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Junior forward Corey Hertzog (11) dribbles away from Ohio State defenders during the Lions' overtime victory over the Buckeyes on Saturday.

Lions roll past NW

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Veteran libero Alyssa D'Errico says the team has more confidence.

Freshman outside hitter Deja McClendon thinks it's the better connections.

And coach Russ Rose believes one key is limiting errors.

No matter the reason, the No. 9 Penn State women's volleyball team (17-4, 7-3 Big Ten) easily defeated No. 2 Northwestern Saturday in straight sets (25-18, 25-18, 25-17) in Evanston, Ill.

The Nittany Lions are now third in the Big Ten after sweeping Northwestern (15-6, 5-5). The win was the Lions' fourth straight.

"Compared to the past games, I think we were just a better overall team," McClendon said. "We were more cohesive, and we're having better communication."

Senior opposition hitter Blair Brown and McClendon led Penn State with 12 kills apiece against the Wildcats. Senior middle hitter Arielle Wilson chipped in with 10 kills, as the Lions hit .378 in the match.

McClendon said sophomore setter Kristin Carpenter had a See VOLLEYBALL, Page 10.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Penn State

Northwestern

Rally sparks Lions in OT win

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Another 90 minutes passed, and another tie game.

It's beginning to become a theme for the Penn State men's soccer team.

But with his team heading into its fourth straight overtime contest, this time on Saturday against Ohio State, coach Bob Warming had some words of wisdom for his team.

"The big thing was let's keep our discipline, let's keep our shape, and don't give away anything easy," Warming said. "Let's make sure we're disciplined and

we keep our shape and we track back, cause we're gonna get another opportunity."

The Lions made the most of that opportunity Warming promised them, topping the Buckeyes 2-1 in their first victory in their last four matches.

Taking a pass near the far sideline from senior Matheus Braga in the 96th minute, fellow senior Trevor Gelsinger drove toward the goal.

Beating his defender and causing Ohio State keeper Matt Lampson to charge out of the net, Gelsinger chipped a shot high into the air over the head of the onrushing Lampson from about 12 yards out.

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Men's soccer seniors offer lift in Senior Day victory

By Andrew Robinson
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The goal was two seasons in the making.

For the last two years, Treavor Gelsinger has worked, battled and fought on the field but couldn't find the back of the net. But on a day where he was honored for his four years of service at Penn State and in his final regular season home game, the senior got his goal.

Gelsinger's overtime goal pro-

ceeded the Penn State men's soccer team past No. 25 Ohio State on Saturday at Jeffrey Field.

On a day where the team's five seniors were celebrated, they provided the spark the Nittany Lions needed. "Everything evens out in life and this one, it was our time, we were due to get evened out a little bit," Penn State coach Bob Warming said. "To have a special goal like that from Treavor to win it, it shows things are getting evened out."

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Women's soccer tops Illini

By Andrew Robinson
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There's one word that can accurately describe the way the Penn State women's soccer team played from the 6th minute to the 58th minute:

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Dominating.

After enduring an initial salvo from No. 13 Illinois (11-3-1, 4-2-1 Big Ten), the Nittany Lions (7-8-1, 5-2-0) settled down and controlled the game for the next 51 minutes. In that span, Penn State outshot Illinois by a 20-0 margin, drew three corner kicks and got the only scores it would need in a 2-0 win.

"It was as dominant as it looks," Lions coach Erica Walsh said. "We got on top of them, we pinned them in their half, we shot from distance, we had good crosses, we earned set pieces and we were really pushing hard for a goal and they came through."

Senior forward Dani Toney scored Penn State's first goal in the 19th minute, less than two minutes after slamming a shot off the crossbar. Freshman

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Andrew Dunheimer/Collegian

Penn State field hockey players celebrate after the Lions' win Sunday.

Field hockey beats Princeton

By Joe McIntyre
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It was like déjà vu all over again for the No. 11 Penn State field hockey team.

In nearly an exact replica of Saturday's matchup with Duke, the Lions were faced with a do-or-die situation with all zeros on the clock Sunday.

FIELD HOCKEY

They defend Princeton's penal-

ty corner and win the game, or allow a Princeton goal and the game would go into overtime.

