

PSU Club hopeful, but not making plans

By JOHN HOINSKI
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The Wilkes-Barre Penn State Club will not be planning any special activities for the Lions' national championship game against Miami on Friday night. But that doesn't mean they will not be celebrating if Penn State captures the title.

"We are in the stages of tentatively planning a Valentine's Day party on February 13 or 14,"

said Penn State Club president Atty. Ed Hosey. "But if we win the game, we are going to see if we could tie the two events together."

The local club didn't get to do any celebrating last year when the Lions lost the championship to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. But they did in 1982 when Penn State won its first national title by beating Herschel Walker and the University of Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

"We had a real nice time that year," Hosey said. "There were about 125 people here (the

Hayfield House on the Lehman campus) and everyone enjoyed themselves. We showed highlights of the season, we had a big cake with 'Penn State No. 1' on it and had some Penn State players here to cap things off.

"Harry Hamilton (Nanticoke) was here, Bob Ontko (Wyoming Valley West), Al Harris (Wyoming Area) and there were a few others, too."

Don't look for the club to hold any blow-out, keep-the-Alka-Seltzer-on-hold type of affair this year, however, should the Nittany Lions win their second title in the last five years. That is

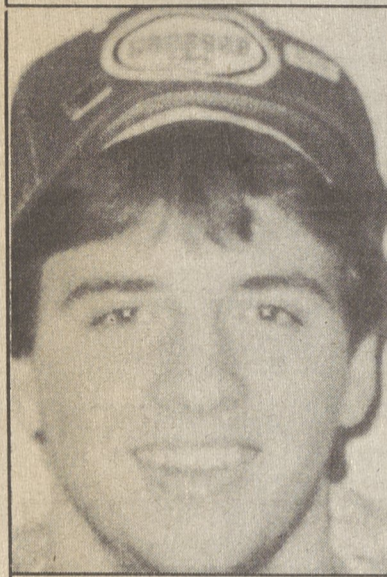
not their style.

"You will find all that down at the main campus. We like to think we'll be a little more mature," Hosey laughed. "Our club is basically comprised of older people (non-students). That last party was really a very pleasant night. We all had a good time."

Of course all of this will have little meaning, though, unless Penn State can find a way to stop Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde and the rest of the Hurricanes.

Penn State students predict Fiesta score

(Here are the predictions of the final score by five Penn State University (Wilkes-Barre campus) students on the outcome of the national championship between the Nittany Lions and the University of Miami scheduled for Friday night.



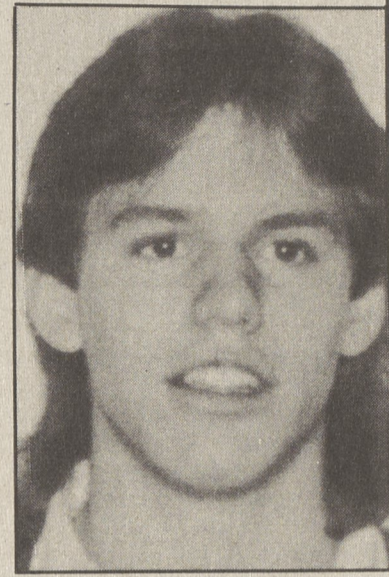
PETE URBAN, 19, Swoyersville Penn State, 24-10
"Because of Penn State's defense."



TOM CHIWEGO, 21, Swoyersville Penn State, 30-10
"Shaffer (quarterback John) is gonna have a big game and because Penn State always does well against Heisman Trophy winners."



GINA HUMMEL, 19, Sweet Valley Penn State, 17-10
"Penn State had a winning season and they do well in bowl games."



KEN MARKS JR., 19, Hanover Township Penn State, 24-10
"Penn State will close down the Miami aerial attack. It will be a game of defense."

Lady Knights cagers drop two contests

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights dropped their last two games, losing to Meyers 65-48 and earlier last week to Crestwood 63-45, both times put down by their high scorers.

