



Blue-White scrimmage

Time: 2 p.m. Saturday
Place: Beaver Stadium
TV: ESPN2
Broadcast crew: Brent Musburger, Kirk Herbstreit, Matt Millen, Desmond Howard

Friday, April 23

4:00-10:00 p.m. - Music on stage
 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Penn State Football Uplifting Athletes Dunk Tank
 6:00-10:00 p.m. - Carnival and food
 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Wing Fest presented by WTAJ-TV
 7:00 p.m. - Penn State Idol finals
 9:00 p.m. - Fireworks

Saturday, April 24

8:00 a.m. - Parking lots open near Beaver Stadium
 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. - Carnival and food
 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. - Booths with prizes
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Student acts at stage
 11:00 a.m. - Blue-White Parade, featuring high school bands
 12:30 p.m. - Football autograph session in Beaver Stadium
 12:45 p.m. - Lionettes Dance Team on stage
 1:00 p.m. - Blue Band/Cheerleaders on stage
 2:00 p.m. - Blue-White Game presented by AAA
 4:30 p.m. - JR and Natalie on stage

Out

LB Michael Mauti (knee)
 Saf Drew Astorino (shoulder)
 RB Brandon Beachum (knee)
 WR Christian Kuntz (knee)

(Returning 2009 Leaders)

Offense

Passing:
 Kevin Newsome
 66 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs
Rushing:
 Evan Royster
 1,169 yards, 6 TDs
Receiving:
 Derek Moyer
 48 catches, 785 yards, 6 TDs
 Graham Zug
 46 catches, 600 yards, 7 TDs

Defense

Tackles:
 Drew Astorino, 62, 1 TFL
 Nick Sukay, 41
Sacks:
 Jack Crawford, 5.5
 Eric Latimore, 3.5
 Ollie Ogbu, 2
 Devon Still, 2
 Sean Stanley, 2
INTs:
 Nick Sukay, 2

Our early projections

Offense

QB - Kevin Newsome, So.
 RB - Evan Royster, Sr.
 WR - Graham Zug, Sr.
 WR - Derek Moyer, Jr.
 WR - Curtis Drake, So.
 TE - Andrew Szczerba, Jr.
 LT - Quinn Barham, Jr.
 RT - Lou Eliades, Sr.
 LG - DeOn'Tae Pannell, Jr.
 RG - Stefan Wisniewski, Sr.
 C - Doug Klopacz, Sr.

Defense

DE - Jack Crawford, Jr.
 DE - Eric Latimore, Jr.
 DT - Ollie Ogbu, Sr.
 DT - Devon Still, Jr.
 LB - Nathan Stupar, Jr.
 LB - Michael Mauti, So.
 LB - Bani Gbadyu, Sr.
 CB - Stephon Morris, So.
 CB - D'Anton Lynn, Jr.
 Saf - Drew Astorino, Jr.
 Saf - Nick Sukay, Jr.

Special Teams

K - Collin Wagner, Sr.
 P - Russell Nye, So.
 KR - Chaz Powell, Jr.
 KR - Stephon Green, So.
 PR - Justin Brown, So.

GROWTH SPURT



Inexperienced players look to step up

By **Brendan Monahan**
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Nate Stupar wanted to clarify what he meant by experience.

When he said the linebacking unit didn't have experience during his Wednesday conference call, he didn't mean it lacked in years played for Penn State. Instead, he was referring to Chris Colasanti, Bani Gbadyu and himself never playing a full collegiate game.

Their lack of game exposure is a result of linebackers Navorro Bowman, Sean Lee and Josh Hull occupying the linebacking spots the past year. Now the linebackers — and Penn State football — attempt to make up for the loss of those three linebackers, defensive lineman Jared Odrick and quarterback Daryll Clark.

Penn State has talent — it had top-16 recruiting classes the last two years — but it lacks the game and primetime exposure, something that may be essential if the Nittany Lions expect to compete for the Big Ten championship or defeat defending national champion Alabama next season.

The quarterback position is the most glaring vacancy, and the coaching staff likely won't decide on a starter until August.

Stupar said redshirt sophomore Matt McGloin has been making good throws this spring, but sophomore Kevin Newsome presents a dual threat, something McGloin doesn't demonstrate.

Wide receiver Graham Zug said the quarterback battle has been very competitive this spring.

"I've seen a lot of improvement from both of them," Zug said. "Learning how to read defenses,

learning to be comfortable in the pocket."

On the defensive side of the ball, the biggest void may be the hole left by Odrick on the defensive line, who earned the conference's defensive player of the year honor. This season, junior Devon Still has stepped up as the leading replacement. Still, a Wilmington, Del. native, said he doesn't feel replacing Odrick is a burden. Instead, it's just a challenge.

"I've put in the hard work it takes in order to have a breakout year," Still said.

Still tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his left knee and broke his left ankle in back-to-back years as a freshman and sophomore. He played in 13 games last year and recorded 19 tackles, but he has yet to take the number of snaps expected from a starter.

Though Penn State replaces three linebackers, Still said he and the defense aren't pressured by the losses. He said he has confidence in the linebackers because of their ability

to know their assignments.

As of now, Stupar, Colasanti and Gbadyu will comprise the first-team unit, but Michael Mauti should be ready for preseason workouts. Stupar said Colasanti has stepped up this spring by consistently making tackles, and Michael Yancich is another linebacker who caught Stupar's eye.

Colasanti said the team worked on the chance to come together as a linebacking unit this spring even if leadership is at a premium. Lee was a teacher for Colasanti while he was buried on the depth chart the last three years, showing him how to focus on the field. But as of now, he said there are few vocal leaders on the Lions' defense.

"If you always look at Penn State, it's a great team and a great tradition," Colasanti said. "We have expectations on our shoulders, but right now, it's about growing together as a team, building upon a new foundation."

With every position besides quarterback falling into place and the Lions' Capital One Bowl win over LSU in January, the program has likely reached the point where "off year" should no longer be mentioned.

Part of

Lost productivity

The departure of these four players will have significant impact on Penn State's yardage and tackle amounts.

Daryll Clark
 3,003 yards, 24 touchdowns

Navorro Bowman
 93 tackles, 52 solo

Sean Lee
 86 tackles, 47 solo

Jared Odrick
 43 tackles, 7 sacks

Source: psusports.com
 Megan Yanchits/Collegian

the reason for this: The Lions return running back Evan Royster, who is 481 yards from becoming the school's all-time leading rusher and the experienced receiving duo of Derek Moyer and Zug. Colasanti, leaving the team's sights undefined, didn't say how high the expectations were, but instead talked of the term on a more personal level.

"We all have expectations of ourselves," Colasanti said.

"We have goals for ourselves, and I know that we're going to accomplish those."

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DAILY COLLEGIAN PREDICTIONS

Audrey Snyder



Score: PSU 27, White 17
What's good: The defensive line finds its identity
What's bad: Rainy weather limits the crowd size
What to look for: Players changing jerseys in game

Andrew J. Cassavell



Score: White 21, Blue 13
What's good: New LBs keep tradition going.
What's bad: Lots of confusion in the pocket.
What to look for: A lot of Alabama references.

Brendan Monahan



Score: Blue 24, White 17
What's Good: Receivers help QBs' confidence.
What's Bad: Not much Royster action.
Look for: Crawford pressuring QBs.