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Icers rout Dragons

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The Greenberg Ice Pavilion was at near capacity, with the fans eagerly waiting to see the Penn State Icers take home their home debut.

ICERS

The contest against the Drexel Dragons marked the first time the Icers' fans would see their team compete after the athletic department announced a move to NCAA

Division I hockey in 2012-13.

With Penn State President Graham Spanier in attendance, the Icers (3-0) easily defeated the Dragons, 11-0, Friday night — thanks to goals from eight different players.

Senior forward Tim O'Brien, the team's leader in goals the past two seasons, was held scoreless this

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season until breaking out against the Dragons. O'Brien notched two goals just 26 seconds apart in the first period to help power the Icers over the Dragons (0-4).

The Icers got off to a fast start scoring five goals in the first period. O'Brien felt his teammates needed to come out focused if they were going to be successful.

"We were really hyped up to come out and play in front of the home crowd," O'Brien said. "We prepared all week on some of the



Tyler Sizemore/Colegian

Icers players celebrate a goal.

Arena plans begin

By Anthony Barton
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As the Penn State Icers played their home opener against Drexel Friday night, some special guests were in attendance.

Penn State President Graham Spanier, Associate Athletic Director for Ice Arena Operations Joe Battista, and Terry and Kim Pegula — whose \$88 million dollar donation made the future ice arena construction possible — were all in attendance to show their support.

ICE HOCKEY



While the Spanier Icers' season has gotten off to a strong 3-0 start after an 11-0 rout of Drexel, those guests have been waiting to select the architect of the state-of-the-art arena set to open in Spring 2014.

Battista said the Request For Proposals (RFP) have been sent out to multiple architects and all have responded with their qualifications. He said the possible choices have worked with Penn State in the past, and all have experience with ice arena design.

"We've cast the nets very broadly to begin with," Spanier said.

Spanier said the Board of Trustees Architectural Selection Committee will narrow the choices to 12 before selecting three-to-five finalists to visit State College and make a formal presentation. The committee is made up of Board of Trustees members, an architecture professor, a student and representation from the Office of the Physical Plant (OPP).

Battista said the finalists will be notified by Oct. 18. They will make their presentations in mid-November and then the board will decide.

"They've given us their qualifications. Based on their past work, on their thoughts, and their philosophies, we'll decide which one is the best fit for what we're trying to do," Battista said. "It's exciting, I can tell you."

A few weeks after the decision on the architect, the board will follow the same process again to decide on a construction team. Battista said they hope to break ground in the next 9-12 months, in either late-summer or early-fall 2011.

Once the architect is decided, Battista said they will receive a sheet of programs of features

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Tenacity leads to home win

By Mike Still
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Bob Warming felt the need to make a change.

At halftime, with his team down one goal, the Penn State men's soccer coach made a tactical change in his team's lineup.

MEN'S SOCCER

Almost immediately, the Nittany Lions responded.

"The guys all bought into it on the fly, within five minutes of talking about it," Warming said. "The shape, they got it, they bought into it and what a great job they did in the second half."

The Lions started Sunday's game against No. 18 Michigan State with two forwards, senior Trevor Gelsinger and junior Corey Hertzog, playing up top.

But after a scoreless 45 minutes with few quality opportunities and just four shots on goal, Warming decided to change to a formation with three forwards in the second half, allowing the Lions to put more pressure on the Spartans' outside backs.

It took just more than 20 minutes of second half play for the change to pay off.

In the 65th minute, the senior

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Katie Silvas/Colegian

Members of the Penn State men's soccer team celebrate during the team's win Sunday at Jeffrey Field.

Lions down Spartans

By Andrew Robinson
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If his soccer-playing career ever falters, Corey Hertzog is a promising future in scripting drama.

The junior striker on the Penn State men's soccer team scored his team-leading 11th goal with 5:39 remaining in the match to lift the

Nittany Lions (8-3-0, 1-2-0 Big Ten) past No. 18 Michigan State (8-3-0, 1-2-0 Big Ten), 2-1, Sunday afternoon at Jeffrey Field.

