

Netwomen set for final Penn State Invitational

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The women's tennis team is going to get a chance to see what it can do tomorrow and Sunday when it competes in the last Penn State Invitational.

The Lady Lions will meet Pittsburgh, Seton Hall, Mount St. Mary, Mercyhurst and George Mason. This will be the last invitational because of the demanding schedule the team will have when it begins Big Ten competition next year.

"I don't think it's (the event) quite as strong as we would like it to be," Kerri Kohr said.

Kohr explained that the opposing teams do not have the depth that Penn State has. However, she did say that it would be a good competition.

Each school has a strong No. 1 player, Whiteside added.

Pitt brings Julie Loprinzi, and George Mason brings Jeni Wilson, who Whiteside recruited.

"They are very strong players," Whiteside said.

Because the opposing teams are not strong contenders, the rest of the team will get a chance at actual competition.

"I'm going to pull out my top three players and give the rest of the team a chance to get in there and compete," Coach Sue Whiteside said.

"Some of my players who don't get to always compete are great players. It's time for them to shine."

Co-captains Kelly Erven and Cathy Kissell will not compete at the event. In addition, Kohr will not compete due to back problems.



Tammy Okins-Nguyen pounds a two-handed backhand. Okins-Nguyen and Ann Slocumb will play A flight singles this weekend at the Penn State Invitational.

Whiteside will move the rest of the lineup up and she will add Carolyn Pickering, Denise Robison, Jamie Peters and Emily Hull.

The event will be flighted, so team members will be trying to improve their individual records as opposed to the team record.

In the A flight for singles Tammy Okins-Nguyen and Ann Slocumb will compete; Jennifer Farrington and Kristin Kovalik will be in the B flight. In the C flight it will be Andi Chiumento and Pickering, and the D flight will be played by Hull, Robison and Peters.

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Divers hope to qualify for NCAAs

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For three members of the men's diving team, the first step towards national recognition begins today.

With the NCAA Diving Prequalification meet set for today and tomorrow at Harvard's Bleggett Pool, seniors Steve Zamborsky and Jeff Eagles and freshman Chris Devine are ready to take their show one step closer to a berth in NCAA Championships.

After a disappointing performance at Eastern Seaboard Championships two weeks ago, Coach Craig Brown said his divers are ready for the meet.

"Since last Thursday, they've refocused their attitude and thinking and they're ready to go," Brown said. "We worked out a lot of the problems we found at Easterns and all three look much more on track."

The trio will compete on both the 1- and 3-meter boards and are hoping to place high enough to move on to the NCAA Championships at the University of Texas in Austin, March 28-30. The top three divers will advance on the 1-meter board, while the top four will head west on 3-meter.

Zamborsky, who took second place on the 3-meter board at Easterns, will be looking for his first appearance at nation-

als in his fourth and final year at the prequalifying meet. "I just have to be consistent and do the dives that I do and do them the way I know how to," Zamborsky said. "I have to make sure I don't get caught up in the anxiety that the meet provides."

Brown said he thinks Zamborsky's success at Easterns will be a key at the NCAA prequalification meet.

"It was a good boost for him — he needed a real good big meet and he got it, so his intensity level is up," Brown said. "He's been notoriously inconsistent in the past when it comes to pressure meets and now he knows he can do it."

Eagles, who is coming off a disappointing showing at Easterns, said he is hoping to get his dives in the air more consistently on each of his 11 dives and added he is more focused on the meet at hand.

"There is no one (at the prequalifying meet) who is unstoppable, it's just a matter of whose got their head together for the meet and who puts the dives in," Eagles said. "All three of us have a legitimate shot at placing high."

Devine will also be looking to rebound from a poor showing at Easterns and will try to return to his late-season form and advance to NCAAs in his first try.

"They're going to need to go in there knowing that this is it, that it's about time they get down to business," Brown said.

3 women divers at NCAA Prequals

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The women's swimming team has four representatives for NCAA Championships next week at Indianapolis. Today and tomorrow the diving team will try to qualify three more.

Junior Amy Schmidt and seniors Kristin Tressler and Lara vonSeelen will be competing at the NCAA Diving Prequalifying Meet at Harvard's Bleggett Pool. They will look to join Christy Rourke, Janet Worobel, Heather Nicholson and Fran McDermid, who will compete in the 800-yard freestyle relay in the NCAAs. Schmidt will be attempt to qualify in the NCAAs for the second consecutive year. Last year, Schmidt placed third on the 1-meter board in the prequals and went on to finish 18th nationally.

Schmidt is coming off a disappointing performance at the Eastern Championships. Going in as the defending champion on the 1-meter board, she finished fifth this year and placed fourth on the 3-meter.

"I wasn't very happy with my performance," Schmidt said. "I have to be more consistent if I hope to qualify for NCAAs."

While Schmidt will be looking to compete in her second national championships, vonSeelen and Tressler will try to qualify in their first. Tressler will only be competing on the 3-meter, and Coach Craig Brown feels she has a solid list of dives.

"If she gets in the top 10, I'll be real happy," Brown said.

If someone is peaking at the right time it is vonSeelen. The 3-meter champion at Easterns dove well down the

stretch of the regular season, and will try to continue her wave of momentum. Even though her strength is on the high board, she would like to qualify on the low board as well.

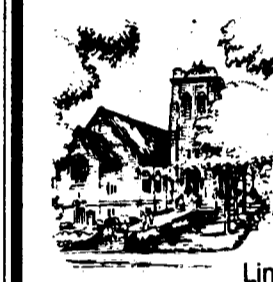
"I've worked on strength in my legs to get a little more height (on the 1-meter)," vonSeelen said. "I've never felt this confident."

The divers will face the same type of competition they faced at the Eastern Championships. Pittsburgh's two outstanding divers, Christa Ratiff and Donna Flatch, were almost non-existent at Easterns.

Cornell's Jackie Cadwalder, who surprised everybody by winning the 1-meter at Easterns, and Princeton's outstanding freshman Stacey Cooper, who came in third, will also be strong favorites to qualify.



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