

LINEUP

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QUICK HITS (AP)

Yankees PA voice Sheppard dies

Bob Sheppard, whose elegant introductions of stars from Joe DiMaggio to Derek Jeter at Yankee Stadium for more than a half century earned him the nickname "The Voice of God," died Sunday. He was 99.

Sheppard started with the Yankees in 1951 and he last worked at Yankee Stadium late in the 2007 season, when he became ill with a bronchial infection. He recorded a greeting to fans that was played at the original ballpark's final game on Sept. 21, 2008, and his audio recording still is used to introduce Jeter before each at-bat at home by the Yankees captain.

Astros hire Bagwell as hitting coach

Former Astros All-Star Jeff Bagwell is taking over as Houston's hitting coach after the team fired Sean Berry on Sunday.

Berry became "a victim of circumstances" as the Astros' offense has sputtered this season, general manager Ed Wade said. Still, Wade believes the offense can do more and hopes Bagwell can help that happen.

In 15 seasons with the Astros, the former first baseman set franchise records with 449 home runs and 1,529 RBIs. Bagwell was the National League rookie of the year in 1991, the NL's most valuable player in 1994 and a four-time All-Star.

Wallace signs with Pistons for 2 years

Ben Wallace says he'll sign a two-year contract soon with the Detroit Pistons.

Wallace told The Associated Press on Sunday he heard from a lot of teams, but agreed to a two-year deal about a week ago because he wants to retire with the Pistons. He'll make \$1.9 million each season.

Pistons president Joe Dumars said on the first day of free agency that the team's first order of business was to keep Wallace and restricted free agent Will Bynum.

THOUGHTS

World Cup just the beginning for fans

The greatest sporting event in the world may be over, but the beautiful game carries on.

In just a few weeks, the stars of the world will return to their club teams to begin training for the upcoming season.

The English Premier League, Italian Serie A, Spanish La Liga, German Bundesliga and dozens more will have started play.

With the start of competition brings the allure of the UEFA Champions League and home cups, rivalries and scoring races and the fight to avoid relegation at the bottom of the tables.

Free of national team duty and the pressure it brings, expect the Wayne Rooney's and Lionel Messi's to explode to their true form, and to create some spectacular plays.

For now though, we're going to have to live with MLS, but it could be worse.

TRIVIA

Q: Who won the first ever Home Run Derby?
Friday's answer: Wesley Sneijder plays for Inter Milan of the Italian Serie A

Lift for Life sets record

By Audrey Snyder
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER



Tight end Jonathan Stewart lifts weights Friday. The football team raised a record \$98,000 at Lift for Life.

It didn't matter how many weights Evan Royster lifted or how many sprints he ran in preparation for Lift for Life.

At the end of the workout, sweat drenched Royster — much like the other participants from the Penn State football team — after the 11-circuit workout inside humid Holuba Hall on Friday.

The Nittany Lions tested their physical and mental strength in front of 3,000 fans during the eighth annual Uplifting Athletes Lift for Life event while raising a record-setting \$98,461.35.

The total is nearly \$16,000 more than last year's event brought in and brings the eight-year sum for the Kidney Cancer Association to close to \$500,000.

"You really can't describe it," said Brett Brackett, president of the Penn State chapter of Uplifting Athletes. "When you get an e-mail from someone and they tell you that when they were diagnosed with kidney cancer they were told that they didn't really have much hope and nothing to help them. ... Then, when they found out Penn State football was involved their whole demeanor changed because now they have 105 people that have their back."

Brackett's team, OH Jersey, which consisted of Jack Crawford, Gerald Hodges and Michael Zordich, won the event, but the team's highest individual fund raiser was offensive lineman Eric Shrive.

Shrive's \$7,340 effort was the result of him going all over State College as well as his hometown of Scranton in search of donations, Brackett said.

Though the Lions started organizing Lift for Life immediately after the Blue-White game, the strenuous workout inside Holuba

QB race still unclear

By Brendan Monahan
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The quarterback is pivotal for Penn State's success this season, but nobody knows who that will be. Players have spent the summer doing drill work without coaches, but at Friday's Lift for Life event, the team gave no indication of a quarterback emerging.

The mantra was the same: Each quarterback has looked good in off-season workouts, but no one has any indication on who the starter will be in the Sept. 4 opener against Youngstown State.

While sophomore Kevin Newsome has more game exposure, both he and redshirt sophomore Matt McGloin took the same

amount of reps in the spring, and McGloin expects the two to be receiving the same number of first-team snaps when fall practice starts August 9.

"It still comes down to that first game when you get hit in the mouth, how you react," quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno said, "and that's what we need to find out."

