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 With solid play from upperclassmen, the Lions have started strong, Page 10.



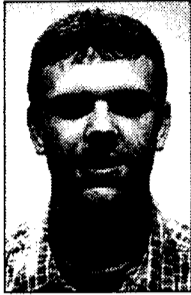
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## Lions' surge fueled by emotions

By Chris Korman

Jimmy Kennedy kept saying after the 34-31 win against Wisconsin that his improved play wasn't that big of a deal.



MY OPINION

The only person he had to prove anything to was himself, which he does week after week, he claims.

He said he had read the columns and articles that popped up across Pennsylvania saying he wasn't getting the job done, calling him a disappointment.

But he didn't listen to that, didn't let it get to him or stir him up, so he said.

No, Jimmy was just being Jimmy and for some reason this time around he got four sacks and was a terror on the line whereas the other four games he'd been missing until it was time to interview after the game.

What is it about football players and coaches that makes them insist on denying the obvious impact of things like increased emotion, a direct challenge and personal resiliency?

It's a macho sport and yes, you've got to be tough and, at least outwardly, put on the face that none of this phases you. Kennedy actually said that: "I don't think I play with emotion."

But really, the big difference between Kennedy on Saturday — and this year's Penn State team all season — is the presence of the emotion that drives football.

And it's there in the perfect football way, the way you'd see in old black and white game film, the stuff of Johnny U.

It's the thing that made Joe Montana the best quarterback of his era, and Brett Favre the best of his.

The source of it at Penn State is a kid named Zack Mills and it arrived, in several installments, the same time he did last year.

But the whole team is doing it now, and that is what separates this Penn State squad from the previous two.

There are adjectives to explain it but they are silly and miss the point.

The point is, Mills can get absolutely drilled on second-and-15, sprain something in his shoulder, get up and find Gerald Smith for his first catch of the year and a Penn State first down.

Four plays later, Mills sees a fumble squirt loose and jumps on it so quickly the play might have well been planned that way.

And the other players follow. Jimmy Kennedy, for one.

I wrote these words last week: "If ever there was such a thing as a 'statement game,' tomorrow could be it for Jimmy Kennedy."

He responded with a game that stated, quite clearly, that his projected dominance may still come true and also said: "This wasn't a statement game or anything."

Other guys stepped up, too.

Larry Johnson powered his way to 114 yards on 14 carries before an injury meant backup Mike Gasparato would have to take over.

Gasparato couldn't be Johnson. Paterno called them apples and oranges; it's more like comparing a squire to a knight.

"He is not as big, quick, strong or experienced," Paterno said of Gasparato.

But he got the job done anyway.

And for his part, Johnson didn't rush to get back in the game. He said he could have. And in the past, he's been impatient. He's the type of running back who always wants the ball.

Saturday, he gave that up, let his backup do the work and put the good of the team ahead of his own.

Mills does not show much emotion on the football field. The extent of it might be a raised fist. After games, he speaks slowly and softly.

There is none of the exuberance Paterno hates and all of that he tries to make his players understand.

Saturday, with the sky already starting to get dark and Penn State victorious, only a few players remained slowly stalking off the Camp Randall turf.

Mills, at midfield, turned and pointed to the Penn State fan section.

Then, he broke into a full sprint and ran back into the locker room.

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## Soccer tries to improve vs. Pirates

With its season halfway over, the Penn State men's team has been through several ups and downs.

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No one expected the Penn State men's soccer team to be hovering around the .500 mark halfway through the season.

Since they've already equaled last year's loss total, the Nittany Lions' playoff hopes are in jeopardy as they head to South Orange, N.J. to take on Seton Hall today at 3 p.m.

With playoff hopes now riding on each game, players know it's a must-win situation.

"If we want to be in the Big Ten Tournament, we can't lose any more

games," freshman midfielder David Walters said.

Though Penn State sits at 7-5 now (2-2 Big Ten), it is ranked No. 21 in the nation. No other team in the Top 25 has as many losses.

But really how good are this year's Lions? Let's break it down.

### Offense

Led by sophomore forward Chad Severs, Penn State is averaging 1.79 goals a game, down from last year's 1.95. Since Severs started out on a tear — seven goals in as many games — the Lions have struggled to find another scorer.

**Men's soccer**  
 at Seton Hall,  
 today at 3 p.m.

"Early on, we placed on lot of importance on Chad, and that was okay then, but there comes a point where we can't rely on one guy," said Bernstein, who scored

his first two goals of the season this past weekend.

