Grapplers upend top-ranked Iowa 27-15

By MARK S. McWHIRTER
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The wrestling team pulled off what some have already deemed the biggest feat in the history of the program. Last night in front of more than 7,500 screaming fans at Rec Hall, the Lions dethroned the top-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes by an astounding 27-15 margin. With the victory, Penn State will undoubtedely assume collegiate wrestling's No. 1 ranking.

Hawkeye Head Coach Dan Gable had been hinting at a possible upset in the weeks leading up to the dual meet, and his worst fears soon became reality.

"I saw it coming as a coach," Gable said of the drubbing the Hawkeyes had just suffered. "And maybe it's a fault that I portrayed it too much to my team.

"I tried to tell them that that's not exactly how I felt," he continued. "However, I'm a pretty honest person and maybe that cost me some coaching psychology."

The opening match at 118 between Penn State's Jim Martin and Iowa's Steve Martin lit a fire inside the Lions that the Hawkeyes could not douse. Jim dominated from the outset with well-polished maneuvers. After a takedown and four points for stalling, Penn State's Martin demonstrated his talents with a reversal and three back points.

With 26 seconds to go in the match, the score was 14-0 and referee Jim Sterner disqualified Iowa's Martin for stalling. Jim said that he achieved his goal of breaking his opponent.

"I think I really did break him," Jim said. "He quit on me, there was no doubt about it because near the end, he just didn't try anymore."

At 126, Ken Chertow wrestled to a 7-4 decision. Although the final score was relatively close, Chertow was in control from start to finish. After being down 1-0 early in the second period, Chertow scored a reversal and then a takedown in the third period to finish Iowa's John Regan.

After a disappointing loss in Mat Town last weekend, co-captain Tim Flynn turned it loose on his opponent as he blanked Iowa's Bubba Strauss 16-0. With 50 seconds left in the match, Flynn had earned six points for the Lions with a technical fall.

With three matches and 15 points under Penn State's belt, the Lions had enough momentum to carry them through some critical middleweight bouts.

Joe Hadge dropped an 11-4 decision to Iowa's Greg Randall at 142. Hadge managed to stay on his feet for most of the match as he recorded two escapes.

At the 150 pairing, Glenn Koser came on strong in the end but fell two points shy of knocking off Iowa's top-ranked Jim Heffernan. Heffernan sealed three team points for his 10-8 victory.

In what was perhaps the most exciting match of the evening, Duane Peoples pulled off a last-second victory at 158. Iowa's John Heffernan (Jim's brother) recorded an escape late in the third period to tie it up at four apiece. With just seconds left, Peoples held on to Heffernan's leg and drove until he scored a takedown to ice it.

Coming into the 167 class, Penn State was up 18-6 and all of Rec Hall sensed victory. The Lions needed only six more points to seal the win over a team that had lost but seven times in the last nine years.

All-American Greg Elinsky, top-ranked by *AWN* at 158 in preseason, fell victim to Iowa's Royce Alger, 7-3, at 167. With but one skilled move by Alger, Elinsky was on his back.

The icing was swirled on the cake for the Lions as junior Dan Mayo pinned Hawkeye Erik Duus at 4:58 in the 177 pound class. Mayo's refined skills on top enabled him to strap Duus down for the fall. Mayo's victory brought the score to 24-9.

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Match by match

118 — Jim Martin, Penn State by technical fall over Steve Martin, Iowa, 6:34.
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167 — Royce Alger, Iowa def. Greg Elinsky, Penn State, 7-3.
177 — Dan Mayo, Penn State, pinned Erik Duus, Iowa, 4:52.
190 — Andy Voit, Penn State, def. Charlie Sherertz, Iowa, 7-6.
Hwt — Brooks Simpson, Iowa won by injury default over John Place, Penn State, 1:01.

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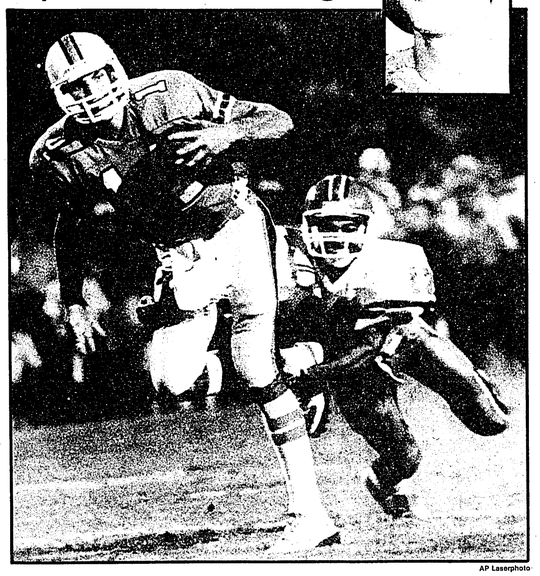

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Testaverde should not run into any interference in his quest for the the Heisman Trophy.

