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Saad to miss series

By Greg Garcia
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After undergoing further tests from team doctors, Icers forward George Saad will not recover in time to face Liberty for a two-game series starting Thursday.

ICERS



Saad

The sophomore had his knee drained during Monday's practice, which eventually led to the decision. Saad missed the Icers' (6-1) past two games while nursing a bone bruise above his right knee after getting hit with the puck — the same knee that required surgery after last season.

Saad was expected to play Thursday after the initial results, but Monday's tests proved otherwise.

Junior forward Paul Daley described his teammate as resilient and said he has showcased his strong work ethic in recovering from both injuries.

"He rebounded from his last injury and that showed the team how hard he was working," Daley said. "Unfortunately, this is a minor setback but we know he's working hard to get back."

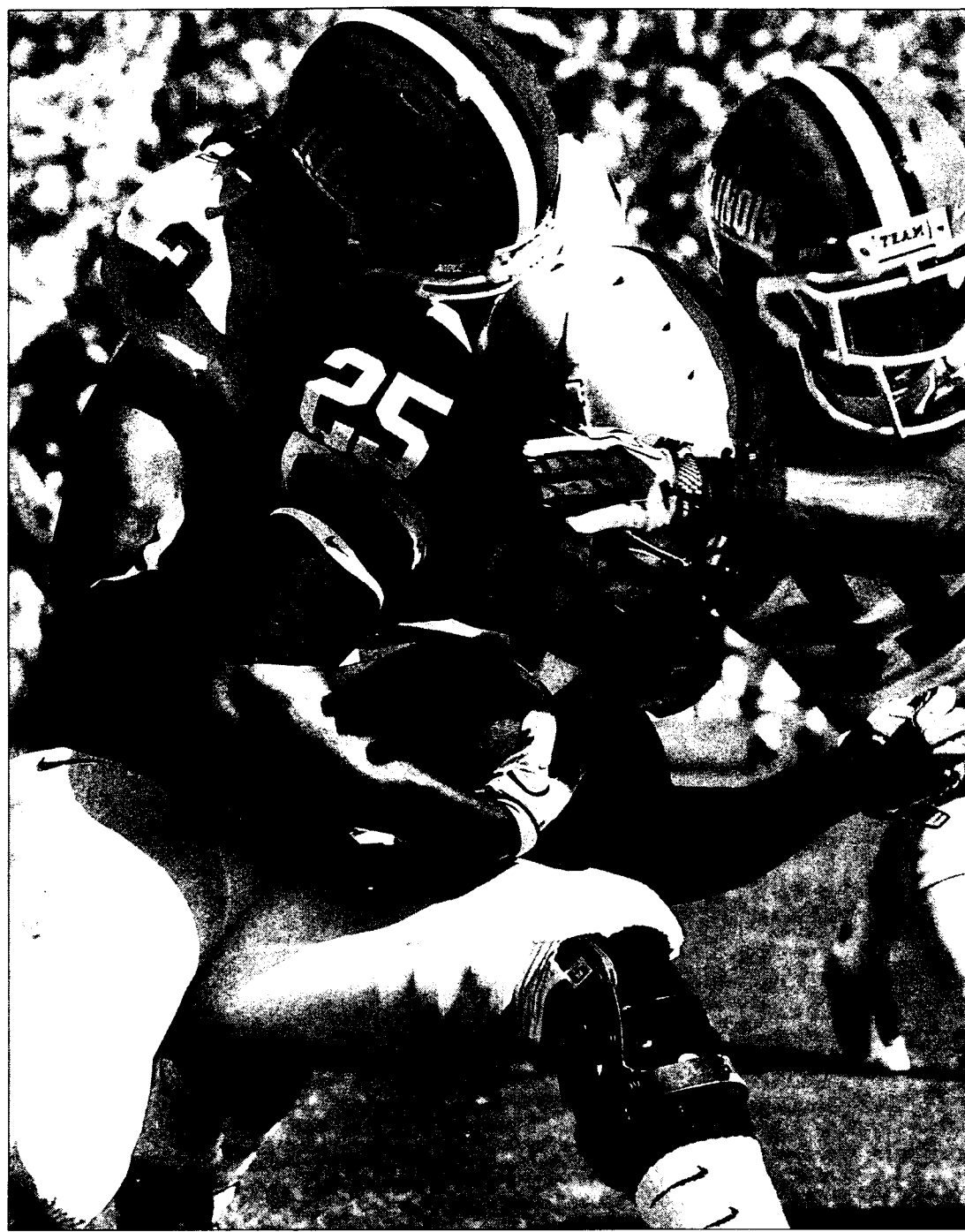
After a lackluster performance against No. 6 Ohio, Penn State was hoping to get one of its highest point producers back on the ice. Balboni questioned the Icers' physical play, which eventually led to a series split with the Bobcats.

