

On the Sidelines

A brief look at the world of sports

Scores

NHL

New Jersey 4, Detroit 2
Ottawa 4, Calgary 2
Tampa Bay at Chicago (n)
Dallas at St. Louis (n)
San Jose at Winnipeg (n)

NFL

Cincinnati 27, Pittsburgh 9

Schedules

PSU

Friday

Men's Ice Hockey

PSU vs. Duquesne at ice pavilion, 9 p.m.

Men's Tennis

PSU at Penn Classic

Women's Tennis

PSU at ECAC Championships

Women's Volleyball

PSU vs. Michigan at Rec Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Football

PSU at Iowa, 3:30 p.m.

Men's Swimming

PSU at Villanova

Men's Tennis

PSU at Penn Classic

Women's Tennis

PSU at ECAC Championships

Sunday

Men's Soccer

PSU at Michigan State, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis

PSU at Penn Classic

Women's Soccer

PSU vs. Wisconsin at Jeffrey Field, 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

PSU at ECAC Championships

Women's Volleyball

PSU vs. Michigan State at Rec Hall, 1 p.m.

NHL

Pittsburgh at Hartford, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at NY Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

In brief

Dolphins' Smith indicted for drugs

MIAMI—A federal grand jury yesterday indicted former Miami Dolphins running back Sammie Smith and five others on cocaine and conspiracy charges that carry a possible life sentence.

Smith, 28, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack and powder cocaine, seven counts of distribution of crack cocaine and two counts of distribution of powder cocaine.

If convicted, each count carries a mandatory minimum 10 years in prison and a maximum life sentence, along with a fine of up to \$4 million.

Authorities called Smith a "major player" in the Orange County drug trade. He was arrested Sept. 14 in the crime-ridden Orlando suburb of Zellwood.

Smith also is charged with possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking offense, punishable by a mandatory sentence of five years in prison.

In addition, Smith is charged in 19 counts with the unlawful use of a communication facility to promote drug trafficking offenses. Each count carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

Quote of the day

"I think TNT is still asking for their money back from that game, and I think rightfully so."

Drew Bledsoe

New England Patriots quarterback on his teams televised 37-3 loss to the Denver Broncos last Sunday.

Compiled from Collegian staff and wire reports.

Reverse roles for Lions, Hawkeyes

By BRAD YOUNG
Collegian Sports Writer

It will be a meeting of teams that have spent the first part of the 1995 campaign going in different directions.

Ranked No. 4 this preseason, No. 19 Penn State has plummeted to the bottom tier of the top 25 with two costly losses. Ranked among the unknowns this preseason, No. 18 Iowa has cracked the top 20 for the first time since the end of the 1991 season by beating up on a list of tomato cans that would make Peter McNeeley and Randall "Tex" Cobb proud.

The Hawkeyes are 5-0 (2-0 Big Ten) heading into Saturday's 3:30 p.m. Kinnick Stadium clash on ABC, but their wins have come over Northern Iowa, Iowa State, New Mexico State, Indiana and Michigan State. The combined record of those five teams: 13-17-1. So after triumphing over what he

Penn Stat VS. Iowa

Where: Kinnick Stadium
When: 3:30 p.m. EDT, Tomorrow
T.V.: ABC regional
Collegian Prediction:
Penn State, 27-20

Collegian Graphic/Matthew Zittel

charitably calls "average" opponents, Iowa middle linebacker Bobby Diaco said he would rather not be ranked at this point, would not like people pointing to the Hawkeyes as a legitimate Rose Bowl contender. If the team believes the hype, Diaco said, complacency will surely follow.

"If we start saying we're this or we're that or we're for real, we just can't afford to do that," he said. "It's only human nature to lax at

that point, and we don't want to do that."

