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## Lady laxers worried about Lafayette, not rankings

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It's something Head Coach Sue Scheetz has been trying to put into perspective for the past couple of weeks now; something Scheetz says is not the least bit important until the end of the season.

But despite all the talk, the women's lacrosse team does have to live with the fact that it is the No. 1 team in the nation. It says so in the current coaches' poll.

But that doesn't mean Scheetz has to believe it. Instead of talking about what it's like to be the No. 1 team in the country, Scheetz and her band of talented Lady Lions are talking more like a team that's struggling for a winning record and on the edge of not making the playoffs.

And it is a philosophy that seems to have worked so far. The women's lacrosse team has thus far conquered the most paralyzing amount of problems that plague No. 1 teams — overconfidence — and today it will try to win No. 10 against no less than 10 hosts Lafayette at 3 p.m. at Lady Lion Field.

"We really don't mention the No. 1 ranking," Scheetz said. "They're (the Lady Lions) very realistic — they never take anyone for granted. Anything can happen on any given day. In lacrosse, momentum is very critical."

Lafayette comes to Lady Lion Field sporting a 4-4 record, but has an unblemished 3-0 record against its East Coast Conference opponents. The Lady Leopards have a 13-12 win over Delaware to their credit, and leading the Lafayette attack is a freshman-sophomore tandem that is probably one of the best in the nation.

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One area where Lafayette is struggling is at goalie, where sophomore Liz O'Donoghue is finding the cage a rough place to work. She has allowed more goals than she's saved, and is averaging a little more than nine goals per game. In the last two games, however, O'Donoghue has given up six and eight goals, respectively.

Penn State and Lafayette have met only once, in 1985, and it was the Lady Lions who came out on top, 11-7, in Easton, Marsha Florio powered the Lady Lions with four goals.

The Lady Lions also must be wary of looking ahead at the schedule. Penn State will face its stiffest challenge since achieving the No. 1 ranking on Thursday when it travels to the College Park, Md., to face No. 3 Maryland. It is a game many see as a



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their undefeated record on the line this afternoon when they play host to 4-4 Lafayette at 3 p.m.

Despite the fact that the Lady Lions are red hot and rolling along untouched, there are still some things that need polishing.

"We know that even though we won the game, we haven't done certain things," Dunphy said. "We haven't peaked yet."

## Pirates beat Phillies, 3-1, in 10th

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — R.J. Reynolds doubled in the winning run in the 10th inning and Joe Orsulak singled in another as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 last night for their third straight victory.

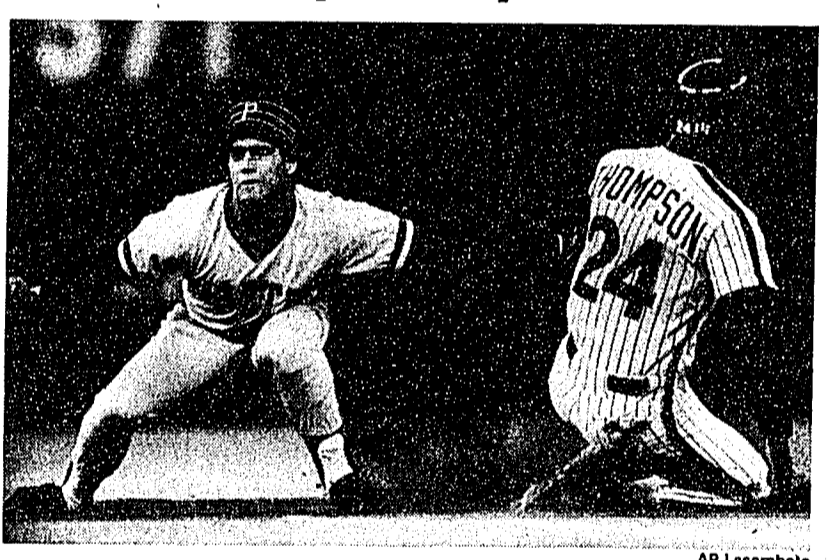
With one out in the 10th, pinch hitter Steve Kemp walked. Rafael Belliard ran for Kemp and scored on Reynolds' double to right-center field off Steve Bedrosian, 1-1. Reynolds then scored on Orsulak's single to center.