Balboni said Saad serves as the team's spark plug. When he enters the game, he makes plays on both sides of the puck.

"He brings a great intensity to the game and that was something we were missing over the weekend," Balboni said. "We could've benefited from having him in the lineup."

The Icers will continue to take the ice without Saad for at least

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Andrew Durheimer/Collegian

Freshman running back Silas Redd (25) fights through Illinois tacklers earlier this season.

Redd helping backfield

By Audrey Snyder
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

There is something about Silas Redd's abilities that his teammates can't quite pinpoint.

Whether he's busting through the defensive line during practices or in games, Stephon Green said one thing is clear: The true freshman "has that it factor."

With his legs churning as he carries the ball in an attempt to gain extra yardage, the running back sometimes is moving so fast he loses his balance and stumbles his way through the second level of defenders.

"Silas is electric," right tackle Chima Okoli said. "I call him the roadrunner because his feet move too fast for his body sometimes. He's definitely a dynamic back and somebody who's gonna make a difference."

After reeling off three runs of 17-plus yards during the Minnesota game, Redd's big-play capability continued to impress his teammates and his coaches. With nine carries for 71 yards that helped spark the run game in the fourth quarter, the Lions look to continue working Redd into the offense.

Evan Royster and Green are ahead of him on the depth chart, meaning there might be a

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Senior hits mark

By Emily Kaplan
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

After the Nittany Lions swept Northwestern Saturday night in Evansville, Ill., libero Alyssa D'Errico received a text from a friend back home.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

"Congrats on your 1,000th!" it read.

D'Errico — a senior co-captain of the Penn State volleyball team — was confused.

"I was like, 1,000th what?" D'Errico recalled, with a laugh. "They said, 'Yeah, you got your 1,000th career dig tonight, you didn't know?'"

D'Errico didn't know. In fact, she didn't even know she was close.

For the 5-foot-9 Byron, N.Y. native, that's all secondary. The personal accolades are nice, D'Errico said, but she's more concerned about Penn State's success as a whole. It's been that way for her entire career.

"Alyssa's been a constant in some areas for four years," coach Russ Rose said. "She plays hard. Volleyball is a priority in her life, and she's a good team player that cares about others."

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Nigel Graham/Collegian

D'Errico celebrates a point.

Cappelletti set for return

By Lauren Henderson
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Thirty-seven years after winning the only Heisman Trophy in Penn State history, John Cappelletti finds the amount of national attention he still gets interesting.

FOOTBALL

Cappelletti will be coming back to his alma mater this weekend for the Penn State-Michigan game.

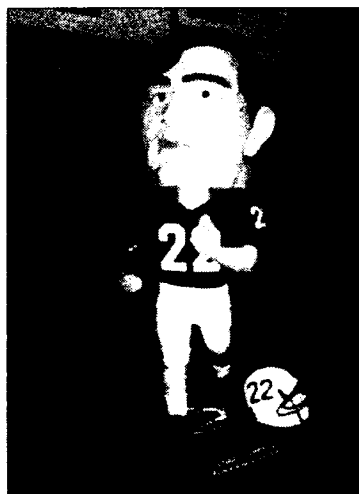
His No. 1 reason for coming back is to see his parents and bring them to a game. He said it's a good feeling to come back and still see Paterno coaching.

Cappelletti was named No. 16 on the Big Ten icon list as part of the Big Ten Network's series, which aired Oct. 12.

The Big Ten Network made a life-size bobblehead of one athlete from each of the 11 schools involved in the new Big Ten Icon series.

When asked what he thought about his high ranking, he said it was an honor.

"We didn't even play in the Big Ten when I played and we only played like two Big Ten teams," Cappelletti said in a telephone interview last Thursday, "one



Courtesy of The Bobblehead LLC

An 8-foot bobblehead from March.

maybe my junior year and one my senior year."

Cappelletti is the fifth Penn State player to join the icon list, along with football players Jack Ham, Curt Warner and LaVar Arrington and women's volleyball player Megan Hodge.

