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Women's Soccer Team Stays Perfect in Conference Play

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The Penn State Harrisburg Lady Lions soccer team remained undefeated in conference play on September 26 when they defeated Cazenovia College.

The Lady Lions used four first half goals to build an insurmountable lead over Cazenovia College. The Lions' quick passing controlled the flow of the game, keeping Cazenovia on their heels for most of the game. The win puts the Lady Lions in position to have one of their best seasons ever.

Harrisburg's scoring started in the fifth minute of the game when freshman Lindsey McNeal scored her first goal of the game on passes from Sophomore Corinne Mazzotta and fellow freshman Megan Frailey.

Frailey then took her turn scoring in the eleventh minute of the game, which was Frailey's fifth goal of the season. She was assisted on the goal by sophomore Jessi Manion, giving the Lady Lions an early two-goal advantage.

In the seventeenth minute of the first half McNeal added her second goal of the game on a quick pass from senior Amanda Basile. This stretched the lead to three to zero.

In the thirty-second minute of the first half, sophomore Allie Rank scored a goal on a powerful shot set up by Frailey, her second assist of the game. This gave the Lady Lions a commanding four-goal lead going into half time.

The second half was a defensive struggle for the most part. The Lady Lions took 14 shots on goal, however they failed to produce any more goals.

Cazenovia's Kim Konnick scored the lone goal of the second half in the fifty-third minute of the game. Despite giving up the goal, Harrisburg held Cazenovia to only four shots on goal and two corner kicks during the entire game.

The Lady Lions defensive effort was led by freshman goalkeeper Brittany Adams, who only allowed the one goal. Adams cheered on her teammates and kept them in position defensively. This was key in slowing down Cazenovia's offense.

The Lady Lions will now take their high-powered offense on the road for a couple of key conference matchups before returning home on Wednesday October 7 to face Penn State Berks. The Lady Lions will then look to remain in the race for the NEAC conference title.

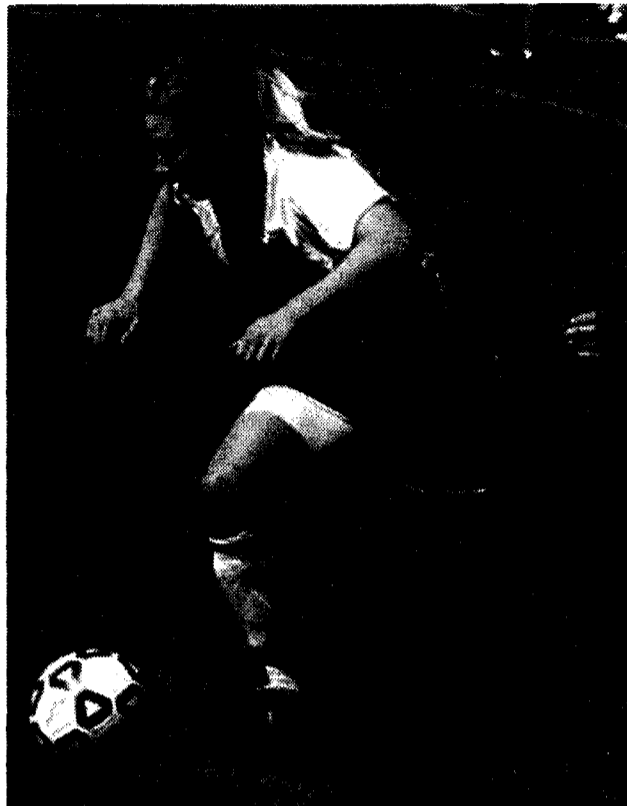


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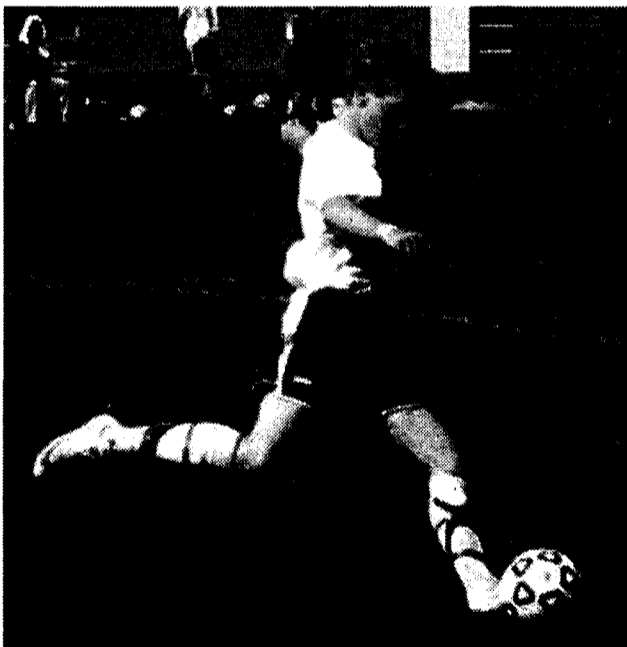


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Men's soccer team falls to Cazenovia College

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Despite a good effort, Penn State Harrisburg men's soccer team was unable to defeat Cazenovia College on September 26.

