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minute delay prior to the start of game. In rather odd circumstances, a handful of the Akron players were left without jerseys after someone broke into the their bus and stole a few jerseys and a pair of cleats.

started right away.

It took only five minutes for junior forward Corey Hertzog to give the Lions the early edge.

Taking a long pass from midfielder Mackenzie Arment, Hertzog ran past the Akron defensive line and buried a shot past oncoming Zips' keeper David Meves.

Hertzog, whose goal put his season total to an NCAA-leading 12, credited the goal to the "Jeffrey's Den", the newly minted student section, which was out in full force in its first ever appearance.

"They were a huge factor in the beginning pumping us up," Hertzog said. "That's why I think we scored in the first five minutes, just because of them pumping us up and getting more hyped for the game. The jubilation of the crowd and the

Nittany Lions alike was unfortunately short-lived, just about one minute to be exact.

Akron's Nagbee ran onto a long pass

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> **Bob Warming** men's soccer coach

inside the Lions' 18-yard box, side But following the delay, the action stepped an oncoming Birmingham, finished a shot into the back left corner of the net, and tied the game at 1-1 in the sixth minute. From then on, the match was a dogfight for both squads.

The Zips kept the pressure on throughout much of the first half, forcing the Lions' defense to stay on its toes and ripping off seven shots.

In the second half, Penn State played the role of the aggressor, earning eight corners to Akron's zero in the second 45 minutes.

Despite the frustration felt coming close to an upset of the No. 1 team in the country, Penn State coach Bob Warming walked off of Jeffrey Field feeling posi-

"I'm pleased with the progress our team is making," Warming said. "I'm pleased with what's happening with our fans. I'm pleased with the confidence our team is gaining right now and there's a lot to look forward to."

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Fortt

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playing in the Big Ten, he did a nice job." With Gerald Hodges out with a broken bone in his foot and Bani Gbadyu suffering a knee injury, there is a chance Fortt could see more time as the season progresses. The Lions are also looking for speed like Fortt's on a defense that has looked slow this season.

Both Gbadyu and Hodges were listed as questionable for Penn State's next game, and Oct. 23 trip to Minnesota. Gbadyu has struggled this season averaging fewer than five stops per game, and while the Lions are high on Hodges, he hasn't played since Week 2.

We started off with Khairi as really just an afterthought earlier in the year,' ator Tom Bradley said.

"Hodges goes down on the kickoff against Alabama, and then Bani goes down. Like a said, if you're a good football team you've gotta overcome those things.

Fortt's rawness was evident Saturday, Jones said, and he noted how he expects reaction time and physicality to increase as Fortt matures. But the freshman linebacker displayed lateral quickness in his first real chance to showcase his skills.

That doesn't mean it'll automatically continue though. Jones said. Jones no longer gives Fortt advice — linebackers coach Ron Vanderlinden is a better teacher than he could ever hope to be. he said — but he texted Jones just to make certain he knew he couldn't afford a let down.

"Just because you did something good this week doesn't mean you're doing it next week," Jones said. "You've got a different player going against you, and the games get tougher and tougher.'

Redshirt sophomore linebacker Mike Mauti had similar advice for a young linebacker who reminds him of where he was two seasons ago. Fortt's potential is through the roof, he said.

"For him, he's just going to get better every week," Mauti said. "The more experience he gets, the better off he's going to be.' But when Mauti saw time in 2008,

recording 26 tackles on the season, it was limited because he was playing behind a pair of NFL-bound lineback-

Fortt cracked the lineup in a different situation — a struggling and wounded defense. The snaps he is receiving only serve to help him develop into the player he can become, Mauti said.

"For him it's just a matter of time," Mauti said. "He's a really talented linebacker. Honestly, it's not every day you got a true freshman in there playing and doing well."

Fortt is far from where he needs to be to compete in the Big Ten, Jones said. But based on his play Saturday, Jones said when he gets to where he needs to be, opposing offenses will have to take

"He needs to hone some things in," Jones said

"But watch out because when he really gets good, he could become a special player.

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Serving

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between just getting the serve over and in play and hitting a ball that is difficult for opponents to handle. And as the difficulty of the serve rises, the margin of error becomes smaller.

"The more challenging it is to take that kind of risk with a serve, then you know that there's obviously more consequences," D'Errico said. "If it's on, it's on and it works. And then sometimes it's not.

To Indiana's benefit, it played the Lions on a night when many of the players' serves were not "on." With a less experienced team still trying to build chemistry on the court, it may not be able to give points away on errors as in the previous two seasons.

need to find consistency in practice, where they often miss a lot of serves.

"You can't expect to go into a game and flip the switch and all of a sudden be a great server." Brown said.

'So, it's something that we need to do

"If they get in a rut, then the rest of the team gets in a rut. It's just a mental thing."

Alyssa D'Errico libero

all the time in practice."

A better serving performance may be needed Friday when No. 19 Minnesota (14-4, 4-2) comes to Happy Valley as the Lions try to avoid a third straight loss.

