

Lions fall to Hoosiers

Stunned in last minute

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For 89 minutes and 49 seconds Friday night, Will Bruin was a non-factor.

But with one bullish run, the Indiana junior ripped a his first good shot and buried it in the heart of the No. 20 Penn State men's soccer team.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Nittany Lions lost their Big Ten opener, 3-2, Friday night at Jeffrey Field in a physical and wild contest. After the game, the players and coaches were dejected at the way the game ended.

"I feel gutted for them more than anything," Lions coach Bob Warming said. "But at the same time, I told them to bottle that emotion and disappointment because Indiana's coming back here for the Big Ten championships."

The Hoosiers' (4-3-0, 1-0 Big Ten) athleticism gave the Lions (5-2-0, 0-1) problems early, scoring in the ninth minute when goalkeeper Warren Gross deflected a shot straight into the air, and it landed behind him. Despite that goal, the Lions outplayed the Hoosiers the entire first half and 20 minutes in the second half.

Facing a speedy and athletic opponent, the Lions did well keeping the Hoosiers contained and winning individual battles. After turning in a strong effort on Bruin, senior centre back Andres Casais said it was tough watching the junior score the winner.

"It was frustrating, there was about 15 seconds and I wanted to push everybody up, we got two clearances up there," Casais said.

"Then the centre back got one ball hit and one stupid flick then [Bruin] was in."

As good as the Lions' defenders were, their counterparts for Indiana were just as good. Hoosier centre backs Caleb Konstanski and Daniel Kelly hounded the Penn State forwards and contained junior Corey Hertzog for most of the game.

However, Hertzog, the national leader in total points, still got on the board with 20 minutes left in the game. Right winger Mackenzie Arment chipped a ball over the Hoosiers defense. See **STUNNER**, Page 12.



Pete Tesonero/Collegian

Freshman Jordan Tyler (left) heads the ball vs. Indiana.



Amanda August/Collegian

Maddy Evans (top), Emma Thomson (25) and Christine Nairn (10) celebrate Nairn's goal on Sunday.

Defense silences MSU

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Everywhere Laura Heyboer went Sunday afternoon, she had two shadows following her — her own and a Penn State defender.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Penn State women's soccer team defeated Michigan State, 1-0, Sunday afternoon behind a Christine Nairn penalty kick and a tremendous defensive effort. The Nittany Lions (3-6-1, 1-0-0 Big Ten) defense held Heyboer, Michigan State's two-time

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Sophomore back Molinda impresses in first career start

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Sophomore Jackie Molinda's hamstrings were burning after Sunday's game — but she didn't mind whatsoever.

As a matter of fact, despite the pain, Molinda actually felt great after the first start of her career in Penn State's 1-0 victory against Michigan State.

That's because, after straining her back in August, the sopho-

more was on cloud nine after enduring the early-season setback.

"It was really exciting," she said. "I was a little nervous before the game because I haven't really played in a game yet this season because of my injury. It was a good nervous though because I knew my teammates had faith in me."

After a stunning loss to Dartmouth last weekend, coach

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Lack of intensity leads to loss to UM

By Zach Fleagle
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With the Big Ten Network cameras rolling on a hazy Sunday afternoon, the Nittany Lions field hockey team failed to score a goal, losing for the first time in five games.

FIELD HOCKEY

Goalkeeper Ayla Halus, saw her streak of nine consecutive shutout halves end 21 minutes into the game as Michigan's

Alicia Mayer was the beneficiary of a turnover, putting in a sweeping shot from the top of Penn State's goal circle.

The Wolverines rolled out of AstroTurf Field with a 2-0 win against the Nittany Lions.

"At moments we moved the ball well and we had moments of great possession and at moments we didn't," Halus said. "I think in the second half we could have had a lot more intensity and I think maybe that second goal brought us down a bit, but we just

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Tom Ruane/Collegian

Michigan's Katie Adams (15) scores against Penn State on Sunday.

Team earns sweep

By Emily Kaplan
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On Saturday, the Penn State women's volleyball team relaxed.

The team analyzed game tape. Took some easy touches in practice and caught up with homework at their hotel.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

According to senior libero Alyssa D'Errico, it was exactly what the Nittany Lions needed to get back on track.

After falling to a pesky No. 9 Illinois team Friday night — Penn State's first conference loss since Nov. 8,

Rose

the Lions bounced back with a routine sweep Sunday afternoon at Wisconsin.

Penn State

No. 2 Penn State dispatched the unranked Badgers in three sets (25-15, 25-17, 25-21), returning to its winning ways in style by posting a combined .355 hitting percentage.

Wisconsin

D'Errico — who called the victory a "great bounce-back win" — said the Lions really took advantage of the day off.

"If it would have been a game [Saturday] it might have been harder," D'Errico said. "That's a quicker turnaround after a tough loss. But having the time to look back on the match and watch film and go over it and see what happened and what we can learn from was a good thing for us."

In Sunday's win, three Lions — Blair Brown, Deja McClendon and Arielle Wilson — posted double-digit kills.

The match never really seemed in doubt for Penn State. The Lions out-dug the Badgers 53-43 and out-hit them by more than 200 points.

"We had the 'refuse to lose' attitude kind of," said sophomore setter Kristin Carpenter, who dished out 39 assists Sunday. "It felt good. We had good chemistry the entire time and we played well together."

That was a stark difference from their performance two nights earlier.

On Friday — at Illinois' Huff Hall, which was packed to the maximum capacity with 4,141 rowdy fans — Penn State limited the Fighting Illini to a mere 198

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THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

MLB

Philadelphia at Washington
7:05 tonight, CSN
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
8:15 tonight, FSN

TRIVIA

Q: In what inning did the Clemens-Piazza broken bat incident occur? Friday's answer: Steve Carlton

COLLEGIATE

Pick 'Em Week 3 update

Week 3 of the Collegian's Pick 'Em League is nearly finished after Sunday's slate of games.

Current leader and Nittany Lion fund president Jim Regan is 9-6 so far this week after the Jets' victory last night.

This week's student representative Mickey Boylan and Collegian sports editor Steve Hennessey are currently tied for this week's best record at 10-5.

This week's athlete representative was men's basketball forward D.J. Jackson, who posted a 9-6 record.

Rounding out the field this week is Collegian sports desk chief Bill Landis, who finished a dismal 6-9.

Phillies clinch playoff spot

The going-nowhere New York Mets made sure the Philadelphia Phillies took their champagne on the road.

The Phillies, however, are at least assured of going to the playoffs.

Carlos Beltran hit a pair of homers, David Wright also connected and the Mets beat Philadelphia 7-3 on Sunday, preventing the Phillies from clinching their fourth straight NL East title at home.

The two-time defending NL champions came in needing a win and a loss by Atlanta to secure the division crown. The Braves lost 4-2 to Washington, dropping Philadelphia's magic number to one.

The Phillies later became the first NL to lock up a playoff spot this year when San Diego lost to Cincinnati 12-2. With 93 wins, they're certain of at least a wild-card slot.

OUR THOUGHTS

Johnson boring for NASCAR

Jimmie Johnson won the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series AAA 400 at Dover yesterday in the second race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup. The victory puts Johnson second in the Chase standings.

Johnson, of course, is seeking his fifth consecutive NASCAR title and his competitors still can't seem to slow him down.

The streak of dominance is sure boring for us, and we can't imagine the average NASCAR fan being thrilled with the idea of one driver dominating for longer than a presidential term, either.

Here's hoping someone, even the polarizing Kyle Busch, can finally knock off the champ.