

## Oliver, Jackson out for contest

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Penn State forward D.J. Jackson and sixth man Billy Oliver are listed as day-to-day going into tonight's home showdown against Mount Saint Mary's at 7:30 p.m.

After speculating they wouldn't be ready to go after Saturday's game, coach Ed DeChellis confirmed both Jackson and Oliver would be declared out at his weekly press conference on Monday.

"Douglass Aukerman doesn't want either guy to see time to give them another day to clear things up," DeChellis said. "D.J., it's his neck, not his head. And Billy had a headache after but he was fine [Sunday]. He looks fine [Monday] but with his history, doc wants to play it safe with him."

DeChellis said Oliver, who was unavailable for comment, went through a concussion test Sunday, which came back negative of any damage. With the red-shirt freshman's history of migraines, the team's medical staff is taking a cautious approach with Oliver after he experienced Saturday's headache against Duquesne.

As for Jackson, he is classified as having suffered a cervical strain as well as stinger symptoms. Getting ice and simulation before practice Monday, Jackson said he injured himself when a Duquesne player fell on top of his head after pump faking the ball. However, he said the injury is nothing too serious.

"The last couple of days it has gotten progressively better," he said. "There is still some [swelling] in the neck but when we got in with X-rays [Monday] everything looked good. At this point, me not practicing is purely precautionary and I'll be fine."

If there is ever a good time for two frontcourt players to miss a game for Penn State, this was it.

Mount Saint Mary's uses a three-guard starting lineup without much height. Though DeChellis said no starting lineup has been set for Penn State, it is going to be important to get production from all angles.

Saturday's game was a positive sign for DeChellis once both

### MEN'S BASKETBALL



Oliver



Jackson



Nate Stupar (34) and Malcolm Willis (10) tackle Michigan State's Edwin Baker in the Lions' loss to MSU.

## Speed to test Lions

By Audrey Snyder  
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From the glimpse of film Joe Paterno watched since learning Penn State's bowl fate, one thing is clear: Florida has a lot of speed.

The traditional quickness of the Southeastern Conference doesn't appear to be lacking for the Gators, who even utilize a three-quarterback system to showcase their players' best assets.

Though questions have always been raised about Big Ten teams

being able to match up well in bowl games against quicker, warm-weather teams, Paterno didn't shy away from stressing the importance of preparing his team to compete against a fast Florida squad.

"[Urban Meyer] has been very innovative and very much ahead of things," Paterno said. "But the one thing that jumps out at you is the speed. I don't think we can match their speed. Obviously we're going to have to be in good position and we can't have missed tackles."

With Florida quarterback John Brantley being the least mobile of

the three, Penn State has to prepare for Jordan Reed and Trey Burton who, combined to rush for 607 yards and 16 touchdowns.

While Meyer said his team's offensive production has gone through a down year, he's still not certain why his team will have success with the three-quarterback system one week and struggle with it the next.

"The next two weeks are critical for us," Meyer said. "I can't tell you on this day what exactly we're doing in this bowl game."

Though the quarterback rotation is up in the air while Reed

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## Extent of Wright's injury unknown

### Wrestler injured shoulder Sunday

By Mike Still  
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While watching Frank Molinaro's 149-pound championship bout on the left side of Rec Hall in the Nittany Lion Open on Sunday afternoon, Penn State coach Cael Sanderson heard a scream.

Behind the coach's back in the 184-pound championship, All-American Quentin Wright laid face up on mat No. 8, his left arm lying still to his side as trainers crowded around.

"I heard it but didn't see it," Sanderson said of Wright's injury. "He just came down really hard on his shoulder."

Holding a 2-0 lead over No. 14 Nathan Schiedel of Binghamton in the third period, Wright rose to his feet from the bottom.

Schiedel held a firm grip on Wright, and returned the Nittany Lion to the mat, sending Wright down hard on his left shoulder.

Wright, who couldn't be reached for comment, was forced to default the match and was led off the floor of Rec Hall holding his left arm at a 90-degree angle, apparently unable to move it.

"I saw him go down pretty hard," heavyweight Cameron Wade said. "I don't think it's anything serious but as long as he's healthy for the national tournament, I don't think it was worth it to keep him going out there."

