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LOOKING FOR AN OPENING... split end Jay Hooks heads downfield in the Hens 27-20 loss to host Lehigh University on Saturday. The

loss broke Delaware's 14 game winning streak and dimmed the Hens hopes for a bid to the Division I-AA playoffs.

Hens outplay Lehigh but lose 2-1

By JIM HUGHES

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - The Hen booters were tagged for their second loss of the season Saturday, when they were defeated by the Lehigh Engineers 2-1.

For Delaware it was the same story: outplaying the opponent, but ending up on the short end of the score.

"I think it's the best game we played so far," said Coach Loren Kline, "everybody played well. I don't know what else we could have done."

Against Lehigh, the Delaware defense virtually shut down the Engineer offense, only to have two fluke goals find their way past goalie Dave Whitcraft.

Lehigh's first score came four minutes into the second half, when Delaware defenseman Kent Arnold tried to head an arching Lehigh pass out of the goal box, but ended up knocking the ball into the net instead.

The play marred an otherwise solid performance turned in by Arnold and his defensive companions, as they clamped down on the Engineer's explosive forward Robert Buckheit.

The second Lehigh goal came seven minutes later when Brian Coville rolled a shot to Whitcraft's right. The goalie punched the ball away, whereupon midfielder Geoff Daras hustled in and attempted to clear the rebound out of the box. The clearing shot hit the goal-post, and rolled directly to the right foot of

Coville, who put the ball past a lunging Whitcraft.

"That goal was a gift," Kline said.

Lehigh's only other legitimate scoring threat came with 7:37 remaining in the game, when Buckheit got a lob pass over the Hen defensemen, and broke downfield for a one-on-one confrontation with Whitcraft. The freshmen goalie challenged Buckheit, and forced the forward to rush his shot, which Whitcraft subsequently blocked with his body.

"I just knew what I had to do," said the 6-3 Whitcraft, "in that situation you have to get your body in front of it."

In the Hens offensive theater, John Petito, with less than 50 seconds gone in the game, relieved a Lehigh defender of the ball, and placed a left-footed shot past goalie Hugh Klein. The goal extended Petito's game scoring streak to three, and left the Hens hungry for a rout.

"That was a big break," said Kline, "after that the tempo of the game was ours. It looked like it was only a question of time before we'd break it open."

Unfortunately the time never came, as the Hen offense created a myriad of scoring opportunities, which usually ended with goalie saves or shots over the cross bar.

Even the Delaware late-in-the-game-quick-score-offense failed to produce the way it had against Haverford last

week.

With 13 minutes remaining Kent Arnold lofted a shot from the left wing that headed for the upper right corner of the net. However, Lehigh goalie Klein made a spectacular effort and punched the ball away. Five minutes later Jimmy Oster knocked a

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Stickers bow to number one Penn State

Dominate statistics but lose anyway

By MARTINA QUILL

The women's field hockey team was the victim of a surprising turn around Thursday as they out-ran, out-shot and out-played Penn State, then lost 1-0.

The Blue and Gold dominated the whole first half of play. The speed was there and so was the aggressiveness. Delaware moved the ball downfield well, with a combination of overall skill and balanced playing.

According to center link Karen Stout, Delaware exhibited the best hockey they've played all year in the first half. "We played aggressively and most importantly, we challenged the ball," she said.

Both teams went scoreless until halftime. Yet it was obvious that Delaware held the edge when play resumed. The Hens were constantly attacking the ball and forcing Penn State to make mistakes.

Yet 15 minutes into the se-

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Engineers score in final minute

Lehigh stuns Hens

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

All it took was a few mistakes.

A fumble, an interception, a missed coverage and the Hens were saddled with a 27-20 defeat at the hands of rival Lehigh.

The Hens had staged a fine comeback to take a 20-13 lead in the fourth quarter. The Engineers then tied the score at 20 until with 25 seconds left in the game the roof fell in on the Hens.

Delaware had the ball on their own 33 yard line and were faced with a third and 33 situation when coach Tubby Raymond called for Delaware's potent counter criss-cross. Gino Olivieri took Rick Scully's handoff then tried to hand off to junior Kevin Phelan heading the other way, but it was not meant to be.

Phelan fumbled the handoff and one play later Engineer quarterback Larry Michalski buried the Hen's hopes by hitting split end Mark Yeagar 33 yards downfield for the touchdown.

"We lost a game we could have and should have won," said Raymond. "There were just too many turnovers... interceptions and fumbles... costing us a chance to win it and then to get out of here with a tie."

The Hens started out well enough coming up with three points on a 21 yard K.C. Knobloch field goal on the second Delaware possession. The 6 play, 44 yard drive was keyed by a 27 yard Pete Gudzak sprint up the middle to the Lehigh five yard line, but Phil Nelson dropped a

Scully pass in the end zone setting up Knobloch's field goal.

From then on Lehigh controlled the first half behind Michalski's strong right arm. Michalski started off inconsistently—at times over-throwing open Engineer receivers but he found his touch in time to lead Lehigh's offense.

"I had to go out (of the game) for a series because I got my shoulder banged up," said the junior quarterback, "but on the sidelines I had time to get myself together and when I got back in we began clicking."

