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Spinning wheels

The Observer/Mike May

An industrious Paula Miranda makes some close-up touches on her pottery project in Riley Hall yesterday. Many students are creating masterpieces in pottery class.

Moslem group calls for deal in release of U.S. hostages

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Islamic Jihad urged the United States yesterday to negotiate for the release of three American hostages in Lebanon as it did with the Soviet Union for American newsman Nicholas Daniloff.

The Shiite Moslem group also released a letter bearing the name of hostage David Jacobsen, which made a similar plea and warned that the kidnappers might kill their captives.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in Washington that administration officials believe Jacobsen apparently wrote the letter but "there is good reason to question whether it was freely

written and represents anything more than the views of Mr. Jacobsen's captors."

The three-page letter was written in poor and often stilted English, raising doubts that its original author was the 55-year-old Jacobsen, who was the administrator of the American University Hospital when he was kidnapped last year.

Misspellings in the letter included the name of the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, a hostage who was freed in July after being held with Jacobsen and the others.

Jacobsen is one of six Americans now missing in

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European Common Market places sanctions on Pretoria

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The 12 European Common Market nations yesterday banned the purchase of South African iron, steel and gold coins as part of a package of economic sanctions to protest apartheid.

The watered-down package also includes a ban on new investments in South Africa. However, a ban on coal imports, which would have had more impact on South Africa's economy, was not adopted.

"We've reached a conclusion that sends a clear signal of what we want to see happen in South

Africa," said Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British foreign secretary and chairman of the Common Market conference of foreign ministers.

In reaction to the Europeans' decision, South African Foreign Minister R.F. Botha said the government would study ways of defending the economy. He said it would not impose punitive measures in retaliation.

The ban on iron and steel imports takes effect Sept. 27, Howe said. Further talks at a lower political level are needed to decide how to implement the ban on commercial investment and purchase of gold coins, he said.

HPC discusses lack of clear policy on du Lac's off-campus authority

By J. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY
NEWS STAFF

The lack of a clear-cut University policy on du Lac's off-campus authority was discussed at last night's Hall Presidents' Council meeting.

Clarification of university policy regarding non-alcoholic campus events was also discussed. HPC members said uncertainty involving such events led to the last minute cancellation of several planned non-alcoholic tailgaters last Saturday.

The discussion surrounding du Lac's applicability off-campus centered on the recent dismissal of two resident assistants from Keenan and Lewis.

Several presidents also questioned the relevance of a non-job-related incident to the dis-

missal of a University employee. This discussion led to debate over whether the relationship between the University and its resident assistants could be described as one of employer and employee.

Off-campus representative Race Thoman questioned why a university which preaches compassion seemed to show none in this situation.

"If it is such a difficult decision, then why are they so strict every time?" asked Lyons president Judy Grace.

The resident assistants' punishment was too severe, according to several hall presidents.

Several HPC members expressed hopes to meet with University officials about these issues.

The lack of a definitive state-

ment of University policy regarding non-alcoholic campus events caused problems ranging from non-alcoholic dances and tailgaters to the University's position on SYRs held on home football weekends, according to HPC members.

Vice President for Residence Life John Goldrick said the decision to hold SYRs over home football weekends is at the discretion of the rectors, according to HPC members.

The HPC discusses the possibility that rectors do not understand that it is their decision.

Pasquerilla West president Colleen Kretz said this uncertainty leads to difficulty when planning events or trying new ideas, especially non-alcoholic events.

"When they are not sure, they

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South African gold mine accident kills at least 44 and traps over 150

Associated Press

EVANDER, South Africa (AP) - A welding accident touched off a fire in a gold mine yesterday, killing at least 44 workers, injuring 183 and trapping more than 150 in a mile-deep underground shaft, officials reported.

The state-run South African Broadcasting Corp. quoted Kobus Olivier, manager of the Kinross mine, as saying there was only a slight chance that the missing miners had survived.

But company officials disputed a report that 100 bodies had been brought to the surface.

Dawie De Beer, spokesman for General Mining Union Corp., South Africa's second-largest mining group, told reporters at

the mine gate that 26 bodies were brought out of the mine shortly before midnight, about 14 hours after the fire broke out.

Earlier, the company had said 18 miners were known dead. De Beer said 154 miners were missing.

