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Guard WOWS in start

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After leading the Nittany Lions in points through the first half, junior Cammeron Woodyard didn't make a single basket during the final 20 minutes.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

In fact, he didn't even attempt a single shot.

But when senior Talor Battle — who hit a game-winning shot with less than two seconds left in Tuesday's 57-53 win over Mount St. Mary's — spoke after the game, he credited Woodyard for giving him the opportunity.

Finding the open Battle on the last play 28 feet out from the basket, Woodyard earned praise from his teammate after making his first career start against the Mountaineers.

"I think Cam played really well," Battle said. "He hit some big shots and gave us that spark we needed in the first half. I don't think he scored in the second half, but he kept saying to me he got the final assist on the last play. He did some great things for us."

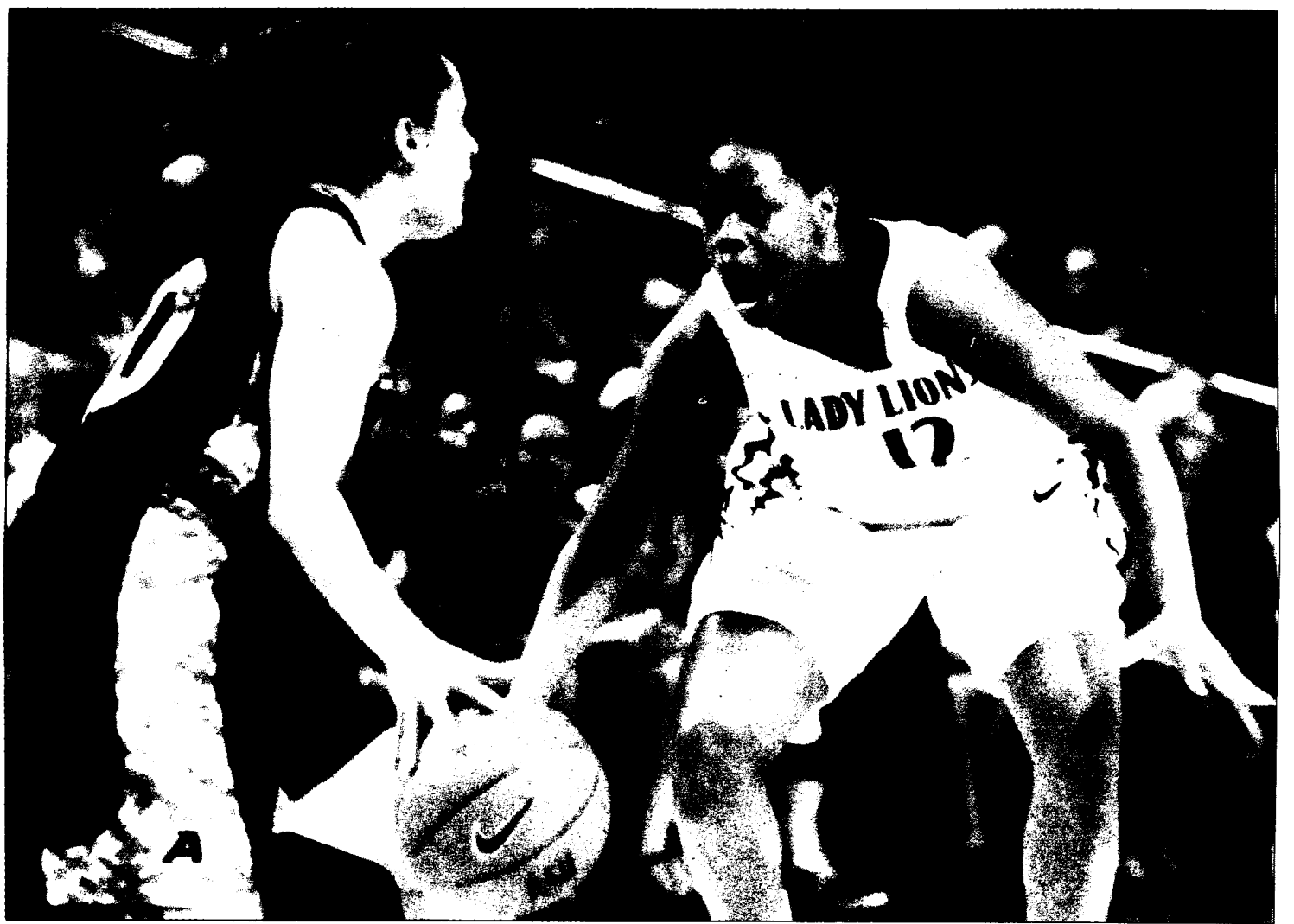
That play was the last-second shot that Woodyard contributed on during the game.

