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Icers goaltender Teddy Hume makes a save in the Blue-White preseason scrimmage Friday night.

Blue beats White in scrimmage

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With the clock ticking down to game time, fans at the Greenberg Ice Pavilion eagerly waited for the Penn State Icers to take the ice for the first time this season.

ICERS

Once the Icers started skating, they didn't disappoint.

In their annual Blue-White scrimmage, the Blue team defeated the White team, 5-3, thanks to two goals from junior forward Christopher Cerutti and a first period shutout from senior goaltender Teddy Hume.

The Blue team started the scoring Friday night with a desperate effort by senior forward Taylor Cera to get the puck in the net.

Cera went to the ground and then grabbed the puck while sliding across the ice, all while still being able to get back up and fire a shot past senior goaltender John Jay.

Minutes later, the Icers saw their first freshman mistake as defenseman Ryan Seibolt skated with the puck behind his own net

only to lose it to sophomore forward Eric Steinour. Steinour then capitalized on the turnover, assisting Cerutti on the first of his two goals.

The White team, which trailed 4-0 after the first period, finally found its way onto the scoreboard with a goal coming from junior forward Paul Daley. Daley received additional help later from teammate Tim O'Brien, as the senior forward scored back-to-back goals to cut the deficit to one.

Sophomore forward Joseph Zitarella ended any chances of a comeback, scoring an empty-net goal to lock up the victory for the Blue team.

The scrimmage featured one 25-minute period and a second 20-minute period.

Overall, coach Scott Balboni thought his team started to pick up its play after the intermission break.

"I thought the beginning we were very sloppy," Balboni said.

"It got better from a hockey standpoint as the game went on. I saw some good and some bad, and we will address those things in practice this week."

Some of the miscues Balboni said his team would fix were working on defensive zone lapses and finding a way to not make common mistakes repeatedly.

Cerutti was happy with his teammates' performance and thought the team developed good chemistry on the ice.

"It was good getting back into it," Cerutti said. "We kept it fundamentally sound and our lines have been working together. Overall, the pace was good and as we go on we will address our problems and get better as a team."

The Icers will use this week to help prepare for the season opener at 8:50 Friday night at Pittsburgh.

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Lions upset following Michigan home loss

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On Friday evening, in the waning minutes of the game against Indiana, Kelsey Amy threw a hard shoulder into Hoosier midfielder Kristy McFadden at the end of a physical contest.

But on Sunday afternoon against Michigan, there were no shoulders thrown and very few moments that came close to the energy of Friday's game.

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Ayla Halus
Penn State goalie

after the loss to Michigan.

Sophomore forward Kelsey Amy said if the team isn't where it should be as far as desire to play, it's up to each player to change that for themselves and everyone else on the field.

The team didn't do that Sunday.

"I think it's self-accountability," said Amy, visibly upset from the loss. "You need to make sure you're ready and if you see somebody lagging behind you need to say, 'Lets go, pick it up.'"

And when it comes to what the team needs to improve on this week leading up to Saturday's matchup with Iowa, goalkeeper Ayla Halus said it's more than just better corner execution, smarter passes and better positioning. The team needs to be better prepared for games.

Halus said the preparation starts in practice and continues from there. If the team has a high intensity level everyday in practice, it will naturally translate into the games.