In the Meyers game, Cindy Wasilius hit for 32 points and in the Crestwood game Becky Cooper and Cassie Hudock for a total of 38.

"Our offense played well in both games but in the second quarter it seemed our intensity dropped off. The big girls on the opponents teams are too much for our kids. When there's too wide a spread, we don't have the big players so it becomes an up hill fight to close the gap.

"With every game our girls are making progress and with a little more experience, they'll be capable of taking any of their opponents," said Coach Joe Martini.

In the Meyers game, Meyers went ahead to lead 32-20 at halftime but in the second half the Lady Knights rallied to play the Mohawks fairly even. Janene Kasarda was high scorer for Lake-Lehman with 22 points, scoring 10 of them in the third period. Jachimowicz added 10 points for the Lady Knights.

The Lady Knights stayed close in the first half in their game with Crestwood with Debbie Levi dumping in 15 of her 22 points. Kasarda added 12 points for the Back Mountain girls but the Comets big Becky Cooper

teamed up with Cassie Hudock overpowered the shorter Knights.

"Our girls have trouble adjusting when they play against a team with height," said Martini. "They have to get more experience in using precision and selecting their shots. That's coming along and with a few more games under their belts, there will be a big difference."

The Lady Knights were scheduled to play Tunkhannock and then Central Columbia during the holiday week. Martini said both teams are comparable to the Lady Knights and said if his girls played up to their potential, the games could go either way just as the opening game with Northwest which the Knights won.

CYC cage league begins

The Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center is still accepting teams in its Teenage Basketball League to be played on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and

its Teenage Indoor Soccer League to be played on Monday evenings.

For more information contact Ed DeMichele at 823-6121.

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Black Knights defeat Crestwood

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The Lake-Lehman boys' basketball team ran its record to 2-1 during the past week when it defeated the Crestwood Comets 51-50 in overtime but lost a hard fought game, 48-46, to a much bigger Meyers team.

"Our kids played a great defensive game and our offense had the shots but didn't put them in the basket like they should. We had a seven point lead in the second quarter but Carl Houck picked up three fouls and we had to sit him out until the half," said Coach Roger Bearde.

When Houck went out of the game, the Mohawks ran off nine points but the Knights fought back and tied the score 19-19 at halftime.

Bearde put Houck back in the game part way through the third period but the big Knight fouled out in the beginning of the fourth quarter which hurt the Knights.

"In the second half Meyers Pete Tarutis really hurt us. He teamed up with P.J. Ashton, who pulled down some key rebounds and handed them off to Tarutis. Tarutis scored six points in the final seconds of the game."

Lenny Annetta played a good game for the Knights and came close to leading the Knights to a win in the final minutes of the game. He drove the baseline and hit for two points then made a foul shot to put the Knights within reach of Meyers. They brought the score to 46-44 but Tarutis made two foul shots to give Meyers a 48-44 lead. Annetta scored another basket but timed ran out with the game ending 48-46.

Earlier in the week, the Knights played a tough defensive game with only five boys in

the entire game.

"Our defense was outstanding," said Bearde, "but they were sloppy on offense and their ball handling was terrible."

The Knights took an early first period 12-9 lead and held the edge the entire game. Houck played a strong inside game for the Knights and in the second quarter he dominated scoring 10 of his 20 game points.

Lake-Lehman outplayed the Comets until the final minutes of the game when the Comets took over and controlled the pace. They had plenty of chances at shots but couldn't put the ball in the basket which prevented them from getting better than a 44-44 tie.

Baseball group sets meeting

Back Mountain Baseball Inc. will conduct a meeting on Monday, Jan. 5, 1987 at 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion.

All managers, coaches and other volunteers of girls softball and Little League hardball (majors, minors and T-Ball) are asked to attend.

Managers and coaches are reminded that coaching positions must be re-applied for at the January, February or March meeting for the coming season.

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