Since Penn State entered its conference matches, teams have been all over Severs, barely allowing him to get in position to score. In four Big Ten games, Severs has no goals and just 12 shots. He has had almost three times as many shots in non-conference play.

The next two leading scorers on the team, sophomores Pasi Karpinnen and

Joe Zewe, aren't too far behind with four and three goals, respectively. However, despite 10 shots taken between them, Karpinnen and Zewe haven't scored in conference play.

Grade: B

### Defense

With all three captains playing in the backfield, one would think that defense would be the least of Penn State's concerns. While last year's defense strung together 12 shutouts, this year's team has thus far put together only one, vs. Michigan.

Brent Jacquette's move from his national team to Michigan.  
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## Sixers fall to Spurs in preseason action

San Antonio beat up on the injury-riddled 76ers last night at the BJC.

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It wasn't visible in Tim Duncan's eyes, or Aaron McKie's drives to the basket.

But, last night's 95-82 San Antonio Spurs victory over the Philadelphia 76ers in front of 5,512 fans at the Bryce Jordan Center was a preseason game.

Duncan scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Spurs to a wire-to-wire victory. The Sixers, who were missing two of their projected starting five, All-Star Allen Iverson and power forward Derrick Coleman, struggled throughout much of the game. The team committed 24 turnovers and had trouble with Duncan and Malik Rose in the low post.



Iverson

The much anticipated debut of Keith Van Horn lasted just six minutes as his quadriceps tight-

ened up in the first quarter. Van Horn was 0-for-5 from the field, but had open looks at the basket.

"It was just something that developed tonight and something that if I take care of properly shouldn't bother me," Van Horn said. "If I keep trying to push it too hard it's something that could linger and I don't want that because my goal is to play 82 games."

Van Horn was brought to Philadelphia to help solve their shooting woes, but once again the main problem for the Sixers was their

