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Lady spikers open '89 with a bang

Despite slow start, team wins Preview

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The women's volleyball team overcame an 11-0 deficit and the pre-season blahs this weekend to sweep the Penn State Preview and two other matches.

The Lady Lions defeated Cincinnati in Friday night's tournament opener, 15-5 16-14, 15-3, in a match tighter than the score indicated.

The starting lineup of Elizabeth Ramirez, Michelle Jaworski, JoAnn Elwell, Noelle Zientara, Kim Kumfer and Leanne Kling breezed through the first game of the match, but had to fight to stay alive in the second game.

Cincinnati took advantage of the Lady Lions' early lack of concentration to jump to an 11-0 lead. A tight-lipped Coach Russ Rose called a timeout and gave his bunch a serious talking to. Beginning with the next serve, Lion-caliber play returned and the team went on a 16-3 run to win the game.

Back on track, the Lady Lions dealt Cincinnati a fatal, 15-3, blow in the third game to take the match.

"I was pleased to come back like we did against Cincinnati," Rose said. "When we were down 11-0, I didn't assume we'd do it. It's not uncommon to lose confidence in the middle of a match. But to win you have to play the first and last points of a match with the same intensity."

On Saturday, the intensity returned for the most part as the Lady Lions captured the tournament title by downing Villanova, 15-2, 15-5, 15-5, and Indiana, 15-6, 15-10, 15-8.

Penn State its winning weekend by easily handling St. Bonaventure, 15-3, 15-4 15-5, and Lehigh, 15-0, 15-0, 15-7, on Sunday.

The team showed flashes of fatigue or distraction at times during the Indiana match, occasionally allowing the other team to match it point for point. Still, it hung tough and, largely due to the play of tournament MVP Elwell and All-Tournament team members Ramirez, Jaworski and Zientara, came out on top.

"As a whole, we competed well," Rose said. "We passed well and got in good position defensively. I saw some good things, but we have to play much better to take on Purdue next weekend."

Freshmen Kumfer and Kling made impressive debuts. Both played in every match this weekend. Kling with a hyperextended wrist. They underwent "on the job training," as Rose put it.

"Leanne has had some trouble adjusting to playing in the college atmosphere, but she's getting there," he said. "Kim Kumfer is a stick. She hits the ball. She is simply a great athlete."

"I came up pretty strong," Kumfer said. "My best game was Friday night against Cincinnati. Indiana was the toughest match, but we weren't really challenged this weekend. We're going to have to really work together for the upcoming matches."

Also coming up strong this weekend was Rose's "secondary unit." In every match Rose rotated his players, especially for serving duty.

"I have always believed in the concept that bigger is not better, so I like back-row players," Rose said. "I like their intensity. Besides, they allow the starters to get some rest."

Back-row player Erika Spencer agreed.

"We always have to be ready to go in," she said. "We're supposed to perfect our games so we can play better than the person (Rose) took out."

Sunday's matches tested the subs' mettle in extended play.

"I really didn't know we were going to play that much," Spencer said. "Before the third game of the St. Bonaventure match, Coach Rose said, 'All right, everyone who's 5'7" and under line up. You're going in.' It was really different playing all the time. There wasn't as much pressure. The other team seemed scrambled and mixed up in their communication, so it was easier."

"When I schedule a tournament, I try to get one team we should beat, one team we should be competitive with and one team we have to work to beat," Coach Russ Rose said. "As for the other two teams, that's what I feel I should be doing for eastern volleyball."

"They want to upgrade their programs and should be given the chance to do so. They don't come here to get beaten, they come here to learn."



Freshman Leanne Kling (right) goes up for a hit against two Indiana defenders Saturday. The lady spikers won that match en route to taking the Penn State Preview title this weekend, defeating Cincinnati, Villanova and Indiana.

A-10 honors PSU athletes for academics

By SHERRI PETRUCCI
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Four Penn State athletes this summer earned first-team academic all-conference honors from the Atlantic 10 conference for the 1988-89 season. Penn State was the only school in the conference to place three representatives on the men's first team.

Selection was based on a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 and participation in 75 percent of the respective team's events, sports information assistant Jim Caltagirone said.

"It's a tough choice to pick the top 10," Caltagirone said. "Some of the voters look only at grades where others place more emphasis on statistics."

Soccer standouts Kamel Haddad and Jan Skorpen, baseball leftfielder Steve Haffner and gymnast Kira Rohm were chosen by the conference's sports information directors.

"We are pleased with the students' accomplishments, but we have come to expect this kind of achievement," Athletic Director Jim Tarman said. "Our emphasis at Penn State has always been on the student-athlete."

Rohm made the first team for the second consecutive year. The sophomore carried a 3.55 in liberal arts and won the uneven bars at the Atlantic 10 conference championships and the NCAA Northeast Region championships. Rohm holds four of the highest scores in Lady Lion gymnastics history.

Haddad, a senior from Tunisia, maintained a 3.61 GPA in mechanical engineering while achieving second-team regional All-America status and finishing fourth among conference scoring leaders last fall.

