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Lions top ESU

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Coach Ed DeChellis said his team played like the "L" was about to explode in their hands.

In the Penn State men's basketball team's 66-52 exhibition win over East Stroudsburg Sunday at the Bryce Jordan Center, DeChellis said the Nittany Lions were playing at "superspeed." Everyone who got the ball wanted to get rid of it or shoot it.

And the coach wasn't happy about it.

"It was just like gear down, slow down," DeChellis said. "We didn't run any of our offense. We were just running around."

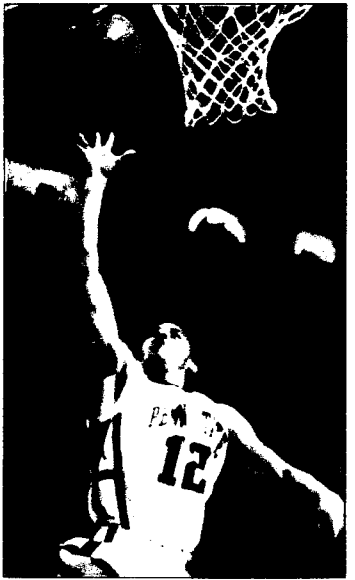
Sunday's game was Penn State's final tune-up before its regular season kicks off this Friday when it hosts Lehigh at the BJC.

But according to DeChellis, the exhibition wasn't much of a tune-up at all — at least offensively speaking.

"We were not very smooth," DeChellis said. "I tried to play everybody the first half. I think we did. I think that was part of it, but we just didn't make any shots."

Penn State trailed the Division II Warriors at halftime, 26-21. Talor Battle tallied 12 points in the first half, accounting for nearly 50 percent of Penn State's scoring. No other Lion scored more than four points and, as a team, Penn State shot just 30 percent from the floor.

The Lions picked things up in See BASKETBALL, Page 12.



Talor Battle goes for a layup during the Lions exhibition win over East Stroudsburg Sunday.

Hopes still alive after loss

By Joe McIntyre
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It's not over yet.

Although the No. 8 Penn State field hockey team lost in heart-breaking fashion, 4-3, in overtime to No. 10 Michigan in the second round of the Big Ten tournament, the team's aspirations of making the NCAA tournament are far from gone.

With none of the Lions' five losses this season coming from a team outside of the top-10 in average computer rating (ACR), the Lions (14-5, 5-3 Big Ten) find themselves in a good position to make the tournament.

The only losses the Lions have on their schedule have come against No. 5 Ohio

State, No. 4 Connecticut, No. 3 Virginia and two against Michigan. Even the Lions' exhibition loss came against a top-tier team, No. 1 Maryland.

Coach Char Morett feels that had the Lions made the final of the Big Ten tournament to face top-seeded Ohio State, they would have had put themselves in a safer position going into Tuesday's NCAA tournament seeding announcement.

But although the Lions didn't

THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

NFL
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
8:30 p.m., ESPN

TRIVIA

Q: Who won NASCAR's 2009 race at Phoenix, the sight of next weekend's pivotal race?

Friday's answer: Sidney Crosby has amassed 365 penalty minutes in his six NHL seasons.

LUCKY 13



All Schaefer (center) scores the game-winning goal in Penn State's 1-0 overtime victory over Michigan Sunday at Jeffrey Field.

OT winner captures title

By Andrew Robinson
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Time was slipping away. Only 17 seconds separated the Penn State women's soccer team from a tie that would end its streak of consecutive Big Ten titles at 12.

All the Nittany Lions needed was one final effort.

Off a touch from freshman Taylor Schram, Ali Schaefer provided the dramatic goal.

The junior midfielder scored

her first goal of the season to give Penn State (10-8-1, 8-2-0 Big Ten)

a 1-0 double overtime win over Michigan (10-4-4, 5-3-2) Sunday afternoon at Jeffrey Field. As soon as the ball bounced into the net and stopped in the back, the team celebrated its 13th straight title, a Big Ten record for any women's sport.

See TITLE, Page 12.

Late win sums up season

By Alex Angert
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Walt Disney himself couldn't have scripted this one better.

Two games behind the Buckeyes in the Big Ten standings three weeks ago, the Penn State women's soccer team's chances at winning its 13th straight conference championship looked slim until it received a miracle from the soccer Gods.

That opportunity came Sunday against Michigan — an offensively challenged squad the Lions needed a win against to share the conference title with Ohio State.

