



### LINEUP

#### MLB

Washington at Philadelphia 3 p.m., CSN  
 Boston at Minnesota 4 p.m., ESPN  
 Pittsburgh at San Francisco 10 p.m., FSP  
**NBA**  
 Miami at Philadelphia 7 p.m., CSN

#### ON THE WEB

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#### WOMEN'S TRACK

### Record-setting run paces Penn State

Fawn Dorr broke her 400-meter hurdles record Saturday at the Sun Angel Track Classic at Arizona State.

#### WOMEN'S TRACK

### Field, 800-meters highlights for Lions

Ryan Fritz got his first victory of the season in the high jump at the Sun Angel Classic.

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

### Foley paces Lions to 2nd-place finish

Kevin Foley won this weekend's Robert Kepler Intercollegiate golf tournament, while the team finished second.

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

### Spartans top Lions in close matches

Three of the six matches Sunday went to the deciding third set, but Michigan State bested Penn State 6-1.

#### WOMEN'S RUGBY

### Keystone Cup title last prep for playoffs

The Lady Rugger nabbed a trio of wins this weekend to prepare them for nationals next weekend.

#### CLUBNETTES

### PSU dancers notch team-record finish

The Penn State dance team recorded the best finish in its history this weekend, taking third at nationals.

#### CLUB SPORTS

### Boxers take third; gymnasts dominate

A pair of Penn State boxers took bronze this weekend, while the gymnastics teams enjoyed success in Texas.

#### OUR THOUGHTS

#### PGA

### No better champion than Woods' rival

Could there have been a more fitting champion to a Masters with storylines dominated by Tiger?

His arch rival, Lefty, slipped his arms through the sleeves of the Green Jacket for the third time.

Better yet, his wife and family were waiting beyond the 18th green to share the memory.

#### TRIVIA

#### PGA

**Q: How many left-handed golfers have won the Masters?**

**Friday's answer:** Jack Nicklaus was 46 when he won the Masters in 1986.

# Flyers claim playoff spot

By Dan Gelston  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Boucher couldn't make the stops. He opened his arms wide as a blue line and let all the FLYERS in. Danny Briere was first with the celebratory hug. Claude Giroux joined the mob that swarmed Boucher. The Flyers needed three periods, overtime and a thrilling

shootout in the 82nd game to make the playoffs. Might as well go wild.

Boucher stopped Olli Jokinen on the final attempt of the shootout to send the Philadelphia Flyers into the playoffs while eliminating the New York Rangers with a 2-1 victory Sunday.



Giroux

"I think everybody on the bench was thinking about that last shot that he stopped," Briere said.

"That was a big rush for us on the bench. I can't imagine what it was for him."

The final game of the regular season felt more like Game 7 of a playoff series. Win and

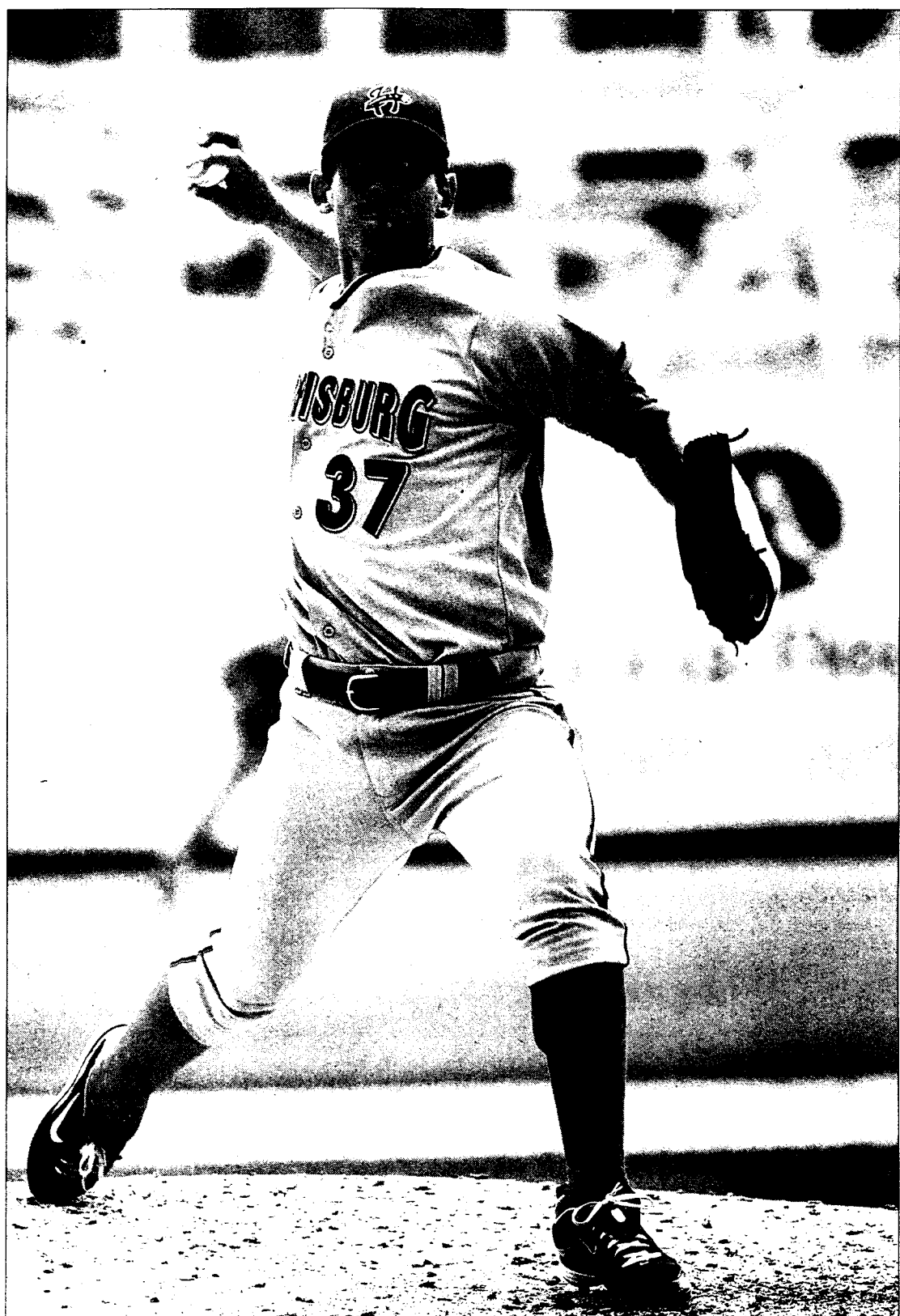
advance, lose and go home.

