

Lion trio successful at Olympic Festival

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College basketball season begins with preseason practice in October and stretches through March for schools lucky enough to be part of "March Madness."

Penn State's men's and women's teams were both part of the madness last spring. The Lady Lions finished 25-7 and reached the second round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament while the Lions went 25-9 and finished third in the National Invitation Tournament.

Summer would seem to be the ideal time for a vacation following a season spanning six months. But for three Penn Staters, a break meant beating the defense down the floor for easy layups.

The Lady Lions' Tanya Garner and Kathy Phillips as well as Lion Deron Hayes competed for the eastern teams July 6-15 at the United States Olympic Festival in Minneapolis, Minn.

Garner and Phillips helped lead the women's East team to 76-54 gold medal victory over the West. The victory was sweet for the Lady Lion combination. They were both members of the East team that lost in the championship game at last year's Olympic Festival in Oklahoma City, Okla.

"I'm glad we came up with the gold," Garner said. "Last year we had the same opportunity but we didn't capitalize on it. It was disappointing coming that far and falling a couple points short. This year was a big improvement, not only winning the game but winning big."

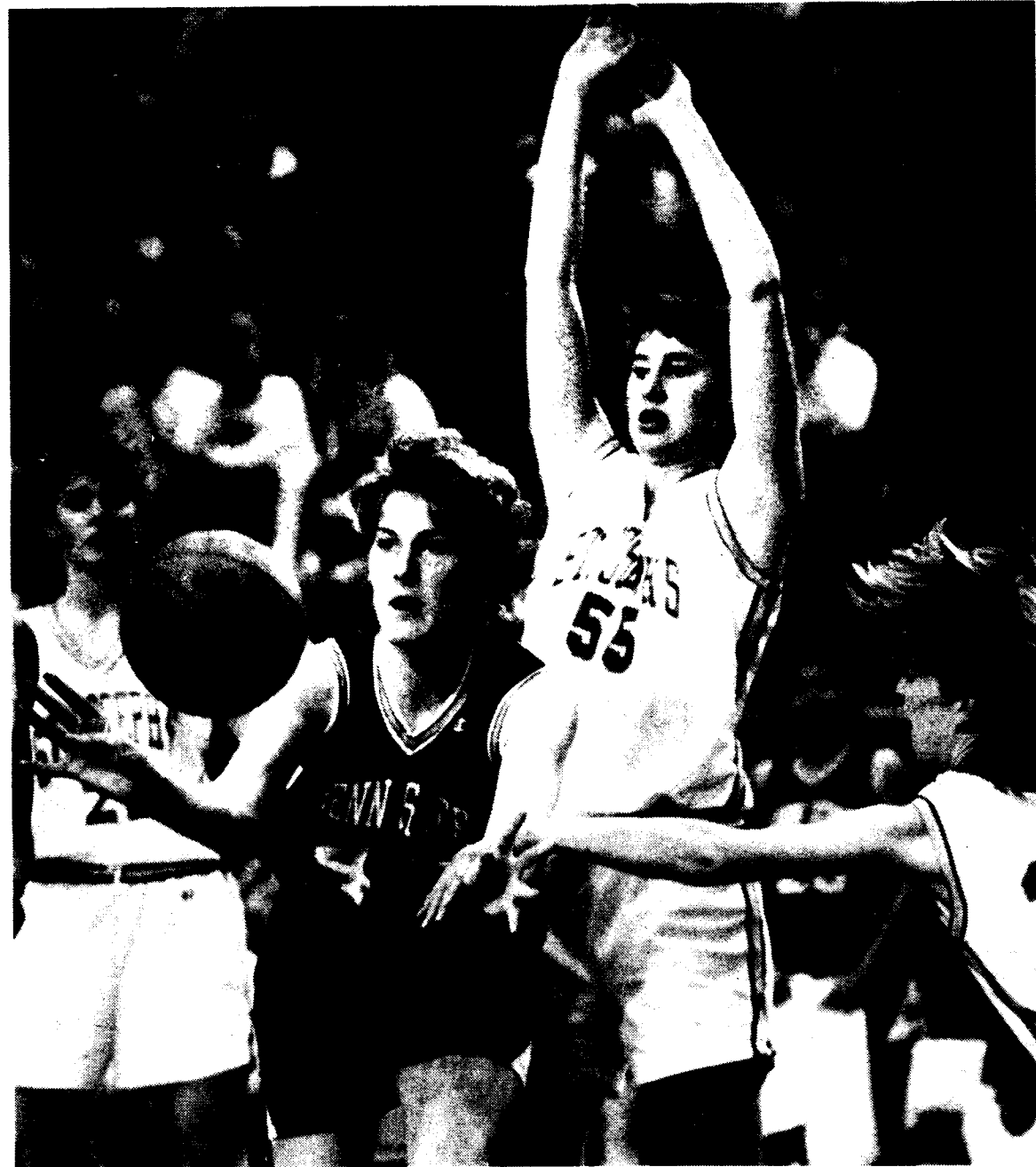
Garner and Phillips felt that the team work was the key to the East victory.

