## Swimming and diving teams open seasons

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For Amy Modglin, there's nothing like racing in a dual-meet for

Penn State. Both the men's = women's SWIMMING swimming and

diving teams opened their 2010-2011 schedules this past Saturday, traveling to Honorable Modglin West Virginia for dual-meets against the Mountaineers.

After a long summer season, Modglin and the Nittany Lions were happy to be back in the pool donning the blue and white.

'It felt great just to race again and do the cheesy stuff, all the cheers and dressing the same," Modglin said. "I love the atmos-

dual meets, so it was nice to be back in that atmosphere.

In the women's meet, the Lions cruised to a 174-67 victory, with eight individual first-place finish-

Modglin, an

Mention All-American in the 200-backstroke last season, led the way, taking first place in both the 400-IM and 200-backstroke.

The sophomore also teamed up with Merritt Krawczyk, Alex Young and Hailey Campbell to win the 400-medley relay with a time of 3:48.14.

roster this season, the older Lions were happy to see production out of their younger team-

"I was a little bit nervous just because we have a whole new squad and we lost some really good seniors," said sophomore Paige Whitmire, who finished first in the 50-freestyle. "But the freshmen really stepped up and it was a lot of fun to get back to racing and not doing a million prac-

While the women's team coasted to victory, the men's squad came up just short on Saturday, dropping a 125-116 decision to the **Mountaineers** 

final event of the meet, West top three spots in the 400-IM,

Carrying just six seniors on the Virginia finished just over two with junior Scott Marino, senior seconds ahead of the Lions' fastest foursome to seal the win.

Junior Brian Alden turned in Penn State's most impressive performance, finishing first in the both the 100- and 200-

After seeing his team narrowly feels the Lions can only improve from here.

"We showed a lot of room for improvement," Alden said. "We do a lot of stuff wrong, and it sounds like a bad thing, but if you look at it through a positive lens, we have a lot of room to improve.

The Lions finished with five In the 400-freestyle relay, the first-place finishes, and swept the

James Capparell and freshman Chris Cipolla taking first through

third respectively. In the diving pool, freshman Jordan Harris took second in both the 1- and 3-meter events in

his debut for the Lions. With one meet under their miss out on its first victory, Alden belts, both teams are excited to get their respective seasons underway.

"I think we're all working toward a common goal," Modglin

"We have a really talented group of girls and guys, and I just think it shows we have a really bright future ahead of us as a team.

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## Men's volleyball announces roster, captains for 2011

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season scrimmage, the Penn State men's volleyball team announced its captains and

Redshirt junior Edgardo Goas and senior Alan Mars were elected as this year's captains, chosen by a team vote.

Meanwhile four players junior Mark Shipp and seniors Brad McCoy, Thomas Pereira and Jesse Wagner — are no longer on the team, coach Mark Pavlik confirmed.

The Nittany Lions, who made it to the national championship match last season, have 16 players on this year's squad. including five freshmen.

The NCAA maximum roster size for men's volleyball is 17.

"It was an extremely difficult

talent in the gym," Pavlik said. has a lot of potential. "But every year you look at the One week before its first pre- makeup of your team and the versatility that you have and the understanding that your position on the team is not like a finalized its roster for the 2011 hand-me-down sweater. Every year you have to earn it.

> Pavlik said he often tells recruits when they come to Happy Valley that the beauty of coming to Penn State is that a player has the opportunity to play with some of the best players in the country. The downside, though, is that some of those players play their posi-

> Pavlik said now that the roster is finalized, he's starting to look forward to the upcoming season. The Lions will host Juniata at Rec Hall on Saturday in an informal scrimmage to kick off preseason play.

The coach said he likes what decision for us to make this he's seen in the practice gym so

year, we had such a high level of far, and thinks this year's team

"And that will begin with the Pavlik captains," "Edgardo's the guy with the personality that everyone likes to be around, and Alan's the guy that's not afraid to tell people, Hey, this is the direction we have to go. We need to get the job done.' They have great leadership qualities, and if the guys listen to those two throughout the year, it will be a big advantage for them.

Goas, the Lions' starting setter for the last two seasons, is ready for the challenge.

"I'm honored the team named me and Alan as captains and saw us as leaders," Goas said. "I'm excited because we have a lot of young guys, and a lot of good talent. I can't wait to lead them to a national championship this year."

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Edgardo Goas (7) celebrates during a match last season.

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