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## Lions pleased with offensive play

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So many players on the Penn State women's volleyball team were clicking Saturday night, Kristin Carpenter actually psyched herself out.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

At one point in the second set of the No. 1 Nittany Lions' romp over Virginia Commonwealth Saturday night — the team's third and final game of the weekend in the Hampton Inn

Classic at Rec Hall — Carpenter stalled.

It was mid-play, and the 5-foot-6 sophomore, who was Penn State's setter for most of the tournament, had no idea who she should distribute the ball to.

"I actually faked myself out," Carpenter joked. "I thought I was going to set

Arielle [Wilson] and then I was like, 'Oh, there's Katie [Kabbes] out there. She's kind of hitting .550.'"

Penn State

Penn State ended up losing the point, but Carpenter didn't mind. Having too many options isn't a bad predicament to be in, especially this early in the season.

The Lions enter this week with a perfect 6-0 record, with each of those six wins being three-set sweeps.

But what the team is most excited about — and why they feel



Russ Rose talks to his team during its victory over VCU on Saturday.

## Men's soccer on hot start

By Andrew Robinson  
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Determined. That word, the first of 11 theme words this season, set the tone for the Penn State men's soccer team this weekend. And determined they were, going 2-0 in the Wolstein Classic in Columbus, Ohio, the team's first 2-0 start to a season since 2000.

### MEN'S SOCCER

"The team assisted me in picking 11 words they would want to define the next 100 years of Penn State soccer," coach Bob Warming said. "I gave them 40 or 50 to chose 11, because there's 11 weeks in the season and 11 players on the field so there's some symbolism there."

Penn State

College of Charleston



Warming

Warming, who made his regular season debut for Penn State this weekend, said his team showed determination in Sunday's game, a 1-0 win over the College of Charleston. After blowing out Buffalo 5-0 on Friday, the Nittany Lions had to battle for 88 minutes before junior forward Corey Hertzog iced the game with his third goal of the weekend.

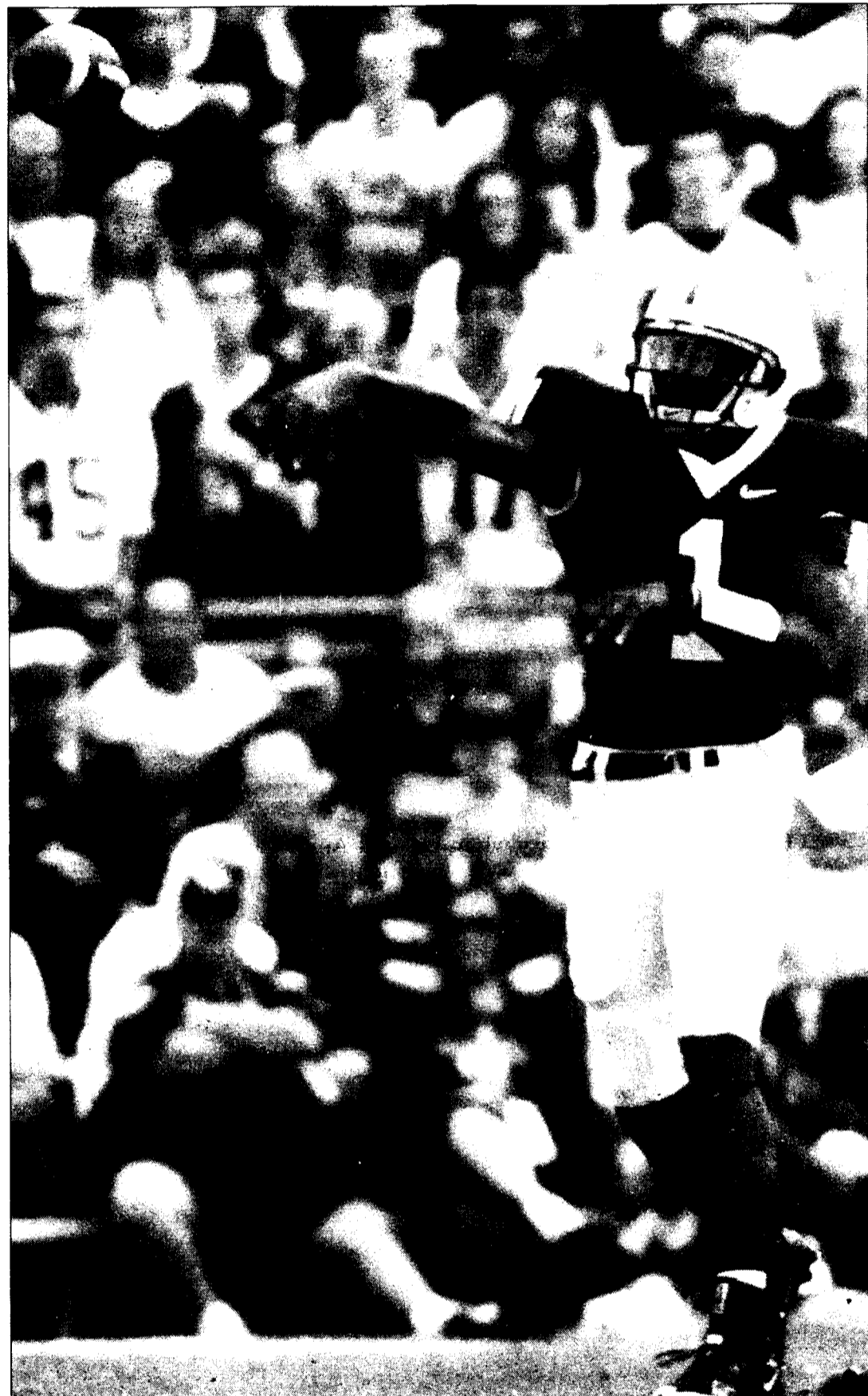
Senior midfielder Matheus Braga tallied four assists on the weekend, while fellow senior Drew Cost scored a goal on Friday and had an assist in each game. Braga said the quick start on offense came because the midfielders and forwards have built chemistry over the last three years.

