

Men's golf looks to continue winning streak

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The Penn State men's golf team has not gotten complacent after winning last weekend's Maryland Intercollegiate. "After a disappointing weekend [in the season opener at Wolf Run] we buckled down and focussed a little bit more

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in practice last week," senior T.J. Howe said of the team's preparation for Maryland. "That focus and intensity has carried over into this week. The guys are showing that they want to keep this good vibe going." This weekend the Lions head to North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Illinois for the Windon Memorial. Penn State will be a part of a 17-team field that includes fellow Big Ten members

Minnesota, Purdue, Ohio State, Indiana and Michigan. Although Penn State has not had a tournament at this course in recent years, the Lions said they have studied the course online in preparation for this weekend. Freshmen Michael Miller, who was the individual winner at Maryland, said that the course looks straight forward but is very narrow off the tee before opening up.

Miller added that although the greens are big, there is no room for error and it will take precision on the second shot to set up a putt. "You have to slice shots in," Miller said. Joining Miller and Howe in competition this weekend will be sophomores Anthony DeGol and Ernesto Marin as well as senior Jason Cohan. Miller said that last weekend's win raised the bar for the Lions.

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Michael Miller
freshman golfer

"We are expecting a lot more [of ourselves]," Miller said. "We're definitely going to contend on a weekend."

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Ruggers host Doylestown Men's Club in scrimmage

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Throughout practice, the typical bystander can watch each Rugger tackle his teammate with excruciating hits. This is all preparation for the Penn State Ruggers, as they continue their rigorous schedule before spring season begins, playing the Doylestown men's club on Saturday. This game will feature the "A" side players and some of an expanded roster as the team continues to try and develop some of

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its young, inexperienced talent for the spring season. While playing only a few games is tough for a team, fifth-year senior inside center Jonathan Intrieri said the team is feeling upbeat sending its top side out going into the game against Doylestown. "We played against Cambridge a few weeks ago, but everyone expected Cambridge to roll all over us," Intrieri said. "We are going in, confident to win this one with a lot to prove." Second row, fifth-year senior Jesse Beyer agreed with Intrieri, saying the team will build off the experience it gained in its match against Cambridge. "We had really good ball move-

ment and came out really intense," Wagner said. "If we keep up our intensity, I think we will do really well against Doylestown." Doylestown, whose coach, Chris Amoratis, is a Penn State alumni, went to the Division II men's club national championship last year, losing in the final minute of overtime. Doylestown will look to play at a more physical pace with its forwards, unlike Cambridge a few weeks ago, who were more skilled in the backs and played at a faster pace. For Penn State coach Don Ferrell, he said a team of this caliber would be another good test for his team and give the Ruggers a good run.

"This will be a real good contest for the guys," Ferrell said. "I'm looking to see if we are improving. The 'A' side hasn't had a lot of time to play together thus far, but we will need to be physical this weekend." Reiterating the team's need to stay physical, Ferrell has been telling his team in practice the importance of holding onto the ball after contact, showing that the team has depth and running some straight lines throughout the match. One of the things Intrieri said the team was practicing is competing as a whole, with the backs and forwards staying integrated throughout the match, while also

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men's rugby coach

trying to eliminate sloppy passes out of its game. Even though the "A" side is playing few games during the fall, Ferrell said there was no point in playing a cupcake schedule before the spring season. "Putting us against three creampuffs isn't going to accomplish anything," Ferrell said. To email reporter: gmf5047@psu.edu

Molinaro

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going to keep doing as much as he can until he's ready to fully wrestle again. He loves to be out there and I know he can't wait to get back." And with Molinaro's preseason goal to be a national champion, he will do what he can to make a speedy recovery. His mom, Michele Molinaro, said her son is already focusing on when he can get back on the mat, saying he has a countdown going on his Blackberry for when he is hoping to return to action.

"He's very driven," she said. "He set very high goals for himself this season and he works hard to reach those goals. He won't let anything get in the way of that. This won't deter him from trying to win the national championship." Molinaro finished the 2009-10 season with a 33-7 record, remaining undefeated through his first 21 contests. In those 33 wins, 12 were by major decision, one fall and one technical fall. The 149-pounder said with his success in recent years he knows what it takes to be at his best in March for both the Big Ten and

NCAA championships. And while most people would be frustrated with having a setback, Molinaro is trying to find the good in his situation. He said he is certain he will be in prime condition by the end of the season, not being as worn down as he might be otherwise. "I may be a little behind where I was but I'm going to peak, as we call it, a little later in the season, which will benefit for March," Molinaro said in a telephone conversation. "Also my body will be fresh unlike some kids who may get a little worn down during pre-season. That's my take on it."

That doesn't mean Molinaro was content with the injury from the get-go. When he realized something was wrong last week in practice after standing up from a drill, he said he freaked out a bit. However, after letting the injury sink in, he realized it wasn't as big of a deal as he was making it out to be. "At first I was really dramatic about it," Molinaro said. "I immediately thought I couldn't win Nationals in Philly, which is like my dream. I was so wound up I couldn't think straight. But I had great support from our trainer and school doctors so they are

keeping me positive along with my family, girlfriend, friends, coaches. Everybody has been awesome in keeping me positive." And rightfully so as now neither he nor his coaches, teammates or family are concerned that this injury will act as a setback to the wrestler. "He's in a better place now with it and he's already focusing on the endpoint," Michele Molinaro said. "And just like coach Cael Sanderson told him, 'I really think this will make you better in the long run.'" To e-mail reporter: jes5210@psu.edu

