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Garry Gilliam (89) fights off tacklers vs. Temple.



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Curtis Drake looks downfield vs. Indiana last season.

## JoePa: Illini not must win

### Injured players to return to field soon

By Andrew J. Cassavell  
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A pair of lopsided, 21-point road losses have most of Penn State country anxiously asking just how good its football team really is this season.

#### FOOTBALL

Fans, media and players alike are now pointing to this Saturday's homecoming game against Illinois (2-2, 0-1 Big Ten) as an accurate barometer.

Joe Paterno isn't so sure. He noted the game's significance — a pair of 0-1 Big Ten teams looking for a first conference win, but he said it isn't by any means do-or-die.

"Obviously we're in a situation where we need to go out and play well," Paterno said.

"Winning is very, very high on our priorities, but I don't think it's a must game in the sense that we

either win it or else. It's not that." During his teleconference Tuesday, Illini coach Ron Zook took the opposite stance, saying both squads are in a must-win situation this weekend after each losing to a conference favorite last week.

Paterno countered that notion by pointing to the importance of improvement regardless of the result. Most of the questions following a 24-3 loss to Iowa were about just how much the team had actually progressed following a loss by the same score as the Alabama game in Week 2.

"We're still in the developing stage," Paterno said. "I still think we've still got a ways to go to be the kind of football team I think eventually we're gonna become."

He said he plans to make sure his players don't feel the pressure of a must-win game this week. Instead, he is simply looking to see

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## Team struggling at Jeffrey

By Andrew Robinson  
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Last year, Jeffrey Field was a fortress in the regular season.

Every team that came to State College to play the Penn State men's soccer team left without a win and none scored more than one goal.

This year, there are a few cracks in the armor. The Nittany Lions are only 2-2 at home and their two wins have been wild 4-3 affairs against teams they were expected to

easily put away.

"It's pretty inexplicable. We have no idea why," senior co-captain Drew Cost said. "We're not as organized, we're giving some free kick goals and we've had a couple 4-3's at home and a 3-2. I don't know why, we just gotta get better at home."

Under new head coach Bob Warming, the Lions have put a major emphasis on turning around their road record. That has been a success so far, with the team currently owning a 4-1 record away from Jeffrey Field.

But the Lions dropped their home opener, 2-1, to Bucknell

on Sept. 10 after dominating the game but giving up two goals on set pieces. The next game, a 4-3 win over Binghamton took a top-class goal from Corey Hertzog to get the result.

"We're getting our opportunities and the forwards, we should be finishing up more," Hertzog said. "We're getting

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#### If you go

Men's soccer vs. Villanova  
When: 7 p.m.  
Where: Jeffrey Field



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Cost (8) fights off a Villanova player in April.

## Frosh to fill void at TE

By Audrey Snyder  
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It wasn't until the second half of the Iowa game that Gene Haplea realized his son's freshman year just got a lot more interesting.

With the television not focusing too much on the injury tight end Garry Gilliam suffered during the second quarter, Gene said he wasn't sure why his son, Kevin kept getting so much playing time.

Much to Gene and his wife Melissa's surprise, they kept seeing their son run on the field, and for the time being, it will stay that way. Gilliam will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL, thrusting Haplea into the starting role. With Andrew Szczerba still recovering from a lingering back injury, Haplea, who arrived on campus in January, is the go-to-guy.

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## Freshman trio from Colorado share bond

By Emily Kaplan  
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There are certain things Colorado native Erica Denney had trouble adjusting to when she first came to Penn State.

Not many of her peers understood when she slipped West Coast slang into casual conversation. She missed talking about the mountains and valleys from home. And she didn't get what the big deal about Wegman's was.

But for Denney, any regional discrepancies don't seem to matter when she's with her team-

mates on the No. 4 Penn State women's volleyball team.

Right there with her, also making the nearly 2,000-mile journey, are two fellow Centennial State girls who live in an 18-mile radius.

