

SPORTS

PSU Sports @ a Glance

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On Wednesday, Feb. 15, the Penn State Harrisburg women's basketball team clinched a regional playoff spot by coming out on top in a physical battle against Penn State Hazleton.

The women's team traveled to Penn State Delaware County, where they were beaten 67-55. This brings their overall win-loss record to 7 wins, 4 losses.

In a previous meeting, the Harrisburg team beat Hazleton by a close five point margin, so the Harrisburg women knew they had a close game ahead of them.

The game was indeed just that, with each team taking the lead at various times, although Harrisburg held the lead for the majority of the game. Fouls and free throws played key roles in this game as well.

Harrisburg showed great mental focus, ending up with an 80% free throw percentage.

The women played with a superb, high-scoring team effort. Junior Brooke Conjar led the way with an amazing 29 total points. Senior Kayma Sonii-Ricks and junior Jamie Brindle scored 17 each. Junior Nichole Adams had 13, freshman Krystal Miranda had 12, and graduate student Amanda Mentzer had 10. Also notable is the fact that Miranda made 8 of 8 free throws.

The game was a physical one from the beginning, with Harrisburg taking an early lead. When 9 minutes remained in the first half, the score was tied at 22. Sonii-Ricks dumped in 11 of her 17 total points in the first half, leading the scoring. Several Harrisburg players sank some nice three-pointers, but the Hazleton team responded by sinking some of their own. At halftime, the score was Harrisburg 43, Hazleton 41.

Harrisburg came out strong in the second half, taking a fourteen-point lead with about 8 minutes left to play. This made the score Harrisburg 74, Hazleton 60. Leading the way were Conjar, who scored 19 of her 29 total points, and Brindle, who scored 14 of her 17 total points.

The Hazleton team, however, was not going down without a fight. They scored 7 unanswered points to bring the score to 74-67. In the next three minutes of play, they outscored Harrisburg 9-6, making the score Harrisburg 80, Hazleton 76, with four minutes left to play.

Harrisburg decided that this was too close for comfort, because they scored 18 more points, while allowing Hazleton to score only 10 more. In the span of about two and a half minutes, Conjar dumped in 11 points in a row. Hazleton did not have an answer for this, and the Harrisburg Lady Lions earned a hard-fought 98-86 victory.

The Lady Lions have clinched a playoff berth, and their game will be played on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the CUB. Their opponent will most likely be Penn State Hazleton, which would prove to be an exciting contest. Please come out and support these excellent athletes in their playoff quest!

Good Luck to the PSH Lady Lions from the staff at The Capital Times.

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DEFENSE

Linebackers

1. Navorro Bowman (6'-0" 218 4.7, Suitland, MD.) An inside linebacker that enrolled at Penn State in January. Bowman will be a special teams force next year and an eventual starter down the road.
2. Bani Gbadyu (6'-1" 205 4.52, Gaithersburg, MD.) A great athlete that originally committed to LSU, Gbadyu will either play outside linebacker or safety at Penn State.

Cornerbacks



A.J. Wallace (6'-1" 195 4.4, Pomfret, MD.) Wallace is the cream of the crop for this year's recruiting class. Like Justin King last year, Wallace was rated by most experts as the top cornerback in the country. He will see a lot of playing time next year on defense

Defensive Linemen



Maurice Evans



Jared Odrick

1. Maurice Evans (6'-3" 245 lbs. 4.8 seconds 40 yard dash Middle Village, NY.) With the lack of depth at defensive end, Evans will have an immediate impact. One of the best players on the field in the U.S. Army All-American game, Evans possesses great pass-rushing ability that will help ease the pain of losing Tamba Hali and Matthew Rice. A future star at Penn State, Evans is someone to keep your eye on for next season.
2. Abe Koroma (6'-3" 280 4.85, Takoma Park, PA.) Koroma is one of the few lower-caliber recruits from the defense, but adding another big-body to a depleted defensive line can never hurt.
3. Eric Latimore (6'-5" 240 4.9, Middletown, DE.) A defensive end that will not see a lot of playing time next year, but will give the Lions some much needed depth at the position.
4. Aaron Maybin (6'-3" 211 4.64, Ellicott City, MD.) Another defensive end that boasts great pass-rushing ability. Maybin needs to gain more wait to be effective at the college level, but he definitely see playing time next year.
5. Tom McEowen (6'-4" 279 5.1, Feasterville, PA.) A highly touted defensive tackle that committed all the way back in July, McEowen, was the first big recruit for the Lions.
6. Jared Odrick (6'-5" 303 5.03, Lebanon, PA.) Odrick is a very talented defensive tackle that has the ability to move to offensive tackle because of his quick feet and long arms. Ranked by many

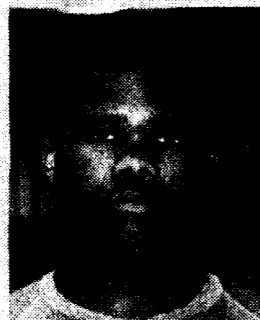
experts as the top player in Pennsylvania, Odrick will see plenty of playing time next year, probably on the defensive side of the ball. But don't be surprised if Odrick is Levi Brown's replacement at left tackle in two years.