Michalski led a 40 yard drive hitting his favorite target, Yeagar, for 14 yards and tight end Tom Nickles for 12 more before connecting with Yeagar again for the touchdown on the same play that worked for the gamewinner.

"It was pretty much the same play on the first and last touchdown," said Yeagar. "I saw I could take advantage deep so I just took off and Larry (Michalski) read the play and threw a great pass."

Ted Iobst added 36 and a 39 yard field goals to bring Lehigh to a 13-3 halftime lead. Only one of Rick Scully's 10 first half passes was caught, but that one was grabbed by Lehigh defensive back Joe Macellara setting up Iobst's second field goal.

"I just didn't throw the ball well," said Scully "We settled down some in the second half but..."

Delaware did settle down in the second session and eventually took a 20-13 lead into

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Review photo by Terry Bialas

BATTLING IT OUT is Delaware's right link Kathy Hudson in Thursday's narrow 1-0 loss to first ranked Penn State. The Hens outshot the Lions two to one but still came up on the short end of the score.

Harriers down Rams

By DEBBIE FRANKEL

Even though the course was muddy, Delaware's cross-country team easily defeated visiting West Chester 16-45 in Saturday's meet.

Matt Kelsh and Pat Gahan tied for first with a time of 26:07, setting the record for Delaware runners over the Polly Drummond 5.1 mile course.

Hen runners John Wehner and Matt Patterson sprinted past West Chester's Tim O'Brien to tie for third in 26:26.

Altogether, Delaware runners took eight of the top ten spots.

According to Pat Gahan, keeping up with the record-shattering pace was difficult on the muddy course.

"It was pretty tough," said Gahan. "It hurts running that second loop, but I just hung on to Matty (Kelsh) and we came in together."

The race for third place proved to be the meet's most exciting. Until the last half mile of the meet, West Chester's O'Brien was running third behind Kelsh and Gahan.

Then, Delaware's Patterson sprinted by O'Brien to take over third. Wehner then followed suit catching and passing O'Brien. According to Wehner, at that point he turned to Patterson and said, "What do you say, Matt, do you want to bring them in together?" That's exactly what they did.

All of the Delaware runners knocked seconds off of their

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header toward the upper region of the goal. But Klein tipped the ball over the crossbar. Finally, with three minutes left, Ed Thommen chipped a pass to Ken Solon who headed a shot on goal. Result: Klein pounces on the ball before it rolls across the goal line.

FOOT NOTES: Whitcraft was credited with nine saves ... Petito now has seven points on the season ... Hens take on ECC rival Rider on Wednesday.

previous course times. Senior John Yasik, running in his last home meet, ran his best time ever.

Next week Delaware hosts Bucknell, last year's ECC champions, in one of their toughest meets of the year.

According to coach Charlie Powell, the team is ready for Bucknell, and looking forward to the meet.

"Our only problem would be the mental attitude that we haven't beaten Bucknell in four or five years," Powell said. "If we have a crowd like at this meet, with people screaming, it may help us pull it off against Bucknell."

According to Delaware's number three runner, Wehner, the Bucknell meet is a case of wanting to rectify things after last year. In the teams' last meeting the Bisons soundly defeated the Hens.

"I'm up for Bucknell," said Wehner. "I feel real good, and the team looks better than I've ever seen it look before."

The Delaware-Bucknell meet will be Saturday at 12 noon on the Polly Drummond Road course.



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FLICKING TOWARDS GOAL is left inside player Carol Miller on this penalty corner action versus Penn State. The Hens had 15 penalty corners in the contest in comparison to the visitors

...stickers lose to Penn State

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cond half, Brenda Stauffer scored for the Lady Lions. The shot was not clear, springing somewhere from the chaos in front of the cage.

Back at the face-off the Delaware players had not relinquished the battle. For the remainder of the contest the team played brilliant hockey but failed to score.

The Hens out-shot Penn State by a two to one ratio. Penn State goalie Jeannie Fissinger had some excellent saves. Fissinger's competent presence in the cage contributed greatly to the shut-out.

The lady stickers also received 15 penalty corners in comparison to Penn State's seven.

"We had so many scoring opportunities, where we would bring the ball all the way down the field and then

lose it in the circle," said Stout, commenting on Delaware's failure to score.

"It's just frustrating to play your hearts out and know you're playing better than the other team and not win," Stout said.

According to head coach Mary Ann Campbell, this was the team's best performance to date - "We were challenging, and moving to the ball much more quickly. We weren't allowing them time to set up an offensive."

"We took good appropriate shots, their goalkeeper did a heck of a job," Campbell added. "We applied pressure the entire time, keeping a quick stick on the ball. It could have gone either way."

"It really points out the cruelty of field hockey. In the statistics the game will be recorded as lost. Somebody in the mid-west will see the

score of 1-0, and to them it's just another loss.

"But everybody on the team gave more than 100 percent, and what more can you ask for?" Campbell concluded.

The Hen stickers meet Glassboro today at 3:30 at the Fieldhouse. The team also meets 10th ranked Maryland at home on Thursday at 3:30.

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