

# NCAA favors four-team playoff

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such a playoff should be kept in a trust fund to help colleges in need of financial assistance for their sports programs."  
Southeastern Conference Commissioner Boyd McWhorter agrees that the revenue would be beneficial to college athletics, but he feels that it shouldn't be the main selling point for a championship playoff.  
"I think you have to look at something other than the bottom line all the time," McWhorter says. "The pros are in it to make money, but that can't be our prime consideration. We have to be concerned with the educational side, too. I feel as though it would intrude on the student calendar too much."  
Paterno doesn't agree. He says it's hypocritical for people to say too much time is lost from class when most of the time is vacation period anyway. And he points to the basketball and baseball playoffs, which take even more time from class.

"I don't see how it would really be a detriment to an athlete," Penn State Athletic Director Ed Czekaj says. "You're talking about a small number of athletes going an extra two weeks."  
And how do the players feel about a playoff system? They're the ones who would have to keep strapping on their shoulder pads until the middle of January, so it only seems fair to get their input.  
"In college, you should be more interested in an education than football and athletics," Penn State flanker Bob Basset says. "Not only that, but in my four years here, I only spent one Christmas with my parents. I don't know if football is worth all that much. You're not getting paid. If you would, that's an entirely different story."  
Basset says he likes the way things are now.  
"I think a little bit of mystery goes along with the polls," he says. "It's the type of thing where no one can actually

tell which team is No. 1 in the nation. I think it's good for college football. But I would probably be in the minority among Penn State players, especially seeing that Joe (Paterno) is for it."  
All-American defensive tackle Matt Millen is one of the majority. He feels the wire service polls are bad mechanisms for determining a national champion.  
"I don't like opinion-formed national champs," Millen says. "We were as good as anyone else the past two years. The people from different parts of the country who vote had little exposure to us or else they didn't care for Eastern football too much."  
Millen has no objections to lengthening the season.  
"What the heck, we're into January already anyway," he says. "For me, lengthening the season doesn't matter because I have fun playing. Heck, you could have 40 games — it wouldn't matter to me."

The players, however, won't determine the ultimate fate of the proposal. The Division I-A athletic directors, or in some cases, faculty representatives, will be the ones who will vote on the plan.  
Most of the representatives from the Big Ten and Pacific Ten Conferences have gone on record as being opposed to the proposal. But many of the other major schools like Penn State, Notre Dame, Louisiana State and Arkansas have expressed their approval.  
"It's amazing — there's almost a 50-50 split between the ones who favor it and the ones who don't," Czekaj says. "I, myself, don't see any hardship with the proposal. I don't care what plan you come up with — you're still going to have some problems. To me, this is the most feasible one with less problems than any other plan."  
The overriding question is: Do enough major college representatives share Czekaj's viewpoint?

# Lady cagers win big; Kuhl nears point mark

By NANCY BAUER  
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Nancy Kuhl kept Penn State fans awake last night as she narrowed in on 1,000 points for her career, scoring 27 in a 100-38 romp over Millersville.  
The Lady Lion's playmaking guard needs only 14 points to reach the 1000-point plateau.  
The 5-7 senior became Penn State's second leading all-time scorer, surpassing Mag Strittmatter's 975 mark, with her career-high effort. Teammate Jen Bednarek is the all-time scoring leader with 1,176.  
Kuhl could reach 1,000 tonight at Rec Hall against Delaware.  
"I figured I'd get it (1,000) in one of the last games of the season," Kuhl said. "They (teammates and fans) were sort of pushing for me to shoot. I didn't play the way I usually play — I

like to pass first."  
Kuhl received more playing time than the rest of her teammates in order to close in on the mark.  
"We wanted her to get those points at home," Penn State coach Pat Meiser said. Penn State has three remaining home games against Delaware, Slippery Rock and Lock Haven.  
Reserves got plenty of playing time as Penn State scored the first 20 points of the game. All the Lady Lion starters were replaced with 11:22 left in the first half. Kuhl returned with five minutes left in the half, and Penn State led 56-20 at intermission.  
Kuhl connected on 13 of 28 field goals, with 19 points in the second half — 12 coming with about six minutes remaining in the game.

## Lietzke on top in round one

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Bruce Lietzke, the cross-handed putter who holds the Canadian Open title, emerged from a multiple-man scramble with a 7-under-par 63 and took the first-round lead Thursday in the \$250,000 Joe Garagiola-Tucson Open Golf Tournament.  
Lietzke, who has had putting problems most of the season, solved the bumpy greens with nine one-putts. "I've hit the ball at least that well every round this year," he said.

"The difference was that I finally got some putts to go in."  
"I don't know why. I really wish I did. I was working on stroke No. 459-A. But it's still cross-handed. I'll never change that."  
At 64, one stroke off the pace on the little Randolph Park Municipal course, were former Masters champion Tommy Aaron and three Monday qualifiers, Mike Brannan, Curtis Strange and Jim Nelford, a left-handed putting Canadian.

# Heavily recruited Warner signs with Lions

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Curt Warner, the most heavily recruited high school football player in West Virginia, said yesterday he decided to sign with Penn State "because the atmosphere was right."  
"I just felt good signing there," Warner said before signing a non-binding letter of intent in the presence of Penn State assistant coach Tim Curley. Pineville officials held a brief afternoon media conference at the school to officially announce Warner's decision.  
"I was very impressed with coach Paterno and the players I met up there,"

said Warner, who attended the Penn State-Maryland game last fall and also made an official recruiting visit to the State College, Pa., campus last month.  
"I don't have anything against any of the other schools ... but Penn State did a nice job of recruiting me," he said. "Their offensive line is great ... they really move people. Penn State goes to a bowl game every year. I'm looking forward to that."  
Penn State was the top-ranked team in the country last season before being upset by Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. Warner's Pineville High School team

ended 10-2, losing to Doddridge County in the state Class A playoffs.  
Warner admitted he learned a lot about the college football recruiting process from Robert Alexander, a highly touted running back at South Charleston (W.Va.) High School two years ago who signed at West Virginia University. Alexander has been a disappointment for the Mountaineers in his first two seasons.  
"I learned a lot about what he did," Warner said. "But there was no pressure put on me to go to Morgantown the way there was Robert. It was my own

decision, and I think I made a good one.  
"West Virginia's recruiter (Joel Hicks) said a few things I didn't care for when they recruited me ... I sat there and listened, but I didn't like it."  
"But I don't have anything against any other school. I told myself that I wanted to go to a good school."  
Warner has also received college basketball and baseball offers, and has been told by Penn State's football coaches he can play baseball if he wishes. Warner has been named all-state in three sports.

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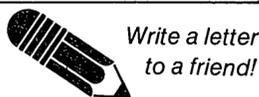
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