

Sidelines

A brief look at the world of sports

Scores

NHL

Florida 6, Montreal 1
Hartford 3, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Rangers 6, Winnipeg 4
Philadelphia 2, Washington 1
Colorado 3, Boston 1

Baseball (AL)

Cleveland 5, Seattle 2

Baseball (NL)

Atlanta 6, Cincinnati 2 (F/10 inn.)

Schedules

NHL

Winnipeg at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at L. Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NFL

Atlanta at St. Louis 8 p.m.

In brief

Soccer player in middle of scandal

SOUTHAMPTON, England—Former Premier League striker John Fashanu was charged with paying bribes to two goalkeepers as details of England's biggest match-fixing scandal in 30 years were revealed yesterday.

Fashanu appeared in Southampton Magistrates Court along with Southampton goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Seger and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim.

All four were released on conditional bail until Dec. 1.

The four were arrested last March and were charged in July with conspiring to fix matches between Feb. 1, 1991, and March 15, 1995.

Yesterday's court appearance marked the first time that details of the charges against the men were disclosed.

Fashanu is accused of making cash payoffs to Grobbelaar and Seger to fix the outcome of two Liverpool matches in 1993 and 1994.

Volleyball

USA TODAY/AVCA Coaches Top 25 Poll

1. Nebraska 14-1
2. Hawaii 15-0
3. Florida 16-0
4. Stanford 12-2
5. Washington State 14-1
6. Michigan State 17-1
7. PENN STATE 16-2
8. Notre Dame 15-1
9. UCLA 9-4
10. Long Beach State 10-3
11. Texas 9-4
12. Arizona 12-3
13. Ohio State 10-4
14. Arizona State 10-3
15. UC Santa Barbara 14-4
16. Pacific 8-5
17. USC 7-4
18. San Diego State 14-2
19. Texas A&M 12-1
20. BYU 11-4
21. Loyola Marymount 11-3
22. Illinois 11-4
23. Washington 6-8
24. Colorado 8-7
25. Georgia Tech 14-5