Joe Paterno's well-noted reluctance to play freshmen means Paul Jones and Robert Bolden likely face an uphill climb to grab the position, despite Jones's two-touchdown performance in the spring scrimmage outshining Newsome and McGloin. Bolden enrolled this summer.

"It's going to be tough with the

two leading candidates right now — that's Matt McGloin and Kevin Newsome," senior tailback Evan Royster said. "It's just like Daryll Clark and Pat Devlin all over again."

The majority perceives the signal caller position is Newsome's to lose.

The Portsmouth, Va. native backed up Clark last year and played in 10 games last season as opposed to McGloin's two.

Left tackle Quinn Barham said no matter the quarterback preparations don't necessarily change.

"Whoever is going to be the quarterback, you just work with them, just to build their comfort level up," Barham said. "Once

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Spikes pitching vital in victory

By Jake Kaplan
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Kevin Decker winds up a pitch earlier this season. Decker led the Spikes pitching staff in shutting down the Vermont Lake Monsters on Sunday.

Kevin Decker picked up right where starting pitcher Quinton Miller left off.

The two State College Spikes pitchers combined to pitch a shutout as the Spikes beat the Vermont Lake Monsters 3-0 Sunday night at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park.

The Lake Monsters, who hold the best record in the New York-Penn League, were held to just four hits.

The great State College pitching performance came just one day after the Spikes concluded their road series against the Brooklyn Cyclones, losing all three. State College (12-11) gave up a combined 18 earned runs in those three games.

The results from the mound were obviously different Sunday, however, as Vermont (17-6) managed just six baserunners in the entire game against the Spikes pitching tandem.

"I didn't even remember being out of the mound it was so quick all day," third baseman Kelson Brown said.

"Not a lot of runners on base.

That's exactly what the team wants."

Miller, in his second rehabilitation start in State College, came out of the gate sharp, retiring the first 10 Vermont batters in order. The right-hander, who said after the game his arm felt good, would go on to allow just one hit in four innings of work, striking out two and walking one.

Behind Miller's effective pitching, the Spikes were able to take an early lead.

In the second inning, Brown singled to right, bringing home designated hitter Chase Lyles to give State College a 1-0 lead.

The Spikes would increase their lead behind Decker in the fifth inning. After first baseman Matt Curry led off the frame with a double to left field, Brown singled to the opposite field in right again, and brought Curry home. A double by catcher Miguel Mendez on the next at-bat brought home Brown, who went 3-for-4 with two RBI, and increased the Spikes lead to 3-0.

Decker tossed the final five innings, allowing just three hits and improving his record to 2-0. The 6-foot-1 right-hander has now thrown 13.1 straight scoreless innings.

He struck out two and walked just one — Miller and Decker combined to walk just two.

"Deck is starting to get

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Spikes ride Brown's offense to win

By James Nicol
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

On a night when the State College Spikes didn't need much offense, they got what they needed and more from third baseman Kelson Brown.

He had a hand in all three runs Sunday as the Spikes beat the Vermont Lake Monsters 3-0 at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park. Brown drove in two runs before scoring a run of his own in the fifth. State College manager Gary Robinson had nothing but praise for Brown and felt his hits were all well-struck.

"He is a gamer," Robinson said. "He has his nights but he is pretty consistent and he barreled all three of them. Outstanding job"

Brown raised his batting average to .309 on the season with his 3-for-4 night.

He was quick to attribute his, as well as the team's hitting to the pitching performances of the night.

"There is a team confidence when you know the pitchers are doing well," Brown said.

Starter Quinton Miller and reliever Kevin Decker combined for the four-hit shutout.

The game was a pitching duel until the Spikes put the game out of reach in the fifth inning. Two runs in the frame put the Spikes up by three thanks to their clutch hitting and hustle plays.

Brown was a big part of the Spikes' two-run fifth inning. With two outs and first baseman Matt Curry on second, Brown lined a

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Gary Robinson
Spikes manager



Brown

single to right field and drove in the run.

The next batter, catcher Miguel Mendez knocked a double to right which allowed Brown to showcase some of his speed and score all the way from first.

Brown displayed his defensive prowess in the top of the next inning. Throughout the year Brown has rotated around the infield but is a natural third baseman

After the Spikes two-run fifth, Lake Monsters centerfielder Chad Mazingo attempted to lay down a bunt to start a rally. Brown charged the ball and barehanded

it, throwing out Mazingo as he charged towards first.

Decker, the winning pitcher Sunday, called it the play of the game and added Brown's hustle on Mendez's double was also a game-changer.

Brown attributed his hitting to the teams approach at the plate. The Spikes challenged the fastballs that they saw early in the count and sprayed the ball all over the field.

Brown said he saw the ball particularly well Sunday night. "I hit the ball where it was pitched today," Brown said.