Skorpen, now a senior, earned a 3.36 in finance while pacing the Atlantic 10 with 34 points, 14 goals and six game-winning goals.

Both Haddad and Skorpen earned honorable mention academic honors last year.

Haffner, starting leftfielder in 40 of 41 games, batted .300 and stroked eight doubles and three home runs during the 1989 season. He led the Lions in stolen bases and runs scored. He graduated with a 3.59 in accounting and now works at Price-Waterhouse in Pittsburgh.

Nine Lady Lions were named to the honorable-mention squad: field hockey team members Jill Cincera (3.27, liberal arts) and Tracy Shilkret (3.23, business); volleyball players Julie Firth (3.39, exercise science) and Laura Stober (3.24, health and human development); gymnast Janice Rogers (3.41). Please see ACADEMICS, Page 19.

Johnson's records erased from books

By LARRY SIDONS
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BARCELONA, Spain — Track's top policy-making body voted yesterday to erase Ben Johnson's name from the record books because of his admitted use of steroids.

If adopted by a majority vote of the 184-member International Amateur Athletic Federation Congress this week, the revolutionary decision would give six-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis of the United States his first individual world record, in the 100-meter dash.

Johnson also holds the world indoor record in the 60, where American Lee McRae would get the mark. International federation officials said they expected

the plan to pass but several nations, including Johnson's native Jamaica and his adopted Canada, said they would fight the measure on the floor. They said the leaders of track and field were punishing one person for the long-time drug ills of the sport.

The IAAF Council, a 23-member executive board, used some last-minute sleight-of-hand to try to avoid potential legal problems and agreed overwhelmingly to strip records of athletes who passed drug tests at the time but later admitted under oath or in writing to using drugs. The admissions must come within six years of the record being set.

The council said that, starting next January, its annual review of world records would eliminate any by admitted drug cheats.

"If they (the congress) adopt this rule, then the lists

that are released on Jan. 1, 1990, will not contain the record of Ben Johnson," said Arne Ljungqvist, head of the IAAF medical committee.

Johnson's name was not specifically mentioned in the proposal and IAAF leaders argued that the action was not aimed at any one athlete. But Johnson, who admitted under oath to long-time steroid use after being caught at last summer's Olympics, is the only world record-holder initially affected.

The council decided it needed more work before asking that he and other admitted drug users be stripped of world, regional and national records.

"We didn't really discuss Ben Johnson, but it was the principle that was discussed," Ljungqvist said. Please see RECORDS, Page 19.

Morris, Tippett head list of NFL casualties

By The Associated Press

Joe Morris, whose 1,516 rushing yards led the New York Giants' drive to the NFL title in 1960, and All-Pro linebacker Andre Tippett of New England were lost for the season yesterday, both victims of the league's new injured reserve rules.

Morris, the Giants' all-time leading rusher with 5,286 yards, broke a

foot in Saturday night's exhibition loss to Pittsburgh and was placed on injured reserve before the team got down to its final 47-man roster.

Tippett, the mainstay of the Patriots' defense, was placed on injured reserve after undergoing surgery to repair muscle damage in his right shoulder. Two other New England starters, cornerback Ronnie Lippett

and tight end Tom Brown, were placed on injured reserve. Please see NFL, Page 19.

For stickwomen, the key word is 'renewal'

By KENT PETERSEN
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Last season: three All-Americans, one game away from the NCAA Final Four, a 15-6-1 record.

This season: positions to be filled, questions on the defense, young players to contribute a more prominent role.

Despite the change in scenario, the field hockey team is optimistic over its chances to not only equal the feats of last season but also perhaps to better them.

With All-Americans Tami Worley (48 career goals), Lisa Bervinchak (28 career goals) and Jill Radzinski, the success of last year seemed almost inevitable. Yet these players were the only members of the team to leave. Their loss will be felt, but perhaps become a blessing as well.

"It's more than missing those three players," Coach Charlene Morett Newman said. "As I said at the banquet, we're not just losing talent, we're losing a lot of experience and spirit. They were

so strong in our play, they gave others confidence.

"But last year we had three built-in threats. Now, it's not three individuals as a threat, but maybe as a team more so," Newman added.

Several players agreed. "This team can go as far as it wants to go," Shannon Joines said. "Look at the Los Angeles Lakers. Who would've thought they'd lose two starters (for the 1989 NBA Finals). Teams continue. We're replacing three people who were All-Americans. But who knows, there might be (future) All-Americans from this team."

Junior Lynette Kidder said that no one can replace the three, but that this year's players all received some playing time in varsity games last year, giving the team that extra-added dimension of strength.

Even though gaps need to be filled, Newman has stressed two important criteria for success this fall. First, she believes that to be competitive every game, the Lady Lions must outthrustle. Please see STICKWOMEN, Page 19.



Among the returning players, Kristen Winters (20) will play a big role in the midfield. The Lady Lions must replace three All-Americans from last year's squad.

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LATEST LINE

USC's ballyhooed redshirt-fresh QB Todd Marinovich had a rough indoctrination last night against Illinois. Marinovich completed 14 of 27 passes for 120 yards with one interception, which led to the Illini's game-winning TD.