And just as they did to Duke on Saturday, the Lions (12-4, 3-2 Big Ten) were able to fend off the shot and get another win against a ranked opponent, this time a 1-0 victory over No. 5 Princeton (11-4, 5-0 Ivy League) at AstroTurf Field.

Midfielder Jess Longstreth scored the lone goal for the Lions with less than 15 minutes remaining in the game off a penalty

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Icers split weekend series with rival Bobcats

By Anthony Barton
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The Penn State Icers learned good starts don't always mean good finishes.

After winning Friday night's game against the No. 6 Ohio Bobcats with a strong third period comeback, they were unable to complete the feat again Saturday, losing 6-3.

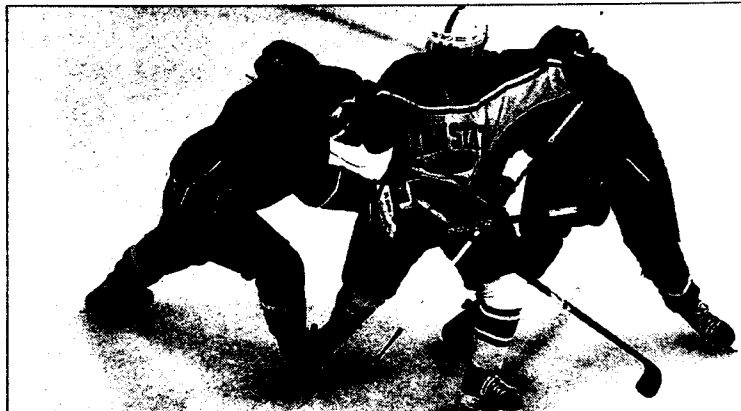
The No. 5 Icers (6-1) began strong Saturday, controlling the first 10 minutes of play. Using a strong forecheck, they drew two

penalties, which eventually led to the game's first goal on the powerplay by senior forward Marek Polidor.

Then, Ohio (4-4) responded. Five straight goals — including two just a minute apart at the end of the first — put the Icers in a hole they would not recover from.

"I think we had a mental lapse [Saturday]," coach Scott Balboni said. "We played great through the first 10 minutes of the first period and then we mentally just shut it down and we could never get the wheels back turning."

A lackluster second period, See ICERS, Page 10.



Asit Mishra/Collegian

Senior forward Tim O'Brien (center) fights two Ohio players for position.

Steelers improve to 5-1

The officials eventually got it right that Ben Roethlisberger fumbled at the goal line.

The Dolphins were still left feeling wronged.

An officiating mistake negated Roethlisberger's late fumble, and the Pittsburgh Steelers kicked the game-winning field goal on the next play Sunday. Jeff Reed made an 18-yarder with 2:30 left, allowing the Steelers to escape with a 23-22 win.

One play earlier, with Pittsburgh trailing 22-20 and facing third-and-goal at the 2, Roethlisberger fumbled as he dived across the goal line on a quarterback draw.

The play was ruled a touchdown as both teams scrambled for the loose ball in the end zone.

OUR THOUGHTS

Cup chase in dead heat

Just when it looked like the Chase for the Sprint Cup was wrapped up and delivered for four-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson again, Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin flipped the script.

In his fifth full season in NASCAR's top series, Hamlin is now within six points of Johnson's lead in the Chase standings, a virtual dead heat.

The thrilling scene now shifts to the unpredictable Talladega Superspeedway, where anything can happen in restrictor plate racing.

A Chase altering wreck could be hiding in any turn, making for must watch TV. We know we'll be watching.

Vick to start after bye

Philadelphia coach Andy Reid is switching quarterbacks again and says Michael Vick will start Nov. 7 against Indianapolis in the Eagles' next game after their bye week.

Kevin Kolb made his third straight start Sunday, and the Eagles lost 37-19 to Tennessee. Kolb threw for 231 yards and was intercepted twice. He also lost a fumble at the Tennessee 3 in the third quarter.

Vick was the third quarterback against Tennessee as he recovered from injured rib cartilage.

Asked who his starter would be after the Eagles' bye, Reid was short. "It's Mike," Reid said.

NFL

New York Giants at Dallas
8:30 p.m., ESPN

Q: Before Sunday, who was the last NFL player to intercept four passes in a game?

Friday's answer: Josh Cribbs and James Harrison were teammates at Kent State.