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NCAA Basketball (NIT)
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UNC vs. Rhode Island
9 p.m., ESPN2

Women's Basketball (NCAA)
Florida State vs. Connecticut
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Kentucky vs. Oklahoma
9:04 p.m., ESPN

NBA
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia
7 p.m., CSN

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions look to build off 2nd notable win
Penn State was searching for the type of win it got Sunday against No. 17 William & Mary.

MEN'S SOCCER

Nittany Lions ready to open spring slate
The Penn State men's soccer team kicks off its spring exhibition season 7 p.m. Tuesday against the Harrisburg City Islanders, a United Soccer Leagues Second Division club.

QUICK HITS

State moves to 3rd in Directors' Cup
Penn State is in a virtual tie for first after the men's and women's fencing teams' NCAA titles, unofficially trailing Stanford by 0.5 points in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Standings, released Sunday.

The Directors' Cup awards overall athletic achievement to top performing institutions.

Florida woman says Steeler threw glass
A Florida woman is suing Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Santonio Holmes, saying the one-time Super Bowl MVP hit her in the face with a glass at an Orlando nightclub and then offered to pay her so she wouldn't press charges.

Anshonoe Mills claimed in a lawsuit filed Wednesday that Holmes grabbed her face and threw the glass at her because she was sitting on a couch in the Rain Night Club's VIP section March 7. The lawsuit said the glass hit Mills on the right side of the face, cutting the woman near the eye. The four-page document also claimed Holmes and a police officer intimidated Mills so she wouldn't press charges.

OUR THOUGHTS

NCAA BASKETBALL
Playing uptempo, getting that degree

John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins, take your one-and-done All-America honors and collect your NBA paycheck in three months. Today we're saluting Scottie Reynolds, Da'Sean Butler, Sherron Collins, Damion James and Greivis Vasquez as the best four-year players in college basketball.
Not a bad starting five, either.

TRIVIA

WNBA
Q: Who was the No. 1 pick in last year's WNBA draft?
Monday's answer: Krzyzewski is tied with Dean Smith with 11 Final Four appearances.

Coleman hired by Clemson

By Alex Angert
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Lady Lion assistant coach Ito Coleman was hired Monday afternoon by Clemson to be the new head coach of the Tigers' women's basketball program. Coleman was in her third year with the Lions after being brought in by Coquese Washington to be an assistant coach and recruiting

coordinator for Penn State.

"I am very passionate about re-establishing a winning tradition for the women's basketball program," Coleman said in a Clemson press release. "This is something I take very personally, because I am a product of this university." Coleman played at Clemson



Coleman

from 1995 to 1999 and led the Tigers to two ACC championships. Two years after graduating, she was named to the ACC's 50-year Anniversary Team.

