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## Lions handle Lehigh

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Down by nine Friday against Lehigh with five seconds left in the first half, freshman Taran Buie released a 3-point attempt that could have sent the Lions into the locker room with a little bit of confidence.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

brother didn't. After Buie's miss, guard Tim Frazier corralled the offensive rebound and kicked it out to senior Talar Battle, who drained a buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

From there on out, it was all Nittany Lions as Penn State came alive in the second half to defeat the Mountain Hawks, 70-56.

70  
Penn State  
56  
Lehigh

"It gave us a little bit of juice," coach Ed DeChellis said about Battle's last second shot. "It's kind of weird because I said we were playing like [the football team] did last week against Northwestern. We couldn't get anything going and all of a sudden we make a big See **MEN'S BASKETBALL**, Page 14.

For more coverage on men's basketball's season-opening win: [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)



Battle (12) sizes up a defender.

## Team sets home record

By Emily Kaplan  
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As sophomore Kristin Carpenter walked back to the end line to serve match point Saturday night, the fans at Rec Hall stood up — just as they had for the last 87 consecutive matches.

And when Carpenter clinched the win, this time, on a service ace, the Nittany Lions rushed the court for a celebratory team huddle — just as they had for the last 87 consecutive matches.

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

**Penn State**

**Illinois**

The Penn State women's volleyball team set a program record by winning its 88th straight home match Saturday night, via a sweep of No. 9 Illinois. The streak surpassed the previous record of 87 consecutive home matches, which lasted from Nov. 25, 1995 to Sept. 29, 2000.

But for the No. 8 Lions, Saturday night was just another win. As soon as it was over, the squad lined up at the net to shake their opponent's hands, saluted the Blue Band with a small wave, then jogged off to the locker room for a meeting with the coaches.

Because right then, the focus was on analyzing what they did well against a team they had lost to earlier in the season, and what they needed to do to prepare for Wednesday night's contest against Ohio State.

The focus was not — nor was it ever — on the team's historic accomplishment.

"The same thing with the other streaks we've been a part of, we're not looking at the See **RECORD**, Page 14.



Penn State sophomore forward Rafael Faria (left) walks off the field as Michigan players celebrate their win in the Big Ten championship game.

## Men's soccer loses title game

By Andrew Robinson  
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Down 3-0 after a mistake and two perfect-form goals, Drew Cost ripped a ball into the back of the net that had his team looking up to start the second half. But one moment seven minutes into the second half brought it to a halt.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

Brian Fergie really had no choice.

A shot by Michigan's Alex Wood was headed into the goal when the sophomore defender dove in the way, keeping it out of the net like he has several other times this year. Only this time, Fergie used his hand and was

**Michigan**

**Penn State**

shown a red card in the 52nd minute, taking him out of the game.

Hamoody Saad struck the resulting penalty kick into the net despite goalkeeper Brendan Birmingham getting a hand to it, giving the Wolverines a 4-1 edge. That score held up as the Penn State men's soccer team fell in the championship match of the Big Ten tournament Sunday afternoon at Jeffrey Field.

While Fergie's handball will

keep the defender out of the team's first NCAA tournament game, no one on his team was upset with his decision.

"I told Brian, he's a competitor. I went up and put my arm around him and said, 'Brian, I probably See **MEN'S SOCCER**, Page 14.

For more coverage on men's soccer's loss in the Big Ten title game: [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)



Bentley (right) fends off a Bronco.

## Lady Lions blow out Rider

By Jake Kaplan  
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For the first 11 minutes, the pace of the game was more of what Rider coach Lynn Milligan wanted to see.

The last 29 minutes, however, were anything but that.

Behind a huge scoring surge for the final three-quarters of Sunday's home opener, the Penn State Lady Lions

dominated Rider, 95-21, at the Bryce Jordan Center. The win marked the largest margin of victory and the fewest points allowed by the Lady Lions (2-0) since 1971. It was the second-largest margin of victory in program history.

From how the game opened, one probably wouldn't have fore-

seen an outcome so lopsided. Penn State led 17-10 with a little more than nine minutes remaining in the first half.

