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## Penn State football off to a roaring start

by Scott Soltis  
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The Penn State Nittany Lion football team is off to a much-improved 3-1 start to the season. The team suffered a tough 42-35 loss to a talented Iowa Hawkeyes on All-University day last weekend.

The Nittany Lions scored 22 points in the last 5:53 of regulation to tie Iowa and send the game into overtime.

In overtime, Penn State had two crucial calls go against them, one helping Iowa to a touchdown, one stopping the Lions from scoring. As the game ended, legendary head coach Joe Paterno chased down one official and grabbed him by the arm.

After the game, Paterno was sure to say that it was his guys' fault that they lost, not the refs.

"I have never blamed officials for losing a game or what have you so I don't want to get into that now," Paterno said Tuesday.

The fact that the team allowed 23 unanswered points in the first half, 13 coming off turnovers, is what killed the Lions. The kind of day that the Lions had can be summed up in one play in the third quarter.

The team drove downfield and got stuck on the 1-yard line. Paterno decided to pound it over the pile, and Larry Johnson flew over defenders and the goal line for the touchdown. Mere moments later, the Hawkeyes blocked the extra point attempt and returned it for two points.

This play is very rarely seen, but illustrates very clearly the shifting emotion of the game. When Penn State scored 22 points in the fourth quarter, what was left of the 108,000+ fans that attended the game went absolutely berserk.

The crowd stayed excited into overtime, just to have their hopes deflated on a sloppy fourth down play by Penn State.

The Lions were doomed by the start

of their game. It was a great comeback, but should not have been necessary for a win.

Quarterback Zack Mills was quick to realize that the first quarter is where his team lost. "We came out flat and it showed," said Mills, who earned Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors with his 399 yard, four-touchdown day.

The Lions travel to Wisconsin for their second Big Ten game of the year. Last week's loss dropped the team's ESPN/Coaches Poll Ranking from 12th to 20th. Wisconsin is a perfect 5-0 and ranked 19th in the nation.

Penn State will head into Badger territory as underdogs, and need to prove the oddsmakers wrong this week. It is still early in the year, but if Penn State can bounce back from a devastating home loss to beat Wisconsin, their season will quickly be back on track.

## Lions golf team clinches spot in ECAC Championship

by Justin Jennings  
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The Behrend Lions golf team had a spectacular outing at the ECAC Regional Tournament last Thursday at University Park. The Lions finished second out of seven participating teams with an overall score of 315, just three shots off the leader.

With the strong showing at the regionals, Behrend qualified for the ECAC Championship, which will be held this weekend in Brockport, NY.

Leading the way for the Lions were junior Kirk Seth and sophomore Jeff Black. Both Seth and Black shot rounds of 78 and were very pleased with their performances.

"The front nine didn't treat me too well but I played really well on the back nine," said Black. "I think I was trying too hard on the front nine, so on the back nine I calmed down some and things turned around for me."

On Monday, the Lions traveled to La Roche College to participate in an invitational. Due to conflicting class schedules, some of Behrend's top golfers could not participate. This left room for some of the younger players to show what they can do in the spotlight.

Freshman, Kevin Thieman stepped up and shot a team best 83 and led the Lions to an exceptional team performance.

"I was impressed with the round Kevin shot today," said head coach Mark Murphy. "With some of our guys out, we needed someone to step up. Today, Kevin was the guy."

The Lions hope the great finish at the ECAC Regional will give them some momentum going into the AMCC Championship on Monday at Peek n' Peak.

Many of the players are very

optimistic about the upcoming championship.

"I think our team can come out with a win if we all play well. We have some guys that can score low, and Peak n' Peak can help with that. If we finish with five guys in the 70s then we should be right in the hunt," said Black, Behrend's star sophomore.

Anthony Pagliari, another top golfer for the Lions, is anxious for the AMCC Championship to get underway.

"As for myself at the AMCC tournament I expect to win. I'm being confident in that statement, because I have to be. I played well last year in this tournament taking third with a 75," said Pagliari.

"At our tournament, which was also held at Peek n' Peak, I shot a 71. I expect to do the same or better at the AMCC. I am very excited for it and we should do very well."

Murphy said, "If we can be consistent like we were in the ECAC regional tournament we will finish well. I don't think we have any one great individual but if everyone plays consistent we can compete with anyone."

The Lions will finish up their fall season next week after the ECAC and AMCC Championships are completed.

