

## Cagers win season opener over Juniata, 83-32

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The men's basketball team dominated the Juniata Indians Saturday night, grabbing an 83-32 season-opening victory in front of 2,275 fans at Rec Hall.

The Indians (0-2) scored first, just 29 seconds into the game, but points were few and far between after that.

Penn State seemed to struggle early on as Juniata's two-three zone defense kept the Lions from getting inside. Head Coach Bruce Parkhill's team was patient, however, and after almost two minutes of working the ball around and not getting it inside, junior Tom Hovasse pulled up for a three-point swoosh to put the Lions ahead for good.

Hovasse added two more three-pointers and the team took a 9-2 lead.

The Lions' man-to-man defense smothered the Indians' offensive arsenal as well as any thoughts the visitors had of mounting an attack.

"Their defense was really the key," Juniata Head Coach Dan Helm said. "We expected that they would put pressure on us and try to put us out of the game right away. That's what they did and we just didn't handle it well at all."

Parkhill agreed that the Lions' defense played an important role during the first ten minutes.

"I was pleased with the way our defense played during the first ten minutes," Parkhill said.

When the two teams met last season, Juniata stayed with the Lions throughout the game to put a scare into Penn State. The Lions wanted to avoid that kind of repeat performance Saturday.

Parkhill's strategy? Get the Indians out of the game early, and keep them out. Juniata scored just five points during the first ten minutes of the game, as the Lions took a 31-5 lead.

Meanwhile, at the offensive end of the

court, the Lions stressed patience and put 44 points on the board by the half.

Hovasse had 15 points by intermission, but balanced scoring was the product of the team's patience and seven other players had scored by the half.

With a halftime lead of 31 points, the Lions could have lost their intensity and coasted to victory. Forward Ed Fogell said the team had no thoughts of doing that, though.

"It's tough (to keep intensity), but it's one of the things a good team has to do," Fogell said. "Last year we didn't do that. Hopefully this year we will. We gained a lot from the game. We got a chance to work on some fundamentals and we got a chance to play someone else. You can get tired of beating on the same guys day in and day out."

Hovasse had 17 points and Fogell tossed in 13. Mike Peapos also scored in double figures for the Lions, adding 10 points. Eleven players scored for Penn State and everybody got some playing time.

The 32 points that the Lions allowed Juniata

was the best defensive effort by a Penn State team since 1952 when the Lions gave up just 21 points in a season-opening victory over Ithaca.

The Penn State defense was not Juniata's only problem, though. In the first half Juniata shot a pathetic 19 percent from the field. Meanwhile, the Lions shot 52 percent. For the game, the Indians shot 23 percent and Penn State ended with 52 percent.

This vast difference was a major factor in the 51-point final spread.

When looking for something positive about the game, Helm said he was happy it was over and that the Indians will now play someone in their own league.

"This game was embarrassing," he said. Among the bright spots for the Lions has to be their inside scoring. At times last season this was a sorely lacking part of Penn State's offense, but it came to the foreground Saturday night as the three players in double figures were all front-court players.

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Tom Hovasse

## LHU edges grapplers at Mat-Town

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Although this year's Mat-Town USA Tournament ended in an upset of sorts, the final score was a tribute to the battle that transpired at Thomas Field House at Lock Haven University this weekend.

With a score of 112.75, Lock Haven emerged as the overall winner of the 12-team tournament — a first for the squad. But boasting 112.25, Penn State was hot on its heels — a half-point decision that ended the Lions' five year reign of the 12th annual tourney.

Lock Haven churned out two champions in John Barrett (158) and Brad Lloyd (177) while Penn State crowned three in Jim Martin (126), Jason Suter (167) and Dan Mayo (177).

Prior to this weekend's match-ups, Head Coach Rich Lorenzo extolled the virtues of this year's tourney. Lorenzo said although the Lions remained unproven in about five weight classes, the competition would prove invaluable in gauging the future of some young wrestlers and reinforcing what the veterans had to offer. And for Lorenzo, win or lose, experience is still the best teacher.

"Overall I was pleased with the effort," the 10-year coach said. "We wrestled hard, the score was just due to the fact that we had a couple of breaks. There are a few things we have to work on as a team, like being more aggressive and getting better set-ups for the take-downs, but it was a good effort."

