



Freshman Jordan Tyler celebrates after scoring during the Lions' 3-1 win vs. Northwestern in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament last night.

## Late surge lifts Lions in win

By Mike Still  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Magic — it's the only way Penn State men's soccer coach Bob Warming could describe it.

Watching his team orchestrate the go-ahead goal in the 84th minute of a 3-1 victory over Northwestern Thursday night in the first round of the Big Ten men's soccer tournament,

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Warming was awestruck by the beauty of the sequence leading up to the goal.

"It's not anything that anyone can explain or diagram," Warming said. "It's just soccer magic. It was really just a joy to watch."

Senior Matheus Braga, whose two assists in the game gave him the Penn State single-season assist record with 14, struck a nearly 20-yard long pass along the sideline making its way to junior Corey Hertzog, just inches from

going out of play. Hertzog side-stepped an oncoming defender, ran deeper into the far corner of the field and delivered a cross into the box. Hertzog's cross found freshman Jordan Tyler rushing the goal, who buried a laser of a shot past Northwestern's Drew Kotler, giving the Lions the lead with just six minutes to play.

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"Matheus' ball ... I don't know how the heck that stayed in," Hertzog said with a smile. "I saw the defender, stepped into the middle, touched the ball around him and Jordan made a great, dedicated run to the center of the goal which we've been working on all season."

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Amy Halus (57) blocks a shot vs. Duke earlier this season.

## Lions set for run in NCAAs

By Zach Fleagle  
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When the season began, there was no gauge for what heights a young Penn State field hockey team could reach.

One day from the start of the NCAA tournament, the team is ready for its final step toward maturation.

Against the first three top-10 ranked opponents they faced, the

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Lions fell to each and struggled to find rhythm as they were outscored by a combined 8-2 in three matches.

As the season went on, the Lions built momentum by winning seven of their next eight games before a matchup with

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### If you go

Field hockey vs. Syracuse

When: 11:30 a.m. Saturday

Where: AstroTurf Field

## Women's soccer ready for Penn

By Andrew Robinson  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The elation on Monday night was real.

Forget the fact the Penn State women's soccer team is in Morgantown, W.Va. for the start of the N C A A

Tournament. Disregard the fact that most people tried to bury this team after its Oct. 17 loss to Wisconsin.

As far as these players see it, at 3:30 p.m. today, they have a chance to start a deep run into the tournament starting with

their first round foe, the University of Pennsylvania.

"We're very excited, we can't wait to get down there. I wish we could go down there and play now," junior co-captain Emma Thomson said Wednesday. "We're expecting Penn to be good, we know what they are, we know their coaches and their players and they gave us a run for our money last spring."

Last April Penn trumped the See WOMEN'S SOCCER, Page 16.



Walsh

**NBA**  
Dallas at Philadelphia  
8:30 tonight, CSN

**Q: When was the last time Penn State men's soccer won the Big Ten Title?**  
Thursday's answer: Chad Pennington last started a game on Sept. 27, 2009.

**Harvin misses practice**  
Minnesota's Percy Harvin missed practice for a second straight day Thursday because of a migraine headache.  
Coach Brad Childress said the wide receiver and kickoff returner was visiting a doctor again after his absence on Wednesday.  
"Just under the weather," Childress said, adding: "Whatever you do to make it through these things."  
Harvin is also dealing with a sprained left ankle he suffered in the Oct. 31 game at New England and played through last Sunday against Arizona.  
Quarterback Brett Favre was participating on a limited basis on Thursday.

**Jeter: Meeting went well**  
Derek Jeter's grandmother has been joking that he doesn't have a job.  
"Really it doesn't feel like there's anything different," the New York Yankees captain said Thursday about becoming a free agent for the first time. "I understand there's negotiations that are going to come and those sorts of things, but for me personally I don't feel any different."  
Jeter and his agent, Casey Close, met with general manager Brian Cashman, managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner and team president Randy Levine on Monday in Tampa, Fla. Jeter said the meeting "set the framework" for contract negotiations and went well.  
"It really wasn't that big of a deal," he said. "It wasn't like meeting people for the first time. It really wasn't that complicated."

**OUR THOUGHTS**  
**QB's Heisman year on brink**  
In light of recent revelations from former Mississippi State player Kenny Rogers, Cam Newton's shot at the Heisman Trophy may be in jeopardy.  
Rogers said he was in the presence of the Auburn quarterback and his father, Cecil, when they tried to get "between \$100,000-180,000" from Miss. State.  
Now that a named source has come forward, the situation is messy for Newton.  
There is no way the Heisman committee is willing to go through the Reggie Bush ordeal again if the voters can help it.  
With Newton the clear front runner at this point of the season, these allegations can drop his name down voters' ballots.

## Lions look to keep winning at home

By Jake Kaplan  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Every time the Penn State women's volleyball team finishes up its practice on the day of a game, it reinforces its goal for that night.

"Defend our house."

The Nittany Lions have lived by that.

Dating back to September 2006, they have won 86 consecutive matches at Rec Hall. This weekend, the Lions have the chance to tie and break the program's record of 87 straight wins, which they compiled from Nov. 25, 1995 to Sept. 29, 2000, and inch closer to Nebraska's record of 90 consecutive wins. No. 8 Penn State hosts Wisconsin at 7 tonight and No. 9 Illinois at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"I think just every time that anybody within this program steps into Rec Hall, you just kind of remember all of the people that came before you," senior co-captain Alyssa D'Errico said. "I know that when I came in as a freshman, it was kind of just an unsaid thing that we always play well at Rec. We defend our house."

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### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



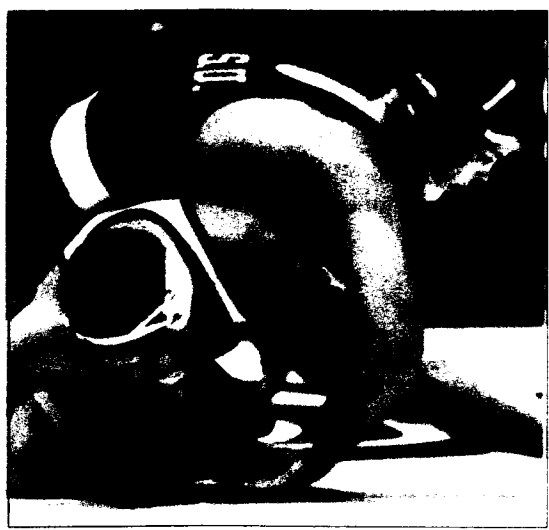
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**If you go**  
Women's volleyball vs. Wisconsin  
When: 7 tonight  
Where: Rec Hall

**Home court dominance**  
The Nittany Lions volleyball team can tie and then break their program's record for consecutive home wins this weekend.

- 87 Nov. 25 1995 - Sept. 29, 2000
- 86 Sept. 1, 2006 - Present
- 42 Sept. 23, 1989 - Sept. 28, 1995
- 37 Sept. 18, 1987 - Sept. 22, 1988
- 32 Sept. 9, 1983 - Sept. 18, 1986

Source: www.pennstateathletics.com



Quentin Wright (top) wrestles Andrew Church.

## Wrestlers ready for season debut

By Brandt Gelman  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

This weekend, Penn State junior Cameron Wade will wrestle Lehigh junior Zach Rey, the best heavy-weight in the country — at least in the rankings.

Wade said outsiders create the rankings, so he does not put much emphasis on who is "supposed to win."

"I never expect myself to lose a match," Wade said. "I go out there every match expecting to win. He will be just another tough opponent."

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### WRESTLING