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Senior forward Timarie Legel breaks away from a Bucknell defender. The No. 8 Nittany Lions shutout Bucknell 2-0 last night.

Field hockey records shutout

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When it first happened, it was mere minutes into the game.

After making a sliding save on a series of shots by the Penn State field hockey team, Bucknell goalkeeper Liz Jordan picked herself off the ground and got ready for more.

And more is exactly what she got.

Despite a valiant effort by Jordan that saw her stop 26 of Penn State's 28 shots, the No. 8 Nittany Lions (13-3, 3-1) beat an overmatched Bison (8-5, 4-1) squad 2-0 last night at Bigler Field.

The Lions' second goal was scored with less than a minute to go in the game. Karin Grap rebounded a Heather Conroy shot off of a penalty corner.

Until that point, Bucknell still had a chance to win — and they had Jordan to thank. Twenty-six is a lot of saves.

"I kind of black out when I'm playing. Nothing really stands out," Jordan said when asked if any of her many saves stuck out in her mind.

Field Hockey

Penn State 2, Bucknell 0

"It's kind of a job to be a target." And there's no other time when a goalkeeper is more of a target than on a penalty corner — which Penn State attempted 16 times.

Both of Penn State's goals were the result of penalty corners — the first scored by junior midfielder Michele Rigby when she followed up a series of shots at Jordan. Not that Penn State field hockey coach Charlene Morett is

completely satisfied with the team's performance.

"We played with intensity, but we got a little careless inside 25 yards," she said. "We knew [Bucknell's goalkeeper] was strong. But, we thought, with the caliber of people we have shooting, we could adjust to that. We didn't pick up loose rebounds."

The Lions will need to sure those areas up as they prepare to face perhaps the most critical stretch of their schedule. In the next two weeks, Penn State will face No. 6 Michigan State and No. 5 Michigan.

Morett said that given the Lions' performance last night they will have to focus on corner execution and keeping the field spread before facing the two Big Ten power houses from the Great Lake State.

Paterno still deciding on QB

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Zack Mills stood on the sideline wearing a head set for most of the last three games.

That might all change on Saturday. Penn State football coach Joe Paterno refused to state the name of whom he would start against Iowa this Saturday.

He also wouldn't say if he would play both Mills and backup Michael Robinson.

"I don't spend nights worrying about it," Paterno said. "We'll wait and see how it plays out."

Robinson has started for the Nittany Lions against both Purdue and Wisconsin, as Mills was out with a sprained knee.

Paterno said that Mills hasn't practiced much during the team's off week. But he practiced Monday and expects him to practice the rest of the week.

Paterno said Mills isn't quite at 100 percent yet, but he should be by the time Penn State leaves for Iowa.

"He looked like a 100 percent for the first time yesterday," Paterno said. "He went through a couple tough drills."

Robinson is coming off the Purdue game 10 days ago when he struggled finding receivers and completed 10-of-32 passes. His lackluster effort came seven days after Robinson threw for 379 yards, in his first career start.

Linebacker Deryck Toles said that he didn't know who was going to start, but that it wasn't going to be him.

"I play defense," he said.

Back on the field Paterno said that freshman running

back Austin Scott practiced Monday. Paterno was waiting to see how the tailback was going to react to the workout.

The 76-year-old said that Scott would be in the mix against Iowa after not making the trip to West Lafayette, as he was suffering from mononucleosis.

But Paterno continues to support senior running back Ricky Upton.

"Upton isn't flashy," Paterno said. "But when he gets in there he gets the job done."

In Scott's absence against Purdue, fellow freshman Tony Hunt carried the load, rushing nine times for 47 yards.

Moving again With Scott's illness, Paterno thought he might be

a little bit short-handed at running back and moved Donnie Johnson from wide receiver back to tailback, where he started the season.

Johnson is currently splitting time between both running back and wide receiver. Paterno said that move was made as Scott could have been out three or four weeks.

Ahead no longer

Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden tied Paterno with 338 wins, with the Seminoles victory over Virginia Saturday night, 19-14.

"I have a doll in my room," Paterno said laughing. "I stick daggers in it."

But in reality, Paterno has the utmost respect for him saying, "Bobby Bowden is one heck of a guy."



PATERNO

Press Conference

Johnson drove drunk, that's what's important

By Jeff Frantz

There was an episode of the short-lived sitcom Sports Night — which followed a fictitious cable sports network — where the show's leading characters had to debate how to cover a news story involving one of its reporters.

