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QUICK HITS (AP)

Blackhawks sign Turco, let Niemi go

The Chicago Blackhawks agreed to a one-year deal with Marty Turco on Monday, settling on a veteran goaltender to replace Stanley Cup hero Antti Niemi.



Turco

General manager Stan Bowman said the team expects "immediate" contributions from the 34-year-old Turco, played nine seasons with Dallas. He is a three-time All Star.

Terms were not disclosed. The 26-year-old Niemi helped the Blackhawks win the Stanley Cup this past season after earning \$826,875 as a rookie.

Suh still holding out of Lions camp

Ndamukong Suh has missed his third straight day of practice with the Detroit Lions. Coach Jim Schwartz says it's disappointing Suh has missed some opportunities in training camp that are gone forever.

Suh is the former Nebraska defensive lineman who was the No. 2 pick overall in the NFL draft.

Manning could be highest paid in NFL

Colts owner Jim Irsay says he still plans to make Peyton Manning the NFL's highest-paid player, even if that requires putting the franchise tag on the four-time league MVP next season.

Manning has one more year left on his current deal. Irsay had hoped to give Manning an extension during the offseason, but the uncertain labor situation and the uncapped season have complicated negotiations.

At the team's first training camp practice Monday, Irsay told reporters that Manning's agent and team president Bill Polian have been discussing an extension.

THOUGHTS

Flyers should go after Niemi

Though the current cap space does not allow it, the Philadelphia Flyers should take a look at possible moves that could clear up space to sign former Blackhawks' goalie Antti Niemi.

As it stands right now, the Flyers' roster has journeymen Michael Leighton and Brian Boucher listed at the top-two goalies.

Leighton would be a No. 2 on most teams, but the Flyers feel indebted to him for his performance in last year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

He is not, however, a No. 1. Niemi is, he proved that by hoisting the Cup in June.

If the Flyers want to be hoisting said Cup this year, they should give Niemi a look.

TRIVIA

Q: Which conference was current Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany commissioner of before joining the Big Ten in 1989?
Monday's Answer: Chad Ochocinco caught nine touchdown passes last season.

Spikes blown out

By Jake Kaplan
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

For the second straight night, the State College Spikes faced an early six-run deficit.

But whereas the Spikes mustered a comeback Sunday, they could not climb out of the early hole Monday night.

Behind six runs in the first two innings and a stellar pitching performance, the Jamestown Jammers beat the Spikes 11-3 at Russell Diethrick Park in Jamestown, N.Y.

"They came out swinging the bat well, scored three in the first and then three in the second," Spikes designated hitter Chase Spikes said. "That six-run lead is pretty tough to come back from."

SPIKES

11
Jamestown

3
State College

Jamestown starting pitcher Adam Veres threw seven innings of three-hit baseball, allowing two runs, only one of which was earned. The 6-foot-4 right-hander earned his third win of the year, and improved his ERA to 2.64 with the victory.

The Spikes had faced Veres before on June 28, when they tagged him for three runs in four innings of relief. Lyles said Veres did a good job of pounding the zone Monday night, but ultimately the Spikes didn't capitalize on the chances Veres gave them.

"He had some good stuff, but we had some pitches to hit we just missed them," Lyles said. State College (22-22) starting pitcher Colton Cain didn't fare as well as Veres, as the Jammers tagged him for six runs in the first two innings. It was Cain's worst outing of his young career — he had given up just three runs in his prior nine innings.

In the first inning, Jamestown

shortstop Noah Perio hit an RBI double before right fielder Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run home run, his 10th of the season, which puts him in tie for the league lead.

Cain put the first two Jammers (25-18) on base in the second frame, before a groundout scored the lead runner. Perio and Ozuna each hit RBI doubles to tack onto the lead, making it 6-0 after just two innings.

On Sunday night, State College rallied late against the Auburn Doubledays, scoring six runs in the final two innings before winning in the tenth stanza.