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time they don their navy blue and white jerseys. Defenseman Ryan Seibolt is one of the four freshmen to headline this year's incoming class. Seibolt admitted to having some early pre-game nerves, but he is ready to show his worth. "It's going to be a great feeling putting on the Icers jersey for the first time," Seibolt said. "I am hoping to make an impact as a freshman. I know it's rare, but I

just want to help this team win anyway I can." Balboni said the scrimmage is the closest thing to an actual game situation. While he is hoping to grab an indicator on some of his players he also has laid out some guidelines for Friday. "I am expecting a lot of energy and enthusiasm," he said. "I also am expecting some nervousness, but I hope we have a good, hard quality skate." To e-mail reporter: gjg5044@psu.edu

Receivers

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Brown said. "I guess it's just because of my baseball background, judging the ball." Brown said an outfielder reads a fly ball off the bat similar to how a return man reads the football off a punter's foot. Brown said he played AAU baseball until his junior year of high school as a centerfielder and could have gone on to the collegiate level but chose football because a larger number of scholarships made it easier to earn one. He's among five-to-six receivers gaining time this season and helping to ease the burden of freshman quarterback Rob Bolden. Brown's close friend, Smith, has been another young receiver

stepping up this season. Penn State likes Smith operating out of open space because of his quickness. Much like Brown's ability to get after a ball, Smith's unique asset is his speed. His small stature has caused concern about his durability and ability to elude defensive backs jamming him at the line. "I haven't got jammed yet," Smith said. Smith said the coaching staff teaches how to fight through jams, so he doesn't think that will be a problem in the future. The offense even has specific plays designed for Smith, as well as the other receivers, Brown said. But opening up the playbook for the younger receivers means Zug, redshirt junior Derek Moye and redshirt senior Brett Brackett must share more time with the other receivers this season. Though Moye and Brackett

lead the team in receptions, Zug only has two, a total less than both Brown and Smith's reception numbers. "I haven't been frustrated," said Zug about his lack of receptions. "I haven't been open and other guys have." Brown said Zug and the older receivers are reasons for the rise of the younger ones. As noted, the sophomore only possessed raw athleticism out of high school, but his development occurred because of a cohesive effort with the older players. "They've definitely been helping us out ever since we've stepped foot on campus and they're just bringing us along, along with coach Mike [McQueary]," Brown said. "Just teaching us some of the things that they already know." To e-mail reporter: bjm5146@psu.edu

Marton

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she will be completely healthy when the 2011 season begins." According to the release, Marton's injury will not require surgery and she will be cleared for contact in three months. Given that estimation, Marton would miss the remainder of the season, including the NCAA Tournament if the team qualifies. Despite enduring what she said was the worst pain she's ever experienced, Marton initially thought she wouldn't be out long. "When I had initially gotten an MRI I was hoping for something less than three weeks and I was hoping it was just a mild sprain or something like that," the sophomore said. "But after hearing it could possibly be my ACL as well, the three month prognosis was good and I was happy with that. Not having to get surgery is a huge plus." Marton, a member of the Canadian national team pool, played in 20 of the Lions 21 games last season, missing one for a Canadian U-20 team match. She was also a unanimous All-Big Ten

Freshman Team member and made second team All-Big Ten. Losing the rest of her year is something Marton hasn't totally come to terms with yet, because she's never gone through it before. The defender said she's never been seriously injured before and every step of the process is new to her. "I'm just trying to find my role in the team being on the sidelines now," Marton said. "It sucks, there's not much more to it but I've got to just move forward and focus on getting better." With nothing but rehab and recovery ahead of her, Marton said she's still going to be supportive of her teammates from the sidelines. While she won't be playing, she thinks this injury will still give her some lessons. "I think it will be a learning experience for me as far as learning new leadership skills and seeing the whole field and the team as a whole," Marton said. "I'm just going to bring a positive attitude, be vocal from the sidelines and seek out people individually to talk to and giving them feedback from what I see." To e-mail reporter: adr5079@psu.edu

Men's Soccer

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team is. After dropping their opener to California in double overtime, the Hoosiers leveled then-No. 5 UCLA by a 5-1 margin. Aside from marquee wins, Indiana's roster is full of offensive threats that Lions coach Bob Warming is plenty aware of. Forward Will Bruin leads the team with five goals and one assist and is the first player Cost and Warming mentioned while talking about the Hoosiers. "Every player on the team is a great, great athlete and they have a special center forward in Bruin," Warming said. "They have a great combination of tremendous athleticism and

some special players." Warming said he feels Indiana is by far the most athletic team the Lions will face this season. In order to counter the Hoosier's athletes, Warming said the Lions will have to stretch the field with their wide players and use their passing to keep the ball away from Indiana. Aside from Bruin, Warming noted Andy Adlard, Nikita Kotlov and Harrison Petts as players that Penn State would have to defend well. While Indiana is deep, stopping Bruin will be a major focus and will take the entire team defense. Junior midfielder Mackenzie Arment said the team has set a goal of going undefeated at home during conference play and the first game against Indiana is a chance to send a message to the Big Ten, as Indiana is 9-0 in Big Ten road openers. "The Big Ten, we're not gonna

lose on our home field," Arment said. "We'll refuse to let that happen." Big Ten games have a higher intensity and the level of physical play goes up, Cost said. Arment said the familiarity of the conference opponents makes the games better because of the intensity. Penn State has lofty goals for the season and in conference with the Big Ten Tournament taking place in State College. Though there's a lot of time left in the season, tonight's game means plenty for both teams involved. "For both of us there's a lot of soccer left but certainly you always want to start off on the plus side," Warming said. "For us, especially at home you want to win your conference games at home and steal a couple on the road so it's very important for us to protect our home field." To e-mail reporter: adr5079@psu.edu

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