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## Netwomen capture Atlantic 10 crown . . . to win two in a row, but three straight

**Collegian Sports Writer** 

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - The land 6-3, 6-0. women's tennis team went into this Doubles specialist Pierce was sur- to gain a split in the singles matches. weekend's Atlantic 10 Championships prised by her team's wide margin of "I wanted us to be even or better knowing it was the best team in the victory. conference. And after the dust settled "I didn't think we would win both said. "We have been playing excelon the outdoor tennis courts of West sets at love," she said. "We just lent doubles lately and I was confi-Virginia University Saturday, every- played extremely well. They never dent we could take control there if we one else knew it too. The Lady Lions (18-4) defeated to them."

title. The win also marked the fifth Lady Lions may have let the pressure opponents to clinch the championship respective matches in straight sets to Erven, a high school All-American dence and captured first place. time in the last six years that Penn of the finals get to them in the early for Penn State. Thomas fought off two make the final tally 8-1 and close the from Mercyhurst Prep in Erie and State has brought the championship going against the Lady Knights, but straight match points in beating Tri- book on yet another successful seaback to University Park. Head Coach Jan Bortner was elated were unstoppable.

"They did everything when they match to Pam Fearon 6-3, 6-2, Adams "Going in I knew the key was going "It's a great accomplishment to win Kathy Kissell, a two-time District 6 the Lions came out determined yesby his team's effort. they were a little uptight in the opening games of the first sets, but once hey settled down and got into a rhythm, they took control. They ended the season in style."

Penn State's road to the By SUSAN GOLDSTEIN championship began Friday af- Collegian Sports Writer ternoon in a semifinal match against the Lady Mountaineers of West Virginia. West Virginia earned a berth in gave a collective sigh of relief when it returned the semis after knocking off George Washington, 8-1. The match wasn't even close as the Lady Lions blanked WVU 9-0 for the second time in as 7-2. many weeks, ending any hopes the home team and its fans had of a possible upset.

No. 1 Claudia Karabedian, No. 2 coming weekend they will return to Rutgers for Darnell Adams, No. 3 Romi Walker, the Atlantic 10 Championships. No. 4 Lisa Thomas. No. 5 Kelly Nelmatches.

In doubles, the No. 1 team of Walker and Nelson lost the first set, but then lost just one game the rest of the Weingard. Oliver Sebastian defeated Barry Ponti- Cathrall changed the lineup a little bit for the Pritt and Kathy Curvan 5-7, 6-0, 6-1. continued the streak with a win over Jay Kano- better chance of winning and create more incen- tournament. The No. 2 team of Karabedian and toar, 6-2, 6-4. Penn State's only loss came at No. 4 tive for the players. Caroline Pierce pitched a 6-0, 6-0 where Bill Dollard lost a tough match in three sets Steinberg and Leach lost close three-set our main concern," he said.

put any pressure on us and we took it had to."

once they got their act together, they cia Udicious 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, while Ellis son. After Karabedian dropped her Cathy Decker 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

There's no doubt that the men's tennis team

ers 8-1 on Friday and losing to Princeton Saturday

The Lions (15-14) defeated Rutgers easily, but

Tennis Club and on Wednesday against Penn. This slow courts.

got things rolling with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Mark the No. 1 doubles 8-6 in a pro-set.

shutout over Lena Thoren and Dana defeated Jacqui Jende 6-3, 6-3, an Watts, and No. 3 Thomas and Adams Nelson beat Geralyn D'Armiento 7-5, beat Shelley Stead and Katie High- 6-2. With the overall score 3-1. Bortner was pleased he was at least going

coming out of the singles," the coach

Rutgers 8-1 in the final match to Rutgers reached Saturday's finals the "better" part. Thomas and Ellis out two crucial wins for us." claim their third-straight Atlantic 10 by taking care of Temple 7-2. The each won three-set thrillers over their All three doubles teams won their from three quality recruits - Kelly Rutherford Invitational with confitook less than three hours to down "We couldn't have finished any States Tennis Association from Plum than 12th for the first time this spring.

needed to," Bortner said. "I thought beat Kim Curcuru 6-1, 6-3, Walker to be which team won the close one championship and even greater champ from State College.

