

Hens take on Minutemen

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

The 1980 Delaware football season has taken on a new perspective.

Gone are the hopes for an undefeated season that blossomed after the convincing win over Temple, always the main stumbling block in the Hen's efforts for a perfect season. Those lofty goals were dashed on the Taylor Stadium turf when Lehigh handed the Hens a frustrating 27-20 loss last week. That loss left coach Tubby Raymond the job of avoiding a similar collapse when the Hens travel to Amherst to take on the University of Massachusetts.

"We became too conscious of Mark Yeager," said Raymond of the team's

coverage on Lehigh's fine split end. Yeager nailed shut the Delaware coffin in the final minute with a game-winning touchdown reception. "We had him double covered but we did not pick up the men in the flat," (where Larry Michalski completed almost half his passes).

But Raymond explained that the coverage problem was not the sole culprit in Delaware's breakdown as "15 other things happened, any one of which could have lost a game," including penalties at crucial times for holding, clipping, unnecessary roughness, holding, and pass interference. Raymond cited two dropped passes and of course the final

fumble that set up the winning Engineer touchdown.

Now the Hens are faced with a key 1AA matchup with the Minutemen of Massachusetts. UMass is currently ranked in a tie with Lehigh for third in the 1AA poll and Delaware is ranked tenth.

"We are in a must-win situation," said split end Jay Hooks, "I don't remember being under this kind of pressure since I've been here. We are backed up against a wall now."

The wall is certainly a unique situation for Delaware, as before the Lehigh game they had run up a 14

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MOVING DOWNFIELD is Hen center link Karen Stout on a breakaway. The Hen stickers beat Glassboro 4-1 Tuesday.

Player Profile

by Jim Hughes

Petito equals offense for Hens

The crowd chants "Johnny P., Johnny P.," and the 5-7 forward responds by dancing the ball on his left toe, weaving through a throng of defenders, and blasting a shot on goal. Welcome to the John Petito show.

"I just let things happen," the sophomore forward said of his play on the soccer field. "I don't try to control the offense, that's Charlie Dielmann's responsibility. If a ball is to the side I just try to run over and help out."

Coach Loren Kline couldn't be happier when that happens. "He's a strong one-on-one player," said Kline, "I like to see him get the ball and go one-on-one."

But despite being the soccer team's primary offensive threat, Petito is a midfielder at heart, which often causes him to drift back and help the Hen defensemen.

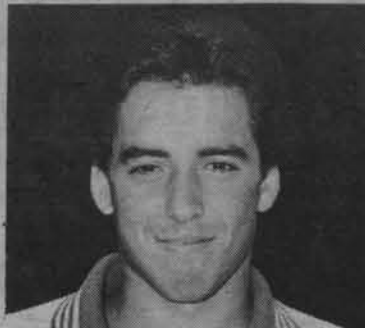
"Sometimes I get bored up front," said the forward from Newark. "When the season first started I was supposed to be center halfback, but I got moved up to the front line."

Kline noted that indeed he has a dilemma—"John's good at distributing the ball, but I also think he's capable of scoring goals."

Petito has certainly proven the latter, by scoring three goals in Delaware's last three games. However, the forward believes he should have twice

that number and that he hasn't "taken advantage of a few opportunities."

Nevertheless, Petito's scoring abilities have earned him the job of designated penalty-shot-taker. The role is nothing new for the versatile booter, as he banged in 13 penalty shots in as many attempts for Glasgow High School.



John Petito

"I'm still a little nervous," said Petito about taking penalty shots. "The first thing I think of is what corner to shoot at. Then I usually fake one way and kick the other, that way you get the goalie to make a step. Otherwise you have to make a perfect kick."

Petito's skill with the soccer ball is apparently the result of having learned the game in the backyard of his grandfather's house in England.

"I lived in England six years," he added, "my Dad was in the Air Force and was stationed there."

"During that time we got up a team of American kids at the Air Force base, and played in an English league."

Petito obviously honed those English-bred skills, as a number of colleges made him offers, including a half scholarship from Elizabethtown, as well as offers from Rider and West Chester. His decision to remain home was based on Delaware's winning tradition, and the players he knew from the team.

But while Petito's talent may be worthy of Britain's lofty soccer standards, his size is usually the first thing people notice.

"It's probably to my advantage because people play me light," said the 140 pound forward. "They don't expect to see me scrapping for the ball. Besides, I don't let the size affect me."

Besides playing outdoor soccer in the fall and spring and indoor soccer in the winter, Petito also plays tennis, follows every sport from football to hockey, and is a physical education major.

"I hope to become a high school gym teacher and soccer coach," said Petito, "and later a college soccer coach."

Stickers win second Dump Glassboro, 4-1

By MARTINA QUILL

The Hen stickers bagged four goals to visiting Glassboro State College's one, winning Tuesday without so much as ruffling their feathers.

Delaware took the lead 15:00 minutes into the first half. The goal was scored by sophomore Sharon Wilkie, her fifth of the season. Wilkie has proved to be an invaluable offensive component of the squad.

Junior Carol Miller tallied for the Hens with 24:32 elapsed in the first half. Miller, also an offensive powerhouse, is tied for top scorer with Wilkie.

The Delaware defense shut Glassboro out for the entire first half of play. Anne Brookings, a transfer student from West Chester, deterred many potential Glassboro goals.

According to head coach Mary Ann Campbell, the Glassboro team played quite well. Campbell, in her eighth season, said, "The Glassboro team played an aggressive game in comparison to other years."

After half time, the

Delaware offense again came to view with Wilkie at the helm. The quick forward scored again 12:30 into the second half. Wilkie's goal was a coach's dream. She flicked the ball high, throwing the Glassboro goalie off balance. The ball found a high inside corner of the net.

According to Wilkie this strategy has worked several times. "It's an option that works well on corners. The defense rushes out on the hit and if you pull the ball to the left you erase the danger of flicking into someone or being called for a penalty," said Wilkie.

"The goalie comes out of the cage on a corner to cut the angle of the offensive drive, which leaves the net open for a score."

Glassboro came to life and forward Sheila Howard scored with 29:50 elapsed in the final half. Carol Miller scored again with 31:50 away in the game to seal the Delaware win.

According to Miller though, the lady Hens did not play their best game Tuesday.

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CHAAAAARGE... Hen fullback Hugh Dougherty looks for running room against Lehigh. In the game Dougherty carried the ball for 122 yards.

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"We definitely didn't play as well as we did against Penn State," she said. Motivation probably contributed to the loss, Miller added.

"Glassboro is a Division III team and even though good teams always try to play their best, it (a letdown) may have been there sub-consciously," said Miller. "But all teams have highs and lows."

Although she is a leading scorer, according to Miller setting up goals is more enjoyable than scoring them. "Anyone can push a goal in once it's down there, but I like the passing game."

According to coach Campbell, the team did not play up to its potential - "We needed a tighter offense and defense. The aggressiveness of the offense and defense needed more strength also."

This was the 75th win of Campbell's eight-year coaching career at Delaware.



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MOVE IT says senior co-captain Patti Wilkinson as she attempts to dribble past this Glassboro State defender in the Hens 4-1 victory.

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