Ceciliano Guante, 1-0, who has appeared in four of the Pirates' five games, was the winner, allowing one hit in two innings. Jim Wynn pitched the 10th and gained his first save.

The Pirates took a 1-0 lead in the third when, after two outs, Orsulak doubled to right field and scored on a single by Johnnie Ray.

The Phillies tied it in the fifth when pitcher Kevin Gross beat out an infield single, went to third on a double by Gary Redus and scored on Mill Thompson's sacrifice fly.

Cardinals 6, Mets 2  
NEW YORK (AP) — New York Mets' pitcher Howard Johnson let Tlio Landrum's ground ball bounce through him for an error that allowed two runs to score in the 13th inning and gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 6-2 victory yesterday.



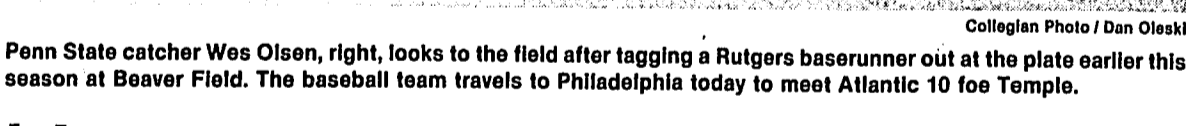
The Phillies' Mill Thompson, right, beats the tag of the Pittsburgh Pirates' Sammy Khalifa to steal second during last night's game at Veterans Stadium. The Pirates scored two runs in the 10th inning to notch a 3-1 victory.

Gooden, the 1985 Cy Young Award winner, allowed only two batters through the first five innings, a one-out double by Smith in the third and a walk to Andy Van Slyke leading starter Jim Stoen in the fifth of the fifth. But with one out in the sixth, Vince Coleman lined a ball into the gap in right-center for a stand-up triple and McGee bounced a single past draw-in shortstop Rafael Santana.

In the eighth, Smith led off with a soft single to center and took third when pinch-hitter Clint Hurdle followed with a perfect hit-and-run single to left. Hurdle had been hitless in 16 pinch-hit appearances for the Mets last year.

Coleman followed with a pop to short left field which George Foster caught on a ricochet off Santana's glove. But McGee got the run home with a hard liner that Foster caught in medium left field.

Angels 7, Mariners 6  
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Darrell Miller singled in Brian Downing from third base in the bottom of the ninth inning yesterday to give California a 7-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners in their home opener.



Penn State catcher Wes Olson, right, looks to the field after tagging a Rutgers baserunner out at the plate earlier this season at Beaver Field. The baseball team travels to Philadelphia today to meet Atlantic 10 foe Temple.

## Lions meet A-10 foe Temple

By CHRISTINE BORN  
Collegian Sports Writer

Heading into today's Atlantic 10 Conference games with Temple, the baseball team is still striving to play good baseball — a concept which eluded the Lions on Sunday when Penn State dropped a doubleheader to Rider, 9-2 and 7-5.

Today, the Lions take on conference foe Temple in Philadelphia. The (19-12-1) Owls belong to the Eastern Division of the Atlantic 10 and are in second place with a 6-2 conference record. Penn State has a 20-12 overall record and is 9-2 in conference play, placing the Lions third in the Western Division.

The Lions hope to repeat Saturday's performances, in which they swept a doubleheader from West Chester, 9-1 and 6-0. A repeat of Sunday's play will not be welcome. Center fielder Mike Karstetter summarized Penn State's problems over the past few days.

"We were lethargic (Sunday)," he said. "But that's just baseball. We have to have more of a team effort. Right now we have too many individuals taking too many individual steps. Teams that don't beat themselves are going to win today, and we did just that — beat ourselves."

Karstetter said Penn State hopes to play better baseball, especially in the weeks to come, with the Atlantic 10 crown on the line.

"Some days we look good and the next day we don't look good at all. We have to be more consistent and we can't beat ourselves," he said.

