

Alumnae continue to shine at international level

By Emily Kaplan COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Megan Hodge and Alisha Glass are back to familiar ground — the finals of a volleyball tournament. The duo — who graduated last spring as a part of the winningest class in Penn State women's volleyball history — are making headlines on the court once again. But instead of wearing Nittany Lion blue and white, they're sporting new jerseys — bright red tank tops with a small American flag stitched onto the top right corner. Hodge and Glass are on the 14-member U.S. women's national

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

team competing in this month's FIVB World Grand Prix, a 12-team international competition considered the second-to-last major tune-up tournament before November's World Championships. Just like at school, they're dominating their competition. A mere eight months removed from capturing an unprecedented third consecutive NCAA championship with coach Russ Rose and the Lions, Glass and Hodge have guided Team USA to the final round of the Grand Prix, which

will be held Aug. 25-29 in Ningbo, China. The American squad finished the three-week-end, nine-match preliminary round — which included competitions in Poland, Thailand and China — with a 7-2 record. They also qualified for the Final Round for the first time since 2008. A lot of that can be credited to the former Lions' contributions. Glass — who ranks fourth all-time at Penn State for assists — has served as Team USA's starting setter, tallying 351 running

sets. With 10.64 assists per set, Glass is ranked as the tournament's No. 1 setter through the preliminary round. Meanwhile Hodge — selected as the 2010 co-Honda Broderick Cup Award winner for the best female collegiate athlete in all sports — has come off the bench to record 38 kills. But there's at least one person who's not surprised by the alumnae's instant success — Lions' assistant coach Dennis Hohenschelt. "We always knew they'd be successful at that stage, it was just a matter of how soon," he said. "They're in the biggest tournament on the biggest stage, and they're making a great impact."

Hohenschelt, along with the Penn State coaching staff and the current players, has been tracking Team USA throughout the tournament. Hohenschelt said the coaches gather to watch webcasts of the Grand Prix. They watched it live when their former Lions played in Poland, but often recorded the matches in Asia when the time difference meant the team played in the middle of the night. Rose even Skyped with Hodge and Glass a few days ago. "Everyone here is kind of following it and keeping track of what they're doing," Hohenschelt said, "because they're two of our own." To e-mail reporter: exk5049@psu.edu



Glass



Hodge

Tiger Woods, wife officially divorce

By Doug Ferguson ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Tiger Woods and his Swedish-born wife officially divorced Monday, nine months after his middle-of-the-night car crash outside their home set off shocking revelations that the world's most famous athlete had long been cheating on her through multiple affairs. "We are sad that our marriage is over and we wish each other the very best for the future," Woods and Elin Nordegren said in a joint statement released by their lawyers.

The divorce was granted in Bay County Circuit Court in Panama City, Fla., about 375 miles away from their Isleworth home outside Orlando. The couple had married in October 2004 in Barbados and have a 3-year-old daughter, Sam, and a 19-month-old son, Charlie. The marriage was described in court documents as "irretrievably broken" with no point in trying to reconcile. Terms of the divorce were not disclosed, except that they will "share parenting" of their two children. "We love Elin, and we are so proud of the grace and strength she has shown during this difficult

time," Nordegren's father, Thomas Nordegren, a talk show host at national broadcaster Swedish Radio told The Associated Press. "We know that she will come out of this even stronger and has a bright future in front of her." The divorce was finalized by Bay County Circuit Judge Judy Pittman Biebel during a brief hearing in a conference room in her chambers, according to Biebel's judicial assistant Kim Gibson. The hearing lasted no more than 10 minutes. Woods and Nordegren were present, along with their lawyers, Gibson said.



Tiger Woods celebrates with Elin Nordegren after winning the 2006 PGA Championship. Woods officially announced their divorce on Monday.

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HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010. This year, you manage to clear out problems with ease. Partners, associates, family and friends could challenge your ideas often. You are being asked to question your fundamentals and perhaps certain key goals. Transform your life with the help of others' feedback. Your popularity soars if you are single. You could tumble into a very intense relationship. The intensity could be real and long term, but give yourself a year before making a judgment call. If you are attached, your relationship will have the quality of new lovers. Enjoy. PISCES often presents a different point of view. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have your hands full as you strive to clear out work. Others suddenly become vocal and emotional, perhaps drawing the same reaction back. Take a walk before you react. Tonight: Understanding evolves to a new level. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You juggle many different views and controversial opinions. Detachment allows you to pull out what appears to be important. An easy, steady pace always proves to be an asset. Meetings add zest to a situation. Tonight: Where your friends are. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Listen to feedback. Demands, requests and extremes mark your day. Knowing where to put your energy might be critical. A partner gives you powerful insight. Tonight: You cannot get out of the limelight!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Creativity could be the outcome of different interests and hectic communication. A partner helps you gain insight into what seems difficult to grasp. News easily could be mixed with opinions, not facts. Tonight: Let your mind detach, then take another look at events. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Gain insight and handle a personal matter directly. Your sense of direction could be tossed into limbo by a financial slip. Use this situation to tighten up your budget. Reorganize plans if need be. Tonight: Touch base with a friend who always gives you a new perspective. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Suddenly, you could have your hands full dealing with friends, associates and loved ones. Juggling the pros and cons of a situation could force you to work overtime. Forget staying on schedule. You will be absorbing numerous extra issues during your day. Tonight: A creative idea provides relaxation. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get into a project. Distractions surround whatever you do. Your mind could be working overtime as you attempt to digest what is going on. Stay focused, taking on one item at a time. Be sensitive to a family member who needs feedback. Tonight: Go off and enjoy a favorite sport. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might be juggling people and events, as are many people today. You have the ability to integrate what you are hearing. You turn a situation into a plus, while others really don't know what to do. Tonight: Let your innate people skills emerge. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Pressure builds as you juggle dif-

ferent concerns. As mentally quick and flexible as you can be, your plate is still full. Realize others also are dealing with the same energy. Use your assets to make it easier. Tonight: Happily head home to cocoon. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep information to yourself, especially if confusion surrounds you. Once you process and get a firm handle on a certain prevalent situation, you will be able to move forward. Others follow your lead. Tonight: Swap war stories with pals who also might be overwhelmed. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) An innate conflict lies between your perspective and that of others. You might want to rethink a situation and decide if another way could be better. If you can extract yourself from a problem, all the better. You don't need to be in the middle of a hot issue! Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The Full Moon points to you being pivotal. You might not be able to do as much as you would like. Understanding grows as you listen to others, who certainly don't see eye to eye with you. Be a hero, and find an acceptable solution for everyone involved. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. BORN TODAY Palestine leader Yasser Arafat (1929), actress Marlee Matlin (1965), baseball shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. (1966)

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