But then the Lady Lions, with the help of defensive stopper Renee Womack, turned up the pressure defensively, and got See **LADY LIONS**, Page 14.

For more coverage on the Lady Lions' win in their season opener: [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)



Wilson (7) and Scott (1) go up.

## Women's soccer season ends in second round loss

By Andrew Robinson  
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For most of the game, they were better.

The Penn State women's soccer team did everything it needed to score the goal it had to have to keep its season alive — except score the goal.

Despite a furious second half surge, the Nittany Lions fell, 2-1, to

No. 3-seeded West Virginia in the second round of the NCAA tournament Sunday, ending their season. After conceding two goals in the 15th and 17th minutes, Penn State took over the game, outshooting West Virginia 15-5 over the final 73 minutes of play.

**West Virginia**

**Penn State**

"The intensity from our team was fantastic," Lions coach Erica Walsh said.

"We were pushing, we were driving, we were winning balls and we were creating chances. We did everything but put a ball in the back of the net."

The Mountaineers scored first on what was the Lions' biggest weakness this season, a set piece. A corner kick found Drea Barklage, who headed the ball in past goalkeeper Krissy Tribbett

and two minutes later, Meghan Lewis fired a shot from 15 yards out that handed West Virginia a 2-0 edge.

After that the Lions, led by another outstanding effort from senior Dani Toney, took control of the game. Penn State's speed and depth proved to be too much for West Virginia, as Walsh said she rotated fresh legs up top every 15-20 minutes and wore down the Mountaineer defense.

In the 35th minute, Toney broke

free on a feed from forward Tani Costa and finally beat West Virginia goalkeeper Kerri Butler to get the Lions within one. In her final game, Toney had five shots, two on goal and scored what proved to be her last goal for Penn State.

"Dani Toney was outstanding, she played the best game of her career [Sunday]," Walsh said. "She put the team on her back and finished one to keep us in it and See **WOMEN'S SOCCER**, Page 14.

### LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

**NFL**

Philadelphia at Washington  
8:30 p.m., ESPN

**TRIVIA**

Q: Which NASCAR driver has the most wins for a non-Chase driver in a Chase race?

Friday's answer: Penn State's men's soccer team last won the Big Ten championship in 2005.

### QUICK HITS

#### Comers doom Lions in loss

Even having a brick wall in goal wasn't enough to push the Lions into the second round of the NCAA tournament.

With their leading goal scorer ejected only seven minutes into the game, the Penn State field hockey team played very conservatively, allowing Syracuse to control the pace of play for much of Saturday's game.

And without Kelsey Amy to drive the offense, Nittany Lion goalkeeper Ayla Halus was forced to stand on her head, making save after save, to keep her team in the game.

To read the rest of Joe McIntyre's story, check out [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com).

#### Ice Lions lose to Buckeyes

Going into the weekend, the Penn State Ice Lions (6-4-2) were not sure how they would fare in their first morning game after a night game.

After a 7 p.m. start Friday followed by an 8 a.m. game Saturday, the Ice Lions fell to the Ohio State Buckeyes in both games this weekend, losing Friday night, 10-2, and Saturday morning, 7-0.

"It definitely affected them, but also Ohio State played at the same time," head coach Ryan Behnken said. "It is not like we played at 8 a.m. and Ohio State played at 3 p.m."

Behnken said Ohio State's losing record is not indicative of how good the Buckeyes actually are.

To read the rest of Lauren Henderson's story, check out [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com).

#### Careless crew costs Hamlin

Denny Hamlin could have put a vice grip on the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship on Sunday at the Kobalt Tools 500, but he was forced to pit late in the race for fuel and watched Jimmie Johnson cut into his lead.

Hamlin's pit crew has been solid in the Chase, posting the quickest average pit times of any team, but coming up a few laps short on fuel is unacceptable in such a huge race.

Hamlin's crew will have to step up its performance and strategy next week at Homestead if the No. 11 car is going to hold off the No. 48.

Go get 'em, Denny.