

THE LINEUP

Winter Olympics
 Snowboarding, biathlon
 3 p.m., NBC
 Figure skating, snowboarding, speedskating
 8 p.m., NBC

NCAA Women's Basketball
 Michigan at Penn State
 6:30 p.m., BTN

NCAA Men's Basketball
 Wisconsin at Minnesota
 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA
 Denver at Cleveland
 8 p.m., TNT

BASEBALL

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WRESTLING

Lion defense shining in first two games

A few tweaks from last year's squad has led to an improved defense this year.

No. 11 Penn State readying for Big Tens

The Lions are preparing for Feb. 27 and the Big Ten championships at Minnesota.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Gymnasts look to fix how they finish meets

Penn State has struggled this year in the parallel and high bars, the last two events in a meet.

QUICK BITS

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OUR THOUGHTS

MLB

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TRIVIA

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Penn State freshman guard Tim Frazier attempts a layup at Welsh-Ryan Arena Wednesday night. Frazier and the Nittany Lions defeated the Northwestern Wildcats, 81-70, to win their first Big Ten game of the season. Five Penn State players scored in double figures to spark the upset.

Lions snap losing streak

By Andrew Robinson
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Talor Battle's torrid shooting finally came to a halt, but for the Penn State men's basketball team, it didn't matter.

The Nittany Lions had fought and scrapped for 12 games seeking their first Big Ten win yet managed to come up short every time.

That all changed on Wednesday.

Behind a balanced scoring attack that saw five players in double figures, Penn State (9-16, 1-12 Big Ten) defeated Northwestern (17-9, 6-8) by a score of 81-70 at Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston, Ill. The win marked Penn State's fourth in a row against the Wildcats and its seventh in its last eight games against them.

"It's a relief," Penn State head coach Ed DeChellis told the Penn State radio network. "Our kids have always given us a pretty good effort in practice. We've always continued to have pretty good

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Collegian reporter Andrew J. Cassavell distributes grades for Wednesday's game on Hardwood Hits: psucollegian.com

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Ex-Lion Jenkins yet to tab new team

By Brendan Monahan
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Two months after leaving the Penn State wrestling team, Bubba Jenkins has yet to choose a new school.

Though Jenkins said he is still weighing his options, the 2008 NCAA 149-pound runner-up has gained interest from a number of schools, including Arizona State, Old Dominion, Maryland, Nebraska and Iowa State.

Jenkins visited Arizona State because he said the school had been recruiting him since he was a sophomore in high school and he wanted to repay the loyalty. Brian Stith, an Arizona State assistant coach, wrestled at Frank W. Cox High School, Jenkins' former school, and was also Jenkins' ex-coach.

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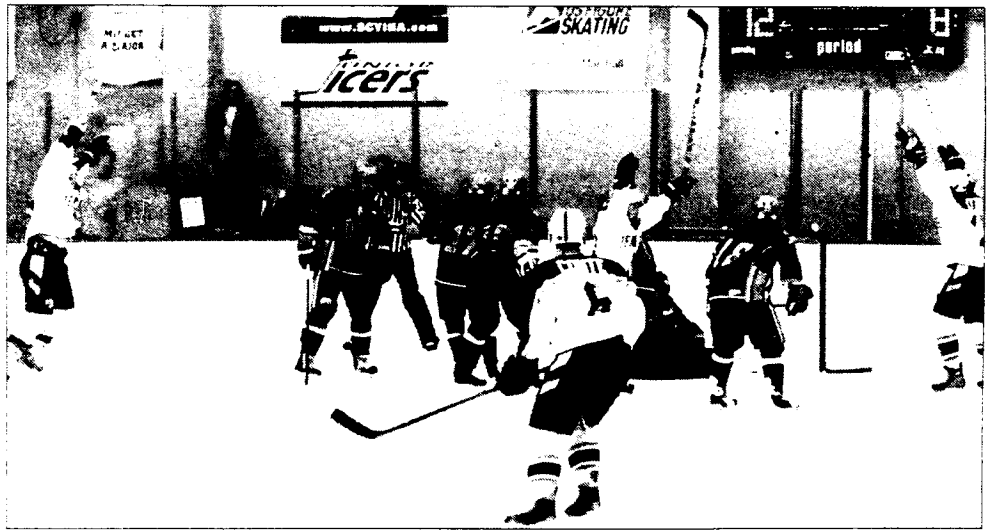


Jenkins

The Collegian wrestling writers recap Penn State head coach Cael Sanderson's weekly radio show on the Back Points blog: psucollegian.com



ON THE BLOG



Penn State players celebrate after scoring a goal in the first period of the hockey game against Ohio University on Saturday afternoon at Greenberg Ice Pavilion.

Icers' playoff opener set for SUNY-Canton

By Paul Casella
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

After clinching the ESCHL title last weekend, the No. 2 Penn State Icers knew they would be playing in the ACHA national tournament. Now they know exactly who and when they will be playing.

The Icers kept their No. 2 ranking in the final poll of the season and will take on the No. 15 seed SUNY-Canton Kangaroos, who are making their first ACHA Division I tournament appearance, at 1 p.m. March 6 at the Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, Ill.

Despite finishing at No. 22 in the final rankings, the Kangaroos received an automatic

bid to the field of 16 after winning the ECHL regular season title.

"We've been pretty excited about nationals for the past three weeks or so," Icers sophomore Nick Seravalli said, "but we were definitely excited to keep the No. 2 seed and see who we are going to be playing."

With this year's bid, Penn State has played in all 19 ACHA Division I national tournaments dating back to the inaugural tournament in 1992, whereas SUNY-Canton is

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ONLINE

The Icers have switched up their lines and started resting up for their postseason run: psucollegian.com

Season opener at Longwood postponed

By Stephen Hennessey
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Robbie Wine compared telling his team it wouldn't be playing this weekend to telling children that Santa Claus wouldn't be delivering Christmas gifts.

The Penn State baseball squad will likely have to wait one more weekend to start its season, as snow still covered Longwood University's field Wednesday. A neutral site game against Coppin State and a road game at Longwood were cancelled.

The Nittany Lions, who finished

with a 25-26 record last season, were scheduled to play Saturday and Sunday.

"It's definitely disappointing because everyone was getting pretty pumped up for the opener," pitcher Mike Wanamaker said.

Longwood's field, located in Farmville, Va., still had several inches of snow on it from two snow storms that slammed the East Coast last week. Longwood's media relations director Greg Prouty said. Wine said his staff



Wine



ON THE BLOG

Inside the Dugout has the latest news on the trade involving former Lion first baseman Cory Wine: psucollegian.com

contacted some coaches to see if there were any possibilities of scheduling a game or scrimmage with them.

With many teams opening their season in the South this weekend, the coaches were hopeful for another game.

He still didn't know whether any teams would respond to their requests, though.

"You deal with what comes up,

and that's what's good about these guys," Wine said.

Next weekend, the Lions expect to play in the Big East/Big Ten Challenge in some warmer weather. They'll take on Cincinnati, Seton Hall and Notre Dame in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Clearwater, Fla., in an afternoon game and two morning games, respectively. If the team did travel down there, Wanamaker said the field conditions would have been messy. Conditions will be a lot better in Florida next weekend, he said.

"Everything happens for a reason," the pitcher said.

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