

Szczerba likely out for year

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A lingering back injury sidelined tight end Andrew Szczerba through the first three games this season, and it doesn't look as if the redshirt junior will see the field this year.

FOOTBALL

At his Tuesday press conference, Joe Paterno made that announcement. He and his staff came to the conclusion after dis-

cussing Szczerba's injury status Tuesday morning.

"He hasn't done a thing," Paterno said. "He hasn't even put on a uniform. He comes out in street clothes, and we're trying to figure out what's best because he's going to lose a whole year." Szczerba was the expected



Szczerba

starter heading into the season. In his absence, redshirt freshman Garry Gilliam, freshman Kevin Haplea and redshirt senior wide receiver Brett Brackett have taken his place. Gilliam and Haplea are standard tight ends and usually line up on run plays, while Brackett is often seen on passing downs and moving in motion as a tight end-slot receiver option.

With Gilliam and Haplea yet to catch a pass and used mostly in running plays, their roles this sea-

son may be limited to blocking. Paterno had previously said he's been pleased with Gilliam but pointed to his inexperience at the college level, especially at the tight end position. Gilliam redshirted last season as a defensive end but switched positions before 2010 spring practice.

Though none have caught a pass thus far, that doesn't mean the tight ends haven't been running routes.

So far this season, the tight end

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Peter Tesoriero/Collegian

Joe Paterno speaks during yesterday's press conference.

Locals react to move

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In a move bringing NCAA Division I hockey to Penn State, members of the local community are already feeling the impact — and they are enthused.



Goreham

After an \$88 million donation from Penn State alum Terry Pegula, Penn State is now ready to build a brand new hockey facility, which will seat about 6,000 fans. The plan to get a Division I hockey team to State College has been a long process in the works and, after finally hearing the decision, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham was astounded.

ICE HOCKEY

"At first, I was really surprised to hear the announcement," Goreham said. "Penn State wants to better themselves by having a full arraignment of sports. I was relatively impressed."

According to Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley, building the new state-of-the-art hockey rink will dramatically help enhance the community by providing unique opportunities. He said the rink will give citizens a chance to free skate and figure skate on the ice. Curley also hopes to construct a youth hockey organization, which would help continue the progress of hockey in State College.

The Greenberg Ice Pavilion — the current home of the Penn State Iceers — currently offers figure skating lessons and public sessions, but the addition of the new arena will give community members an upgrade.

According to Brittany Schlecter, intern in ticket sales for the Hockey Management

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Katie Silvas/Collegian

Freshman Lauren Purvis runs downfield during practice. Purvis' sister and teammate, Jenny, is a senior.

Sisters finding success

By Joe McIntyre
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Serena and Venus Williams — 12-time Grand Slam doubles tennis champions. Henrik and Daniel Sedin — back-to-back Northwest Division champions with the NHL's Vancouver Canucks. Jenny and Lauren Purvis — 2010 Big Ten champions?

FIELD HOCKEY

They certainly hope so.

But well before this season's Big Ten play gets underway, senior midfielder Jenny Purvis and freshman forward Lauren Purvis have known what it has meant to be successful in field hockey at Penn State.

With the addition of Lauren in the fall, the Penn State field hockey team made sure they cornered the market when it comes to Purvis family field hockey players.

Sue Purvis, mother of the two

sisters, played field hockey for Penn State from 1977-1979 and Cindy Parsons, Lauren and Jenny's aunt, played for Penn State from 1971-1973.

Both Jenny and Lauren were open as to where they wanted to play collegiate field hockey, but after all the college visits, campus tours and conversations with their parents, the freshman Lauren knew there was only one place for her to go.

"[Jenny] came here and she

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JoePa backs RB

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Joe Paterno wanted to make one thing clear: Senior running back Evan Royster is not in the infamous Paterno doghouse.

Despite carrying the ball 31 times through the first three games and yielding just 110 yards and one touchdown, Paterno is not concerned about his veteran back.

FOOTBALL

"Royster practices hard, he's working at it, and if you're looking for a story about well then, what's wrong with Royster? He's not in Joe's doghouse or something, and he isn't," Paterno said. "I've challenged all those guys. I said, 'Come on, you guys have got to carry this football team.'"

Royster not seeing much action in the second half of last Saturday's game against Kent State was because Paterno remains confident he has younger players who need game experience.

Continuing to mix in Stephfon Green and Silas Redd is something Paterno said he wants to do in order to keep building depth at the position and to give the players incentive to keep working hard. The coach didn't want to say how many carries each back would receive, which will be dictated by the flow of Saturday's game.

But Paterno pointed to the play of the offensive line as a reason why Royster hasn't been as productive.

