

WINTER

Winter Olympics

Freestyle skiing, bobsledding, speedskating, Alpine skiing
8 p.m., NBC

NCAA Basketball

Ohio State at Penn State
6:30 p.m., BTN
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame
7 p.m., ESPN2
Purdue at Minnesota
8:30 p.m., BTN

NBA

Philadelphia at Phoenix
9 p.m., CSN

Medal count

Last updated: 5:00 p.m.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
United States	7	9	10	26
Germany	7	9	7	23
Norway	6	5	6	17
Russia	3	4	6	13

Source: Associated Press
Jaclyn McKay/Collegian

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Column: Fan redeems troubled Sixer Iverson

Allen Iverson has mended his reputation since returning to Philadelphia.

Williams sentenced to 5 years in prison

Former NBA star Jayson Williams was sentenced to five years in prison Tuesday for fatally shooting a hired limo driver in 2002, ending an eight-year legal odyssey by tearfully apologizing to the victim's family. He will be eligible for parole in 18 months.

Williams, avoiding a retrial on a reckless manslaughter count that deadlocked the jury at his 2004 trial, pleaded guilty last month to aggravated assault in the death of Costas Christofi on Feb. 14, 2002. At the same 2004 trial, he was acquitted of aggravated manslaughter but convicted on four counts of covering up the shooting.

The sentences on the assault and cover-up counts will run concurrently. State Superior Court Judge Edward Coleman went along with a plea agreement that spelled out the five-year prison sentence and the potential for Williams to be released as early as Summer 2011.

Beware of mascots after K.C. incident

News out of Kansas City Tuesday provides even more proof of mascots overstepping their bounds.

A Royals fan is suing the team for a hot dog the KC mascot allegedly tossed into his eye.

Mascots, we know it's your job to entertain us with giveaways. But please, let us at least watch the game.

For more of our thoughts, and to share yours, visit the **MAKE PLAYS** blog at psucollegian.com.

Q: Who is the Philadelphia Eagles' all-time leading rusher?

Tuesday's answer: LaDainian Tomlinson's 153 total touchdowns rank **third** on the all-time NFL list.

BLADES OF GLORY



Turkish figure skater Tugba Karademir in Vancouver, short program Tuesday night during the women's figure skating competition at Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, Canada, for the Winter Olympics. Tuesday marked the opening round of the women's short program, with the free skate coming Thursday.

Lions aim to spoil hopes

If Penn State wins its remaining games, it can shake up Big Ten seeds.

By Andrew Robinson
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In the wisp of an NCAA tournament berth, all that stood in the way of the Penn State men's basketball team was an Iowa team with a 4-1 Big Ten record.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Forty minutes of regulation and two overtimes of play later, the Nittany Lions left Iowa City, Iowa, with a loss and their tournament dreams all but shattered.

With four games left before the Big Ten tournament, the Lions find themselves in the same position of that Iowa team one year ago — spoiler — at least in the Big Ten title race.

"Hopefully we win the rest of these games. That would be pretty cool because someone has the chance to come in and clinch, and we have the opportunity to spoil that," guard Tabor Battle said. "That would be the best feeling. It happened to us. We got spoiled, so we get the opportunity now."

Despite having the worst conference record in the Big Ten at

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Men's Basketball vs. Ohio State

6:30, tonight
Bryce Jordan Center

Duo of vets to lead staff

By Alex Angert
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

At first glance, the top of the starting rotation for the Penn State baseball team would seem like an area of concern.

Three of last year's starters have graduated, and the team's projected top two pitchers — Mike Wanamaker and Ryan Ignas — combined to start only two games last season.

Nevertheless, head coach Robbie Wine isn't worried.

Going into the 2010 season, the top of the rotation is a big reason why Wine thinks this team is much better than last year's, as the coach is confident in both pitchers — one coming off a torn right-shoulder labrum and the other coming out of bullpen duties.

