

# PSH sports victorious

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All of the Penn State Harrisburg intercollegiate Fall sports teams are over halfway into their seasons at this point in the semester. Most of the teams are enjoying remarkable success thus far. By the time this issue comes to press, the teams will be one more week into their seasons and even closer to playoffs and end-of-season tournaments.

The baseball team is enjoying a seven-game winning streak as of late. Their most recent victories came when they beat Penn State Abington and Penn State York in consecutive double-headers on September 30 and October 1, respectively. This means that they post an overall record of 7 wins, 2 losses and an undefeated Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference record of 7 wins, 0 losses. The baseball team is unique in that they play a Fall season and a Spring season and by the time this issue is published, they will have finished all of their regular Fall games and will only have the Mid-Season Tournament left to play on October 14 and 15.

The cross country team is also off to an impressive start, placing 3 out of six teams at a conference meet at Penn State Wilkes-Barre on September 16. A few days later, they placed a remarkable first out of eleven teams at a conference meet at Penn State Worthington Scranton. On September 30, they placed second out of eight teams at a meet held at Luzerne County Community College.

The women's soccer team, one of the new teams here on campus, has started their season off with an

impressive 3-0 overall record and a 2-0 PSUAC record. They continued their unbeaten streak by defeating Penn State Abington by a score of 3-0 on September 29. Their undefeated record is even more impressive when one considers that the team only has fourteen players. A typical full soccer team roster boasts eighteen or more players.

Posting solid 4-1 PSUAC and 5-2 overall records, the men's soccer team is optimistic about the

at my teammates about." When asked about the team's attitude towards the playoffs Christofidis said, "As a team we feel that we can and will win it all this year." This strong sense of motivation is surely fueled by the fact that they lost to Penn College in a tough semi-final playoff game last year.

The women's volleyball team is making a fairly strong showing this Fall despite having a small eight-person roster. Their overall record fell to 5 wins, 5 losses as they lost to Penn State Mont Alto on September 30, but they still have a respectable PSUAC record of 5 wins, 3 losses.

Despite solid performances which garnered wins against Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State York, and Penn State Hazleton, the new co-ed tennis team suffered two tough losses to Penn College within one week, making both their overall and their PSUAC record 3-2. As a member of the team, I can speak for my teammates when I say that we have been motivated by these losses to work even harder and to aim for an unbeaten rest of our season.

Within the past two weeks, the golf team, which is also new to campus, has placed third out of seven teams at an away match at Penn State Mont Alto and fourth out of six teams at an away match at Penn State New Kensington. They will have competed in their last regular season match on October second, and will be preparing for their PSUAC championships which are scheduled for October 15, 16, and 17 at Blue Course.

Please continue to come out and support your fellow PSH athletes as they finish out their Fall sports seasons. Full rosters, schedules, photos, and information about coaches can be found by clicking on the Intercollegiate Athletics link on the [www.hbg.psu.edu](http://www.hbg.psu.edu) web site.

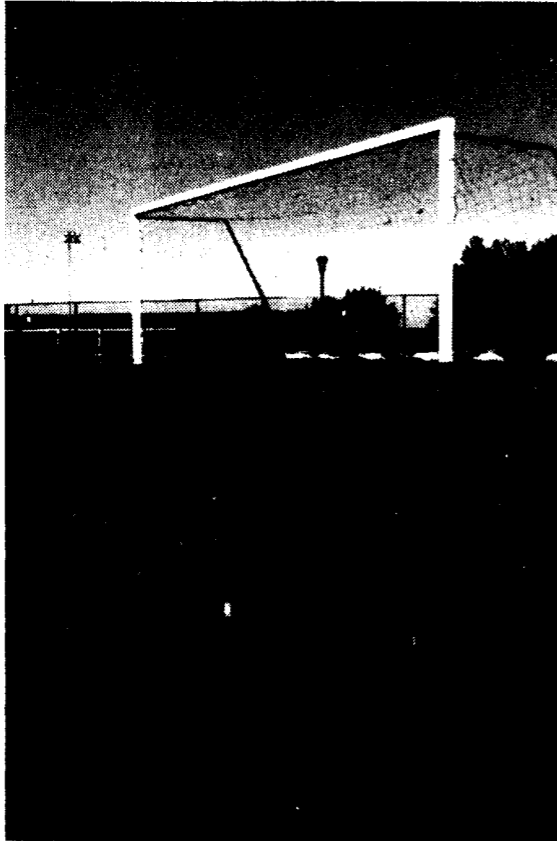


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The soccer field at PSH. The men's team has an overall record of 5 - 2 and the women have a, thus far, undefeated record.

