

# Flyers six-game streak snapped

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mike Green scored a power-play goal 29 seconds into overtime to give the Washington Capitals a 3-2 win against the Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday.

It was Green's fourth goal of the season.

Eric Fehr and Alexander Semin also scored for the Capitals, who moved ahead of Philadelphia into the Eastern Conference lead. Nicklas Backstrom had two assists.

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Nikolay Zherdev and Ville Leino scored for Philadelphia, which had its six-game winning streak snapped. The Flyers haven't won seven in a row since January 2002.

Braden Holtby made his first NHL start in goal for the Capitals, making 23 saves.

Holtby earned a standing ovation with 9:12 minutes left in the third period after a pair of saves on tie-blank shots to preserve the tie during a flurry of Flyers activity in front of the net.

Holtby's inaugural start came two days after his first career appearance. The 21-year-old made his debut — and earned his first win — Friday when he relieved Michal Neuvirth with 10 minutes remaining against Boston.

Philadelphia rookie goalie Sergei Bobrovsky fell one game short in his attempt to tie the team record of seven straight wins by a first-year net-minder.

Bobrovsky entered the game tied for the NHL lead with eight wins.

The Capitals got an extended power-play chance when Chris Pronger was given 4 minutes for a high stick on David Steckel with 3:55 remaining in the third period, but Washington was unable to break the tie in regulation.

Another Philadelphia penalty — Sean O'Donnell's 2 minutes for boarding — with 19 seconds left kept the Capitals on the power play as overtime started, and Green took advantage with his shot from the right circle.

# Defense

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contend against Ohio State and its Big Ten-leading scoring offense, Penn State's defense needs a four-quarter performance.

Middle linebacker Chris Colasanti has a theory on how to keep the vibe going.

"Each game you just kind of build upon it," Colasanti said.

"And with this game just seeing how great of a defense we could play in the second half, just build upon that in practice and get ready to play every play and every series like that."

The defensive turnaround was reminiscent of the Temple game earlier this season, but this time, it was to a larger degree. Penn State's defensive players echoed similar lines about fueling off each other after beating Temple.

This season, Penn State's defense has had a history of getting off to slow starts. The Lions let up 17 points against Iowa and Alabama and 20 points to Illinois in first halves.

Colasanti could sense a shift in attitude in the locker room, and linebackers coach Ron Vanderlinden said Joe Paterno talked to the players at the half and challenged the team to step up and start meeting the coach's expectations.

"At halftime, there was such a strong resolve, and all we had to do was go out and execute," Vanderlinden said.

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# Quarterback

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"He's a competitor and he's got all the confidence. He's one of those types of guys that's going to get fired up like that and I mean it's good. He's a great asset to our team."

But as much as McGloin's confi-

dence has received a boost, Royster worries about Bolden being rattled after getting pulled from the game.

However, the running back said the coaches did a nice job of keeping Bolden positive, and since he's just 18 years old, there will be plenty of opportunities for Bolden. Royster said. Whether or not those opportunities for Bolden come with the first-

team offense in practice this week or if McGloin's performance has done enough to earn him the starting job remains to be seen.

"We'll see," right tackle Chima Okoli said when asked who deserves to be the starting quarterback "We'll see."

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# Last word

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we start preparing for Ohio State because they're a really good football team."

## Day to remember:

**Offense:** Quarterback Matt McGloin

The former walk-on started the game as the backup, but Paterno was looking for a spark and McGloin delivered. Completing 18-of-29 passes for 225 yards and four touchdowns, McGloin helped the Lions score 35 consecutive points.

Though it's still undetermined whether or not he'll be the starter, years from now McGloin will remember he quarterbacked the team that got Paterno win No. 400.

**Defense:** Linebacker Mike Mauti

The redshirt sophomore stepped up by recording 11 tackles, 10 of which were solo.