Like he did against Binghamton, Hertzog missed a golden opportunity late in the second half, then atoned for his

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mistake a few minutes later. After putting his team up, Hertzog performed a "Jeffrey Jump" into the "Hertzog's Hooligans" student section his friends have started.

"It's frustrating when your team counts on you to score goals and you keep missing them and missing them," Hertzog said. "You just have to keep your head up and put them in the back of the net. [My teammates] were a

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Katie Silvas/Colegian

Matheus Braga kicks the ball.

Team nets upset

By Joe McIntyre
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Coach Char Morett preached all week about never letting up.

It's about playing two full halves instead of taking one period off, instead of picking and choosing when to increase the intensity, she said.

Playing a complete game was something the No. 16 Penn State field hockey team did very well on Friday in a 4-1 upset at No. 7

FIELD HOCKEY

Michigan State.

The Nittany Lions (9-3, 3-1 Big Ten) wanted to come out with a high level of intensity and keep up that level of play for the entire game, and Morett said the Lions did exactly that.

"The best part was we really showed a great competitive spirit," Morett said. "And I think that

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Amanda August/Colegian

Dani Toney (left) with the ball.

Depth key in shutout

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Nineteen different players trotted out onto the field for the Nittany Lions on Sunday. Each and every one of them played a role in contributing to Penn State's 3-0 road victory over Iowa.

Coming off of a comeback victory against Northwestern on Friday, a tired Lions squad roared into Iowa and took care of a pesky Hawkeye team behind the play of its reserve players.

"Players came off the bench and not only maintained the level, but lifted the level for us," coach Erica Walsh said. "They put a few balls into the back of the net. I thought our depth in today's match was the difference maker."

All three goals scored by the Lions — as well as two assists — came from players coming off the bench.

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THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

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New York (AFC) vs. Minnesota
8:30 p.m., ESPN

TRIVIA

Q: Who won last year's Sprint Cup race at Fontana, Calif.?

Friday's Answer: Randy Moss had three consecutive 1,000 yard receiving seasons coming into this year with the New England Patriots.

QUICK HITS

Pacman questioned by cops

Bengals cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was questioned by police after a traffic incident following a 24-21 loss to Tampa Bay on Sunday, but was released a short time later without a ticket or charges.

Cincinnati police Officer K. Hall said Jones drove over the curb "trying to avoid hitting someone or something" in a downtown street. The streets were crowded with fans leaving the Bengals game and others going to the Reds' evening playoff game against Philadelphia.

Hall said Jones was questioned and released. Jones was out of football last year, the culmination of a long streak of off-field problems.

Serena could be done

Serena Williams might miss the rest of the 2010 season because her injured right foot hasn't healed properly.

"I am likely out for the year now," Williams said Sunday in a posting on her official website.

Williams said she "restrained" her foot by overtraining.

"In order not to make this worse, I have to chill on my physical workouts but I will immediately begin rehabbing as soon as I get the Doc's OK. Keep me in your prayers (I need them)," the posting said.

Williams' agent, Jill Smoller, confirmed the posting was from the 13-time Grand Slam champion and said she will be re-evaluated in the coming days. She has been sidelined since July after cutting her foot on broken glass at a restaurant

OUR THOUGHTS

Smoke makes move

In the fourth race of the NASCAR Chase for the Sprint Cup, Tony Stewart took the checkered flag at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., announcing his presence with authority. The veteran and former Cup champion moved up three spots in the point standings after the win and now trails Jimmie Johnson by only 107 points with six races left in NASCAR's playoffs.

As the scene shifts to Charlotte, Stewart will have to improve on his 15th place finish in the Coca-Cola 600 there in the spring if he hopes to continue gaining ground on four-time defending champ Johnson, who boosted his lead over second place Denny Hamlin from 8 to 36 points Sunday.