"We worked together as a team," Phillips said. "Everybody on the team was real good. They are stars on their teams. We worked well together. Nobody was an individualist. We had the right chemistry."

"Last year the competition was good and this year I thought it was even better," Garner said. "The East team played more together and that was the key."

Phillips, a 6'3" center from Southfield, Mich., went 6-9 from the field and 1-2 from the free throw line for 13 points in the final game. The Atlantic 10 Tournament MVP also grabbed five rebounds.

Garner, a 5'7" guard from West Mil-



Kathy Phillips attempts to pass the ball during her MVP performance in the A-10 Championship. Phillips and teammate Tanya Garner recently competed in the Olympic Festival, as did DeRon Hayes, starting forward for the men's team.

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flin, went 2-3 from the field, including a three-pointer for five points against the West. (Cumulative statistics for women's basketball were not available from USA Basketball.)

Despite winning the championship, Garner and Phillips had mixed feelings about their performances.

"I think as an athlete you can never be satisfied with the way you play because you think you can always do

better," Garner said. "I think I could have played better than I did. I played OK but I didn't do any one thing well."

"Towards the end of the tournament I was happy with the way I played," Phillips said. "Our two first games I didn't play well. Then I came back and played my own game the last two (games)."

Hayes, a 6'6" forward from Lakeland, Fla., helped lead the men's East

team to bronze medal in his first Olympic Festival appearance. The East finished 1-3 but defeated the West 101-98 to take third place.

Hayes, the 1990 Atlantic 10 rookie of the year, averaged 7.5 points and 2.8 rebounds in the four games. He was 12-33 (36.4 percent) from the field and a perfect 6-6 from the line. Hayes also had four assists and four steals in the tournament.

Ex-Lion mascot Constantine dies

Norm Constantine, ex-Lion mascot, died early yesterday morning for unknown reasons.

Father James May of the Penn State Catholic Center said Constantine died in his sleep at 5:30 a.m. Constantine, who was paralyzed in 1981 from a hit-and-run accident, has a fund set in his name to give a scholarship to the Lion mascot.

Constantine started the one-arm pushups that has been the trademark of the Lion at football games. He also started the Rocky skit at basketball games.

"He was always looking for new ways

for presenting the Lion," May said. "He was pretty inventive."

Constantine finally regained mobility on the right side, which enabled him to feed himself, although he never regained his speech. However, from his work with handicapped, he was able to communicate with sign language.

He attended the West Virginia-Penn State football game, his first visit to the University since his accident, in November of 1987, where he was honored at halftime.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Berchlers funeral home, 4300 North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

— by Tom Esterly

Steinbrenner payoff case becomes public

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NEW YORK — The commissioner's office went public with the George Steinbrenner case yesterday and said the New York Yankees owner had unfairly dragged former manager Lou Piniella into the affair in an attempt to justify a payoff to a former gambler.

At the same time, a former Yankees employee whom Steinbrenner also claimed to be protecting with the payoff, denied stealing team property and said he, too, was being used as a scapegoat.

The lawyer for Howard Spira, the former gambler at the center of the investigation, ridiculed Steinbrenner for changing his reasoning for the \$40,000 payment that triggered the investigation.

"This guy changes the story about what happened more often than he changes managers," said David S. Greenfield, Spira's lawyer.

The transcript of the testimony, excerpted by *The National* yesterday, was released by the commissioner's office later in the day. Vincent issued a statement clearing Piniella and said that the Cincinnati Reds manager was not under investigation.

"I am satisfied that Lou Piniella did not engage in any activity warranting further attention from my office," Vincent said. "I regret that the public disclosure of this testimony had unfairly insinuated Mr. Piniella into this affair. Mr. Piniella is in good standing with me and my office."

Reds general manager Bob Quinn and Piniella said they had been told the matter was closed.

"I'm not happy," Piniella said yesterday in Cincinnati. "There's no foundation of truth to it. I'm just disappointed it happened. I certainly wouldn't have come over here if there were any skeletons in my closet."

Steinbrenner said that former Yankees employees M. David Weidler and Pat Kelly had stolen giveaway items from the team and that the fear of Spira making that public was also a motivation for the payment.

