

SPORTS

Penguins provide excitement to new season

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The Pittsburgh Penguins have kept fans on the edge of their seats at the start of the new season as three out of their five games have been decided with less than a minute to go in overtime.

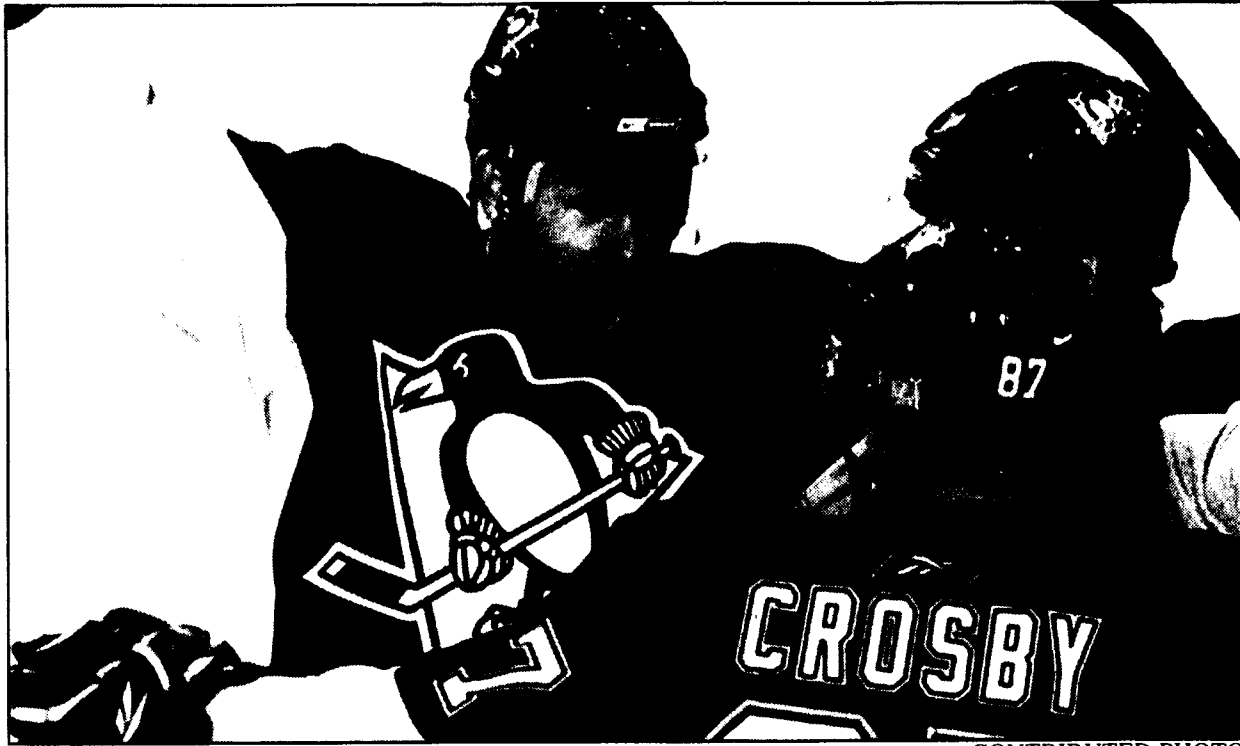
The team started the 2008-2009 season with a tough opening schedule against four powerful teams in the Eastern Conference who all made the playoffs last year.

With a total of five points, the Penguins are 2-2-1 overall.

The Penguins first two games were against the Ottawa Senators in Sweden. The Pens then traveled back to Pittsburgh to face the New Jersey Devils, Philadelphia Flyers, and Washington Capitals.

Overseas, the Penguins won one and lost one against the Senators. The Pens won the first game in overtime 4-3 when center Tyler Kennedy scored with ten seconds remaining. The next day, the Senators stepped up their performance and won 3-1.

The Penguins played the New Jersey Devils in their home opener at the Mellon Arena. Despite being out-shot 49-15 by the Devils, the Pens were somehow able to add a point to their record as they lost in overtime by a score of 2-1. Penguins right winger Miroslav Satan scored a power play goal at 11:52 in the first period of play. The Devils did not tie the game up until 17:31 in the third period when Devils left winger Patrick Elias's pass



Penguins left winger Pascal Dupuis celebrates his game winning goal against the Flyers with captain Sidney Crosby.

was deflected into the net by Penguins defenseman Hal Gill's stick. In overtime, Devils left winger Zach Parise scored with 37.6 seconds left to claim the victory.

Both the Penguins coaches and players were unhappy with the teams overall performance.

"We're not happy with the way we played," said captain Sidney Crosby. "We need to make sure that we make smarter decisions and give ourselves a chance to be successful. Last game [against the Devils] we didn't do that and we saw the results."

Penguins head coach Michel Therrien was also upset and disap-

pointed about the loss.

"We need to keep it simple," said Therrien. "I think right now, especially the last game, we tried fancy plays. We turned the puck over way too much. We have to get back to the good habits. Our work ethic (has) got to be there. Concentration has got to be there. When you're a high-risk team, you put yourself in trouble like we did last game with the result that we had."

Overtime also decided the outcome when the Pittsburgh Penguins took on the Philadelphia Flyers, a rematch of last year's Eastern Conference Finals.

The Pens defeated the Flyers 3-2 with 10.8 seconds left in overtime. Penguins right winger Pascal Dupuis blasted a shot in the upper right hand corner of the net to beat Flyers goaltender Antero Nittymaki. The play was assisted by Pens defenseman Brooks Orpik's lead pass to Dupuis.

Goals for the Penguins did not come from any of their star goal scorers. Instead, Orpik and Pens center Michael Zigomanis put the puck in the back of the net to give the Pens a 2-0 lead in the second period.