Dreaming Heisman Trophy dreams

By CHRIS LODER
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He is unlike others who have won the greatest award in college football because he was not blessed with God-given talents.

Admittedly, he argues that he has had to work for everything he's received and it's no secret that he didn't start at quarterback until his senior year in high school. And he saw enough splinters in his first three seasons at the University of Miami to make a carpenter happy.

But late Saturday afternoon, after years of disappointments, all the hard work and perseverance will pay off in enormous proportions for Vinny Testaverde.

Unless he falls off another motor scooter, Testaverde will be at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City to accept the Heisman Trophy. It would give Testaverde two of the nation's premier college football awards. On Tuesday, the Miami star won the Maxwell Award.

If he does win Saturday, Testaverde will be only the third quarterback in 15 years to win the heralded prize. Auburn's Pat Sullivan won the trophy in 1971 while Doug Flutie of Boston College captured the honor two years ago.

For Testaverde, it will be like a dream come true.

"Winning the Heisman has always been a dream of mine," Testaverde said in a conference call from Miami yesterday. "It's very exciting for me and the people around me. It means a great deal."

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Testaverde's parents have been his most ardent supporters.

One fan who will be attendance is Testaverde's father, Al. Much has been publicized about their special father-son relationship. The son said winning the Heisman would be an early Christmas present for his father.

"My dad has been a great influence on me," he said. "I hope I can make (winning the Heisman) come true for him."

In this his final year of eligibilty, Testaverde finally appears to be enjoying the fruits of success after a a college career filled with disappointments.

The native of Elmont, N.Y., came to the University of Miami with high expectations, but in the beginning, there was no place to play him.

He sat lonely on the bench for three years as Jim Kelly and Bernie Kosar starred for the Hurricanes. Kosar led Miami to the national championship in 1983.

At the time, Testaverde openly questioned whether or not he was ever going to play and contemplated transferring.

But surprisingly, his friend Kosar opted for the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League and Testaverde saw a light shining brightly at the end of the long, dark tunnel.

When he finally did get his shot last year, Testaverde proved to critics that he was perhaps even better than his predecessors. In his first year as a starter, Testaverde led the Hurricanes to a Sugar Bowl date with Tennessee.

A win would have given the Hurricanes an outside shot at a national championship, but Miami was blown out of the Superdome. The Volunteers blitzed Testaverde at every angle and swamped the Hurricanes 35-7.

"That loss still lingers," he said. "I don't think that game will ever be out of my mind."

What the loss did do, however, was prepare Testaverde and the Hurricanes for this season, and the senior entered the 1986 campaign already touted as the Heisman Trophy winner.

So far, he hasn't let anyone down. Simply put, Testaverde has had a tremendous season. He has completed 175 passes of 276 passes for 2,557 yards yards and a whopping 26 touchdown passes this year.

His numbers are even better than those of his predecessors, but unlike Kosar, who was a dynamo in the

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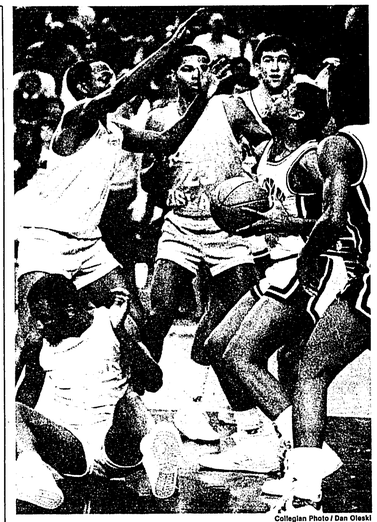

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Penn State's Brian Allen (with ball), who was named MVP at the AMI Classic in Miami last weekend, will be looking to have another big game tonight as the men's basketball team plays Rhode Island in Kingston, R.I.

Cagers are looking for third road win at R.I.

By MARK BRENNAN
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It could be called a jinx, or a spell, or just plain old bad luck. But whatever it is that haunts the men's basketball team whenever the words Rhode and Island are put together, Head Coach Bruce Parkhill is hoping the Lions can shake it.

Penn State will have an opportunity to lose the stigma tonight in Kingston, R.I. when the 2-0 Lions take on Rhode Island University in both teams' Atlantic 10 opener.

The Penn State—Rhode Island story is not a pretty one, at least for the Lions. In the first of three meetings last season, on Jan. 9, the Lions traveled to Rhode Island, but lost their starting point guard to academic difficulties and leading scorer to a finger injury all within 24 hours of tip-off.

On Feb. 3 in Rec Hall, the Lions staged three furious comebacks, but fell to the Rams 78-77 in overtime.