Last year, Penn State split with Temple, winning the regular season game 8-3 but dropping a 13-5 decision to the Owls in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Karstetter reiterated the Lions' need to play fundamental baseball today and for the rest of the season. "We'll probably see (Temple) in the playoffs," he said. "Temple is good. There are no easy games anymore. (Sunday), we didn't have the defense or the offense to win and we have to remedy that for the rest of the season."

The hitting department may be a good place to start looking for that consistency, as Lion hitters go from hot to cold as fast as a State College spring day.

## Flyers hope history repeats tonight

By RALPH BERNSTEIN  
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — If history is a criteria, all the Philadelphia Flyers have to do is show up to beat the New York Rangers tonight in the deciding game of their best-of-five first-round NHL Stanley Cup playoff series.

"The Flyers beat the Rangers 7-1 Sunday night, tying the series 2-2 and forcing a fifth game. The winner will meet the Washington Capitals in the second round."

The Rangers haven't won the fifth game of a five-game playoff series or the seventh game of a seven-game series since 1928, when they beat the Montreal Maroons. Since then, they are 0-10 in those games in the playoffs.

The Flyers aren't counting on a little-known statistic, but they do believe that the home-ice advantage gives them a big edge.

Philadelphia, counting its two playoff games last week against the Rangers, is 34-7-1 on Spectrum ice, best in the NHL this season. Flyers Coach Mike Keenan shrugged off the series-opening loss to the Rangers.

"Not with this club," Keenan said. "We have to be confident playing in the Spectrum," he said. Keenan feels that his team has

gained the psychological edge over Rangers' goalie John Vanbiesbroek, who until Sunday's fourth game had frustrated the Flyers' shooters. They raked Vanbiesbroek Sunday for five goals in less than 25 minutes.

"When a team frustrated by a goaltender does a lot of scoring against him on a particular night, it creates a big change in attitude," Keenan said.

"We finally executed the things we do well in getting to a goaltender, subtle things but things that make a difference," he said.

"I prefer to keep that among ourselves," Keenan said. Keenan said he was a great believer in momentum and that the Flyers owned it following Sunday night's rout.

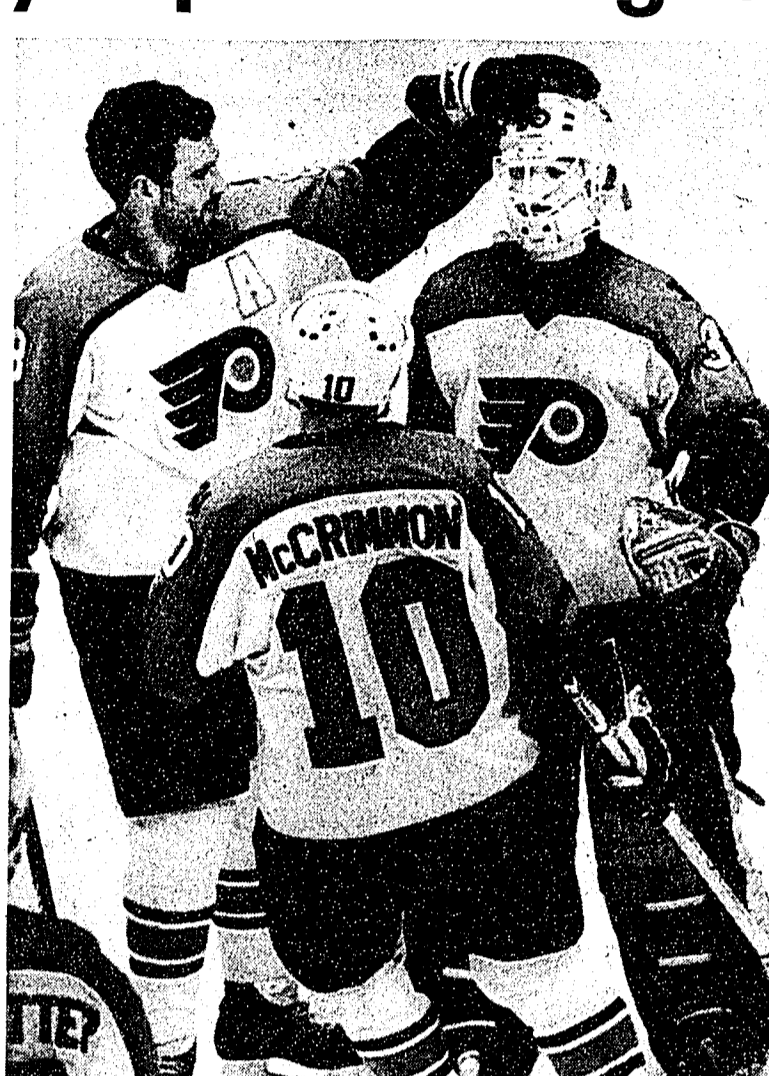
"If the officials don't become a factor, I like our chances. But you never know what's going to happen in one game of a playoff series," he said.

