

Stickers roll past Rutgers

By DELLA MYERS

Putting three goals past the host Rutgers squad while allowing only one, the women's field hockey team downed the Scarlet Knights to raise their record to 5-2-1.

A 2-0 half-time score was enough to carry the lady stickers safely through the second half. The final goal served to ease the pressure in the closing minutes of play.

Rutgers took the offensive first, but when play returned to mid-field, senior Debbie White picked up the ball from the right outside position and took it in for a near score. Rutgers retaliated, but the game remained scoreless.

The first goal came at the 5:35 mark of the first half. The Rutgers defense fouled in the striking circle, allowing the Hens a short corner. White, taking the corner, passed to sophomore

Sharon Wilkie, who lofted a high flick into the top left corner of the goal cage.

The two teams again swapped periods on attack, until West Chester transfer Anne Brooking smashed a free hit nearly the full length of the field. The drive set up a rush on goal that earned the squad two more corners.

The second corner proved successful. Karen Stout hand stopped Susan Samuel's pass, and Brooking drove the ball into the net. With 23:33 elapsed in the first half, the score stood 2-0.

"I think if you get a solid hit and a good stop, the handstop can be a very effective shot on goal," said Brooking.

Coach Mary Ann Campbell added, "That was our third corner handstop

goal. It takes hours of practice to perfect that timing. I'm glad to see it beginning to pay off."

At 1:15 into the second half, a drive by Rutgers' Bev Roberts, soaring up and over the heads of both defenders and attackers, landed in the cage, bringing the score to 2-1.

"The shot was high, but it was not by anyone's head," said Campbell. "I think that is what the officials had in mind. It could have been called either way (dangerous or good)."

The Hens dominated the offensive again for some time. Rutgers intercepted however, and moved down the field. A Rutgers handstop shot got past the Delaware goalie, but right defensive back Patti Wilkinson stopped the ball just in front of the cage, preventing a score.

Hens to face Wildcats

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

Now, with the toughest two weeks on the schedule behind them, the Hen gridders return home to good ol' Newark for good ol' homecoming.

After losing in the last minute to Lehigh, then reversing roles and defeating Massachusetts the same way last week, the Hens will face 6-0 Northern Michigan tomorrow at Delaware Stadium.

The Wildcats, ranked number two in the Division II poll, feature a potent pass offense led by senior quarterback Phil Kessel. Kessel's passing constitutes most of the Northern Michigan offense, so it's pretty obvious what coach Tubby Raymond is putting emphasis on as his troops prepare for tomorrow's air attack.

"We'll place the emphasis on the passing game this week," he said. "We'll work on the rush — we want lots of pressure and a lot of coverage."

A lot of coverage, which at

times has not been up to snuff this year, will mean changing and disguising coverages to make life a little rougher on Kessel and his "more sophisticated pass offense."

"We know that they'll throw the ball a lot," said defensive co-ordinator Ed Maley, "but in a way that presents less problems for us to defend because they are not a balanced attack. On the other hand, there is more risk involved."

The risk being replays of the 95 yard touchdown pass-play the Hens surrendered in the Morgan State contest, or the last minute touchdown Mark Yeagar of Lehigh beat the Hens with.

The other difference in the Hen pass defense besides the secondary setups will be the pass rush. Without the threat of a running attack the Delaware defensive line hopes to tee off with Kessel being the target.

"We're just going to blast through the line and destroy," said tackle Ed

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Review photo by Neal Williamson

GET HIM... Delaware's defense, led by linebacker Will Rutan and Ed Braceland move in on the University of Massachusetts quarter-

back. The Hens will meet Northern Michigan in the homecoming game tomorrow.

Maryland overpowers Hen spikers

By KAREN STOUT

Visiting University of Maryland combined a power game with an excellent defense to overpower the Hen women's volleyball team 15-5, 15-9, 15-12 on Tuesday night. The loss put Delaware's overall record at 15-6.

After a convincing Terrapin victory in the first game of the match, the Hens put up a tough fight in the second contest. Led by the serving of Donna Methvin, Delaware pulled to within one point of the visitors midway through the game.

The Terrapins, however, knocked down any hopes for a Hen comeback with their power game.

"They cut off our offense because their blocking was so good," said Methvin.

Coach Barbara Viera agreed with her sophomore middle hitter. "They were tall and strong blockers and therefore our offense was shut down. We couldn't hit our kills down at the angle and they just dug them up."

However, in the final game of the match, Delaware adjusted to the playing style of their taller counterparts by hitting the ball over the Terrapins' heads and deep into their court.

The Blue and Gold jumped to an early 5-0 lead behind the spiking of Methvin, the blocking of Karen Johnson and the serving of Pam Chorely. Maryland, however, came back to score eight unanswered points prompting a Delaware time-out.

