

JoePa talks new ticket plan

The coach said he knows about the proposed plan but does not know the specific details.

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Joe Paterno would like to focus on just Michigan State, but it's not always that easy. The head coach and former Penn State athletic director said the only thing he knows about the plan for the ticket situation for the 2011 season is that it's under debate and he doesn't know the specifics.

With that the case, Paterno voiced his trust in current Penn State Director of Athletics Tim Curley and believes the university is doing the best it can.

"All I've ever said to Tim Curley is, 'Tim, you're doing one heck of a job,'" Paterno said during his weekly press conference. "You just look around at the facilities, you look at what they've done [Jeffrey Field], you look at [Medlar Field at Lubrano Park] that was put out there, you look at all the things that have been done. 'How you paying for it?' He said, 'Well, it's tough.' I said, 'Well, remember, whatever we do, do it well.'"

Paterno also brought up the issue of taking care of 29 sports and how that wasn't something he dealt with when he was in charge.

PATERNO PRESS CONFERENCE



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Football coach Joe Paterno addresses the media at his weekly press conference Tuesday.

Football coach Joe Paterno talks about the new proposal for tickets and this week's opponent, Michigan State: psucollegian.com

visiting locker room, which he considers the worst of its kind in the Big Ten.

When it comes to the release of the 2011 plan to shift the student section seats, sell about 800 more of such seats and also raise ticket prices for season-ticket holders, Paterno said he wanted it to come out after the season was finished.

Regardless, Paterno said he understands the challenges the athletic department faces.

"When I was the athletic director, every time they raised tuition, the budget went up," Paterno said. "We don't get a nickel from the university for anything — it's completely self-supporting. So they've got to do something or they've got to cut back sports, and we don't want to do that. But that's not my bout."

Injury Bug

One day after Brandon Beachum was announced as out for the rest of the season, the Nittany Lions revealed more tough news.

Wide receiver Chaz Powell, who left Saturday's game against Indiana early, probably won't play in this weekend's regular-season finale at Michigan State.

"Powell I doubt will make it," Paterno said. See **TICKET**, Page 12.

NBA

Charlotte at Philadelphia
7 p.m., CSN

NCAA Football

Central Michigan at Ball State
8 p.m., ESPN2

NHL

Philadelphia at Los Angeles
10:30 p.m., CSN

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OPINION

Seniors provide leadership for PSU

The leadership of the upperclassmen Icers has helped acclimate the talented class of newcomers.

Opinion: Comeback sets tone for year

Two unanswered goals by the Icers in a comeback win over Rhode Island may have set the tone for the season.

WINTER

Lions use 'dryland' to train for meet

With its first competition in three weeks this weekend, Penn State has been working out outside the pool.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Canadian recruits friends before PSU

Two freshman recruits have met before during international competition on the Canadian national team.

WINTER SPORTS

Club women's XC wins championship

Led by Lauren Philbrook's first-place finish, the women's club cross country team won the national championship.

Former AD, player Czekaj dies at 87

Ed Czekaj, Penn State Director of Athletics from '69-80, died Monday in State College.

A former Penn State football player in the 1940's, Czekaj returned to his alma mater in 1953 and held several positions in Intercollegiate Athletics before being promoted.

Czekaj oversaw the tremendous expansion of women's sports at Penn State, even before Title IX and the creation of NCAA Championships and other opportunities for female student-athletes.

Marathon of games brings excitement

ESPN just concluded what may have saved us all from the doldrums of nonconference college basketball.

Much like football, early basketball schedules are generally full of cupcakes with a few good games sprinkled in, but 24 hours of live basketball, as gimmicky as it is, was just enough to make us care about the nonconference.

Now if only they could figure out 24 hours of football.

Q: When was the last time the Lions or Cowboys did not host a Thanksgiving Day game?

Tuesday's Answer: The Lions and Cowboys both won on Thanksgiving in 1999.

TAKING HIS CHANCES

Correa makes most of opportunities given

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It was a cold night in September. Fans huddled together while

watching the Penn State men's soccer team establish a 4-0 lead over the University of Pennsylvania. But, the hidden sun, cool wind and low 50-degree

weather did not faze the Penn State players. They were focused on the free kick about to ensue with six minutes left in the game. Jeffrey Field's lights gazed down

on Diego Correa, an unfamiliar character in this situation — a player who never sees much playing time on the field.

John Gallagher lined up two yards away from Correa. Penn State was trying to deceive Penn by presenting two players who could possibly take the free kick.

Correa had conceded to others his whole life, and it looked as if it would happen again. Gallagher started at a run but darted past the ball — he wouldn't take the kick. Now, Correa ran to the ball. It was his turn to shine.

Correa is the man constantly lingering in the backdrop, and he is content with it. He is the Penn State men's soccer player who steps up when needed, walks away when he's not and doesn't raise a single complaint.

Whether the Niteroi, Brazil, native trots lightly onto the smooth, silky Jeffrey Field grass in a game or follows behind his teammates with eyes glowing, mouth unsmiling, Correa always smiles.

The midfielder grins when shaking hands with Penn State men's soccer assistant coach Ryan Defibaugh before practice. He laughs when he recalls living with fellow teammates Matheus Braga, another Brazilian, and Andres Casais, a Venezuelan native. Correa beams in knowing he runs in every practice drill even though

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Senior midfielder Diego Correa reaches for the ball during practice earlier this season. Correa, who is from Brazil, has struggled to adjust to the college game, leading to limited playing.

To hear audio of Correa's interview and for more soccer coverage on the blog: psucollegian.com

Frazier matures in RMU victory

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It was the type of play a veteran would make.

Freshman guard Tim Frazier sensed his defender was off balance, drove to the hoop and drew the fourth foul on Robert Morris' Velton Jones, the team's leading scorer at that point.

The foul took Jones out of the game for good — and the two converted free throws that ensued equated to his 19th point — which led all scorers in Monday's 80-61 victory over the Colonials.

Frazier commanded the point for more than half of the second



Freshman guard Tim Frazier drives to the basket during Monday's win over Robert Morris. Frazier led the team with 19 points.

stanza and impressed the crowd and his team with his confidence, a stark contrast to his opening game.

"The first game last Friday was a good wakeup call, and I was able to get all the jitters out," Frazier said. "Being able to run the team in practice and take reps over and over again [boosted my confidence]. I was ready [Monday

to come in and contribute." Coach Ed DeChellis said Frazier was frustrated over the weekend after struggling to contribute in the Penn game. But DeChellis subbed Frazier into the game five minutes into the first

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More coverage on the men's basketball team. | **SPORTS**, Page 10.

Projected starter quits team

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Penn State wrestling coach Cael Sanderson announced Tuesday redshirt sophomore J.R. Brown has quit the team.

Brown informed the team of his decision last Wednesday, prior to the Lehigh meet. Brown said he wanted to focus his time on studies and beginning another period of his life.

"I was tired of it," Brown said. "I'm just burnt out."

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