Olivier said 128 black workers and 55 whites were hospitalized in Evander, which is on the edge of the mine, most suffering from smoke inhalation. Five were reported in serious condition while the others were listed as satisfactory.

More than 2,000 miners were brought safely out of the shafts, Olivier said, and 50 rescue workers were still in the mine 12 hours after the fire broke out,

searching for the men who remained underground.

There was hope that some of the miners trapped in the tunnels where the fire started avoided the deadly fumes by staying in pockets of untainted air.

South African Press Association, an independent news agency, quoted a man at the scene as saying he counted more than 100 bodies. SAPA did not identify the man and the report could not be confirmed.

A general Mining Union spokesman, Harry Hill, said an alarm was sounded to evacuate the No. 2 shaft at the Kinross mine, 62 miles east of Johannesburg, when the fire broke out at

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Sleeping beauty

A student takes a refreshing nap on the fountain in front of the Nieuwland Science

Hall yesterday. Such catnaps could make a big splash with Notre Dame students.

The Observer/Mike Moran

Of Interest

Vice President George Bush will be in South Bend Thursday, September 18. Bush and his wife will arrive aboard Air Force Two at Michiana Regional Airport at approximately 12:30 p.m. All are encouraged to welcome the Vice President upon his arrival. - The Observer

A Holy Land lecture and slide show will be presented tonight at 6:30 by Professor James Fleming, who teaches Holy Land Geography and Archeology at Notre Dame's Foreign Study Program at Tantur, Israel. The presentation will be held in the ETS Theater, in the basement of the Center for Continuing Education. -The Observer

A legal forum to address the citations and court summons issued to students at parties in the last two weeks will be held tonight at 7 in the library auditorium. Legal Services Directors Mario Zepponi and Glenn Guanowsky, law students at Notre Dame, will present their general findings in the forum. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. - The Observer

A Truman Scholar meeting will be held tonight at 7 in 121 O'Shaughnessy for all interested sophomores. The scholarships are awarded to students with outstanding potential for leadership in any phase of government, plan to attend a graduate program leading to a public service career, hold at least a B average, and are U.S. citizens. The scholarship covers tuition expenses, fees, books, room and board, to a maximum of \$6,500 annually up to four years. - The Observer

Meet the Firms Night will be held tonight from 7 to 10 in the Athletic and Convocation Center's Monogram Room. All undergraduates are invited to attend this event. Refreshments will be served. - The Observer

An art exhibition from Saint Mary's Redbud Show, will be featured this week in the Hammes Gallery. The workshop offers a chance for students and faculty to work together in a natural environment. The show will exhibit drawing and painting, mixed-media printmaking, raku and pit-fire pottery and sculpture, photography and field biology. - The Observer

Senior Informal sign-ups will be held today and tomorrow from 2 to 5 p.m. in the LaFortune's west basement. The informal will be the weekend of October 3,4, and 5 in downtown Chicago. A \$50 package fee includes two nights lodging and a buffet breakfast at the Lakeshore Drive Holiday Inn. Second City tickets will also be available at the sign-ups. - The Observer

Three Notre Dame alumni have been appointed by University President Father Theodore Hesburgh to advisory councils at the University. James Fitzgerald, a 1947 graduate, will serve on the advisory council for the College of Arts and Letters. Jose Fernandez, Sr., a 1965 alumnus, has been named to the College of Business Administration advisory council. Edward O'Toole, who received a B.S. in civil engineering in 1958 and a J.D. in 1961 from the University, has been appointed to the College of Engineering advisory council. - The Observer

Cynthia Scott, a Rockford, Ill., native, has been named assistant director of public information at Notre Dame. Her appointment was announced by Richard Conklin, director of public relations and information. Scott received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She began her career in the communication department of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. Most recently Scott served as communication director for the South Bend/Mishawaka Area Chamber of Commerce. - The Observer

Weather

Shedding some light on the weather, it will be mostly sunny and warm today, with highs in the low to mid 70s. There is increasing cloudiness tonight with a 40 percent chance of thunder-showers and lows in the low 60s. Tomorrow will be warm with highs near 80. Skies will be partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thundershowers.



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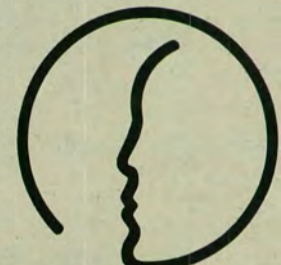


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French try to keep life normal despite beefing up security

Associated Press

PARIS - The French, keeping a wary vigil for more terrorist bombs in their midst, are trying to juggle normal routines with new security steps that some say play into the bombers' hands.

