

Spikes bounce back with road win

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In the four games prior to Wednesday, the State College Spikes had given up just four runs, but their team struggled to a mere 1-3 record.

SPIKES

The Spikes' pitchers shined yet again Wednesday night, but this time they got just enough offense to secure a 3-1 victory against the

Scrappers at Eastwood Field in Niles, Ohio.

"Our pitching has been picking us up throughout this whole time and it feels good to finally pay them back," said outfielder Adalberto Santos, who went 3-for-3 with two runs scored.

Santos and first baseman Matt Curry, the only two hitters on the team who were 2010 New York Penn League All-Stars, had a hand in the first two State College runs.

Santos,

appearing in center field for the Spikes just the fifth time this season, tripled to center field in the first inning. Curry reached on an error by Mahoning Valley second baseman Kevin Fontanez two batters later, and Santos scored in the process

to give the Spikes a one-run lead.

In the third inning, Santos walked, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and then to third on a groundout. Then Curry stepped to the plate and drove in Santos with a single to center field. The two early runs doubled the Spikes' run production in the two prior games.

The third run came on in the seventh stanza on a sacrifice fly by right fielder Cole White.

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Matt McGloin throws a pass in last spring's Blue-White game.

Lions adjusting to lineup

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Rec Hall's South Gym was filled with the familiar sound of volleyballs slamming against the hardwood floor, but among the people doing the damage were some unfamiliar faces.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Penn State women's volleyball team is beginning its quest for a fourth consecutive national championship without All-Americans Alisha Glass and Megan Hodge — who graduated after helping the team reel off 102 consecutive wins.

However, nine freshmen are joining the returning Lions for their attempt to continue the recent success.

With the large amount of new faces running around the gym, senior Alyssa D'Errico said there's an extra element added to practice.

"I think it's interesting, fun, [there are] new challenges every day because there's so many new faces in the gym," D'Errico said. "The best part about all of them is they want to contribute, they want to be better, they want to try and figure out any way they can to help the program be better. So it's always a fun day at practice, figuring out who's gonna be good that day and who's gonna step up to the challenge."

Coach Russ Rose said all 19 players on the roster have played with both the scout team and what could tentatively be referred to as the first team.

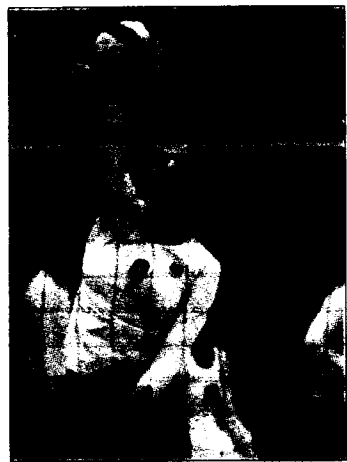
Though each player brings something to the court, Rose said the amount of players on the team presents a problem, and there are potentially six or seven players that could red-shirt this season.

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ON THE BLOG

Volleyball reporter Jake Kaplan offers more from Media Day on the Can You Dig It? Blog: psucollegian.com



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Blair Brown spikes a ball before a match last season.

ON THE BRINK



Andrew Dunheimer/Colegian

Corey Hertzog (11) powers past a Hartwick defender Saturday in Penn State's 3-1 exhibition win.

Hertzog ready for 2010

By Andrew Robinson
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Reading United A.C. coach Brendan Burke has known Corey Hertzog since Hertzog was 16, and this summer, the coach was finally able to utilize Hertzog's developing talent.

Despite shuttling back and forth from State College and his home in Reading, Pa., Hertzog, a junior forward on the Penn State men's soccer team, was a key piece in United Soccer Leagues Premier Development League (PDL) team Reading United A.C.'s season this summer. Though Hertzog played in only eight games, he scored four goals and made a mark every time he touched the field.

"I first saw Corey play when he was about 16 and he had something then," said Burke. "He's certainly developed physically and he's just a very good finisher."

Hertzog's first goal came on May 9, his first game with Reading, in a 5-0 blowout of Hampton Roads. However, the forward's next three tallies had a far bigger impact.

Reading's highlight moment of the season came on July 7 after the forward assisted Reading's first goal, then tallied a late goal in the 85th minute to preserve a 2-2 tie against the Ironbound Express. Not only did the goal salvage a tie, but Reading finished only one point ahead of Ironbound in its division and Burke said that game likely was the difference maker.

