

Lions ready to move on

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Will Price's face told the whole story. In the press conference following the Penn State men's volleyball team's upset loss to Ohio State on Sunday, Price rarely looked up, clearly disappointed in his team's performance. When it was his turn to speak, he

could barely form an answer he was content with, but he made one point clear: The team was embarrassed.

Despite their performance against the Buckeyes, the Nittany Lions are confident they will take the loss as a learning experience and benefit from it when they play at 7 tonight at Juniata.



Pavlik

Even the Lions not traveling to Juniata tonight help make the team stronger. psucollegian.com

The Lions (16-4) have responded after each of their previous three losses with convincing wins in their next match. The difference this time is the level of disappointment following the loss.

At practice Monday, senior co-captain Max Lipsitz said the team came out flat and unmotivated

Sunday. This from a player who was one of few who contributed numbers characteristic to his season averages and was named EIVA player of the week Monday.

"We didn't take that match seriously," he said. "I think it was harder than we thought it was going to be."

Lipsitz said he was planning on having a team meeting Monday night or today before the team heads to Huntingdon, adding the necessary improvement is more of *See JUNIATA, Page 10.*

NCAA Basketball (M)

NIT quarterfinals
7 p.m., 9 p.m., ESPN

NCAA women's tournament

Second-round games
7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

NHL

Philadelphia at Ottawa
7:30 p.m., CSN

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Light-hearted Lions use team chemistry

Winless Penn State is staying positive by keeping loose.

Lacrosse program close to being elite

Women's lacrosse reporter Kurt Bopp writes the Lions must start playing a complete game for the program to take the next step.

Big Ben, Goodell expected to meet

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell plans to meet with Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger about the star's off-field problems.

Goodell already has spoken with team owners about Roethlisberger, who is accused of assaulting a 20-year-old college student in a Georgia nightclub on March 5. Roethlisberger's attorney says the quarterback committed no crime. Roethlisberger has yet to be interviewed by police in Milledgeville, Ga., and charges have not been filed.

Dolphins RB Brown charged with DUI

Police say Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown, who was in the suburban Atlanta area for his parents' anniversary, has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Marietta Police Officer Jennifer Murphy said Monday that the 28-year-old was arrested at 4:29 a.m. Saturday.

Brown's mother, Joyce Brown, told The Associated Press in a phone interview that Brown was in his hometown of Cartersville for her and her husband's 32nd anniversary. She says he was pulled over for failing to use a turn signal.

MSU's title hopes go out the window

Tom Izzo isn't fooling anyone.

If he's saying there's a 90-percent chance star point guard Kalin Lucas has a torn achilles, chances are Lucas is done playing basketball this year.

There's a chance the Spartans can reach the Final Four with Northern Iowa on tap and perhaps a familiar foe in Ohio State.

But a realistic title shot? Maybe next year.

NCAA Basketball

Q: Who were the lowest seeded teams ever to make the Sweet 16?

Monday's answer: The last time an Ivy League team reached the Sweet 16 was in 1979, when Penn accomplished the feat.



Abby Drey/Collegian

Danielle Hover has been a key performer for Penn State this season after recovering from a mental block.

WALKING TALL

Hover overcomes adversity

By Jared Shanker
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Danielle Hover's best performance comes when she's not even in the lineup.

Hover doesn't compete on floor, but she might have the most popular routine in Rec Hall.

At every meet before the Lions perform on floor, the gymnasts

The Lions dropped two spots in the final GymInfo rankings before the Big Ten championships. psucollegian.com

stand in line and do the YMCA. No gymnast enjoys it more than Hover. "I've always loved to perform," the bubbly Hover said. "I love being in the limelight." It's easy to see Hover enjoys the

spotlight. As she jumps around and does her best to pump up the Rec Hall crowd, it's obvious there isn't any other place Hover would rather be.

That wasn't always the case. Just last year, Hover went toe-to-toe against elite programs like Georgia, Florida and LSU.

Each of those schools finished in the top six at the NCAA championships.

But they all paled in comparison *See HOVER, Page 10.*

Ferlic provides intensity, impact

By Andrew Robinson
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As her teammates prepared for a scrum, Kasey Ferlic made sure everyone on the field knew what she wanted.

"Let's go," the junior wing yelled. "I want the ball."

At first glance, the small-statured Ferlic doesn't look like a rugby player. But what she lacks in height and size, Ferlic more than makes up in intensity and vocality.

After spending last semester in New Zealand, the junior returned to the Lady Ruggers this spring, bringing her trademark tenacity and sense of humor. And her teammates love having that fire on the pitch.

"She's always saying things, minus the profanity, like, 'You need

to hit those girls. You're better than them,' and really upping our confidence," junior Lisa Henneman said. "She's really good at that."

Ferlic scored two tries in the Penn State women's rugby team's 46-3 win Saturday, proving her knack for crossing the tryline. However, in the second half, the junior was put in the "sin bin," rugby's version of the penalty box where a player must sit out 10 minutes.

Despite Ferlic sometimes letting her intensity get the better of her, Lady Ruggers coach Pete Steinberg knows she is a dynamic talent.

"When you have that intensity sometimes it's very difficult to keep it under control," Steinberg said. "But she finished really well. She had a couple of nice tries where she ran really hard. She's very difficult *See FERLIC, Page 10.*



Bryan Wade Heritage/Collegian

Junior wing Kasey Ferlic (middle) looks to pass in practice Monday at West Campus Pitch. After spending the fall in New Zealand, Ferlic has made an early impact since returning to the Lady Ruggers.

Heath offers power

By Stephen Hennessey
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Ben Heath is not resting on his laurels — despite being on pace to break the school's home run record.

The junior catcher crushed two home runs and had 10 RBIs in this weekend's Coca Cola Classic. Heath is tied for second in the Big Ten with six home runs in 15 games this season.

But he has taken the humble approach to his success, despite being on pace to break Dave Simononis' 17 round-trippers in 1978. Heath is on pace to hit 19 home runs after only three in 27 games last year.

"Everything he's done in the weight room has translated to the field," fellow catcher Bobby Jacobs said. "He's a tireless worker. He works hard, and it shows on the field. He set goals, and he's worked hard to achieve them."

Heath's grand slam against Winthrop on Saturday was the first grand slam of his career. He also drove in seven runs for the first time.

Still, Heath doesn't think the statistics mean much. He's more focused on continuing that success.

"That's the biggest thing — you want to keep working," Heath said. "I can't express how important that is, just to keep working like you have been so you don't get complacent ever."

The Huntersville, N.C., native changed his hitting stance to a wider base this offseason, producing greater power numbers. With the help of assistant coach Will Hoover, Heath swings with more balance and has learned to utilize his entire body when he looks to put a ball in play.

"I've come a long way since I first arrived here," Heath said. "It's really what we worked on all fall. If you're swinging with your arms, you're going to have to produce a lot more force than if *See HEATH, Page 10.*

BASEBALL



Heath

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