Barry Edison, 6-1, 6-1.

ered them," he said.

Sponaugle teamed with Sebastian to win the

"We just completely dominated and overpow-

'Once they settled down and got into a rhythm, they took control.'

— Jan Bortner

As it turned out, he ended up with Christie were outstanding and pulled ... looking ahead to next season, Putting its nightmarish tournaments

... while netmen gear up for postseason to Ken Green, 1-6, 7-6, 6-2. Glenn Leach got things matches against Princeton at No. 5 and No. 6, Nigrelli and Ron Mercer followed by defeating lost the next two, 6-1, 6-3 to Tom Steiglehnre. for third, while Terry Hertzog fin-Leach lost his match by a score of 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. Dollard, the Lions' No. 4 singles player said

feeling."

split their two weekend matches defeating Rutg- 6-1, 6-2. Leach and Mercer blanked Kanotoar and made the difference and would have increased the I've played all spring. I was putting Nigrelli, 6-0, 6-0 and Dollard and Steinberg won in chance of winning. three sets over Green and Vince Leale 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Because Yale had defeated Penn State 6-3, and

against Maryland today at 5 p.m. in the Penn State but Cathrall said his team played well despite the thought the Lions might have a good chance of where." Head Coach Mary Kennedy was defeating Princeton. "We thought we had a good shot at them, but you extremely pleased with the way her can't speak in terms of comparisons," he said. | squad performed. "The guys deserved to win." she Against Princeton it was a different story. The "You never know what's going to happen." said. "They were ready mentally and son and No. 6 Christie Ellis were all Head Coach Holmes Cathrall said that a couple of Lions were only able to score two team points in Now the Lions must face Maryland, a team straight-set winners in the singles their top players were sidelined because of inju- the effort. Sebastian registered both wins, first at Cathrall said is "one of the toughest . . . we'll face physically to win. They knew they No. 2 singles with a 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 victory over Tim all year." He said Maryland is a national contend- had to win this weekend. Knowing Penn State's No. 1 singles player Lee Sponaugle Maine and then he teamed with Sponaugle to win er, full of foreign players, but he hopes the home they can win will help them proceed courts will give Penn State the edge. Dollard said that tough matches, such as to- feeling that they can continue to win. way, winning their match over Patti cello by a score of 6-2, 6-4. Adam Steinberg Princeton match. He said it would give his team a day's, are a tune-up for the upcoming Atlantic 10 Our ultimate goal is to qualify for the

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## in almost unprecedented. It's a great LADY LION NOTES: Freshman Thomas finished the year with 12

Walker and Wittman finished their seasons at 13-2 and 4-3, respectively, Bortner has verbal commitments

"We want to get revenge on West Virginia, that's on getting a winning attitude has finally paid off."



It was all just a dream. It worked while sophomore Adams and fresh- | on Dallas, and it seems to have matches," Bortner said. "Lisa and man Karabedian had 12 wins each worked with the men's golf team. behind it, the squad went into the

Hosting a tournament seemed to be lock, ranked No. 5 by the Middle | Lions, as Penn State finished higher better than we did," Borther said. High School in Pittsburgh ... and Tied for second after the first round,

for the victory Not only did the Lions win, but they placed four golfers in the top six. Mark Treese took first-place honors. defeating Rutgers' John Dorney on the first hole of a sudden death playback in control with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Craig respectively. Steinberg won his first set 7-5, then off. Dan Braun and Chris Keim tied

