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Soccer team earns first round bye



Andy Parr (12) unleashes a pass against Michigan.

By Andrew Robinson
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For the second year in a row, the Penn State men's soccer team played well enough to earn a first round bye in the NCAA tournament.

Also for the second time in as many years, the Nittany Lions' potential second round foe is the defending national champion.

The Lions will face the winner of Thursday night's Old Dominion-University of Virginia matchup 3 p.m. Sunday at Jeffrey Field. The men's soccer tournament field contains only 48 teams, and the Lions earned the No. 15 seed, which gave them the right to host their second round game at home as the top 16 seeds earned first round byes.

But for the players, their draw is all they need to get excited for the next phase of their season. If the Lions advance to the third round, they'll potentially face No. 2-seed Maryland in College Park, Md.

"It's going to be awesome, any time you get a chance to play back-to-back ACC teams, it's a great test," senior co-

captain Drew Cost said. "It'll be real nice to have our first game at home like last year and hopefully we get the win so we can go down to Maryland which is always a real tough atmosphere."

Penn State was one of five Big Ten teams to earn bids and one of four to be seeded. Louisville earned the No. 1 seed after going undefeated in the regular season.

Notably, the Lions topped the See NCAA. Page 12.

For a story on senior Andy Parr's success through injuries. | SPORTS, Page 10.

QB looks to move forward

By Andrew J. Cassavell
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McGloin spent three-and-a-half hours celebrating with teammates after displaying his confidence in the game for the media. "Almost nothing went wrong," McGloin said in a redshirt sophomore quarter-

back then everything did in the second and fourth quarters.

McGloin, that's simply how football is. He said he plans to improve, and he added the loss at Penn State wasn't humbling or demotivating.

"I don't think so," said McGloin, who was dejected after the game but remained outspoken in a tough game, but it's the nature of football.

McGloin's late-season struggles could come in the form of a game against Indiana this weekend. The See MCGLOIN, Page 12.



Matt McGloin (left) hands off to Silas Redd in Penn State's 38-14 loss to Ohio State at Ohio Stadium.

Lions move past loss, look to avoid let down

By Brendan Monahan
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McGloin and the rest of the team were angry, tired and annoyed in Columbus, Ohio.

McGloin and the Penn State players were eerily similar to the dejection on the sidelines after the Iowa loss. Some focused on reporters while answering questions, others featured tired eyes. Some didn't answer questions at length.

"Don't you forget about it," right guard Paul Wisniewski said. "Try your best to forget about it and move on. Win the last

game. Gaining those two wins would come easier with a healthy Mike Mauti. The Penn State injury report lists the redshirt sophomore linebacker as possible for this weekend's game against Indiana. His availability is contingent upon practice this week.

Mauti's father, Rich, said his son took an X-ray Monday, and results were negative. Mauti's shoulder is still sore, but he'll practice this week and his leg pain is returning, Rich said.

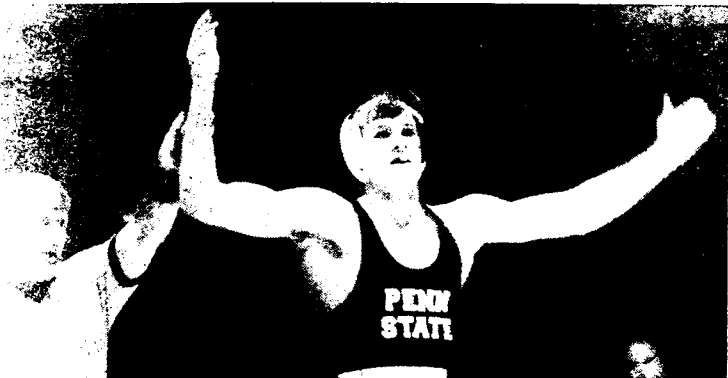
"Just got to kind of see what happens this week," Rich said. "See how it feels, and they got to play it a day at a time."

Rich said his son injured the right knee. See FOOTBALL, Page 12.



Joe Paterno walks off the field in Columbus.

Wrestling teammates motivating each other



David Taylor (right) wins a match against Lehigh on Sunday.

