

# Lady Lions place 2nd

The Penn State women's golf team is runner-up at Bay Tree Classic.

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Carried on the shoulders of two stellar sophomores like a bag of irons and woods, the Penn State women's golf team snatched up second place at the Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree Classic at Bay Tree Golf Plantation in Myrtle Beach, S.C., this past weekend.

The Lady Lions, led by second-year players Cynthia Skilton and Katie Futcher, gained 13 shots on the field during play Saturday and finished in second place overall. The Lions crept back into contention after being stuck in eleventh place following the first round of play, finishing with a three-day total of 915.

The tournament field was comprised of 31 squads, making it the largest collegiate women's golf tournament in the country. Kent State won the tournament with an overall sum of 907 strokes.

Skilton and Futcher, who are roommates, provided the one-two punch needed to vault the Lions nine spots and earn respect at the tournament. Skilton fired a 78-73-75 over the three-day tournament to tie for sixth place, while Futcher carded a 227 for the event, good for a tie for eighth overall.

Skilton said she is happy with the way she played.

"I'm pleased with my play, but I think I can improve my putting," she said. "I can get better, but I think that I made a lot of progress over the summer."

The tournament also marked the return of Emily Marron to the Penn State family. Marron, who played for the Lions from 1994 to 1998, is the team's new assistant coach. Marron said her first tournament coaching experience was an opportunity to fill the

competitive desire that is still within her. "This is a different side of the fence now, and although I've only been at it a couple of weeks, I feel I'm coming along," she said. "This is a new challenge for me, and I'm still just getting my feet wet."

Marron also believes that her playing experience and the fact that she graduated just two years ago helps the current Lions to improve.

"I was just there," Marron said of her playing days, "so I can sympathize with the current players. I know what it's like to have to balance school, a social life and competitive golf, and I think I give them another ear to talk to."

Skilton said that Marron brings an important element to the team.

"She brings experience, she's been there before. She knows about what it takes to play great golf," Skilton said. "She's a great teacher and a great addition to the team."

Two of the things that handicap teams from the northeastern United States are the usually inclement weather and the travel necessary to get to the tournament sites, many of which are in the south or west. Skilton said that although the travel is difficult, it's the destination that counts.

"It can be hard to fight the plane rides, the travel time, but it's a thrill, really," she said.

Rosemarie Fuster, who carded a 231 and finished tied for 22nd with teammate Andrea Lavelle, cited some areas in her game that could be improved.

"I want to hit the ball farther because I'm not hitting the ball hard right now," Fuster said. "My short game didn't work so well this weekend either, so that needs some work, but I think I'm playing well right now."

Jamie McClain finished tied for 66th for Penn State, recording a final tally of 243.

The travel burden doesn't lighten up for the Lions. Next up for the squad is a journey to Minneapolis for the Lady Northern Invitational, a three-day event that takes place Sept. 29-Oct. 1, and is hosted by the University of Minnesota.

# Eagles grounded after loss to Giants

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PHILADELPHIA — Don't plan the Super Bowl parade just yet.

One week after dismantling Dallas and prompting comparisons to last year's St. Louis Rams, the Philadelphia Eagles got a dose of reality.

If Philadelphia sent a message to the league last week with a 27-point victory over the Cowboys, the New York Giants sent one back with a dominating 33-18 victory Sunday: the Eagles aren't quite ready to be contenders.

"We were not aggressive. We played hesitant football, almost afraid to make mistakes. You'll see this from young teams that have success," coach Andy Reid said Monday. "All the media attention and the hoopla, we're not going to use that as an excuse either. Good teams are able to blank all of those things out and eliminate distractions. The inconsistency between the two games is obviously not acceptable."

The Giants outplayed Philadelphia in nearly every facet of the game. New York shut down Duce Staley, limiting him to 11 yards, and pressured Donovan McNabb into hurried throws and ill-advised decisions.

After getting 425 yards in the 41-14 victory against Dallas, the Eagles were held to 237, with most of the yardage coming well after the outcome was decided.

Philadelphia went three-and-out on its first three possessions, and in four of five possessions in the first half. By that time, New York had a 20-3 lead.

"We played tight early. We played passive in situations where we're normally aggressive," Reid said. "You better not lose that temperament that got you there."

McNabb finished 19-of-33 with a touchdown and 214 yards, his first 200-yard game as a pro. But he was 2-of-10 for 37 yards in the first half when it counted most.

"There were times the receivers and I weren't on the same page," McNabb said. "There were times when we were on the



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The New York Giants were too much for Donovan McNabb and the Eagles Sunday.

same page, but they were covered. The Giants did a great job preparing for our formations. They had a feel for the routes we run, our formations and our protections. They were able to blitz, cover our hot guys and eliminate some of the things we do."

The Giants had a simple game plan: stop Staley and make McNabb throw.

New York's ability to contain Staley, who had 201 yards against Dallas, proved how vulnerable the Eagles are when forced to pass.

"It's a challenge to our passing game," said receiver Charles Johnson. "Even if Duce had 60 yards against Dallas, we knew they were going to stop the run. You have a young quarterback and they're going to test him. A defensive coordinator wouldn't be a defensive coordinator if he didn't do that."

Meanwhile, the Eagles' defense couldn't do anything to prevent the Giants from converting third downs. New York was 7-of-14

on third downs, which explained the nearly 2-to-1 differential in time-of-possession.

"We didn't come up with any big plays," said linebacker Jeremiah Trotter.

"We couldn't get off the field on third down. When they convert, you're not doing your job. Anytime you are on the field 49 or 50 plays in a half, you get worn down."

The Eagles, who led the NFL with 46 turnovers last season, didn't get any against New York.

After getting five sacks and giving Troy Aikman another concussion, the Eagles sacked Kerry Collins just once.

Despite the loss, some of the veterans found a few positives.

"Last week we were on the high, high end," Johnson said. "A lot of things will reveal itself this week. We lost a bad game and we played horrible. Now you see who really stands in your corner and who is beside you."

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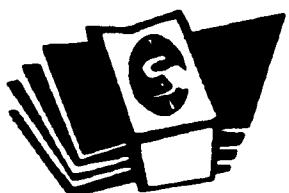
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