

# SPORTS

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## THE LINEUP

**NBA**  
Philadelphia at Toronto  
7 p.m., TCN

**NCAA Basketball**  
Connecticut at Syracuse  
7 p.m., ESPN  
Duke at North Carolina  
9 p.m., ESPN

**NHL**  
Philadelphia at New Jersey  
7 p.m., CSN  
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh  
7:30 p.m., FSP

## WOMEN'S GOLF

### PSU closes Classic last out of 16 teams

The Penn State women's golf team finished last in the 16-team field at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, which wrapped up play Tuesday.



Ransone

It finished with a three-day total of 961.89 shots behind champion Alabama.

Freshman Emily Ransone shot a team-best three-round total of 228, finishing tied for 28th among individuals.

## W. BASKETBALL

### Future Lion Edwards named All-American

Lady Lion recruit Ariel Edwards is one of 20 players selected to play in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) High School All-America game April 3 in San Antonio, Texas.



Washington

Edwards is the only Big Ten recruit on the WBCA All-America team and the second Lady Lion to play in the event in the last two years, with Nikki Greene participating in last year's game.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Trotters, Generals take to NYC ice rink

The Harlem Globetrotters have found a new way to beat the Washington Generals — on ice.

The famed basketball barnstormers played on a hockey rink for the first time in their 84-year history Tuesday, putting on a show in New York's Central Park ahead of a tour of the area.

## NCAA BASKETBALL

### Practice violation shows rule archaic

Rutgers' Hall of Fame women's basketball coach Vivian C. Stringer was suspended for one game after using a team manager in a practice scrimmage.

NCAA rules forbid such action.

But Rutgers has just nine players on its roster, meaning it can't even run a full-court scrimmage.

Managers volunteer their time just to be a part of an athletic program.

Most would give anything just to sniff the court.

No way should this be a violation.

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

## NBA

### Q: Before Monday, when was the last time Kobe Bryant missed a game?

Tuesday's answer: According to the Nielsen ratings, 106.5 million people watched the Super Bowl on Sunday, making it the most viewed TV event in U.S. history.

## HERE'S TO N'AWLINS



Associated Press

Saints quarterback and Super Bowl XLIV MVP Drew Brees raises a glass of champagne during New Orleans' first-ever Super Bowl parade Tuesday evening. The Saints celebrated with their fans after defeating the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Sunday's championship game.

## Young stars struggling

Freshmen Alex Bentley and Nikki Greene have been inconsistent lately.

By Audrey Snyder  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Alex Bentley was unstoppable during the first half of Sunday's game.

The freshman guard was shooting and scoring at will, and up until half-time she was playing like a seasoned veteran.

Then the second half started, and it was a completely different story for Bentley.

After going 8-for-8 during the first half, Bentley hit just two more shots during the game's final 20 minutes.

The guard's limited production in the second half was attributed to what coach Coquese Washington described as the "freshman wall."

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Asit Mishra/Collegian

Penn State freshman Alex Bentley (20) dribbles up court during Sunday's 86-73 loss to Ohio State at the Bryce Jordan Center.

## Losses keeping Pearsall hungry

By Ryan Loy  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Wins haven't come easy for Bryan Pearsall this season.

But the Nittany Lion 133-pounder believes his success isn't measured in wins and losses.

Pearsall has compiled a 3-19 record but showed some promise when he nearly stormed back for a win before ultimately falling short against Michigan's Zac Stevens Sunday in the Penn State wrestling team's 29-10 win.

"It's really hard to not get frustrated, but I'm keeping a good state of mind," Pearsall said. "The coaches are telling me what I'm doing right, what I'm doing wrong, and I'm clearly getting better with every match."