### NBA preseason

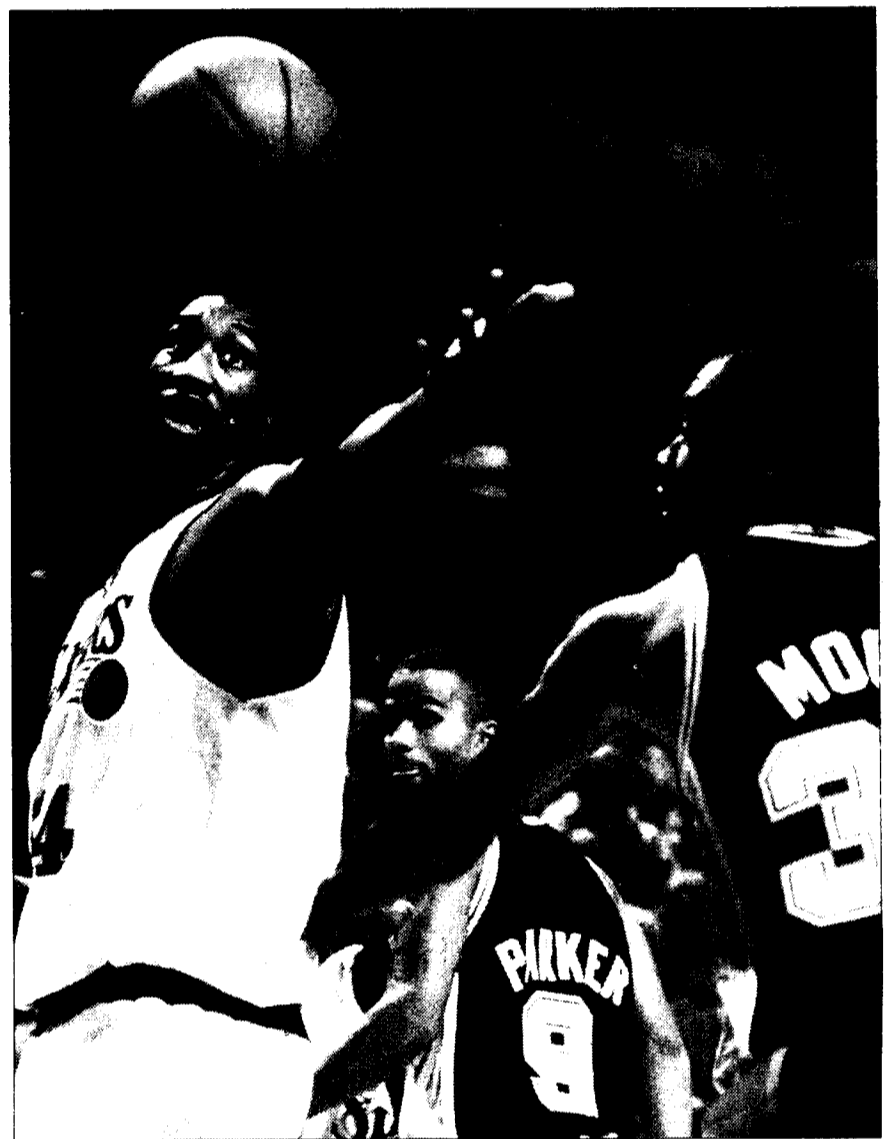
Spurs 95,  
 76ers 82

shooting. They shot an abysmal 30.6 percent from the field and 38 of their 82 points came from the foul line.

Second-year guard Damone Brown got a start and showed the ability to get out on the fastbreak and finish, but struggled with his jump shot. He finished 2-for-11 from the field.

Although it was just a preseason game, both teams played aggressively. Eric Snow, who scored 18 points, and Aaron McKie, who had 12 points, dove for balls and drove hard to the basket. Duncan, after being called for traveling, gave the official a regular season type glare and explained to him why his move wasn't a travel.

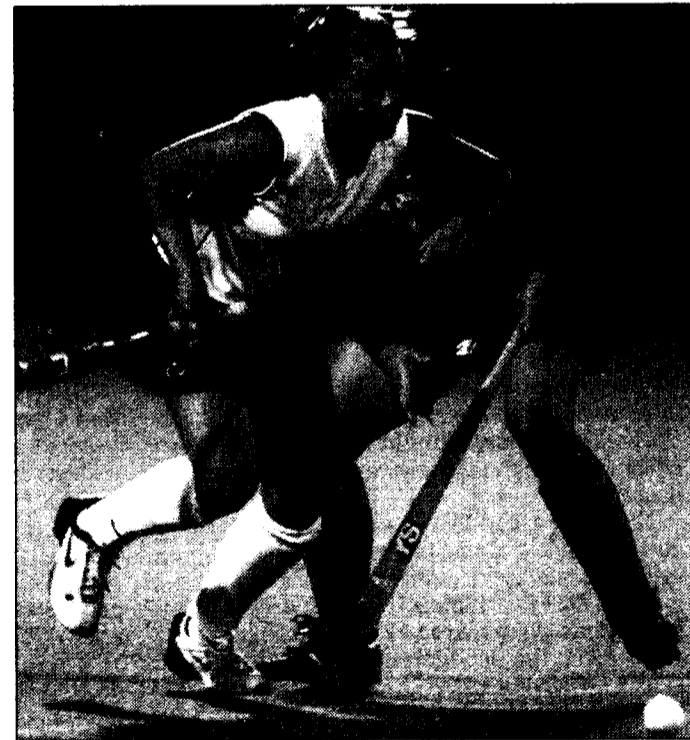
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James Rajotte/Collegian

Brian Skinner reaches as Spurs Tony Parker (9) watches and Mikki Moore defends.

## Field hockey pounds Bucknell in blowout



Lauren A. Little/Collegian

Forward Nellye Stoner advances up the field against Bucknell.

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They made a statement, and they made it loud.

The No. 6 Penn State (10-1, 2-1) field hockey team unleashed its largest offensive flurry of the year, demolishing Bucknell (5-7, 8-0, last night at Jeffrey Field.

"I thought we got off to a great start with a sharp passing game which I thought made a difference," Penn State field hockey coach Char Morett said. "I thought their warm-up was outstanding and set the tone for the pace of the game early on."

The Nittany Lions' offensive gems of the night were Mary Schaefer and Neilye Stoner, each with two goals.

Schaefer was subbed for Amanda Eckert three minutes into regulation to take a free stroke that she converted.

"I was just really excited, we had one [free stroke] against St.

Joe's and it went in and I made this one," Schaefer said. "Walking out onto the field, I was pretty confident."

Penn State never looked back after the first goal, and had six players contribute for the eight-point total.

"Schaefer is our tough stroker," Morett said. "It's tough sometimes to come off the bench and play that role but it was funny because early on we talked about her being ready and it was great that she got that chance early on."