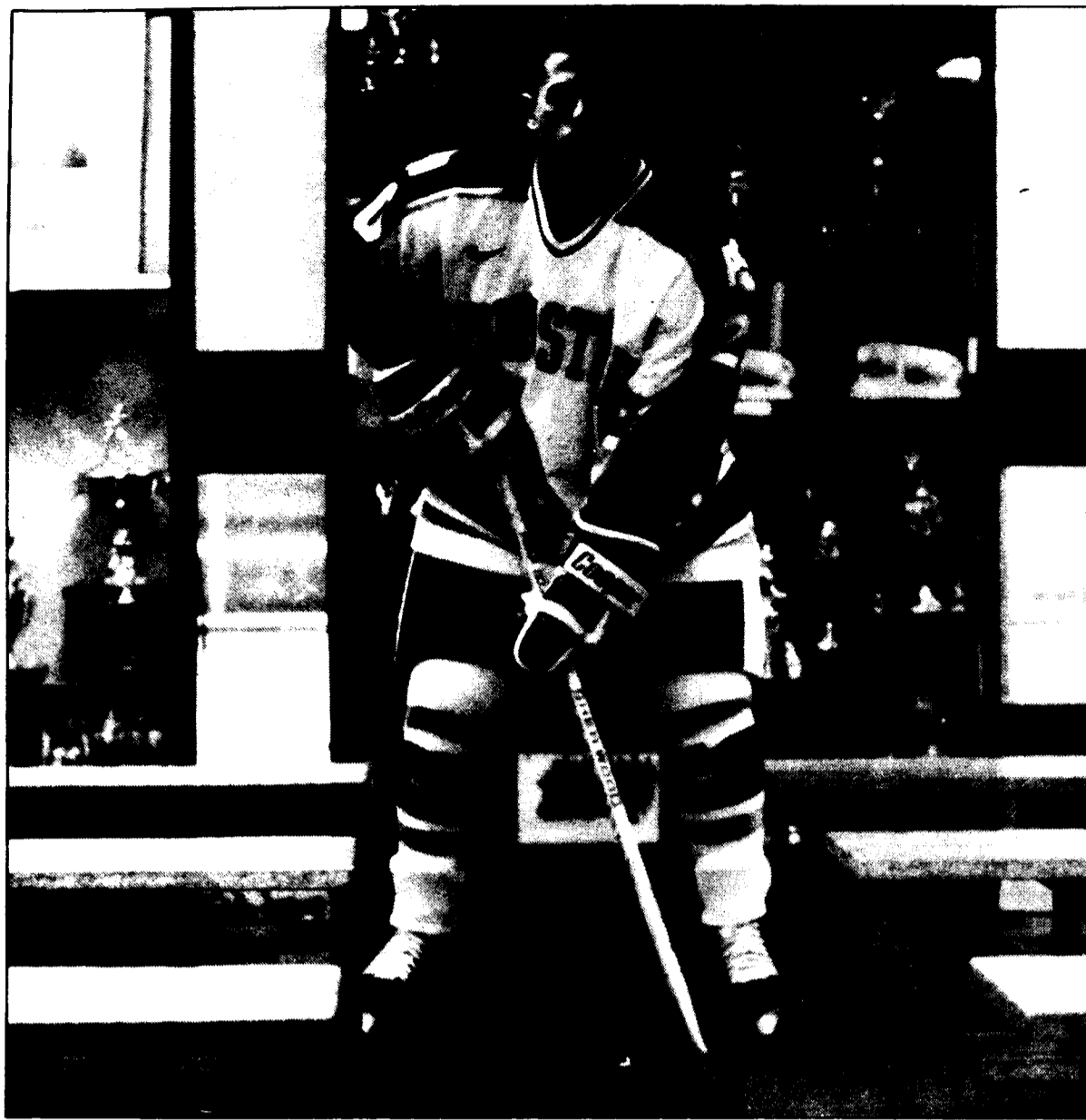
Quote of the day

"It happens all the time; some people see blood and faint, some people faint when they get overly excited. I wasn't hit or anything, and I don't think it's going to be any problem."

Chad Brown

Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker on his black out during the Steelers-Jacksonville game last Sunday.

Compiled from Collegian staff and wire reports.



Penn State Icer Chad Markowitz shows off his new Nike uniform. The club is now being supplied uniforms and some equipment from the Oregon-based sneaker company in exchange for displaying their swoosh.

Icers add swoosh to on-ice apparel

By JIM IOVINO
Collegian Sports Writer

When the Icers step out onto the ice for the first time this season, they'll be sporting a different look. No, they won't be implementing the neutral zone trap or importing any Russians. They'll be donning new Nike uniforms.

After Nike signed the deal with Penn State to sponsor most of the University's varsity sports, it was announced the company would also be sponsoring the ice hockey team, which is a club sport.

Nike gave the Icers a redesigned look for the upcoming season, complete with new home and away jerseys, socks, practice jerseys and pants. All of which will come with the famous Nike "Swoosh" stitched somewhere on the apparel.

"We're going to be well-dressed this year," Icer Coach Joe Battista said. "We feel like we hit the lottery."

Battista said Nike's sponsorship has made an impact on the organization. He said the deal has already helped with recruiting and has even given himself a fresh approach to the game.

"It's a nice addition," defenseman Eddie Kmit said. "Now we've just got to play well or maybe they'll take it away from us."

Although plans have not been finalized, Nike is also considering using the Icers as a test market for new equipment, but according to Dennis Kayser from Nike's Orga-

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nized Team Sports, that won't happen for at least another year.

The athletic shoe company recently ventured into the ice hockey business in a big way when they bought one of the largest hockey equipment companies in the world, Canstar. Canstar is the parent company of Bauer and Cooper, which signed Eric Lindros, among others, to wear its equipment.

Nike could use the Icers to test out sticks, helmets or anything else the company might be making.

"They wanted a small market that they can control," Battista said.

Penn State is only one of two college ice hockey programs that have signed on with Nike. The University of Michigan is the other. Nike has also made deals with other hockey leagues, including the NHL, International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), and USA Hockey. Nike also recently signed Sergei Fedorov of the Detroit Red Wings as a spokesperson for its ice hockey products.

Purdue defensive play less than impressive

By MICHAEL SIGNORA
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The questions lingered through spring practice, built steam heading into the fall and climaxed on opening day.

How would the Purdue defense respond, they wondered. Could a unit that surrendered 31.5 points per game significantly improve?

Would opponents once again eclipse the 500-yard plateau in total offense five of eleven times?

The answers are still being recorded, but the early returns are anything but encouraging. In fact, they border on atrocious.

Boilermaker defenders are at the bottom of the Big Ten in points allowed, rushing, passing and total

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Tale of the tape

Purdue fullback Mike Alstott and Penn State fullbacks Jon Witman and Brian Milne



Mike Alstott

Senior
6-2
240 lbs.

620 rushing yards this season
124 yds/game, 5.7



Jon Witman/Brian Milne

senior senior
6-3 6-3
230 lbs. 253 lbs.