As time was expiring in the first half, Woodyard squared up and drained a 3-pointer, then jogged off to enter the locker room with a little smirk on his face.

But from there on out until the final play, Woodyard's impact on the game was over.

However, that wasn't the case in the first half as the junior came out strong, making the most of his first career start.

After entering the game shooting 2-for-19 on the season, Woodyard went 3-for-4 from the See **WOODYARD**, Page 12.



Zhaque Gray (right) plays defense in Penn State's 95-65 win over Army at the Bryce Jordan Center on Wednesday night.

Lions beat Black Knights

By Jake Kaplan
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When Army forward Erin Anthony banked a layup off the glass just under seven minutes into the second half, it marked the first time the Black Knights scored since half-time.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Penn State Lady Lions' defense to start the second half helped them go on an 18-0 run and blowout Army 95-65

Wednesday night at the Bryce Jordan Center.

The Lady Lions (8-2) slowed down the Black Knights (3-6) in the latter stanza, including Anthony, who had 17 of Army's 35 first-half points. Anthony finished the game with a game-high 28.

Penn State forward Julia Trogele said the Lady Lions weren't as intense in the

first half on defense, but turned it around to start the second half.

With several minutes remaining in the halftime break, Penn State coach Coquese Washington had her team on the floor working on drills, which Trogele said helped translate into a strong start to the second half for Penn State.

"Get in the passing ways, front the block, basically turn around the game and shut them down completely on offense, which I think we managed to do for the first seven minutes or something

like that of the second half," said the senior co-captain, who filled up the stat with 11 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and three steals.

"And we went on a run obviously. Once you shut them down defensively, your offense is going to prosper."

Army coach Dave Magarity said Penn State, which never

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Kelsey Morris/Colegian

Cammeron Woodyard dunks.

Quiet Wilson becomes leader

By Emily Kaplan
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Arielle Wilson has a theory for why she was such a shy kid growing up.

"Maybe my height has something to do with it," Wilson, a senior middle hitter on the Penn State women's volleyball team, said with a soft chuckle.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

In third grade, Wilson remembers having one friend who was taller than her. That was the last time she ever looked up to a classmate.

"I was always the tallest," said Wilson, who added she was at least 5-foot-9 by middle school. "And always pretty quiet."

Now, Wilson is a 6-foot-3 co-captain for the Nittany Lions, and one of the fiercest attackers in the country. She led the nation in hitting percentage last season, and is on pace to graduate



Kelley King/Colegian

Arielle Wilscon (7) makes a hit.

this year with the NCAA all-time record.

Yet even on a team with some See **WILSON**, Page 12.

Pair looks for rebound

By Mike Still
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When Justin Ortega got back to his apartment last Sunday night following the Nittany Lion Open, he was greeted by his roommate, red-shirt freshman Ed Ruth, who had beaten him home.

Hours earlier, Ruth had lost a 9-4 decision in the 174-pound final of the Open to Maryland's No. 9-ranked Mike Letts. Though one might expect Ortega to find his roommate disappointed and frustrated, wondering what could've been in the championship match, Ruth isn't one to sulk.

"He was fine," Ortega said. "Just being Ed Ruth."

Ruth, ranked No. 12 in the country, cruised to the 174-pound final at the Open, earning two pins and winning his three other matches by a combined score of 38-4.

The redshirt freshman even See **PAIR**, Page 12.

More coverage on the women's NCAA tournament. | **SPORTS**, Page 10.

Ruth

WRESTLING

Jepson prepares for 20th year as coach

By Dan Norton
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Every year, high school seniors from all over the world commit to Penn State to learn from head coach Randy Jepson.