Denney is one of three freshmen — along with Ali Longo and Mikinzie Moydell — on the No. 4 Nittany Lions' roster who hail from Colorado. And though the trio didn't always plan on ending up in State College, they say they've relied on each other to



Longo

ease the transition both to collegiate volleyball and being far away from home.

"At the beginning of the recruiting process, I didn't really want to go East Coast," Denney said. "I mean I went to New York when I was like five, but that's about it. I didn't feel comfortable being that far. But having Ali and Mikinzie here is nice. It's like a home connection and I don't feel as homesick."

Denney knew Moydell before college — pretty well, actually.



Denney

The two met when they were 14 and played on the same club team throughout high school.

Jim Miret, who coached both girls for Front Range Volleyball, said the duo always had a special connection.

"Chemistry between a setter and middle is extremely important in our sport, and those two had great chemistry," Miret said. "When [they're at] Penn State, I'd imagine they build on that, which is great for coach [Russ] See COLORADO, Page 12.



Moydell



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Clay Steadman (left) takes on a teammate during practice last spring.

## Wrestlers not focusing on hype

By Ryan Loy and Sean O'Connor  
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As Cael Sanderson addressed the Penn State wrestling team Tuesday prior to practice at the Lorenzo Wrestling Complex, an abundance of underclassmen stared back at him.

Despite a roster comprised of 20 true or redshirt freshmen, the Nittany Lions enter the 2010-11

season with high expectations — both within the program and from outsiders, with a No. 6 ranking by Open Mat's preseason rankings.

Incoming freshman twins, Andrew and Dylan Alton, along with Sam Sherlock highlight Sanderson's second recruiting class, which was ranked No. 2 by InterMat. They'll be joining an already talented youthful lineup.

The Lions will be relying heavily on several grapplers who will don the blue and white singlet this

year after watching teammates compete in dual meets last season.

Redshirt freshmen David Taylor and Ed Ruth, along with sophomore Quentin Wright, enter the season ranked highly in their respective weight classes after redshirting last year.

However, the young wrestlers aren't reading much into the hype.

"You don't wrestle rankings," Wright said. "You have to be ready See WRESTLING, Page 12.

## THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

#### MLB

Philadelphia vs. Cincinnati  
5:07 p.m., TBS  
New York Yankees at Minnesota  
8:37 p.m., TBS

#### TRIVIA

Q: When did Derek Lowe last start a playoff game?  
Monday's answer: 1993 in England.

#### Goalie happy after transfer

Halfway through last year, Micah Collins realized Villanova just wasn't the right fit for him.

After all, his mother, father and sister had all attended Penn State and he didn't see eye-to-eye with his coach. Now in State College as a reserve goalkeeper on the Penn State men's soccer team, Collins couldn't be happier.

"I can't complain about everything. I love everything," Collins said. "My dad played soccer here and my mom played basketball here, plus my sister..."

To read the rest of Andrew Robinson's story, check out psucollegian.com.

#### Offense putting in work

The sky above the practice field covered the pitch in a shade of gray as midfielder Drew Cost sent a deep crossing pass to the far corner of the field for sophomore John Gallagher.

A handful of Nittany Lions crashed the net, waiting for Gallagher to send a hopeful pass into the box.

Gallagher's cross found the foot of freshman forward Jordan Tyler, who corralled the ball and buried a shot into the back left corner of the net without hesitation.

Instead of celebrating with a choreographed dance or a dog pile near the corner flag, the Lions simply lined up, and prepared to do it again.

To read the rest of Mike Still's story, check out psucollegian.com.

#### FOR THOUGHTS

#### MLB playoffs finally arrive

It all started Sunday night, April 4, 185 long days ago. The Red Sox beat the defending champion Yankees 9-7 on ESPN to kick off the 2010 MLB season.

Oh how long ago it seems. It's now October 6, and officially time to begin the interview process for this year's champion.

Which team has the perfect combination of momentum, talent and durability?

After having seen every team's credentials on display throughout the spring and summer, it's now time to kick back and watch the best eight battle it out.

It all starts today at 1:37 p.m. on TBS.