

Lady spikers post 4 wins on weekend

By MARK S. McWHIRTER and DAVID SEAMON Collegian Sports Writers

The women's volleyball team extended its winning streak to 16 matches this weekend, shutting out Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Duquesne and posting a 3-1 win over Kentucky.

The Lady Lions are now 22-2 on the season. While most of the student body flocked along College Avenue, waiting for the Homecoming floats last Friday evening, the Lady Lions were busy whipping the Lady Mountaineers of West Virginia in Rec Hall. After 45 minutes of play, the Lady Mountaineers went down to defeat 15-9, 15-4 and 15-1.

However, outside hitter Heidi Pilecki was injured in a ankle injury. Pilecki was attempting a spike at the net when a member of the Lady Mountaineer squad accidentally stepped on her foot.

Head Coach Russ Rose said he was pleased that his team won the match, but he was concerned about the loss of Pilecki.

"I don't think we played extremely well," Rose said. "I think it's hard to play when you lose your outside hitter in the middle of a match."

"I don't think we replaced that position very well, but that's been our weakness all year." Samantha Johns took over Pilecki's outside hitting position and demonstrated her performance to the team with a solid showing. Rose said that Johns' performance was vital to the Lions' continued success.

"Samantha Johns is a solid volleyball player," he said. "She played hard throughout the match." Instead of tailgating around Beaver Stadium Saturday morning, the Lady Lions had a party of their own in the South Gym of Rec Hall. Their invited

guest was Atlantic-10 newcomer Duquesne. In a total of 35 minutes, the Lady Lions blanked the Dutchesses to the tune of 15-2 and 15-1.

Saturday night in Rec Hall's Main Gym, the Lady Lions hosted Southeastern Conference Kentucky. With the largest home crowd of the season on hand, Penn State demonstrated its ability to remain poised, handing the Lady Wildcats a four-game defeat.

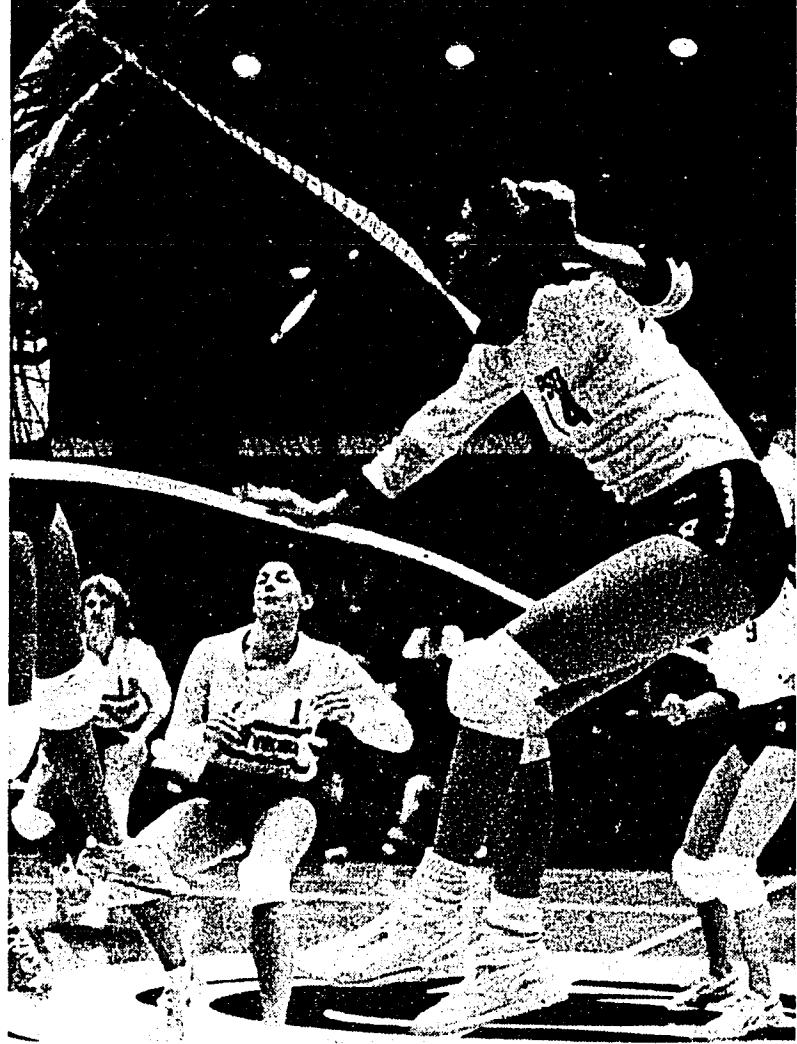
Although the final scores were 15-11, 15-8, 12-15 and 15-9, the Lady Wildcats made the match interesting in the fourth game. But after being down 9-2, the Lady Lions rallied back to 13 unanswered points to finish the contest.

The 13-point run was sparked by the serving of Judy McDonough. McDonough substituted in the back row and read off of 11 straight points, turning the momentum of the match around.

"We bring more confidence into the game," McDonough said. "Some times the team gets down and we (the back row players) need to fire the team up."