With the defense continuing to look for a playmaker, Mauti proved he can be the guy, and the defense built off his emotion and pitched a second-half shutout.

Mauti recorded a sack on Northwestern's final drive, which sent the crowd and team into a fren-

zy as the game was put away.

## Day to forget:

**Offense:** Quarterback Rob Bolden  
The freshman quarterback returned to the field for the first time since suffering a concussion against Minnesota, but his performance was forgettable. Bolden started the game but struggled to move the offense and was replaced by McGloin at the end of the first quarter.

Bolden completed 3-of-4 passes for 43 yards and took two big hits, one of which resulted in a fumble. Bolden's inability to nail down the starting job leaves the competition open for McGloin.

**Defense:** Defensive end Jack Crawford

Crawford is estimated to be about 80 percent healthy and saw the field for the first time since suffering a foot injury in early October. With Crawford playing in a rotation with the rest of the defensive ends, he recorded one tackle and is slowly regaining his health.

The entire defense looked rough in the first half but with a strong second half, it's tough to pinpoint one person who had a forgettable day.

## Did you notice?

Miami Dolphins first-round draft

pick, Jared Odrick, was on the sidelines ... Zombie Nation mistakenly played in the second quarter on 2nd-and-7 after an incomplete pass from McGloin to Moye ... The student section never completely filled.

## Extra point:

Redshirt freshman Nate Cadogan, the younger brother of former Penn State tackle Gerald Cadogan, got in the endzone in the third quarter.

The 6-foot-5-inch, 297-pound tackle was converted to tight end during the bye week and caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from McGloin during the Lions' opening drive of the second half.

"Every day for two weeks at practice I would be out there at practice catching some passes and running some routes," Cadogan said. "I think I have the hands but I need to prove it to the rest of the team."

## Quotable:

Matt McGloin on the importance of the game ball. "I gave it to Jay [Paterno] and I think he's trying to keep it actually. I was thinking to myself how much can I get for this ball if I just took it and went in the locker room with it?"

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# Mink

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player here that doesn't know that one."

Picking up the microphone inside the stadium, swarmed by love, admiration, adoration, veneration, those eyes held those feelings. And you saw it, gazing around the sanctuary you didn't want moved from the west side of campus. Then you asked more than 104,000 fans to use their eyes.

"People ask me why I stay here for so long, and you know why? Look around. Look around."

What did they see? The architect of a program. Humanitarian. Honor. Honest. Humble. Loyal. Respect. Stubborn. No, confident. Glory. Prestige. Trust. There wasn't a better script for how this night unfolded.

It was vintage Paterno. You did it your way.

Only for, like, the 400th time.

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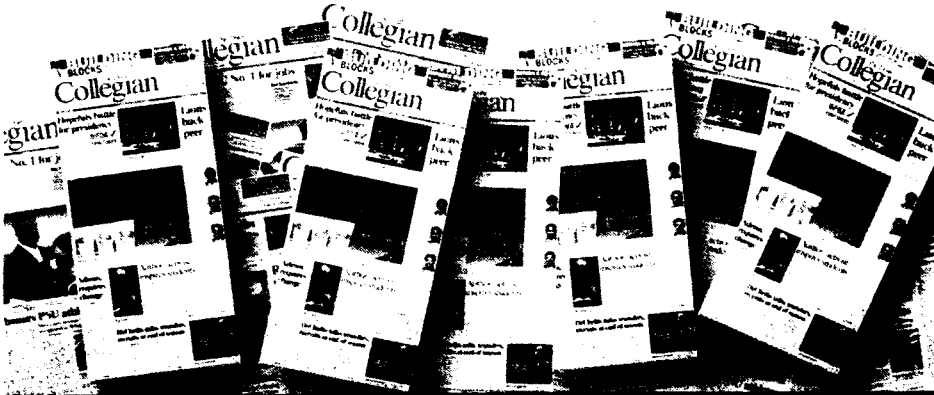
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