

FINLEY

NBA

Detroit at Philadelphia
7 p.m., CSN
Chicago at Atlanta
7 p.m., ESPN

NCAA Basketball

Georgia at St. John's
7 p.m., ESPN2
Villanova at Saint Joseph's
9 p.m., ESPN2

FOCUS

Student bowl ticket sales start Saturday

Student tickets for the Capital One Bowl will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday and will end at 11 a.m. the same day or when tickets are sold-out. Ticket prices are set at \$80.

The 2010 Capital One Bowl pits the Nittany Lions against Louisiana State Jan. 1 in Orlando, Fla. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

Flyers' Emery on IR, to miss six weeks

Flyers goalie Ray Emery will undergo surgery Wednesday to repair a torn muscle in his lower abdomen, and is expected to miss about six weeks. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren made the announcement Tuesday night.

The Flyers, who lost five straight and eight of nine, recalled goalie Johan Backlund from the Phantoms, but will rely heavily on Brian Boucher to replace the fallen Emery.

Mariners, Figgins agree to 4-year deal

Former Los Angeles Angels sparkplug Chone Figgins finalized his \$36 million, four-year contract with Seattle on Tuesday, a deal that includes a vesting option for 2014 that could make it worth \$45 million over five years.

Figgins led the American League with 101 walks and posted a career-high on-base percentage of .395 last season, earning a late spot on his first All-Star squad.

Promise of Jordan apology falls short

A story came out Tuesday about a NBA developmental league team owner promising fans who attended the Utah Falsh's home opener a chance to see Michael Jordan play Bryon Russell one-on-one at halftime.

Turns out Brandt Anderson, the Flash's owner, couldn't get a hold of Jordan and trotted out a look-alike in his place. The 7,500 fans in attendance began to boo and emptied out the arena once they realized they had been duped. As an apology, Anderson promised tickets to those in attendance.

Hey, chief — no one wants tickets to watch your band of misfit, NBA wanna-bes. The fans booed and emptied the arena — repeat, emptied the arena — after they realized His Airness wasn't actually on the floor.

Instead, Mr. Anderson, how about you let those fans decide what charity the \$100,000 — the would-be prize of the one-on-one bout — goes to.

REVIEW

Q: What two current Penn State coaches once served as a student manager or graduate assistant coach of the team they now coach?

Tuesday's Answer: Penn State beat Tennessee 31-13 in the 1994 Citrus Bowl.



Junior forward Jeff Brooks dunks with two hands off a DJ Jackson miss during the Nittany Lions' victory over UMBC Tuesday. Brooks led the team with 14 points as the Lions rolled in the second half to a 58-42 win.

Strong half brings victory

By Andrew J. Cassavell
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The crowd was silent, the Penn State offense had stalled and the winless UMBC Retrievers were sticking around — down by only four points at halftime.

In one play, Jeff Brooks changed all of that.

With lead changes throughout the first half, the Penn State men's basketball team (6-3) capitalized right away in the second stanza with the first two of Brooks' eight second-half points leading the Nittany Lions to a sluggish 58-42 victory.

On a missed 12-footer by DJ Jackson, Brooks, who notched a team-high 14 points, skied for a rebound and — with his back to the basket — sent in a reverse dunk with two hands.

"He can do some things that you can't teach," head coach Ed DeChellis said.

"He can go get that thing, offensive rebound it and dunk it. You can't teach that. He's got some gifts."

Brooks' dunk ignited a 14-3 run in which the Lions went into a half-court trap on defense, allowing only one 3-point basket by the Retrievers.

Freshman guard Tim Frazier — who the Lions used the most in trapping the ball on the perimeter — hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession, forcing Retriever coach Randy Monroe to use a timeout.

DeChellis, who threatened his team with extra sprints in practice during halftime if they didn't hold the Terriers under 50 points, said he is still looking for his leaders to step up early in games — even in

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

58
Penn State

42
UMBC

Philadelphia natives step up in win

By Andrew Robinson
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When Drew Jones left the floor with 9:47 remaining in the first half, the junior center had already tallied six points and three rebounds.