Despite the victory, Rose showed overall discontent with his team's performance against Kentucky. "That was a horrible match," Rose said. "We never played good volleyball for more than four or five points at a time."

"We were really lucky to come out of this with a victory," he continued. "I don't know if my team learned a lesson or not, but we had a situation where we could have blown them out. We kept them in the match the entire time."



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Booters edge Hartwick with last-second goal

By STACEY JACOBSON Collegian Sports Writer

On the home front, Homecoming festivities were running rampant — the Homecoming parade had flashed its colors on Friday, and the Lions were already a half an hour into the 42-3 victory they would earn on Saturday.

On a soccer field in Oneonta, N.Y. — far from the roaring home crowd at Beaver Stadium — the soccer team was starting a crucial battle against the Hartwick University Warriors — a match which eventually yielded a 3-2 victory for the Lions and hiked their previously falling record to 7-4-4.

Two of the three goals were scored by Ian Skorpen with assists from Steve Potter and the third one was knocked in by Steve Frantz off an assist by Skorpen.

"The Warriors are the best team we've played this year," Skorpen said, "but every guy was keyed for this game and we had a little luck which missed us in our other games."

With the score tied at two goals apiece and regulation time winding down, Niall Harrison picked up a long ball and played it off to Skorpen in front of the Warrior goal.

Skorpen crossed it and Frantz headed it in with 13 seconds remaining to give the Lions their margin of victory. "I couldn't believe it when I saw the clock said 13 seconds," Potter said. "The last time I looked at the clock there had been five minutes."

Rose said after less than an hour, his 15-4 victory over the Lady Panthers. "This was the best match we played all year," he said. "The team looked sharp and my players were mentally prepared."

Stickwomen upset by visit to Philadelphia

By MARK FURRY Collegian Sports Writer

The Lady Lion field hockey team and W.C. Fields both have something in common — neither enjoyed their time in Philadelphia.

Penn State, which hasn't won in the City of Brotherly Love since 1981, added to the streak yesterday, losing to the University of Pennsylvania, 3-2, in double overtime. The Lady Lions' winless streak now stands at 0-4-1.

Penn broke a 2-2 tie in overtime when Nicky Hitchens and Patty Kennedy combined to score their second goal of the day. The score was officially credited to Hitchens and Kennedy was awarded an assist.

The Lady Lions came back to tie the score once again before intermission as Geller lipped in a Mary McCarthy free shot.

Penn State finished the game with 15 shots to Penn's 22. Lady Lion goalie Michele Monahan was credited with 10 saves, while Penn's goalie recorded nine.

According to Rattray, Penn confused matters for Penn State by using an unorthodox defensive tactic. "Penn plays on turf all the time," Rattray said. "The width of the field is 50 yards, and 60 is the normal. We were at a disadvantage in that our long sides across the field had to be shortened, and we're used to that."

Last ditch effort by NCU falls short

By The Associated Press

The game was in the balance, then North Carolina tight end Dave Truitt lost his balance.

It happened on a two-point conversion attempt following Carolina's final touchdown Saturday at Chapel Hill, and it enabled North Carolina State to beat the 18th-ranked Tar Heels 35-34 and snap a seven-game losing streak in the series.

After State had taken a 35-28 lead with 1:01 left, North Carolina quarterback Mark Maye completed five straight passes, the final one a 13-yarder to Quint Smith for a touchdown with eight seconds left. Maye then tried to pass for two points in the face of a Wolfpack blitz.

"My legs got tangled up with their two guys blitzing," Truitt said. "I lost my balance, then I tried to get up and catch the ball."

"I threw it, and the last thing I saw was him going to his knees," Maye said. "I felt I had to hit it because he was on the ground."

Truitt got to his feet and caught the pass, but in reaching for it, his knee struck the ground. The play was straight win over Southern California by throwing his second touchdown pass.

No. 12 LSU 25, Kentucky 16 Louisiana State secured its victory at Lexington, Ky., at night, when Eddie Fuller scored on a 16-yard run with three minutes left.

No. 13 Mississippi State's win at night at New Orleans was sparked by Don Smith, who ran for 104 yards and one touchdown and passed for 123 yards and another TD. Terrence Jones ran for 119 yards and passed for 217 yards and two touchdowns for Tulane.



lowa's Richard Bass (23) tries to evade the grasp of Michigan defender Dieter Heron during Saturday's game in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Wolverines defeated the Hawkeyes, 20-17, on a field goal with no time remaining.

One Clemson touchdown came on Delton Hall's 67-yard run with an interception.

No. 14 Arkansas 21, Texas 14 Arkansas scored its first victory at Texas in 20 years. Joe Johnson ran for two touchdowns in the night game at Austin, including one on a nine-yard run that snapped a 14-14 tie in the third quarter.

No. 16 Arizona 23, Oregon St. 12 Art Greathouse ran 43 yards for a touchdown and Gary Coston kicked three field goals in Arizona's victory over a 24-point underdog in a home night game.

No. 20 SMU 10, Houston 3 Jeff Atkins ran for 112 yards and a touchdown and Gary Coston kicked three field goals in Texas' victory over a 24-point underdog in a home night game.

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