

THE LINEUP

NHL
New Jersey at Buffalo
7 p.m., Versus
Carolina at Pittsburgh
7:30 p.m., FSN

NFL
Ravens at Packers
8:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA
Denver at Philadelphia
7 p.m., CSN

QUICK HITS (AP)

Colts, New Orleans remain unbeaten

Instead of another patented comeback or another 300-yard day, Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning took control early and played keep-away from Tennessee, leading the Colts to a 27-17 victory for their 21st consecutive regular-season win.



Manning

Only New England, from the 2006-08 seasons, has won that many games in a row, and Indianapolis can break the record at home next week in its matchup against the Denver Broncos.

Meanwhile, New Orleans trailed by 10 in the fourth quarter Sunday and played more than four quarters without holding a lead — until Garrett Hartley kicked an 18-yard field goal 6:29 into overtime for a 33-30 Saints win.

Favre breaks record in 282nd straight

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre set an NFL record by playing in his 283rd consecutive game Sunday night.



Favre

With his first snap against Arizona, the 40-year-old Favre broke the record of 282 consecutive games started, held by longtime Vikings defensive end Jim Marshall.

Favre has not missed a game since the 1992 season.

OUR THOUGHTS

NCAA FOOTBALL

Weis' latest words show lack in morals

As Notre Dame's coach, Charlie Weis was as classless as he was useless.

After being fired from the position, Weis is proving he is still just as classless as when he was employed.

On Sunday, Weis took shots at USC coach Pete Carroll, asking reporters why Carroll's character flies under the radar despite his living with a grad student while Weis' demeanor was constantly under a scope.

You've answered your own question, Charlie.

More so than the mediocre production and forgettable seasons the once-proud Fighting Irish posted under Weis' watch, it was the coach's constant finger pointing and endless line of excuses that more than likely cemented his fate.

After Sunday's addition to Weis' laundry list of off-color, off-of-the-field remarks, the athletic director at Notre Dame once again proved the coach's dismissal was ultimately the right move.

TRIVIA

NCAA FOOTBALL

Q: When was the last time Penn State played LSU and what was the final score of that game?

Friday's Answer: Jon Runyan is the only active NFL player to have played for the Houston Oilers.

Owls take sloppy contest

By Stephen Hennessey
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Ed DeChellis saw the play progressing exactly the way he didn't want it to.

Following a Temple turnover with 28 seconds left on the clock, freshman forward Bill Edwards ran off a screen, drove to the lane and was whistled for an offensive foul.

DeChellis planned to call a timeout if Penn State couldn't find a good option. He tried to call his last timeout to set up a new play. Instead, the result was a costly turnover.

"I was getting ready to call the timeout when he drove it over

there," DeChellis said in his post-game interview with the Penn State Radio Network. "We were very sloppy with a lot of stuff that we set."

Temple (6-2) edged out the Nittany Lions, 45-42, on Saturday at the Liacouras Center in the second-lowest-scoring game in the history of the venue. The loss was the Lions' sixth straight to the Owls and snapped the Lions (5-3) four-game nonconference road winning streak.

The Lion defense held the Owls to 30 percent shooting, 18-of-60,

from the field and 3-of-17 from 3-point range. The Lion offense had similar success, however.

Sophomore guard Chris Babb, who began the season in the starting lineup and came off the bench for the fourth-straight contest, was the only Lion to score in double digits. He finished with 11 points off 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

"We've got to trust each other more offensively," DeChellis said. "It's different when you only have seniors out there. It's different when you give the ball to a Jamelle Cornley or Stanley Pringle. We're trying to find our way with our guys right now."

The Lions wasted a final opportunity to send the contest into overtime. With 12 seconds left, Talor Battle tripped twice and

couldn't attempt a shot to clinch the win for the Owls.

DeChellis said he drew up the play twice for his team in the huddle, but he still blamed himself for the poor execution of the play. He said the players didn't know what side of the court Battle was going to be on and thus didn't know where to set up.

Battle finished with eight points, tying his lowest scoring output for the season, on 3-of-15 from the field. Last season, the Albany, N.Y., native scored in double figures in the Lions' first 14 games. Owls' senior guard Ryan Brooks, who led all players with 19 points, also locked down Battle defensively, holding him below 10 points for the second time this season.

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ON TO GAINESVILLE

Lions advance despite lack of energy

By Jocelyn Syrstad
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State coach Russ Rose said he was pleased with the level of enthusiasm seen during Saturday's NCAA tournament second round match, but not from his team.

Rose said the crowd at Rec Hall and Penn's team had the energy that is commonly seen in a postseason match, but the No. 1 Penn State women's volleyball team did not meet his expectations.

The Nittany Lions did win the match 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-16) despite their lack of presence on the court and will advance to the regional round next weekend.

