

# Joe Paterno comments from first day of spring practice with Nittany Lions

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**How's the health of the team?**  
"I think the team's pretty good. We've got one or two kids, like (Brennan) Coakley, but eventually he'll be okay."

**How much of spring practice is going to be dedicated to grooming (Anthony) Morelli and maybe changing some of the things you do offensively?**

"I don't think we're going to do a lot of things differently offensively. We'll emphasize some things obviously. I don't think Morelli would be the guy you'd want to count on running the ball as much as Michael Robinson. He's not that kind of player but he can still run. We won't change that much. We're going into spring practice just like you guys. You guys all want to know what we're going to do. I've got to watch. I've got to see some people. I've got to get a feel for some different guys at different positions. I think Morelli's got a chance to be a really good quarterback. Spring practice is a fun time for us because we don't have to get ready for somebody next week."

**You've lost a lot of players on defense. Can you talk about some of the younger players who are trying to win positions?**

"We lost some down guys and the secondary, but most of the (returning) secondary guys have been in games -- (Tony) Davis, and we all know about Justin King and (Anthony) Scirrotto, even though he was a freshman last year, played some...Donnie Johnson. I think we have a pretty good idea where we're going with the defensive personnel. Whether they can get to be good enough...I'm always telling

the coaches, 'make sure they can play smarter. If they play smarter, they'll play faster.' We've got (Jay) Alford back. Eddie Johnson's back. Eddie's was a good player before he got himself in a jam. I think we'll be okay."

**How much will Derrick Williams be a factor in spring ball?**

"He's fine. He was fit enough to play in the Orange Bowl but I wouldn't let him. Derrick will be okay."

**How about Paul (Posluszny)?**  
"I'm not going to play Paul (during spring practice). Paul wants to do some things, but I'm not going to play him."

**Looking at the roster, most of the fifth-year guys are back. Are you still trying to figure out how to get to the 85 scholarship limit or are you okay?**

"We're in great shape."  
**Is there one unit that concerns you more than another heading into spring?**

"Heading into spring I think everything concerns me. I'm anxious to see whether we have the leadership and if we have the kinds of things it takes to be a good football team. I think we have it. I think it's a question of we have to go to work and make some people better at their positions. We have to get people to work with each other, anticipate what the other guy is going to do, and those kinds of things. I have no real concerns."

**Are you thinking about using the 3-4 defense or experimenting with it?**

"We'll probably experiment with a lot of things. That's what's fun about spring practice...go in there all half-cocked in the morning and say, 'Let's try this.' You don't have to worry about it if I'm all screwed up, that it's going to affect us two days from

now. We'll horse around a little..."

**Can you talk about the others at quarterback?**

"I mentioned (Paul) Cianciolo and I think Suhey's got a shot."

**How about Daryll Clark?**

"He's a partial qualifier and he's not allowed to practice."

**Talk about the challenges with the offensive line.**

"Obviously, we lost a couple of kids who played a lot of football. There again, it's a challenge and that's why you get paid. You get paid to go out there and take a look at what we've got and see if you can win a couple of games."

**You lost some captains. How do you replace that leadership?**

"Of course, one of them is back in Paul (Posluszny). We lost (Alan) Zemaitis and Michael Robinson...I think Michael Robinson was a big loss because Michael was a guy that kind of carried the football team with him, doing some things in the clutch. There again, the job in the spring is to get some people to step to the front."

**Do you try to set the tone in the spring, to build off last year and to not backslide?**

"I don't know...I just want to go to work. I just want to go out there and start coaching and see what happens. The time may come where I have to say to them, 'you guys better wake up. You can't win on what you did last year.' But, I don't sense that. We've had a good winter program. The kids have worked hard in the winter program. I think they're excited about spring practice. I know the coaches are and we'll go from there."

**Will (Navorro) Bowman be practicing this spring?**

"No, not yet."

# 100 innings in the bitter cold

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Despite the game time temperature of 39 degrees, Team A topped Team B & Team C (12-7-3) in the 1st Annual 100-inning baseball/softball fundraiser held Saturday at the Little Hollywood baseball complex.

The event was held as a fundraiser with all proceeds going directly to the PSH baseball and softball programs.

