

Sports

Stickers advance in tournament

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

The Delaware field hockey squad took the first step to a national championship Wednesday by trouncing Iowa 3-0.

The stickers got two goals from Debbie White and another by Carol Miller in the national championship first round in Edwardsville, Ill. The Hens outshot the Jayhawks 27-4 and upped their record to 10-5-2.

"We've had a lot of shots all season," said White. "Now they are just going in. We should have been this way all season."

The lady Hens, who are seeded sixth in the tournament, faced Connecticut yesterday in a match that pairs old rivals. UConn beat Old Dominion 3-2 in their first round contest Wednesday in a stroke-off after the squads were still tied after double overtime.

"They are a rough, physical team," said center link Karen Stout. "They are going to want it bad. We beat them two years ago in the nationals and they'll remember that."

Whether UConn remembers the past loss or not, what will probably decide the game is the Delaware offense that can be explosive.

"We were able to put the ball on net when we got it in the circle," said Stout. "If we can keep doing that we will be very tough to beat."

White's first goal came at 18:20 of the first half when Sharon Wilkie fed a perfect pass to her in the circle. The Jayhawk goalie was forced to come out of the net to cut down the angle and White lifted the ball past her. White scored the second Hen goal unassisted at 33:50 of the first half.

"It was really just a good pass from Sharon," White said of her first goal. "I cut in on the goalie and I got lucky. It just dribbled in."

The big surprise of the tourney came when Cal State Berkeley upset fourth seed Ursinas. Another key game was played yesterday between number two seed Penn State and seventh seed Cal-State Long Beach. The winner of that matchup will face the winner of the Delaware game today.

UConn is 14-2-6 and is the third seed for this tourney. Earlier this season the two teams played to a 2-2 tie.

"We do know the team and we will be prepared for them," said Miller. "They are a control team like a good soccer team."

Stout, however, was somewhat more enthusiastic.

"Now I think we are going to win it all," she said.



Review photo by Neal Williamson

YANK... cornerback Mark Howard pulls down a Maine running back while George Schmidt closes in, during the Hens 35-6 romp over the Black Bears.

Hen seniors prepare for last game

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

There was something unique about the Hen's preparation for Youngstown State this week.

While coach Tubby Raymond put his squad through their paces with pretty much the same drills he has used during his 15 years as Delaware coach, one fact looms large in his player's lives. For many of them, this is it. The last hurrah. The final curtain call.

You see, unless a miracle

occurs and either Lehigh is upset by Lafayette or a portion of the highly ranked 1AA teams self-destruct, tomorrow's contest with Youngstown will mark the end of the college careers of the "winningest" senior class in Delaware history.

"They (the 21 seniors) have shaped the success here," Raymond said. "As sophomores we had the near miss (in the division II finals). Last year was the championship and we have an

enviable record this year."

The 8-2 record is enviable but this group of seniors is used to much more. The loss to Lehigh in the Hen's fourth game has remained the major obstacle in Delaware's road to the playoffs. In division 1AA only four teams are invited to the post-season tournament, leaving Delaware the odd man out.

"Unless something drastic happens (like a Lehigh loss) it looks like we're just wrapping things up," said tackle

Mike Bachman. "My sophomore and junior years we went three extra games so this season does seem kind of short. It's the feeling that everything you do is for the last time."

"I'd like to see them get some type of post season recognition for the job they've done," said Raymond, who doesn't like placing second behind anybody,

especially Lehigh and their cushy schedule.

"People feel, and we're guilty of this too, that we are not a good football team because we don't make it to the playoffs and that's what we set out to do," said Hugh Dougherty. "We know we are a good team. Theoretically we are even better than in 1978. It's tough to compare

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Hen cagers look to co-captains for leadership in 80-81

By JIM HUGHES

As most basketball gurus will tell you, a team lives and dies by its defense. If that is the case, the Delaware cagers will be relying heavily on co-captains Pete Mullenberg and Will Reybold for their survival this season.

