

Linksters invest now for the future

By MEGAN CULHANE
Collegian Sports Writer

If time is considered an investment, then the men's golf team invested its time wisely last week. The Lions didn't compete for one weekend, but wouldn't allow themselves to remain idle. They have a reputation to maintain now, and want to win at the Atlantic 10 Championship this weekend.

"Hopefully, we have everything together and we can play with our heads on straight," said sophomore Dan Braun. "We have to get our game faces on."

Penn State will host the A-10 this year at Treasure Lake Country Club's Gold Course in Du Bois. Neither the course nor the competition will be something the Lions can afford to laugh at.

Head Coach Mary Kennedy said that the Gold Course is a "shot-makers" course. The par-72 monster cuts through a heavily-wooded mountain, has severe dog-legged fairways and tiny accurate greens that call for precision. Kennedy said that some of the fairways

are so elevated that a poorly-hit ball will be lost to a cliff. In the week that the Lions were idle from competition they had a chance to preview the Gold Course. The team believes that this will be to its advantage as it enters the tournament primed to face arch-rival and defending champion Temple, as well as other Division I powers.

Lady linksters play Duke Invite

After coming off an impressive second place finish at the Yale Invitational last weekend, the women's golf team hopes to climb one position higher in this weekend's Duke Invitational.

Since Head Coach Mary Kennedy is busy piloting the men's golf squad this weekend, Assistant Coach Denise St. Pierre will be at the helm for the Lady Lions.

The tournament, held in Durham, N.C., is scheduled to be a three-day, 54-hole event. Kennedy has again decided to go with her regular golfers for this weekend's competition. Senior Erin Borowicz will be leading the squad as she has in previous tournaments. The Lady Lions can also expect some solid play from senior Lisa Dine, who has played well in the early matches. Helping to complete the field for Penn State will be Valerie Krick, Jodi Harpster, Robin Curtis, and Sue Highdutch.

"It's to our advantage to go earlier and play," Kennedy said. "The Gold Course is quite narrow and tight, so it's important to know where to strategically hit and land the ball."

"I think we have a definite advantage in that all five guys have played the Gold Course at least once. It's a course you should get used to in order to use your head

and play smart. It's good to pick out a mental game plan before they go."

Braun echoed Kennedy's comments. "It's good to know a course before you step on and play a tournament," he said. "It's important to play a course to know what to expect."

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Netmen end season with ECAC invite

By JOSEPH HAAS
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Although its autumn schedule has mostly been a roller coaster ride, the men's tennis team has a chance this weekend to end its season on a high note. The team travels to Princeton for the East Coast Athletic Conference Championships, an invitational tournament featuring the top 15 men's tennis teams in the east.

"The climax of the whole fall is this weekend," said Lee Sponaugle, who will play No. 1 singles and doubles for the Lions.

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he said. "We think we can. It just depends on a guy's play on a given day. The calibre for this tournament is very high, but we're in the running."

However, the team will have one setback to deal with before it takes the court. Bill Dollard, who played No. 4 singles and No. 3 doubles this fall, will not be able to play this weekend because of a prior commitment. To close the gap, Ron Mercer will move into the singles lineup and Mark Hertz will take Dollard's place in doubles, teaming with David Welch.

Cathrall said Mercer will play sixth singles while two other players, Adam Steinberg and David Welch, will move up one spot to fill the hole. Cathrall doesn't think the team will be hurt too much by the changes.

"That's what you have extra guys for, to put them in the lineup," he said. "At the bottom of the lineup, the differential is very close."

The players haven't taken a special approach to anything this week, but rather have simply tried to tune up their games.

Predictions: Autumn upsets are unlikely in this weekend's college games . . .

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Football Writer

Old Man Upset, the real Mr. October, took a semi-vacation last week. Thirteen of the top 14 teams in the Associated Press college football poll were winners and the other one wasn't scheduled.

Only three members of the Top Twenty were losers and two of them lost to other ranked teams.

There is only one such pairing this week — No. 12 Washington at No. 18 Stanford. Most Top Ten teams are lopsided favorites but they won't admit it. For example:

Quarterback Vinny Testaverde of top-rated Miami calls 2-3 West Virginia "a good team and Morgantown is a tough place to play."

And Coach Ray Perkins of second-ranked Alabama says 6-5 Memphis State "is not a bad football team."

Let's run that by again. No. 1 Miami, Fla. (avored by 23) at West Virginia: The only teams that have found tough going in Morgantown this season are wireless Northern Illinois and West Virginia . . . Miami 31-10.

Memphis State at No. 2 Alabama (by 36½): Memphis State lost to Southwestern Louisiana, which lost to Oklahoma State, which lost to Tulsa, which lost to Division I-AA Louisiana Tech . . . Alabama 35-6.

Last week's prediction score was 43 right and nine wrong for a percentage of .827; for the season, 183-96—723. Against the point spread, last week's count was only 16-22—421; on the year, 77-73—500.

Oklahoma State at No. 3 Nebraska (by 28): OSU hasn't beaten the Cornhuskers in the last 24 meetings and had a week off to think about it . . . Nebraska 34-14.

Michigan State at No. 4 Michigan (by 9½): This is not a game the Spartans want to play without Lorenz White, but they'll have to . . . Michigan 34-14.

Cincinnati at No. 5 Penn State (by 21½): The Bearcats upset the Nittany Lions in 1983 but this time Joe Paterno's gang is shooting for a national championship, not coming off one . . . Penn State 35-7.