This year will be the 20th. Most refer to Jepson as "Coach," but to the Penn State men's gymnastics team, he is also a teacher.

This year, in a sense, will be different for Jepson. From a historical perspective, the Nittany Lions are usually at the top of the collegiate gymnastics pyramid, but this season they find themselves looking up to several teams.

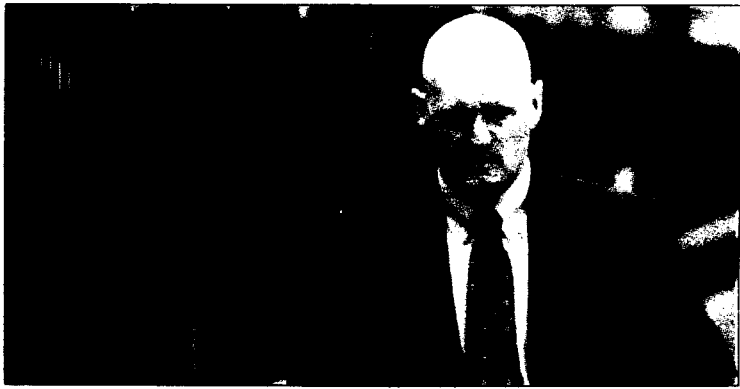
MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Jepson will have to coach most meets this season as an underdog.

"We just have to think about what we have to do," he said. "We've got certain talents and abilities and we have to maximize those on our team. If that's good enough to beat people, that's great. If not, it wasn't going to happen anyway."

Every day, Jepson walks into the White Building's gymnastics training facility to the smell of chalk.

He is there early, whether it is to prepare for that day's practice or to give someone extra help. When his students arrive, he is the cool teacher, letting them mess around with a volleyball before practice if they want to.



Chloe Elmer/Colegian

Gymnastics coach Randy Jepson walks the sideline at Rec Hall.

When it's time to begin, Jepson silently stands in the corner of the gym, by his championship plaques from 2000, 2004 and 2007.

Everyone stops what they're doing and clusters around him. "During winter break, you all See **JEPSON**, Page 12.

THE LINEUP

SPORTS ON TV

NCAAB

Butler at Xavier,
9:00 p.m., ESPN
Georgetown at Temple,
9:00 p.m., ESPN2

TRIVIA

Q: Which college did former Florida coach Urban Meyer attend?

Yesterday's Answer: 1986 to Miami

QUICK HITS

Flyers run out of time

Logan Couture and Ryane Clowe scored shootout goals to give San Jose a 5-4 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday night after the Sharks overcame a three-goal, third-period deficit and an apparent Flyers goal in the final second of overtime.

The Flyers appeared to win it in overtime, but Mike Richards' goal was waved off after a reply showed time expired an instant before the puck crossed the line. In the second period, the Sharks had a goal waved off when officials determined the puck was kicked in by John McCarthy.

The Sharks won for the first time this season when trailing after two periods, of play

Crosby leads Pens

Sidney Crosby is disproving the theory that the NHL would never again see a time when offense ruled and top goal scorers routinely averaged a goal a game.

Crosby scored twice during his fourth multiple-goal game in his last six, and the Pittsburgh Penguins won their 11th game in a row by beating the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-2 on Wednesday night at the Consol Energy Center.

The Penguins, 12-0-1 since last losing in regulation on Nov. 10, are on the second-longest winning streak in franchise history. Their only longer run was their NHL-record 17-game streak during a 119-point season in 1993.

That's back when Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux regularly scored goals in bunches.

OUR THOUGHTS

Phils in on Zach Greinke?

One of the latest rumors coming out of baseball's winter meetings is that Phillies' GM Ruben Amaro could be interested in acquiring Royal's ace Zach Greinke.

Greinke would add another No. 1-caliber arm to the best rotation in baseball that already features Cole Hamels, Roy Oswalt and Cy Young winner Roy Halladay. But the Phillies just lost their only right-hand hitting threat Jayson Werth to the Nationals.

Amaro has shown a penchant for making a splash, but it's not another starter that the Phillies need. Ruben should set his sights on some relief help and a replacement for the gaping hole left in the lineup by Werth's departure.