

Icers put out Flames

Senior gets hat trick

By Anthony Barton
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After 40 minutes of what coach Scott Balboni called uninspired hockey, the Penn State Icers came out strong in the third period, defeating the Liberty Flames 7-3 Thursday night at the Greenberg Ice Pavilion.

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Trailing 3-2 heading into the final period, the Icers (7-1) scored five consecutive goals including a hat trick by senior forward Tim O'Brien to get the win.

"I don't think we hit the panic button after the first two periods we had, which was a good thing," O'Brien said. "It was just a little mental edge. Going down 3-2 heading into the third, you're always going to have that extra oomph in your step and I think it paid dividends for us."

Before the third period, Liberty's persistence and ability to respond proved to be a theme of the game. The Flames (6-5) capitalized on Icers' mistakes on their way to taking the lead midway through the second.

After Icers' goalie Teddy Hume stopped an initial breakaway chance, Penn State was unable to clear the zone, leading to a goal by Flames forward Greg Jensen to tie the game at two.

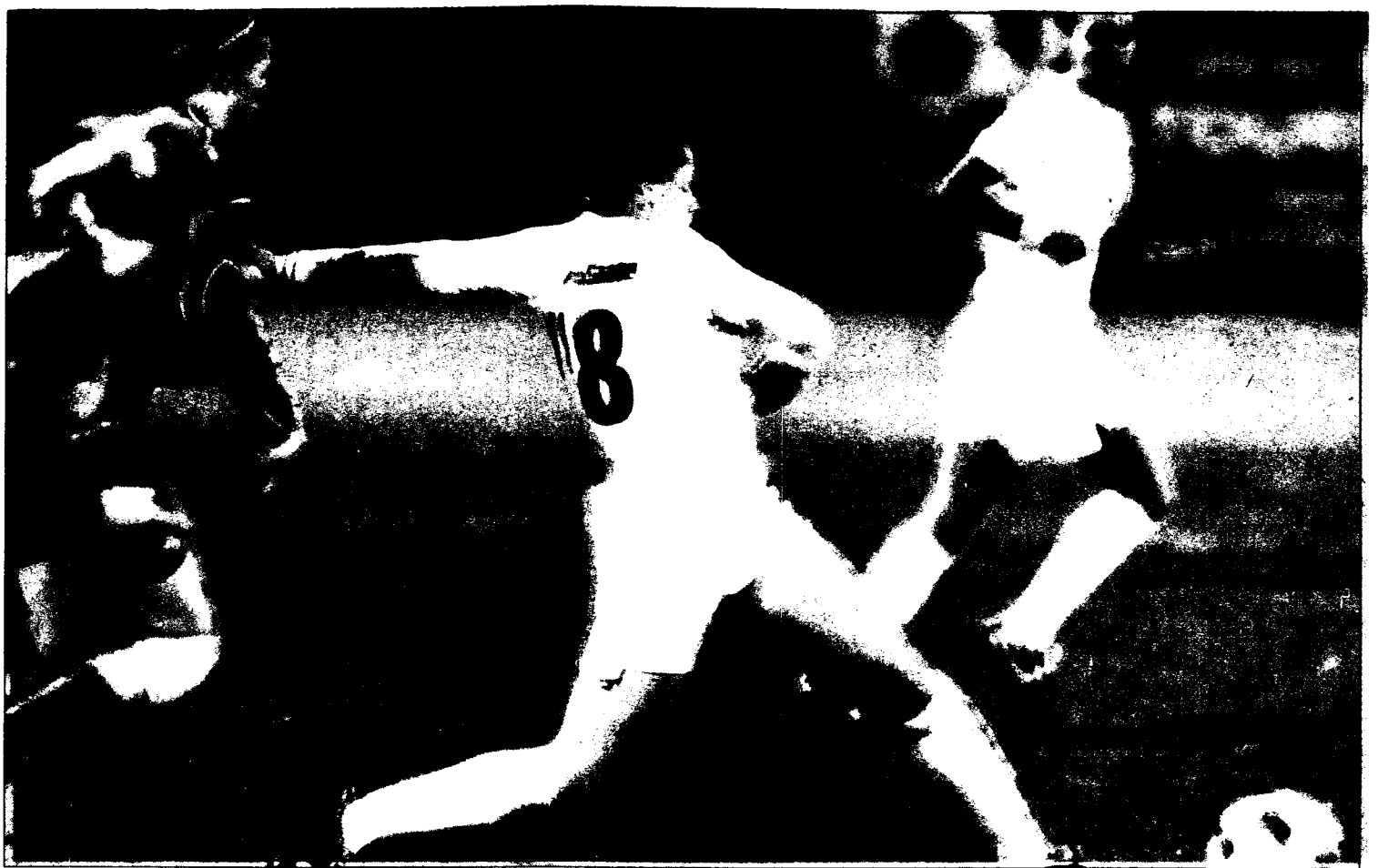
Shortly thereafter, Flames forward Tom Charlton intercepted a bad clearing attempt and fired a shot past Hume for a 3-2 lead. See **ICERS**, Page 18.

More coverage on the Icers' 7-3 victory over Liberty. | **SPORTS**, Page 16.



Tyler Sizemore/Collegian

Cerutti (back) attempts a shot.



Pete Tesonero/Collegian

Sophomore midfielder Maddy Evans (middle) unleashes a pass during the Lions' 6-1 win vs. Indiana at Jeffrey Field on Thursday night.

Hat trick propels Lions

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Tani Costa dribbled with a purpose into Indiana's penalty box before being dragged down from behind, setting up a penalty kick just 7:12 into the game. The red-shirt freshman stepped up to the spot and launched a ball that steadily rose until it hit the twine just under the crossbar.

