

Women's golf continues success on the links

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The Penn State women's golf team continued a string of recent success with a fifth-place finish in the Starmount Fall Classic following strong play from several players. The tournament, hosted by UNC-Greensboro, fielded fifteen teams from across the country, however

the Lions' golfers made sure Penn State was well represented with two players in the top five, and five players in the top 30. Freshman Ellen Ceresko, competing in the individual spot, led all Penn State golfers with her 3-over par score of 147, good for fifth in the tournament. "Ellen was in her first tourney on the road, she took the individual spot and did fantastic. We are very proud of Ellen," coach Denise St. Pierre said. Sophomore Emily Ransone

was right up there with Ceresko, also tying for fifth in the field. The two tied for the best scores for the Lions and will look to build off their high finishes this weekend at their next tournament. Sophomore Hanule Seo also played well throughout the tournament, finishing 19th overall with a score of 7-over par. The biggest push for the team, however, may have been made by Gia Fanelli. The senior struggled to an 82 (10-over) on Sunday but roared back by shooting a 1-

under par 71 on Tuesday. Coach St. Pierre mentioned Fanelli had been feeling a little under the weather on Sunday, adding that an extra day of rest due to rain did wonders for the senior. This hot streak propelled her from a tie for 61st place to a spot at 26th with a 8-over score for the tournament. The final Penn State player in the top 30 was senior Giulia Carando, who shot a 76 (4-over) on Tuesday and a 152 (10-over) for the tournament.

The team as a whole shot well en route to a 28 over par total of 604, nine shots behind tournament winner East Carolina University. The Tuesday total of 296 tied for the fifth best single-round score in school history. Fanelli also set a career best, with a 71, surpassing the 72 she carded in the 2008 Bucknell Invitational. The Lions play host at the annual Nittany Lion Invitational this weekend, which will be held at the University's Blue Course.

Woods prepares self for Ryder Cup Challenge

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NEWPORT, Wales — The Ryder Cup is getting personal for Tiger Woods. Interrupting an otherwise dull press conference Tuesday, Woods fired back at a comment Rory McIlroy made six weeks ago that "I would love to face" the world's No. 1 player in the Ryder Cup unless his game rapidly improved. Asked for a reaction, Woods leaned into the microphone and said only, "Me, too." The quote from McIlroy — the closest thing to bulletin board material at Celtic Manor — came

the week after Woods' golf reached a low point in a dismal season. He had the highest score of his career and beat only one player in the 80-man field at Firestone. McIlroy was not worried that he had given Woods or the U.S. team any more motivation. "I'm fine. I'm all right," said the 21-year-old from Northern Ireland. "You've got to realize, I said those things the week after he had just shot 18 over at Akron, so he wasn't playing too well at the time." Woods was aware of the comment before arriving in Wales. He mentioned the quote two weeks ago at Cog Hill while talking about Stephen Ames, whom Woods had beaten 9 and 8 in the

Match Play Championship after Ames was quoted making fun of Woods' accuracy. "At least Rory said, 'Unless my game improves,'" Woods said in Chicago. There also were stories circulating at Cog Hill that Woods had said to McIlroy upon passing him, "Careful what you wish for." McIlroy, however, denied that ever happened. The singles matches on Sunday, which decide the Ryder Cup, are a long way off. And because it's a blind draw, there is no guarantee Woods and McIlroy would play each other. Singles rarely has been a top problem for Woods or the other top American players. Woods, Phil Mickelson and Jim Furyk — the

core of the U.S. team since 1997 — collectively have won 125 times on the PGA Tour, including 19 majors. That hasn't carried over into the Ryder Cup. In singles, they are 10-6-2, with Woods and Furyk losing only once. In fourballs and foursomes matches, with different partners in the 18 Ryder Cups they have played, that trio is 18-34-9. Maybe that explains why they all have losing records, and have played on losing teams." Furyk said. "But I guess we've got an opportunity to get closer back to square. Instead of looking at the past, I think right now you look ahead."

"You look ahead to Friday, Saturday, Sunday and not worry about what's happened. The bad news is the last 20 years, we haven't won very often. Right now ... try to figure out how we're going to take the cup back home with us." Competitor Tiger Woods got through his least favorite part of the week — his press conference — putting little thought into any of his answers, except when he listened to one British reporter refer to him as an ordinary golfer. Woods thought he recognized the reporter as one from the British Open who had harshly asked the game. "I hope you're having a good week," Woods replied.

Captains

From Page 8. them know what they need to work on. It's the little things." From the midfield, Shankoff will be the team's most vocal leader. In just a couple weeks of fall practice, Tambroni has already noticed how important Shankoff's contributions will be to the team. "As a player he works tremendously hard, as they all do, but he's certainly that guy that will give us vocal presence on and off the field," the coach said. "He's constantly encouraging our guys when they

need to be picked up or when things aren't going all that well." As the Lions' most dangerous offensive weapon, having led the team with 36 goals and 44 points in 2010, Mackrides will lead by example. Not the loudest guy on the team, the junior attackman lets his work ethic and performance on the field speak for themselves. "He plays and competes and practices and works out as hard as he can, to the best of his ability, every single time he straps on his helmet or wears something that says 'Penn State,'" Tambroni said. "He is definitely a worker." Though it's early in the fall season, the

team is already thinking big for its expectations this year. But first, the team is looking to come together behind the leadership of its captains and be ready when the spring rolls around. "Of course the goal for every college kid, every college athlete is to win that national

