

Icers goaltender closing in on all-time mark

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While the Icers are hoping to capture a national championship, something special is developing on the ice. Penn State Icers goaltender

Teddy Hume is only 14 wins away from tying former Icer goaltenders John Gray and John Sixt on the team's all-time wins list for a goalie. Hume, a senior from Austin, Texas, is currently ranked fifth on the prestigious list with 51 wins. The senior goalie tallied a career-high 26 wins last season

between the pipes, which trails only Gray's 28 wins for most by an Icer in a single season. Hume first began to hear chatter about setting the all-time mark last winter as he lost just four games and allowed an average of 2.45 goals per game. Despite closing in on the record, Hume remains humble and still has

other goals for the season at the top of his list.

"It would be a tremendous individual achievement," Hume said. "But it would be hollow if it didn't come on the road to winning the national championship."

Entering his final season, there are still some adjustments Hume needs to make to become a dominant goaltender next season. Hume has begun fine-tuning his technique and is working on his mental toughness. Another area Hume is improving is rebound control—something he described as his Achilles heel.

Barring a major injury, Hume will be expected to break the all-time wins record sometime this season and will hope to add to that number as the season progresses. With the record in clear reach, Hume is convinced he does not feel the pressure and it will not be a problem during the season.

"My preparation and routine never changes so it will just be another hockey game, no extra pressure," Hume said. "I'm not like 'A-Rod' where it's going to

take me 30 games to reach the milestone." Penn State Icers coach Scott Balboni described Hume as fun loving and unique with different views, much like a typical goaltender. Balboni also went on to say if Hume keeps his confidence level high then he should have a great year.

"Teddy has played consistent and well for us the last three seasons," Balboni said. "Setting the record would be a great accomplishment for him, but he will tell you himself that he would trade that in for a national championship any day. He does a great job on and off the ice."

Hume, who shared the same goalie coach as Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Mike Smith, is ready to make his final season one to remember.

"It's my final go around so it kind of makes me sad," Hume said. "But at the same time it gives me extra motivation. I am going to try and savor it and hopefully it turns out to be my best year."

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Goalie Teddy Hume (35) catches a shot by a West Chester player during a game last season. Hume is 14 wins away from the school record by a goalie.

Drawn out quarterback selection process hurts team

At this point, it doesn't matter who the winner is. It doesn't matter who the loser is. It doesn't matter who the winner is. It doesn't matter who the loser is. It doesn't matter who the winner is. It doesn't matter who the loser is.



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straight: Joe owes no one in the media any answers. But this isn't about letting the public know. This is about giving the winner of the job vital reps in practice, when in two weeks he—who must-not-be-named enters a frenzied atmosphere in Tuscaloosa to take on defending champion and current No. 1 Alabama.

Typically, during game-week practice, the first-string quarterback wears baby blue, while the backup wears green. When the Lions trotted onto the practice field outside Holuba Hall on Monday for their first game-week practice of the 2010 season, all three wore red.

Aside from the confusion, that means all three quarterbacks took turns directing the first-team offense. That also means the eventual starter took one-third as many snaps as he should have with the offense.

For the winner, the lack of snaps will only add to his rawness. Newsome has the most

experience, but you can call it that if you want. It's not a bad thing. It's not a bad thing. It's not a bad thing. It's not a bad thing.

And for the losers—especially if Bolden gets the job, and someone else has looked very impressive this season—it's a kind of one-up and the like-blood and transfer and a bitter end to a Penn State career.

Word out of camp is that the quarterbacks are getting impatient on a decision, and why should they be? Two people will be on the practice field, disappointed, no matter who wins. The waiting only adds to that frustration. A negative answer is better than no answer—especially since there eventually has to be a conclusion.

The former quarterback tweeted Monday: "Man somebody better let me join the group. I haven't been gone that long. Who is the trigger man this year I NEED ANSWERS lol."

In the Big Ten right now, there are two quarterback races without the much-desired conclusion—one in Happy Valley and one in Ann Arbor. Like Penn State, Michigan has two sophomores and a true freshman competing for the job, and like Joe Paterno, Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez has yet to make a decision.

Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson saw significant time in important games last season. Newsome and McGloin only saw significant time in April's Blue-White scrimmage.

"I wish it was decided a week ago," McGloin said 19 days ago. "It does take a lot out of you, mentally."

Somehow, instead of trimming down the race, the coaching staff

muddled it more, adding Robert Bolden to the top line of Sunday's most recent depth chart with Newsome and McGloin.

Four days before the season, the competition is even murkier than it was in January at Joe Paterno's postseason press conference.

It was the focal point of Paterno's presser during spring practice. It was the biggest topic discussed at media day. Now, in the week leading up to the opener, "Who will be starting quarterback?" is the most asked question in Happy Valley.

There is also the potential of this dragging out longer, with the Youngstown State game serving as another scrimmage. But we will get an answer, eventually.

Whoever that answer is, he'll have a lot of catching up to do.

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Sophomore Amy receives offensive Player of the Week honors

She picked up this honor where she left off from last season, scoring goals. She picked up this honor where she left off from last season, scoring goals. She picked up this honor where she left off from last season, scoring goals.

"Everyone is so strong and everyone can score from anywhere. It's cool to have a designed play go to you and the ball to go in the goal. Our corner unit works really hard and I feel that anyone can put it in net, but if my number's called I'm ready to do so."

Amy has now scored a goal in 10 of her last 12 games, dating back to last season where she finished with a team-high eight goals and 18 points.

Coach Char Morett said Amy can have a huge impact for the Lions this season as long as she works hard to help put herself and her teammates in a position to put the ball in the net.

Morett said with Amy's talented skill set, her effectiveness will lead to goals, but also as someone who

can draw penalty corners and distribute assists.

"I think that Kelsey needs to recognize how important it is to put the ball in scoring position," Morett said. "I would like to see her be more dangerous coming down the right side for us and I would also like to see her help create more scoring opportunities."

Amy was the first Penn State player to win the award since former forward Allie Scola on October 12, 2003.

The sophomore said it is her duty to put the ball into the circle and try and make things happen—specifically drawing corners, in order to help the setup plays that help the team score.

She said the award is a nice way of recognizing her team's effort, not



Kelsey Amy (7) heads into Bucknell territory during a fall 2009 game.

just her individual accolades.

"It's just exciting to be recognized," Amy said. "We worked really hard this preseason and on

practice corners almost every day and it's exciting for it to show in games."

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