



Midfielder Christine Nairn (left) pushes the ball vs. Dartmouth.

## Soccer rivals putting last season in rear view mirror

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If there's one team Ali Schaefer wants to beat, it's this one.

Maybe it's because of the red card her teammate received in last year's match. Maybe it's because the year before it packed it in once it got a lead. Or maybe it's just because it's Ohio State.

With the Lions traveling to Columbus to face the hated — yet respected — Buckeyes at 3 p.m. Sunday, both teams have made it a point to say there is no bad blood or carried over angst.

However, that still doesn't change how much Penn State wants to beat its rivals.

"With every team in the Big Ten there is so much rivalry," Schaefer said, "but Ohio State is one of those main dogs that you just don't feel good, but rather glad when you beat them."

Last year's showdown against the Buckeyes featured four bookings, including a red card to the now graduated Tara Davies for shoving an Ohio State player in the back.

And though that game was intense on both sides, each head coach said they aren't focused on the past and are only looking for some good soccer from both schools.

"From a perspective of who is the team Ohio State respects the most in conference, it's Penn State," Buckeyes coach Lori Walker said. "I would think that feeling is mutual. For us, it's always a clean slate. It's always a new season and a new game."

Walker added she is excited to see what Penn State has to bring

to their house this season. Knowing the team always brings its 'A' game, she said the rivalry typically ends up being a 'funny matchup,' as anything can occur.

In Penn State's upset victory last year, Walker ended the game with four attackers and four midfielders in hopes of tying the game. Compared to the year before, she recalls ending that game with six on the backline and four midfielders as the team held on to its lead.

This year, she expects yet another classic Buckeye-Nittany Lion clash.

"I always feel with the Ohio State-Penn State match, it's not the physical match that makes the difference, it's the soccer," Walker said. "We always feel that Penn State is going to show up and play their best soccer. And certainly that's our responsibility to do the same."

As for Penn State coach Erica Walsh, she knows what to expect from Ohio State, too — a team that is big, strong and confident.

The Buckeyes come into the game with a 7-2-1 record and a 2-0 victory against Michigan in their Big Ten opener. Penn State, meanwhile, is fresh off a pivotal, hard fought win against Michigan State and is looking to carry over the momentum to Columbus.

"This is going to be a battle," Walsh said. "What we saw this past weekend is going to shy in comparison to how physical this game is going to be. They are strong. They are going to push you down, and we have to be ready to compete physically."

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## Icers prepare for Pittsburgh

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As the Penn State Icers roll into Pittsburgh this weekend for their first two regular season games, coach Scott Balboni wants his players to show him one thing — to demonstrate their understanding of his system.

In preparation for the Panthers (1-1), Balboni said the Icers have focused on playing their own game in practice and are worrying less about what Pittsburgh brings to the table.

He said if they achieve that, they will return to State College with a sweep in the opening series.

"I'm looking for us to start working on our system as a whole, for us to start putting what we've been working on practice into play and that we come out with a good, hard effort each night," Balboni said.

Balboni said he will look for defensemen who played a minimal role during last season to

step up and help fill the vacancy left by now graduated defensive players Steve Thurston and John Conte.

As for the forwards, he said the Icers have a veteran group he expects to play mistake-free hockey.

"I expect [the forwards] to pick up right where they left off from last year," Balboni said.

One of those forwards, junior assistant captain Paul Daley, hopes the team will get off on the right foot.

"I just want to see us play a good all-around game," Daley said.

"Hopefully we'll score a bunch of goals and play solid defensively, and I expect our goaltenders to play solid."

The Icers have defeated the Panthers eight consecutive times, outscoring them 71-11 in the process. Sophomore forward and assistant captain Eric Steinour expects the Icers to show a little rust, but said it's good to work out the kinks earlier rather than later in order to be ready for top contending teams down the road this season.

For some players, heading to

Pittsburgh will be a homecoming. Senior forward and assistant captain Tim O'Brien, a Bethel Park native, said it's always great to return to the place where he grew up.

"It's good to go back home and watch the university you followed as a kid," O'Brien said.

"It's always been a big rivalry with Pitt and Penn State for as many years as I can remember, so it's always fun playing Pitt."

Balboni agreed the rivalry between the schools will definitely play a factor into the game.

"I think we'll fall into that Pitt-Penn State rivalry right off the bat so they won't like us as soon as we walk in the door," Balboni said. "I expect them to be tough, physical games."

Overall, captain forward Marek Polidor said the main thing the Icers want to focus on this weekend is playing system-based hockey, their forecheck and their defensive zone coverage.

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## Women's golf looks to continue home success

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After three straight games on the road the members of the Penn State women's golf team are relieved to finally be able to sleep in their own beds this weekend.

With the third annual Nittany Lion Invitational starting with a 36-hole competition teeing off at 8:30

Saturday morning on the university's Blue Course, the team is preparing to welcome 16 other schools. Of the 16 other teams, coach Denise St. Pierre said the College of Charleston and Rollins College will be Penn State's biggest competition in the tournament, which will conclude with its final round at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Despite the team finishing in second place in the 2008-09 and 2009-10 invitational, senior Gia Fanelli is confident Penn State will come out on top this year.

"I have full confidence that we're going to win," Fanelli said. "It's our home course so we've played it more than [the other teams] have and we all feel comfortable out here and we want to win."

This will be Fanelli's fourth competition this year. Currently her best performance was at the Cincinnati Classic, where she shot her best three-round score of the year of 223.

Though this is her first year competing in the invitational, freshman Ellen Ceresko echoes Fanelli's assurance.

"[There's less] pressure just because I'm playing home and I know the course," Ceresko said. "But you also have that expectation of doing well since you're on

"I have full confidence that we're going to win."

Gia Fanelli  
senior

your own course and you should play well."

Ceresko will get the chance to add to her short list of accomplishments, a list that includes the team-best two-day score of 147 (2-over par) in the Starmount Fall Classic this past week.

Though the starting players were not released as of press time, St. Pierre said all of her golfers will get a chance to hit the course this weekend. "Every player on my team that's capable, healthy and not injured will play in the tournament," St. Pierre said.

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