Police switchboards buzz with calls.

One caller said a pile of leaves outside City Hall could disguise a bomb. The leaves were swiftly removed. The Stock Exchange and two Metro stations were hastily evacuated for what turned out to be false alarms.

In the northern city of Caen, a young woman dumped a parcel on a post office counter and hurried away. Police evacuated the building, and the bomb squad raced up. They found letters, stamped for mailing.

In the past eight days, four bombings have killed a total of three people and injured more than 100. The most recent bombing, on Monday, was inside the central police station.

Even before Monday's bombing, new anti-terrorist measures were implemented, including visa requirements for visitors from all but the 12 European Common Market countries and Switzerland.

The French, who tend not to suffer officialdom lightly, quietly submitted to opening bags and even body searches at department stores, theaters, restaurants and other public places.

"I am delighted the police are on the job," an elderly woman remarked, interviewed on television along the Champs-Elysees. "There are not enough searches for my taste."

Some commentators warned that the security measures ordered by Premier Jacques Chirac played into terrorists' hands, creating a mood of fear and doubt.

Some worried that using the armed forces to supplement gendarmes and border police established a worrisome precedent for a democracy. Others said the imposition of visas would scare off tourists.

The Metro, Paris' underground railroad, is as crowded as usual, but passengers glance under their seats and eye fellow riders with some suspicion. Many, fearing a bomb in the subway, use the buses.

Responsibility for the bombings has been claimed by Middle Eastern terrorists who have issued almost daily threats to raise the stakes until the government releases Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, reputed leader of a group called the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions.

Because of the Middle East connection, Arabs and Moslems living in France have become targets of resentment and black humor.

"It is simple," a Paris dentist said in jest. "Don't let Arabs carry any parcels or bags."

Many people say the spate of

bombings has not changed their lives, but they avoid department stores and crowds. Some questioned whether searches will stop future bombings.

"I don't think searching does any good," observed Pascale Magnier, 28, waiting for a bus. "The police station blew up in

spite of it. But I'm completely in favor of any security measure."

An American who has lived decades in Paris remarked:

"I find the whole thing frightening, the police measures and the public attitudes. It reminds me of Algeria when everyone was afraid of terrorist attacks."

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Hostages

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Lebanon. Islamic Jihad says it holds three American hostages and killed a fourth. It is uncertain who carried out the kidnappings last week of two other Americans.

Islamic Jihad's latest communique and the handwritten letter were in a packet left outside a Western news agency in Moslem west Beirut. The packet also contained a Polaroid photograph of Jacobsen in pajamas, almost identical to one of him released with an Islamic Jihad statement in Beirut last week.

"Why was Reagan interested minute by minute with spy journalist Daneloff but he is not interested one minute in our story?" asked the letter said to have been handwritten by Jacobsen. Daniloff's name was misspelled.

In a separate, typewritten, Arabic-language statement, Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, said the Reagan administration had made "concessions in the

Daniloff case which provoked many question marks in the hostages' minds."

The three captives were "comparing what the (U.S.) government did in the 'Daniloff' case with what it is doing for them," the statement said.

"Are not we Americans?" asked the letter which bore Jacobsen's name.

Islamic Jihad, which espouses the Shiite fundamentalism of Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has demanded that 17 comrades jailed in Kuwait for bombing the U.S. and French embassies in 1983 be freed in return for the hostages. Kuwait refuses.

The latest Islamic Jihad statement called on Americans to pressure the Reagan administration into altering its stand of refusing negotiations, and so "put a happy ending to the (ordeal of the) hostages."

Daniloff, Moscow correspondent of U.S. News & World Report magazine, was released in custody of the U.S. embassy on Friday after 13 days in prison.



The Observer/Mike Moran

Sewing up summer

A close-knit friendship is woven between Pam Deluzo and Gigi Junkins as they sew on the quad yesterday. Like many students,

Pam and Gigi basked in summer's fleeting sunshine.

HPC

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have to say 'no'," said Kretz.

"Even when we get the encouragement from our rectors, there is so much gray area left open to interpretation by officials that we still get shut down," said St. Edward's Hall president Andrew Barlow.

