

## Lions take three games, tourney

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New season. Same old results. The Penn State women's volleyball team defeated Campbell Saturday in straight sets (25-15, 25-9, 25-16) in Chapel Hill, N.C., to claim the Carolina Classic title.

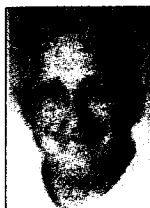
### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The No. 1 Nittany Lions (3-0)

also swept North Carolina and Villanova in the tournament.

Despite winning the first three matches with relative ease, coach Russ Rose and several players believe there is still a lot of room for improvement.

"It was noticeable we had a number of young people playing



Rose

the game," Rose said. "I know a little bit more about the team than I knew before the weekend with some things that I thought were very good and some things that I think will warrant some attention."

The coach said the efficiency level was lower than what he

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would have expected from more experienced players. Rose said in the opening match against the Tar Heels presented a tough initial challenge for Penn State.

Sophomore Kristin Carpenter was thrust into that environment Friday when she entered the match as setter midway through the first set. Carpenter, who subbed in for Mikinzie Moydell Friday and then started Saturday, helped guide the Lions to victory

and led the offense while compiling 73 assists in the three contests.

Rose said Carpenter connected well with seniors Blair Brown and Arielle Wilson. He liked the energy she brought to the court, but said there's still work to do with the setters, and he may use multiple players at that position in the future.

Brown, a senior co-captain, was a key contributor to the Lions' See VOLLEYBALL, Page 12.

## Spikes lose to 'Dogs

Get 4 runs on 13 hits

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The change of scenery didn't make a difference in the outcome.

For the third time in as many days, the Batavia Muckdogs beat the State College Spikes, this time by a 6-4 margin Sunday night at Dwyer Stadium in Batavia, N.Y. Batavia entered Sunday night fresh off a two-game sweep at State College Friday and Saturday.

### BASEBALL

Batavia

State College

Though the Spikes (32-36) tallied the most hits of their three recent games against the Muckdogs on Sunday with 13, the Spikes didn't capitalize on all of their opportunities, hitting 4-for-15 with runners in scoring position. State College brought the tying run to the plate with one out in the top of the ninth inning, but couldn't manage to get the ball out of the infield with two straight groundouts.

The Muckdogs (40-27), who are in first place in the Pinckney Division opposed to the fourth-place Spikes, notched 12 hits, giving them 41 combined in the last three games. Batavia has won six of its last seven games.

"Batavia's a great team," said Spikes left fielder Adalberto Santos, who went 3-for-4 Sunday. "We just need to outplay them. They're an aggressive team. They come out swinging. We just need to match their intensity at the plate and come out swinging as well."

Batavia's starting pitcher See SPIKES, Page 12.

### HEADING UP



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Freshman Maya Hayes (5) heads a ball during the women's soccer team's 2-1 loss to William & Mary on Sunday at Jeffrey Field.

## Poor play leads to surprise loss

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Walking off the field to a standing ovation by their traveling fans, the emotions displayed by the William & Mary players told the story of a team that just pulled off a monumental upset.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

One member of the Tribe jumped on her teammate's back to salute the fans while the rest of the team embraced each other as they basked in the glory of their 2-1 victory over No. 12 Penn State on Sunday at Jeffrey Field.

A look toward the other side of the field offered sights of both disappointment and shock, which told the story of a Nittany Lion squad that just experienced a surprising loss.

"I felt like we got off to a slow start throughout the whole game and I don't think we ever showed up fully," coach Erica Walsh said. "I thought our mentality was poor from the locker room to the warmup. We tried to get them going again on Jeffrey Field and get a little pride in them, but I don't think the mentality was where it needed to be."

Walsh attributed her team's lackluster performance to what she called arrogance displayed by her players going into the game as well as the Lions (1-1-1) believing they were the better team on the field.

The Lions entered Sunday having played to a draw with No. 15 Virginia on Friday night. The unranked Tribe, however, didn't let Penn State's high ranking faze them as William & Mary capitalized on a free kick from 40 yards

out in the 74th minute to break a 1-1 tie and give the Tribe the lead.

William & Mary's Kaitlin O'Connor placed a perfectly kicked, arching ball that dropped right over the extending reach of Lion goalie Krissy Tribbett to give her team enough for the eventual win. Nevertheless, Walsh said the Tribe would have scored sooner or later.

"It was that goal or another goal, it was a matter of time," she said.

"They were knocking on the door and they wanted it more than we did. We got outplayed today and it didn't matter what was on paper or who was better or who was worse."