Jones was replaced by fellow Philadelphia native Andrew Ott, who collected two boards and scored on a slick reverse layup in just 26 seconds.

"They're two big guys, two Philly guys," said UMBC coach Randy

Monroe, also of Philadelphia. "I would love to see them play well, have great seasons, with the exception of one game. They're both bruisers."

Jones and Ott parlayed their Philadelphia connection in the men's basketball team's win over the Retrievers Tuesday night, combining for 16



Jones



The men's basketball writers hand out grades for Penn State's win on the Hardwood Hits blog: psucollegian.com

points and 12 rebounds. For Jones, his 10 points and 10 boards marked his first double-double of the season and the fourth of his career.

Monroe said Ott did a lot of little things that weren't reflected on the stat sheet, including setting

screens and "being a beast inside." Ott was not available post-game, but Jones noted his teammate's effort and hustle on the floor.

"Ott dove on a ball. 6-foot-10, 6-11, that's a long way down for guys sacrificing their body like that," Jones said. "It just shows everybody has to do everything to win, not just score. It feels good to have a good offensive night, but at the same time we have to do other things get other people involved too."

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No. 1 PSU seeking change in attitude

By Bill Landis
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Russ Rose was visibly upset after his team's NCAA second-round win over Pennsylvania last Saturday.

When asked if he was borderline angry, the coach was quick to remove the "borderline" part.

But Rose made his feelings known to his captains in a meeting he held before practice Monday.

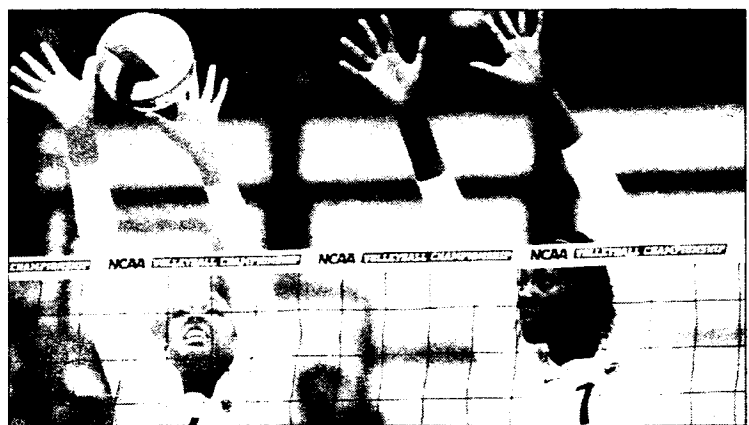
"I'm comfortable I discussed what my concerns were," the coach said Tuesday.

Chief among his concerns was what he called a need for a change in attitude. After saying Saturday that the team had a few players with "suspect" attitudes, Rose made it clear to his team that the mentality needed to change.

For the time being, it appears as though the players got the message.

While the team has had just two

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Setter Alisha Glass (left) and middle hitter Anelle Wilson leap for a block against Penn Saturday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.



Sophomore Quentin Wright wrestles with freshman Luke Macchiaroli in practice. Wright sang the National Anthem before Sunday's meet.

Redshirting Wright contributes with voice

By Ryan Loy
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

For a redshirt, Quentin Wright has been a busy guy of late.

In Sunday's Nittany Lion Open, Wright — who's redshirting after an All-American rookie campaign last season — finished third in the 184-pound weight class.

While his high finish was common for a grappler of Wright's caliber, the start to his

Read about the six Penn State wrestlers on the latest Internat poll on the Back Points blog: psucollegian.com

day was a little less familiar. As the hundreds of wrestlers inside Rec Hall's main gym looked up to the American flag hanging on the wall, it was Wright's voice that began singing the National Anthem over the sound system.

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