

LINEUP

NCAA Basketball

Connecticut at Louisville
7 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Buffalo at Pittsburgh
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WASH STATE

Lions lack attitude in loss to Buckeyes

A comeback victory against Northwestern is overshadowed by big losses to Michigan and Ohio State.

WASH STATE

PSU starts peaking with victory at OSU

The Lions improved their record to 6-2 with a win over the Buckeyes.

WASH STATE

Team can't overcome eight-hour rain delay

Inclement weather slowed down the men's tennis team against Georgia Tech.

ICE HOCKEY

Inconsistent focus dooms PSU in loss

The Ice Lions struggled with consistency in a loss to Saint Joseph's.

LADY ICERS

Lepore's OT score leads Lions to win

The Lady Icers salvaged a split against No. 5 Liberty.

WASH STATE

Agent: DE Peppers likely out of Carolina

Snubbed by the Carolina Panthers since the end of the season, the agent for five-time Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers is convinced his client will play elsewhere in 2010.

Carl Carey said Sunday the Panthers have "not made a single inquiry this offseason" regarding the impending unrestricted free agent.

Hurney and coach John Fox went to great lengths to keep Peppers in 2009, going against his public wishes to be allowed to leave as a free agent.

OUR THOUGHTS

TENNIS

Federer's Open title void without Nadal

Roger Federer's 16 grand slams are nothing to sneeze at. But his record-breaking wins have come without main rival Rafael Nadal, who before knee issues appeared to be taking over as tennis' king. Roger's decade-long run is historic, but the lack of a true challenger makes it easy to pad the record books.

For more of our thoughts, and to share yours, visit the [MAKEPLAYS](http://MAKEPLAYS.blogspot.com) blog at psucollegian.com.

TRIVIA

Q: Which players share the record for Pro Bowl appearances?

A: Friday's answer: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Karl Malone and Wilt Chamberlain ended their careers with the Lakers.

Lions overrun by Purdue

By Andrew Robinson
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

E'Twaun Moore threw a perfect lob pass to JaJuan Johnson, only to have a soaring Jeff Brooks knock the ball straight into the air.

As per the Nittany Lions' season, the ball hit the top of the backboard, popped up and swished through the basket. From there, the rout was on.

The Penn State men's basketball team (8-13, 0-9 Big Ten) dropped its ninth-straight game, losing 66-46 at No. 10 Purdue (18-3, 6-3) Sunday in

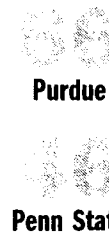
West Lafayette, Ind. After going into the half ahead by just two, Purdue exploded to a 16-2 run to start the second period.

"I kinda think it was what we didn't do," freshman forward Bill Edwards told the Penn State radio network. "We didn't come out and match their intensity, and they came out and hit some big shots."

In the first half, the Lions shot just 8-for-25 from the floor for 32 percent, but coach Ed DeChellis

told the Penn State radio network he liked the defense the team was playing. However, Purdue found its touch from deep in the second half, hitting 7 of 10 from 3-point land.

DeChellis said his halftime talk to the team was focused on winning the first four minutes of the second half. Instead, the first four minutes saw the Lions do the opposite. **See OVERRUN, Page 10.**



The Collegian's men's basketball reporters assess the Lions' performance on the Hardwood Hits blog: psucollegian.com



Guard Tabor Battle (left) tries to drive past Purdue players Sujay.

FLOAT ON



Freshman gymnast Sharaya Musser twists in mid-air during the vault competition in this weekend's tri-meet against No. 1 Alabama and No. 23 Minnesota. Musser recorded a 9.900 on the vault, and Penn State placed second behind the Tide. For the full story on the women's gymnastics team: **SPORTS, Page 12.**

Team drops second straight

By Alex Angert
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Coach Giuseppe Washington got the start she had been looking for.

The rest of the game was a different story.

Pushing the ball up the court with a sense of urgency, the team lacked the game before. The Lady Lions jumped out to an early 15-point lead against Michigan.

By the end of the game, Penn State's 15-0, 7-4 Big Ten high-octane offense fell flat as the Wolverines (13-8, 5-6) picked up momentum and an eventual 66-62 victory.

With 11:49 remaining in the first half, senior Tyra Grant caught a pass from point guard Emily Phillips and drained a 3-pointer to give Penn State a 15-point lead.

Six minutes later, the Lions were still leading — but only by one.

After extending the lead back to eight going into the half, it appeared as if Penn State was back in position to control the game.

Then Michigan's Veronica Hicks took over and single-handedly forced the Lions to fight back from behind for the last 16 minutes of the game.

Hicks scored 16 points in the second half for the Wolverines, giving Penn State's players fits on the court while trying to contain her.

Grant led the way for the Lions with 19 points, but she finished only 1-for-2 from the line as Penn State managed only 10 total free-throw attempts.

Junior Julia Trogele chipped in 11 points while Alex Bentley, fresh off a career high of 27, was limited to just eight points total.

None of the coaches and players could be reached for comment after the loss.

However, even though the Lions dug themselves a hole for most of the second half, they still **See LOSS, Page 10.**



See how the Collegian's Lady Lions writers graded Sunday's game on the Washington's Post blog: psucollegian.com

Blue Hens snap win streak

By Paul Casella
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It spanned 19 games, 103 days and involved 99 Penn State goals. And then in 20 minutes, it was all over.

A disastrous second period Saturday snapped the No. 2 Penn State Icers' 19-game ACHA winning streak, as they gave up three unanswered goals to No. 14 Delaware before eventually losing the game, 4-2. Despite scoring the game's first

goal, Penn State allowed Delaware to rattle off four unanswered goals, including three in the second period, to pull away from the Icers entering the final period.

"We got out of our game there for a while in the second period," senior captain Matt Kirstein said. "We beat ourselves in that period. Obviously it hurts to lose, but anytime you do

you have to learn from it and move forward."

The Icers had dominated the Blue Hens defensively in the first three meetings this season, allowing only one goal through 185 minutes of play.

After winning 2-1 in a shootout and shutting out the Blue Hens 6-0 in the two meetings earlier this year, Penn State opened up this series with another shutout victory Friday night, winning 1-0.

Junior goalie Teddy Hume had stopped 104 of 105 Delaware shots. **See STREAK, Page 10.**



Assistant to leave after season

By Paul Casella
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The five seniors are no longer the only members of the No. 2 Penn State Icers who have just one more chance to win an ACHA championship.

Despite winning three titles in his four years as a player for Penn State, assistant coach Bill Downey will be making his final attempt to win one in his two years as a

coach of the Icers this season. After helping the Icers as an assistant coach for two years, Downey will be leaving Penn State at the end of this season after his wife, Amy Downey, accepted a job offer in Boston.

"The position I'm in right now," Downey said, "has always been looked at as a temporary thing to kind of grow and learn a little bit about myself as a coach."

Amy Downey, who used to work for Philadelphia Magazine as an associate editor, received a job

offer from a former employer who also owns Boston Magazine. Bill Downey said.

For most of the players, it was an announcement that led to mixed emotions.

While the younger players will be losing a leader who has plenty of success and playing experience, they will also be seeing someone they considered a friend moving forward in his career.

"I was definitely disappointed when he told us," sophomore Paul **See COACH, Page 10.**



Assistant coach Bill Downey shouts during a game Jan. 16.