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## Bowman seeing more playing time

By Jared Shanker  
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With 90 seconds to go and Penn State holding a tenuous five-point lead over Duquesne, Tre Bowman rose from 13 feet and took a jump shot with pressure bearing down from the back.

He air balled it.

But Bowman didn't give up on the play. Instead, he tracked down the ball and jumped to grab it before it landed. Bowman twisted his body back toward the court and flipped the

ball to Tabor Battle, who was cutting down the lane and laid it in easily.

It was the kind of play you would expect from a seasoned senior like Battle, not a true freshman getting his first meaningful playing time of the season.

"Tre played great," Battle said after Saturday's win.

"You wouldn't have thought this was his first significant minutes how he was coming in playing, attacking the rim and making some plays."

The Nittany Lions (6-2) will be looking for those same kind of plays tonight when they host

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Bowman (left) defends a Duquesne player during the Lions' win.



Lucas (33) attempts a shot.

## Freshman guard Lucas piling up awards

By Andrew Robinson  
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Despite looking just as tired as many of her teammates Sunday afternoon, Maggie Lucas still managed to hit a 3-pointer that essentially broke the back of the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

Just four days removed from a career-high 28-point explosion against Boston College, Lucas

managed only 10 points against Texas Tech, but had two run-halfing 3-pointers in the second half.

But her averages of 19.0 points and 2.0 rebounds per game for the past week were enough to earn the Lady Lions' guard her third consecutive Big Ten Freshman of the Week award Monday.

"We come out of the huddle and give up a 3 to Maggie Lucas there one time, so it's disappointing as far as our communication goes and we'll grow from that," Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry said after

Sunday's loss to the Lions.

Only five weeks into the season, Lucas has already captured the second-highest total of Freshman of the Week awards since the award's inception last year. The current highest total is four, belonging to Iowa's Jamie Printy and Illinois' Karisma Penn.

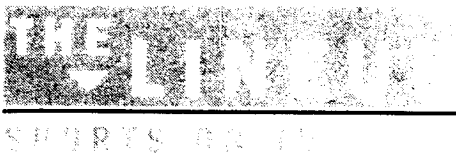
Lucas, a McDonald's All-American in high school, hasn't taken long to adapt to the college game and is second on the team in scoring with 16.1 ppg. Before Thursday night's outburst, Lucas

scored 27 points in the Lady Lions' 71-65 win over Hartford in the Caribbean Classic on Nov. 27.

A highly regarded shooter, Lucas' 12.2 shot attempts per game trail only sophomore point guard Alex Bentley's 14.8. While Lucas, who hit six 3-pointers against Boston College and seven 3-balls against Hartford, has range, Lady Lions' coach Coquese Washington has inserted a confident shooter when Lucas plays.

"It doesn't matter when Maggie

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NBA  
Philadelphia vs. Cleveland  
7 p.m., CSN

### TRIVIA

Q: How many times has a Pittsburgh Penguin won the Art Ross trophy?

Monday's answer: Before the Phillies, Jayson Werth was most recently a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

### Gillick elected to HOF

For Pat Gillick, this was truly a big deal. The longtime general manager whose trades helped teams win three World Series championships was elected to the Hall of Fame on Monday by the Veterans Committee.

"It's over the hill," the 73-year-old Gillick said.

"I loved going to work every day." Former players' union head Marvin Miller fell one vote short. George Steinbrenner finished far behind — it was the first time on the ballot for the late New York Yankees owner.

Well before Gillick's selection, baseball's winter meetings were off to a fast start.

Jayson Werth and the Washington Nationals got an early jump with a whopping deal.

### OUR THOUGHTS

### Lions not "sliding" into bowl

In ranking the Penn State-Florida game as the 13th-best bowl to watch this season, ESPN's Mark Schlabach said that both teams are limping into the Outback Bowl with "late-season slides."

Late-season slide? The Lions finished the second half 4-2 with a close loss to No. 10 Michigan State and a loss to No. 9 Ohio State that looked like a potential upset during the first half.

For a team that struggled in the first half of the year with three blowout losses, the Lions improved tremendously late in the season — especially on offense.

Not sure what Schlabach was looking at, but that shouldn't qualify as a slide.