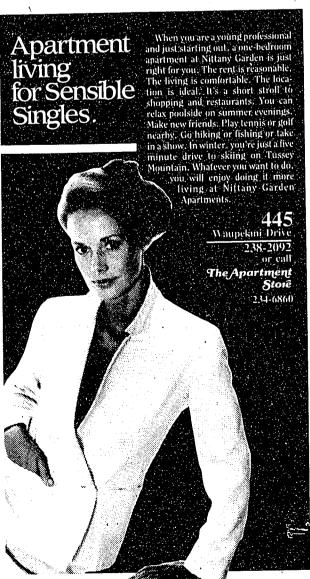
ished sixth. "I just told myself I could win. home Saturday from its last road trip. The Lions No. 1 doubles match over Weingard and Ponticello winning the close singles matches could have Treese said. "This is the most solidly I think with the way we played this The Lions wind up the regular season at home Rain forced the Lions indoors against Rutgers, beat Princeton by the same score, Cathrall weekend we could have won any-

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# **Baseball**

Continued from Page 11. Dodgers 9, Padres 1 in eight innings as the Los Angeles Yankees to a 1-0 victory and a double- Jays.

Brewers 6, Rangers 4 MILWAUKEE - Rob Deer hit a Charles Hudson pitched a seven-hit- in three runs with a pair of singles Gaspar, two net calls and a lift call on by." three-run homer to tie the score and ter. Dale Sveum won the game with a tworun shot as the Milwaukee Brewers

straight victory from the start of the the Detroit Tigers 7-2.

Yankees 5, Royals 0

Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres 9 header sweep over the Kansas City Royals yesterday. The Yankees, who have won six

White Sox 7, Tigers 2 rallied for five runs in the ninth inning to beat the Texas Rangers 6-4 run and drove in three runs to back Greg Swindell pitched a six-hitter and distance. An Acosta kill and a Kasim put the ball deep in the Patriots' back urday's consolation match to East yesterday and set an American the six-hit pitching of Floyd Bannis- Joe Carter homered. League record with their 12th ter as the Chicago White Sox defeated

Yankees 1, Royals 0

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 1 TORONTO - Wade Boggs hit a

# Farewell

Continued from Page 11. "I want to look up, and I want to see representation that Steve Mix played here, that Caldwell Jones played here, that Wilt Chamberain played here. ... That this team has a history, and that this team has a tradition, and that all these people are welcomed back as family. That's the only thing that's missing right now." It was a sentiment that's been

building for years, as Erving has watched while countless teammates - most notably George Mc-Ginnis and Moses Malone — were traded away and forgotten. Others have been left to fade away, retiring and never being recognized for years of service. "That was poor testimony all

around and smelled of instability," he said after the game. "And you

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are not going to build loyalty that wav. Coming from your average basketball player, Erving's comments would've been shrugged off. But, ignoring his exploits on the court. Erving has never been a normal athlete. Others may have been as talented, but Erving's claim to fame is his humanity off the court. He's spent countless hours and dollars working for charity and will continue to do so in the future. He's established a successful business empire and has spoken constantly about the evils of sub-

stance abuse. With the recent problems of the Phoenix Suns, Erving stands as an example of what's right with the game. After his profound words, Erving

Clips of amazing slams and coastto-coast jaunts were exciting, but the real thing was even better. It was one last reminder that, while others may imitate his form, none will ever revolutionize the game as Erving did. From the opening tip it was obvious the plan was to let the Doctor operate all night long. He didn't disappoint.

the rim, but soon he was at the top of his game. Erving may not be able to do it every night, but when the moment is right he's still as good as they come. After nine first the second, the final three on a gorgeous three-pointer at the buzz-

By then the crowd was screambefore the game on the scoreboard. knowing they were coming closer over Herb Williams and joined

Many of his early shots rolled off

The crowd was screaming whenever Doc closer to history with each bucket.

third quarter it was over before anyone knew what happened The ball came his way constantly and Erving obliged, scor- fans, telling them how much they ing on two alley-oop passes from Andrew Toney in the early going. A moment after a vintage finger roll. quarter points, he erupted for 13 in Erving stole the ball and had an open road to the hoop. A thundering dunk ensued and he was within two with 6:07 remaining. After missing two free throws, showed the fans what they'd seen ing whenever Doc touched the ball, Erving launched the historic shot