Director of Student Activities Joni Neal decided to cancel the planned tailgaters of the classes of 87 and 89 because the events would take place in an atmosphere conducive to drinking, said HPC members.

The question was raised why these events were cancelled while the tailgater sponsored by Grace Hall was not.

In other HPC news, the council is preparing a proposal to make student government a permanent resident of the LaFortune Student Center. In the new LaFortune occupancy contract, student organizations are referred to as "tenants" and must re-sign the contract annually.

The HPC is also regulating the service of the "Buzz Bus" beginning this weekend. A brief discussion clarified the policy that students will be picked up at 8 off-campus locations but will not be permitted to get off at bar stops.

Fire

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9:30 a.m. and fumes spread from burning cables and other materials.

The fire was put out, he said, adding: "We don't know why they (the missing miners) didn't come up." They may have been overcome by the fumes "or were trapped some way," he said.

Hill said all of the miners known to have died were in the vicinity of the fire, but he did not know if they were engaged in the welding operation or what was being welded. He said the fire broke out on the 15th level of the No. 2 shaft.

Eight rescue teams went underground, Hill said.

"The fumes spread through the working areas of the No. 2 shaft," Hill said, and he believed the fatal gases were carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide.

South Africa's mines depend on black miners who are regarded as migrant workers. Factional fighting at the all-male hostels in which the workers live claimed more than 100 lives in the first six months of the year.

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New York reliever Dave Righetti points at a strikeout victim earlier this season. A story on the Yankee lefthander appears at right.

New York lefthander approaches save mark

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Dave Righetti, originally a reluctant reliever, has a chance to write bullpen history this season.

When Righetti earned his 40th save of the season Monday night in the New York Yankees' 5-3 victory over Baltimore, he became only the fourth reliever - and the first left-hander - to reach 40 saves in a season. With 18 games remaining, he needs six to break the record of 45 saves by Dan Quisenberry of the Kansas City Royals.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't thinking about (the record)," Righetti said after throwing two shutout innings against the Orioles. "But right now, I look at it as a no-hitter in the fifth or sixth inning. There's quite a ways to go."

Righetti would know all about no-hitters. He pitched the last

one in Yankees' history, blanking the Boston Red Sox 4-0 on July 4, 1983, his last season as a starter. He won 14 games that year, but when bullpen ace Goose Gossage signed with San Diego as a free agent after the season, Righetti was drafted for the Yankees' short relief role.

He was not thrilled by the assignment but accepted it, producing five victories and 31 saves in his first season in 1984 and winning 12 and saving 29 last year.

This year, Righetti struggled at the start, blowing nine of his first 26 save opportunities. In one particularly galling outing, he surrendered a bases-loaded, two-out, game-tying home run to Toronto's George Bell in the bottom of the ninth inning. When the umpire tossed a new ball to him, he flung it over the right field fence in frustration.

Irish face Northern Illinois tonight behind Beetel's fine goalkeeping

By MARGOT MACHECA
Sports Writer

As the Notre Dame women's field hockey team begins its rebuilding season, much of the pressure and attention falls on the shoulders of junior goalie M.J. Beetel.

After playing in a reserve role for the past two seasons, Beetel earned the starting position for the Irish this year.

So far this season, the Irish have tallied a record of 1-2, with one loss coming at the hands of Big Ten power Michigan this past weekend. Attempting to even its slate, the team travels to Northern Illinois for a match beginning at 7 p.m. today.

After convincingly defeating Valparaiso in its first game of the season, Notre Dame dropped two matches in a row. Despite the losses, however, Beetel says the team is still confident and excited about the rest of the season.

"Since most of the girls have waited a few years to play, we are all psyched for the matches and the opportunity to contribute to the team," she said.

Playing back-up to graduated goalie Patti Gallagher for two seasons, Beetel has gained experience and confidence in the net.

"Patti always helped, encouraged and inspired M.J.," noted Coach Jill Lindenfeld.

"A goalie must be positive and alert even when the other end is being played on the other end of the field. I have learned that consistency and communication with my teammates are two important qualities for a goalie," explained Beetel.

She is ready for the challenge of the season and knows that the team is with her.

"We are all very close on the team and we work together. We are competitive for playing time, but it is good competition that makes each one of us better," she said.

After three games this season, Beetel has 39 saves, while allowing only seven goals. Lindenfeld could not be more pleased with the play of her previously inexperienced goalie.

