Rugby

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backs and forwards and aspire to want to play that way.

The Ruggers played Georgetown last weekend, with the B side and C side playing in the match. Against Cambridge though, it will be the top side's first fall competition.The team, which is looking to develop some depth within the squad, will try to play a more aggressive defense against Cambridge and a more vertical style of rugby.

"The theme throughout the fall has been to try and get better at everything," Ferrell said.

Cambridge coach, Tony Rodgers, said this tour is usually a great way to work in new players that are coming into the team.

After what coach Ferrell said was a good effort by the B and C sides against Georgetown last weekend, the team still has a lot of work before it gets to the level it wants to be at.

"This will be one of the best teams we face," Ferrell said.

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Hockey

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NCAA conferences to form a Big Ten conference.

Scott Chipman, the Big Ten's assistant commissioner of communication, did not return a phone call as of press time.

Six schools are required to form a new conference, and currently five Big Ten schools offer NCAA hockey.

"As far back as 30-35 years ago there's always fear that ultimately there would be a Big Ten conference and it would kill college hockey," Comley said. "I don't really know for sure."

That said, Berenson believes Division I hockey is "very healthy" at the present time.

"No matter what the league alignment is, you're going to have the same good programs," Berenson said.

"I don't think whether you have a new conference or not will change that."

Comley said he doesn't believe anyone in varsity hockey today wants to hurt the sport in any way. As it stands, a decision on the creation of a Big Ten hockey conference will be left up to the discretion of the conference administrators.

He said if Penn State first adds varsity hockey, an avenue may or may not be created for a Big Ten conference.

"I think an awful lot of discussion will go in place by the appropriate people and hopefully a good decision is made," Comley said.

Overall, Comley is excited for a prospective addition.

"To me it's a win-win for everybody," Comley said. "I'm thrilled there is going to be Division I hockey at Penn State."

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Hodges

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Newsome this summer and earning the first two starts, Rob Bolden won't have to worry about looking over his shoulder.

Despite Newsome entering Saturday's game during the fourth quarter, Paterno said he hasn't seen anything from Bolden that would lead him to believe he shouldn't be the starter.

"It's not still open," Paterno said of the position. "He's our quarterback. I think for a kid who wasn't even here for spring practice, to go in there and do what he's done, he's done well."

As soon as Bolden stepped on the practice field Monday, the freshman didn't show any lingering effects of Saturday's performance, Paterno said.

Troutman in the lead

The offensive line, which has yet to pave the way for Evan Royster to rush for more than 100 yards this season, seems to be settling on a left guard.

While DeOn'tae Pannell was the leader on the depth chart during the offseason and started both games, Paterno said Johnnie Troutman is "a little bit ahead." Troutman rotated with Pannell during the first two games but saw more playing time coming off the bench against Alabama.

When asked why Troutman holds the edge, Paterno said it's simply because he's played better.

"You want me to give you a clinic?" Paterno said. "You got a blackboard here, I'll show you for crying out loud. It's as simple as that."

As for the rest of the offensive line, Paterno said it made strides against a good Alabama defense. But the circumstances of not being able to do too many things offensively with a freshman quarterback have made the offensive line's job much tougher and have made it harder for Paterno to evaluate the group.

Catchless Zug not a concern

While Graham Zug has yet to catch a pass, Paterno still sees the senior as the same playmaker he was last season.

While Zug's early season stats may not be a reflection of the productivity the wide receiver showed last season, Paterno said a young quarterback, coupled with some pass protection issues, have contributed to Zug's lack of production.

"Zug's not a great speedster, but Zug's a good receiver," Paterno said. "He had a good year last year and I think he will get better. Right now we're struggling obviously, and Zug's struggling with us."

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Rivalry

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When it comes to the sport of volleyball, they form the nation's fiercest rivalry, male or female.

"The teams at Rec Hall know, no matter when or where we play Stanford, it's going to be good competition," Nittany Lion men's volleyball coach Mark Pavlik said. "Really good competition."

Last spring, the storied Cardinal men's program ended its 13-year title drought by dispatching Pavlik's squad in the national championship match.

Last Saturday, the Stanford women's squad rocked the volleyball community by snapping the Lions' record-breaking 109-match winning streak.

And that just scratches the surface. The Cardinal women have a NCAA-record six national championships. Penn State is right behind them with four.

"Stanford has a great program, men's and women's," Lions' women's captain Blair Brown said. "It's just a great tradition."

Brown said in Saturday's 3-0 sweep, the Cardinal were simply the better team.

However, the Lions wouldn't mind getting another crack at Stanford in the postseason, she said.

"You always want to go back and play the team that beat you early," Brown said. "And see where both teams end up at the end of the year."

Kawika Shoji thinks that's very possible.

Shoji — the 2010 AVCA men's national player of the year and two-time first team All-American at Stanford — said Saturday's match was "just another chapter" in the school's on-going rivalry.

Although Shoji graduated last spring and is currently training with the United States National team in California, the 6-foot-3 setter said he followed this weekend's women's match live from his computer.

"I talked to some of the girls and they were obviously really excited about ending the streak," Shoji said. "But I think they were more excited about the No. 1 ranking which has been Penn State's for so long."

Lions' women's coach Russ Rose said for now, the Cardinal deserve the top ranking in the country.

Rose said in Saturday's match loss he was disappointed with how his team played, but not disappointed by who they lost to.

"Losing to Stanford I've done before and a lot of teams have done," Rose said Tuesday. "It's not anything to be ashamed of."

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Marton

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timetable for her return at practice Tuesday because she didn't know the severity of the injury.

Wearing a large blue brace that immobilized her knee, Marton could only sit and watch her teammates train Tuesday. The sophomore was hurt in a collision during the second half of Sunday's 4-2 loss to then-No. 4 Portland.