Weidler, the team's former treasurer, said in a statement issued in New York to radio station WFAN that the accusations were false.

"I have been a loyal employee of Mr. Steinbrenner for 18 years and I am deeply hurt that Mr. Steinbrenner has used me as a scapegoat to exonerate himself," Weidler said. "I am both infuriated and sad that he felt it necessary to make false accusations against Lou Piniella, Pat Kelly and myself."

Kelly, the former Yankee Stadium manager who now works at Joe Robbie Stadium, declined comment through the Miami Dolphins.

Steinbrenner testified that Spira

threatened to harm two reporters, Michael Kay of the *New York Daily News* and Moss Klein of the *Newark Star-Ledger*.

Kay declined comment yesterday. "It's not completely accurate. It's an exaggeration," Klein said. "I was scared of (Spira) because he was just getting irrational. There were implied threats, but I wouldn't call it a death threat."

Both sides denied leaking the document. Stephen E. Kaufman, Steinbrenner's lead lawyer, said the hearing transcript showed his client had cooperated.

"The hearing showed, now that the transcript is available, that our defense was based on the merits and we addressed the issues which concerned the commissioner," Kaufman said.

Steinbrenner, who testified on July 5 and 6, said Spira had threatened to harm him and his family and had threatened to disclose "information regarding Lou Piniella's betting on sports."

Spira claims to be a former employee of the David M. Winfield Foundation and says Steinbrenner made the payment in exchange for allegedly damaging information about the former New York Yankees outfielder. Jeffrey Klein, a lawyer for Winfield and the foundation, said again yesterday that Spira was never an employee of Winfield or his organization.

Vincent, accused of bias by Steinbrenner's lawyers, continually probed Steinbrenner for his motivations behind the payment. Steinbrenner tried to convince the commissioner that he did nothing against baseball's rules.

"The real issue is what did you do. Why did you do it?" Vincent said.

According to the transcript, Steinbrenner's lawyers sent letters to the commissioner on June 26 and June 29 asking Vincent to remove himself from the case because of bias.

Vincent responded to the letters in the hearing. "Most of this material reads more like a lecture than it does anything seriously intended to bear on any legal issues of fairness," he said.

Steinbrenner denied that he was trying to discredit Winfield, who was traded to the California Angels in May.

"If you are trying to say that I was out to get Winfield and the other things, no way. No way," Steinbrenner said.

Steinbrenner said that Spira, a 31-year-old New Yorker, was out of control and that he paid him against the recommendations of his advisors.

"He had my kids scared stiff," Steinbrenner said in the 372-page transcript. "I'm not scared stiff of him physically, but a little guy's a big guy if he's got a gun in his hand. And I believe we had a note where he threatened to do harm."

Greenfield said he did not believe Steinbrenner's testimony.

Lorenzo expects nothing but the best from 1990 wrestling recruits

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The 1989-90 wrestling program reads, "We refuse to take shortcuts and will do it with wrestlers who are (1) good, honest people who strive for excellence in all areas of life, (2) good students in pursuit of a degree in their interest, and (3) wrestlers who make the full commitment to be the best they can become."

Coach Rich Lorenzo believes this year's recruiting class will live up to those expectations.

"I am real pleased with their work attitude and work effort. They are a nice group of young men," Lorenzo said.

One of the top recruits is Josh Robbins, who will wrestle at 158 pounds, is from Xavier high school in Cincinnati. Robbins is a three-time state finalist and won the Ohio class AAA 152-pound title this year. He has a career mark of 118-8-1.

"Josh will develop into one of the best in the country," Lorenzo said.

Robbins said he plans to major in business. He chose Penn State over two other Big Ten schools, Ohio State and Indiana.

With the graduation of starter Jeff Ellis at 190 pounds, recruit Mike (Kraft) Krawczykiewicz, from Penn Hills high school in Pittsburgh, should make an impact. Kraft was a three-time Western-Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League champion and the AAA state champion in 1989.

This year, however, he lost in the quarterfinals of the state tournament this year with an illegal slam. Kraft selected Penn State over Eastern Wrestling League rivals Pittsburgh and Clarion. He is interested in studying in health sciences.

Troy Erdman, a walk-on, is the 1990 PIAA Class AA champion at 152 pounds from Line Mountain. He holds two district titles and two regional championships. He is considering a career in architecture.

Another walk-on is Justin Fournay, a two-time District VI champion from

Lock Haven, wrestling at 152 pounds in 1989 and 145 pounds in 1990.

"I have always wanted to come to Penn State. I've been a fan for a long time," Fournay said. "Penn State is one of the better programs in the country, for both wrestling and academics. I am really looking forward to it. I am honored to be at Penn State."