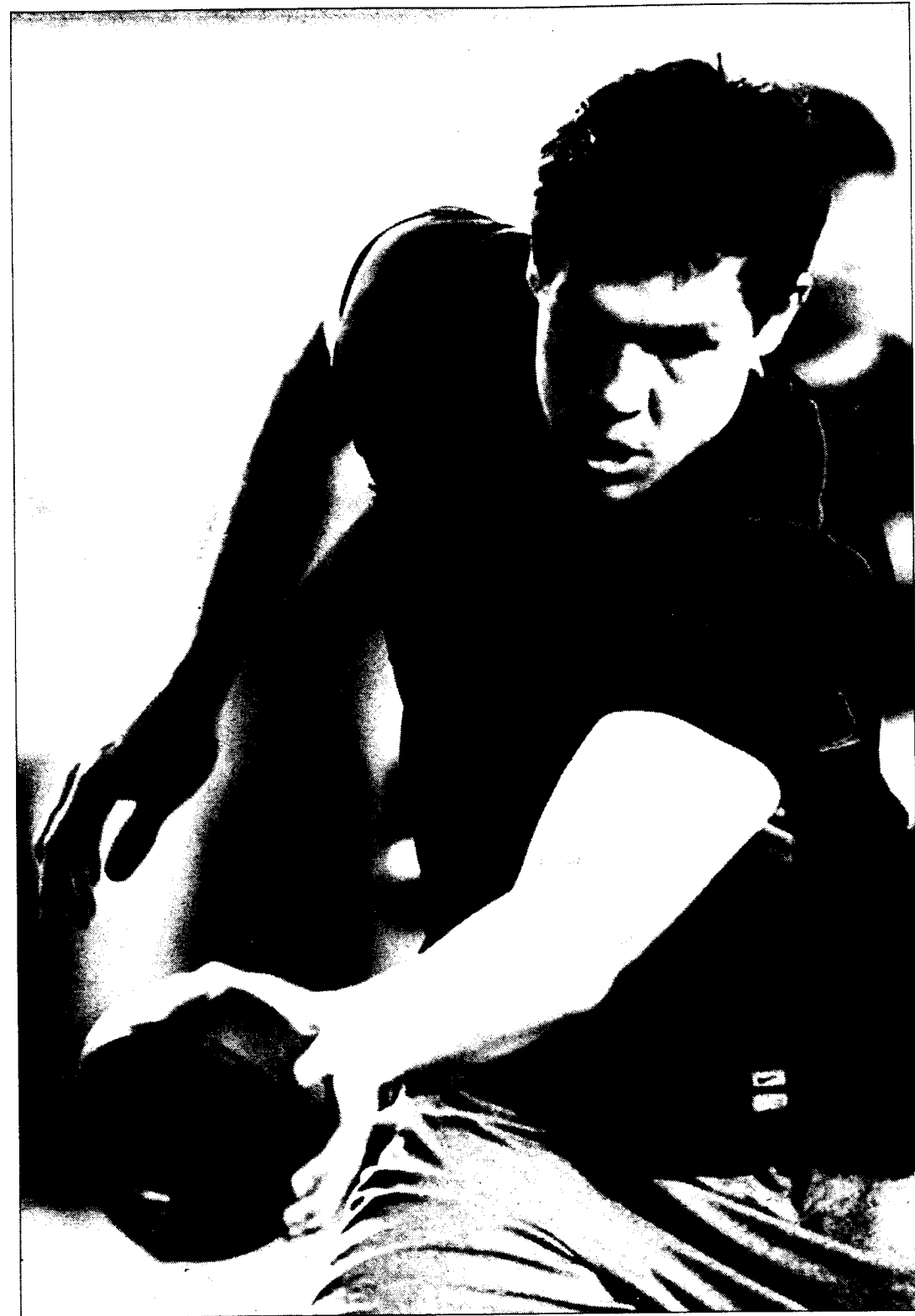
Once her playing career was over, Coleman was an assistant coach at Butler University from 2000-02 and then served five years as an assistant with the Tigers. Helping guide Clemson back in the right direction will be second nature for Coleman, as the former Lions assistant was instrumental in the improvement Penn State

experienced throughout her three years with the team.

"I know it was tough for coach Coleman to leave Coach Coquese because there is a high level of respect that Coach Coleman has for her boss," Clemson associate athletic director Barbara Kennedy-Dixon said in a phone interview. "It was bittersweet." See COLEMAN, Page 10.

Penn State's Tyra Grant is preparing for April 8's WNBA Draft. | SPORTS, Page 12.

IS HE THE ONE?



Associated Press photo

Former Oklahoma Sooners quarterback Sam Bradford hands the ball off during a drill at Oklahoma's Pro Day, held Monday in Norman, Okla. It was the first time Bradford worked out in front of NFL scouts since having shoulder surgery. Bradford is projected as a top-10 pick in next month's NFL Draft.

Lions set to host region

By Jake Kaplan
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The No. 14 Penn State women's gymnastics team learned Monday which teams it will host in the NCAA Regional Championships on April 10 at Rec Hall.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

The Nittany Lions, who are the No. 3 seed in the competition, will host the nation's No. 2 team in Oklahoma, No. 11 LSU, Maryland, Ohio State and New Hampshire.



Shephard

"We're pleased with who they're bringing in," Penn State coach Steve Shephard said. "We feel very confident that we can compete with anyone in the country, and our main focus is hitting routines and let the outcome take care of itself."