remainder of their season. When asked if he would like to make any remarks about their season, captain George Christofidis, '07, said, "As a captain I feel that we are doing well overall as a team. We are growing as a team and making less and less mistakes on and off the field. Soon enough I won't have anything to yell

# Nittany Lions to hold the line

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Minnesota's affinity to running the football is about as much of a constant in the Big Ten these days as Joe Paterno pacing the Penn State sidelines wearing rolled-up khakis and thick-rimmed glasses.

On Saturday, Joe Pa and the Gopher running backs will be wearing out the artificial turf at the Metrodome when the Nittany Lions (3-2, 1-1) visit Minneapolis.

Linebacker Paul Posluszny and his Penn State teammates shut down star Laurence Maroney last season when the Lions routed the Gophers 44-14 at Beaver Stadium. Maroney was moved on to the NFL, so Amir Pinnix (477 yards, two TDs) and 6-foot-3, 255-pound linebacker-turned-running back Alex Daniels (300 yards, five TDs) now get the bulk of the carries for Minnesota (2-3, 0-2).

"It all starts on the line," said Posluszny, coming off his best game of the year with 10 tackles last week against Northwestern. "Whoever wins the battle of the line of scrimmage will do very well in this game."

Penn State has issues on both sides of the line, to a lesser extent on defense. There's not much experienced depth behind senior linebacker/end Tim Shaw and tough tackles Jay Alford and Ed Johnson.

Minnesota rushes for 203 yards a game, 15th-best in Division I-A. They also have a pair of potential receiving threats in receiver Logan Payne (seven TDs) and 6-foot-7 tight end Matt Spaeth.

But Penn State's defense has improved each week and has been

especially tough against the run, limiting opponents to 82 yards a game.

"We had trouble doing everything last year. We got killed pretty good," quarterback Bryan Cupito said. "We're just going to try to run our regular offense."

The Lions might have trouble doing the same, thanks to some injuries on the offensive line.

Paterno said two seniors are hurt: standout left tackle Levi Brown will

when Paterno wants his squad to improve offensively inside the 20-yard line. Penalties, mistakes and missed assignments have squandered numerous red zone opportunities, or forced the Lions to settle for field goals.

"I think this week in practice, we'll be able to catch some things up," quarterback Anthony Morelli said. "We've got to be able to run the ball, try to run it. It just hasn't been working out for us."

The offense is doing OK getting into the red zone, though, thanks in part to tough running back Tony Hunt (525 yards, five TDs).

"He's a good running back. Sometimes those accolades are accurate and sometimes they're not, but he's a good, tough runner," Minnesota coach Glen Mason said.

The Gophers' often-porous defense gave up 518 yards in last week's loss to No. 6 Michigan, including 195 yards to running back Mike Hart. But Mason hopes the unit can build on a solid second-half performance versus the strong Wolverines.

Mike Sherels, who leads the Gophers with 37 tackles, could be important to helping to contain Hunt. The middle linebacker found a little extra incentive to beat the Lions after bumping into former teammate Brandon Owens in the training room this week.

A year ago against Penn State, Owens suffered a career-ending shoulder injury after a violent but clean collision with Michael Robinson while trying to tackle the quarterback.

Owens is still with the Gophers, but now is a student assistant. Instead of making big plays on the field, Owens is trying to encourage his teammates off it.

"He said 'You've got to go get those guys.' But that's the same thing he said last week," Sherels said. "But in the back of everybody's head, I think it's, 'Go out and win this one for (Owens).' It's a little extra motivation."



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Joe Paterno and his Nittany Lions need to stop the Minnesota running game on the line.

sit out again Saturday because of a sprained left knee; left guard Robert Price is questionable because of a sprained left shoulder. The right guard, sophomore Rich Ohrnberger, will be making his second career start.

"The ones who are going to play have not had much experience, but the ones behind them have had less," Paterno said. "I am very, very much concerned with that."

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