"M.J. has been the most pleasing surprise so far this season," she said. "Having never started a varsity game before, she has been incredible. M.J. came back this fall in excellent physical condition and has a tremendously positive attitude."

Beetel, supported by her teammates, hopes to chalk up a few more wins for the Irish against Northern Illinois, Ohio and Kent State before facing another Big Ten opponent, Purdue.

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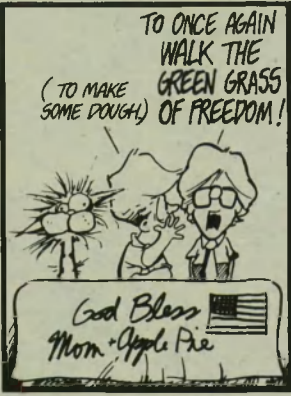
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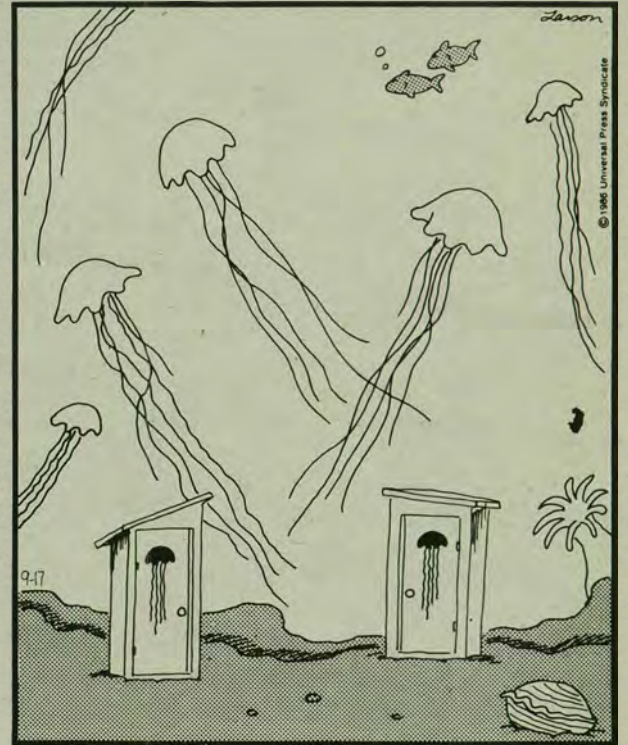
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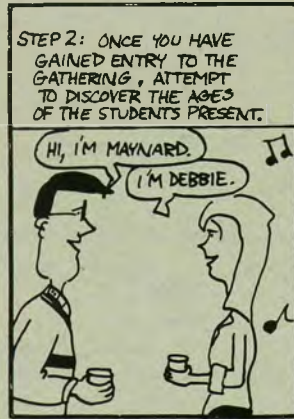
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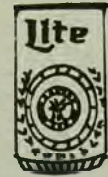
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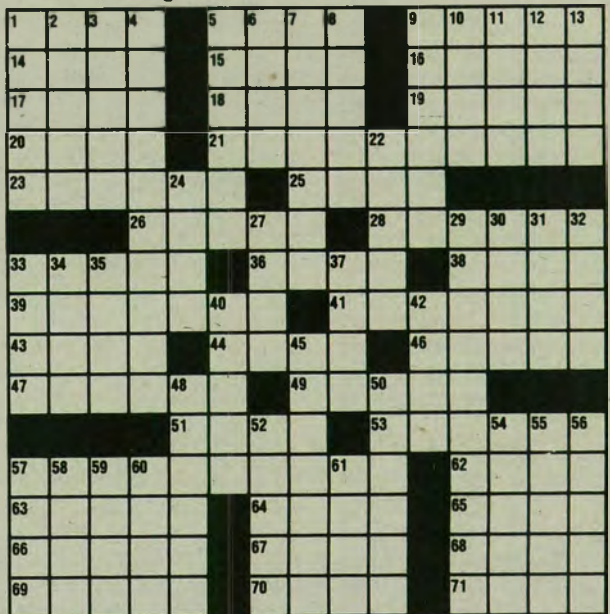
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 - Aspect
 - Compressing device
 - Molten rock
 - School: abbr.
 - Spectral
 - Partly open
 - Actress Anderson
 - Pick up an option
 - Large barrel
 - Steel supports
 - Prize
 - Not so much
 - Unaffected
 - Magnetic induction units
 - Gun sounds
 - Useless
 - Civil wrong
 - Certain Africans
 - Goddess of fertility
 - Norse god
 - Trailer for short
 - Presbyter
 - Abominate
 - Apply ointment old style
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 - Nearly
 - Elucidates
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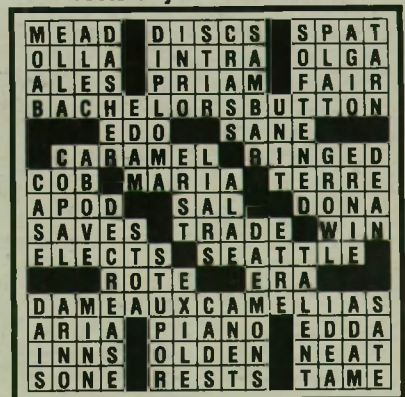
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 - Nautical call
 - Sailing ship
 - Sausage
 - Religious picture
 - Hung loosely
 - Roman official
 - Purplish red
 - Ogle
 - River
 - Bearing
 - Benches
 - Park, Colo.
 - Orient
 - Holding device
 - Deadlocks
 - Nobleman
 - Johnson is a comic
 - Mob follower
 - Like tame horses
 - Geological angle
 - Leave out
 - Reposed
 - Bar legally
 - Snitch
 - White wine