Things looked better when the Lions once again made the trip to Kingston on Feb. 25 to face the Rhode Island in an A-10 playoff game. Things looked good as the Lions beat the Rams 50-47 for Penn State's first ever post-season A-10 victory. The bad luck struck, however, when two diehard Penn State fans were in a serious auto accident on the way back from the game.

Although eye-opening wins over LaSalle and Miami of Florida in the AMI Classic have set the Lions off to their best start in Parkhill's four years at Penn State, he said the team won't be able to let up against the Rams.

"I really think the Rhode Island game will be as tough as either of the two games we played in Miami," Parkhill said. "It will be as big a challenge as going down to Miami and winning. I think it will be a real intense game."

If the Lions hope to put a stop to their bad luck with the Rams, they will have to start by containing Carlton Owens, Rhode Island's all-conference guard who averaged nearly 16 points last season as a sophomore. The Rams also depend on sophomore forward John Evans, an A-10 co-freshman of the year last year, and junior guard Tom Garrick.

Parkhill said the Rams' depth, along with the scoring ability of Owens, could pose problems.

"They have everybody back," Parkhill said. "And they have Owens, who I think is one of the best guards period. He is as good as there is in terms of point guards. I also think their big people well be improved this year."

Co-captian Carl Chrabascz said the Lions will be counting on a another solid defensive performance to stop Owens and the rest of the Rams. The Lions hit under 50 percent of their shots in both games of the AMI Classic but still came away tournament champions on the strength of good defense.

"We've indicated we can win a game just by playing defense," Chrabascz said, "I think that will give us a positive outlook."

Chrabascz added that the close games last year will give the Lions a little bit of an added incentive, but he said getting another road win before the home opener Sunday against Loyola of Maryland will be just as important.

"They beat us twice last last year and they were both close game, I know one of them was overtime," Chrabascz said. "So that should spice things up a bit.

"To get another road victory would also help," Chrabascz added. "In past years we've always had problems on the road, so if we can keep this up, that would be good."

LION NOTES: Tony Ward and Brian Allen (MVP at the AMI Classic) should be the starting guards tonight with Ed Fogell and Tom Hovasse playing forward and Jim Newcomer in the pivot . . . Senior center Bill Pollock will be out for about five weeks with a broken jaw he received in practice last week. . . The Lions next A-10 game is not until Jan. 5 against Massachusetts at Rec Hall.

Lions' concentration provides an edge

By ANN GARRETT
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Going into last night's showdown against No. 1 ranked Iowa, Penn State Head Coach Rich Lorenzo and his squad knew that to beat the next-to-perfect Hawkeyes, they would first have to beat them in another contest — that of concentration.

With a standing room only crowd behind them, the Lions set to work. Little by little, they broke down a team that has dominated the Big 10 for nine consecutive years. After two technical falls and a decision, Penn State came out to an early 15-0 lead on its way to a 27-15 win over a squad that has haunted it for years in its quest for a national championship.

Jim Martin's technical fall in the last 30 seconds of the 118-pound bout got the ball rolling for Penn State. Lorenzo said Iowa's Steve Martin may have lost some of his concentration in the excitement of the first match.

Martin agreed that the Hawkeyes were not quite themselves last night.

"They're known to be pushers and make other people quit, but it was a little different tonight."

Martin's initial push was followed by a Ken Chertow 7-4 decision over John Regan at 126 and a technical fall in the final minute for Tim Flynn at 134.

Iowa Head Coach Dan Gable said the three quick losses affected his team mentally and made it tough to establish an edge.

"I thought we would upset them somewhere in the first three matches," Gable said. "Once that happened it was very difficult for us."

The Hawkeyes tried, but never really regained their composure. All-American Greg Randall and Jim Heffernan picked up decisions at 142 and 150, but the Lions captured all but two of the remaining five matches. Penn State clinched the victory with Dan Mayo's fall over Erik Duus to make the score 24-9 with two matches remaining.

Lorenzo said he was pleased with the way his squad handled the pressure and were able to keep its lead.

"What I'm real pleased about is that my guys didn't crack tonight and they didn't break," he said. "They believed in themselves and they went out and earned it. They took it away from Iowa tonight."

In light of the outstanding team effort, the Ridge Riley Award, given to the most valuable wrestler at each home match, was awarded to the entire Penn State team.

Lorenzo is always looking to March and the national championship, where it ramians to be seen if Iowa will lose the crown it has worn for nine years. For now, he was satisfied with the Lions' winning effort.

"Our concentration was very keen tonight, and our intensity was real good," he said. "To me that's very, very rewarding because that we hope keeps improving so that it pays dividends come March."

Gable knows his squad has a lot of work to do before meeting up with the Lions in Maryland at the NCAA tournament.

"We've got a lot of things to learn," he said. "We got pushed around the mat a lot, they were more intense than us, they rode us a lot.

