

# Fast starts hold for Lions over weekend

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In two games this weekend, the Nittany Lion field hockey team put up more goals than they had in the last four games combined.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Winning 5-3 on Saturday against Iowa and 7-2 Sunday, the Lions controlled the pace of each game as their offensive success came early and often.

During Sunday's game against Monmouth (8-2), Penn State took control early and never looked back. Forward Kelsey Amy scored consecutive goals within three minutes of the clock starting and finished with four on the day.

The Lions put in two more before the Hawks responded with a goal of their own.

Saturday the Lions had similar success against the Hawkeyes, scoring three unanswered goals in the first half.

"I think it helps tremendously to set the pace of the game," said coach Char Morett.

"I think just Kelsey keeping her

composure in both games to set up some goals for herself was really nice."

After the four unanswered on Sunday, the Lions coasted to a victory, but Saturday's game had a different feel.

After taking a 3-0, the Lions allowed Iowa to creep back in the game in the late minutes as lethargic play in the circle gave the Hawkeyes penalty corner opportunities, which accounted for all three goals.

Hannah Allison, who had two goals of her own Saturday, said the team can't let up on any team — especially in conference play.

"It's a huge mental game," Allison said. "I think because we were up by three going into the second half we kinda sat down on the lead."

Captain Daneen Zug echoed Allison's remarks of the team's effort in the second half, saying her teammates were out-hustled near the end.

"I think Iowa came out harder in the second half," Zug said. "I think we were all thinking we need to come out the same way but it just didn't happen."

Luckily for the Lions, the fast starts kept them out of trouble at the end of the game and the lesson they learned carried over to Sunday's contest.

Morett said the focus of their halftime talk on Sunday was to stick to fundamentals and make sure the team stayed focused on playing well.

The extra effort Sunday gave some time for the starters to catch a breather and watch their teammates get some field time.

"I don't know which way the emotions are going to go," Morett said.

"But today I thought they did a really nice job, it was great to get the kids who work hard all week some playing time."

Amy said Sunday's intensity was there the whole time and they were successful because it was a total team effort.

"We focused the past two days on coming out strong in the second half," Amy said. "Yesterday we fell back a little bit so we tried to change that today and I think we did."



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To e-mail reporter: zsf5003@psu.edu Hannah Allison (6) scores for Penn State against Iowa on Saturday

# Women's golf wins Nittany Lion Invitational event

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Surrounded by two pumpkins painted with the Nittany Lion symbol as tee markers, Penn State women's golfer Ellen Ceresko settled in to tee off on the first hole on Penn State's Blue Course Saturday afternoon.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Everything went quiet as Ceresko took her stance and looked down at the ball.

With a loud wack, the ball flew through the air and was lost in the cloudless sky before dropping down in the fairway.

Ceresko picked up her golf clubs, slung her Penn State bag over her shoulder and trudged across the green, a routine that became all too familiar throughout the weekend as Penn State went onto place first in the Nittany Lion Women's Invitational.

Sunday was the 19th time Penn State has won the invitational in

its 35-year history, the first being played in 1974.

The tournament began 8:30 a.m. Saturday with two rounds of 18-holes, followed by a 9 a.m. start Sunday for the final round.

Penn State finished with a three-round total score of 901 (37-over par) to break away from Western Michigan which was tied for first after Saturday's rounds.

Western Michigan, William & Mary and Rollins — which won the tournament last year — were the Nittany Lions' biggest competition, coach Denise St. Pierre said.

Rollins' Fabia Rothenfluh won the tournament, posting a 2-over-par 218 (73-73-72).

Penn State welcomed 16 other universities to Happy Valley including Harvard and Yale.

Before the invitational began, the Lions gathered together to go over the day's game plan and talk with St. Pierre.

"We talked about how well things have been going up to this point," St. Pierre said. "We talked

"I have a very high competitive level in me and college golf is exactly what I need to show that competitive level that I have."

Ellen Ceresko  
freshman golfer

about the things we've learned up to this point. We talked about how proud I am of them being my team."

Sophomore Emily Ransone came away with the team-best total score of 219 (72-76-71), her best three-round score this year.

Sophomore Hanule Seo and Ceresko tied for 16th place, both shooting 229 on the weekend.

"I have a very high competitive level in me," Ceresko said. "And college golf is exactly what I need to show that competitive level that I have."

This was Ceresko's first time competing as a starter for Penn State in a tournament after an impressive performance at the

Starmount Fall Classic Sept. 28 where she finished tied for fifth with a two-round total score of 147 (2-over par).

Senior Giulia Carando came in one putt behind Seo and Ceresko, finishing with a 230 (73-78-79) to put her in a tie for 21st.

Senior Gia Fanelli rounded out the starters, finishing with a total of 234 (76-82-76) and tying for 35th place.

All of the Lions played in at least one round of the tournament.

The team travels to Chicago for the Lady Northern tournament, which begins Monday Oct. 11.

This is the Nittany Lion's final competition of the fall season.

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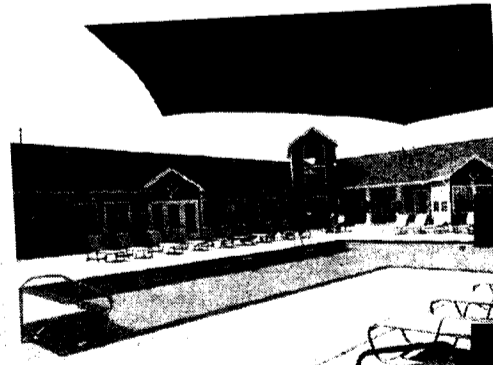
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