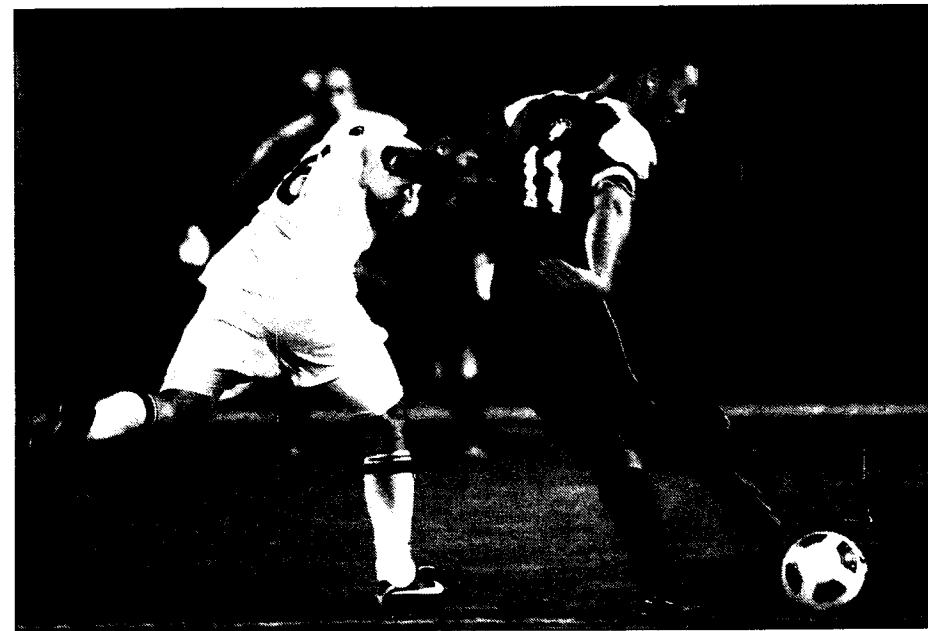
"All I know is that intensity isn't something that just comes," Halus said. "It's something that you have to constantly practice, both on the field at the game and in practice. Maybe that's what we need to do."

And if the Lions have hopes of winning the Big Ten, Halus said Penn State is going to need to make sure games look more like Friday's contest against Indiana and less like the game against Michigan.

"I know we have the intensity before warm-ups and everything like that," Halus said. "We just need to transition that right back onto the field. I think we had the intensity at the beginning of the game and I don't know where it went, I don't know how it was lost."

All of the smiles and laughs that were evident on the sideline after the win over Indiana turned to anger and silence

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Indiana's Will Bruin (right) scores the game winning goal for the Hoosiers on Friday.

Frustration boils over in loss

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"We need to get better"

Andres Casais
senior co-captain

As he walked off Jeffrey Field Friday night, his back turned to the pitch and his head down in disappointment, senior Andres Casais was unaware of the scene unfolding behind him.

The Penn State men's soccer team's co-captain turned to see a pushing and shoving match a few yards from the Indiana goal.

MEN'S SOCCER

What started as a small scuffle between a few players quickly escalated into both benches clearing onto the field.

"I tried to go in as a captain and tried to separate things and hope that nothing happened," Casais said.

"There was a lot of tension in the game, a lot of frustration. So it's understandable for us."

The fight was subdued and controlled within a matter of seconds and was ultimately just an overflow of emotion from frustrated Nittany Lion players, who fell 3-2.

Just moments before the final whistle blew and the skirmish began, Indiana's Will Bruin finished a run past the Penn State back line and scored the game-winning goal with only 11 seconds left.

Bruin, the Hoosiers' most dangerous scoring threat with a team-high six goals this season, was held to just four shots in the game.

The team did a great job of containing Bruin all game, often double-teaming the junior, senior midfielder Drew Cost said.

That made giving the game-winner to Bruin even tougher to handle.

"We kind of had two guys following him all over the field and it worked," Cost said. "But he just got across us with 11

seconds left which is just too bad." Adding to the Lions' heartbreak was knowing how close they'd come to enjoying the Hoosiers' feeling of jubilation just seconds before.

In the 89th minute, junior Corey Hertzog ran onto a through ball from teammate Mackenzie Arment, and sent a shot past Indiana keeper Luis Soffner.

As the Lions began to celebrate, the linesman raised his flag, calling Hertzog offside and taking away the goal.

Though it was a controversial and game-changing call, the officials made the call they believed was correct, Penn State coach Bob Warming said. Regardless of the call, Indiana responded after the offside, while the Lions did not.

"There's a lot of emotion going there and I just told our guys that it's not gonna be an excuse," the coach said. "Even if Corey was offside, it won't be an excuse. We lost the game and we can't give up a goal like that."

Friday's loss has left Penn State with a sour taste in its mouth, Casais said. But instead of sulking, the team is determined to improve.

Already looking ahead to their next chance at another shot at the Hoosiers, the Lions will be hungry for the win they know they could've had.

"We need to get better," Casais said. "We'll get them back when they come here hopefully in the Big Ten tournament and we'll win it."

"That's the emotion right now. We want revenge."

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