Leading Team A was Austin Kulp going 10-for-16 with 2 runs scored. Other leaders were Wes Erdman (7-for-17 with 3 runs scored) and Garret Piper (6-for-15). Softball player Erica McDonald had 4 hits and Amanda Martin chipped in 3 hits. Baseball player Kris Aumiller hit the games only home run in the 7th inning.

4 Baseball players lead Team B with 6 hits each; Matt Carroll (6-for-17), Mel Evans (6-for-16, 3 runs scored), Chris Ziino (6-for-16) and John Stephens (6-for-16). JD McFall also chipped in 5 hits. Softball player Krista Miranda led the womens side of Team B with 5 hits in 17 at-bats.

Team C was led by softball player Amanda Pearson, who went 6-for-18 on the day. Nicole Adams chipped in 5 hits and Jess Novack had 3 and

# Featured Athlete

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After helping lead her team to the PSUAC Championship game in State College, Nicole Adams of the women's basketball team has been named Featured Athlete by the Athletic Department. With the team coming up two points short in the game, Adams, a 2003 graduate of Newport High School, says the final seconds of the game is something she will never forget. "What I remember the most about playing in the championship game at the Bryce Jordan Center is with 9.5 seconds left to go on the clock coach called a time out and at that time she knew she was looking into eyes of champions, even though the results did not prove that."

Five days earlier, Adams cooled her team with 21 points in a huge 85-74 win over Penn State Hazleton that sent the Lady Lions to the Final Four. In the semifinal

game, the junior criminal justice major made a big contribution in the first half to set the pace for a 70-63 win over Penn State Delaware County. Despite the fact that she was oversized by DELCO's inside

players, Adams used a combination of low-post moves and a mid-range jump shot to get the job done.

Adams says she chose to transfer to Penn State Harrisburg because it is relatively close to her Perry County home, and the addition of athletics to the campus made the choice even easier. Her first year playing for the Lady Lions was a memorable one. "The experience was unforgettable and we WILL bring home the trophy next year. I am still a little bitter about losing or I would probably say more."

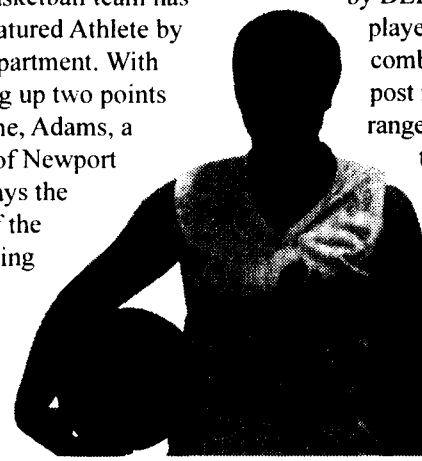


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scored 1 of the teams 3 runs. Baseball players Corey Daniel and Jim Joseph paced the men's side of team C with 5 hits. Greg Yetter, coming off a broken wrist had 4 hits.

Team A jumped out to a 7-0-0 lead after the first 10 innings and seem to be in control. Team's B & C started to chip away at Team A's lead. Team B later closed within 1 of Team (8-7-3) in the 92nd inning, however Team A scored 4 runs in the 93rd & 94th inning to hold off Team B and claim the win.

A special thanks to all the families and friends of the PSH baseball and softball players who donated pledges.



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Members of the Penn State Harrisburg softball and baseball teams pose for a picture amid the cold winds. The players obtained pledges for a 100 inning game to raise money for their respective teams.