They have had an excellent fall with their young team and expect only greater things to come. Behrend hopes to finish well and gain a lot of enthusiasm and momentum going into the spring season.

## September intramural wrap-up

### Intramural champions for September

#### Golf

Men's Team - Rob Wittman  
Jeff Webster  
Chuck Burchard  
James Bowen  
Men's Medal - James Bowen  
Women's Medal - Kristin Ardillo

#### Sand Volleyball

Men's - Monkeys With Guns  
Spencer Robbins  
Mike Skellie  
Mike Landy  
Brad Dolhi  
Women's - Alpha Sigma Alpha  
Coed - In The Net  
Brian Lezanic  
Adrian Rhodes  
Ross Lutz  
Robin Sampogna

#### Cross Country

Men - John Still (1st)  
Dave Scannell (2nd)  
Ryan Sunseri (3rd)  
Women - Jen Smialek (1st)  
Courtney Bliss (2nd)  
Amy Cabaday (3rd)

#### Men's Team - TIE

#### TKE

Matt Martone  
Mario Cionni  
Buddy Crappio  
Sig Tau  
Matt Henderson  
Steve Smolen  
Chris Laugelli  
Mark Bryner

#### Coed Team -

Curt Klugh  
Derwyn Hollobaugh  
Jen Smialek  
Courtney Bliss

### Points System Standings

#### FRATERNITY

1. Sig Tau Gamma 530 Points
2. Tau Kappa Epsilon 280 Points
3. Kappa Delta Rho 185 Points

#### INDEPENDENT

1. Monkeys With Guns 415 Points
2. XXX Men 185 Points
3. No Shame Soljaz 170 Points

#### RESIDENCE HALL

1. Almy 150 Points
2. Niagara 20 Points

#### WOMEN'S

1. Theta Phi Alpha 185 Points
2. Alpha Sigma Alpha 115 Points

#### COED

1. Almy 190 Points
2. Delta Chi/ASA 100 Points
3. FUBAR 80 Points

## Water polo shows signs of improvement

by Lauren Packer  
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Despite its current losing streak, the men's water polo team showed improvement in its most recent match. The team traveled to Washington & Jefferson College Tuesday night and faced Gannon in a Doc Hunkler Series game.

The van ride to W & J and the week of down time, in which the Lions did not play a single game, did not seem to bother the squad. In fact, it proved the opposite as the team came off the wall strong and showed no signs of rust during the game.

Although the Lions dropped the game 12-4, the improvement shown by the team will contribute to the future success of the Lions.

"It was our best showing against Gannon this year," said coach Josh Heynes.

Behrend has played Gannon two other times this season and has allowed Gannon 16 and 15 goals, respectively. Dropping three goals off the final score against shows Behrend has improved after a not quite mid-season slide plagued with mental errors and fourth quarter breakdowns.

Defensively, senior Ben Atkins had three steals, while Dario Kis and Carl Ward each had two steals. Goalie Nick McGrady recovered from his shoulder injury suffered against the same team a week ago to play the entire game and record nine saves.

Offensively, the Lions saw four different players score goals. Carl Ward's goal puts him two ahead of the pace for Behrend's record of most goals in a season and Eric Phillips scored his first goal

of the season for the Lions. Atkins, a defensive force, was also strong on offense, assisting in two of the four goals scored by Behrend.

The Lions appear poised and ready to make a comeback on the remainder of the season and Heynes agrees.

"I have twelve focused men who show up to all practices, morning and night, and give 100 percent effort each time. They go into a game knowing anything can happen. They have good communication and are conditioned better than ever before," said Heynes.

All of this improvement comes just in time. The Lions have one final homestand on Oct. 8, where they will host a trio of games in the Doc Hunkler Series, and then head to the Division III Eastern Championships at MIT.

The Lions will play the final game of the three-game series for the night.

Game one features the Lions' rival Grove City College and game two has a heated Division II rivalry between Slippery Rock and Salem International. The Lions take on W & J at 9 pm in the last game of the Doc Hunkler Series.

Behrend will closely follow the Grove City game as it anticipates a possible rematch against the Wolverines at the Eastern Championships.

MIT's pool is regulation size and all deep water, which means Behrend loses its comfort of having a pool with a shallow end. They also lose the comfort of having a small pool to defend.

To combat this, Heynes said his team would swim more yards in preparation for the pool at MIT, which is 30 meters long and 25 yards long.



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