

# Sports

# Advantage Lions

## NHL Playoffs

### Patrick Division

**Washington Capitals vs. Philadelphia Flyers-** Going into last night's action, this series was tied at two games apiece as these division rivals split their home games. The first three games of this series were typical tight-checking, low scoring games that were decided by one-goal. Game Four on Sunday was the first one-sided game of the series, as Philly jumped out to a 5-0 lead and went on to win 5-2.

The winner of this series will play the surprising Pittsburgh Penguins, who used balanced scoring, solid defense, and the sound goaltending of Tom Barrasso to sweep the New York Rangers, 4-0.

### Adams Division

**Boston Bruins vs. Buffalo Sabres-** Thanks to two Cam Neely game-winners, the series returns to Boston with the Bruins on top, 3-1. Despite entering the playoffs with an eight game regular season winning streak against the Bruins, the Sabres have been unable to translate their success into the playoffs. After dominating Boston in Game One, 6-0, the Sabres have been outscored 13-4 since the middle of Game Two.

The winner of the series will play the Montreal Canadiens, who disposed of the Hartford Whalers in four games. Three of the games were decided by one goal, with two of those being overtime games.

### Norris Division

**Detroit Red Wings vs. Chicago Blackhawks-** Despite winning the regular season division title in the weakest division in hockey, the Red Wings are finding that the tables have turned in the playoffs. Fourth-place Chicago has taken a three games to one lead on the goaltending strength of Alain Chevrier. The winner will play the winner of the St. Louis Minnesota series.

**St. Louis Blues vs. Minnesota North Stars-** The Blues have taken a 3-1 lead over the inept North Stars, although two of the St. Louis wins came in overtime. The North Stars avoided elimination on Sunday night when rookie Don Barber scored with seven seconds remaining in regulation. The winner moves on to play Detroit or Chicago.

### Smythe Division

**Los Angeles Kings vs. Edmonton Oilers-** After splitting the first two games in L.A., the Oilers have taken control of the series by winning two straight at home. The Oilers have used their playoff experience and team depth to take a 3-1 advantage, winning two of their games in the third period. The winner will take on the Calgary-Vancouver winner.

**Calgary Flames vs. Vancouver Canucks-** The surprising Canucks have matched Campbell conference power Calgary blow for blow in what many thought would be a Flames sweep. Home ice has not made a difference so far, as the teams split at the Saddledome and in Vancouver. The survivor will go on to meet the L.A.-Edmonton winner.

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Coach Michael Grignol summed up the last two victories for the Behrend Men's Tennis team by simply saying, "The guys are playing well."

If you don't believe Grignol, then just ask Thiel College, who found out the hard way last Thursday on the Behrend courts. The Lion netters triumphed 8-1, as Bill Schmitt, Shawn Crago, Chuck Keenan, Todd Hiller, and Chris Benton all won their singles matches in straight sets. In doubles, Crago-Karl Pearson, Dave Hogle-Steve Moyer, and Robert Jackson-Rick Brooks all posted wins.

On Saturday, the Lions posted their most impressive victory of the season by defeating the Westminster Titans 5-4. Schmitt raised his singles tournament record to 5-0 by defeating Westminster's Brad Jones (6-2, 7-5). Other singles winners were Shawn Crago (4-6, 6-1, 6-2) over Mike Condron and Steve Smith (6-4, 6-7, 6-4) dropped Andy Marsh.

In the doubles matches, Crago-Schmitt prevailed (6-7, 6-1, 6-4) over Jones-Mike Condron while Dave Hogle and Smith took care of Marsh-Shawn Six (4-6, 6-4, 7-6).

One of the keys to the victory was the performance of the Lions after losing the opening set. "Crago and the two doubles teams hung in there after losing the first set" to go on and win their matches. "Their were five three-set matches and we won four of them," said a pleased Grignol.