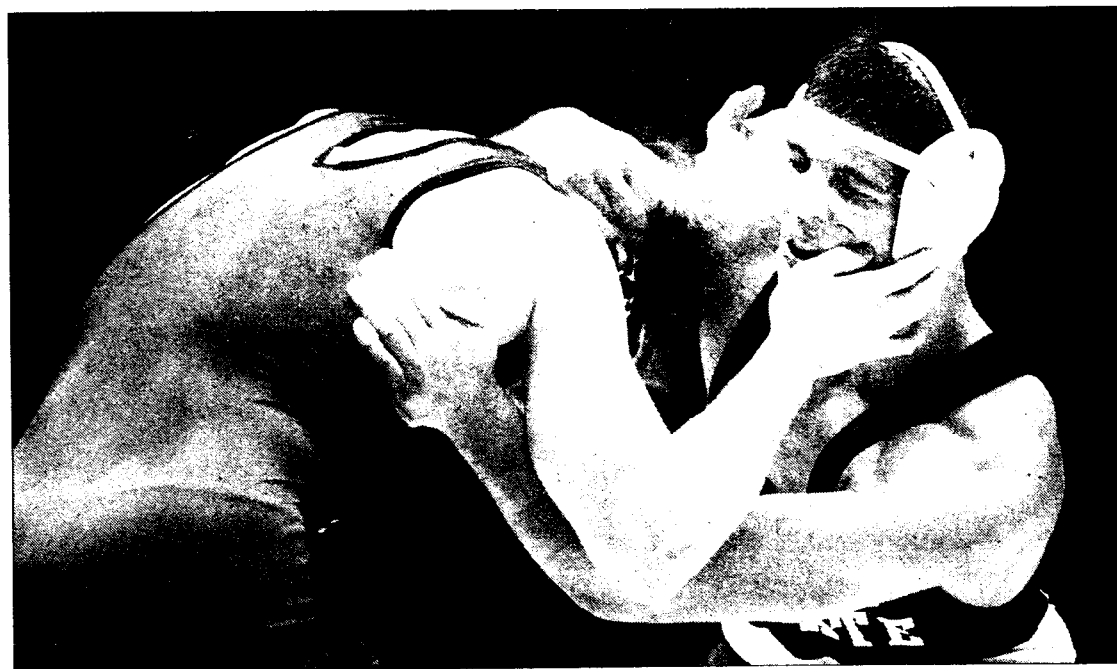
"With Wanamaker and Ignas as the one-two," Wine said, "I think that can match up with anybody in the country if they do their job and don't try to do too much."

As for not trying to do too much, the coach just wants his pitchers to throw strikes and not pitch with themselves.

And as for doing their job, both pitchers have been successful in

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Redshirting 184-pounder Quentin Wright (right) wrestles against Wisconsin in a match in February 2009. Wright has fared well this year in his unattached bouts, pinning nine of his 15 opponents.

Wright utilizing year off

By Ryan Loy
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It's been more than 11 months since Quentin Wright earned All-America status as a true freshman with his sixth-place finish at the 2009 NCAA

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championships. Though he hasn't donned the Penn State singlet since that time, the Nittany Lion 184-pounder still made his presence felt on the mat this sea-

son while going 14-1 as a redshirting wrestler.

Just six of his 15 bouts went the full time, as Wright pinned nine of his opponents.

"That's my goal," Wright said. "[I want] to go out there and pin the person and get off the mat as fast as I can."

That success can be traced



Wright

back to the experience Wright gets inside the Lorenzo Wrestling Complex.

The 184-pounder is often paired with one of the coaches — including head coach Cael Sanderson — while practicing his skills. That

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Dedicated backup entertains

By Emily Kaplan
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

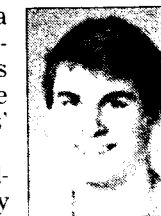
Tor Covello will cross his legs, cock his head back confidently, flutter his eyelashes and speak in a high-pitched Puerto Rican accent — gushing how he is the best libero ever.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Covello, a sophomore setter on the Penn State men's volleyball team, has a knack for doing impersonations

and often does a sidesplitting imitation of Dennis Del Valle, the Nittany Lions' energetic libero.

"It's like dead-on and highly entertaining," senior captain Will Price said. "If Tor ever doesn't make it scholastically or with volleyball, he could make a fantastic career as an entertainer. But for now, we



Covello

like having him on the team." The Yardley native doesn't get much court time for the No. 7 Lions — but that's almost guaranteed when playing the same position as 2009 second-team All-American Edgardo Goas. And

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The Above the Net blog opens up the Stat Book to take a closer look at middle hitter Max Lipsitz: psucollegian.com