Penn State will enter regionals as an underdog, as Oklahoma and LSU garnered the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds in the competition, respectively. Despite the fact both of the schools have good gymnastics programs, Shephard is confident his team can jump them and finish in the top two. The top-two teams at each of the six regional sites qualify for the NCAA National Championships, which begin April 22 in Gainesville, Fla.

Oklahoma won the Big 12 title Saturday and has an average score of 196.896, the highest in the nation. In a 2010 season full of highlights, the Sooners have surpassed 197,000 five times, including a nation-high score of 197.950 against No. 1 Alabama on March 5.

LSU is coming off a fourth-place finish at Saturday's SEC Championships and averages a 195.990 — 0.440 higher than Penn State's average. The Tigers' best meet was a 197.150 against Iowa on March 12.

"Both of them are very high-caliber gymnastics programs, and I am sure that they are going to be very good, and we're going to have to be at the top of our game," Shephard said.

Though Penn State did not contend against either of the top two seeds this season, the Lions competed against Ohio State and Maryland. Penn State lost to See REGIONALS, Page 10.

The vault cost the Nittany Lions a chance at their first Big Ten championship: psucollegian.com

Upset loss impacts EIVA

By Emily Kaplan
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Mike Rumbaugh's cell phone rang late last Saturday night — and he couldn't believe the caller's news.

"One of my players told me Penn State lost to Rutgers-Newark," said Rumbaugh, coach of the St. Francis men's volleyball team. "And I didn't think it was true. I had to go check online, and I did a double take."

Rumbaugh wasn't alone. The unranked Scarlet Raiders' 3-1 upset over the then-No. 6 Nittany Lions at the Golden Dome in Newark, N.J., sent shock waves through the league.

For Penn State (18-5), it was one of the most devastating losses in See UPSET, Page 10.

Bouncing back

The Lions suffered a surprising loss to Rutgers-Newark last Saturday. Here's how they've responded to other losses this season.

Loss	Next Match
Jan. 7 vs. USC at Outrigger Invitational	3-2 win vs. Hawaii The Lions win a five-set match against the Warriors at the Stan Sheriff Center.
Jan. 30 vs. Loyola Chicago at Chicago	3-0 win vs. Rutgers-Newark Sloppy Lions sweep inferior opponent.
March 12 vs. BYU at Active Ankle Challenge	3-0 win vs. Long Beach State Lions upset then-No. 6 Long Beach State in three sets.
March 21 vs. Ohio State at Rec Hall	3-0 win vs. Juniata A solid team effort led Penn State to a victory.
March 27 vs. Rutgers-Newark at Newark	The Lions play at Ball State Thursday night.

Source: gopsports.com

Ashley Rickard/Collegian

Flash final tuneup before Big Ten play

By Alex Angert
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Things are about to get serious for the Penn State baseball team.

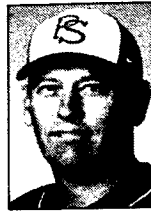
With the Nittany Lions gearing up for this weekend's conference-opening series at Illinois, "spring training" — as players and coaches have called the past month — is about to end.

But before the team can place all of its focus on the Big Ten, Penn

State is set to play a home-and-home series against Kent State over the next two days.

"We're in the real season, but we're going for the conference crown," coach Robbie Wine said. "We want to win the conference, and Illinois is a tough opponent to start with on the road."

That is why this week's Kent



Wine

State series is an important one the team isn't looking past.

As always, Wine wants to get a couple wins out of the series, but he also wants to get a couple more pitchers out to the mound.

He said spot starter Calvin Grumley may get the ball in one of the games along with other pitchers who didn't get an opportunity during the team's four-game series against Hofstra this past weekend.

Simply put, Wine said the team is using this mid-week series to set

up for the coming weekend.

"Making sure that we're healthy and strong, and the pitching is lined up for the weekend is probably a priority," Wine said. "But still, we've got to try and win these two games."

Luckily for the Lions, momentum is on their side as they head into today's game in Kent, Ohio, against Kent State.

After losing its home opener against Hofstra on Friday, Penn State rebounded to take the final See TUNEUP, Page 10.