

Women's basketball teams to start tournament today

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The not-so-little women of college basketball are gathering here to sweep the boards, polish off opponents and see who can sew up the national title. The 16-team tournament opens today when defending champion Delta State of Mississippi, led by

6-foot-3, 185-pound Lusia Harris, meets overmatched Penn State. Penn State's Lady Lions, 10-5, get a berth only because they're hosts in the tournament held by the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

"Any team can win on any given night," Delta State's 62-year-old coach, Margaret Wade, said last week — which might explain why the Delta State-Penn State game starts at 11 a.m.

Delta State may encounter real suspense in the Saturday night final — and the opponent will likely be Immaculata College, a 645-student Catholic school for women located outside Philadelphia.

Immaculata will come here with an unofficial pep choir of nuns who sing "When the Macs come marching in" from the stands. It will be a mission of atonement for the Macs, who won three straight national titles before losing to Delta State in last year's final.

"This is the best team we've had by far," said Immaculata Coach Cathy Rush, whose husband is pro basketball official Ed Rush.

Delta and Immaculata split two regular season games this year, each winning at home. Delta's loss at Immaculata was the only setback of the

season for the Lady Statesmen, 29-1. "I believe we had the hardest schedule in the nation. We had the title and we had to defend it," said Miss Wade, who as Delta coach became the first woman ever named to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Delta's queen on the court, and also at last fall's homecoming, is Miss Harris, who's averaging 31.9 points and 15.7 rebounds per game.

Another top center in the tournament is 6-foot-2 Nancy Dunkle, a criminal justice major at Cal State-Fullerton. Her sweeping hookshot helped win the Western Regional.

Top small players include Delta's 4-foot-11 Debbie Brock, cited by her coach as "probably the best playmaker in the nation," and Immaculata's 5-foot-6 Marianne Crawford-Stanley, an excellent defensive player.

Today's first round games: second seed Immaculata vs. Long Beach State, third seed Cal State-Fullerton vs. Wisconsin-Lacrosse; fourth seed Queens of New York vs. Mississippi College; fifth seed Wayland Baptist of Texas vs. Utah; sixth seed William Penn of Iowa vs. Tennessee Tech; seventh seed Montclair State of New Jersey vs. Portland State, and eighth seed Southern Connecticut vs. Baylor.

Toomey says no need for Olympic fuss

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NEW YORK — Bill Toomey says he doesn't understand all the fuss over the stadium in Montreal not being finished in time for the Olympics.

"Dressing rooms? I don't even know what they're talking about," he said. "You don't need dressing rooms. All an athlete needs is a place to sleep, to work out, to eat, to compete."

And, he added, a little more respect. Toomey reaped Olympic gold in the decathlon at the 1968 Games in Mexico City. Whoever wins the two-day, 10-discipline event is considered the best all-around athlete in the world.

Yet, Toomey said, when he attended the next Olympics, the 1972 Games in Munich, he would have been just part of the mass of humanity had he not been a member of the President's delegation.

"Munich tried in a token manner to recognize former winners," he said, "but I talked to a lot of guys and they felt they weren't a part of it."

Toomey said the feeling was pervasive even among active athletes. That's why he says too much stress is being placed on the Montreal Olympics' physical plant, particularly the stadium for track and field, and too little on the athletes — past or present.

"I don't even have tickets for Montreal," he said. "I'd like to go, but I don't know whether I'll be able to see the events I want to see. I think there should be a VIP program of some kind, maybe a special section, for former athletes."

While he laments the athletes' plight during the Games, Toomey says the American Olympians' lot is improving each year. Since he won the decathlon at the age of 29, he has become active on the athletes' advisory panel of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and is a member of a special Presidential Olympic commission.

"The rules (amateur) are much more objective," he said. "The athletes' bill of rights is a beginning — just a beginning — and I think the USOC is very good about realizing that we need all the help we can get."

Toomey, a school teacher-turned-television sports personality, was on hand Tuesday with two other U.S. Olympic decathlon champions — Bob Mathias, 1948 and 1952, and Milt Campbell, 1956 — for a preview of the 10-part television series, The Olympiad, being shown by the Public Broadcast Service beginning in May. Appropriately, the first of the series is called "The Decathlon."

Toomey narrates part of the script, which takes the spectators through the aches of competition, the joy of victory, the pain of defeat.

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SWC wrapup

Associated Press
Texas' Mickey Reichenbach missed a pitcher's dream by one pitch Monday in Southwest Conference baseball action against non-conference foes.

Reichenbach hurled a one-hitter in the first game of a doubleheader against Minnesota in an 8-0 victory before the defending national champions stumbled in the nightcap 4-1.

The only hit against Reichenbach came in the ninth inning. Texas, now 20-6, unleashed six consecutive hits against Gopher pitching in the opener, including a two-run homer by Charles Proske.

In other games, Texas Christian upped its season mark to 12-17 with 8-5 and 7-2 victories over Kent State and Oklahoma City swept Texas Tech 3-0 and 4-1.

Texas Tech is 9-11 for the year. Arkansas defeated Luther College 6-5 and 13-3 in a double-header at Fayetteville.

NORMAN, Okla. — The University of Oklahoma used some sharp pitching, a commodity in short supply for the Sooners this season, to down Texas Tech, 3-0 and 7-0, in an afternoon doubleheader here Tuesday.

In the opener, freshman Alex Kager hurled a four-hitter to post the shutout.

The Sooners racked up a big second inning in which they used one hit, two errors and two walks to score all three of their runs.

Senior righthander Mickey Lashley also gave up only four hits in the nightcap to record his shutout.

Oklahoma got six hits, five of them in a row in the third inning, to provide all the firepower Lashley needed.

Oklahoma now stands at 23-10 while the Raiders fall 11-13.

DALLAS — Bruce Gietzen and Mike Jaccar drove in the winning runs here Tuesday as the Southern Methodist University Mustangs won their first two games of the season with a doubleheader sweep of the University of Dallas, 1-0, 2-1.

Mike Hall shut out the Crusaders on four hits in the opener and the Mustangs put three hits together in the fifth inning to score on a run with Jaccar provided the winning single.

Jim Beard won the nightcap after scattering seven Crusader hits.

Gietzen drove in Chris Ritchie across with the winning run in the last of the seventh.

SMU is now 2-22 for the season. Dallas is 8-23.

HUNTSVILLE — Steve Ramsey scored the winning runs Tuesday as the Sam Houston State Bearkats defeated Baylor in a non-conference baseball doubleheader, 3-2, 6-5.

Ramsey came home on a single by Bill Cheatham in the bottom of the tenth inning of the first game.

He scored the winning run in the nightcap on a single by Doyle Campbell who had an excellent day at the plate with four runs driven in including three on a homer in the third inning.

Sam Houston is now 8-14 for the year. Baylor's record is 13-12.

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