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Bourchier leading Lions into opening weekend

By James Nicol COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team is hoping to bounce back from a disappointing season on the shoulders of Eddie Bourchier.



Collegian File Photo Bourchier chases a ball last year.

Bourchier begins this fall tournament season as the No. 74player the in ranked Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason

rankings. MEN'S Bourchier fin-**TENNIS** ished last season ranked No. 102, compiling a 15-7

record, including a 5-4 mark against ranked opponents.

Bourchier is the lone senior on a young men's tennis team composed of only three other upperclassmen.

He hopes to make an impression on some of the younger players after being selected as the team captain for the upcoming 2010-11 season.

"It brings its different challenges, guys look up to me a lot I think, so I mean I've always got to be doing the right thing, stuff like that," Bourchier said. "I'm looking forward to taking it on."

The team will get its first chance to test itself this weekend when it travels to the Princeton Fall Invitational in Princeton, N.J. This is the first opportunity for the players to compete in match play and learn about their play from opponents.

Sophomore Bryan Welnetz is one of the younger players hoping to have success as a team in Bourchier's final season.

"I think after seeing how well he did last year, it's just gonna raise all of our levels," Welnetz said. "He's a senior and we know

it's his last year here so we don't want to disappoint him as a team.'

Head coach Todd Doebler said the team focused on improving fitness during the summer and also this fall.

He hopes this fall tournament season will be a good chance for the team to build up fitness and toughness.

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> **Eddie Bourchler** senior

hard and play well in singles and doubles. Last year we had a lot of success there. I think the guys are looking forward to competing,' Doebler said.

"The first tournament in the fall always shows us a lot and helps us know what we need to do better in practice."

Bourchier advanced to the semifinals in singles last year at this tournament, while he and teammate Jason Lee won the doubles title and return this year hoping to defend it.

Among the teams competing this weekend are three teams — Columbia University, Cornell University and Binghamton

"I want them to go, compete University - which finished among the top 75 last season. The University of Buffalo, the defending Middle American Conference (MAC) champions, will also be in Princeton to play Penn State this weekend.

> "I want to make the most of it and really try to build on the good year I had last year," Bourchier said.

> "For the team, we didn't do quite as well as we hoped to, so I think that's gonna be another thing I'm looking forward to and another good challenge for us, so I'm definitely looking forward to the year."

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Lions hoping to gain experience from season opener

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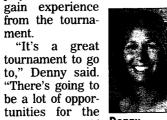
The Penn State women's tennis team is entering its first tourna-

ment of the season with an aura WOMEN'S of confidence. TENNIS The Nittany Lions travel to

Midland, Texas for the Midland Invitational

Tournament this weekend. This will be the first chance for the team to compete and test itself in thing is just a lot of match play for match play against opponents. us right now."

Head coach Dawna Denny is glad the team has the opportunity to play this weekend and is hoping to



tunities for the Denny kids, but I would say the biggest

ment.

Sophomore Petra Januskova enters the tournament as the No. 81 ranked singles player in the ITA preseason rankings. Januskova was ranked as high as No. 66 last season before she missed the last month of the season with a stress fracture in her right foot. She was the first Penn State women's tennis player to be nationally ranked since 1997. Januskova said was a little surprised to see herself ranked so high in the preseason, but Denny believes the ranking is

well deserved. "I think coaches know that she

"It's a great tournament to go to." Dawna Denny women's tennis coach

is a legitimate player and she deserves it," Denny said. "It was unfortunately she was injured last year but, she definitely deserves to be in there.'

Marie-Frederique Bedard and Carmen Sandor join the team as freshmen from Canada and are optimistic that the team will be able to perform well this year.

"I think we are going to be a really good team," Bedard said.

Transfer Fernanda Perrota will also be joining the team from the University of Arkansas for her junior year. Denny said her time in the SEC should bring experience to the young Penn State team.

"She's been in high pressure situations before," Denny said. "So I think she definitely has some past experiences she could share with the team."

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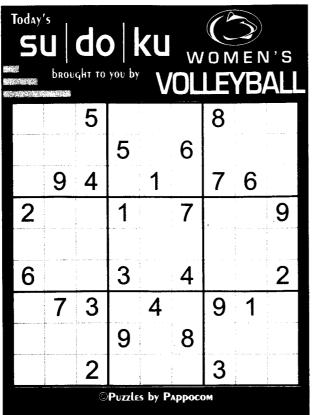
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ual level. Tonight: A close encounter

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 2010

This year, you might be more creative and open than in recent years. You attract people and relationships like you are a cook flipping pancakes. Clearly, your life presents many unthought-of options. If you are single, the question is not whether you will experience a romantic tie but who will be your choice for that type of relationship. If you are attached, you gain a new perspective on your sweetie. Together you are quite the force to be dealt with. CAPRICORN can be more fun than many other signs.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Keep reaching out. You will want to digest different ideas and get to the basis of a problem. How you handle

a matter and the end results could be dynamic. Look to meetings to help create even better ideas and/or gain more sup-

pert for yours. Tonight: Try a new spot GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** A partner always plays a strong role in your choices and actions. A

discussion points to a new direction. Investigate your options with a greater awareness of the impact you have. Deal

directly with each person on an individ-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ******** Allow greater creativity, and with it perhaps more spontaneity and fun. Let your sense of humor emerge. Many **** Tap into your instincts, and you won't go wrong. Because of your unusu-al ideas and processing abilities, you might need to take the lead. Others canpeople seek you out, trying to find out what really is on your mind. Schedule a late lunch as the day merges into the not represent concepts that they don't have a full grasp of. Tonight: A must

weekend. Tonight Let your hair down. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You night want to anchor in and complete a project. Clearly, your sense of invitine will belt direction will help you with associates. You find that everyone is more optimistic than in the recent past. Tonight: Keep conversations moving. Visit with those on your nath home

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your imagination knows limits, and you feel more in the mood to share than you have in a while. Others share their flights of fancy as well. See what gives between you and another person. Tonight: Making the most of the moment, people and fun. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Be aware of the costs of continu-ing on your present path. You might want

to attempt another form of getting down to basics with those close to you. Encourage a brainstorming session. Tonight: Treat yourself; treat others. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Allow greater creativity into your thinking. You can be very dry and logical, which works most of the time. Why not be frivolous and a little more creative? See the ideas that trigger from being involved with a full-on brainstorm ing session? Tonight: Talking up a storm. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You might want to understand

more of what is going on within before jumping to any conclusions or making a decision. The less said and the less done right now the better. Don't delude yourself about a financial matter. If your pro-cessing is on and you see a green light now, it will be there later. Tonight: Take some personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

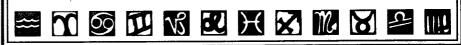
**** Meetings point to a new direc tion. You see a situation in a different light. Know that anything is possible, especially if you can gain a key person's or two's support. Know what works for you. Emphasize what is positive within immediate circle of friends. Tonight: Christen the weekend. TGIF!

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Choreographer Wade Robson (1982), author Ken Kelsey (1935), actress Anne Bancroft (1931)

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explaining what you thought was impos watch the whole plan unfold. Tonight: Even works.

***** Defer to others and under-stand the dynamics between you and another person. You have the ability to reach out for new information and ideas Just give up rigid thinking, and you'll open up to a broad base of opportunities. onight: So many options ..

4-Positive:

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) $\star \star \star A$ steady pace and understanding can help you. You know what the possi-bilities are; pick and choose your priori-ties. A partner comes through for you, matchick under your thought you impos-