

DAILY TRIVIA

Daily Trivia: Who is the leading career scorer in Nittany Lions men's basketball history?

Yesterday's Question: Before the Steelers' loss in Super Bowl XXX, how many consecutive championships that they appeared in had Pittsburgh-based pro teams won?

Answer: 5.

NBA STANDINGS

Table of NBA Standings for Eastern, Western, and Pacific Divisions, including columns for W, L, Pct, and GB.

Today's Games: Denver at Boston, 7 p.m.; San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.; Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.; Seattle at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.; Phoenix at New Jersey, 8 p.m.; Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

Table of NHL Standings for Eastern and Northwest Divisions, including columns for W, L, T, OL, Pts, GF, and GA.



Gregory Smith/Associated Press

SHOW MUST GO ON: Boxing legend Muhammed Ali hands off the Olympic torch in front of a map showing the torch's route to runner Peggy Fleming, 1968 figure skating gold medalist, during a ceremony at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta. The Olympic torch started its journey to Salt Lake City yesterday.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Coaches pick Kennedy for All-Big Ten squad

Penn State defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy has been selected to the First Team All-Big Ten Football squad. Kennedy, a junior, was named to the Coaches' first team and the media's second team all-conference squad.

Several Nittany Lions were selected honorable mention All-Big Ten: junior defensive tackle Anthony Adams, senior cornerback Bruce Branch, senior tight end John Gilmore and junior wide receiver Bryant Johnson.

A three-year starter, Kennedy made 51 tackles (30 solo), including eight hits for minus-21 yards, and 1.5 sacks this season. He also had one blocked field goal.

The former prep All-American at Roosevelt HS in Yonkers N.Y. made a career-high 10 tackles (8 solo) with three TFL at Iowa, despite missing most of the first half with back spasms. Against Ohio State, he blocked a 34-yard field goal attempt with 2:55 to play to maintain PSU's 29-27 lead in the win which made Joe Paterno Division I-A's all-time winningest coach with 324 victories.

5 soccer players named to All-Mid Atlantic team

Five Penn State women's soccer players were named NSCAA/adidas All-Mid-Atlantic which was announced today by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-America committee. Seniors Emily Oleksiuk and Bonnie Young, sophomore Joanna Lohman and junior Christie Welsh were named first team All-Mid-Atlantic while sophomore Heidi Drummond was selected second team.

Two-time All-American Oleksiuk earns the honor for the third time in her career. Oleksiuk has played the most minutes of any goalkeeper in the history of the NCAA, clocking 8,843 in her four seasons.

Young ends her career having played in 104 games, a record at Penn State. She began her career as a Nittany Lion on the forward line but was moved to the back line during her junior campaign because of her speed and defensive power.

Lohman receives first-team honors

for the second-straight year. A starter in all 26 games this season, she is third on the team in scoring with nine goals, 14 assists and 32 points.

Earlier in the year, she was also named first team All-Big Ten for the second time and was named to the conference all-tournament team.

Drummond earns her first-career national award. Second on the team in scoring with 43 points on 18 goals and seven assists, she was named first team All-Big Ten. She also ranked second behind Welsh in the Big Ten in points and goals, and was seventh in assists.

Illinois accepts invite to Jan. 1st Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) Illinois is headed to the Sugar Bowl. The Big Ten champions accepted an invitation yesterday to the Sugar Bowl, which will be played New Year's Day in New Orleans. It will be the Illini's first trip to the Sugar Bowl.

No. 8 Illinois (10-1) will have to wait a few more days to see who its opponent is, though. The opponent will be announced Sunday after the Southeastern Conference championship game between No. 2 Tennessee and No. 21 LSU.

If LSU wins, the Tigers would go to the Sugar Bowl. If the Volunteers win, No. 5 Nebraska could end up in New Orleans.

Illinois was the Big Ten's biggest surprise this year, rebounding from a 5-6 finish last season to win the conference championship. After losing to Michigan on Sept. 27, the Illini didn't lose another game.

They clinched at least a share of the Big Ten title by beating Northwestern in the season finale but had to wait for the Ohio State-Michigan game to see who would get the Big Ten's BCS bid. The Buckeyes upset Michigan, giving Illinois the conference championship outright.

Maryland Terps bowl into Miami for Orange

MIAMI (AP) — Maryland, probably the biggest surprise in college football this season, is returning to the Orange Bowl for the first time in 46 years.

The seventh-ranked Terrapins (10-1) accepted an invitation to play in the Jan. 2 game yesterday.

It will be the team's first bowl appearance since 1990 and first major bowl game since playing in the 1977 Cotton Bowl.

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