"That was the biggest goal that he scored for us all year and it was certainly the most impressive," Burke said. "He took a 50-yard driven ball off the chest while in a full sprint and, all in one motion, brought it down into his own path, held off a defender and lobbed the keeper. It was

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"The other forward there was the leading scorer in Division I, there were kids from Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, so it was pretty difficult," Hertzog said. "And I couldn't make all the practices so that just meant practices were a lot harder and more challenging."

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QB's waiting for call

By Audrey Snyder
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If the Penn State quarterbacks had it their way, they'd already know the answer.

There'd be no more waiting, no more wondering and no more delay.

FOOTBALL

Joe Paterno and the rest of the coaching staff would name the starter, and Kevin Newsome, Matt McGloin and Robert Bolden would know their fates.

But the Nittany Lions' quarterback competition is anything but settled, and the players continue to count the days until someone will emerge as the starter.

"That's all Coach Joe," Newsome said of the decision. "If he wants to call it a minute before the game, then so be it."

Any quarterback would want to know immediately, Newsome said, but the players trust Paterno will make the right call.

But isn't the unknown mentally taxing for Paterno's signal callers?

Judging by the sigh McGloin let out after finishing up addressing reporters at Penn State's Media Day, he too is tired of waiting around and answering questions about what he brings to the table.

The former walk on said the wait serves as motivation for him and the other two quarterbacks to keep competing until the end.

"I wish it was decided a week ago," McGloin said during Media Day on Aug. 12. "It does take a lot out of you mentally. You need to stay focused, take it one day at a time. ... 'Really, you need to be mentally tough right now with what's going on.'"

Though McGloin said he felt a bit of the mental strain from the position battle, roommate cornerback D'Anton Lynn doesn't think the quarterback's fatigue shows.

Video games and movies keep the everyday conversation away from the quarterback competition, Lynn said, adding McGloin is the ultimate competitor.

"He's definitely one of the most competitive people I know," Lynn said. "Me and him always go back and forth because me and him are both the same and we want to win at absolutely everything we do. Even if it's just a board game."

While McGloin continues to stay competitive nine days until the home opener, Newsome isn't exactly one to get too stressed, his father, Kevin Sr., said.

For someone who enjoyed watching the opponent try and fight back nerves ever since he

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THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

MLB

Philadelphia vs. Houston

1:05 p.m., CSN

Pittsburgh vs. St. Louis

7:05 p.m., FSN

TRIVIA

Q: Which is the only NL team to have a winning record against the Phillies since 2004?

QUICK HITS

Phillies fall to Astros

J.A. Happ pitched effectively into the seventh inning against his former team and the Houston Astros beat Roy Halladay and the Philadelphia Phillies 3-2 on Wednesday night.

The Phillies, who are 2½ games behind NL East-leading Atlanta, have lost three straight to the going-nowhere Astros. They've missed an opportunity to gain ground on the Braves, who've lost three in a row to Colorado.

Happ (4-2) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings, becoming the second former Phillies pitcher to beat them in this series.

Brett Myers did it Monday.

USA basketball tops Greece

The United States breezed to one last exhibition victory before the start of the world basketball championships, not that coach Mike Krzyzewski seemed to care.

He's just happy that his group brimming with youthful exuberance is ready to play.

"The score doesn't really matter; it was just an exhibition game," Krzyzewski said after an 87-59 blowout of defending silver medalist Greece on Wednesday. "I'm happy we had the chance to play a great team, in a great atmosphere."

The U.S. led 22-14 after the first quarter and still hung onto a 42-32 halftime lead, before sealing the victory with a 28-12 run spanning the third quarter.

Greece is joined by Group C by China, the Ivory Coast, Puerto Rico, Russia and Turkey.

OUR THOUGHTS

Sox should avoid Manny

Rumors have been floating around that the Chicago White Sox are about to claim Dodgers' left fielder Manny Ramirez off the waiver wire.

If Manny's recent past is any indication of his future, the Sox should find other options to add to add some pop to their lineup. Manny has been nothing but a liability, and an expensive one at that, leaving him for the final month of the season doesn't seem like the right move for Chicago at this point. Current left fielder, Carlos Quentin, has struggled this season, but has his best month of last season in September. The Sox should wait for the same results this year.