Flyers' captain Dave Poulin expressed with Keenan about the home ice advantage.

"Everybody is more comfortable in our own building. The fans can play a particular part in the outcome, especially one game," Poulin said. "Just look at our record here. It indicates what it means. On the road, the hype builds up."

Poulin said getting a quick goal on Vanbiesbroek is important.

"We have to establish right away that what we did (Sunday) is going to continue. Each game is dictated by what's established early in the game," he said.



Philadelphia Flyers goalie Bob Froese, right, is congratulated by teammates Brad McCrimmon, center, and Brad Marsh after the Flyers defeated the New York Rangers last Thursday. The best-of-five first-round playoff series is deadlocked at two games apiece with the deciding game set for tonight at the Spectrum in Philadelphia.

## NBA teams gear up for 1986 title race

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD  
AP Basketball Writer

Now that the 94th game NBA regular season is over, the 16 playoff qualifiers start championship play this week, with the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers favored to meet in the finals for the third straight year.

The best-of-five first-round series begins Thursday with Chicago at Boston, Detroit at Atlanta, Sacramento at Houston and San Antonio at the Los Angeles Lakers.

The rest of the field plays Friday, with Philadelphia at Philadelphia, Utah at Dallas, New Jersey at Milwaukee and Portland at Denver.

"We have to concentrate a bit more, a great deal more," said Boston Coach K.C. Jones, whose team had the best record, 67-15. "We will not be lulled into thinking how great a team we are."

"The standards have been so high for so long here that if you don't win the championship, the season's a failure," said reserve guard Jerry Sichting, who will be making his first playoff appearance for Boston in five seasons at Indiana, he played one postseason game, in 1980-81.

Matchups in the first round of the NBA playoffs, with the team with the homecourt advantage in the five-game series listed first and each team's seeding position in parentheses:

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Boston (1) vs. Chicago (8) — The Bulls, buoyed by the return of Michael Jordan after an absence of 64 games with a broken foot, won six times in a nine-game stretch to squeeze past Cleveland and get the

last playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Jordan has some capable help in Orlando Woolridge and rookie Charles Oakley, but the Celtics' front line of Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale, with Bill Walton in reserve, is too big and strong to be stopped by the Bulls.

Boston in three. Milwaukee (2) vs. New Jersey (7) — The Bucks finished with the third-best record in the NBA after Boston and the Los Angeles Lakers and won the Central Division for the sixth consecutive season. The Nets started well, with a 23-14 record, but the loss of Michael Ray Richardson to drug abuse and center Darryl Dawkins to back problems led the team in turmoil, and they finished 16-20. Milwaukee has a strong nucleus of Sidney Moncrief, Terry Cummings and Paul Pressey and a group of role players behind them. New Jersey needs a strong series from center Mike Gminski, forward Buck Williams and guard Otis Birdsong to challenge the Bucks, and even that might not be enough.

Milwaukee in three. Philadelphia (3) vs. Washington (6) — The 76ers finished the season 6-1 without injured center Moses Malone, the only loss by one point at Landover, Md., on the final day. Malone still is questionable for Friday's opener against the Bulls, which even the odds considerably, and guard Andrew Toney definitely is out after a succession of injuries. Manute Bol, the 7-foot-6 rookie, replaced injured Jeff Ruland for most of the season and won the NBA shot-blocking title, but his all-around game doesn't approach Ruland's. Hot shooting by

seize past Cleveland and get the

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