Correa

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the senior has only played in five of the Nittany Lions' 18 regular season games this year.

It's just the way Correa is — the way he matured as a boy. Seeing his father, Carlos Correa, put together barbecues with coworkers to get the group closer, or helping others by giving them money taught the younger Correa how to live. Sometimes, Correa says, he forgets about himself because he is so bound in helping his teammates or others.

"Sometimes I should look more to myself - be a little more selfish." Correa joked.

But, Correa knows he could never do that. He's the guy who helped Braga learn English when Braga traveled from Brazil to play for Penn State.

Correa remembers when Braga wasn't fluent in the language, how the team was patient with the Rio de Janeiro native.

"I did help him a little bit," Correa said. "But not that much."

Correa learned English prior to attending St. John's — where he was a student before transferring to Penn State his sophomore year - as a foreign exchange student in Australia. Correa has always loved to travel. Maybe that's the real reason why he went to college in America or why he transferred to Penn State.

reason. Ricardo Villar, a Penn while playing Futsal - a five-on-State player, persuaded him to come to America instead of going smaller ball and emphasizes clevto school in Europe, something Correa had never considered.

'He said, 'There is this opportunity in the U.S. — get a degree while you're playing,' " Correa said

Although Correa chose St. John's, he was not happy there, and another player at Penn State, Daniel Martini, arranged for Correa to visit to Happy Valley when he was contemplating switching schools. Correa became enamored with the Penn State campus. He loved the big-campus feel and Penn State's school spirit.

To this day, Correa is still trying to adjust to the American style. It's not that Correa isn't talented he is a scholarship player at Penn State. It's that he hasn't adapted to the college game.

The midfielder understands his Brazilian style of play doesn't fit the college game. In Brazil, individual players possess the ball for longer periods than the quick, fast-passing soccer used in American colleges. In America, players try to rid themselves of the ball by two touches when moving downfield.

Although the possession style doesn't fit Correa's selfless personality, he had no other choice while learning the Brazilian game. It was how he learned to compete Penn State soccer player.

But, Correa offers a different on the hard-surfaced indoor floors five style of soccer played with a erness and resourcefulness

> His understanding attitude has been sculpted for years. As a sophomore, Correa started for an injured Lion player, Ryan Badaracco, in seven games and played in 12 after transferring from St. John's. In those 12 games, Correa tallied three shots with one on goal.

> In his junior year, Correa didn't play in a single game because Badaracco returned from his injury. The Brazilian was happy with Badaracco returning and understood Gorman's decision.

Now as a senior, Correa feels his role is to provide an example and advice to the freshmen and sophomores. He has been through it all. Correa has dealt with success - he won a Big East title with St. John's as a freshman. He has experienced being far away from home, and he has endured the hard work it takes to be a collegiate soccer player.

His example hasn't gone unnoticed at Jeffrey Field. Correa's roommate and teammate, Casais, understands his friend's role.

Casais considers it an honor to simply know Correa and sees firsthand Correa's work ethic. Casais perceives the limitless potential Correa will have in life because of the attitude he has taken as a

Although Casais starts every Fridays. He enjoys tennis and game and plays almost every minute of every game, he knows Correa's gaze is always stationed on the field. Casais knows Correa is cheering on every tackle and clapping on every ball that bounces the Lions' way.

Correa walks to practice and brings the energy of a starting midfielder. He blends in with Casais and Penn State team leader Jason Yeisley while jogging lightly before practice. Correa's arms sway back and forth the same way, and his feet kick up the same amount of grass as the Lions' central defender and their greatest offensive threat.

An onlooker at practice wouldn't know Correa sat on the bench in every game last year. Instead, they'd think he had started.

"He never gives up," Casais said. "He's a part of this team just as anybody, as the regular starters, as a regular person. The whole team loves that guy."

Braga, Correa's other roommate, has never seen Correa put his head down — not once. If the senior's eyes are focused on the ground, it shows his humility, not doubt or frustration. For Correa, soccer and selflessness have become one. Correa and Braga led the Lions through their homeland, Brazil, when the soccer team toured the country last May.

When Correa has time for himself, he's concentrated on soccer or studying. He'll study on

traveling; he's been to Australia and Africa. As an Energy, Business and Finance major, Correa can see himself working for British Petroleum or Shell.

But, his mind won't let go of sports, and he often considers jobs pertaining to that area. Maybe that is the reason why Correa gives everything at practice - he just can't let go.

Under the lights of Jeffrey Field in September, Correa kicked the ball.