"It's a one-on-one sport, and you've got to have a lot of desire, a lot of heart, you've got to be real confident in yourself, and I don't think my kids were that at all tonight."

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classroom, Testaverde found the classroom not to his liking. Critics have argued that Testaverde should not win the Heisman Trophy because of reports that he will not graduate this year.

In picking Penn State's Shane Conlan over the Miami star, *Sports Illustrated* said last week, "We just couldn't bring ourselves to vote him first because of his disdain for the academic side of his college life . . . Nice guy, great athlete, a lock to be No. 1 pick on NFL draft day. But, as we've said before, the winner of the game's premier award should display an interest in books and earning a degree as well."

Harsh words, indeed, but that hasn't stopped the Downtown Athletic Club before. While Testaverde has been criticized for his lack of participation in the classroom, no one can criticize his athletic ability.

After an opening day loss against Florida last year, Miami has won 21 consecutive regular-season games with Testaverde at the helm.

Last Tuesday, Testaverde suffered an freak accident on his motor scooter. He suffered lesions on his left arm and leg.

"I hit my head pretty hard and I was pretty dazed," Testaverde said. "I knew I was scraped up. I was able to move around, so I knew it wasn't serious."

Despite the scare, Testaverde said he will begin practicing within the next couple of days as the Hurricanes prepare for their matchup with No. 2 Penn State Jan. 2.

OTHER COMMENTS: On the Penn State defense: "From what I've seen of them all year and in the past, they're very disciplined."

On the report that Miami Head Coach Jimmy Johnson is leaving Miami at the end of the year to take the head coaching job at the University of Texas:

"It hasn't had any effect on us. We know Coach Johnson is going to stay."

Lady spikers ready for NCAA tourney

By MARK S. McWHIRTER
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It was business as usual for the women's volleyball team this season as it collected its fourth Atlantic 10 Championship in as many years. By contrast, Head Coach Russ Rose and his Lady Lions hope to break another one of their post-season traditions — being eliminated in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

In recent years, the Lady Lions have had trouble getting past the first round of the 'grand finale' of collegiate women's volleyball. This year, however, there is reason to believe Rose's team can turn a new page in its history.

Penn State, ranked 17th in the country, will host Wyoming in the first round of the NCAA tournament tonight at 7 p.m. in Rec Hall and this time the Lady Lions are the favorite.

"The pressure is more on Wyoming than it is on Penn State," Rose said. "We're playing at home and we're the higher ranked team so I look at that from the standpoint that they are going to have to play better than we are to win."

Rose said Wyoming finished 19-13 on the season, giving them second place in the High Country Conference. But of those 13 losses, nine were to teams that are going to be in the tournament. Rose sees that as a possible advantage for Wyoming.

"I think that's an indication that they have probably played a tougher schedule than we have during the year," Rose said. "The High Country Conference has a lot more balance."

As for the Lady Lions, their season has gone in spurts. Penn State got off to a good start by winning its first five matches. Then the team got a whiff of the *Maxwell House* and dropped two of its next three matches, losing to West Coast powers San Jose State and UC-Santa Barbara.

Penn State then regrouped and came on strong in late September and throughout October. The Lady Lions enjoyed 25 straight victories, earning them a national ranking that hovered around 16 for the rest of the year.

Then in early November, the team went south to take on two Atlantic Coast Conference squads, Georgia and Florida. Upon returning to Happy Valley, the Lady Lions were a few shades tanner, but one loss poorer. Penn State dropped a four game bout to the Lady Bulldogs.

From then on, the Lady Lions picked up the pieces and raced to another A-10 title in a decisive manner. It took all but six games and about two hours to secure the conference championship in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

With two matches to go in the regular season, Penn State stumbled over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, losing its fourth match of the season. The Lady Lions added a win that same weekend to finish the regular season at 37-4.

Now, Rose feels it is time for his team to bear down and play the type of volleyball it is capable of playing. Rose has said along that if each team member plays to her potential, few teams will be able to beat the Lady Lions.

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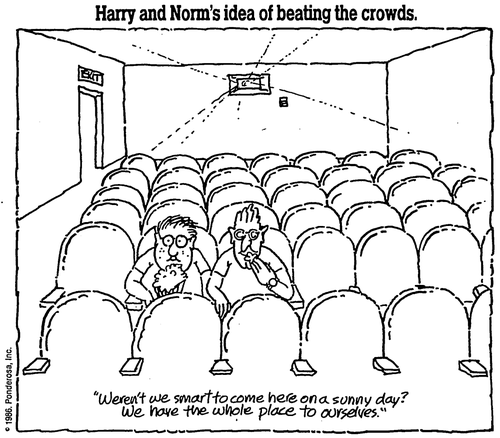

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