

# Sports

## Soccer Teams Shine in Home Openers

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The Penn State Harrisburg soccer teams shined in their regular season openers against the Valley Forge Christian College.

The Lady Lions started the day off by scoring ten goals on 30 shots. They jumped out early advantage scoring six goals in the first half, and the Lady Lions played solid defense in the second half. Not to be out done, the Nittany Lions put on a dominating show of their own scoring six goals and holding their opponents to a total of four shots in the entire game.

Sophomore Allie Rank who had a hat trick in the game led the Lady Lion's. She started her offensive showing by scoring the opening goal of the game thanks to an assist from fellow sophomore Valerie Calvano.

Freshmen Lindsay McNeal and Megan Frailey took control of the scoring, netting 3 goals in the next 9 minutes of the game. McNeal started the scoring spree with a goal set up by the smart passing of the Lady Lions.

Frailey took her turn scoring. She netted two unassisted goals in under a minute. This included a spectacular header to give the Lady Lions a four to zero lead.

Lions head coach Mark Brown said, "Megan is a fast, exciting player that with talent around she has a

real opportunity to have a great season."

Rank and McNeal each scored one more goal in the first half on assists from Frailey and the Lady Lions took a dominating six-goal lead into half time.

The Lady Lions controlled the ball for most of the second half. Sophomore Jessi Manion controlled much of the offensive flow and scored the first goal of the half.

Rank scored for the third time then to give the Lady Lions an eight to zero lead. Finally sophomore Corinne Mazzotta and senior Allison Collins scored back-to-back goals to finish off the game.

Goalies Angela Gilmore and Brittany Adams did a great job in goal setting up the defense and stopping Valley Forge from scoring.

Coach Brown said about the game, "We finished shots really well and you have to be impressed with that. However we need to improve on our flow by making better passes."

The Nittany Lion's then took the field looking to duplicate the Lady Lion's dominating performance.

Senior Joshua Christ looked to be on a mission and Valley Forge simply had no answer for him. Christ also had a hat trick scoring thanks to great passing by his teammates.

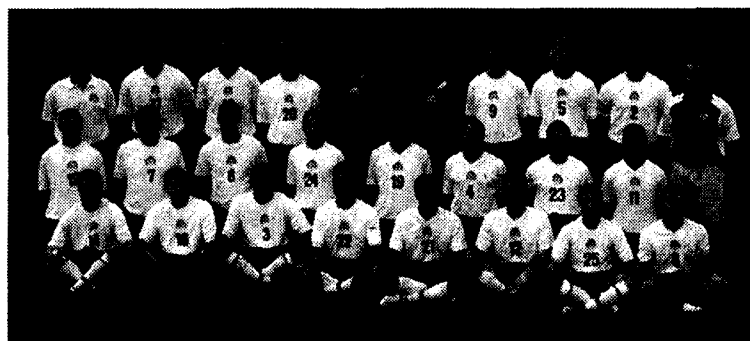
Sophomore Danny Francis had a strong offensive game as well, scoring one goal in each half. Daniel Guillen scored early in the second half to put the game out of reach.

Toan Ngo played a great game in goal allowing no goals. Ngo also seemed to position the players and aided them on free kicks.

Coach Brown said, "Toan, since he is in goal sees things from a different angle and we rely on him to position the team where they need to be since we cannot see everything going on during the game."

Brown said about the Lions, "We stressed one or two touches and then for them to pass the ball off and they did that tonight. They played a disciplined game."

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Pictured above are the Women's and Men's soccer teams. Photo courtesy of PSH Intercollegiate Athletic Department

## Fourth-quarter comebacks and injuries: NFL's week one highlights

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Get out your pigtails and oil up the La-Z Boy recliners. The NFL is back and 32 teams are hunting for that Super Bowl title. Opening weekend, which began Thursday, September 10, was far from boring with season ending injuries and unexpectedly close games being decided in the last two minutes. It's a new season with new opportunities. Get your popcorn ready.

The Super Bowl XLIII champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers opened up the season two weeks ago against the Tennessee Titans. The Titans effectively corked the Steelers running game, forcing Ben Roethlisberger to start connecting with Santonio Holmes and Hines Ward, forcing the Titans into overtime with a 32-yard field goal by Jeff Reed. Ward fumbled on a key play that might have ended the game and given the Steelers a win in regulation. The Titans lost the coin toss at the start of overtime and would never see the ball again. Roethlisberger led the Steelers down the field on 10 plays for 63 yards, which set up another Reed field goal, 33 yards, to win the game. With the happiness of the

Steelers win comes the bitterness of an injury. Star safety Troy Polamalu is sidelined 3 to 6 weeks due to a sprained MCL in his left knee. Head coach Mike Tomlin reported that Polamalu will not need surgery.

Chicago is also going without a key player for the duration of their season. In their loss to the Green Bay Packers, middle linebacker Brian Urlacher suffered a season-ending right wrist sprain, which required surgery Monday morning. Later that day, the Bears signed linebacker Tim Shaw to the 53-man roster. Losing Urlacher Sunday was not the only reason for the 21-15 loss to Green Bay however. Quarterback Jay Cutler threw for 277 yards with only 1 touchdown and 4 interceptions, not the way he expected to begin in Chicago. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers rallied in the fourth quarter with a 50-yard touchdown pass to Greg Jennings to put Green Bay ahead of the Bears. The two also hooked up for the two point conversion making the score 21-15. The Bears got the ball back with just over a minute on the clock, but couldn't get anything going.

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb also suffered an injury in the season opener against the Carolina Panthers. McNabb's cracked rib has his status set as day-to-day. Michael Vick was reinstated to the Eagles roster after the injury, but will not be able to start until Week 3. Head coach Andy Reid announced Tuesday that Kevin

Kolb will be the Eagles starter in Week 2 against the New Orleans Saints. Kolb took over after McNabb was escorted off the field in the third quarter against the Panthers. He threw for 23 yards and closed out the game for the Eagles, ending with a win.

Sunday's excitement rolled into Monday Night Football with the New England Patriots hosting the Buffalo Bills. Tom Brady was rusty in his first meaningful start in 53 weeks, after being sidelined the previous season with torn knee ligaments that required surgery. Brady overthrew Wes Welker and Kevin Faulk on several occasions, but hit his targets when it mattered most. In the final two minutes of the game, Brady threw two touchdown passes to Benjamin Watson to push the Patriots ahead of the Bills 25-24. Buffalo got the ball back with 50 seconds on the clock. With plenty of time to drive for a field goal, the Patriot defense stepped up and sacked Bills quarterback Trent Edwards to set up a fourth down to end the drive. Buffalo could've locked up the win with a touch back by Leodis McKelvin after the first Brady-Watson touchdown. McKelvin was stripped of the ball at the Bills 30-yard line which gave it back to Brady and Co. with two minutes. Edwards threw for 212 yards and two touchdowns in the loss, but only hooked up with Terrell Owens, acquired from the Dallas Cowboys, twice for 43 yards.