"Since my first year here, me, Drew, Corey, Mackenzie [Arment], we have a good chemistry," Braga said. "We're experienced now, we work well together. Corey's been great for us."

Despite the long list of positives, which included the two wins, two shutouts and a 41-7 edge in shots over both games, Warming said there is a "laundry list" of improvements to be

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For more highlights on the men's soccer team, check out Blogging, Kicking and Screaming: [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)



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Freshman quarterback Robert Bolden throws a pass during Saturday's win versus Youngstown State.

## Lions finish Pens

By Andrew J. Cassavell  
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Rob Bolden took a five-step drop, looked to his left and his first option wasn't open.

But he didn't look like the first true freshman to start a season at quarterback in the Joe Paterno era on the play. He coolly turned toward the middle of the field and found Brett Brackett, who lunged into the endzone, completing Bolden's first career touchdown pass and giving Penn State a lead it would never relinquish in an

### FOOTBALL

Penn State

Youngstown State

easy 44-14 victory against Youngstown State on Saturday afternoon at Beaver Stadium.

Bolden looked crisp as he completed 20 of his 29 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns and an interception — Derek Moyer slipped on the play, allowing for the easy turnover. The Lions offense as a whole, however, looked shaky early, specifically on the offensive line, and it carried just a nine-point lead into the break against the FCS Penguins.

"We did alright," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "We have to look at the tapes and we have to get into a tough football game and we have to make some big plays against tough situations. When we go through that I'll know better."

Bolden responded well after his turnover, recording his first touchdown pass, a 20-yard strike to Brett Brackett.

"He has a quick release and throws the ball on the money," See FOOTBALL, Page 14.

## Inconsistent play leads to slow start

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Christine Nairn (left) attacks the ball during a game this season.

Sixty-three seconds was all it took.

After being shut out on Friday against Yale, Penn State opened up Sunday's game against Connecticut with a quick score, after Christine Nairn found the back of the net one minute into the game.

Unfortunately for the Nittany Lions, there was still another 91 minutes to be played in the eventual 3-2 overtime loss.

The game was a Jekyll and

Hyde performance by Penn State, as the Lions played strong at times — like on Nairn's early goal — but also had a number of lapses — like when Connecticut fired off seven straight shots in response to the goal.

"We started off well," coach Erica Walsh said. "Our focus was good in pregame and we get a good early. We just need to make sure we are a bit more focused after these goals go in because we're

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## THE LINEUP

### SPORTS ON TV

**Pittsburgh vs. Atlanta**  
7:05 tonight, FSN  
**Philadelphia vs. Florida**  
7:05 tonight, CSN

### TRIVIA

**Q: How many times have the Padres finished with a winning percentage above .563 (their current percentage)?**  
Friday's answer: Zack Mill in 2001.

### QUICK HITS

#### Softball hires new assistant

Head coach Robin Petrini announced the hiring of Lisa Banse (nee Birocci) as Penn State softball's new assistant coach on Friday. Banse was the 2003 Big Ten Pitcher of the Year her sophomore season at the University of Iowa.

Banse has been a part of the University of Iowa softball clinic scene since 2001 and was an assistant coach at Bethune-Cookman University in 2006-07.

At Bethune-Cookman, Banse worked with the pitching staff and outfielders while organizing team travel.

Most recently, Birocci spent time as head coach of the Regina Catholic High School softball program in Iowa City.

#### Dixon named starting QB

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger is no longer a Pittsburgh Steelers captain. Dennis Dixon is the new Steelers quarterback, at least for the time being.

Roethlisberger, suspended by the NFL for the first four games of the season, was not chosen a Steelers captain in a vote by his teammates. Wide receiver Hines Ward and tight end Heath Miller will be the offensive captains.

In a different vote regarding the quarterbacks, Dixon got the one that counted — by coach Mike Tomlin.

Dixon was selected over longtime backup Charlie Batch to start Sunday's opener against Atlanta, although he has started only one NFL game during his first two seasons.

### OUR THOUGHTS

#### Maz statue well-deserved

Over the weekend, the Pittsburgh Pirates dedicated a statue honoring franchise legend Bill Mazeroski at the end of Mazerowski Way outside PNC Park.

The statue captures "Maz" in his home run trot following his game and series-winning home run in the Bucs' Game 7 victory over the New York Yankees in the 1960 World Series.

It was a well-deserved honor for the Hall of Fame second baseman, who now takes his place alongside Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell and Honus Wagner as former Pirates' honored with a statue outside the ballpark. Ralph Kiner's hands are immortalized inside the stadium.