"We've got a long way to go, lots of holes to fill and a lot of things to get done early in the year," tri-captain Ken Chertow said. "Obviously the guys who won and had good performances should be satisfied. I'd say we still have about 15 to 18 wrestlers who have to prove themselves. The

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Eagles place kicker Paul McFadden, right, gets a hug from teammate Dave Little after kicking the game-winning field goal in overtime yesterday in Philadelphia's 34-31 win over the New England Patriots.

## Eagles down Pats in OT

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FOXBORO, Mass. — Philadelphia's Paul McFadden won redemption with a 38-yard overtime field goal.

New England's Tony Franklin is seeking it after missing two potential game-winning kicks.

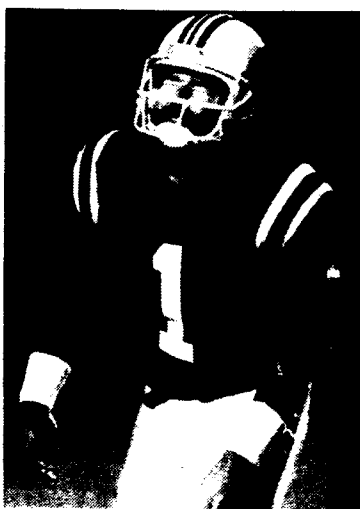
McFadden succeeded with 2:44 left in overtime after pulling a 39-yarder to the left two minutes earlier as the Eagles survived a Patriots' comeback for a 34-31 NFL victory yesterday.

"I'd let my teammates down many times and they never batted an eye," said McFadden, whose failure on a 39-yard attempt with 11 seconds remaining assured the New York Giants of a 20-17 victory two weeks earlier.

On that same day, the Patriots lost 23-17 in overtime to Dallas. But yesterday they rallied from a 31-10 deficit with three touchdowns in the final nine minutes of the fourth quarter.

Franklin, the NFL's leading scorer last season, had two chances to avert the franchise's 10th loss in 10 overtime games. But he failed on field goal attempts of 31 yards with five seconds left in the fourth quarter and 46 yards with 9:59 to go in overtime.

"I have no excuses. We should have won the game and I lost it," said Franklin, acquired in a 1984 trade with Philadelphia. "I just didn't believe what was happening. I've got to come back next week and try a little harder."



Tony Franklin

He made just one of four field goal attempts yesterday and only 12 of 23 this season after hitting at least 78 percent in each of the last three years.

"Every time there's pressure when you're kicking," said McFadden, who succeeded Franklin as the Eagles' kicker. "There's more heat in overtime."

"You never want to let down. We were up 31-10 and things were going our way. But as a kicker you never stop worrying that it's going to come down to your kick, not until you are in the clubhouse."

The victory put Philadelphia, 5-6, in a second-place tie in the AFC East with Dallas and St. Louis. New England, 5-6, fell into a tie for last place in the AFC East with

Miami, one game behind Buffalo, Indianapolis and the New York Jets.

The loss was New England's 12th straight against an AFC East team since a 24-14 victory over Philadelphia Oct. 8, 1978.

Philadelphia Coach Buddy Ryan said, "we were dominating the game and then all of a sudden, we lost our poise."

The comeback was little consolation to the Patriots.

"I don't believe in such things as moral victories," wide receiver Cedric Jones said.

On the first play after McFadden missed his field goal with 4:46 remaining, linebacker Garry Cobb recovered Mose Tatupu's fumble, giving the Eagles the ball at the New England 30-yard line.

After Randall Cunningham's 5-yard completion to John Spagnola, an incompletion and Michael Hadix's 4-yard run, McFadden kicked his second field goal of the game.

The field goal overshadowed a brilliant comeback.

Trailing 31-10 with less than nine minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Patriots sent the game into overtime as Tom Ramsey threw for two touchdowns and ran for the tying score in a span of 6:58.

Ramsey finished with 34 completions on a club record 53 attempts for 402 yards and three touchdowns.

He led the Patriots to the Philadelphia 39-yard line on the first possession of overtime, but Seth

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## Lady cagers reach finals in Hawaii

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The women's basketball team advanced to the finals of the United Airlines Rainbow Wahine Classic in Hawaii over the weekend, after stuffing Hawaii and Oklahoma in the preliminary games of the Thanksgiving holiday tournament.