That level of desire was the major difference in the game, Walsh said, despite the Lions outshooting William & Mary by 13. A number of those attempts

came off the foot of forward Dani Toney early in the game, including a pair of near back-to-back misses that came off of the senior's speed and ability to get past the defenders.

However, 11 minutes into the game Toney broke a scoreless tie by netting a goal, thanks to her relentless attack at the net.

"I made a run toward the outside of the 18-yard box and Maya [Hayes] played me in," Toney said.

"I just took a touch and I think I tried to shoot it and the girl blocked it. I just kept at it because it doesn't matter how it ends up in the back of the net as long as it ends up in the back of the net."

Penn State's best chance to tie See UPSET, Page 12.

More coverage on women's soccer. | SPORTS, Page 16.

## Redshirt freshman Fera named starting punter

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Four months ago, punter Anthony Fera was in Joe Paterno's doghouse, watching the Blue-White game from the sidelines in street clothes.

### FOOTBALL

But at Big Ten Media Days in early August, Paterno said he would be starting fall practice with a clean slate for all players, and Fera, who police cited for an alcohol-related offense

during spring practice, took full advantage of the opportunity. His name was atop the depth chart Sunday, one day after the pre-season's final scrimmage.

"We've been just trying to get better — working our drop, swing, our legs straight," Fera said at Penn State football Media Day on August 12. "We've



Fera

been progressing every single day."

After redshirting last season with Jeremy Boone as the starter, Fera will see his first action noon Saturday against Youngstown State.

At Penn State Media Day, Paterno noted the inconsistency at the position but expects to have an adequate starter.

"We're going to have a punter, but then again, you never know until he goes out there and punts the ball before a lot of people,"

Paterno said. "It's like the kid taking the foul shot — some guys go out here and can't do it."

Fera beat out Russell Nye, who split punt duties with wide receiver Graham Zug in the spring game while Fera was suspended, and freshmen A.J. Firestone and Alex Butterworth.

Kickoff duties weren't decided, but Fera's length makes him a candidate along with senior Collin Wagner, who enters his second season as Penn State's kicker. He noted "Fera has the biggest

leg" out of all the punters.

As for Wagner's kicking, he made 15 of 22 attempts last season as placekicker, struggling mostly from long range with a 1 for 5 clip from 40 or more yards. In the off-season, Wagner made it his priority to change that.

"There wasn't anything specifically mechanically [I worked on]," Wagner said. "I just got stronger over the winter and the summer, and that helped."

He noticed progress as the See FERA, Page 12.

### THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

#### MLB

Philadelphia at Los Angeles  
10:10 tonight, CBSN  
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs  
8:05 tonight, FSN

#### TRIVIA

Q: When was the last time Donovan McNabb didn't start a season opener?  
Friday's answer: Woods last lead Nov. 15.

### QUICK HITS (AP)

#### McNabb's status uncertain

It could be a smoke screen or just a cautious assessment of his quarterback's health, but Mike Shanahan says he's not certain Donovan McNabb will be available for any part of the Washington Redskins' season opener against the Dallas Cowboys.

McNabb hasn't practiced since spraining his left ankle in the second preseason game against Baltimore. He sat out Friday's game against the New York Jets and watched Sunday's practice with a black sleeve on his left leg.

Shanahan said the leg is too sore for McNabb to play Thursday against the Arizona Cardinals.

### USA tops Slovenia at worlds

Kevin Durant's shooting and Kevin Love's strength sent the United States to a 2-0 start in the world championship.

Durant scored 22 points, Love added 10 points and 11 rebounds off the bench, and the Americans beat Slovenia 99-77 on Sunday in an opening-round game.

Playing a rare early game, the U.S. players stalled after a quick start. But Durant came through with a basket whenever they needed it, and Love always seemed to be around the ball — even when a Slovenian player tried holding his arm so he couldn't get it.

Rudy Gay finished with 16 points for the Americans (2-0), while Russell Westbrook and Andre Iguodala each had 11. Durant shot 8 of 13 before sitting out the fourth quarter.

### OUR THOUGHTS

#### NFL preseason a long tease

Maybe it's just us, but it feels like the 2010 NFL preseason is taking forever to come to a close.

Between Aug. 12 and this Thursday, we will have suffered through 64 meaningless televised scrimmages as every passing box score and highlight becomes less appealing an appetizer.

But on the bright side, with talks of an 18-game schedule starting to heat up, we may not have to put up with four preseason games much longer (let's get it going, Commish).

And, of course, on the even brighter side: Minnesota at New Orleans. Just 10 days away.