By Mike Still
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

David Taylor began his warm up routine for his 157-pound match against Lehigh's Sean Bilodeau on Sunday at about the same time his teammate Andrew Alton prepared to take the mat in his 141-pound bout.

As Alton stood victorious in the center circle a little over a minute later, Taylor had all the motivation he needed to get the job done against Bilodeau.

"When he [Alton] went out there and got that pin, it got my

juices flowing. It got me really excited," Taylor said. "I was really happy for him to go out there and do what he did."

Alton, a true freshman and the No. 14-ranked 141-pounder in the country, pinned Lehigh's Joey Dutton in one minute and 21 seconds in his first collegiate match at Rec Hall, his second pin in as many matches.

Seeing his teammate and training partner dominate his competition with ease, Taylor couldn't help but feel the drive to do the same.

See WRESTLING, Page 12.

Lions host Hawks

By Alex Angert
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The No. 1 goal for Penn State this season is an obvious one — make the NCAA tournament.

To have a shot at fulfilling that, the Nittany Lions will need to successfully accomplish one of their other main goals — defend their home court.

With 18 games at the Bryce Jordan Center, Penn State will have plenty of opportunities to do just that.

Friday's 70-56 win against Lehigh was a good start. Against St. Joseph's at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Penn State will try to do it again at the BJC.

"You need to have all your home games," coach Ed DeChellis said Friday. "You need to win them all at home. We've got a couple coming up and if we want to do something in March, you need to make sure you take care of business."

Eight of the Lions' first nine games will be on their home court and with the Big Ten strong, it will be essential for Penn State to build confidence early on at the BJC.

DeChellis said he doesn't know too much about what to expect from decorated coach Phil Martelli's Hawks since they've only played one game.

Coming off an 11-20 season — Martelli's worst in his 16 years as St. Joseph's head coach — the traditionally successful Philadelphia school is sporting its youngest team since the 2004 National Coach of the Year took over.

After watching how quick and often St. Joseph's shot the ball in. See MEN'S BASKETBALL, Page 12.

If you go

Men's basketball vs. St. Joseph's
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Bryce Jordan Center



David Jackson (15) posts up.

THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

NHL
Philadelphia at Montreal
7 p.m., Versus

TRIVIA

Q: What is new Pittsburgh Pirates manager Clint Hurdle's career managerial record?
A: Monday's answer: Jamie McMurray has the most wins for a non-Chase driver in a Chase race.

QUICK HITS

Collegian Pick 'Em update

Through the slate of games in Week 10, the race atop the Collegian's NFL Pick 'Em league standings remains tight.

Nittany Lion Fund President Jim Regan sits alone at the top, with Collegian sports chief Paul Casella sitting behind him with within striking distance.

The Penn State athletes are positioned just behind, led by men's volleyball redshirt junior setter Edgardo Goas' picks this week.

The remaining five pickers are just two or three several big weeks away from getting back in the race.

Check the Make Plays blog at psucollegian.com for more updates.

Lions move up in rankings

After two more wins this past weekend, including a clean sweep of No. 9 Illinois, Penn State (23-4, 13-3) moved up one spot to No. 7 in Monday's AVCA Coaches Poll.

Florida, whose lone loss came earlier this season at the hands of Penn State, remained at No. 1. The rest of the teams ahead of the Nittany Lions also stayed put.

The Lions remain the top-ranked Big Ten team. Illinois stayed at No. 9, while Minnesota moved up three spots to No. 19, jumping Michigan, which slid to No. 20.



For more coverage on the women's volleyball team, check out the Collegian's women's volleyball Can You Dig It? blog: psucollegian.com

OUR THOUGHTS

QB's extension unwarranted

Donovan McNabb may not have earned all the criticism he has received about being out of shape or not knowing his team's playbook. But one thing he definitely hasn't earned is his five-year, \$78 million contract extension with the Washington Redskins.

McNabb hasn't proven to be a stable presence in the 'Skins locker room this season, even being benched just two weeks ago.

The quarterback offered some stability to his 4-4 team — one positive that could be taken out of the deal. But most smart teams would probably want some results before handing out big checks.