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WRESTLING

Tough competition benefits Penn State

After competing against eight top-25 teams in the Georgia Diving Invitational, the Lions feel they gained key experience for the rest of their season.

COLLEGE HITS (AP)

Top recruit Vosters joins PSU golf team

Golf recruit Christina Vosters signed a national letter of intent to play for Penn State in the fall of 2010. The Bethany Beach, Del., native has won in the PGA Junior Callaway Series and on the International Junior Golf Tour. She also recorded 16 top-10 finishes in the Pinehurst 'Winternational' Junior Series, two of which were wins. At Worcester Prep High School in Delaware, Vosters was a three-time ESAC high school player of the year.

Reds sign Chapman to six-year contract

Cuban left-hander Aroldis Chapman agreed Monday to a \$30.25 million, six-year contract with the Cincinnati Reds, who view him as an addition to their rotation down the road. The 21-year-old gained notoriety during the World Baseball Classic in March, when he pitched well against Australia and badly against Japan, throwing his fastball around 100 mph. He's had control problems that will be his biggest obstacle at the outset. Chapman gets a signing bonus of \$16.25 million that will be paid over time. Some of the money in his contract will be paid out over a 10-year span.

OUR THOUGHTS

Rangers fans glad to welcome in Vlad

Texas fans were never happier to see Vladimir Guerrero than they were Monday. That's because Vlad, who owns a career .396 batting average against the Rangers, joined the team Monday. The Impaler has made a living against Texas, with 14 home runs and 33 RBIs in 50 games at Rangers Ballpark. Even if Vlad is nowhere close to the player he was when he moved out west, just keeping him off the visiting roster is a relief for Texas. For more of our thoughts, and to share yours, visit the [MAKEPLAYS](http://MAKEPLAYS.blogspot.com) blog at psucollegian.com.

TRIVIA

PENN STATE

Q: When was the last time Penn State played a reigning national champion?
A: Monday's answer: The Eagles had last lost a Wild Card game in the 1996-97 season to the 49ers.

HAMMER TIME



Senior thrower Cory Eck winds up for a hammer throw in practice Monday at the Multi-Sport Facility. Eck, who placed 24th in the hammer and 16th in discus at last year's Big Ten outdoor championships, is preparing with his teammates for the PSU Northeast Challenge this Saturday at Ashenfelter Track.

Tom Ruane/Collegian

PSU hopes streak grows

The Nittany Lions have won three consecutive games in Champaign, Ill.

By Andrew Robinson
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The last three times the Penn State men's basketball team has visited Illinois' Assembly Hall, it has come out with a victory.

When the **MEN'S BASKETBALL** streak started in 2006, the Nittany Lions beat the then-No. 6 team in the country 66-65 for one of the biggest upsets in program history. Last year's win over then-No. 16 Illinois will be remembered more for its 38-33 final score, the lowest in Assembly Hall history.

At 9 p.m. Tuesday, the Lions will go for four-straight wins in Illinois' home gym, but head coach Ed DeChellis doesn't have a reason for his team's success.

"I don't think it's anything other than we've made big plays," DeChellis said. "We made a big shot when we needed to make it. We got a big defensive stand when we've had to make it. This game, this league, sometimes it just comes down to one shot, one defensive play, and we've been able to make that play."

Entering the game, Illinois (11-5, 3-0 Big Ten) is tied for the conference lead while Penn State (8-7, 0-3 Big Ten) is still looking for its first league win. DeChellis said *See STREAK, Page 14.*

Team hungry for Big Ten win

By Andrew Robinson
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

After his players took Friday off for a meeting and lifting, Ed DeChellis brought them together over the weekend for what he called "spirited practices."

"There's been a lot of competition in practice. Guys getting after one another," DeChellis said. "I think that's healthy. We've kind of increased the level of intensity, and every-

thing I did for the last two days has been competition."

DeChellis said the losers suffered consequences, which helped increase the energy in practice. While the team has struggled scoring in the post, its transition game has been very successful, but it all starts on the defensive end.