Though the team struggled serving in its last match, D'Errico said the players have the ability to be a good serving squad. It just comes down to confidence behind the end line.

"There are times when there are people we know have good serves and con-Senior Blair Brown said the Lions sistent serves [struggle]," D'Errico

> "If they get in a rut, then the rest of the team gets in a rut. I think for us, it's just a mental thing right now."

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Lightning top Canadiens

By The Associated Press

MONTREAL - Ryan Malone scored 4:09 into overtime to give the Tampa Bay Lightning a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on

NHL Wednesday night. Malone flipped a loose

puck past Carey Price as Tampa Bay came back twice to win, spoiling Montreal's home opener.

Steven Stamkos scored his third goal in two games on a power play late in the third period to send the game to overtime.

Brett Clark and Martin St. Louis also scored for the Lightning, who have won their first two games of the season. Mike Smith made 24 saves.

Price stopped 43 shots for Montreal, which fell to 1-1-1.

Tomas Plekanec had a goal and an assist for the Canadiens, who blew leads of 2-0 and 3-2. Maxim Lapierre and Andrei Kostitsyn

also scored. Stamkos, who had 51 goals last season to tie Sidney Crosby for the NHL lead, tied it at 3 with 1:19 left in the third.

The 20-year-old center scored his third of the season with Montreal's P.K. Subban in the penalty box. Tampa Bay's Adam Hall

Tampa Bay put a shot off the left post with 49 seconds left in regu-

Montreal

lation. Price had a second effort. straight strong Montreal's uncontested No.

1 goalie after playoff star Jaroslav Halak was dealt to St. Louis, Price turned aside 36 shots in a 3-2 win in Pittsburgh on Saturday.

He had little chance as St. Louis drew Tampa Bay even at 2 with his first goal 10:54 into the third.

After going 0 for 3 on the power play in the first, Tampa Bay connected on the man advantage early in the second.

Henneman

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ε igainst Stanford in the national champio inship last year, Henneman has really gotten c omfortable at her new position.

'[Henneman] could have been named the N IVP, she played so well," Steinberg said a bout her play during the title game. "She is a real impact player and showed that against W lest Chester by scoring three tries.

A game that was considered a statement Henneman said. gi ame amongst the team, Henneman said she w as ready for the challenge leading up to the ga ame.

"We want people to know that whether or not we are varsity, we are a force to be reckor led with," Henneman said. "It felt great to m ake a difference in the outcome of such a co mpetitive match."

Henneman, whose strengths are attacking an d fielding kicks, has given stability in the

back and has proven to be great with the ball in her hands. It has been different for her to tackle opponents in the open field, but Steinberg said it is something she has worked on and did well during the West Chester game.

While she has received praise for her work ethic and effort she has put into practice and in the games, Hennemen said there are still things she can improve on.

My game plan for the rest of the year is to continue to develop as a fullback,'

The Lady Ruggers this fall have already displayed the offensive firepower they are capable of, scoring 65 and 46 points in victories over Michigan and Indiana, respec-

With Henneman playing at a high level, junior Kelly Sager said the team is playing better than ever.

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Hertzog

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He rtzog to put the fans into delirium.

After Treavor Gelsinger made a tackle in the midfield, Mackenzie Arment flipped the bal I over Akron's defense to an in-stride He rtzog. The forward dribbled hard to his rig ht then slid the ball past Zips keeper David

That was the greatest feeling," Hertzog sai d. "The fans from the start were just boosting us up and to get that goal early livened our 'spirits up. We came out real good at the sta rt like we always want."

I 'he striker didn't let up, trying an ambition is effort from 40 yards out a few minutes afte r Akron tried the game. Less than a mir nute later, Hertzog flipped the ball to himself inside the box, turned and rifled a shot that drew a gasp from the crowd but went just : wide.

A .t times, Hertzog was the only player in a whi te jersey on Akron's side of the field but he kep t running and working.

I can't reiterate enough, everyone did an spots." inci redible job, especially [Hertzog]," defender I 3rian Forgue said. "He gave us a lot us of

energy, he gave us a goal early it's unfortunate we couldn't hold onto the lead but that's what we need out of him.'

The striker finished the game with five shots, but his impact went far beyond that. Not only did Hertzog make plenty of runs, he drew fouls and held possession of the ball and played a ball to Daniel Burnham that clanged off the crossbar.

Despite his role as a forward, the junior dropped back on defense as well, including one sequence where he partnered with Matt Smallwood to tie down an Akron attacker in the corner. The striker also blocked a free kick and had another play where he chased down the ball along Akron's back line and forced a defender to kick the ball out of bounds in desperation.

Hertzog's effort against one the best defenses in the country didn't go unnoticed in the eyes of Zips coach Caleb Porter.

"He gave our guys all they could handle," Porter said. "He's a poacher, a lot of it is he believes he's going to score but he's very intelligent off

the ball in his movement and he gets in good

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