

# SPORTS

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## Lions to rely on post against Stags

By Alex Angert  
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Thirty seconds into Tuesday's game, Penn State was a perfect 1-for-1 from beyond the arc after D.J. Jackson sunk a 3-point shot on the Lions' first possession.

By the end of the game, the Lions shot another 20 3-point attempts and didn't make a single one.

Yet, while Penn State's outside shot didn't work, its inside game led by Jackson and Jeff Brooks filled the void and provided the Lions with enough offense to get the win.

### If you go

**Men's Basketball vs Fairfield**  
7:30 tonight  
Bryce Jordan Center

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

At 7:30 tonight at the Bryce Jordan Center, the Lions will take on Fairfield with hopes their post offense will continue to carry the team if their shooting remains cold.

"Coach preaches getting the ball inside  
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Photo: Steph Witt/Collegian

Talor Battle (12) goes for a layup against St. Joe's

## Lady Lions win in OT

By Andrew Robinson  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It took 37 minutes of play, but the Lady Lions' defense finally showed up.

Down eight points to Oakland with 3:15 left in the second half, the Penn State women's basketball team held the Golden Grizzlies to one point as it rallied to force overtime.

Once the extra session started, the Lady Lions took over and defeated Oakland 96-89 at The O'Rena in Rochester, Mich., Thursday night. Aside from the lockdown defending, freshman guard Maggie Lucas came up huge for Penn State (3-0) down the stretch.

Lucas scored eight of the Lady Lions last ten points in the second half, including a driving, twisting layup along the baseline that tied the game with nine seconds left. At the end of regulation, an animated Lucas made her way over to Penn State's bench to fire up the visiting fans.

While the Lady Lions scored above 90 points for the third game in a row, the fact they gave up 89 didn't sit well.

"I'll just be blatantly honest, our transition defense was abominable today," assistant coach Kia Damon told the Penn State Sports Network. "Oakland got in the lane as much as they wanted, just driving right past us. We can't give up 89-90 points every game and expect to win."

Freshman forward Ariel Edwards contributed her best game as a Lady Lion, scoring 16 points and pulling down three rebounds. Despite not starting, Edwards played extensively in the second half and overtime, contributing to defensive surge at the end of regulation.

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For up-to-date news on the Lady Lions, follow the Collegian writers at:

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The Penn State women's volleyball seniors will play their final regular season home match tonight at Rec Hall against Northwestern.

## Seniors to play final home match

By Jake Kaplan  
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There has been at least three constants in each of the last three national championships the Penn State women's volleyball team has won — Blair Brown, Alyssa D'Errico and Arielle Wilson.

Tonight, that trio of senior co-captains, along with seniors Cathy Quilico, Fatima Balza and Jessica Ullrich, will play their

last regular season home match. The No. 7 Nittany Lions host Northwestern at 7 at Rec Hall on senior night.

During their careers, in which Penn State has set all kinds of records and strung together all sorts of winning streaks, the current senior class has helped amass a record of 134-6, including 74-3 in the Big Ten and a monumental 109-match winning streak.

This season, the Lions are 24-4 and 13-3 in the conference, and instead of thinking about the senior night festivities, the sen-

iors are trying to focus solely on tonight's match against the Wildcats. Especially because there is a very good chance this will not be the seniors' last time playing at Rec Hall, as Penn State is hosting the NCAA Regional semifinals and finals in December.

"Just focus on [tonight's] match," said Wilson, a multiple-time All-American middle hitter. "It's not about senior night. It's not like it's our last match ever. Just focusing on what we need to control."

Brown, an opposite hitter,

echoed similar sentiments.

"It seems like yesterday I was a freshman," Brown said. "It goes by really fast, but right now we're just focused on the match."

The current senior class has fluctuated in number throughout the years. D'Errico and Wilson are the only two original members of the class on the team. Brown joined their class after redshirting her freshman year in 2006. Quilico came in 2008 after transferring from Boston College, while Balza and Ullrich

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### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Penn State

Oakland

## Wrestlers ready for tourney

By Brandt Gelman  
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The Penn State wrestling team will face a tough test this weekend as it heads to Binghamton, N.Y. to participate in the 2010 Sprawl and Brawl duals.

The Nittany Lions will have three consecutive dual matches on Sunday against West Virginia



Photo: Katie Silvis/Collegian

Jake Kemerer (right) wrestles in Penn State's win over Lehigh

(2-1), Harvard (0-0) and No. 24 Rutgers (2-0). After opening its season with two convincing victories, No. 6 Penn State will look to improve to 5-0, which would mark its best start to a season

since the 2007-08 season when the team started 6-0.

Penn State will open the tournament with a match against Harvard at 11:30 a.m., followed by

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### WRESTLING

Penn State

West Virginia

## Forgue to sit out in matchup with ODU

By Mike Still  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Brian Forgue is the type of player that will do absolutely anything he can to help his team win, including sacrificing himself if it means giving his teammates a chance.

The sophomore defender did just that in the 53rd minute of the Big Ten men's soccer championship on Nov. 14 against Michigan.

As Penn State keeper Brendan Birmingham came out

of the net to pressure an oncoming Michigan offensive attack, the Wolverines' Alex Wood sent a shot toward the Nittany Lions' vacant net.

With no other option, Forgue threw himself in front of the shot, receiving a red card on the play for a handball in the box.

"Unfortunately, I'd love to be out there, but I took a chance

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Photo: Forgue

### MEN'S SOCCER

## THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

### NCAA Basketball

Penn State vs Fairfield  
7:30 p.m., BTN

## TRIVIA

Q: How many times have two players that wore the same number won the Cy Young Award in the same season?  
Thursday's Answer: Major League Baseball last extended its playoff format in 1995.

## QUICK HITS

### Gymnasts to scrimmage

The Penn State women's gymnastics team is going to get a reality check on Tuesday, but it's up to them whether it's good or bad. The team is holding an intrasquad meet on Tuesday, and it's going to put up its top six gymnasts on each of the four events and have them compete for scores. The intrasquad will be the team's last practice before they take five days off for a shortened break.



To read the rest of Matt Howland's story on the women's gymnastics team: [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)



To read the rest of Lauren Henderson's story on the Ice Lions preparations: [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)

## Ice Lions take on Rowan

The No. 10 Penn State Ice Lions (6-4-2) will take on the No. 13 Rowan Profs at 9:15 tonight at home in the Greenberg Ice Pavilion. The Ice Lions finally return home after five games over three weeks on the road, winning only two of those five. After losing both games to the Ohio State Buckeyes last weekend, the Ice Lions tonight's game is a must-win. Sophomore goalie Ryan DeMuth said it is definitely not an easy win for the team, in fact it will be tough, but the team is ready to play.

## OUR THOUGHTS

### Pirates spoof fails

It's pretty hard to write something that makes you look more incompetent than the Pittsburgh Pirates, but Sports Illustrated's Jeff Pearlman succeeded recently when he wrote a column mocking the club. In his piece titled "What's ahead for Clint Hurdle? A look into the Pirates' future" Pearlman made exaggerated predictions of how the first year of new Pirate manager Hurdle's career in Pittsburgh might look. Funny? Sure.

Only one problem: Pearlman scheduled many of his farcical 2011 events for dates that have already passed in 2010. Nice try, Jeff, but next time you rip the Bucs, try not to screw up yourself.