

# Men's golf struggles in California tournament

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After a three-week layoff and a cross-country flight, the Penn State men's golf team hit the course for the two-day Alister MacKenzie Invitational in Fairfax, Calif.

**MEN'S GOLF**

It was not a happy trip for the Nittany Lions, however, who struggled with putting en-route to a 12th place finish yesterday in a 16-team field.

"Overall we played as well as other teams, we just didn't putt as well," senior Tommy McDonagh said.

Putting is essential on a shorter course that McDonagh said is "golfer-friendly."

"I averaged about 30 puts a round, which is something you can't do out here" senior T.J. Howe said. "Especially when you have short irons and wedges in your hand all day."

Howe said that the team's practice schedule was not significantly affected by the layoff, and

although he said he wasn't satisfied with his score, he did not think the three-week gap between tournaments affected that either.

"It is a little bit of a guessing game as to how you're going to be hitting it coming out of the box," Howe said. "But after a few holes you get back into a rhythm just like any other tournament."

Howe and McDonagh wound up pacing the Lions as both shot three-under par for the tournament to finish in a tie for 29th in an 80-man field.

For McDonagh, it was his first

time competing in a tournament in a month.

He was taken out of the lineup for the Lions' last tournament, the Windon Memorial, after struggling in the first two of the season.

"It's nice to be back in the lineup," McDonagh said. "I didn't deserve to go to the last one because I've been playing like crap all year. I worked on my game a couple weeks before this and started playing a little bit better."

McDonagh's three round total of 210 was his best of the season, but

it was not enough for Penn State as several opposing players posted low scores due to the combination of an easier course and good conditions.

Penn State, 1-over par as a team, finished 49 strokes behind first place finisher California.

"We need to play with some urgency," Howe said. "We're going to have to realize early in an event whether we have to go low or not, and you really have to keep that in the back of your head."

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## Dorton

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situation. The coach said the sophomore's successful completion of her rehabilitation is what's important. Dorton's rehab was originally determined to be a 9-10 month process.

If that holds true, Dorton will only be cleared for full practice in December, and Rose isn't sure it would be worth playing her.

December is a pretty late date," Rose said.

"A lot depends on where we are at that point in time. Right now, there'd be no reason to bring Dorton back in December."

With the Lions in the middle of conference play, Dorton said it's difficult to be unable to play the games.

However, just because she's not playing, it doesn't mean she isn't participating. In addition to helping Scott and freshman Deja McElendon at outside hitter, Dorton brings enthusiasm to the team.

In a season when the Lions have lacked energy in certain matches, Dorton provides a constant source of encouragement and tenacity from the sideline.

"She just helps a lot because

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Darcy Dorton  
outside hitter

she can see everything that is going on during the game," Scott said. "You know she knows what she's talking about. She brings really good energy to the sideline and is always trying to pump us up."

Though she wants to be on the court helping her team win, Dorton is putting a positive spin on her injury.

She had to adapt quickly while being thrown into the fire as a freshman last season, but now Dorton is able to view the game a bit differently.

"It limits me in some ways, but it gives me opportunities I never had before," Dorton said. "The ability to sit and watch and really be able to learn the game from a different perspective — it's valuable."

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# Cain outduels Hamels, Giants take 2-1 series lead

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SAN FRANCISCO — Cody Ross keeps giving his best Barry Bonds imitation.

With the home run king watching and cheering from a front-row seat, Ross delivered again. Matt Cain outduelled

**MLB**

Cole Hamels and the San Francisco Giants beat the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0 Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the NL championship series.

**Philadelphia**

Picked up late in the season from Florida, Ross added to his quickly growing postseason legacy. He homered three times in the first two games at Philadelphia and hit an RBI single in Game 3 to break a scoreless tie.

"He plays with no fear," Giants manager Bruce Bochy. "That's what you like about the guy."

Bochy even tinkered with his lineup, moving Ross up into the No. 5 spot. The good-natured guy who aspired to be a rodeo clown as a kid came to the plate to chants of "Cody! Cody!"

"I'm just going up there trying to relax, stay calm, make something happen," Ross said.

San Francisco grabbed the edge in their best-of-seven series against the two-time defending NL champions — with two more games in their home ballpark.

The Giants have never won the World Series since moving to San Francisco for the 1958 season.

They came close in 2002, led by Bonds' last game.

Their slugging the Giants franchise won the World Series was 1954, when it played in New York. On a team that included future Hall of Famer Willie Mays and other big-name players, it was a part-time outfielder who hit .253 in his career — Dusty Rhodes — who emerged as the Series star with two homers in six at-bats.

So far this postseason, that role of unlikely hero belongs entirely to Ross, an outfielder with a career .265 mark.

Ross hit an RBI single in the fourth inning to break a scoreless tie and fellow playoff first-timer Aubrey Huff followed with a run-scoring single.