7. Ollie Ogbu (6'-3" 320 5.1, Milford, NY) Ogbu is the only prep school player to sign with the Lions. A surprisingly good athlete for his size, Ogbu should be a solid run-stopper down the road.

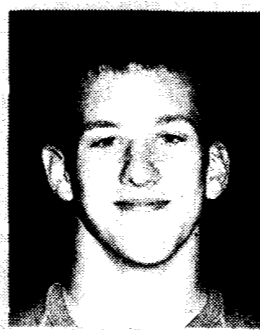
8. Phillip Taylor (6'-3" 346 5.1, Clinton, MD.) Yet another highly touted defensive tackle that Penn State was able to recruit. Taylor has plenty of work to do to get into shape, but if he can keep his weight manageable, he should be a huge force in the middle of the defensive line.

9. Jonnie Troutman (6'-4" 289 4.9, Browns Mills, NJ.) A big strong-side defensive end that chose Penn State over Ohio State. He obviously has plenty of intelligence.

OFFENSE



Antonio Logan-El



Pat Devlin

Offensive Linemen

1. Lou Eliades:
Ht: 6'4"
Wt: 286
40: 4.97
Hometown: Ocean, NJ
Eliades was ranked one of the top offensive guards in the nation. His size and speed should help him get on the field quickly.
2. Doug Klopacz:
Ht: 6'2"
Wt: 249
40: 4.85
Hometown: Montvale, NJ
Klopacz is very athletic for a lineman and a great pass blocker.
3. Antonio Logan-El:
Ht: 6'4"
Wt: 307
40: 5.11
Hometown: Forestville, MD
Logan-El was a top 5 guard nationally and possibly the best player out of Maryland. A phenom in high school, he has the skills to play right away and given Penn State's need at that position you can expect to see a lot of him next year.
4. J.B. Walton:
Ht: 6'3"
Wt: 275
40: 5.25
Hometown: Indian Head, MD
Walton is another phenomenal lineman. Next to Logan-El he has the most potential as an offensive lineman in Penn State's class. He could see quite a bit of time next year too.

Quarterbacks

1. Brett Bracket:
Ht: 6'6"
Wt: 232
40: 4.71
Hometown: Lawrenceville, NJ
Bracket is huge, to be frank. He is big, strong, and can run. He may be a sleeper in this draft class.
2. Pat Devlin:
Ht: 6'3"
Wt: 200
40: 4.78
Hometown: Exton, PA
One of the top quarterbacks out of PA, Devlin had originally committed to Miami. He has great "football IQ" and is extremely accurate. As the apparent heir to Anthony Morelli, you can expect to see Devlin very soon.

Running Backs

1. Travis McBride:
Ht: 6'0"
Wt: 188
40: 4.6
Hometown: McKeesport, PA
McBride has good speed and should give Penn State some depth at running back.
2. Brent Carter:
Ht: 6'3"
Wt: 205
40: 4.55
Hometown: Pottstown, PA
Carter decommitted from Virginia in favor of Penn State late in the season. He was one of the top running backs out of PA and has the potential to be the next great running back.
3. Evan Royster:
Ht: 6'0"
Wt: 190
40: 4.45
Hometown: Chantilly, VA
He has good speed, still physical. He has excellent vision and will provide more quality depth at the position.

Tight Ends

1. Andrew Quarless:
Ht: 6'4"
Wt: 222
40: 4.5
Hometown: Uniondale, NY
Quarless is a huge tight end with good speed. He will be an excellent target for Devlin, but could see time next year behind Mark Rubin.

Wide Receivers

1. Chris Bell:
Ht: 6'3"
Wt: 205
40: 4.56
Hometown: Norfolk, VA
One of the top receivers in the nation, Bell is a big physical receiver. He has the speed to make him dangerous after the catch. He will only make one of the top receiving corps in the nation better, a great pickup for the Nittany Lions.
2. Cedric Jeffries:
Ht: 6'1"
Wt: 185
40: 4.6
Hometown: Egg Harbor, NJ
Jeffries is another quality receiver for Penn State with great potential.