The Hens rebounded with three straight points forcing an 8-8 tie, but the visitors took charge at this point, reverting to the power game that they had utilized so effectively earlier in the evening.

"The improvement of the scores shows that we did adjust as the match went on," said

assistant coach Paul DeMico.

Despite the loss, Viera did not feel that her spikers played poorly. "I felt the match could be closer. We moved well on the court and our passing was fairly good."

In addition, Viera commented that the Hens made more errors than she would have liked.

"We were limited in our attack. We weren't getting good third hits and we made too many service errors, especially against a team like Maryland," explained Viera.

Methvin led Delaware with 11 kills and two service aces. DeMico was pleased with Methvin's serving in that she did not commit any errors.

"That is exceptional for her because of her powerful serve," said DeMico.

Senior tri-captain Carolyn Mendala contributed five kills to the Hen cause.

Kills, according to Viera, were a rarity for the Hens on the evening. "We had very few kills per number of attempts. They dug up our spikes and made very few errors."

"We didn't hit the ball out of bounds or into the net much," said DeMico of Delaware's spikes.

The Hens will host a 16 team tournament this weekend at Carpenter Sports Building. The tournament features 10 Division I schools along with six Division II schools.

Delaware will face North Carolina State on Friday night at 6 and Princeton at 8:45. Their final match of pool play will come against New Haven at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

"We are in the toughest pool mostly because we wanted to play NC State and New Haven," said Viera.

"If we get out of our pool we may have it easy for the rest of the tournament," said DeMico.



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HEEEEEERE IT COMES. Senior Tri-captain Kris Maley goes up to block this Maryland spike. The Terrapins swept the Hens Wednesday at Carpenter.

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Braceland, who was named ECAC defensive player of the week for his effort at Massachusetts last week. "I talked to Mal (Maley) and Billy (Hen interior defensive line coach Paul Billy) and they said we could just blast across the line, so I know I can beat them."

Braceland was also named defensive player of the week after the Temple game and has now collected 22 solo tackles and 20 assisted stops. He called last week's blocked punt and subsequent touchdown "the biggest play of my life."

The Hen offense would like to take the opportunity to do some destroying of their own. Although they have been scoring, the Hen attack has not done the cakewalking Delaware fans have been accustomed to.

"I'm not satisfied with our offense at all," said Raymond. "The line is not playing as well as it can and we lack precision. We lack the long ball."

For his part, quarterback Rick Scully has put points on the board with nine touchdown passes, but he needs to improve on his .466

completion percentage.

"We could explode at any time," said the junior quarterback. We're definitely on the way up and if we all execute well we could blow anybody out."

Meanwhile, in the Wildcats the Hens face a team with a solid defense much like the UMass squad they were up against last week.

"It's one thing after another," said Raymond, "but I guess there's no rest."

The 'Cat's enter the contest giving up just 188 yards a game defensively. The Hens average 224 yards per contest running the ball in Raymond's Wing-T attack.

Points after: Kessel's statistics are staggering. He has connected on 59 percent of his 35 passes per game for 1402 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The Hens moved up to the second spot in the Lambert Cup balloting behind Lehigh, who handed the Hens their lone defeat against four wins... Traveling expenses for the UMass game were furnished by the Readers Digest Travel and Research Fund.

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"I was thinking the score is 2-1, and I better stop that ball," Wilkinson, a senior tri-captain, said. "It was up to me."

Although displaying several skillful teamwork maneuvers, the Hen offense was unable to capitalize on occasional weaknesses in the Rutgers defense.

At 24:28 into the second half, the officials called a time out for a Rutgers injury. Play resumed and Rutgers made their last major challenge, earning two consecutive corner calls. A solid shot off the second was blocked by goalie Elaine Pomian. Rutgers deflected the ball out of bounds, and Delaware took a free defensive hit.

The final score of the contest came with only 1:15 remaining. Wilkie took the ball down field past two defenders and the goalie.

"Regardless of the fact that we were winning it was still a close game," said Wilkie. "We needed a third goal to take the pressure off of us and insure a win."

The junior varsity game, a contest between two undefeated teams, ended in a 1-1 tie. The junior varsity Rutgers defense had previously not been scored against until Barbara Brown scored. JV goalie Theresa Rapposelli blocked a penalty stroke to preserve the tie.

In the follow-up game to the U.S. Olympic squad contest with Australia, the Hens will confront arch-rival West Chester at 9 p.m. on the artificial turf of Franklin Field in Philadelphia. The same setting last year saw Delaware downing the Rams 4-1 in front of 4,000 fans — the largest audience ever for a field hockey game in the United States.



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