This marked the third impressive pitcher's duel in as many games of this NLCS. First, it was Roy Halladay vs. Tim Lincecum, then Roy Oswalt and Jonathan Sanchez.

Joe Blanton will start for the Phillies in Game 4 on Wednesday night. He last pitched one inning of relief on the final day of the season, an 8-7 loss at Atlanta, and has not started since Sept. 29.

Rookie Madison Bumgarner starts for the Giants. He pitched the division series clincher at Atlanta.

On a beautiful and festive fall day in the Bay Area, the Giants delivered back home in front of 43,320 towel-waving fans at AT&T Park. Bochy's moves certainly worked.

Along with Ross moving up, Aaron Rowand earned a start in center field, then doubled and scored on Freddy Sanchez's fifth-inning single.

Cain allowed two hits over seven innings, struck out five and

walked three in a strong 119-pitch effort.

Javier Lopez pitched the eighth and Brian Wilson finished it for his fourth postseason save and second in as many tries this series.

Cain and 2008 World Series MVP Hamels each began with three scoreless innings. The left-handed Hamels didn't allow a hit until Edgar Renteria's single to start the fourth, while Carlos Ruiz's one-out single in the third was the first off Cain.

After Renteria's hit, Sanchez sacrificed him to second. Buster Posey struck out swinging and former Phillies outfielder Pat Burrell walked. Ross followed with his single.

San Francisco managed only four hits in losing 6-1 on Sunday night at Citizens Bank Park. The Giants knew they needed to do more Tuesday to swing the momentum back in their favor.

Bochy started Rowand in center field against his former club in place of the struggling Andres Torres. Bochy said Torres would be back in the lineup Wednesday against a right-hander.

Freddy Sanchez in the No. 2 hole was the only Giant to stay in the same spot in the order. Shortstop Renteria moved into Torres' regular leadoff hole, while Huff was moved down to sixth from third.

Juan Uribe played after he was scratched late before Game 2 with a bruised left wrist. An MRI exam Monday showed no structural damage.

Rowand doubled in the fifth and scored on Sanchez's single two outs later. The first person to greet Rowand in the dugout was Torres.

## Field Hockey

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made better on our corner execution," Morett said. "I thought that we were more patient in the second half and as a result, we got some goals."

More second-half pressure in Purvis's offensive zone led to another rebound goal, this time from midfielder Jess Longstreth who swept the ball into the back corner of the net past keeper Sarah Zargarpour.

Penn State's next goal came nine minutes later when Kelsey Amy reached to corral a long pass from Brittany Grzywacz, putting her and forward Jenny Purvis on the winning end of a 2-on-1 fast break.

The teams' leading scorer charged down the right side and shot a pass over to Purvis, who had set up right next to the goalie on the opposite post.

Purvis one timed the ball and it elevated into the upper netting, good for her first goal of the season.

The senior said the team played more determined than it did on Sunday. She said the team's effort was noticeably sharper and the results proved it.

"I think we definitely came out with a better intensity just right off the bat wanting to get goals, wanting to get a win and wanting to get corners," Purvis said. "I think that

"We came out with a better intensity."

Jenny Purvis  
forward

made a big difference."

The 5-foot-4 forward said the team's focus was to come out not only with urgency, but to speed up the ball movement. She said passing and off-the-ball runs were slow against Ohio State and the last thing the team wanted was to repeat itself.

Morett said talks after Sunday were focused on increasing the tempo of passes to one another, something she agreed was sluggish.

Purvis proved the preparation to be effective, when she whipped a pass into the Bucknell circle where Longstreth was waiting for her second goal of the night, adding an insurance goal for the Lions in the 58th minute.

The senior said she was happy the team moved back into a winning direction and said there is a certain comfort knowing you can score multiple goals.

"We noticed a lack in our speed of pass so we really wanted to make sure that would change this game," Purvis said.

"We could move the ball find open field, open players and move the ball faster."

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## Soccer

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straight games and his latest effort against Northwestern has drawn extra praise from his teammates.

"He's just unreal," Cost said. "He's slippery up there. He knows how to make great runs and get behind the defense and he's just an unbelievable finisher. The goal against Northwestern was one of the best ones he has had all year."

Senior midfielder Matheus Braga said Hertzog has shown much better patience after missing some attempts on net.

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Drew Cost  
defender

Instead of dwelling on his mistakes, Warming said it actually has motivated Hertzog to score.

Against Northwestern, Hertzog had an attempt hit off the crossbar and rebound out, which Cost said would shut most forwards down for a few minutes while he sulked. However, Hertzog came right back and finished his next attempt for a score.

"I've never seen it before. Even

if he misses his first two, three, four opportunities to score, he just keeps shooting at goal," Braga said. "The few games he didn't score, even if we won we could see in the locker room he was really sad. We know every game he wants to score and hopefully he keeps doing what he's doing because it's been great for us."

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## Paterno

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Thursday and every position up for grabs.