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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- Pressure
- Art frames
- Warmth
- Convex molding
- Of a bristle
- Course
- Moslem scholar
- Mane site
- Waste allowance
- Ireland
- Salver

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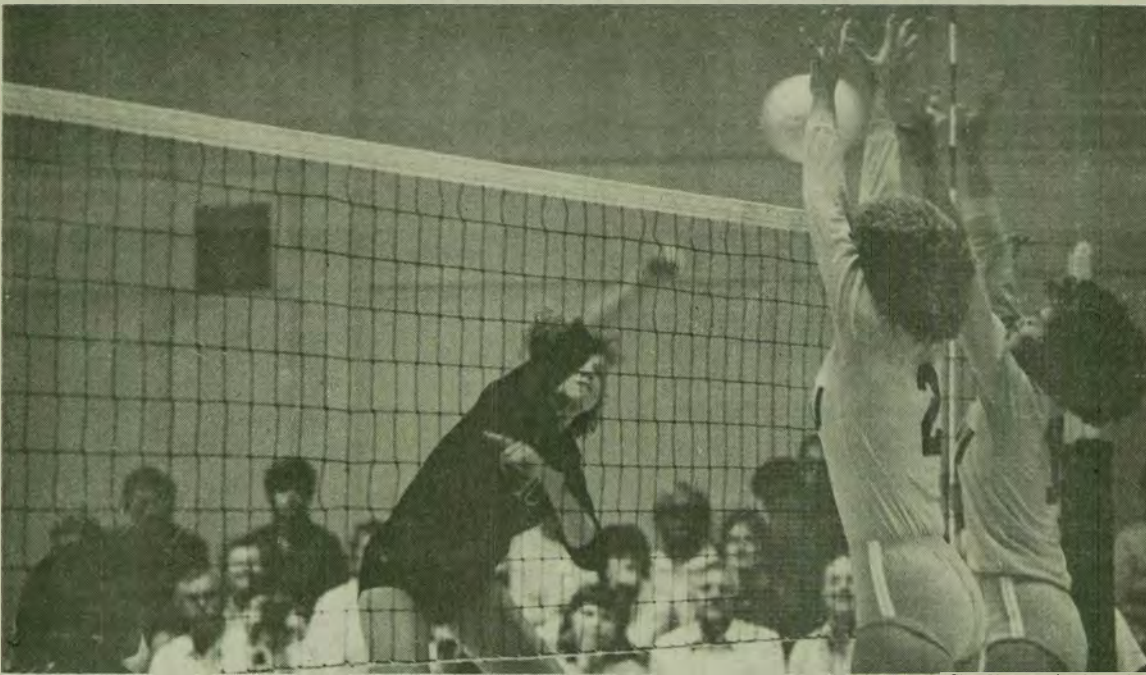
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Maxell XLII 90: \$21/10

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HOURS: 11:30 - 4:30 LOCATION: BASEMENT OF LAFORTUNE





The Notre Dame volleyball team lost its match against 19th-ranked Western Michigan last night. Brian O'Gara has all the details in his story below.