If they do this Saturday, everything they've looked forward to for an entire year would be lost. Diaco said more Iowa players stayed and worked out in Iowa City over the summer than he had ever seen before, trying to wipe away the injury-wracked disappointment of their 5-5-1 finish last season. Apparently they have. Diaco said

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Collegian File Photo

Iowa tight end Scott Slutzker is brought down by Penn State's Jason Collins during their game last year. The Lions won 63-21.

MSU, Wolverines coming to town

By GEOFF MOSHER
Collegian Sports Writer

The Michigan State women's volleyball team finished seventh in the Big Ten last year. Without consulting David Copperfield, Harry Houdini or using a magic wand, Spartan Coach Chuck Erbe finds his Spartans riding high in first place midway through the season.

While Erbe needed not exercise any magic spells to conjure up victories, his top recruiting class in the nation made the losses disappear, and top recruit Jenna Wrobel has been the ace in the hole.

"She was the missing piece of our puzzle," Erbe said. "She brought an attitude of confidence that comes from having won a lot."

The No. 8 Lady Lions will face Big Ten Cinderella story Michigan (12-6, 6-2 Big Ten) at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Rec Hall. Tomorrow night, the Lady Lions (18-2, 7-1) do battle against Wrobel and the No. 7 Spartans (19-1, 8-0).

Wrobel will make her first appearance in Happy Valley tomorrow night in a Spartan uniform, and she's anxious to show her stuff. The Big Ten Player of the Week is enjoying the success and isn't feeling too much pressure.

"I don't know if there's pressure," she said. "It just feels like I'm doing what I'm trained to do. I just go out and play. I don't think about the future."

Wrobel's performance has caught the eye of many, including Penn State Coach Russ Rose. Wrobel's talent and improvement have made elites of a once mediocre team.

"She was a premiere outside hitter in the country last year," Rose said. "She's having a very signifi-

cant impact as demonstrated by her selection as Big Ten Player of the Week. She would be a starter at any school in the country."

Wrobel's presence elevates the level of team play, but stardom isn't getting to the young athlete's head. With Wrobel on the court, the young team plays like veterans.

"She doesn't play like a freshman," the third-year Michigan State coach said. "She has incredible physical skills and is a great athlete. She has brought those talents into a different environment. Her skills have blended very well with what we have here."

Along with sophomore outside hitter Veronica Morales — who led the conference in kills last year (5.06) — Wrobel has been responsible for the Spartan's dominance. Rose, exercising some hindsight, said the Lady Lions should be excited to host the conference's top team.

"Clearly, they're having a great year. They are one of the top teams in the country. They are a legitimate candidate to pursue the national championship. I picked Michigan State to win the conference and I haven't backed off. I would hope my players relish the opportunity to play such a fine team."

Being the No. 1 team hasn't fazed the Spartans as of yet; Erbe said the team takes winning day by day. The Spartans had potential to win big and are just living up to expectations.

"This team doesn't think about (winning), doesn't talk about it," he said. "We take it one match at a time. The position we're in is something we've planned for."

If the Lady Lions want to be ready for the Spartans, they'll have



Courtesy of Michigan State

Jenna Wrobel

playing like a veteran

to take care of Michigan first. The Wolverines, ranked No. 8 in the Big Ten preseason polls, have upset some teams this year.

They have defeated Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota — all ranked higher in the preseason. Head Coach Greg Giovanazzi said the team has matured since last year.

"I really think that last year, despite a poor record, we had a really talented group," he said. "When we look who we're ahead of, we believe we should be ahead."

Rose said his team must play solidly, but Giovanazzi still insists the Lady Lions retain the advantage.

"(The Wolverines) are going in with hopes that they can compete with the top teams in the conference," he said. "They have played well enough to be where they are, but not above."

Lion netmen heading to Penn for championships

By JERE GISH
Collegian Sports Writer

The men's tennis team will send three of its top players to the University of Pennsylvania Classic this weekend in Philadelphia.

Michael Carter, the Lions' No. 1 seed, and Colin Smeeton will compete in singles. The No. 1 doubles pair of Smeeton and Dale Cathell will enter the doubles competition.