No. 6 Oklahoma (by 24) vs. Texas at Dallas: Not the shootout it used to be. Texas barely nipped Rice, which was trounced by Southwest Texas State, which lost to Abilene Christian . . . Oklahoma 27-13.

No. 7 Auburn (by 21½) at Vanderbilt: The Tigers' "toughest" game was a 34-8 pasting of Tennessee . . . Auburn 42-14.

Texas Tech at No. 8 Arkansas (by 22): The Razorbacks may not be tested for real until they visit Baylor on Nov. 8 . . . Arkansas 31-10.

No. 9 Southern California (by 10½) at Washington State: USC has won 16 straight from the Cougars but the Trojans had a close call in Pullman two years ago . . . Southern Cal 24-14.

Wisconsin at No. 10 Iowa (by 21½): The Hawkeyes might be looking ahead to Michigan. Wisconsin can tell them all about the Wolverines . . . Iowa 28-14.

No. 11 Arizona at UCLA (by 1½): The Bruins, No. 4 in the nation in the

preseason poll, would drop to 2-3 with a loss . . . UCLA 21-14.

No. 12 Washington (by 11) at Stanford: Stanford has beaten four nobodies. That doesn't describe . . . Washington 34-20.

Southern Methodist at No. 13 Baylor (by 8½): The Bears better not be looking ahead to Texas A&M. Upset Special of the Week . . . SMU 24-21.

No. 14 Texas A&M (by 18½) at Houston: The Aggies' September song was typically unmelodic but now the real football season is here . . . Texas A&M 35-14.

No. 15 Arizona State (by 11) at Oregon: A road game between UCLA and Southern Cal could be bad news for the Sun Devils. Second Upset Special . . . Oregon 27-20.

Georgia at No. 16 LSU (by 3): The Tigers lost star linebacker Michael Brooks last week and the Dawgs lost tailback Tim Worley . . . LSU 20-13.

No. 17 North Carolina State at Georgia Tech (by 9): October is a key North Carolina and Clemson. First . . . Georgia Tech 24-17.

Arkansas State at No. 19 Mississippi State (no line): ASU Coach Larry Lacerwell is from Fordyce, Ark. So was Bear Bryant. Third Upset Special . . . Arkansas State 24-21.

No. 20 Clemson (by 9) at Virginia: "Never say never" is a favorite coaching axiom but Virginia has NEVER (0-25) beaten . . . Clemson 27-17.

Colorado (by 7½) at Missouri: An 0-4 team 7½-point favorite? Fourth Upset Special . . . Missouri 24-21.

Other games: East — Temple (by 17½) 30, East Carolina 10.

South — Florida 35, Kent State 7; Florida State (by 22½) 41, Tulane 13; Maryland (by 9) 27, Boston College 14; Kentucky 24, Mississippi (by 1) 17; Tulsa 28, Southwestern Louisiana

21; Tennessee (by 15) 35, Army 14; Virginia Tech (by 3½) 24, South Carolina 20; North Carolina (by 5) 27, Wake Forest 17.

Midwest — Ball State 31, Ohio U. 14; Bowling Green 24, Eastern Michigan 14; Central Michigan 35, Western Michigan 7; Illinois (by 8½) 24, Pur-

due 20; Ohio State (by 7½) 24, Indiana 14; Iowa State (pick 'em) 27, Kansas 20; Miami of Ohio 21, Toledo 14; Minnesota (by 14½) 31, Northwestern 13; Notre Dame (by 7½) 24, Pitt 14.

Southwest — Texas Christian (by 16) 37, Rice 20.

Minnesota (-10) at San Francisco Two years ago, the 49ers beat the Vikings at Candlestick Park 51-7 in a game that wasn't as close as the score indicated. On opening day last year — two games later for Minnesota — the Vikings shocked San Francisco 28-21. They're back at San Francisco, so make it . . . 49ERS, 28-21.

Detroit (-2½) at Green Bay "The only reason we're 1-4 and Indianapolis is 0-5 is that — well — that we played Green Bay and they didn't," Jim Mora, coach of the New Orleans Saints, said. LIONS, 20-13.

New Orleans (-4) at Indianapolis See Above. Next week Mora will tell people, "The only reason we're 2-4 . . . SAINTS 17-3.

Seattle (plus 3½) at Raiders The 0-3 start has forced the Raiders to kick, scratch, bite and . . . just win. Add a returning Marcus Allen and Seattle's post-Monday night blahs. RAIDERS, 20-16.

Denver (minus 4½) at San Diego The Chargers have beaten the Broncos four of the last five times they played at San Diego. Make it four of six. BRONCOS, 31-20.

New York Jets (plus 7) at New England Both Ken O'Brien and Tony Eason are hurt. Both say they'll play, but if it's Pat Ryan and Steve Grogan, give the edge to the Patriots.

Give the edge to the Patriots, anyway. They won the first game, in the Meadowlands 20-6. . . PATRIOTS 20-6.

Call it mystique, because you can't call it logic. The Washington Redskins go into Texas Stadium Sunday as one of the NFL's three remaining unbeaten teams. They meet a Dallas team that was brutalized at Denver last Sunday and may be missing Danny White, Tony Dorsett and Randy White.

And the oddsmakers have made it pick 'em. Why? Try the home field. Try history (4-14 Cowboys at Irving, Texas, last year).

And try motivation . . . call it desperation.

If the Cowboys lose, they will be three games behind the Redskins and may well be two games behind the Giants in the NFC East. Even with 10 games left, that would be getting near the twilight zone, particularly with the schedule Dallas has coming up.

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