228 combined rushing yards this season
45.6 yds/game, 3.7 avg.

Source: Media guides - PSU/Purdue

Collegian Graphic/Matthew Bundy

Spectating turns to goaltending for Lady Lion field hockey star in the net

By DEIDRE STALLINGS
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It was at the request of friends that Shelly Meister came to Penn State to see the field hockey team play Villanova in the Final Four. She was just a sophomore in high school and the type of person who excelled in all the sports she played. She had been successful in all of her athletics, which included karate, basketball, track, and softball, but at this point, field hockey was not her main passion and was only a sport she played for fun. But after she saw the Lady Lions play in the Final Four it all changed. She then knew that one day she wanted to be a part of this team — and now she is.

Not only is Meister now starting in her fourth and final season as the Lady Lions field hockey team's goalie, but with her 34 career shutouts she is also approaching the Penn State shutout record of 39.5 — a record currently held by Meister's idol and mentor, Michele Brennan.

Before Meister even thought seriously about her field hockey career, she was involved in and focused heavily on another sport — karate. She belonged to the New Jersey Black Belt Association and at one time was second in the nation in sparring. Although her future would take her in an opposite direction, her involvement in karate and her karate instructor are what built the foundation for the rest of her athletic career.

"I used to be very internal, very sheltered, and I wasn't very outgoing," said Meister. "But karate and

my instructor taught me self-discipline, and instilled in me a respect for myself that I could apply and needed for life and sports."

But after Meister witnessed the play of the Lady Lions she realized her love for field hockey and for Penn State. She also knew she wanted to be like the goalie she saw play in that game, and the goalie who's record she is now trying to shatter — Michele Brennan.

"When I saw Penn State play I saw their camaraderie and their togetherness. They were so explosive, and I knew this is where I wanted to be," she said.

"I saw what an amazing player Michele was, and she became my idol at that time. I knew I wanted to go to Penn State. If Char (Morett) asked me to sign that night I would have."

Two years later Meister found herself where she wanted to be, but in a very unique position. She was called on as a freshman to take on the burden of starting goalie, but this demanding role did not intimidate her.

"Everyone who comes to play sports in college was a superstar in high school. But then you go to college and you are at the beginning and you have to build from there," said Meister. "I didn't want to put any extra pressure on myself. I just wanted to do my best."

Now she is a senior and has come a great distance from those early days. She has accumulated many awards for these very efforts and for her outstanding play through the years, which includes being chosen to play with the U.S. team. But there are still a few things she

Archie alright with Enis emergence

By MICHAEL SIGNORA
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They arrive with star-struck eyes, dreaming of those before them.

Whether it's simply standing in the celebrated Nittany Lion backfield, waiting to slash through right tackle or plod precariously up the middle, the unifying factor is the solidarity of the goal.

No matter the name or reputation attached, the common denominator is victory. To that end, tailback Mike Archie is staunchly committed.

The senior has been caught in a whirlwind of

events, witnessing a true freshman elevated to a prominent role in the vaunted Nittany Lion attack.

With the emergence of Curtis Enis as a potent threat, combined with an early season injury that is now 100 percent healed, Archie has found himself sharing time in a talented, but crowded backfield.

"Curtis is a good back and when he's out there, I'm cheering him on," Archie said. "It really doesn't matter who carries the ball, the bottom line is that we win."

So far in 1995, Enis and Archie have rotated fre-

Please see ARCHIE, Page 20.

Alstott measures up to Lion fullback duo

By ROB AMEN
Collegian Sports Writer

His clean-cut demeanor does not let him fit the stereotype of a hard-nosed, grind-it-out fullback. His well-spoken manner makes him seem more like the boy next door. He is not the first person one would think of pushing a station wagon or Jeep Wrangler in the parking lot behind Ross-Ade Stadium.

Mike Alstott, however, fits that mold.

The Purdue fullback has made a name for himself by running over opponents and taking a few with him, en route to becoming one of

the premier athletes in the nation who can run, block and catch.

Alstott entered the 1995 campaign as the Boilermakers' fourth-leading rusher all-time and the top fullback in the nation, according to The Sporting News. He has not disappointed this season.

