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## Soph. Forgue to face familiar foe

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This past Sunday night, the day after the Penn State men's soccer team defeated Big Ten rival Ohio State 2-1 in overtime, Brian Forgue received a text message. With the Nittany Lions' game against the Buckeyes being replayed on the Big Ten Network, Forgue's phone buzzed with a message from an old friend watching the game in Philadelphia, not far from Forgue's hometown of Glenmoore, Pa.

"I told him he got away with murder for a tackle on the edge of the box that should've been a foul right before [Penn State] scored," said Travis Cantrell, Forgue's former high school and club teammate, and a current midfielder at the University of Pennsylvania.

The best friends and former teammates for years will once again share the same field tonight, as they did so many times throughout their soccer careers.

But this time, instead of suiting up together for Downingtown West High School or their former club team FC Delco, sophomores Forgue and Cantrell will be pitted against each other when the Lions travel to Philadelphia to take on the No. 14 Quakers.

"I'm playing for Penn State, he's playing for Penn and we're both trying to win," Forgue said. "It's gonna be competitive, we're both fiery guys. But it's gonna be fun to see him and it's gonna be a good matchup."

This season, both Forgue and Cantrell have emerged as serious contributors to their respective teams' success.

After starting the season as a reserve, Forgue has emerged as one of Penn State's top defenders, starting 12 games for the Lions.

Knowing how hard Forgue has worked his whole career, Cantrell isn't surprised at all to see his friend finding success.

"He just has lots of qualities that great defenders have," Cantrell said. See **FORGUE**, Page 16.



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Brian Forgue (right) fights for a ball during Penn State's game against Villanova earlier this season. He will play a high school teammate tonight.

## Lions ending season with three road matches

By Andrew Robinson  
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Jeffrey Field is finally getting a bit of a rest.

After playing host to 17 combined matches between the Penn State men's and women's soccer teams, the surface will see only two more women's matches for the rest of the regular season. In order to let the field recover before the Big Ten Tournament kicks off Nov. 11, the men's soccer

team is taking to the road for its final three matches.

"As much as you love to play at home, I'm kind of happy to get the guys away from here before we go into the conference tournament," Nittany Lions coach Bob Warming said. "The field will get to heal up here so the



Warming

field will be great for the tournament by doing that."

Penn State's road odyssey begins tonight with a key matchup in Philadelphia against No. 14 Penn at 7:30 p.m. Then after a weekend without competition, the Lions face Lafayette and Wisconsin to finish their regular season next week.

Based on the road record in years past, the thought of three straight on the road would be a daunting prospect. This year,

though, Warming's focus of being better on the road has led to a 4-1-1 record away from Jeffrey Field.

However, the team is 0-1-1 in its last two away contests, a 2-1 loss to Michigan and a 1-1 draw at Northwestern. But the players aren't looking at the past or too far into the future.

"We're just trying to look at the next game, and that's Penn," junior defender Matt Smallwood said. "It's going to be a tough game. See **ROAD**, Page 16.

## Brothers bring bond

By Emily Kaplan  
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Taran Buie spots up a shot.

When Talar Battle and Taran Buie are on the court together at practice, senior forward D.J. Jackson said there's one of two things that can happen — it all depends on what color jerseys they're wearing.

If Battle and Buie are on opposite teams, they go at each other hard. Paired together, though, the duo has unmistakable chemistry. Jackson said it's like they always know where the other one is going to be.

It's a special relationship, and

there's only one way Jackson can justify it.

"It's because they are brothers," Jackson said of the two guards on the Nittany Lions basketball team. Technically, Battle and Buie are half-brothers, but the pair grew up in the same household and played one season together at Bishop Maginn High School in Albany, N.Y.

Battle, a senior co-captain, describes his freshman brother as his best friend.

Now, the two are reunited for one season together at Penn State. And the Lions are hoping their chemistry — that

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Sarah Finnegan/Colegian

Evan Royster (22) carries the ball in the Lions' loss to Illinois.

## O-line hopes to build off win

By Brendan Monahan  
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Some Penn State fans are calling for an even bigger increase in tailback Silas Redd's participation, but they may have to wait another week.

Redd, a true freshman, had one less carry against Minnesota than redshirt senior Evan Royster, but Joe Paterno said Royster is still the first option.

Redd remains second string with Stephfon Green. "We'd like to get both of them a

little more work," Paterno said. "So for me to tout Redd ahead of Green would probably not be fair."

The Penn State running game took off with Redd in the fourth quarter last Saturday.

In an offense that has struggled to run the ball all season, the Nittany Lions found success in the second half with 122 yards on the ground, opposed to 35 in the first.

They couldn't have found a better week to continue that running success. Michigan is ninth in the Big Ten in rushing defense, See **LINE**, Page 16.

## Defense playing strong

By Zach Fleagle  
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This past weekend the Penn State field hockey team found its stride on defense, doing so at just the right time.

Goalie Ayla Halus earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for the fourth time after holding then-No. 17 Duke to one goal and shutting out No. 5 Princeton. The Lions, who jumped two



Andrew Dunheimer/Colegian

Ayla Halus (red) goes for a save in a game earlier this season.

spots to No. 9 after the home sweep, prevented their opposition from finding scoring opportuni-

ties, holding them to a combined 13 shots in the two games — only

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## THE LINEUP

### SPORTS ON TV

#### MLB

San Francisco vs Texas  
World Series Game 1  
7:30 p.m., FOX

### TRIVIA

**Q:** Who are the only two Major League teams who have never made it to the World Series?

**Tuesday's Answer:** The Los Angeles Lakers have the highest payroll in the NBA.

### QUICK HITS

#### MLB could expand playoffs

Baseball's playoffs could be expanding in two years.

The new head of the players' union says his members are open to adding more wild-card teams for 2012 and possibly extending the division series to a best-of-seven.

Union head Michael Weiner says it's also possible players would agree to cutting the regular season from 162 games, but that's more problematic because it would cost teams revenue.

"There is sentiment among a substantial segment of the players to consider expanding the playoffs," Weiner said Monday.

#### Romo to miss 6-8 weeks

Tony Romo doesn't need surgery on his broken left collarbone, just time for it to heal. He may have all the way until the spring minicamp.

Romo is expected to miss between six and eight weeks, which could be an eternity for the 1-5 Dallas Cowboys. If their playoff hopes aren't already squelched, they likely will be by the time their Pro Bowl quarterback is healthy again. So perhaps team owner Jerry Jones will end up telling Romo to call it a season and rest up for 2011.

"We're not going to stop right now and give up or quit or whine or even make excuses," coach Wade Phillips said Tuesday. "You've just got to go forward. That's what we have to do. I think our guys will band together."

#### Rangers have edge in Series

Following one of the most convincing ALCS wins in recent memory, the Texas Rangers are in prime position to keep the World Series crown in the American League for the second-consecutive season.

Cliff Lee. That has been the primary argument for the Rangers' success. But Lee will only be able to pitch in 3 of the games. A solid supporting cast, with C.J. Wilson and Colby Lewis coming up big will shut down the light-hitting Giants team.

It will not be a clean sweep. But the Rangers' ability to get on base will give them an edge on the Giants' rotation.