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Redshirt senior Andy Parr (12) defends in Penn State's loss to University of Maryland Baltimore County Wednesday night at Jeffrey Field. Parr and his younger brother Daniel, a sophomore midfielder, have been playing together this season after Daniel transferred to Penn State.

Brothers sharing bond on soccer field

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Growing up as a soccer player in the Parr household, there was always someone to play with.

Andy and Daniel Parr, brothers and teammates on the Penn State men's soccer team, would never have to play or practice on their own.

Anytime one brother felt like practicing his footwork, taking some shots or just kicking the ball around, the other brother was right there to join him.

"It's hard to get out there by yourself," redshirt senior Andy

Parr said. "But when you have somebody around who's willing to go out and get better and try and work on things, it's a lot easier to go out there than just by yourself. You can always do more with two people than just one."

Now, instead of playing together in their own backyard in Hummelstown, Pa., the two brothers have taken their games to a field much bigger and a little more spacious than the average lawn — Jeffrey Field.

After spending his freshman season at Rutgers in 2009, sophomore Daniel Parr decided to transfer to Happy Valley to join his brother and the Nittany Lions.

Throughout his career at Lower Dauphin High School,

Daniel dreamed of following his brother to Penn State, and donning the blue and white.

However, upon leaving Lower Dauphin, Rutgers seemed like the right choice, the younger Parr said. But after the coaching change at Penn State, bringing in head coach Bob Warming, Daniel Parr felt like making the move to join the Lions.

Since making the decision, switching schools couldn't have been any easier.

"It's been a pretty easy transition cause my brother is on the team," Daniel Parr said. "I knew pretty much all the guys since I came here, so everyone welcomed me with open arms."

For four years, Daniel came to

watch his brother's games whenever he could.

And this past summer, the younger Parr joined in on summer pick up games with his older brother and the rest of the Nittany Lions.

Having these experiences with the team, Daniel Parr was practically a part of the team before he was even given his official No. 19 jersey.

But in no way would the transition for Daniel be as easy without Andy's help.

"Andy was fantastic in helping to recruit Dan to go to Penn State and helping him get situated," said Brian Parr, Daniel and Andy's father. "Within the team, See **BROTHERS**, Page 12.

Icers host No. 2 Ohio

By Greg Garcia
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Numbers do not justify how big this weekend is.

The No. 2 team versus the No. 4 team.

Two bitter rivals, who have faced each other 76 times since the 1981-82 season.

This weekend, two of the most storied teams in ACHA hockey will square off for a two-game series, as the Penn State Icers (5-0-0) will host Ohio University (3-2-1) at the Greenberg Ice Pavilion.

"This is definitely our biggest series of the year," senior goaltender Teddy Hume said. "No questions asked, it's always a battle when we face-off."

The Icers are no strangers to hosting the top teams in the ACHA. Last weekend, they swept No. 16 Central Oklahoma (3-8) — all eight losses came against top-5 teams — with an overtime win Friday and a See **ICERS**, Page 12.



Nigel Graham/Collegian

Tim O'Brien (left) takes a faceoff during a game against Central Oklahoma last weekend.

Lions face Northwestern

By Ryan Loy
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In the Big Ten coaches' preseason poll, Northwestern was nowhere to be found on the list of favorites to win the conference.

Meanwhile, Penn State sat atop the list of programs predicted to claim the Big Ten title.

Now, the No. 9 Nittany Lions (16-4, 6-3 Big Ten) are sitting just one spot above the Wildcats (15-4, 5-3).

Northwestern is trying to do something it hasn't done in 22 years — finish the season with a winning conference record. Since 1988, the Wildcats haven't been able to surpass 10 Big Ten victories in any one season, and they've finished in last place six times.

The Wildcats' success has caught the attention of the conference, and Lions coach Russ Rose knows his team will face a tough challenge when Penn State takes on the Wildcats at 8 p.m. Saturday in Evanston, Ill.

Rose said Northwestern has been particularly good at home, which helped the Wildcats jump See **N'WESTERN**, Page 12.

Team looking to build off win

By Jake Kaplan
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

This season has had its ups and downs for the Penn State women's volleyball team.

One night, the Nittany Lions control a match, such as in their road win earlier in the season against Florida, a top-20 team year in and year out, and currently the nation's top-ranked team.

The next night, they appear

outmatched, such as in their 3-0 loss to perennial national title contender No. 2 Stanford.

One weekend, they will lose to two unranked Big Ten matches.

The next weekend they will beat two conference foes.

But the Lions are hoping, after Wednesday night, they start to get on a roll.

No. 9 Penn State (16-4, 6-3 Big Ten) swept Ohio State, a team See **WIN**, Page 12.



Nigel Graham/Collegian

Kristin Carpenter (left) and Arielle Wilson block against Minnesota.



Kelley King/Collegian

Daneen Zug (white) shoots in a game earlier this season.

Seniors prepping for crucial weekend

By Zach Fleagle
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

With two home games left in their careers at Penn State, the three field hockey seniors have kept everything in front of them and are focused on winning now.

In back-to-back days the Lions will take on the No. 17 Duke Blue Devils at noon Saturday and

the No. 5 Princeton Tigers at 3 p.m. Sunday at AstroTurf Field.

Captain Daneen Zug and forward Jenny Purvis see this weekend as the beginning of the defining point in their closure as Nittany Lions.

For senior Ali Meves, the back-up keeper role has been a difficult transition after starting a year ago, but it has not deterred her from continuing to compete and help the team improve. See **SENIORS**, Page 12.

Harrison returns to practice

That retirement talk by James Harrison didn't last nearly long enough for some NFL quarterbacks.

The three-time Pro Bowl linebacker resumed practicing Thursday with the Pittsburgh Steelers, one day after threatening to retire because of the NFL's stricter enforcement of dangerous hits.

Harrison was fined \$75,000 on Tuesday for a helmet hit on Browns wide receiver Mohamed Massaquoi, making him one of three NFL players fined at least \$50,000 for flagrant hits last weekend.

On Wednesday, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell followed up the fines by releasing a memo emphasizing significant penalties will be imposed upon players who strike an opponent in the head or neck in violation of existing rules.

OUR THOUGHTS

Odrick follows trend

Miami Dolphin Jared Odrick broke his right leg in the season opener and was on the verge of a return before he injured his left foot at practice on Wednesday and is likely done for the year. Add Big O to the list of former Nittany Lions that have sustained season-ending injuries in their rookie seasons in the NFL the last few years.

St. Louis Ram Josh Hull tore his ACL in practice earlier this season. His teammate, Justin King, tore a ligament in his toe in his first preseason game in 2008. Buffalo Bill Paul Posluszny broke his forearm in his third game in 2007 and Carolina Panther Dan Connor tore his ACL in his third game in 2008.

Duke tops preseason poll

Defending national champion Duke will begin the 2010-11 men's college basketball season as the No. 1 team in the country.

The Blue Devils were voted the top team in the ESPN/USA Today preseason coaches' poll, receiving 29 of 31 first-place votes. Rounding out the top five were Michigan State, Kansas State, Pittsburgh and Ohio State.

The Big Ten is well represented in the poll with five teams in the top 25. Purdue, Illinois and Wisconsin join the Spartans and the Buckeyes as the Big Ten's representatives.

In all, nine teams that finished last season unranked cracked the top 25.

MLB

Texas vs. New York Yankees
ALCS Game 6
8 p.m., TBS

Q: On which team were Steelers' linebacker James Harrison and Browns' receiver Joshua Cribbs teammates?

Thursday's Answer: Sanchez won a batting title in 2006 with the Pirates.