

# Sports RUndown

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## Lady Knights win AIAW title

### Coyle, Dorner fare impressively as women defeat Texas, 83-77

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PHILADELPHIA — Patty Coyle returned home yesterday and scored a career-high 30 points at the Palestra to lead the Rutgers women basketball team to an 83-77 victory over Texas and the AIAW national championship in the squad's eighth year of existence.

The 5-6 senior guard, who played her scholastic ball at nearby West Catholic High School and was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player, scored 18 points in the second-half as the Lady Knights overcame a 30-point performance by the Longhorns' Annette Smith to snap Texas' 32-game winning streak.

Terry Dorner, who struggled for her nine first-half points, ignited the Lady Knight fuse in the second stanza which helped the New Brunswick club erase a 37-34 halftime deficit. The Scarlet center finished with 25 points.

"I don't believe it!" said an ecstatic Rutgers coach Theresa Grentz, who savored her first national crown since her playing days at Immaculata in the early 1970s. "All I know is that we're in Philadelphia and that now I have a national championship."

Villanova, who fell to Rutgers in the semifinal contest Friday night, 83-75, captured third place in the tournament by downing Wayland Baptist, 90-81.

RU finished the 1981-82 campaign with a 25-7 record, the Longhorns ended up at 35-4, Villanova concluded its year at 29-4 and the Flying Queens finished with a 19-15 mark.

After Dorner put up a layup on a feed from Mary Coyle to give the Lady Knights a 76-70 advantage with 3:29 left to play in the game, the 6-2 senior fouled out of the contest for the first time all season, which provided Texas a chance to creep back into the ballgame.

Joy Williams converted one of her two foul shots but a Patty Coyle free throw upped the lead back to six. Chris Dailey then joined Dorner on the bench with her fifth foul, sending Smith to the line who made both her shots to trim the RU lead to four at 77-73. Sherryl Hauglum (13 points) hit a 15-footer from the key to cut the difference to two with 2:22 remaining.

However, June Olkowski, whose heroics Friday were silenced for the most part yesterday, connected on a key bank shot to increase the Scarlet lead to four again. A minute later, with :50 left, Coyle went to the charity stripe again and sank both chances, setting a Rutgers record of 12 foul shots in a game. Patty "Ladybug" Delehanty put the icing on the cake eight seconds later with a layup.

"I thought that the key to the game was that they were so determined and worked hard together as a team," said Grentz.

The Lady Knights had their problems in the first half, as the team turned the ball over 10 times and shot a paltry 34.2 percent. Olkowski couldn't find the rim and Dorner connected on only four of 11 field goal tries.

Fortunately for Rutgers, Coyle and junior Jennie Hall were able to compensate. Coyle scored 12 points

and grabbed six rebounds while Hall, who finished with 16 points, contributed 10 points and seven caroms in the first 20 minutes.

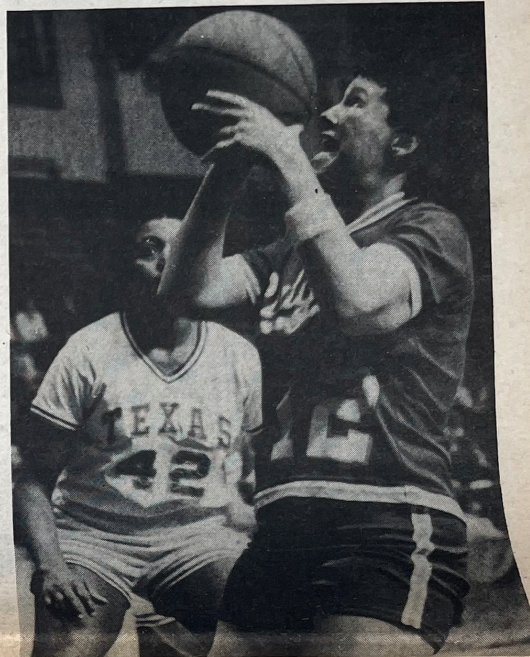
Dorner, whose 27 field goal attempts set a new RU record, received some quiet advice from Grentz at the half.

"I told her, 'the shots you're taking are good shots. Keep taking them and they will eventually drop,'" said the Scarlet center.

The shots started to drop for Dorner almost as soon as play resumed. The Williamsport, Pa. native put 12 points on the scoreboard for the Lady Knights in the first seven minutes of the half, with the last basket breaking the school season scoring mark of 621 set by Kris Kirchner last year.

That bucket put RU up, 52-51, and Hall made a short jumper and a pair of free throws to give the Scarlet their biggest edge up to that point at 56-51. Three straight Texas conversions, however, boosted the Longhorns back on top by one, as Terri Mackey (11 points) and Esoleta Whaley (10 points) helped out on that run. Melissa Scott's (six points) layup with 9:15 to play tied the score at 59 before Coyle sank two free throws to put Rutgers ahead for good.