Irish lose to Western Michigan despite impressive performance

By BRIAN O'GARA
Sports writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team dropped a dramatic, hard-fought match last night in the ACC Pit to a powerful, 19th-ranked Western Michigan squad, but the young team came away with a wealth of experience.

"I am very pleased with our play," said Coach Art Lambert, "but disappointed that we didn't win. We did some really good things out there, but made some critical errors as well. These will go away in time - we're a young team."

The evening's first game featured a dramatic see-saw battle between the Irish and the Broncos. The two teams traded the lead four times and were tied at 9, 10 and 13. The Broncos, playing with confidence and finesse at the net, pulled away at the end to take the first game, 15-13.

The two teams began game two in the same fashion, matching point for point and kill for kill. The Irish were gaining confidence with every point, eager for an upset. But a series of communication breakdowns flustered the Irish, and Western Michigan quickly pulled away,

Sooners still 1st

Irish take 20th spot in AP poll

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - A grin flashed across the face of Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz Tuesday when he learned his once-beleaguered Fighting Irish had earned a national ranking.

But just as quickly, he turned off his smile and took the pose that most polls don't matter.

"Only the last one," he said. "I just want to be better than Michigan State."

Michigan State is both Notre Dame's next opponent and the team the Irish displaced for the No. 20 spot in the weekly Associated Press college poll.

Notre Dame edged into the national rankings after a strong performance in a 24-23 loss to No. 3 Michigan. It was the first time the Irish appeared in the rankings since the second week of last year, when Gerry Faust was the coach.

Notre Dame team captain Mike Kovalesski, who had 17 tackles

running off six unanswered points and taking the second game, 15-7.

With their backs to the wall, the Irish came out for game three to play perhaps their best game of the night. Three Western Michigan mishaps and the powerful kills of sophomore Mary Kay Waller put the Irish on top for a quick 6-1 lead. The Broncos showed their poise to stage a comeback and tie the game, 9-9, but the Irish dug down to run off their own streak of six unanswered points with well-orchestrated teamwork to win the third game 15-9.

This set the stage for the evening's final match, which had the crowd of 386 on the edge of their seats. The teams battled to a 3-3 tie, but the Irish pulled ahead and reached a 9-6 lead on the splendid performance of freshman setter Taryn Collins. Collins had four quick sets to sophomores Zanette Bennett and Mary Kay Waller as the Irish sought to pull even in games at two apiece. But, the Irish put a few kills into the net, and the Broncos took advantage, pulling to a 9-9 tie and quickly increasing their lead to 13-9. The young Irish would not break, however, and rallied behind Waller and

Kathy Cunningham to a 13-12 margin. In the end, despite their efforts, the Irish could not hold off Western Michigan and dropped the final game, 15-12.

"We handled their multiple offense, which we rarely see, fairly well," said Lambert. "We're a young team. That last game we went with two freshmen, three sophomores and a junior. You don't get much younger than that."

Sophomore Mary Kay Waller came up with one of her best performances in an Irish uniform and was an intimidating force at the net as she lead the teams with 16 kills, while freshman Kathy Cunningham added 10. The team's other freshman, Collins, registered 13 sets and played a key role in games three and four.

"I'm very pleased with Taryn," said Lambert, "We moved her to setter and she performed very well."

Next up for the improving Irish is a trip to the Bradley Tournament this weekend.

"We made ourselves felt tonight," concluded Coach Lambert. "We're getting better. Somebody down the line is going to pay."

against Michigan, brushed off the poll, too, despite his teammates' hunger for recognition after the trauma of Faust's final year stole most of the 1985 headlines.

"For me, ratings after the first game and the preseason don't really mean anything because you've got 10 games to play," Kovalesski said. "It's not how you begin the season, it's how you end."

While Notre Dame was cracking the Top Twenty, Oklahoma, the defending national champion, was retaining the No. 1 spot, despite being idle last Saturday. But the Sooners' margin over No. 2 Miami, Fla. shrunk.

The Sooners received 55 of a possible 59 first-place votes and 1,175 of a possible 1,180 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Miami, which raised its record to 3-0 with a 61-11 rout over Texas Tech last Saturday, col-

lected one first-place vote and 1,099 points. Last week's first-place votes also were 55-1, but the point differential was 1,175-1,050.

Michigan remained a distant third with 1,000 points, and was followed by the same three teams as a week ago - Alabama with 992 points, Penn State with 938 and Nebraska with 924.

