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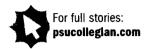
## SPORTS ON TV

## **NBA**

Memphis at Philadelphia 7 p.m., CSN Orlando at Boston 8 p.m., ESPN

NCAA Basketball 2K Sports Classic 5 p.m., ESPN2

## ON THE WEB



## W. CROSS COUNTRY

## Lions head out west for championships

After winning the Big Ten and placing fourth at regionals, the Nittany Lions will be in Indiana Monday for the NCAA national championship race.

## MEN'S SWIMMING

## **Talented Cavaliers** await Penn State

Sophomore Brian Alden, who is 3-0 in the 100-yardfreestyle this season, puts his record on the line this weekend when ACC record-holder Scot Robison and his Virginia Cavaliers come to McCoy Natatorium.

## Senior teammates similar in qualities

Ben Ryan and Dan Fimbianti, both seniors, have lived together since freshman year and share a notable amount of similarities both in the pool and on dry land.

## W. SWIMMING

## Lions' foe's talents help team's focus

As a historically dominant Virginia squad chalked full of young talent heads to Penn State this weekend, the Nittany Lions have been preparing both mentally and

## **By Andrew Robinson**

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER While the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks came out hot and never cooled off, Talor Battle and the Penn State men's basketball team MEN'S couldn't get their BASKETBALL shots to fall. Nittany The

Lions dropped their opening round game of the Chellis told the Penn State Sports Charleston

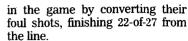
Seahawks 80-69

ends of the floor,

I'm not trying to sugarcoat it," Lions coach Ed Classic to the Network. "Defensively, the first Frazier. However, the Lions stayed

half we were atrocious. They did they wanted to do. We gave them confidence. They made some shots, Overall, the

8 efforts from center Andrew Jones and freshman guard Tim



The Seahawks made 10 of 17 3point shots, while Penn State hit only five of 21 for a 23.8 percent clip. Sophomore shooting guard Chris Babb exemplified the struggles, making just two of his 13 shots, 10 of which came from beyond the arc.

"Our perimeter guys didn't shoot the ball really well tonight," See LOSS, Page 12.

## HANG TEN



# Lady Lions thump Bison

By Audrey Snyder **COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER** 

LEWISBURG — It took a while for Tyra Grant to make her presence felt.

WOMEN'S

BASKETBALL

Penn State

Bucknell

Sitting near the middle of the Lions' Lady bench wearing her blue warm-up shirt, the team's leading scorer could do nothing but watch. As the Lions

went back and forth with the Bucknell Bison, Grant sat with her hands on her

knees. It wasn't until three minutes into the second half when Grant finally stepped on the court coach Coquese because Washington said she "decided not to play her.'

While Washington said she would not elaborate on why Grant sat out the first half, the Lions (3-0) were able to quiet the crowd at the Sojka Pavilion and leave Lewisburg with a 77-62 win over the Bison (0-3) despite playing 25 minutes without the senior.

"Tyra is a threat for us because e scores a lot and she's a great

noon. Battle led all scorers with 29 points, but shot just 8-for-23 from the floor. "We were horrible on both

**Penn State** 

Lions shot poorly Battle from the floor, headlined by 1-for-

Thursday after-

## anything **UNC-Wilmington**

#### physically.

## **Divers' practices** move to gymansium

This season, the Nittany Lion divers have spent much of their practice time on the gymnasium floor perfecting their flips into foam pits instead of the pool.

## FENCING

## **Brother-sister duo** unite as teammates

Hailing from Lafayette Calif., siblings Doris and David Willette have both donned the blue and white as Penn State fencers and their bond as family and teammates has gotten stronger.

## DUR THOUGHTS

#### WIN

## Shortened playoffs an overdue decision

**Commissioner Bud Selig** said Thursday he would like to cut down the number of off days for teams in the playoffs.

It's about time, Bud. The Yankees and Angels played eight games over 20 days leading to the deciding game in the ALCS. The Yankees routinely played 19 games in 20 days in the regular season.