"We've got to get more consistent with the offensive line so that you can stick a kid like Royster in there and give him the ball 11, 12, 13 times and he

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Lions finish in 4th

By Dan Norton
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Led by senior Gia Fanelli, Penn State's women's golf team played its strongest round of golf Tuesday in the final round of the Cincinnati Fall Classic, shooting a 304 (16 over par) as a team.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Fanelli posted a 72 (even par) to conclude her individual fourth-place performance, the best round of any Penn State golfer in the tournament.

Nonetheless, the Lions were still overtaken by the host team,

the University of Cincinnati, in the final holes of the tournament. The team lost its grasp on third place by a mere two strokes, finishing fourth in a field of 16.

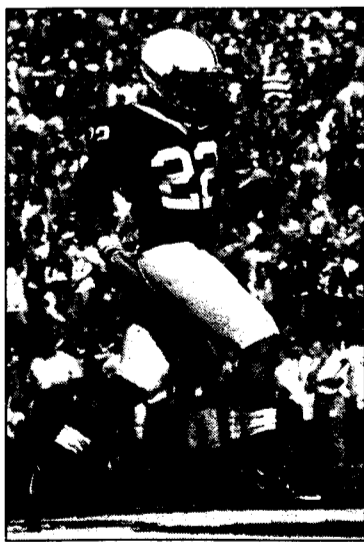
"The course was tricky," coach Denise St. Pierre said. "There were a lot of hazards that had to be played very carefully. It was the type of golf course that just seemed to short you."

But for Fanelli, fourth place out of 90 competitors was slightly bit-sweet.

"I was very excited," Fanelli said. "But there's still room for improvement."

In addition to Fanelli, four

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Royster runs into the end zone.

Senior hoping to emerge

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Last year, it was the flu that had Penn State fans and media doubting Evan Royster heading into the Nittany Lions' matchup against Temple.

This year, it's the mere 110 yards the senior running back has racked up on 31 carries in three games.

But before the contest last season, Royster's statistics were nothing more than pedestrian, as well. It was the Temple game, which came a week earlier, that put him on track for a second consecutive 1,000-yard season — a

season that now has him in position to possibly break Penn State's all-time rushing record.

Temple coach Al Golden, a former Penn State player and assistant, said Royster has too much talent to overlook based on his statistics, especially after what happened last September.

"I'll just remind everybody that he came out of the hospital bed last year and he could still run," Golden said. "After what he did to us last year, obviously we know what he is and what he's capable of. He's a big back, got lateral quickness, got an excellent jump cut and he's dangerous with the

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THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

MLB

Philadelphia vs. Atlanta

7:05 tonight, CSN

Pittsburgh vs. St. Louis

7:05 tonight, FSN

TRIVIA

Q: Who won the first football game between Temple and Penn State?
Tuesday's answer: McNabb is ranked 20th.

QUICK HITS

Big Ten volleyball on TV

Big Ten volleyball will enjoy extensive broadcast coverage in 2010 with 25 matches to be televised to a national audience.

The Big Ten Network will broadcast 22 matches, while ESPN2 will televise three others. In addition, Big Ten volleyball will also be showcased on www.bigtennetwork.com, as 46 conference matches will be streamed live.

In total, 71 Big Ten matches will be broadcast nationally through the conference's media agreements.

Each conference squad will appear on the Big Ten Network three or more times in 2010, with every school having at least one home match televised nationally.

Johnson cut by Redskins

Running back Larry Johnson has been released by the Washington Redskins after gaining 2 yards on five carries in two games with the team.

Tuesday's move comes two days after Johnson lost 10 yards on one of his two runs in Washington's 30-27 overtime loss to the Houston Texans.

The 30-year-old Johnson signed a three-year, incentive-laden contract with Washington in March.

He finished last season with the Cincinnati Bengals after being released by the Kansas City Chiefs in November. His time in Kansas City was marred by off-the-field problems, including two suspensions in his last 12 months with the team.

Johnson's best years were 2005-06, when he had consecutive 1,750-yard seasons.

OUR THOUGHTS

Reid's ineptitude shown

The Philadelphia Eagles' decision to start Mike Vick this week is the right move, but it's also a demonstration of head coach Andy Reid's indecisiveness.

Before Vick even took a snap last week against the Lions, Reid named Kevin Kolb the starter for Week 3. After Vick's performance in the Eagles' win over Detroit, Reid naturally had second thoughts.

Had Reid held off on naming the concussed Kolb the starter a week in advance, he wouldn't have had to make his public retraction Tuesday.

But just as Reid is a poor manager of a gameplan and the play clock, so too is he a poor manager of personnel.