On Monday night, Spikes reliever Kevin Decker, who relieved Cain in the third, gave his team a chance to mount another comeback, allowing just two runs on five hits in five innings.

Decker said he felt good on the mound, mixing in his changeup earlier in counts.

"Whenever you come in you See SPIKES, Page 8.

Delany explores new-look Big Ten

By Andrew J. Cassavell
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

CHICAGO - There wasn't much Jim Delany said at Monday's Big Ten media day that was definitive.

But if the Big Ten commissioner has his way, changes will be coming to the Big Ten, perhaps some in as soon as a month.

Before a room full of reporters on the first of two conference media days at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Delany discussed schedule changes, division alignments, future expansion and the likely addition of a championship game in 2011.

For now, the conference isn't pursuing expansion, but Delany said he would continue with his plan of evaluating the possibilities over a 12-to-18-month period. "We'll pause, but we are not necessarily turning our back on expansion," Delany said. "We said we wanted to study it for 12 to 18 months, and we're only about six months into that study. So I think what we've done is we've paused to spend the time necessary."

Notre Dame is not in those plans. Delany said he feels Notre Dame is not a player because Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick appears content to remain an independent in football and a Big East representative in other sports.

With the conference currently at 12 teams and poised for its first-ever title game in 2011, Delany said no decision has been made yet on how to separate the two divisions.

Talks among the league's athletic directors will continue into the fall with the committee's emphasis on competitive balance, geography and rivalries.

"There are a lot of different ways you could do it," Delany said.



Delany

Nebraska adds excitement

Big Ten coaches hope the addition of Nebraska will foster more expansion for the conference.

By Andrew J. Cassavell
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CHICAGO - Jim Delany was clear with what he is looking for in the months and years to come regarding conference expansion.

The Big Ten commissioner wants a nine-game conference schedule and he has "paused" on expansion for now.

The coaches in his own league,

however, didn't necessarily agree with him on those two talking points.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel disagreed with a possible schedule shift to nine Big Ten games and Joe Paterno said he was looking for expansion eastward as soon as possible.

With nine conference games — meaning five conference road games every other year, Tressel said teams would begin to hurt financially, especially those such as Penn State, whose athletic department is entirely self supported.



FOOTBALL

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"If you're assigned five away games from the get-go and you're in the midst of a home-and-home with somebody like we do, all of a sudden you've got six away games and that might be difficult for us to do our 36 sports."

He also noted the difficulty for a team to challenge for a national title if it is playing five road games in the Big Ten followed by a neutral-site conference championship game.

As for Paterno's complaint, he said he isn't trying to impose his view on the Big Ten, but purely for selfish reasons, he wants the conference to expand east.

He pointed to increased recruiting possibilities with a Big Ten market that spans past Penn State, eastward. Without specifying, Paterno hinted at Syracuse and Rutgers, who would bring the New York City market to the Big Ten.

"Well, I could get up here and have a little fun with Commissioner Delany and tell him exactly where we ought to go," Paterno joked. "After all, I have all the answers."

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Jim Tressel (left) and Kirk Ferentz shake hands at Big Ten Media Day.

Receivers to play pivotal role in 2010



Series Note: This is the sixth in an eight-part series taking a look at each position heading into fall camp, which starts Aug. 5

By Brendan Monahan
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If any group will make the quarterback's transition to starter the easiest this season, it'll be the wide receiving corps.

Penn State returns its top-two downfield threats in redshirt senior Graham Zug and redshirt junior Derek Moyer. The two combined for 1,385 receiving yards and 13 receiving touchdowns last season.

The duo headlines an experienced bunch, including redshirt senior Brett Brackett.