It sailed to the right of the wall of Penn defenders who lined up together in an attempt to stop it. Correa decided to shoot at the goalie to avoid the wall. The ball picked up momentum as Penn goalie Ben Berg dove to the ground. It was to no avail.

The ball hit the back of the net, and was welcomed by an eruption of cheers.

Correa had just scored his first collegiate goal.

And instead of contemplating his own achievement. the senior immediately thought about celebrating with the players on the sidelines.

But before he even got to the Penn State bench, the field players engulfed him. Everyone wanted to give back to the senior because finally, after four years of waiting, Correa had received his reward.

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"In fact, we're not really counting on him for this week." Powell ranks fourth on the team with 355 receiving yards but didn't register a catch against the Hoosiers. He rushed for six yards but left with a shoulder injury. Powell was first listed as "possible" on the weekly press release.

On a brighter note for the Nittany Lions, A.J. Wallace also listed as "possible" - could play against the Spartans, Paterno said. Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said Wallace got a stinger against Indiana.

"A.J. may play so I'm not going to get into that," Paterno said.

Smith Cut Classes

Speedy freshman wideout Devon Smith hasn't seen much action in recent weeks, and it seems class attendance was an issue.

"He didn't get into a couple of games because he cut classes," Paterno said. "He decided he was here to get an education so we played him a little bit last week. He's OK. He's got a long way to go to grow up but he practices hard.

Smith has posted 154 all-purpose yards this season, but he hasn't ran the ball since the Minnesota game on Oct. 17 and hasn't notched a catch or returned a kick since Sept. 26 against Iowa.

'There's still times where we wake up, we don't want to go to class, but you got to think about your teammates," Moye said. "You got to look out for those guys. If you're not going to class, then you're letting 120 guys down.'

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The 184-pounder was the projected starter in his weight class to begin the season, but redshirt freshman Justin Ortega wrestled in the 184-weight class at Lehigh on Friday and against Bloomsburg on Sunday.

Brown grappled true freshman Ed Ruth in the Intrasquad Dual meet with Ruth defeating Brown in a 10-1 major decision.

Brown, a Bellefonte native, finished with a 3-14 overall record last year in his only season competing for the Lions. He went 0-6 in duals and 3-8 in tournaments.

Because 197-pounders Clay Steadman and Andrew Haile sustained injuries last year, Brown moved up to the 197-pound weight class. The redshirt sophomore wrestled every match away from his natural 184-pound class.

Brown defeated Lock Haven's Henry Turner, unat-tached wrestler Brian Dwyer and Ohio State's Jason Cook last season. He wrestled Turner in a 5-3 decision at the Nittany Lion Open, Dwyer in a 15-5 major decision and Cook by fall.

With Pittsburgh transfer David Crowell ineligible to compete until the Spring semester and Ruth expected to redshirt, Ortega appears to be the only option at 184. No. 12 David Craig of Lehigh defeated Ortega in a 3-1 decision on Friday. Only two days later, Ortega lost a 4-0 decision to Bloomsburg's Derek Coffey.

Similar to Brown last season, Ortega wrestled away from his usual 174-pound position to weigh in at the depleted 184 class.

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Frazier

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half in response to Robert Morris' up-tempo style of play.

Frazier spelled junior Talor Battle for the last 11 minutes of Monday's game, putting him in charge of the offense. He showed confidence hitting jump shots, going 4-for-5 from 3-point range. He also attempted the most shots of any Lion player

I just think his athleticism, speed and quickness helps other guys, too," DeChellis said. "He's a hard guy to contain. If he starts making perimeter shots, then we're that much better."

The Lions sported a three-guard lineup (Babb, Battle and Frazier) in the first part of the second half, opening up shots for Babb on the wing. With Frazier running the point, Battle ran off screens from the baseline.

While Frazier acknowledged the increase of minutes is a confidence booster for him, he said it has more to do with relishing the time he's on the court.

"Sometimes if there's a close game, and I'm not having a good game," Frazier said, "if I need to be in the last minutes and be able to contribute, then I have to be ready."

DeChellis said the coaching staff has tried to boost Frazier's confidence on the defensive end, encouraging him to make a steal to get him going in the game. The coach said Frazier looked comfortable on defense, but he found his rhythm with the rock in his hands on Monday.

"It's amazing how you make a couple of shots how it lifts your spirits," DeChellis said. "It put a smile on his face. He did what we're hoping Tim Frazier can do for us consistently."

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