### Indians 3. Orioles 0 Indians 8, Orioles 7

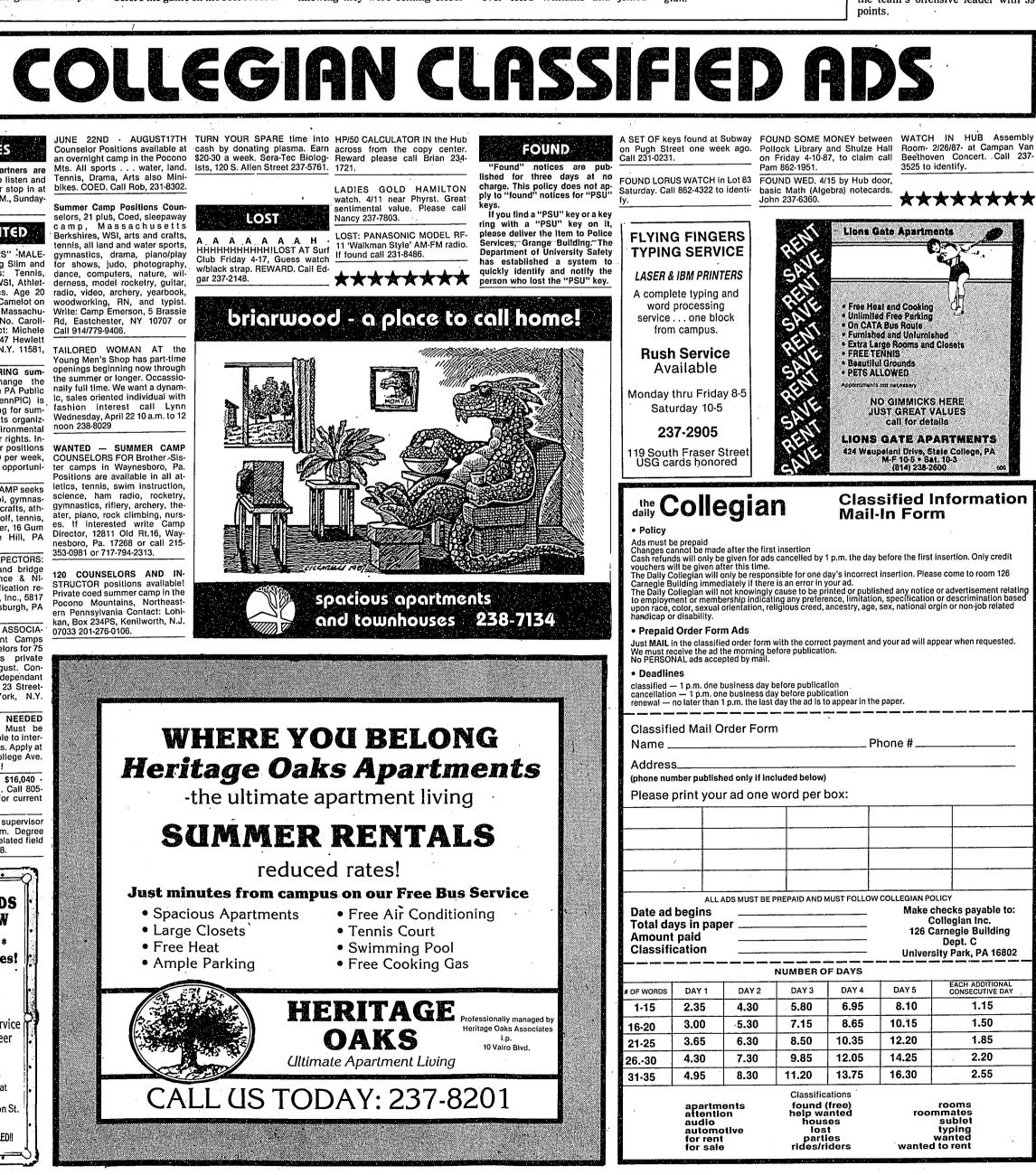
straight, took the first game 5-0 as BALTIMORE - Pat Tabler drove bined block by Chase and Javier weren't going to let the game slip "I was pleased with Rutgers' and a bases-loaded walk to help the GMU to go up 11-7. Indians to an 8-7 victory over the But the talents of Patriot hitters point away from California, and con- prepare us for George Mason (Satur-