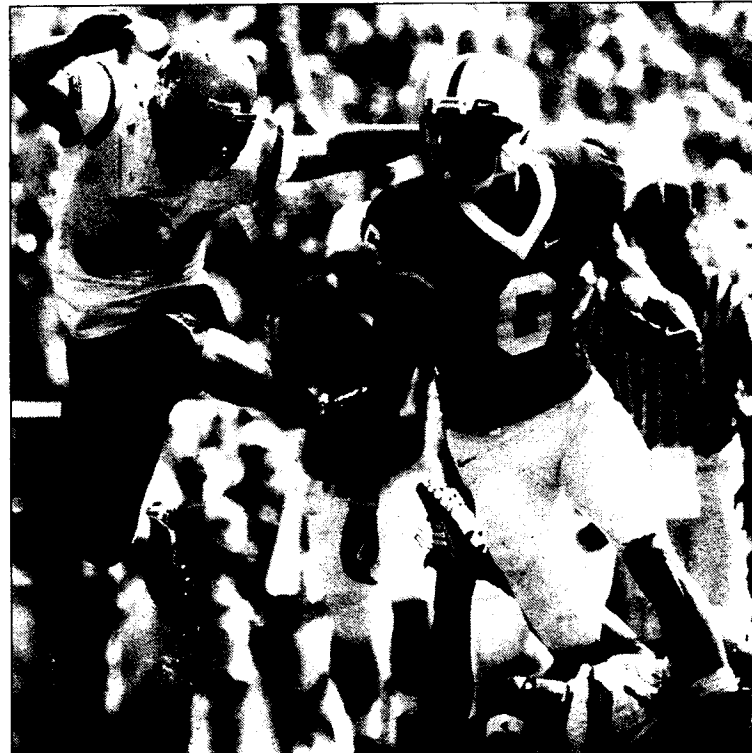
Sophomores Curtis Drake, Justin Brown and Devon Smith each played at least 10 games last season, while redshirt freshmen Shawney Kersey and Brandon Moseby-Felder are also in the mix.

"The depth at wide receiver is outstanding this year," quarterback Matt McGloin said. "I don't think that anyone else in the Big Ten has got it better."

With Andrew Quarless now on the Green Bay Packers and Mickey Shuler on the Minnesota Vikings, tight end is one receiver position that will have something to prove this season.

Brennan Coakley is also no longer a Nittany Lion after being denied a sixth year by the NCAA, and during the spring, redshirt sophomore Mark Wedderburn was in Joe Paterno's doghouse for cutting class. He didn't participate in the Blue-White game and was not listed on the preseason depth chart.

The 2010 Penn State football media guide lists Andrew Szczerba first and Garry Gilliam second on See RECEIVERS, Page 8.



Derek Moyer (6) avoids a tackle in a game last season.

Lions preparing for preseason competition

By Andrew Robinson
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A lot of things are going to be different when the Penn State women's soccer team opens preseason this week.

Last year's seven seniors are gone. This year's seven freshmen have arrived.

Even the coaching staff has a new look with new goalkeepers coach Tim Wassel ready to start his tenure in State College.

While the Nittany Lions could set a Big Ten record by winning

their 13th consecutive conference title, it's something the coaches and players don't want to focus on until the time is upon them.

"This team is going to be so different from last year's team so to talk about any consecutive streak would almost seem foolish because there's so many new players in this roster and they don't really know what you're talking about," head coach Erica Walsh said. "You want them

to respect the past but not get caught up in it."

Among the team's key losses were forward Katie Schoepfer, midfielder Melissa Hayes and goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher. But for all the talent the Lions saw leave, they have plenty of potential coming in.

While the newcomers will make their way onto the field eventually, the expectations are not through the roof. The Lions have plenty of experience that will allow the freshmen to settle in early.

"Were not expecting all eight of them to come in and start or anything like that. We definitely have

experienced players to start games," senior co-captain Megan Monroig said. "If a few of them end up starting that's great, knowing that our freshmen are good enough to do that."

Aside from the open positions, which Walsh said are the experienced players' positions to lose, the team will be looking for leadership up and down its roster. Monroig and forward Dani Toney are the only true seniors on the roster, but the team benefits from a large junior class that includes co-captain Emma Thomson.

A tough road schedule to start See PRESEASON, Page 8.



Walsh