Mullenberg, who was also co-captain last winter, is expected to be the key in the Hens defensive efforts. The 6-8 senior had a team leading seven rebounds per game last year, as well as 34 blocked shots.

Fortunately for the center, there will be a 6-4, 206-pound helper underneath the backboards in the form of Will Reybold.

"Will's going to contribute inside and help take some of the pressure off of Pete," said coach Ron Rainey. "He's a great position player, he blocks out well, and he's not afraid of contact."

While both captains can be counted on for some muscle, the similarity ends there.

Mullenberg, a graduate of Reading High School is Delaware basketball.

The 221-pound center has been starting since his sophomore season, and has been the Hens second leading scorer the last two years, tossing in 11 and 12 points per game respectively. More significantly, the senior business major has played in 80 of Delaware's last 81 games.

"I mainly got started playing basketball in high school," said Mullenberg. "Jim Gano was my coach and he really tried to teach me a lot about the game."

Mullenberg promptly stepped into the Hens offense with five points a game his freshman year.

"It's a case where experience is the factor," said Rainey of Mullenberg's varsity play. "Pete has a good fill of what's expected of him, and he should give us the leadership we need."

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By JIM WEST

Cheryl Gittings and Lori Howard, co-captains of the women's basketball team, have their work cut out for them this season.

The varsity team, which includes eight freshmen and sophomores, lacks valuable playing experience, according to coach Joyce Emory.

"We have a very young team," Emory said. "Lori and Cheryl have been with our program for four years, and they will be expected to provide strong leadership."

Both captains are eager to fulfill their roles, yet with markedly different approaches. Gittings is a quiet leader, Emory said, while Howard is more vocal.

"I try to motivate the younger players and give them extra encouragement," said Howard, a senior who plays both center and forward. "This team is anxious to start playing, and when we start to lag, I try to pick things up."

Gittings, a junior 5-11 forward, would rather lead by example. "I don't talk a lot on the court," she said. "I try to help the others improve their game with subtle suggestions."

The combination is apparently working. Despite their inexperience, Emory believes this team is capable of winning many of their games.

One of the major factors in determining their success will be Howard's playing. Last year she averaged over 21 points and 11 rebounds a game. Her 952 career points are second only to Sharon Howett's record 1,089 points. Last season she set two school records, scoring 435 points during the season, and collecting 34 points in a single game.

Statistics don't mean that much to Howard, though. "Scoring is not the most important part of the game to me," she said. "My goal is

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Bowls galore for football gluttons

By JONATHAN FEIGEN

Although there may be no post-season competition for our Blue Hens, college football fans have a lot to be excited about with this year's bowl matchups that will choose the number one college football team in the country.

Most of the major Bowl invitations will try to separate what has been the most balanced crop of college grid squads in recent memory. Football fans have as many as nine bowl games matching

quality teams to keep them glued to the boob tube.

The biggie this year is the Sugar Bowl which will match number one Georgia against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Georgia is led by incredible freshmen runningback Hershel Walker. Walker has been nearly as dominant as the Irish defense that shut out Alabama to make them the number two team in the nation. Georgia is 10-0 and Notre Dame has eight wins and a tie with Georgia Tech.

The Orange Bowl features the Florida State Seminoles against the winner of the Oklahoma-Nebraska contest this weekend. The Seminoles are 9-1 and are the only team to have beaten Nebraska this year. The Cornhuskers have the second best offense and defense in the country and are ranked fourth. Oklahoma is the best running team again this year and is number nine.

The "Granddaddy of them all," the Rose Bowl, will pit 8-2 Washington against the winner of the, what else, Ohio State-Michigan game tomorrow. Washington was a shoe-in to be the Pac-10 representative in the game, because USC, UCLA and three other schools are on probation. The Huskies then went out and earned the Pac-10 championship on their own anyway last Saturday by defeating the Trojans 20-10.

In the Cotton Bowl, the

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years but we have a better record with a tougher schedule."

"There's no way we can go out losing," he said. "It's like Tubby says, you are judged by your last effort so we're going to try to put out our best team effort so far, offensively and defensively."