However, Rose hopes his team, which extended its winning streak to 98 games, will step it up as the tournament continues.

"I just think we've got some kids with suspect attitudes at times," Rose said. "It's disappointing, but it is what it is. If you don't have energy and aren't excited about the event, that's unfortunate."

The lack of energy was seen

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For a break down of the Lion's latest win and a map of the sweet 16, visit Can You Dig It blog: psucollegian.com



Melanie Neubaum/Collegian

Megan Hodge (11) spikes a ball around Lauren Martin's block Saturday night against Penn in Rec Hall. Hodge and the other Lion starters came under fire from their coach, Russ Rose, after the win, with Rose saying some players lacked enthusiasm despite sweeping the Quakers in straight sets.

Underclassmen's efforts push team

By Bill Landis
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

On a night that was the final home match for the Penn State seniors, it was two underclassmen that provided the spark.

Junior Arielle Wilson and freshman Darcy Dorton, coach Russ Rose said, contributed with their play as well as their energy in a match the coach felt was lacking in enthusiasm.

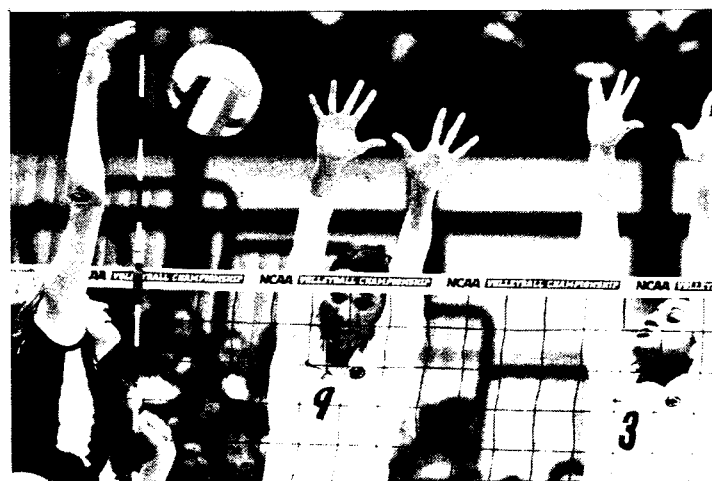
Despite the lack of energy, the play of the two underclassmen led the Lions to a 3-0 victory over Pennsylvania in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Dorton in particular carried the Lions through the first game after the Lions bounced back from a five-point deficit.

"I thought Darcy won the first game for us," Rose said in the media room after the game. "That's why she's sitting here, and the All-Americans are in the locker room. She played hard and is an enthusiastic kid."

While Dorton provided a lift for the Lions in key moments during the match, it was Wilson who was steady throughout. The junior led the Lions in kills with 13 on 21 swings. Her .571 hitting percentage was second on the team, and she also was big on the defensive end tallying five total blocks.

Wilson has been the most consistent player offensively for the Lions this season. She leads all hitters on the team in hitting percentage by more than 100 points and is second on the team in total



Melanie Neubaum/Collegian

Blair Brown (9) and **Fatima Balza (3)** prepare to block against Penn Saturday night in Rec Hall. Brown and the Lions other big hitters were overshadowed by the efforts of underclassmen, the Lions' coach said.

kills with 303 — all while having less total attacks than the team's three other big hitters, Dorton, Megan Hodge and Blair Brown.

"I think I picked it up a lot, but

I don't think it was my best game," Wilson said. "I think getting some of the blocks helped, but as far as energy goes, we all needed to bring energy tonight."

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Lady Lions' comeback bid ends in loss

By Alex Angert
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It was deja vu Sunday night for the Lady Lions in the team's 56-48 loss to Minnesota.

Just like last Wednesday's game against Georgia Tech, Penn State fell into an early hole before eventually having its comeback bid fall short in the final minute.

Sunday's game against Minnesota had a similar feel as turnovers, free throw shooting and a slow start doomed Penn State (5-3, 0-1 Big Ten) for its second straight loss.

But just like the Georgia Tech game, the Lady Lions wouldn't quit on Sunday.

Down by nine with a minute left in the game, Penn State took control of the game.

Tyra Grant hit a three-pointer; Alex Bentley converted an easy layup after stealing the ball at mid-court and the Lady Lions found themselves down by only four and back in the game.

With a victory now possible, Penn State fouled Minnesota in hopes that the Golden Gophers would miss their free throw.

They did.

The Collegian's Lady Lions reporters grade each aspect of play in the Lions loss at Washington's Post: psucollegian.com

With the game on the line, the Lady Lions couldn't capitalize, failing to grab the rebound allowing Minnesota to run time off the clock and seal the game with a pair of free throws.

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