe's is a great basketball team," he said. "They have everything it takes to be in the Top 20, a good big man, perimeter players, great athletes. They're definitely one of the best teams in the country."

The two teams faced each other earlier this month in Philadelphia with the Hawks pounding the Lions 72-42. St. Joseph's relied on its inside game and outrebounded Penn State 35-26. The Peacocks trailed early and never recovered.

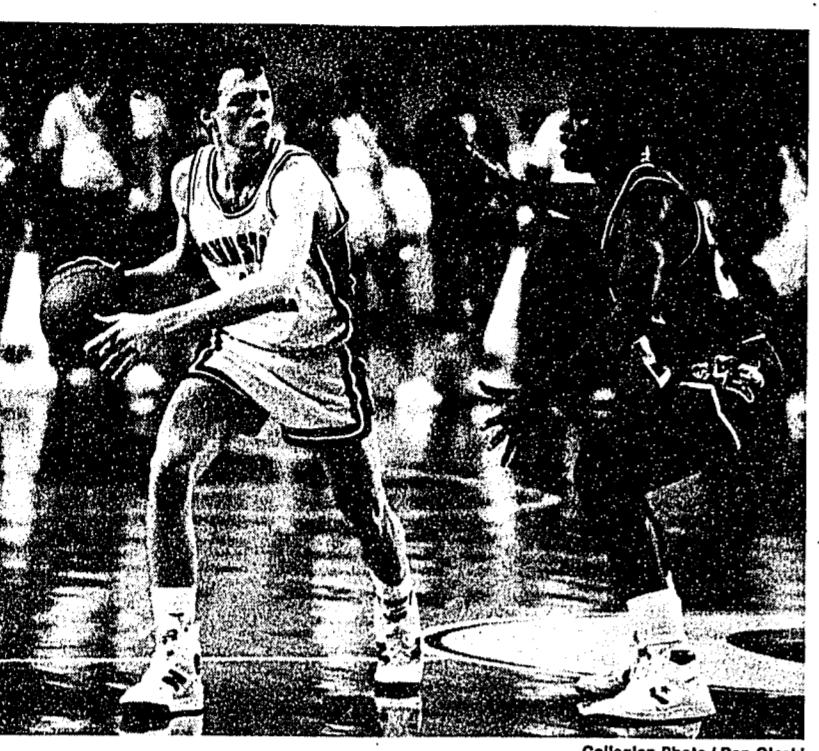
"They played well and we played very poorly," Parkhill said. "We didn't play well from the beginning of the game. Hopefully (tonight) we can play with more intensity and compete more during the game."

It's the first meeting between the Hawks and the Peacocks. Williams scored 17 points while Martin dumped in 14. The Lions were victimized by poor shooting as they shot a paltry 30 percent from the floor.

Junior forward Wes Jones said the Lions have a shot at the Hawks to night if they get off to a quick start.

"They're bound to have a mental letdown," said Parkhill. "So, if we jump on them early, we should really just take it right to them."

Penn State is coming off a disappointing, 65-61, loss to George Washington last Saturday. The Lions led



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Six Patriots confess drug usage to Berry

By HOWARD ULMAN
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FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots' drug controversy heated up yesterday with the naming of six alleged drug users.

The team's player representative said the disclosure dooms its voluntary testing plan and could lead to a strike.

"A terrible injustice has been done with the naming of the alleged players," Brian Holloway told the Pittsburgh Press. "The idea that those names have come out means that they have used drugs."

The NFL Players Association strongly opposed the Patriots' vote in favor of a testing program, saying it violates the players' collective bargaining agreement with the league.

The Patriots players won support, however, from Cincinnati Bengals player Rep M.L. Harris. "They're saying 'Let's stop this drug issue and show the public. We're losing too many guys doing drugs,'" said Harris.

Berry, meanwhile, maintained that despite the controversy his goal is to move to a formal structure, with testing as a deterrent, to stop drug use.

"People's lives are still more important than all that," he said. "I didn't expect that anything was going to be perfect but I know the direction and also I still feel that people's lives are the main thing involved here."

Some of those people were upset that their lives have become so exposed to the public.

"It really bothers my confidence that he (Sullivan) would say something like that," Sims was quoted as saying by The Patriot Ledger of Quincy. "I've been seeing a physician weekly and sending in specimens for well over a year. In my case, it should have said 'we're not, drug users.'

"My name shouldn't be involved in this mess," said Clayborn, a cornerback who also is in Hawaii for the Pro Bowl. "I'll take a urine test any day."

Holloway said he planned to hire eight assistants, four on defense and three on offense and a special teams coach. He said Campbell's offensive coordinator would not be on his staff.

Ryan said his philosophy is "to win, I know how to win. I'll show em (players) how to win. And if they don't know, I'll tell them."

Ryan played down suggestions by some people in football that he is a defensive genius.

"I'm just a hard-working guy," he said. "I have the personality to get a lot out of people."

Ryan assisted eight years with the New York Jets, two at Minnesota and just completed his eighth season with the Bears.

"He offers something to this game that is really unique. He's an innovator. He's an individual who approaches this game by attacking it. He's got the whole concept of defense and what you'll see in Philadelphia is a new concept of defense as well."

"I expect he (Ryan) will be the next Vince Lombardi of the National Football League," Braman said.

Ryan recalled his years as an assistant with the New York Jets, Minnesota Vikings and Bears.

"We've been to three Super Bowls with three different clubs and our plan is to take a fourth team there, the Eagles. This is the ideal situation for me."

Several of the Bears defensive stars have expressed dismay at Ryan's departure. Linebacker Mike Singletary said he was sorry to see Ryan leave.

Ryan also noted that in his career as a defensive

Ryan says Eagles will be contenders

By RALPH BERNSTEIN
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PHILADELPHIA — Buddy Ryan, architect of the Chicago Bears' awesome defense, was named head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles yesterday and promised to lead the NFL team into the playoffs within two years.

Ryan, after toiling in relative obscurity for most of his 18 years as a defensive specialist, was given a five-year contract for his first try as a head coach.

Negotiations started well before the Super Bowl game last Sunday, and were completed Tuesday in meetings between Eagles General Manager Harry Gamble and Ryan.

Eagles owner Norman Braman introduced the 52-year-old Ryan as the best coach in the NFL who would give the Eagles "the winning consistency they lacked over the last few years."

Ryan promptly issued a prediction as bold as he was: "I will not take the five years to go to the playoffs," he said. "I'm not going to wait that long. We'll be contenders in a year or so."

Bears head Coach Mike Ditka wasn't upset by Ryan's departure.

"The Bears played challenging, aggressive defense in the 60's," said in Chicago. "It didn't because Buddy left."

Ryan was the third choice in Braman's six-week hunt for a successor to Marion Campbell, whom he fired less than a week before the end of the season.

Braman first sought David Shula, 26-year-old son of Miami Dolphins Coach Don Shula, and a assistant to his dad with the Dolphins. But negotiations collapsed when young Shula refused to accept a five-year option on a five-year contract.

Then came Jim Mora, highly successful coach

of the Atlanta Falcons.

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Faloon, who has averaged 9.2 points per game, in 294 minutes, responded in typical fashion, scoring 20 points in 22 minutes and leading the game, a dramatic win over West Virginia. She was the Penn State offense in the first half of the game, putting the first six points on the scoreboard and hitting eight of nine from the field.

"It is not the first half of the game that impresses me," she said. "I think that's what I was looking for."

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