"One of their strikers broke through so I shifted over to go defend her and stepped up to tackle her," Marton said.

"I guess the ball was bouncing so she ended up coming down hard and her cleat went right into my knee and it kind of hyperextended backwards."

After the collision, Marton stayed down while she was attended to by team trainers. She was eventually taken off the field on a cart as her teammates came over and tapped her shoulder or touched hands. When asked how much the initial injury hurt, Marton said on a scale of one to 10, it registered as "a thousand."

The entire experience of having to get carted off was a weird feeling, Marton said. The sophomore said it was surreal as she held coach Erica Walsh's hand and talked to trainer Andra Thomas before she was taken to Portland's training room.

"I was in so much pain I couldn't really focus," Marton said. "But I remember being on the cart going off the field giving the rest of the team a thumbs up and telling them to play on and keep working."

Losing Marton is a huge blow to the Lions defense. At 5-foot-11, the sophomore provides a physical presence in the back and on set pieces.

Aside from her size and skill, Marton is also one of the team's loudest and most talkative players and Walsh praised the way Marton and fellow centre back Emma Thomson played this weekend.

"It's hard to underestimate the impact of Lexi Marton," Walsh said.

"From everything from leadership to just solid performance, it's just a monumental loss."

Marton was replaced by junior Carly Niness, who just transitioned to defense last spring. Niness has made rapid progress since becoming a defender and started the team's first five games this season.

While Niness doesn't have the experience of Marton, who is in the player pool for the Canadian national team, the players have confidence Niness will step up in Marton's absence.

"I know she's going to do an awesome job regardless," Marton said.

"When I was playing beside her she did well. And if she has to step in and play beside Emma I know she's going to do a great job. The back line will still be very strong and I have confidence in the whole team."

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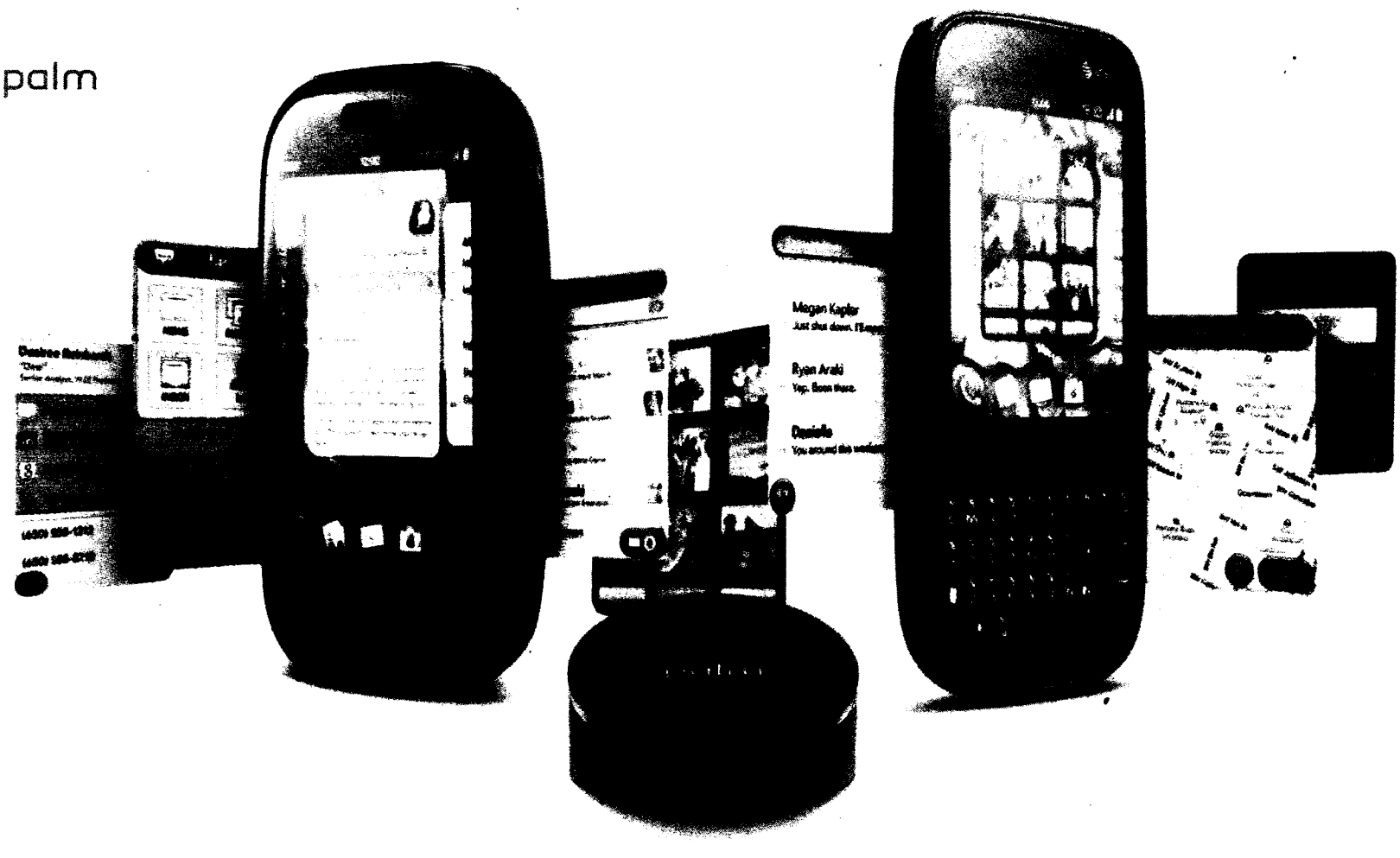

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