With less than a minute remaining in the second period, the Flyers answered back quickly as they scored two goals just 21 seconds apart. Goals were scored by Flyers center Jeff Carter and left winger Simon Gagne. With the score tied 2-2, the Flyers gained momentum going into the third and final period.

No scoring took place in the third period which sent the game into overtime where Orpik set up Dupuis's first

goal of the season. "Orpik played a great game," Dupuis said. "He scored a big goal and made a nice play on the OT goal. He was a big piece of the puzzle."

Orpik is not usually a scoring threat for the Pens, as his expertise is more on the defensive end. As stated by the Penguins website, he only had 36 points in 300 career games going into the game versus the Flyers.

"He played a solid game again tonight," said head coach Michel Therrien. "The last few games you could start to see the Brooks Orpik of last year, capable of bringing some offense. That's a big bonus for us. He got a goal and an assist tonight. That's good for him and for his confidence too, and good for the team."

The Penguins lost to the Washington Capitals on Thursday night. Pens defenseman Alex Goligoski scored the first goal of the game. As the period came to an end, Malkin added another power play goal for the Pens.

The Pens confidence built as Miroslav Satan put the Pens up 3-0.

The Capitals then scored four unanswered goals and added a win to their record. Center Tomas Fleischmann, left winger Alexander Semin, center Michael Nylander, and right winger Boyd Gordon were the four goal scorers for the Capitals.

This week the Penguins play the Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins and Carolina Hurricanes.



Penguins defenseman Hal Gill checks Flyers center Mike Richards.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS AT BEHREND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Behrend's Men's Water Polo team (2-8) will host Gannon(6-4) in the Junker Center at 9:00 p.m. coming off their trip to California last week.

The Men's Hockey team (3-1) travels to face Robert Morris at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Behrend's Womens Tennis team (14-2) plays at Grove City (9-2) at 10:00 a.m.

The men's and women's cross country team will compete at the Oberlin Inter Regional Rumble at 10:30 a.m.

Behrend's Volleyball team (16-8) hosts Frostburg State (4-11) at 1:00 p.m. in the Junker Center.

The Women's Soccer Team (5-8-1) will face Frostburg State (10-2-2) at 1:00 p.m.

The Men's Soccer team (9-5) will take on Frostburg State (10-3-1) at 3:00 p.m.

The Men's Water Polo team will face Washington & Jefferson (4-11) in their second match of the week in the Junker Center at 3:00 p.m.

Behrend's Mens Hockey plays at IUP for their second game of the week at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Behrend's Womens Tennis team plays in the AMCC Tournament at the Oxford Club in Wexford.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Behrend's Volleyball team plays at Medaille (4-11) at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

The Women's Soccer Team will face Hilbert (3-9) at the Behrend fields at 1:00 p.m.

Following the Women's Soccer match, the Men's Soccer team(9-5) will take on Hilbert's Men's team (3-9) at 3:00 p.m.

All team records found at time of publication
Home games in bold text

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS

All wins in italic text

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Volleyball: @ McDaniels Tournament
Behrend 3 Gordon 1
Behrend 0 Salsbury 3

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Volleyball: @ McDaniels Tournament(DayII)
Behrend 0 Gordon 3
Behrend 3 Newbury 0

W. Soccer: Behrend 6 Pitt-Greensburg 0
M. Soccer: Behrend 2 Pitt-Greensburg 1

Women's Tennis: @ Goucher Invitational
Scores not available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Women's Tennis: @ Goucher Invitational
Scores not available

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

W. Soccer: Behrend 3 Pitt-Bradford 0
M. Soccer: Behrend 3 Pitt-Bradford 0

All scores based from Sports Calendar and individual team page results. If your sport is not listed and you feel that it should be, contact cis5060@psu.edu

Beat The Experts

After a week of taking a break, the experts are back.

Who would have called the Giants, Redskins, and Panthers being some of the top teams in the league at this point?

Obviously, we would have.

Try to out-pick us; send a list of your weekend picks to cis5060@psu.edu.

NFL	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Ryan	Chris
S.D. @ Buffalo	Buffalo	S.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo	S.D.
N.O. @ Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	N.O.	Carolina	N.O.
Minn @ Chicago	Chicago	Minn.	Chicago	Minn.	Chic.
Pittsburgh @ Cinci.	Pitt.	Pitt.	Pitt.	Pitt.	Cinci.
Denver @ N.E.	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Baltimore @ Miami	Miami	Miami	Baltimore	Miami	Balt.
Detroit @ Houston	Houston	Houston	Detroit	Houston	Hou.
Indi @ Green Bay	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.
N.Y.J. @ Oakland	N.Y.J.	N.Y.J.	N.Y.J.	N.Y.J.	N.Y.J.
Cleveland @ Wash.	Washington	Washington	Washington	Cleveland	Cleveland
Seattle @ Tampa Bay	T. B.	T.B.	T.B.	Seattle	T.B.
Tie-Breaker	+38	+24	+21	+13	+14
NY.G. @ San Fran.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.
Two weeks ago:	9-3	9-3	9-3	*10-2	5-7
* denotes winner					
NCAA					
#6 Penn State @ Michigan	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
#11 Missouri @ #1 Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
#12 Ohio State @ #20 Mich. St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
#16 Kansas @ #4 Oklahoma	Kansas	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Kansas	Oklahoma
Akron @ Eastern Mich.	Akron	Akron	Eastern Mich.	Eastern Mich.	Akron
Last week:	2-3	2-3	2-3	4-1	1-4
* denotes winner					
Season Totals:	65-25	51-39	59-31	54-36	47-43