Baseball is about being able to hit the field and win day after grueling day. A team shouldn't be able to use only three starting pitchers and keep them well rested through the playoffs.

## TRIVIA

## NFL

Q: What team has won the most Therefore Day games?

Wednesday's answer: The Saints, Bengals, Panthers, Ravens Jaguars, and Texans have never played on Thanksgiving Day.

Freshman all-around gymnast Matthew Chelberg practices on the parallel bars Thursday at the White Building. Although the men's gymnastics team doesn't compete until Jan. 9, the team has started practice now. A key for the 2010 season will be replacing nine-time All-American Casey Sandy.

# Shot at title starts Sunday

#### By Brendan Monahan COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Jarret Freeman sat on the Lorenzo mini-bleachers at Wrestling Complex with his teambefore mates practice and WRESTLING gazed ahead.

While Freeman, listed as both a 133 and 141-pounder, sat leaning forward with his arms on knees, chatter arose among the other wrestlers.

Although the Penn State wrestlers know about the other talk buzzing around --- the public-Cael surrounds that itv Sanderson's new team everv day the wrestlers attempt to keep their focus on the mat instead See SPRAWL, Page 12.



Freshman Justin Ortega (top) grapples with Ed Ruth at practice Nov. 3. The wrestling team will take part in the Sprawl and Brawl Duals Sunday.

player," junior Julia Trogele said. "I think they had to pay more attention to her at that point because she is our leading scorer so it opened up a lot inside.

While Grant helped lead the Lions on a 10-0 run that took less than two minutes to complete, the first half was sparked by an eightpoint performance from sophomore Renee Womack. After having just four points entering the game, the guard said her team's defense helped spark her play.

The Lions out rebounded the Bison 24-21, but it was the team's play in the second half, which was aided by the addition of Grant, that helped created matchup differences.

"She's a scorer," Washington said. "It doesn't take her long to go out there and get some baskets. I thought she came off the bench and she responded to coming off the bench and being in a different role. She did what she does, which was make baskets and the defense has to be aware of where she is and that opens things up for other people.

After the Bison used a 2-3 zone for most of the first half and took away the Lions' post game, Grant See WIN. Page 12.

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Aggressive play by Penn State's guards neutralized Bucknell's tough forwards: psucollegian.com

## Lee twins to reunite after traumatic ordeal

#### By Ben Skalina COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When the time came to choose colleges, Justin and Alex Lee deviated from the plan.

The plan was for the identical twins MEN'S to go to college SOCCER together and continue to play soc-

er together, as they had in high school at Col. Zadok Magruder High in Rockville, Md.

What happened was Justin fell for Penn State, Alex fell for Maryland, and the plan was scrapped.

fall as the twins adjusted to college life 199 miles apart.

Justin racked up 14 starts and played all 19 at right games back for the Nittany Lions. Alex played in 13 games for the Terrapins as they went on win the national championship.



Eleven months after the Terps celebrated on the field in Frisco, Texas, the Nittany Lions gathered

Things started swimmingly last in a cramped conference room in A game the Terrapins should Rec Hall to find out their path to the College Cup. Three legs of the bracket flashed on the screen, but no Penn State.

The last quarter of the bracket was posted on the selection show.

There was Penn State, sitting pretty with a little numeral next to its name meaning the Lions had earned the seventh seed in tournament and a home game Sunday.

And who was right there, right next to Penn State, in the firstround game to determine the Nittany Lions' second-round opponent?

Maryland against Loyola (Md.).

and did — win.

The twins could play each other. Maybe not directly, as Alex was switched from striker to right back to replenish a back line ravaged by graduation. Mirror images. Same size, same build, same spot on the field, but different numbers, different colors

Right? Well, not quite.

Go back to the night of Oct. 10, a typical early fall evening.

Alex was in Washington, D.C. with some teammates that Saturday, just a stone's throw See LEE, Page 12.