

PSU FOOTBALL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Nittany Lions run over by a Crimson Tide

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"Roll Tide Roll" was the chant from Bryant Denny Stadium and Alabama did just that last Saturday night as the #1 Alabama Crimson Tide took care of the #16 Nittany Lions.

It was a game that many had circled on the schedule since the two announced last season they would be renewing the series. Penn State fans knew if they hung around with the Tide they may have a shot, or it would be a blow out from the beginning. With yet another slow start, the Lady Lions were in for a long night.

Robert Bolden was put under the microscope Saturday night with the nation watching to see if he could be the first freshman in NCAA history to knock off the #1 team on the road. Despite throwing two interceptions, Robert Bolden showed promise and poise for a Nittany Lion team that is searching for leaders. Bolden played just about how one would figure a true freshman would

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NFL Steelers pull out shaky win against Atlanta

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Dramatic endings for the Steelers have become commonplace, and last week's win was no exception. With a few minutes left in the game and a tied score of 9-9, Atlanta had the ball on their own 30-yard line, but Troy Polamalu, saved the day.

The Steelers failed to get to the endzone, but Jeff Reed came in for the winning field goal and he missed. When the game went into overtime, Dixon handed off to Mendenhall, and he took it to the endzone for the winning touchdown. The crowd went wild as the Steelers proved they could win without their golden boy, Big Ben. It was the Steelers over the Falcons 15-9 in the season opener.

It is not really surprising that these two teams would go to overtime. This was the third time the Steelers and the Falcons needed extra time to decide a game. In 2002, the game ended 34-34, the victory.

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Lady Lions took first in this weekend's invitational. Jessica Woods had a substantial impact as the team went undefeated.

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Lady Lions remain champions

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The Lady Lions were tearing up the Junker Center last weekend as they went undefeated in the second day of their own invitational, not losing a single game, and captured the title as they defeated Grove City in the championship game.

Sophomore Mary Sperry was named the MVP of the tournament, and her teammate junior Stefanie Kelley was selected to the All-Tournament team as the two combined for 58 kills throughout the tournament.

"Being named to the All-

Tournament team was a bit of a shock for me," said Kelley. "I thought many of my teammates played really well and that it would be tough to decide, but it definitely felt great to be part of the All-Tournament team."

This year's squad is certainly a young group, with only two upperclassman on

the roster. It is up to seven year veteran head Coach Phil Pisano to maneuver his players to victory, but so far, he seems to be making all the right calls as the lions are 5-3 and peaking right at the heart of their schedule.

"The difference this weekend that led to our victory was probably the

mix up in the lineup," said Sperry. "We have a pretty deep bench this year with a lot of young kids who can step into any position quickly."

The team started their tournament with a tough match-up against number one seeded Carnegie Mellon. The Lions took the first game easily 25-19, but ran into trouble during the second set falling 25-21 to Carnegie. The third set was the turning point as Behrend won it in extra time by a final score of 30-28 and was able to close out the match winning the last game 25-19.

"We played smart and tried to keep the

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MEN'S SOCCER

Continued success in Colorado

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In the peaks of Colorado, the men's soccer team made a weekend trip to Colorado Springs where they continued their undefeated season.

After playing McMurray, a college based out of Texas, Behrend forced them to a 2-0 shutout. Senior captain Jerry Tortella capitalized early on in the 19th minute to score, as the ball ricocheted off of a McMurray defender into the back of the net. Senior captain Lance Sabol scored off of an assist from Jake Gamble in the 62nd minute to add the last push for the win. Gamble has been looked to score goals vital goals early on in the season, but shows his versatility and ability to assist his teammates. Junior Chris Boela recorded another shutout in his debut season with the Lions.

"I liked that fact that along with getting a chance to play out of state competition, we were able to experience the thrill of Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, and an Air Force game flyover," said freshman Eric Hack-

worth.

During the second game, the Lions faced a stronger battle when they faced Colorado College. The Lions had to fight for every possession, and were out shot 28-12. The Lions focused on the defensive the side of the game, being lead by junior defender Kyle McKinney. McKinney was named as the AMCC defensive player of the week, after helping to secure two shutouts.

"It was tough to get acclimated to the altitude but we subbed to keep guys fresh," said McKinney. "Breathing in Colorado was definitely a factor for our team."

Even though the weekend was focused on soccer, the boys were able to experience the beauty of Colorado. They toured Pikes Peak and were able to attend a BYU versus Air Force Academy football game.

"Being in Colorado was a great chance to bond with the team, see the beautiful Colorado scenery, and hold our own against strong competition," said senior defenseman Zach Herd.

The trip was beneficial because the

men were able to play teams from across the country. They were able to increase their record to 3-0-2 after their trip, and came away with a tie against Grove City on Wednesday. Along with continuing their undefeated season, Tortella is four goals away from securing the school's record of most goals. The team will take on Westminster Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. on the Behrend Fields.



Joshua Teti contributed photo

The men's team got to explore Pikes Peak.

FANTASY FAST FACTS

• Philadelphia Eagles QB Kevin Kolb suffered a concussion and is to be replaced by Michael Vick in week two.

• Mathew Stafford, QB for the Detroit Lions, re-injured his throwing shoulder last week and will not start this week. A starter has yet to be named.

• Green Bay Packers' running back Ryan Grant is out for the year after re-injuring his ankle. He is to be replaced by Brandon Jackson.



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• Steven Jackson of the St. Louis Rams injured his knee last week, but according to his coach, is expected to play in week two.

• Carolina Panthers QB Matt Moore suffered a concussion last week but is currently listed as day-to-day.

OPINION

Vick named starter in Philly

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Obviously, if we have questions, we want answers. So, we depend on ESPN to deliver us their thoughts on recent performances in the NFL world, and how this effects our fantasy team.

The dependable ESPN missed "the boat" on this one. But, what am I getting at? Again, if we have questions, then we want answers. Well, I'm going to give you the answer. That is, the answer behind who the new starting quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles is, and why no one, for the life of me, is not properly paying attention to him.

For the Philadelphia Eagles, their quarterback position has its fair share of question marks. Kevin Kolb was selected as the Eagles starting quarterback to open the season, but now is out with concussion-like symptoms.

Let's take a closer look at ESPN's fantasy

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Behrend Bottom Line

GOLF

PSB recorded their first win this season at the D'Youville invite last Tuesday with a team low score of 333

CROSS COUNTRY

The Behrend invitational takes place this weekend for the Lion runners at the Behrend fields

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Lady Lions shut out Pitt-Bradford 9-1 in AMCC play last Wednesday