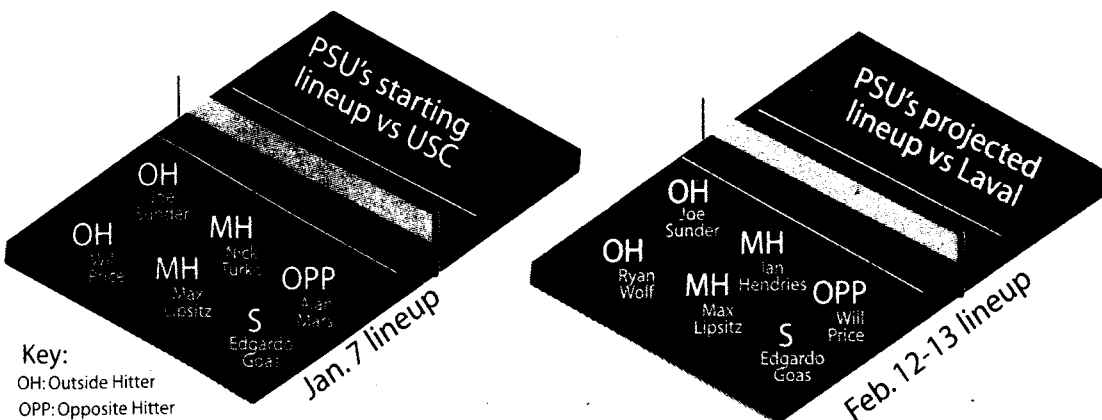
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Pearsall

## Changing it up

Penn State's starting lineup will shift when the No. 9 Nittany Lions take on Laval this weekend.



Nicole Leva/Collegian

## Mars settling in at middle

By Emily Kaplan  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

There's nothing glamorous about being a middle hitter.

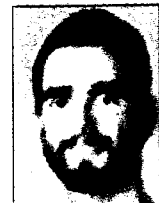
At least that's what Max Lipsitz says.

"You know, I didn't really like the position at first, and I still don't really like it," said Lipsitz, a senior captain for the Penn State men's volleyball team and 2009 first-team All-American. "It's a lot of hard work

that you don't get recognized for so it's not that cool. But, of course, it's all about the team."

Like Lipsitz, redshirt junior Alan Mars is a team player.

So when the coaching staff asked Mars to switch from opposite hitter — the position he has spent two years learning after beginning his Nittany Lion career as an outside



Mars

to middle hitter, the 6-foot-7 Rochester, N.Y., native accepted the challenge. Because, of course, it's all about the team.

"It's an idea we kicked around for a couple months now," coach Mark Pavlik said. "Alan has the size, and he has the experience. As a team right now, we're working on balancing out our offense. And moving Alan to middle might help that, so we asked him to give it a try."

Mars began his transition to middle last week after the No. 9

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## Guard fine-tuning skills

By Andrew J. Cassavell  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When Tim Frazier split two defenders with about four minutes to go in Saturday's game against Minnesota, it was nothing surprising to Ed DeChellis.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

He had seen the freshman guard's explosive quickness off the dribble before.

But when Frazier never hesitated while attacking the rim en route to the layup, which cut Minnesota's lead to two, the Penn State men's basketball coach stopped to take note.

The freshman point guard's ability hasn't been in question all season for DeChellis, whose Lions (8-15) are in the midst of an 11-game losing streak to begin conference play.

Instead, DeChellis said he hasn't seen Frazier finishing assertively as often as he should.

"He made some nice plays in the game the other night," DeChellis said Monday.

"He got to the basket, drove it, penetrated it, jump-stopped, kicked ... Let's do that again Saturday afternoon. Let's take it again to the following Wednesday on the road."

With the Lions facing No. 10 Michigan State at home on Saturday and with a pair of road games the following week, DeChellis said he hopes Frazier's strong performance last Saturday will carry over.

Frazier scored seven points in the Lions' 66-64 loss to Minnesota and had two assists, despite playing only 21 minutes.

He was in the game for most of the final 10 minutes, including the final sequence, when the Lions tied the game.

They eventually lost on Lawrence Westbrook's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

But until Saturday, Frazier had seen a decrease in playing time — which dropped to only three minutes Jan. 24 in an overtime loss to Wisconsin.

DeChellis said that could be attributed to a difficult adjustment to the college game.

"For young guys the game is fast," DeChellis said. "I think

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