Baylor Bears will take on number eight Alabama under the guidance of their own "Bear," coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. The Crimson Tide is backing into Dallas this year on the heels of their cushy schedule and drawing power. Baylor is 9-1 and eleventh in the country.

Usually after the big four bowl games the quality of competition drops off considerably. This year is an exception.

Penn State has accepted an invitation to the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. The Nitney Lions will meet the loser of the Michigan-Ohio State game and are ranked seventh. Their only loss came at the hands of Nebraska.

The number six Pitt Panthers are headed for the Gator Bowl against George Rodgers and South Carolina. Rodgers is the leading Hiesman trophy candidate, closely followed by Pitt's marvelous defensive end Hugh Green. Rodgers is an explosive tailback who will surely be one of the top picks in the NFL draft.

Before heading for the warmer climate of Jacksonville, Pitt will take on Penn State next week in a battle for the Lambert Trophy. This matchup will be as hotly contested as any of the Bowl games, with the Penn State running attack led by Booker Moore and Curt Warner facing the awesome Pitt defense.

For Dougherty that best effort may have caught a snag when he pulled a hamstring against Maine last weekend. Dougherty is just 88 yards short of the coveted 1000 yard mark for this season. The muscle is still very sore and tight and it is still up in the air as to whether he can play in his last game tomorrow.

Dougherty has run for 1,554 yards in his career to place him 15th on the all-time Delaware list with a chance to move up to 11th if he plays tomorrow.

"I would trade all those yards to get in the playoffs," Dougherty said.

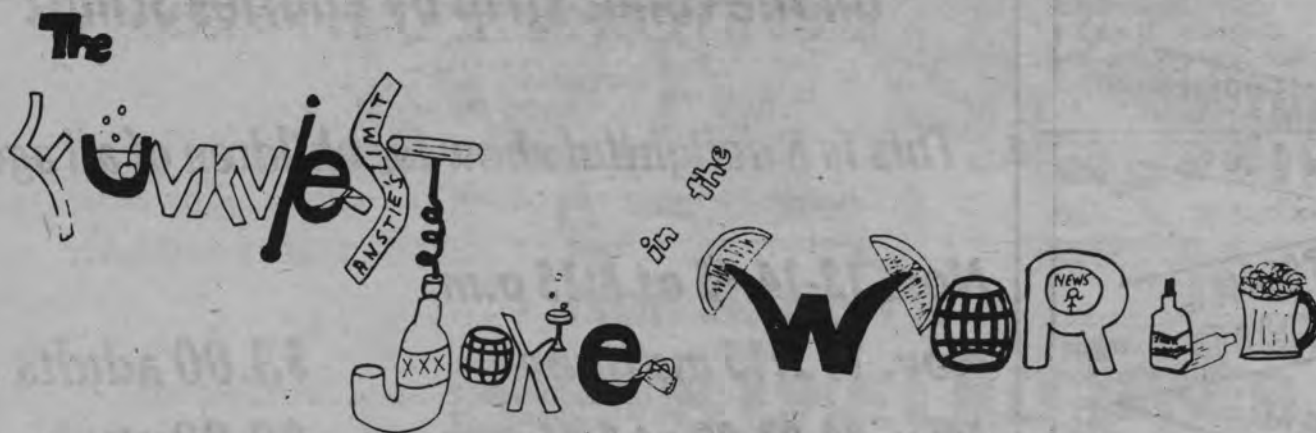
Also playing in their last game in a Delaware uniform will be Dougherty's runningmates Gino Olivieri and Ed Wood. Olivieri, who was expected to be the workhorse of the backfield but instead has been like a third guard with his blocking, has picked up 1,170 yards in his career. Wood also has a shot at the 1000 mark with 907 career yards.

In their last meeting the Hens topped Youngstown in the Zia Bowl for the national championship. This year the Penguins have fallen from that kind of success to a 2-7-1 record.

Part of the reason for that slide is due to the graduation

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