"I believe our strongest point has been our veterans," said Grentz. "It (Continued on page A-2)



Staff Photo by Thomas P. Costello

Last night's high scorer Patty Coyle gets set to make two of her 30 points against the Texas Longhorns as Joy Williams looks on.

## Seniors provided experience in drive to crown

By STEVE LEE

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PHILADELPHIA — The first Lady Knight to ascend to the top of the ladder was June Olkowski, then came Chris Dailey, who was followed by Terry Dorner. Patty Delehanty was next, the Coyle sisters, Mary and Patty, after her. Finally, it was coach Theresa Grentz who finished the job off. As the last strand of the victorious net was cut loose, the six Rutgers seniors bade farewell

to their collegiate basketball careers.

Just minutes before, the Lady Knights had concluded their season in grand style by defeating the Texas Longhorns, 83-77, to capture the AIAW title. The RU seniors had gone out as champions.

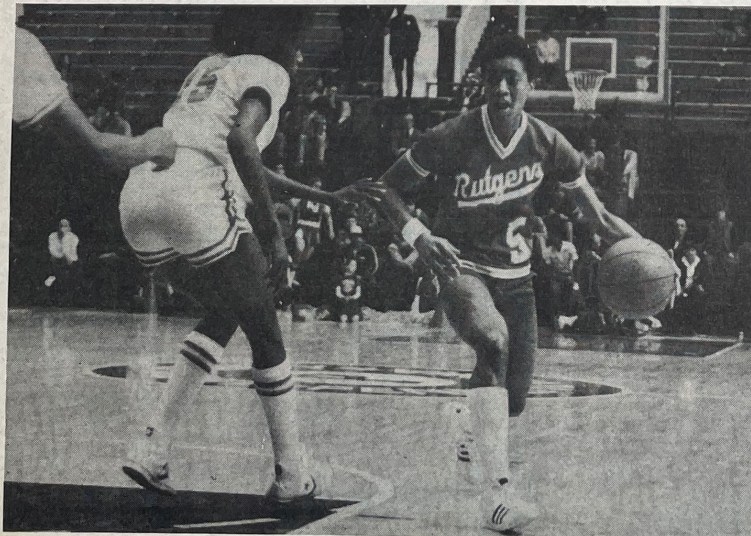
"What does it mean to lose them now?" pondered coach Grentz after the game. "I have been coaching for six years and sometimes it can be a pain, but these are terrific kids and it has really been a joy. They have been

everything a coach could want in leadership and service."

It was guard Patty Coyle who led the Lady Knights to victory yesterday afternoon in the Palestra. The 5-6 graduate of West Catholic High School, who was playing in her native city of Philadelphia, poured in 30 points and earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. She finished her four-year stint at Rutgers tied with Delehanty for first on the all-time games played list,

second in both career assists and steals, and fourth in total points

"If I had to do it all over, there would be no second guessing as to where I would go," reflected Coyle who wound up the year as the Lady Knights' third-leading scorer with a 12.1 scoring average. "The program had everything to offer me, and it gave me everything I wanted in terms of playing, friendship, and schooling. The four years have been (Continued on page A-4)



Staff Photo by Thomas P. Costello

Jennie Hall, whose 24 points Friday helped the Lady Knights take a 4-1 lead in the series against Villanova, dribbles past Texas' Annette Smith in yesterday's title win.

## New rivalry growing between RU, 'Nova

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PHILADELPHIA — Despite the Lady Knights' hard-fought victory over Texas which brought home the AIAW championship to New Brunswick, the battle against Villanova Friday night was, in some ways, the tougher of the two games Rutgers played at the Palestra this weekend.

The semifinal against the Wildcats marked the third time this year that the two eastern powerhouses went up against each other and although the series between the two teams is young, the matchups promises to develop into a fierce rivalry in the future.

Rutgers currently holds a 4-1 lead in the series that traces its origins back to the 1979-80 campaign when the Lady Knights posted a 71-41 victory over the 'Cats in the first round of the EAAW region 1B Tournament. Last year, in the only game to date played at the RAC, RU rebounded from a one-point halftime deficit to defeat Villanova, 57-43.

This season, all three encounters with the Wildcats have come in the City of Brotherly Love or in its outskirts. The Lady Knights pinned a 63-57 loss on the 'Cats at the Villanova Field House, suffered a 59-55 upset there two weeks ago in the EAAW finals and pummeled their pesky foe Friday night at the Palestra, 83-75.

"Man, we hate each other," said Rutgers' senior point guard Mary Coyle about RU and Villanova. "On the court, player versus player, I think there's that tension between us."

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