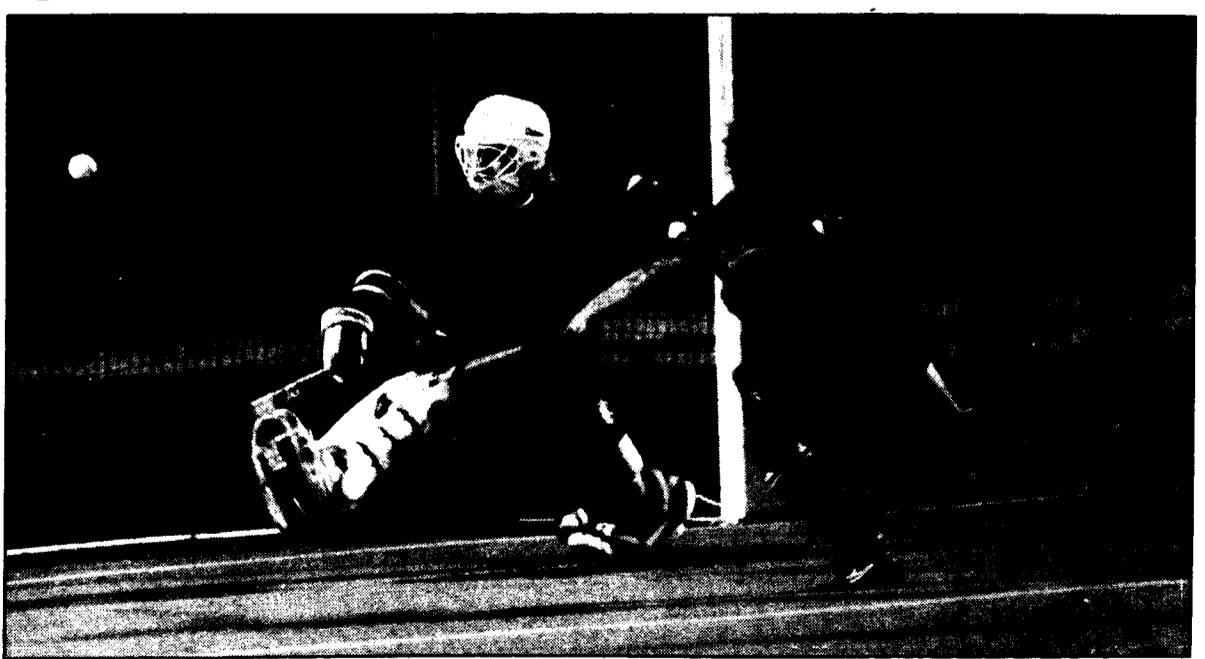
The 6-foot-2, 240-pound senior became Purdue's all-time leading touchdown rusher (33) against Ball State on Sept. 30 and needs 497 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher.

But nothing has come easy. After gaining 1,188 yards last season — the second-best Purdue total ever — Alstott and his roommate, defensive tackle Jayme Washel, started

pushing Alstott's Jeep Wrangler during the summer in order to build strength and speed. Alstott admitted it was out of the ordinary, but then again, so is he.

"They're going to get a major league fullback who can block and run and catch," Purdue Coach Jim Colletto said of people who have not seen the bruising fullback. Colletto added that Alstott's work ethic is "phenomenal" and that he has never seen the prized athlete loaf in his four years at Purdue.

"He's a guy who's fast enough to run away from people," Colletto said. "He's a good pass receiver, very rarely if ever has dropped the ball." Please see ALSTOTT, Page 20.



Penn State's Shelly Meister stops a shot on goal by Maryland's Kasey Heiser. Meister has 34 career shutouts in goal for the Lady Lions and is chasing the team record of 39.5.

Collegian Photo/Aaron Bandeli

wants to accomplish before her time is up.

"I definitely want to go to the Final Four with this team. This team deserves to be there because they have worked so hard and improved so much," she said. "I couldn't have asked to play with a better group of athletes or people."

While the school record may also be somewhere in her future, Meister said attaining it would only be a small accomplishment for her because it required a team effort. But it would still be an honor to be held in the same high regard as her

field hockey idol Brennan, she said.

Because of her mental strength and athletic abilities, Meister has gained a great deal of respect. Her teammates have recognized her as a main threat on the team and someone they look up to.

"She is the leader on this team," said sophomore Meghann Spratt. "Just her presence behind us is a big help."

Coach Char Morett has also praised Meister for her leadership qualities and her abilities to guide her young team.

"She takes control on the field

and off the field," said Morett. "If there's a time when I can't be on the field she steps up and she's very direct with what she needs the team to do."

While Meister said she can not take full credit for the team's success, she admits she has always tried to help keep her team together.

"The team has grown together and improved so much in such a short time," she said. "I'd like to think I helped it along but they've all worked hard to get where they are."