With apparently no positions lost to backups according to the depth chart released Monday, the impact of the open tryouts was called into question.

"The point did get made to players," Lynn said.

"Last week, it was the most intense week of practice that we've had. Everyone really stepped their game up a lot. Just because no one lost their job doesn't mean the point wasn't made."

### LB's back in action

The injury bug seems to slowly be receding, as linebackers Gerald Hodges (leg), Mike Mauti

(ankle) and Bani Gbadyu (calf) are expected to play Saturday at Minnesota.

Defensive end Eric Latimore (wrist) won't be back anytime soon, Paterno said, adding Latimore was doubtful for the remainder of the season but may be ready for one or two games.

Defensive end Jack Crawford (foot) is doubtful for this weekend's game against Minnesota, but he could play next week against Michigan. Paterno said he believed Crawford was ready for physical activity Monday, but the junior felt pain and couldn't even jog.

Paterno also said tight end Andrew Szczerba (back) and Curtis Drake (leg) haven't practiced. On the weekly Big Ten teleconference Tuesday, Paterno said Drake would likely redshirt.

Team spokesman Jeff Nelson confirmed defensive tackle Jordan Hill (ankle) and safety Andrew Dailey (stinger) should be available to play against Minnesota.

Lynn said Dailey has been practicing at strong safety while Drew Astorino moved to free safety in the absence of Nick Sukay, who is out for the season with a torn pectoral.

The lack of depth at safety raises questions as to whether cornerback Lynn would switch corners in the defensive backfield, but Lynn said he hasn't practiced at safety at all.

"We have not even thought about moving [Lynn]," Paterno said.

### Move was CB's decision

Chaz Powell hadn't seen much

productivity on the offensive side of the ball.

The lack of results led the red-shirt junior to go to Paterno and ask for the switch.

"So, we moved him to defense to see what he could do there," Paterno said. "See if he can help the team more there and help himself."

Powell is a boost to the defense of the secondary, which in addition to losing Sukay, also has been without nickel cornerback Derrick Thomas, who remains suspended for undisclosed reasons.

### Bolden stepping up

Paterno thinks quarterback Rob Bolden did the best he could during the first half of the season.

The quarterback, though, now has added responsibility.

"He's getting at that stage

where now he's the guy that's got to make some plays too," Paterno said.

"He's played enough football now that he's got to start making some things happen."

Paterno said the coaching staff hasn't been able to test Bolden out, and the head coach quickly noted Iowa and Alabama were tough opponents, as well as Illinois.

NOTES: ... Paterno wouldn't comment on Sean Stanley's incident with marijuana or his status with the team. Lynn confirmed Stanley has been practicing while cornerback Derrick Thomas has not ... Paterno said there has been no infighting amongst assistant coaches. "Don't imagine things, all right," Paterno said.

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## Freshmen

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Bowman said a big reason he has adjusted so well is because of one thing. Well, five things actually: the five seniors on Penn State's roster who have made a concerted effort to demonstrate leadership.

Last year's squad had only one senior, reserve Adam Highberger. This year's seniors have taken it upon themselves to make sure their increased veteran presence is felt.

"[We're] keeping them intact, keep their heads into it," senior Jeff Brooks said of the freshman

class, which also includes 6-foot-8 forward Jonathan Graham and heralded recruit Taran Buie, senior captain Talor Battle's half-brother.

"If they aren't into it or they make a mistake, we try to explain it to them so that they get it and make the right play the next time."

Graham said the upperclassmen have been a "huge help from day one." That's been the goal for the five seniors who, over the last three seasons, have been through it all.

This year's graduating class has experienced the thrill of ending the season on a win — captur-

ing the 2009 National Invitational Tournament — and the bitter taste of disappointment, ending the 2009-10 season last in the Big Ten with just three conference wins.

They want to make sure the latter doesn't happen again, so they've been leading by example.

"I feel like we're a lot closer than we were last year," senior forward D.J. Jackson said. "We all do a lot of things and we really put an emphasis on hanging out outside the gym."

That has included everything from climbing Mt. Nittany in early summer to regular team dinners at the dining commons.

The leadership is also present in the gym. This year's freshman class is talented, headlined by Buie — a four-star recruit who Scout.com had ranked as high as the No. 17 shooting guard, nationally.

Yet college is different than high school, Bowman said. He said he sometimes gets confused with Penn State's playbook. And the seniors have taken time to help out.

"They show me the drills, they stay after practice and help me out with the plays," Bowman said. "They just try to help me as much as they can."

For Steve Kirkpatrick, that's all

part of the job description for being a senior. He's seen his peers step up and become mentors for the youngsters, and thinks it will pay dividends later in the season.

"A lot of teams say they're a family, and maybe they are on the court. But we really are a family off the court as well," Kirkpatrick said.

"Whether it's hanging out throughout the week or on the weekends, going to meals together, getting together for big games. Whatever it is, we really enjoy each other's company and I think that goes a long way on the court."

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