

Rams edge arch-rival Hens, 1-0

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Philadelphia -- The women's field hockey team suffered a bitter 1-0 defeat at the hands of arch-rival West Chester at Franklin Field Friday night.

The Hens failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities, a problem that has plagued them all season. Although, the lady stickers had 18 shots on goal compared to just five for West Chester, Delaware just couldn't seem to find the net.

West Chester's lone goal came off the stick of Donna Partin with 3:31 remaining in the first half. It was Partin's first score of the season.

The goal occurred after Delaware received two penalty corners down at West Chester's cage. A shot by Anne Brooking was blocked and then another shot went wide of the goal.

West Chester then moved the ball downfield on the offensive. The drive by Partin was pushed over the line, through a crowd of players. Delaware goalie Elaine Pomian never really had a chance on the shot.

The Hens battled the remainder of the first half, but was unable to score. At the end of the first half Delaware's center link Karen Stout and Margie Carter of West Chester had a jarring head on collision which knocked Stout unconscious. Once revived she played the rest of the game.

"It was a very physical game" said head coach Mary Ann Campbell. Kathy Hudson a forward on the Hens squad received stitches when a stick split her forefinger.

The second half of the game was dominated by the Blue and Gold. The Hen stickers had control of the ball and were overpowering the West Chester defense, yet the offense could not score.

Junior forward Carol Miller had a beautiful flick at the goal which looked as if it was sailing in untouched for a score. However the ball landed on top of the cage sagging in the netting.

Towards the close of the game Delaware finally did put one into the cage but the goal was disallowed as the refs claimed a Hen offensive forward had interfered with the West Chester goalie.

"The goalie was down," said West Chester transfer Ann Brooking, "but it was clearly a judgement call that could have gone either way."

First year head coach Sue Lubking pointed to the fact that the Golden Rams man-to-manned Delaware scoring ace Sharon Wilkie as a factor in the win. "I just feel great that we did win," said Lubking who had only one previous win under her belt this season. "We were up mentally and our goalie did an outstanding job," she added.

"They attempted to cover Wilkie man to man last year also," said Campbell. Wilkie scored all 4 goals in Delaware's triumph last year. "The reason we lost this game is we were not challenging or moving to the ball. We've played on astro-turf before and its been to our advantage," added Campbell.

"We didn't play our game till 10 or 15 minutes were left in the second half," said Brooking. "We didn't go to the ball or take control the rest of the time."

Senior Susan Samuels pointed out the Hens are a more controlled team than West Chester. "We let them play their game of long drives instead of ours which consists of quick short passes," she said. "Their goalie had a great game too," added Samuels.

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so many mistakes.

"It's hard for me to believe that after six games we could fumble snaps; set up wrong. We were making spring practice errors out there today."

Even so the Hens were still in the game until Mike Dellangelo swept around right end for the final 'Cat touchdown. Kessel kept the 7-play 60 yard drive going when

he found McCune on third and nine on the Delaware 36 yard line. The play was good for 27 yards.

"That one broke our back," said Hen coach Joe Purzycki. "It was just a well executed play."

In fact Kessel and company executed well enough for Raymond to think nothing could go right.

"I'm surprised the wind

didn't change on us," he said.

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