Lions excited for weekend exhibition



ice Eimer Collegian lan Hendries (12) goes for a kill against Springfield Saturday in Rec Hall's South Gym.

By Emily Kaplan COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

There are two things Max Lipsitz knows for sure about the men's volleyball team's opponent this weekend.

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'I know they're from Canada. That's definitely true," Penn State's senior co-captain said. "And I know VOLLEYBALL they're supposed to be arriving [today]. But that's about it. We real-

ly don't know anything. So when Laval University — a French-language institution located in the outskirts of Quebec City — comes to Rec Hall tonight for a Friday-Saturday exhibition double-header. there's not much the No. 9 Nittany Lions can prepare for.

But the Lions have embraced the challenge, calling the weekend a unique opportu-

Lipsitz said the team is excited to try out the new lineup it has been working on this week in practice, especially against top com²

"I keep hearing that they're a really good team," junior libero Dennis Del Valle said. "But the only source I've actually heard it from is [coach Mark] Pavlik. Then I guess all the guys kept talking about how good they were, and it kept spreading. It could be a rumor, I don't know.

Actually, Pavlik is correct. Laval, the topranked team in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) - Canada's equivalent of the NCAA — finished its regular season a perfect 18-0 and enters next month's championship with an automatic berth to the finals.

And the Rouge et Or are like no other team the Lions have faced. The CIS grants figure out what we need to do to get better." its athletes five seasons of eligibility. On top of that, athletes may compete for a year in a

professional league — something prohibited altogether in the NCAA — and be charged just one year of eligibility.

Setter Edgardo Goas said it is like Matt Anderson — a former All-American outside hitter from Penn State who left college one year early to play professionally - returning from his pro league in South Korea to play one more season for the Lions.

"It would be awesome if Matty could do that because he has probably learned so much from playing overseas." Goas said. Laval, they will have some players who are much older and have lots of experience. That is great for us because we will be tested and get to try out some new things and see how it works.

The main thing the Lions are focusing on is getting adjusted to their new lineup. After seeing a lack of production from the right side in the first month of the season, Pavlik spent this week shifting around some positions hoping to find balance.

Senior captain Will Price was most affected by the shake-up. The returning All-American moved from outside hitter to opposite, a position he has not played in more than a year.

Price has been working closely with Goas this week as the two try to develop chemistry on the right side.

Price said he and Goas have watched video together everyday but won't be able to see any progress until they actually test it out in a match.

"I don't care what language they're talking on the other side of the court," Price joked. "If they are the caliber of team that we are expecting, it's going to be great experience for us to go out there and play our game and

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This year, you break past patterns and also find a new way of enhancing your finances. Still, be careful with spending Try not to be too frivolous. You often find others to be combative and touchy Learn to turn the other cheek and not take comments personally. If you are single. on meet people with case. Your popu Remember to stay sensitive to your sweetie, if attached. A relationship is a two-way street. Don't lose sight of that fact. A fellow AQUARIUS reads you

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive: 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Zero in on what you want, and don't do anything halfway. Be clear about what you desire. Allow greater flow between you and others. You laugh, and another person shares something special. Don't feel challenged by someone's demeanor. Tonight: At the center of

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** You are on top of your game right now, and others seek you out. They want to hear your opinions and ideas. Be careful with a volatile family member Think positively about an offer. Clearly, someone looks up to you. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Reach out for an expert and find different solutions. Stretch past rigid thinking, and understand and empathize with others. Your light style can bein avoid a confrontation. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Hanging out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Deal with one person directly

You don't always need to use your funds and assets. Allow someone else to pitch in. You could see a situation differently if you lie back more and allow someone else to take the lead. Tonight. Opt for togetherness. 1.EO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You could be much angrier than you realize. If you find yourselt easily triggered by a partner or friend, look within. How long have you been keeping your feelings in? What is your objective here? Ultimately, expressing yourself it

a gentler, more effective manner works well. Tonight: Defer to someone else. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Take it easy and just focus on one item at a time. You will accomplish more and become less frustrated. What is proportion, it that you complete every mportant is that you complete everything you must. Accept a co-worker's suggestion. Tonight: Start the weekend

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Your imagination often has no limits. Realize what is happening with a friend who could be very hostile. The real issue is. What do you want to do reat issue is, what do you want to do about it? Perhaps being gracious and just letting go could be important. Tomphi: Let your hair down. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might not understand why a boss is so demanding You could wonder about what needs to happen within a friendship Create greater give-and-take between you and this person. Focus on your security. Tought, Happily heading

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** A dialogue is enlightening and hets you know, finally, where someone is coming from. You could be more tired than you realize Slow down if a meeting or get-together feels like too much. Tonight Nap and then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Someone could be difficult and

tired. Logic simply might not work. Don't be surprised by a temper tantrum. You realize how frustrated someone really is through his or her reaction. A ges-ture could make all the difference Tonight: Treat yourself

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Reach out for others, though someone's sarcasm could set you back. You don't need to take this person's comments personally Rather, stay on top of your game, and let go of this person's semi-insulting style. Tonight: As you

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Work with one other person at a time. You could feel that a co-worker is pushing you way beyond your limits Practice using the word "no" and establish better boundaries. You could be quite

much-needed personal time BORN TODAY Author Charles Darwin (1809), 16th U.S. esident Abraham Lincoln (1809), actor Lorne Greene (1915)

tired and drawn Tonight: Take some

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