Without hashing out the entire plot, the climax of the episode came when Danny, one of the anchors of the SportsCenter knockoff, shot down the rationale behind proceeding with the biggest interview in network history simply because it was the wrong thing to do.

His line: "Don't use that last part. I believed you up until that last part."

Well, yesterday Joe Paterno addressed Tony Johnson's Friday morning DUI arrest in much the way he's addressed everything during his 52 year coaching career: By emphasizing the development of young men over wins and losses.



MY OPINION

Tell us all you want about how good of a kid he is ... but let's not make this out to be a guy caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

He stressed that while he was disappointed in Johnson's actions, he believes Tony is a good kid. He said he'd probably have to suspend him a game or two to send a message to Johnson's teammates that drinking and staying out late midweek were unacceptable.

Paterno went farther, pointing out how much the Johnson family, including Larry Johnson Sr., his defensive line coach, and Larry Johnson Jr., Tony's older brother and last year's Heisman trophy finalist, have done for Penn State and the State College community as a whole.

But then Paterno made a misstep with his rhetoric.

He said, "obviously it will get blown out of proportion because he is a foot-

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Soccer looking to solve slump

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Near the end of yesterday's practice, Penn State men's soccer coach Barry Gorman drove a mini-tractor onto the practice field. Attached to the vehicle was a cart, which contained a garbage can full of Miracle-Gro. The Nittany Lions filled orange cones with the substance and spread it over divots, in order to promote grass growth in patches of dirt.

Much like its battered practice field, Penn State (6-7, 1-3 Big Ten) has shown

signs of wear and tear as of late, most recently on Sunday in its 4-3 loss against Michigan State.

Gorman, expelling mild profanity yesterday in frustration, has questioned the intensity of his players during the current four-game losing streak that removed Penn State from among the Big Ten's finest.

An example of what Gorman would consider a lack of urgency came during yesterday's up-and-down practice. After missing his target and kicking the ball out of bounds, defender Paul Omekanda was

switched in position with David Gray.

Omekanda, unhappy with the temporary demotion, sulked and began walking slowly. Penn State assistant coach Marlon LeBlanc promptly removed him from the drill due to his

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DeChellis calls for success, players to follow behind

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There is a new coach of the Penn State men's basketball team. There is a new staff and new players. But more than that, there is a new attitude.

The team seems to have put last year behind it as if it is playing on a clean slate — and coach Ed DeChellis is the reason.

DeChellis, a Penn State alum and former assistant coach under Bruce Parkhill and Jerry Dunn, has returned to State College after a seven-year tenure at East Tennessee State. Since turning a cellar-dwelling Buccaneers' program into a conference powerhouse, DeChellis is looking to make the same impact at his alma mater.

DeChellis pulled no punches at his inaugural press conference, saying with determination that his team has lofty goals for the long term.

"When you haven't been very successful, your expectation level may not be what I perceive it to be," DeChellis said. "Every opportunity we have, we talk about our goals as a team."

Those goals include Big Ten championships and NCAA tournament berths. While some would consider these goals unrealistic, DeChellis believes that it is the mindset that his team needs to have.

"I think that if you don't think you can get there," DeChellis said, "Why should anyone else think you can get there?"

That attitude may be the most important addition to the team. When forward Jan Jagla met his new coach, he made

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Penn State head men's basketball coach talks optimistically about the upcoming season during yesterday's press conference.

BCS standings show Big Ten high quality

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It's never late enough in the season for Big Ten football coaches to make a prediction.

While the first Bowl Championship Series standings, released yesterday, have four Big Ten teams in the top 15 — Ohio State is ranked sixth, Purdue is eighth, Michigan State is 13th and Iowa is the last team in at 15 — very few coaches were willing to make a guess as to their team's post-season destination.

"I don't take a look at that stuff too much," said Michigan State football coach John L. Smith. "If we can be the strongest conference in the coun-

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THE bottom LINE

Scoreboard

FIELD HOCKEY
Penn State 2, Bucknell 0

Today's schedule

VOLLEYBALL
Penn State vs. Ohio State at 7, tonight at Rec Hall

Games to watch

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Florida Marlins vs. N.Y. Yankees, 8, tonight at Pro

Player Stadium on Fox. Roger Clemens looks to pitch the Yankees past the Marlins one final time.



In their own words

"I'm not sure they really knew what

to expect with a new coach and a new staff. But I think the players have responded well."

Ed DeChellis
Penn State basketball coach

