# Jeffrey stands out

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Fresh off Sunday night's win against Bucknell, Zoe Bouchelle paused and looked around to soak in the setting at Jeffrey Field.

"It's the most beautiful facility in the country," she said.

While most teams feel more comfortable playing at home than on the road, the Penn State women's soccer team makes it a point of emphasis to defend the tradition of its home

"It's such an honor to be able to play here," Bouchelle said. "It's just special to us. It's kind of something that's been built up over history with the teams that have come in the past. It's tough to be flawless, but that's what we're striving to do.'

After winning the first game of the year on the road against William & Mary, the Lions returned home and lost their first home match of the year against No. 4 Florida State, 4-1. It was their first defeat in a home opener since

With the loss, the Lions will have to be perfect through the rest of the home slate to avoid being the first squad since the 2003 expansion of Jeffrey Field to lose more than one home game in a season.

The next three games are away from home, as two games will be played in Connecticut before traveling to James Madison. When the Lions return to their home field Sept. 21, they will face a test against No. 5 Notre Dame.

"When we drive by every time we come home, we're like, 'I can't wait to be on Jeffrey,' junior defender Maura Ryan said. "Everybody gets so excited when the bus drives by when we come back from an away trip.'

Last week, the Lions moved to new practice fields — at the former site of the Penn State baseball field. Ryan said the move is a "tease" because of how close to their home field they are now practicing.

The 2003 expansion of Jeffrey Field saw the addition of a new press box and 1,500 seats, giving it a capacity of 5,000.

A new natural grass playing surface was also installed, and in 2006, the SportsTurf Managers Association named it the collegiate soccer field of the year.

"I've never played on a field that's as nice as Jeffrey," Ryan said. "It's like a carpet. And just the mentality that we bring when we come on Jeffrey is unlike when we go anywhere else. People are jealous that this is our home field."

Since the expansion, the Lions hold a record games ending in Penn State shutouts. In 2004, the Lions allowed just three goals at home in 10



Zoe Bouchelle (right) and her Penn State teammates feel privileged to play at Jeffrey Field.

games, with two of the goals coming in NCAA ournament matches.

Junior forward Katie Schoepfer said the upperclassmen make sure that each year's freshman class is made aware of the home tradition and that the tradition is passed down

from year to year. "We don't lose at Jeffrey, and we protect Jefof 59-4-2 at home, with 50.8 percent of the frey," Schoepfer said. "It's special here, and we all have such pride at how we play here. And we all have such pride in our home.'

# Federer wins U.S. Open

By Howard Fentrich ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK — No matter what anyone else said or thought, Roger Federer knew he was still capable of elite tennis.

Slam titles. Knew he was still Roger Federer.

Back at his best, back at the top of tennis, Federer easily beat Andy Murray 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 Monday to win his fifth consecutive U.S. Open championship and 13th major title overall.

Federer is the first man since Bill Tilden in the 1920s to win the tournament that many times in a row. He also moved within one major championship of tying Pete Sampras' career record of 14.

relief to Federer, who has struggled during a lackluster-only-for-him season. He lost in the semifinals at the Australian Open, and to nemesis Rafael Nadal in the finals of the French Open and Wimbledon, meaning Federer was on the verge of his first year since 2002 without a major title.

On Monday, Murray stood about 10 feet behind the baseline to return serves, exactly the way he did in upsetting Nadal in their twoday, rain-interrupted semifinal over the week-

At only one juncture did Murray really throw Knew he was still capable of winning Grand a scare into his opponent on this day, taking 11 of 12 points to go from 2-0 down in the second set to 2-all and love-40 on Federer's serve.

Federer saved the first of those break points, and on the second, they engaged in a 14-stroke rally that ended with Murray missing a backhand. TV replays, though, showed one of Federer's shots during the rally should have been called out — and had it been, Murray would have had a break and a 3-2 lead in the set.

In the next game, Murray began flexing his The victory might have come as a bit of a right leg, clutching at that knee and looking up at his substantial support group.

Federer went on to break Murray at love in the last game of the second set, closing it on a 10-stroke point that was a thing of beauty. First, Federer extended the point with some superb defense, and then he ended it with a forehand passing winner.



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