Throughout, the Nittany Lions frustrated the Bucknell midfield and defense by spreading the field, opening passing lanes for players to make offensive drives.

In the first 35 minutes of play, Timarie Legel, Jill Martz and Kelly Concini, in addition to Schaefer and Stoner, each put the ball into the back of the cage for a 5-0 tally at the half.

"We had a really great passing game going and that was our goal coming into this game," Concini said. "We wanted to work on transitioning the ball quickly, using harder hits to get the ball across the field."

Offense was not the only area the Nittany Lions had solid play.

The defense also put on a show, not allowing Bucknell to amass a single shot on goal, leaving the Bison visibly distressed at the end of the first half.

Five players came off the bench for the final 35 minutes to further develop the depth and prepare for upcoming matches.

"It's good [to have the bench come in] because we have a big weekend coming in, so it's good to have fresh legs," said Legel. "We definitely wanted to come out strong and just put the game away in the first 15 minutes and I think we did a good job of that."

### Field hockey

PSU 8, Bucknell 0

## Lohman leads women's soccer to tight victory over Maryland

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It was not a repeat performance of the Michigan game or the 2000 Maryland game.

The Penn State women's soccer team played a sound physical game from the opening horn until the final buzzer sounded. The No. 12 Nittany Lions (9-2-1, 4-1 Big Ten) shut out Maryland (7-5, 1-2 ACC), by the score of 1-0, last night at Jeffrey Field. The win extended their streak to 16 — last losing to Portland in the 2000 NCAA Tournament.

The lone goal of the game came in the 67th minute when junior Joanna Lohman beat Terrapins back-up goalie Krister Barnhill to the left corner of the goal.

Lohman started the play by feeding freshman Tiffany Weimer who passed the ball back to Lohman for the goal.

Penn State women's soccer coach Paula

Wilkins was very pleased with the team's performance.

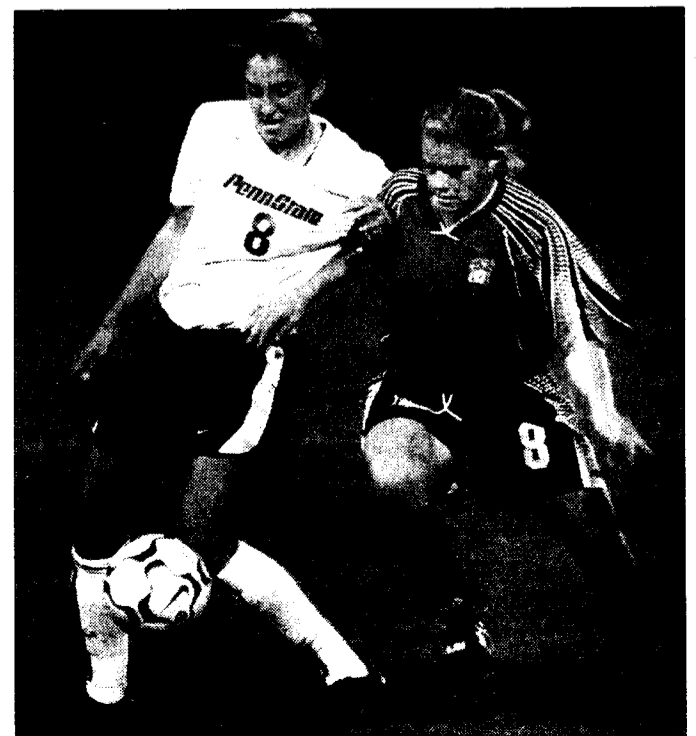
"It was the best game we played as a team," Wilkins said. "We played a very calm and collective game."

The Lions' defense posted its second consecutive shutout and the third straight shutout at Jeffrey Field. The defense stifled the very talented Maryland offense, only allowing five shots on goal. The Terrapins' best scoring chances came in the final 20 minutes, but freshman Amanda Brown stopped all the opportunities. Brown recorded four saves en route to her fifth shutout.

Penn State out-shot the Terrapins 10-1 in the first half, but the game remained scoreless at the half, similar to the Michigan game.

The Lions, unlike Friday, continued to dominate in the second half and had scoring chance after scoring chance. In the 53rd minute, Penn

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Mike Bencivenga/Collegian

Forward Heldi Drummond shields a Maryland player off the ball.