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Continued from Page 10. ended the NCAA Tournament feeling before.

"It was amazing," said Morett. "I was on the phone with people from B.C. and they are asking me what to do next."

"I said, 'Come on down here to play us.'"

While Morett continues to plead the Lions' cause, the committee must also toe the fine line of selecting bubble teams.

After this past weekend, several more bubble teams appeared on the map.

In the Northeast, both Northeastern and Boston University have legitimate claims for a position in the tournament. In the cluttered south, North Carolina, a team which has been in the top 10 in the nation, may have seen its tournament hopes and aspirations slip away when an up-and-coming Maryland team stole the ACC

# NCAA Field Hockey Tournament

**Teams Lying Flat (Top Seeds):** Penn State, Virginia, Old Dominion, Connecticut, Princeton

**Teams On The Bubble:** Michigan, North Carolina, Northeastern, Boston University, Boston College

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championship from the Tarheels. Coaches, players and prognosticators can talk all they want about brackets and bubble teams. But everyone must wait until tomorrow when the brackets come out. Play-

ers must be ready for anything.

"I definitely want to play at home," Penn State defensive back Traci Anselmo said. "But if we have to go on the road, we will stick together and be fine."

## Russian team impressed by lady cagers

By DAN GIGLER  
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Your home is half a globe away, you've spent most of the last week on a bus, and now you have to play basketball against one of the rising squads of the Big Ten.

That's the dilemma the Russian Select Team (Rossiyanka) faced as it headed into last Friday night's exhibition game with the Penn State women's basketball team at The Bryce Jordan Center. The Russian team is in the midst of a two-week, nine-game whirlwind tour of America. Heading into its game with the Lady Lions, Rossiyanka was 2-2, with wins over Iowa and Duquesne.

However, in Friday's game, Rossiyanka's play mirrored the current economic and political climate of its homeland — weak and unstable. The Lions controlled the game from the opening tip-off and never trailed, defeating the Russians 64-49 in front of a spirited home crowd. The Russians shot poorly, converting a miserable 19 of 58 field goal attempts and missed countless easy layups.

Speaking through a translator, Rossiyanka head

coach Pavel Nourazera said, "This game was our most unsuccessful of the tour." He said Penn State, if compared with the other teams Rossiyanka has faced, is, "the most well-balanced. I wouldn't name a weak point." He added that his team's interaction was affected by the size of the Jordan Center.

"We have no gyms of this size in Russia," Nourazera said. "There was so much space, the girls didn't know what to do."

Nourazera also complained about the fatigue his team was battling.

"It's a nightmare," he said. "Two days ago we had a 12-hour bus ride."

Following the game with the Lions, Rossiyanka continued its hectic itinerary with a trip to the University of Massachusetts for a game yesterday. Nourazera said he wished such tours would be organized differently, but said right now the team has "no choice."

Lion head coach Rene Portland conceded that the Russians' sloppy play made it hard to use the game as a barometer of her own team's performance.

"They're on the road, playing someone different every night," Portland said. "When it's this late in their tour, you can't judge how you did."

# Vols replace Ohio State at No. 1

By VITO FORLENZA  
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Just hours after then-No. 22 Michigan embarrassed then-No. 9 Penn State by shutting out the Nittany Lions 27-0, the Wolverines' counterpart to the north did them one better.

After trailing 17-3 early in the game and 24-9 in the second half to then-No. 1 Ohio State, Michigan State rallied to take a 25-24 lead on Sedrick Irvin's 3-yard touchdown plunge with 14:20 left, upending the Buckeyes 28-24 and readjusting the top five with a new No. 1 sitting atop the ranks.

**No. 1 Tennessee 37, UAB 13**  
The Volunteers improved to a perfect 8-0, their best start since 1956, and gained the top spot in the rankings for the first time in 42 years with a 37-13 victory over Alabama Birmingham. Tennessee coach Philip Fulmer, defending his decision to keep quarterback Tee Martin in until late in the fourth quarter, said his team needed to impress the pollsters. Tennessee rolled up 27 first downs and 447 yards of total offense in grabbing the eyes of the voters.

**No. 2 Kansas State 42, Baylor 6**  
In scoring on the game's final play with the Baylor home crowd booing, Kansas State also tried to impress voters in its 42-6 win. Coach Bill Snyder later said the score was a "bad choice."

But Kansas State extended its winning trend to 17 nonetheless, and gave Snyder his 75th victory at the university. Kansas State, which jumped to No. 2 in the AP poll, is now 9-0 — the first time the Wildcats have won their first nine games of a season.

The Wildcats can prove the validity of their ranking with a win next week against Big 12 foe No. 11 Nebraska.

**No. 3 UCLA 41, Oregon State 34**  
First it was Pac-10 weakening

Stanford that gave UCLA a tough time two Saturdays ago, a game in which the Bruins escaped with a 28-24 win. Then this week, the Bruins needed a late 61 yard touchdown strike from quarterback Cade McNown to receiver Brad Melsby to edge Oregon State in a 41-34 victory. UCLA, which also is perfect at 8-0, did not skip to No. 2 as some of its players said they thought the Bruins would.

UCLA, off to its best record after eight games since the 1954 squad jumped out to 9-0, takes on Washington Saturday.

**No. 4 Florida 45, Vanderbilt 13**  
Gator quarterback Doug Johnson threw for 460 yards and four touchdowns as Florida racked up 571

total offensive yards in routing Vanderbilt, 45-13. Florida is 8-1, with the only blemish a three-point loss Sept. 19 to No. 1 Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. The Gators take on South Carolina Saturday before traveling to Tallahassee, Fla., to take on Florida State Nov. 21.

**No. 5 Florida State 45, Virginia 14**  
Florida State absolutely dominated then-No. 12 Virginia in picking up coach Bobby Bowden's 290th win. The Cavaliers turned the ball over five times and netted just 96 rushing yards. Florida State gained 406 total yards of offense in enhancing its record to 9-1. The Seminoles take on Wake Forest Saturday before hosting Florida the following week for the state title.

## THE COLLEGIAN TOP TEN

No.	School	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Tennessee	30	2
2.	Kansas State	26	4
3.	UCLA	25	3
4.	Florida	20	5
5.	Florida St.	19	6
6.	Texas A&M	13	7
7.	Wisconsin	12	8
8.	Ohio State	11	1
9.	Arkansas	6	10

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