

Guard likely out Saturday

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For video of Joe Paterno's press conference previewing Indiana: psucollegian.com

Johnnie Troutman will likely miss this Saturday's game against Indiana, Joe Paterno said Tuesday at his weekly press conference.

"Troutman probably won't play," the Nittany Lion coach said. "He didn't practice [Monday]. We didn't do much, but he didn't do anything."

PATERNO PRESS CONFERENCE

Troutman, Penn State's starting left guard, walked off the field with a limp late in the second quarter of Saturday's game against Ohio State.

He came back out to start the second half and played on the Nittany Lions' first drive of the game. See **PRESSER**, Page 10.



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Joe Paterno speaks to the media during his weekly press conference Tuesday. The coach said guard Johnnie Troutman is likely out Saturday.

NBA

Philadelphia at New Jersey
7:30 p.m., CSN
Cleveland at Orlando
8 p.m., ESPN

NCAA Football

Toledo at Central Michigan
8 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lion wings providing offensive boost

The women's soccer team's outside midfielders have provided consistent production from the wing all season.

ICERS

O'Brien, Morrone tied for points lead

Junior Tim O'Brien was expected to be a scoring leader. Freshman Dominic Morrone is a surprise.

FENCING

Willette successful in first tournament

Freshman David Willette placed second in the men's foil in his first collegiate tournament this weekend.

NBA

Orlando C Howard fined for criticism

Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard has been fined \$15,000 by the NBA for publicly criticizing officials on his blog.

The comments were posted on Howard's blog after the Magic's loss to Detroit last week. Howard fouled out in the game after playing a little more than 16 minutes.

He wrote on his blog: "How can that be, ya'll? It was crazy. They called me for a charge on a flop, a push off when the defender was on me and two fouls on blocked shots."

GMs balk on vote for replay expansion

Baseball general managers failed to take a vote Tuesday on expanding instant replay following a postseason filled with blown calls by umpires.

While there was discussion, Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said "it was all confined to the current instant replay system that we have."

The GMs also heard a report from umpiring vice president Mike Port on training, evaluation and structure.

Cuban a perfect fit as Dodgers owner

Baseball may be getting a bit more interesting next spring.

Mark Cuban, the eccentric billionaire owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, said he would consider buying the Los Angeles Dodgers if "the right deal" comes along.

This is not Cuban's first foray into baseball, as he threw his hat into the ring to take over the Chicago Cubs this past year. And just like last time, we're excited at the prospect of Cuban — a man never afraid to shake things up — to enter into MLB.

Q: What outfielder has won the most consecutive gold gloves?

Tuesday's answer: The Celtics have been the last to lose their first game 12 times.



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Alex Kenney runs a drill during practice Tuesday at Memorial Field. The State College High School senior, who received offers to play for 25 different college programs, chose to play football at Penn State because of its proximity to his home.

HOME GROWN

Area athletes pick PSU

By Emily Kaplan
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Like many big-time high school football stars getting big-time recruiting pitches, Alex Kenney has heard it all.

He could start as a freshman. He would have the nicest dorms. He would receive the best tutors, access to all the locker room's high-tech amenities and free clothes galore.

"It was all the same," said State College Area High School's four-star prospect.

"Every coach I talked to just wanted me to come to their school, and they all

made the same ridiculous offers."

But Kenney, like other local athletes who chose Penn State, realized something. Of the many colleges presenting them with scholarship offers, only Penn State could provide them something unique: the chance to play in front of their friends and family.

"At first I really wanted to get away," said Kenney, the 6-foot, 190-pound wide receiver. "But when it came time to make my decision, I realized how cool it would be to have all that local support."

So Kenney, who was recruited by 25 schools, turned down opportunities in the area. See **LOCAL**, Page 10.

Lions direct focus away from record

By Jocelyn Syrstad
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Over the weekend, fans at Iowa State stormed the court after the Cyclones upset Texas, ruining the Longhorns' chances at an undefeated season.

That leaves the No. 1 Penn State women's volleyball team (26-0, 14-0 Big Ten) as the only undefeated team in the country.

With only six matches left in the regular season, the Nittany Lions expressed their desire to finish the year with a perfect record but said they feel no extra pressure on themselves to do so.

"I wouldn't call it pressure," freshman outside hitter Darcy Dorton said before practice Tuesday. "We want to go undefeat-



With Texas' loss last week, Penn State received all 60 first-place votes in the poll for the first time this year: psucollegian.com

ed, and that's always been our goal. If no other team is undefeated, that's fine, and if there are other teams that are undefeated, that doesn't change our perspective on it."

Despite the team's success so far this season, senior libero Alyssa D'Errico said the team is not focusing on its record.

She said the team's record is indicative of what the team did in the past, and the players can't dwell on what has already happened.

"Our record before this isn't really a determination of how we're going to play Friday or Saturday," Dorton said. See **V. BALL**, Page 10.

Jackson looks to increase scoring

By Stephen Hennessey
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D.J. Jackson does a little bit of everything for the Nittany Lions.

When coach Ed DeChellis talked to Slippery Rock coach Kevin Reynolds following their exhibition game Friday, Reynolds told DeChellis that Jackson's nose for the ball on defense was unlike any player he had seen.

With the departure of Stanley Pringle and Jamelle Cornley, who combined to average 27.2 points last season, DeChellis hopes Jackson also has the sense for scoring the basketball.

"We need him to be a double-digit guy," DeChellis said at his press conference Monday. "If that's 10 or 12, I don't know. He has to be a consistent guy for us."

Jackson has always been an unselfish player by trade, dating back to high school. Jackson is more concerned with doing the little things to win, rather than admiring his stats, DeChellis said. Still, DeChellis hopes he becomes a little more selfish this season to develop as a better scorer.

His 4.5 points per game mark is a number he'll be expected to double in the 2009-10 campaign.

The Kennedy Catholic High School graduate showed his potential as a scorer last season, putting up 14 points in the Lions' National Invitational Tournament quarterfinal win against Florida. In the Lions' last seven games, Jackson reached double digits four times after failing to score 10 or more points in a 29-game span.

In the Big Ten tournament, Jackson put together back-to-back double-digit point performances, the first time in his career he did so.

Jackson said he will score for the team but not at the risk of undermining the team's effort.

The Lions will encourage Jackson to drive to the hoop and draw fouls because he led the team last year with a 79 percent free-throw percentage.

But the intangibles — the steals, the assists, the charges drawn, the loose balls grabbed — are what DeChellis loves about his 6-foot-7 forward.

"He's a glue guy and that's the kind of guy you win with," DeChellis said. "He's a kid that's a pleasure to coach because he never comes to you and says, 'I don't think I got enough touches tonight.' He's always a kid that says, 'Whatever you want me to do to try and win, I will be more than happy to do it.'"

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Jackson

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The Penn State women's volleyball team celebrates its 3-0 win over Minnesota on Oct. 30. While the team wants to finish the season undefeated, the women say they don't feel any added pressure.