He is considering a career in education or engineering, and plans to enroll in the Division of Undergraduate Studies this fall.

Tom Stallings is a 1990 National Prep champion from Blair Academy. In high school he was the District III champion and a two-time section champion from J.P. McCaskey high school in Lancaster, where his record was 80-13-1. He turned down scholarships from American University, Clarion and Pittsburgh to attend Penn State.

"I like the way Penn State helps athletes, through advisors, mandatory study halls and classes. Their main goal is to get you a diploma," Stallings said. "Penn State has a very intense pro-



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Mike Krawczykiewicz

gram, with a good reputation.

"They do things right, and expect a lot," Stallings continued. "Penn State has both academically and in wrestling what I am looking for."

He is interested in enrolling in the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

"Each year I am convinced more and more that the chemistry is right," Lorenzo said. "They have a bright future ahead depending on how much they commit themselves."

LeMond survives flat to stay in 2nd

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PAU, France — For one scary moment, Greg LeMond thought all was lost in his bid to win another Tour de France.

Midway through yesterday's 17th stage of the Tour, a 93-mile run from Lourdes to Pau, LeMond was stopped by a flat tire. And his team car carrying the spare was nowhere in sight.

"I could have lost the Tour de France today. I got very scared," LeMond said. "It just goes to show things aren't won in advance yet."

But LeMond only lost a minute to the pack he was riding in, which included overall leader Claudio Chiappucci and challenger Pedro Delgado. His teammates, using a pacing relay system, managed to keep the leaders within striking distance for LeMond.

The tire was replaced, LeMond finished strongly and still remained 5 seconds behind Chiappucci entering today's 18th stage of the 21-stage Tour.

"I was sure that they went faster because of it," LeMond said, referring to his tire problems. "When I got back I told Chiappucci I wouldn't forget this."

Meanwhile, Dimitri Konyshov won the 17th stage to become the first Soviet to win a leg of the Tour de France. Delgado was looking to improve from his third spot, 3:49 back, and his Banesto teammates, along with Chiappucci's, picked up the pace when LeMond was momentarily stopped.

But LeMond's teammates helped him out.

"It doesn't matter to stop for our leader," said Gilbert Duclos-Lassalle. "Especially when Greg comes up and makes a point to say 'thank you' in the evening."

In the end, LeMond was still second and didn't give up any time to Delgado, either. Delgado remained 3:42 behind Chiappucci and Eric Breukink was fourth, 3:49 back. LeMond wound up 15th in yesterday's stage, Chiappucci 13th and Delgado 37th.

Konyshov broke away from the main pack with about 20 others but gradually the group whittled down to Konyshov and Belgium's Johan Bruyneel. Konyshov won in the sprint, waving and clapping his arms about his head when he finished in 4 hours, 8 minutes, 25 seconds, more than five minutes in front of LeMond and Chiappucci.

Konyshov is a member of an Italian team that is comprised of nine Soviet cyclists. All have been living in Italy since last year.

"We are the first Soviets, to be on a professional team. There are six or seven other individuals on other teams," Konyshov, 26th overall, said. "But with me winning here shows that I am the best Soviet."

On Thursday, the 18th stage brings the riders back to the flatland with a ride to Bordeaux. Little change is expected in the overall standings as LeMond eyes Saturday's 20th stage.

LeMond jumped into the favorite's role when he pulled within a few seconds of Chiappucci on Tuesday's final stretch up the mountain to Luz Ardiden.

Chiappucci took over the yellow jersey of the leader last Thursday but LeMond has taken almost nine minutes off of the Italian's lead over him since then.

After another flat stage tomorrow, Saturday's stage features the time trial in Lac de Vassivière, where LeMond won his first stage of the Tour de France in 1985.

Arbitrator rules in players' favor

NEW YORK (AP) — A third group of major league players, including Jack Clark and Jack Morris, became eligible for cash awards yesterday when an arbitrator ruled that major league owners conspired against free agents in 1987 as well as the previous two years.

George Nicolau, the arbitrator who also found for the 1986 class of free agents, held in this case that despite more movement among the players, the owners still colluded by sharing salary and bidding information through an information bank.

"The fact that there were a number of free agency buy-out contracts signed before and during the 1987-88 free-agent market does not mean that the market itself was free and unencumbered," Nicolau wrote.

Among the 76 free agents in the Collusion III case are Clark, Morris, Gary Gaetti, Dave Righetti, Dave Smith, Mike Witt and Paul Molitor.



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Dimitri Konyshov of the Soviet Union rides to victory in yesterday's 17th stage of the Tour de France. American Greg LeMond remains in second place in the race.