And just like the season as a whole, the Lions refused to do See SEASON, Page 12.

The Lions find out if their season will continue in the NCAA Tournament today: psucollegian.com

Offense comes alive in blowout

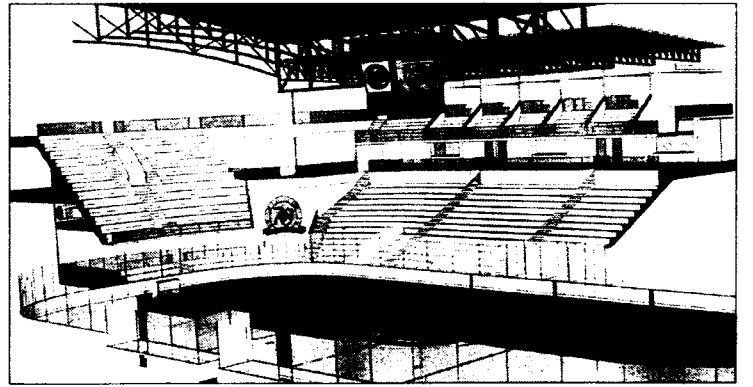
By Jake Kaplan
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Coquese Washington wasn't surprised when she looked down at the score sheet during her post-game press conference and saw the balanced scoring her offense showed.

Five different Lady Lions scored in double digits and eight of the nine who played scored at least five points, leading Penn State to a 91-58 blowout win

against Gannon (Pa.) in an exhibition game Sunday afternoon at the Bryce Jordan Center.

"I'm not surprised," Penn State coach Coquese Washington said post-game of the balanced scoring. "I think we've got a lot of people that can make baskets and the emphasis for us offensively has been, with everybody. See BLOWOUT, Page 12.



A proposed drawing of the arena that would hold 5,600 spectators.

Architect named, visuals released

By Anthony Barton
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The Committee on the Finance and Physical Plant announced at Friday's Board of Trustees meeting that Crawford Architects of Kansas City, Mo., along with contributions from the firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson out of Wilkes-Barre, have been awarded the contract to create the architectural designs for the new hockey arena.

The proposal is for a 200,000-square foot multi-purpose ice arena, including two sheets of ice

and accommodation for 5,600 spectators.

Thursday, the Board of Trustees' Architectural Selection Committee saw formal presentations from three finalists before deciding on Crawford Architects.

"They have a very strong design team," said Associate Athletic Director for Ice Arena Operations Joe Battista. "We were very impressed that they had thought through all of the different amenities. Not just with the building but the landscape, how it's going to be oriented in See ARCHITECT, Page 12.

For coverage of the Icers' weekend sweep. | SPORTS, Page 10.

Gameday will air from OSU

ESPN's popular College GameDay Built by the Home Depot program, with host Chris Fowler and analysts Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Desmond Howard, will originate from the Penn State-Ohio State clash on Saturday, Nov. 13 in Columbus, Ohio.

The Nittany Lions will one of the participating teams at GameDay's location for the second time this season.

The program also originated from the Penn State-Alabama game in Tuscaloosa on Sept. 11.

College GameDay begins every Saturday at 9 a.m. on ESPNU and moves to ESPN from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ET. The GameDay crew will be on ESPN and ABC with other live segments throughout the day. The public is invited to attend the program.

Hamlin leads close Chase

Denny Hamlin took control of the NASCAR Chase for the Sprint Cup lead on Sunday in dramatic fashion, winning the AAA Texas 500 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Hamlin's No. 11 car now leads four-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson by 33 points and third place Kevin Harvick by 59 with only two races remaining in the Chase. Don't count Johnson and Harvick out just yet, though. Both are more experienced drivers than Hamlin, and especially in Johnson's case, are used to driving in pressure situations. Hamlin's win was a good step toward proving he has the guts to handle the intensity. But we need to see more.

Rugby takes championship

The Penn State Lady Ruggers have won back-to-back national championships; but after their move to the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union for the fall season, they had to prove their worth in their new league.

One season was all they needed, as the Lady Ruggers cruised to the EPRU championship with a 53-6 dismantling of West Chester.

Penn State brought a 6-0 record into the EPRU tournament, where they met Princeton for a semi-final match.

Making quick work of the outmatched Princeton squad, the Lady Ruggers won 55-11.

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