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Indiana



Pete Tesonero/Collegian

Costa (left) maneuvers the ball.

This one was over quickly. Costa added two more goals in the second half to pace the Penn

State women's soccer team (8-8-1) to a 6-1 win over Indiana (5-11-1) Thursday night at Jeffrey Field. See **WOMEN'S SOCCER**, Page 18.

Starters able to get rest after early scoring spree

By Alex Angert
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One by one, each Penn State starter shuffled off the field, got a congratulations from coach Erica Walsh and high fived the rest of the players on the bench.

The pulled starters then found their place on the sideline and put on their jackets for some much needed rest after the

Nittany Lions' 6-1 victory.

With another must-win game against Purdue on Sunday, a quick three goals in the first half allowed Walsh to let her starters take it easy Thursday night against Indiana.

"You can't underestimate the ability to rest players at this point in the season," Walsh said. "Bodies are tired, minds are tired. It keeps us sharp. I think anytime you can give Christine [Nairn], Dani [Toney] and some of those

See **STARTERS**, Page 18.

Seniors providing leadership

By Brandt Gelman
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Penn State wrestling coach Cael Sanderson enters the 2010-11 season with high expectations.

The Nittany Lions boast a No. 6 national ranking, and bring in the No. 2-ranked recruiting class in the country.

The team's new recruits will have to shoulder some of the load this year, as 20 true or redshirt freshmen will have a chance to make the starting roster.

Sanderson is no stranger to dealing with an inexperienced team. In his first year as head coach at Iowa State, Sanderson's squad carried 17 true or redshirt

wrestlers on its roster. That team went on to a 13-3 dual meet record, the 2007 Big 12 team crown and a national runner-up effort at the NCAA Championships.

"I don't want to compare that team with ours now," Sanderson said. "There is a great excitement level over our new guys, but there will be things we need to do to make getting a national championship a reality."

The talented core of this year's recruiting class are twin brothers Andrew and Dylan Alton from Mill Hall, Pa. who will contend at 141 pounds, Sam Sherlock, from West Mifflin, Pa., who will compete at 133 pounds, and Dirk Cowburn from Coudersport, Pa. who may vie for a spot at 165 pounds. This

See **WRESTLING**, Page 18.



Sarah Finnegan/Collegian

Coach Cael Sanderson (middle) watches during media day practice.

Team looks for revenge

By Jake Kaplan
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The Nittany Lions may not see it as a chance for revenge.

But at the very least, this weekend poses a chance for the No. 9 Penn State women's volleyball team gets another shot at the teams that recently handed them their first back-to-back losses in eight years.

The Lions (17-4, 7-3 Big Ten) host Indiana at 6:30 tonight

If you go

Women's volleyball vs. Indiana

When: 6:30 tonight

Where: Rec Hall

before matching up against Purdue at 5 p.m. Saturday at Rec Hall.

Just three weeks ago, the Penn State women's volleyball team squandered a 2-0 lead and lost to

See **REVENGE**, Page 18.



Tyler Sizemore/Collegian

Battle practices on media day.

Big Ten getting respect

By Jared Shanker
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It's been commonplace for fans and media across the country to dump on the Big Ten, not just on the gridiron, but on the basketball court as well.

After the conference earned some of that respect back with three top-10 teams in the football rankings, the men's basketball teams took it a step further.

Touted by nearly every pundit

as the best basketball conference in the nation, the Big Ten lived up to that billing in the preseason USA Today Coaches Poll. Six Big Ten teams rank in the top 30, including three in the top 8. Both are tops among the NCAA's 33 basketball conferences.

"It's just the best, let's put it that way," Minnesota coach Tubby Smith said at Big Ten Media Day Thursday. "We've been one of the best since I've been here [2007.] This year we're by far the best conference in the country."

It's hard to find fault in Smith's See **BIG TEN**, Page 18.

NHL
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
7 p.m., Comcast/FSN

QUICK HITS
Guillen tied to drug probe
The New York Times is reporting on its website that San Francisco Giants outfielder Jose Guillen, who was left off the team's postseason roster, is linked to a federal investigation into shipments of human growth hormone.
The story, posted Thursday night and citing several unidentified lawyers, says federal authorities told Major League Baseball they were looking into shipments of HGH sent to Guillen's wife in the Bay Area.
The Times says that was just before the postseason began.
Guillen was left off the Giants' roster for all three rounds because of a neck injury, according to the team.

Favre loses walking boot
The signs of progress are small but noticeable for Brett Favre and his injured left ankle.
Favre missed his second straight day of practice for the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday, but walked around the facility without the oversized boot which had been protecting an injury that is putting his league-record 291-straight starts streak in jeopardy.
The 41-year-old quarterback limped through the locker room with a heavy wrap on his ankle, which was injured in the loss to Green Bay on Sunday night.
Asked if he thought he could play against New England, Favre said, "I wouldn't put anything past me, to be honest with you."
Favre has a stress fracture in the ankle as well as an avulsion fracture in his heel.

Wakefield a solid recipient
After a tough season, it is only fitting Tim Wakefield won the Roberto Clemente Award Thursday.
Wakefield has been in limbo between a job in the starting rotation and the bullpen for the Boston Red Sox for years, and this season he put up a 4-10 record with a 5.32 ERA in what could be his second to last season in Boston.
Wakefield's 2010 campaign, his 16th with Boston, may have been subpar by any pitcher's standards, but his "Pitching in for Kids" foundation has benefitted New England children for years.
The recognition is deserved, especially at such a low point in Wakefield's career.

Q: When is the last time an Auburn player won the Heisman Trophy?
Thursday's answer: Cy Young Award winners C.C. Sabathia and Cliff Lee faced off in Game 1 of the 2009 World Series.