Without a halfcourt game, DeChellis has said the Nittany

Lions have to play strong defense for 40 minutes if they want to win. Junior forward Jeff Brooks said the coaches have been trying to instill a mentality on defense to make opposing teams work to score.

"If the ball's not going inside the bucket then you have to do something else," Brooks said. "You've got to stop other people from scoring, and that's something the coaches very much put an emphasis on watching us play."

After starting conference play with three losses, Brooks said the team is anxious to get its first Big

Ten win. In recent practices, guard Talor Battle has been very competitive and is trying to be a leader, DeChellis said.

Brooks said the attitude in the locker room isn't depressed or upset but energized to break through. DeChellis said while the team is in an early hole in the standings, it's important not to get too down about the losses.

"No one wants to be in the position we're in," DeChellis said. "It's a very humbling conference if you don't stay focused, and you don't continue to work hard. If you get *See HUNGRY, Page 14.*

DECHELLIS PRESS CONFERENCE



DeChellis



Chloe Elmer/Collegian

Junior Adam Lynch (top) holds Colby Pisani during the Intrasquad Match Nov. 5 in Rec Hall. Lynch will replace the departed Pisani at 141 pounds.

Quiet junior Lynch making noise at 141

By Brendan Monahan
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To 125-pounder Brad Pataky, senior Adam Lynch is quiet but well-spoken.

"He doesn't really say a whole lot," Pataky said, "but when he does, people pay attention."

The departure of 141-pounder Colby Pisani has led Lynch to the starting position at the 141-pound weight class in his senior year. And because of it, Lynch's quiet perseverance will now be on full display at Rec Hall.

Maybe it's Lynch's work ethic that makes teammates' ears perk up when he talks. Perhaps gaining a starting spot as a senior after waiting in the shadows for three

years, as Lynch did, earns his teammates' undivided attention when words come out of his mouth.

In any case, Lynch is the silent leader, as Pataky puts it, and someone who is willing to pour sweat onto the mat, sustain the bruises and incur collar tie after collar tie after necktie.

"He gives us 100 percent daily," lightweight coach Cody Sanderson said.

Lynch's record stands at 5-8 and he remains 2-5 in dual meets. Prior to this weekend's Virginia Duals, Lynch posted a 1-2 dual record, including a loss to No. 18 Seth Ciasulli of Lehigh, who pinned him in the Nittany Lions' first meet.

At Hampton, Va., Lynch lost a *See LYNCH, Page 14.*

Lions putting opponents away

By Audrey Snyder
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As Julia Trogele sat at the front of the Bryce Jordan Center media room she leaned in toward the microphone and could say only one word.

"Awesome," the junior said in response to her thoughts about the team's overtime victory. After a long pause, she added, "I like this feeling."

The Lady Washington Lions' 77-71 win against Indiana helped the team catapult into a four-way tie for second place in the conference standings, but for the Lions (11-4, 3-2 Big Ten) the win meant even more.

While there are still plenty of games left to play, the Lions have equaled their win total from last season, and through 15 games, the Lions have overcome many of the obstacles that plagued them last year.

The team's ability to make these adjustments was on display Sunday, and the final result was a direct reflection of how far the team has come.

Coquese Washington said one of her team's preseason goals

was to finish games. Penn State struggled in this area last season as it gave up an 18-point lead and fell in front of its home fans to Iowa.

On Sunday the Lions set themselves up for the same fate but managed to overcome the surging Hoosiers.

After faltering late in the second half of Sunday's game and surrendering an 11-point lead, the Lions found a way to stage a comeback. Because of a strong post presence and made free throws down the stretch, Penn State successfully closed out the game.

"If I had been sitting here last year I would've been like, 'Man, you know we probably would've lost,'" Trogele said. "But I think that this year we have a different mentality."

The Lions aren't afraid to spread the ball around this season, which is something the team struggled with in the past.

Senior Tyra Grant will continue to carry the offense, but having players like Trogele and Alex Bentley step into more prominent roles has made a difference.

On Sunday, it was Trogele who hit six free throws in the extra period to seal the victory. But the team's overall intensity and resiliency, something Washington stressed during the entire *See IMPROVE, Page 14.*



Trogele

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL