

Field hockey rebounds from loss with home win

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Coming off a shutout loss at the hands of No. 6 Ohio State on Sunday, the Penn State field hockey team needed a little medicine to cure their ailments.

And on Tuesday evening, the No. 11 Nittany Lions received the recommended two tablespoons of Nyquil when they played a nighttime affair against a Bucknell team that was three games under .500 and had lost two out of its last three. The Lions (10-4, 3-2 Big Ten) took advantage and quickly cured their ailments with a 4-1 victory over the Bison.

Coach Char Morett said that in Sunday's game against the Buckeyes, the Lions came out flat and once the game started the Lions couldn't catch back up.

But that was one of the main differences for the Lions Tuesday

Morett said, and it clearly showed on the scoreboard.

"Our first half against Ohio State we did a lot of standing, and we credit Ohio State but I feel like [Tuesday] everybody was asking for the ball," Morett said. "They had a great practice yesterday, coming off a loss I was just really proud of them the way they practiced. And I thought that they took practice from yesterday into the game today."

One of the parts of the game the Lions had on Tuesday that they didn't have Sunday was an improved passing game. The midfielders and forwards were receiving the ball on the move and that created better scoring opportunities. Junior midfielder Jess Longstreth noticed that the Lions were often standing flat footed on Sunday when waiting to corral a pass and it was something the team needed to improve on if they wanted to beat the Bison.

"When we watched Ohio State we noticed a lot of things that we

the ball on the move," Longstreth said. "So then we practiced it and then when we watched the video on Bucknell, we just kind of had to do it strategically."

And the change paid off for the Lions when after going over 93 minutes without finding the back of the cage, Hannah Allison finally netted a goal that eventually put the Lions back in the win column.

The Lions will face No. 17 Duke and No. 5 Princeton in two home games this weekend and senior midfielder Jenny Purvis said to get a win on Tuesday coming off of their loss on Sunday bodes well for the team going forward.

And Purvis and the Lions hope a 4-1 win will be the proper dosage to boost their immune systems going into a tough two game set.

"It's definitely good for us just confidence wise knowing we can put up four goals," Purvis said. "All around the field it can really make a big difference."



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To e-mail reporter: jrm5401@psu.edu Jenny Purvis shoots in the Lions' 4-1 win over Bucknell Tuesday.

Icers' Morrone suffers another setback with groin injury

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After eight weeks of rehab and sitting patiently on the sidelines, Dominic Morrone was ready to return to the ice.

The sophomore forward, who broke his right hand after taking a slash in the first

week of practice, skated onto the ice with the game tied at one against Central Oklahoma. Morrone didn't hesitate in showing his teammates what they've been missing, putting home a backdoor goal in the second period to give the Icers a 2-1 lead, in a game they later won, 4-3, in overtime.

Morrone said he highly anticipated his return to play against the No. 16-ranked Bronchos, rather than facing unranked opponents Pittsburgh and Drexel in the first two series.

"It was tough at first seeing the team always out there," Morrone said. "When I finally got out there, it was a great feeling. It was good to be back, especially against the team that knocked us out in the playoffs last season."

But, Morrone's luck would soon

run out. The Sewell, N.J., native pulled a groin in practice and before he was set to return, making him more vulnerable on the ice.

"I was so excited to play that I didn't want to say anything to the coaches," Morrone said. "Then I realized I couldn't get my speed going, which is my best asset. It was difficult to get things out there."

One person Morrone can learn a lesson from is teammate Nick Seravelli. The junior forward has still yet to play this season as he nurses an injury, leaving two groin replacements.

Still, Morrone has put himself as questionable for the Icers' match-up against the Bronchos. The No. 2 ranked Icers will travel to the Founders Ice Pavilion for a two-game set against the No. 16 ranked team Oct. 22.

"I want to be out there this weekend and play with these guys," Morrone said.

"They're a good hockey team and they're here to rival to us."

Moving forward, Morrone's main concern will be getting back to full strength.

"Obviously, you want to pay

toward the end of the season, rather than playing through an injury and making it worse," Morrone said. "But, like I said, I want to be out there this weekend."

Junior forward Paul Daley was excited to see Morrone return, but

was also cautious of his teammates' status against the Bobcats.

Daley said Morrone is a great skill guy and is a key to the power play, but if his groin is continuing to bother him, he doesn't return prematurely.

"Ultimately it's up to him and

we are hoping he makes the right decision," Daley said. "We definitely could use him, but if it's still hurting than he might have to sit. We want him at the end of the season healthy."

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Dominic Morrone (left) skates away from a defender in a game against Central Oklahoma last weekend.

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