# March Madness makes Miller mad

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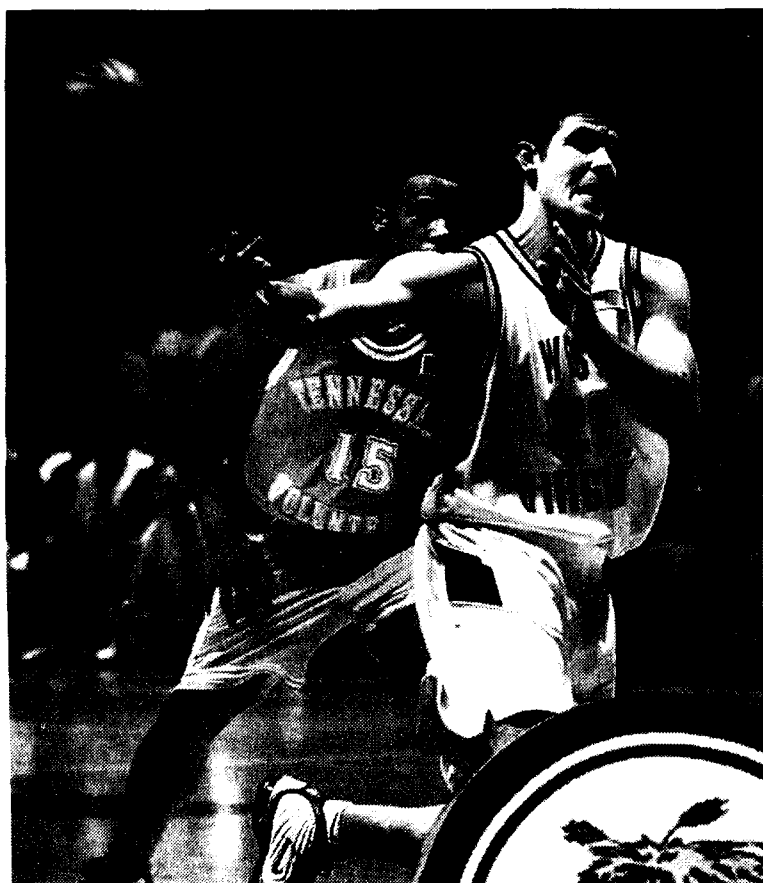
It's around eight o'clock on a Sunday night in early March. You're watching the NCAA Basketball Tournament selection show on ESPN; you have your bracket, you've got your pencil, you are ready to fill in your sheet, which you proclaim will be the next best prophecy in the history of time. You've done everything correctly; you've paid attention to all the games all season. You know all the high profile players and why they will make the difference in the big games. You have selected an appropriate amount of upsets, and made "key picks" that no one else is smart enough to think of. Well I'm here to tell you it's called March Madness for a reason, because it will drive you insane.

This year's tournament has been called one of the most interesting and unappreciable, and for good reason. Who would have predicted the 13th seeded Bradley Braves defeating the number four and five seeded teams in consecutive games? Who placed the 11th seeded George Mason in the final four? And who could have foreseen all of the buzzer beating finishes to a flurry of games in the first round? The answer is no one. No one could have predicted these monumental and bizarre events. And it is for this very reason that I am now seeking mental therapy via writing this article: I need closure for making what I now see is the worst March Madness bracket in recorded history.

What I would like to do is give my own pointers and tips for how to make a sound and successful March Madness bracket. Before I go any further, I know what you are thinking. Matt, you just said you made the worst bracket in the history of time, why would I want your advice? That is a good question, and one I have a fairly

decent answer to. If I just created the worst bracket known to man, and I have paid attention to basketball all season, plus possessed knowledge of the game and it's players, all I really have to do is the exact opposite of

on how awesome their mascot is. This year's tourney had the Seton Hall Pirates matched up against the Wichita State Shockers. This was a very hard choice between Pirates and Shockers, but in the end I, of course, chose the wrong team to win. I really should have gone with the Shockers. My final tip is what I like to call the "WIRIF" or the "Wildly Insane Random Intangible Factor." This could be anything from a team having good karma to a team that



Picking players like Johannes Herber or mascots like the Shockers may improve your odds with March Madness.

what I did this year and my results will be reversed. In short, by doing the direct opposite of what I did this year I will find success in the years to come. Now, let us get started on the tips.

First, what you will want to do is research all of the colors of each team. If I would have known George Mason's colors were gold and green, I would have picked them to win it all. Sadly, I did not pay attention to their colors, resulting in a horrific choice. Make sure you pay attention to colors, it's very important in choosing early first-round games. Next you will want to learn the team mascot of each school. Using your own specific chart of coolness, you should be able to decide which team will win each game depending

possesses a player with an odd name.

Perhaps the team you want to choose uses alliteration, like the Bradley Braves. Or maybe they just have players with really cool names. Take West Virginia for example. They have players named Kevin Pittsnogle and Johannes Herber; with names like that you can't go wrong.

So where does this leave us? Well, if you follow these tips it will leave you counting your cash, because these pointers are guaranteed to make your bracket better, and if it doesn't then you just suck at picking teams.

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