The Lions took an early lead but were unable to hold off a fast Cazenovia. The team played strong defense for most of the first half but as fatigue set in the second half was the Lion's downfall.

Harrisburg struck first on a goal by freshman Jonathan Joseph. The goal was set up by quick passes from Senior Jeff Duke and fellow freshman Chris Ertle. Harrisburg and Cazenovia locked themselves in a back and forth defensive battle for the rest of the first half.

The only other offensive highlight belonged to Cazenovia's Taras Stashkiv on a great pass from Ducasse Gregorie. The first half ended with the teams deadlocked at one. Harrisburg outshot the Cazenovia four to three, but they allowed two corner kicks to Cazenovia's one.

The second half was not nearly as favorable for the Lions as Cazenovia's Tim Hartill broke the tie with an unassisted goal. In the fifty-fifth minute the Cazenovia struck one last time when Matt Gillis scored on a penalty kick.

Despite the loss, the Nittany Lions took away some positives. The team played solid defense with goalies Charlie Hyson, a freshman, and Toan Ngo, a junior, each making five saves.

The Nittany Lions downfall was that they were out shot 15 to 1 in the second half. Despite a great effort, fatigue became a factor and stopped any attempt to come back.

With the loss, Harrisburg fell to 2-7 on the season. The Lions will play their final home game today against Penn State Berks before finishing the season with five straight away games.

Upcoming Men's Soccer:

10/7/09 Penn State Berks.....	8:00 p.m.
10/10/09 Keuka College.....	3:00 p.m.
10/17/09 Gallaudet University.....	3:30 p.m.
10/20/09 Penn State Abington.....	4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Women's Soccer:

10/7/09 Penn State Berks.....	4:00 p.m.
10/10/09 Keuka College.....	1:00 p.m.
10/13/09 Christendom.....	5:00 p.m.
10/14/09 Wilson College.....	4:00 p.m.
10/17/09 Gallaudet University.....	5:30 p.m.
10/20/09 Penn State Abington.....	2:00 p.m.

NFL Highlights: Rookies aim for light while vets fight back

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The NFL saw large developments in its third week of the 2009 season. A veteran quarterback took the chance to prove that he is still legit, while two teams put faith in their rookies. The gap is narrowing down to the good, the bad, and the ugly. Where does your team lie?

Last season, the NFL saw a new trend. Head coach's Mike Smith of the Atlanta Falcons and John Harbaugh of the Baltimore Ravens named rookie quarterbacks as starters. Both the Ravens and the Falcons unexpectedly made the playoffs last season. The New York Jets and Detroit Lions are following this precedent in the current season by also naming rookie quarterbacks as starters. Mark Sanchez had a strong debut in the NFL going 3-0 the first three weeks of the season. Sanchez had a large hand in the Jets wins against the Texans, Patriots, and Titans, respectively. Detroit is also placing faith in their rookie quarterback

Matt Stafford. The Lions made headlines during the third week by snapping a 19-game losing streak that dates back to December 2007. One game certainly does not define a whole season, but Detroit's new head coach Jim Schwartz would not have to feel the burden of a winless one.

Michael Vick made his first NFL debut in 33 months with the Philadelphia Eagles in week 3. McNabb was out against the Kansas City Chiefs with a broken rib. Kevin Kolb started for the Eagles, but Vick got his time in the game as well. Vick took 10 snaps as quarterback, throwing for two incomplete passes and running once for 7 yards. Kolb threw for 327 yards and two touchdowns. Vick may have stolen the show against the Chiefs, but realizes his position with the eagles. "It's a different scenario. It's hard. I haven't been in this before," he said. "I tell myself to stay loose and be ready for whenever they call my number and play within the framework of the offense." If McNabb's injury lasts, Vick could see more shared playing time with Kolb.

The Cincinnati Bengals and Minnesota Vikings are making headlines with their fearless quarterbacks leading game winning drives. It was all Cincinnati in the 4th quarter against the Pittsburgh Steelers, holding the ball for almost nine minutes with two touchdown drives. With 14 seconds on the clock, Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer threw a 4-yard pass to Andre Caldwell, and then hooked up with Brian Leonard for the 2-pt conversion. Cincinnati went up 23-20 over the defending Super Bowl champions to win the game. Without a doubt, Steelers are missing defensive leader Troy Polamalu, sidelined with a knee injury. Brett Favre also proved he's not done yet with his new team, the Minnesota Vikings. Favre proved that on this run-driven team that when they need that game-winning pass, he is your man. Favre led a game winning drive in a minute and a half down 24-20 to the San Francisco 49ers. With two seconds on the clock, Favre threw a 32-yard pass to wide receiver Greg Lewis, who made a terrific catch in the back of the end zone.