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championship," Mackrides said. "And that's always in the back of our minds. But right now our goal is to just come together as a team and be ready for any challenge that's thrown towards our way." To e-mail reporter: mas5860@psu.edu

Matt Mackrides
junior captain

Men's Soccer

From Page 8. not gonna take any of our opponents lightly. So we're just gonna go into it like we would a Big Ten game." Since 1993, the Lions are 8-0 against the Red Flash, including a 5-0 decision last season. Though the record is lopsided in Penn State's favor, the Lions know Saint Francis will be hoping for an upset and to make the in-state rivalry a little more interesting. Knowing how badly smaller schools like Saint Francis want to topple a big school like Penn State has only fueled the team to be

more prepared. "We're gonna get everyone's best game this year," sophomore defender Brian Fergie said. "We know that, and that's just gonna make us work that much harder. We have to be sharp on everything we do." Having fought last Friday in a hard-fought loss to Indiana, the Lions haven't had much time in practice this week to prepare for the Red Flash. But the team isn't worrying too much about Saint Francis' game plan, Fergie said. Instead, the Lions are focusing on what they can do to improve their own game. Following the loss to the Hoosiers on Sep. 24, the Lions were hungry to get back on the field and get back to work. As the Lions head into tonight's

game, the loss is still on their minds, senior Andy Parr said. "Everybody's anxious to get back onto the field and to redeem ourselves from Friday night," Parr said. "We still kind of have a bad taste in our mouth from that loss against Indiana." Following its first loss of the season to Bucknell on Sept. 10, Penn State responded with a 4-3 victory on Sept. 12 against Binghamton, another small school like Saint Francis. Like the Bearcats, the Red Flash will be beating up tonight, but the Lions are ready for anything. "Obviously they're pumped going into this one," Lee said. "But we are, as well." To e-mail reporter: mas5860@psu.edu

Longo

From Page 8. brings that intensity and it's like, 'Wow.' You know she wants to win all the time." Longo, a Littleton, Colo. native, said her teammates have helped her with her transition. "I think that there's a lot to learn when you get to the college level and the speed's a little faster so that's one of the big adjustments," said Longo, who was one of only two freshmen who attended summer session to work out with the team. "But I mean, when you have a team around you that wants to help as much as these girls do, they make it pretty easy on you." The only match Longo has not

played in this year was Sunday's sweep at Wisconsin. Rose said Longo struggled during Penn State fell on the road against Illinois Friday night which led to her not playing against the Badgers. Carpenter said the fact Longo did not play Sunday should motivate the freshman to work even harder in practice this week to ensure she sees time on the court. "You've got to put in the same amount in practice whether you're playing or not," Longo said. "And I think that it motivates everyone to work a little harder and make sure you're doing everything you can to make sure you get another opportunity." To e-mail reporter: jyk5142@psu.edu

Bolden

From Page 8. defensive line and most notably defensive end Adrian Clayborn, Bolden will once again be tested early and often. But Paterno doesn't think his freshman quarterback is ill prepared for the task. "How long do you have?" Paterno said when asked about Bolden's temperament and abilities. "He's a smart kid. He studies the game, and in his own quiet way, he's a strong leader. I think all the things that you're looking for in a quarterback, except he's gotta get some more experience."

Opportunities to play conference opponents on the road will give Bolden a chance to experience aspects of the game that can only be felt when playing on the road. Dealing with crowd noise while having just about the entire crowd root against him and the Lions will all be part of the road experience. "They're one of our rivals, they're not gonna be friendly, they're gonna try and get in our heads and all that stuff," wide receiver Brett Brackett said. "It's gonna be a great environment for college football." Brackett said in order to have success in Iowa, Bolden and the rest of the offense need to do two things they didn't do well during

the Alabama game: Score in the redzone, and limit the number of turnovers. However, the rivalry between the conference foes makes the game environment different than the nonconference road trip to Alabama, defensive tackle Ollie Ogbu said. Ogbu called the fans in Tuscaloosa "a little nicer" than Iowa's, something he said will become obvious to the entire team Saturday night. "This is the 2011 Iowa team," Paterno said. "Not the 2010 or 2009, it's the 2011 Iowa team and they're the team we've gotta play and the team we've gotta try to beat." To e-mail reporter: aas5220@psu.edu

Paterno

From Page 8. too harsh on Okoli Saturday, Paterno said. "What I think is good, you guys on Sunday may say he missed a block," Paterno said. "Yeah, he's gonna miss a block. You guys every once in awhile oughta check your grammar. Every time you're in a while there's a couple things in there I say, 'Did this guy ever take English?'" But given the redshirt junior's hard work, the difficult task of moving from defensive tackle to offense in the offseason, Paterno said Okoli earned his new spot

on the offensive line. "I thought we were gonna need some help offensively, on the line, especially with some inexperienced kids," Paterno said of Okoli's position switch. "So I think it made sense, and as it turned out, thank goodness he's there." Notes Paterno said it's possible backup quarterback Kevin Newsome might see some time based on how the game goes, but whether or not that was a smokescreen remains to be seen. To e-mail reporter: ajc5238@psu.edu

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