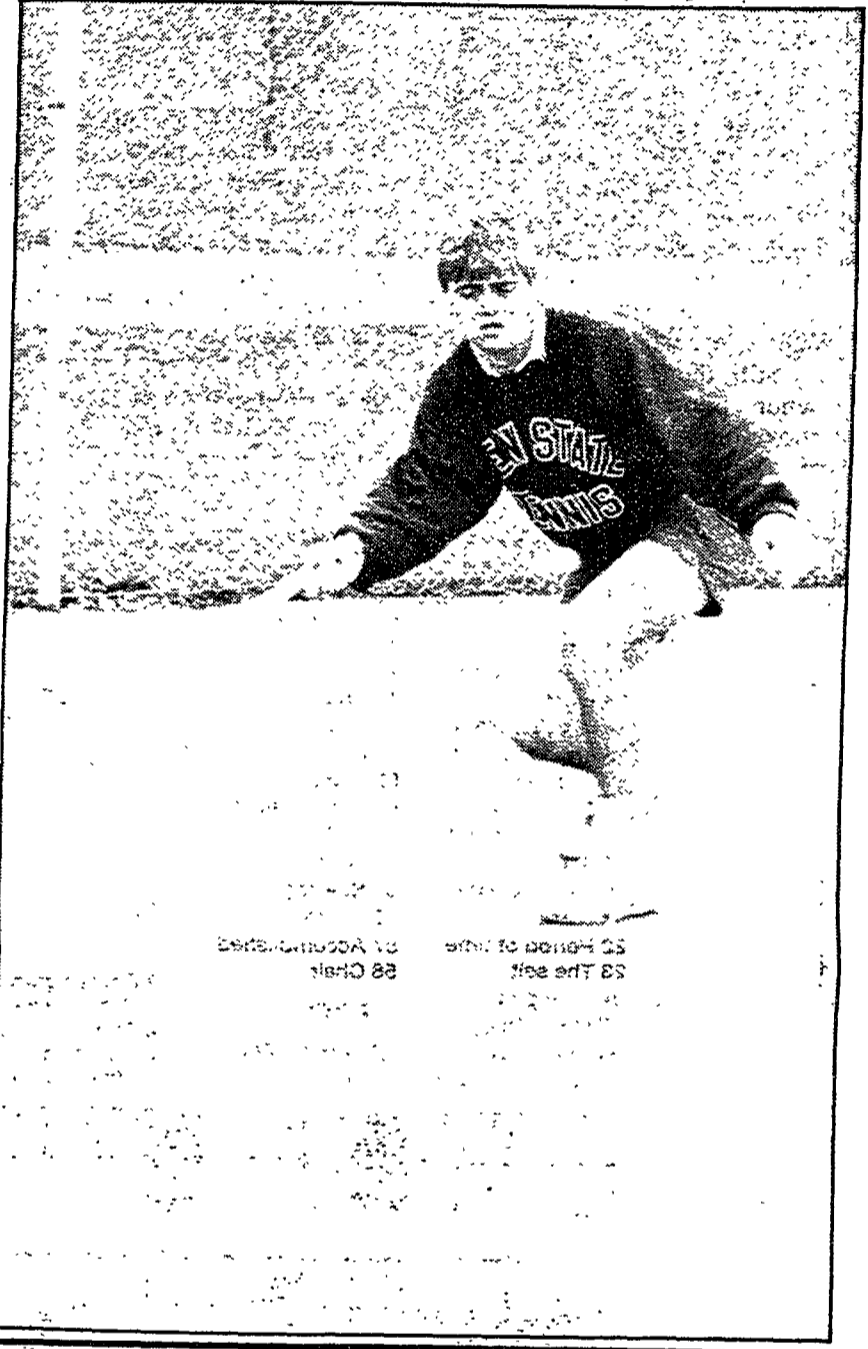
Grignol was also happy with the play of Smith. "Steve Smith could have been down, but he came back from his Thiel loss to win two three-set matches."

Grignol also stressed the

importance of the win as a sign that his team is vastly improved over last year's squad. "Last year we lost to them, 8-1." Grignol also noted that Westminster returned five of their top six.

After losing two of their first

three matches, the Lions are now riding a two match winning streak. "Mental toughness and being calm under pressure" have helped the Lions to win the tight matches. "Everybody's playing good. Its all coming together."



The Lions' Shawn Crago returns a shot during their 8-1 thrashing of Thiel College. Photo by Ken Anderson

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