Tipoff for the championship game against Texas was scheduled for 11:30 EST last night.

Head Coach Rene Portland's team cruised to easy victories over the Lady Sooners on Friday and Hawaii on Saturday. Penn State's 86-63 win over Oklahoma was Portland's eighth consecutive opening-game victory at the Lady Lion helm, and the first-ever meeting between the two teams. In Saturday's semifinal matchup, the squad handed Hawaii an 81-64 defeat to advance to the championship game. Later in the day Texas downed Stephen F. Austin, 94-71, to set up the showdown with Penn State.

As expected, the Lady Lions were led by senior sensation Suzie McConnell, who canned a career-high 34 points in the season opener and dished out 16 assists, to lead the team in both categories. McConnell averaged 13.9 points per game last season, but said the scoring burden will fall into her hands more often this year than last.

According to Oklahoma Head Coach Valerie Goodwin-Colbert, there was no denying what McConnell had to offer.

"Suzie was the number one factor in the game whether she was the shooter or not," Goodwin-Colbert said after Friday night's game. "She was (Penn State's) floor general. A lot of times they just cleared out and let her take it."

For McConnell, that seemed to fit right into her pregame plan.

"I'm looking to shoot more," she said before leaving for Hawaii. "I am not going to force it, but when I have the open shot I'm going to look more to shoot than I am to pass this year."

versus Oklahoma, McConnell got frontcourt support in the scoring responsibilities from sophomore Adrie DeVries. The 6-4 center, who is filling in for injured regular Bethany Col-



Suzie McConnell

lins, scored a career-high 18 points for Penn State. As a freshman, DeVries appeared in 25 games for Penn State while averaging 2.8 points a contest. DeVries' impressive performance on Friday was a testimony to the improvements she has made in the offseason.

"Sometimes she makes outrageous mistakes but it's just because she's trying something new," Portland explained, "and then sometimes she tries something new and bingo, it works. We have seen probably the most progress in Adrie."

In Saturday's win over Hawaii, McConnell was once again in the spotlight, leading the team with 24 points and seven assists. Backcourt partner Shelly Caplinger showed her potential by adding 15 points for the Lady Lions in 31 minutes of play. Portland stressed throughout preseason that the sophomore guard was playing with increased confidence and consistency after overcoming an asthma problem.

Sophomore forward Tiffany Chill added 10 points for the Lady Lion squad, while DeVries scored nine points and pulled down seven rebounds against Hawaii.

Texas is ranked second in the USA Today preseason poll, and *Sports Illustrated* has Texas at the top of its preseason poll.

## Citrus Bowl applications available

Full-time students, faculty and staff can pick up applications for Florida Citrus Bowl tickets beginning this morning.

The Lions meet Clemson at noon on New Year's Day in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

Applications are available at the HUB desk, the Beaver Stadium Ticket Office (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and the Rec Hall Ticket Office (11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Tickets cost \$27.50.

The applications must be completed and submitted in person at either the Beaver Stadium or Rec Hall Ticket Offices during business hours. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4.

Students and faculty members will be required to present University I.D. when applying for tickets. Only checks and money orders will be accepted.

Ticket applications will be filled by random lottery. Fans can only submit one application. People submitting more than one application will have all applications void from the lottery.

The Lions are 12-5-1 in bowls under Head Coach Joe Paterno, including last year's win over Miami in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl for the national championship.

The Florida Citrus Bowl changed its name from the Tangerine Bowl in 1983 when it signed a 5-year, \$1.25 million sponsorship agreement with the Florida Department of Citrus.

For more information contact the Beaver Stadium Ticket Office at 865-7567.

—by Robert Williams

### Lions split LSU Open

Louisiana State University's 11th-ranked football team split the Citrus Bowl on Saturday night, losing to the Citrus Bowl champion, the Penn State Lions, 24-21, in overtime.

The Lions' second-half rally, which began with a 24-yard touchdown pass from Paterno to Paterno, gave them a 24-21 lead with 1:12 left in the fourth quarter.

Louisiana State's 11th-ranked team, which had won the Citrus Bowl in 1986, had a 21-24 lead at the end of the third quarter.

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