

## Eye on Sports

# The game is on

## No hockey? PSU Delco has the answer

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Hockey fans across the country are mourning the possible loss of the 2004-2005 NHL hockey season; the league declared a lockout in early September. The launch of fall football has diverted attention from the harsh reality of no upcoming Flyers games, but spectators will soon notice the lack of checking penalties, hat tricks, and one-timers in their lives.

Fortunately, the Penn State Delaware County Ice Hockey Club offers another option for on-the-ice action. The club's season began Oct. 3 with a 2-0 victory over Shippensburg University.

Highlights included goals by John Meehan and George Bannan, and impressive performances from freshman Dan Baer and goalie Jeff Wild, who was named star of the game.

The club encourages the entire campus community to attend games, most of which are held on weekend nights. The home rink has been moved this season, from IceWorks in Aston to Ice Line in West Chester.

"Ice Line is a premier skating facility and we'll have more prime time games scheduled," co-captain Thomas Fischer said. "It's not far from campus either. If people want excitement, they should come to an ice hockey game."

Players display remarkable athletic commitment and discipline, attending intense 10:50 p.m. practices several times a week, in addition to weekly games. Co-captain

## The thrill of victory



The Penn State Delco baseball team celebrates a recent doubleheader sweep over PSU-Hazleton, 16-6 and 5-4, part of an undefeated run through the regular season of the CCAC that ended last weekend. The Lions, 12-4 overall, have home-field advantage in the upcoming playoffs.

Photo by Monique Rosanio

Nicholas Gallo explained, "We wouldn't be going to hour and forty-five minute practices at 11 p.m. if we didn't love the game. We all want to play hockey. It says a lot for students at a commuter campus to have the dedication to come out and practice like our team does. It's expensive, too. Every player pays \$1,200 in team dues and we expect to be on the ice five days a week this season."

The club competes in the Division

III of the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC). Its season, which began with practices in mid-August, runs through February with numerous away games and road trips against teams including the University of Pittsburgh and the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Scheduled events include the PSU tournament (against other Penn State campuses) and the Florida Gulf Coast

Tournament held in January.

Earlier in the school year, talk circled campus about the possible cancellation of the hockey season due to lack of funds. The players, however, were confident of their team's future and future success. "I didn't really doubt we'd have a team this year," Gallo said. "I knew we would."

"We're ready for some games," added Fischer. "I just want to get out on the ice."

## Soccer team gets back on track with a pair of victories

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After a frustrating three-game losing streak, the Penn State Delco soccer team rebounded with back-to-back wins. Sept. 30, the Lions beat Williamson, 2-1, at home. Oct. 4, PSU gained another victory at DCCC, 1-0.

"We started out shaky with a lack of dedicated players early in the season," assistant coach Justin Spencer said. "Things are coming together

now though and we've qualified for the EPCC playoffs."

"The best way I can describe this season is that it's been half and half," said team member Shameer Douglas. "Our team has potential, but made some errors. We try very hard but sometimes we make mistakes we shouldn't make. Our coach stresses the basics."

The next home game is against Manor College Oct. 21.

The final team tennis home match is scheduled for Oct. 11 against PSU Schuylkill at 3 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
Sept 8	PSU York	Away	W 3-0
Sept 11,12	PSU DuBois		L 2-0
	PSU Fayette		L 2-1
	PSU Beaver		W 2-0
	PSU McKeesport		W 2-1
	PSU New Kens.		W 2-1
	Penn College	Away	L 2-0
Sept 15	PSU Mont Alto	Home	L 3-0
Sept 20	PSU Hazleton		L 2-1
	PSU Scranton	Away	L 2-0
Sept 25	PSU Schuylkill		W (forfeit)
	PSU Wilkes Barre	Home	L 3-0
Sept 28	PSU Abington	Away	W 3-1
Sept 30	PSU York	Home	W 3-0
Oct 4	PSU Mont Alto	Away	
Oct 6	PSU Abington	Home	