Washington, a 40-7 winner over Ohio State, vaulted from 17th to seventh and knocked the Buckeyes out of the rankings. Penn State, Nebraska and Washington each received one first-place vote.

Louisiana State, which beat last week's No. 7 team, Texas A&M, 35-17, climbed from 14th to eighth with 747 points and dropped the Aggies to 16th.

Baylor, a 38-7 winner over Louisiana Tech, soared from 12th to ninth with 629 points. Auburn, idle last Saturday, slipped from ninth to 10th with 615 points.

Spartans play host for first road game

Isn't it great, this poll business?

The Irish played their hearts out Saturday, but lost the heartbreaker. Still, Notre Dame moved into 20th place in the Associated Press poll. At this rate, the last few seasons would have ended with top-10 rankings.

The key, of course, is that the Irish looked very good in losing by one point to a highly-ranked team.

Notre Dame's opponent, Michigan State, also lost a tough one at Arizona State. So do not expect them to offer their sympathy by laying down in East Lansing.

Rick Rietbrock
Irish Items



The two teams are moving down the same road at this particular time, but their paths will veer away from each other as a result of Saturday's meeting.

Michigan State is expecting this year to be a big one. They began the season ranked 20th, and are considered strong finishers in the race for the Big Ten title.

They obviously do not want to enter the Big Ten season with a losing record, which a loss to the Irish would assure.

The Spartans are no longer a member of the Big Ten's basement bunch. Head Coach George Perles has done an outstanding job rebuilding the football program and the Spartan faithful are expecting bowl bids to shower them at season's end.

But the focus on Spartan centers on Lorenzo White. He led the nation in rushing last year with 1,908 yards, including 123 yards against the Irish.

Last week, Arizona State held him to just 61 yards on 24 carries, and Foge Fazio has to be praying for a similar performance from his defense.

The problem with keying on White is that senior quarterback Dave Yarema is back from an injury that hampered him last year and put up the best numbers of his career last week.

Middle linebacker Shane Bullough leads a tough defensive unit that hopes to hold the Irish in check a little better than their friends from Ann Arbor did.

The Irish had little reason to expect much from this season except for the fact that Lou Holtz was here and Gerry Faust was not. That quickly changed with one good showing. Now the talk is once again on which major bowl we should elect to play in. Fans will be fans.

But regardless of the overreaction, the Irish did give reason for delusions with their play in the opener. Steve Beuerlein had one of his best days with 21 completions. His play also reflects the fine job of the offensive line since Beuerlein had a lot of time to get rid of the ball.

There are several factors that the Irish will have to overcome in order to defeat Michigan State.

First, they must guard against a letdown. The hoopla surrounding the first game, aiming for that opener for nine months, Lou Holtz' first appearance on the sidelines and the quality of the opponent all contributed to the luster of the game.

But it was just one game and their attention must be turned to Michigan State. Good teams can beat patsies without being in the game, but good teams cannot beat other good teams that way. Michigan State is a good team.

Second, this is the first road game of the year. No screaming student body to greet them. No natural grass. And in case you forgot, the Irish could not capture a single victory on the road last season. That trend must be changed.

Third, the Irish are winless against teams from the state of Michigan this year. That cannot continue.

This is an interesting game for both teams. The winner can go on to have a very successful season. The loser will have a longer road ahead, despite being a good team, in all likelihood.

Even if there is such a thing as a good 0-2 football team, the Irish do not want to see if they can be it.

If they do lose it will be interesting to see how far they move up the polls.

Those who were sick of seeing Pinkett right, Pinkett left and Pinkett up the middle certainly had fun watching the Irish move the ball with a widely assorted package of plays.

Using the I-formation as well as the single-back offense worked well for the Irish. But the show-stealer was the wishbone, which had been anticipated since the arrival of Holtz.

Steve Beuerlein looked very comfortable with the wishbone and made several nice last-second pitches that enabled the running backs to get around the corner.

In the single-back offense, Mark Green moved outside to a receiver spot, which he grew accustomed to last year to make several big gainers on screens. He showed, once again, that he has good hands as well as having a productive day on the ground.

The combination of these factors produced nine Notre Dame drives of 75, 66, 24, 66, 38, 65, 63 and 46 yards. The Irish were not forced to punt for the first time since the Air Force game of 1977.