In the episode, Paterno called Cappelletti "an outstanding football player, a great guy to coach and a great asset to his family," according to a press release from the Big Ten Network.

Cappelletti said he and his

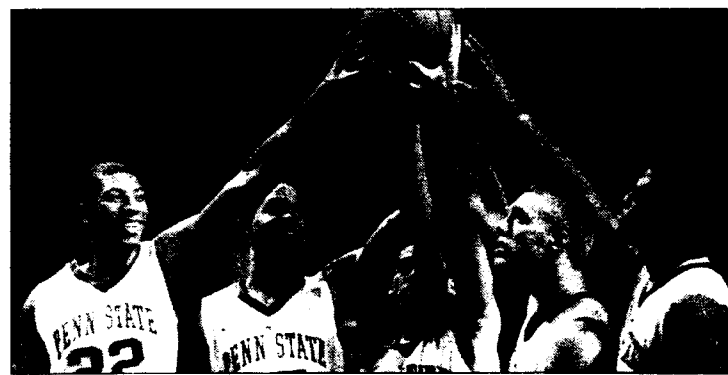
coach got along pretty well. He had a good relationship with Paterno on and off the field. Especially when he won the Heisman Trophy, it really developed their good relationship.

Cappelletti's touching Heisman Trophy acceptance speech in 1973 is one of the most memorable in college sports. In his speech, he dedicated his award to his younger brother, Joey, who ended up passing away after a battle with leukemia. His speech was turned into a book and then a movie called "Something for Joey."

When asked if he thought there were any differences between his former head coach then and Paterno now, he said that life changes everybody, and back then he was trying to prove himself as a coach, but now "I doubt there is any coaching differences."

Cappelletti said the Big Ten conference has grown in popularity and was surprised he was receiving as much Big Ten attention with the new series.

But, he understands Nittany Lion fans appreciate his efforts in helping the Nittany Lions to a 12-0 season the year he won the Heisman, "it's a special feeling for a lot of people," Cappelletti said.



Tyler Sizemore/Collegian

Talor Battle (middle) poses on media day with his fellow seniors.

Battle ready to win

By Alex Angert
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It's no surprise where Talor Battle sat for the 2010-11 men's basketball team photo on media day.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

With a basketball on his lap and a smile stretching across his face, Battle found his seat smack dab front and center.

Safe to say, the guard is no stranger to the spotlight.

And with the school's 55-year-old scoring record within sight, this season should be no different.

Yet despite all of the pressure surrounding his legacy, Battle is going into the season concerned with only one thing.

"I honestly try not to think about it," the senior said. "If I don't break it, I couldn't care less. All I want to do is win."

The senior comes into his last collegiate season with 1,526 points — 613 short of breaking Jesse Arnette's mark set in 1955.

Seventh on the all-time list, Battle would need to average just more than 21 points per game to reach the top spot by the end of the regular season.

But while breaking the record would be nice for the guard, he's

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INSIDE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

NBA

Miami at Boston
7:30 p.m., TNT
Houston at Los Angeles Lakers
10:30 p.m., TNT

TRIVIA

Q: Which NBA team has the highest payroll for the 2010-11 season?
Monday's answer: Deltha O'Neal in 2001.

Yankees fire pitching coach

Pitching coach Dave Eiland has been fired by the New York Yankees, the first move in what should be a busy offseason in the Bronx after a disappointing loss in the American League championship series.

General manager Brian Cashman would not divulge a reason for letting Eiland go after his third year as the team's pitching coach.

Cashman says the decision was his and the reason is private. He insisted Monday that it had nothing to do with the Yankees' poor performance against the Texas Rangers in the ALCS.

Eiland was away from the team from June 4 through June 29 to deal with a personal matter.

Cashman's next order of business will be to re-sign manager Joe Girardi.

THOUGHTS

Pryor off the mark

Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor told the Columbus Dispatch this weekend that "Everybody knows that if we play nine out of 10 times, we'd beat Wisconsin."

Pryor, of course, is referring to the Buckeyes' 31-18 loss in Madison last Saturday, in which the junior was 14-28 for 156 yards and an interception.

Pryor can keep thinking that, but to the rest of the college football world, it's pretty clear the Buckeyes weren't the better team, and they may not be.

Wisconsin dominated Ohio State in every phase of the game and didn't leave any doubt about which squad was better. Maybe next year, Terrelle.