The tournament will feature teams from Harvard, Dartmouth, Penn and William and Mary. Teams from the South and Midwest will also be represented. Lion Coach Jan Bortner said each team will send its top two or three players.

"It's going to be an elite field," Bortner said. "These will be the top players for each respective school."

The Lions are coming off a strong showing at the ECAC tournament two weeks ago, when the team finished fifth. Bortner said he thought it was a good boost for the team.

"I think they came out of it with good confidence," Bortner said.

Smeeton and Cathell posted doubles victories against Columbia and Penn. Smeeton said the wins over those teams were important.

"Anytime you beat an Ivy League, it's a big win," Smeeton said.

Smeeton and Cathell have

been the Lions' strongest doubles combination this fall, earning them the chance to compete in the Penn Classic. Smeeton thinks they can continue their success this weekend.

"I think Dale and I can do real well this weekend in doubles," Smeeton said. "It's a real good opportunity for us."

The tournament is an individual competition, not a team event like the ECACs. Smeeton said at individual tournaments, even though you are still representing Penn State, you are on your own.

"When you go as a team, it doesn't matter if you win as long as your team wins," Smeeton said. "But here if you lose, you lose. You have to win."

However, the players will still feel the support from their teammates. Smeeton said they will be rooting each other on.

"When I'm in singles I'll be rooting for Carter just as I'm sure he'll be rooting for me," Smeeton said.

The Penn Classic is also a stepping stone to the Rolex Eastern Regional in November. Bortner said that hopefully the players can do well in this tournament and go into the Rolex as seeded players.

"You're trying to get some good wins," Bortner said. "Ultimately, you want to be in a good position going into the Rolex."

Bortner said they have been working on serves, returns, and attacking short balls.

Battista goes for 200th career win as Icers face off against Duquesne

By JIM IOVINO
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Coach Joe Battista will be going after his 200th career win when the Icers face off against the Duquesne Dukes at 9:00 p.m. tonight in the ice pavilion.

Battista, who has been coaching the Icers for nine seasons, would be the first coach in Icer history to accomplish that feat if the team wins their season and home opener tonight.

"It's hard to believe that I've been here that long," Battista said. "It isn't me getting win 200, it's we, as there have been lots of volunteers and people behind the scenes that have been a part of our success."

Standing between Battista and that elusive win is Duquesne. The Dukes are coming off a disappointing 1994-95 season in which they finished 10-13-2.

A knee injury to one of their top offensive weapons, Bill Alsopp, hurt the team down the stretch last season.

The Icers beat Duquesne in the final game of the regular season last year, 14-0.

Battista said his team was pumped up before the game because it was the last of the season and had just come off of a disappointing 8-1 loss to Canisius five days earlier.

"Last year when we played them, we were playing at our best and clicking on all cylinders," Battista said.

"They were flat because it was the end of their season," he said of the Dukes' performance.

Duquesne lost several key defensive players to graduation at the end of last year, so Battista hopes to take advantage of their inexperience. "We want to forecheck aggressively," he said.



Collegian Photo/Betsy Blume

Penn State's Dave Raymer (11) pushes the puck past grounded Duquesne player Bill Frederick (4) during their game last season. The

two teams face off tonight at the ice pavilion for the Icers' first game of the season.

"We're going to try to put them on their heels in our offensive zone."

Penn State will be without two contributors on offense when they play tonight, sophomore Jeff

Adams and senior Ed Waryas. Waryas has been sidelined with a broken hand, which could keep him out of action for at least two more weeks.

Adams, who missed several

games last season with concussions, bruised his shoulder during practice on Tuesday and won't be ready for the matchup tonight with the Dukes.

The players, though, are anxious

to hit the ice for their season opener.

"It's Coach's 200th win possibility, so we're pretty pumped up about that," Icer captain P.J. Amodio said.