SAN DIEGO — Mike Marshall snapped a scoreless tie with a one-out pitched a five-hitter over seven in- and felt better," Chase said. runs, and Bob Welch allowed five hits eighth inning, lifting the New York 4-1 victory over the Toronto Blue games, George Mason wasn't about team was going to California.

with a four-run eighth inning.

**Spikers**<sup>-</sup> home run, Ed Romero added a two- Continued from Page 11.

#### In the second game, Pat Tabler par chipped an over-the-shoulder kill shot high in the air which wasn't quite threat in game two. The Lions drove in three runs with two singles to put the Lions back up by three, but hard enough to get over the net. and a bases loaded walk as the Indi- blasts by Patriots Tod Tompkins, "Once we got it to 13-13, we knew it fought back to within one. The game ans overcame a 5-3 Baltimore lead Kasim and Mike Schwob evened the was us," Chase said. "We've been in was nip-and-tuck until Penn State tally at 12-12.



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The two teams then traded points, million teams. Pressure has become

State then made a run, using a com- needed two points to win and we competition for the finals.

Orioles and a douleheader sweep. Moyo Kasim and Uvaldo Acosta fusion on the part of GMU gave the day) night." DETROIT - Tim Hulett hit a home Cleveland won the first game, 3-0, as brought Mason back within striking Lions the victory. A Penn State hit The Scarlet Knights, who lost Satstuff block made the score 11-9. Gas- court. On its last hit, Schwob arched a Stroudsburg, only presented a real that situation a million times with a took the lead for good at 13-12.

touched the ball, knowing they were coming

to history with each bucket. In the Chamberlain and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the 30,000-point club. Before the game, Erving ended his talk with a final thanks to the meant to him. What he said best summed up what the 17,967 fans were trying to say to him. "I thank you, I love you, fans, forever and a day."

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NEW YORK (AP) - Dan Pasqua run ninth-inning single and Al Nipper "Once I rested up a bit, I came in making the score 13-13, and a Chase second-nature to us this season, and kill gave Penn State the serve. It was they didn't have that going for them." drove in five runs with two home bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the nings to lead the Boston Red Sox to a Even though it was down two at this point that Cicero knew the Although the Lions weren't under much pressure Friday night against to roll over and die. GMU and Penn "Once we got to this point, we knew Rutgers-Newark. junior outside-hit-State traded points early on in game we were going to the Final Four," he ter Dave Bittner called Rutgers' play three, making the score 7-7. Penn said. "We realized that we only its best of the season and welcome

play." he said. "We really needed to A Gaspar block put the Lions one get a good game out of Rutgers to

jumped to a 9-4 lead, but Rutgers

## Laxers—

Continued from Page 11.

Thiel said Penn State could have held a little tighter at the end of the game. "We didn't play as well as we have in other games," Thiel said. "But it's nice to know we can play a little below our average and still come away with a win against a good team

LION NOTES: The Lions are now 8-3 and return to Jeffrey Field for three night games and one day game at their usual home, Pollock Field, to end their season . . . Penn State will host Kutztown tomorrow and perennial-rival Hobart Saturday ... Scott McKeon and Chris Dent lead the Lions in scoring with 27 and 26 goals respectively . . . Dent is now ninth on the all-time goal-scoring list with 63 career goals . . . Jeff Connor pumped in three more assists Saturday and is the team's offensive leader with 39