The Rangers and Flyers felt 65 minutes of pressure in a game with postseason atmosphere, starting with the scalpers hawking tickets up and down the streets into the Wachovia Center.

"Hopefully we can do something with our lifeline here and use the excitement and euphoria from this win and from our last little stretch of games here to propel us and do good things here in the playoffs," defenseman Chris Pronger said.

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Flyers

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Rangers



Harrisburg Senators pitcher Stephen Strasburg delivers a pitch in Sunday's Double-A game against the Altoona Curve. Strasburg, last year's No. 1 overall pick, went five innings in his professional debut.

# Fans admire bumpy debut

Former No. 1 overall pick Stephen Strasburg struck out eight in his debut.

By Jared Shanker  
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

ALTOONA — The roller coaster that sits beyond the right field wall symbolized more than a Sunday afternoon of family fun at Blair County Ballpark.

It stood as a metaphor for highly touted pitcher Stephen Strasburg's debut as a member of the Washington Nationals, pitching for the Double-A affiliate Harrisburg Senators in a 6-4 win against the Altoona Curve.

In the first inning, Strasburg retired the first two batters before allowing a double and an RBI single. He retired the next eight batters, striking out five of them, often with fastballs that frequently touched 100 mph.

In the fourth inning, Strasburg ran into trouble again with help from some lackluster fielding. A should-have-been double play was mishandled by the Senators' Michael Martinez and allowed the inning to continue. Strasburg couldn't work out of the jam, allowing two singles and three runs — all unearned — to score in the inning.

"There was a lot of anticipation for this outing," Strasburg said. "I went out there from the get-go and I knew I was moving a little too quick out there. I was able to settle down and keep the team in the ballgame."

A crowd of nearly 8,000 — almost doubling opening day's attendance — See STRASBURG, Page 10.



Penn State senior Casey Rohrbaugh competes in the NCAA regionals on Saturday at Rec Hall. The Lions finished third, one spot short of qualifying for nationals.

# Lions fight to finish

By Jake Kaplan  
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In past meets, the team might have simply melted down.

Not this time. Though the No. 14 Penn State women's gymnastics team placed third in Saturday's NCAA regional championships at Rec Hall, and in turn failed to qualify for nationals, the Nittany Lions finished their season fighting hard. And though Penn State had to watch as No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 11 LSU celebrated their nationals' berths, the Lions

battled early falls in two of their four events and handled the pressure.

"I think they can hold their heads high for the effort they put in and the effort all year," Penn State coach Steve Shephard said. "They worked their butts off all year."

When Penn State competed on the uneven bars in the third rotation, the competition with LSU for the second-place spot was neck in neck. It appeared the Lions might have encountered a setback when freshman Madison Merriam, the second Penn State gymnast in the uneven bars See FINISH, Page 10.

# PSU fails to advance

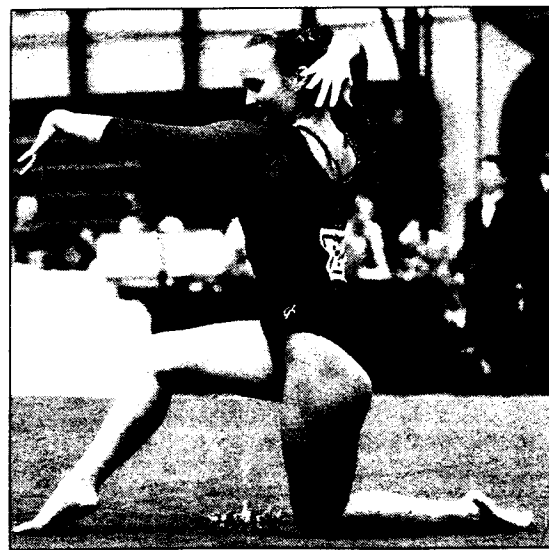
By Jared Shanker  
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The stage was set for the Penn State women's gymnastics team.

The NCAA regional championships were at Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions had their normal event rotation. And for the first time all season, LSU, the Lions' main competition, received a fall from the No. 3 all-arounder in the country, Susan Jackson.

Instead, as the announcements were made as to who would be moving on to the NCAA national championship later this month, the Lions waited for a call that never came.

The Lions' 196.050 score was good enough for only See THIRD, Page 10.



Senior Brandi Personett performs her floor routine in Saturday's NCAA regional championships at Rec Hall.