Ice Lions looking for weekend win against UMBC

By Lauren Henderson
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

The No. 10 Penn State Ice Lions (10-4-2) know they can play with the best in collegiate ice hockey.

Even if that means taking on the No. 2 University of Maryland Baltimore-County (UMBC) Retrievers at 8:10 p.m. Saturday night in Odenton, Md.

"We can play well against any team," said head coach Ryan Behnken. "We need to play smart hockey and stay out of the penalty box."

Junior defenseman T.J. Laessig is looking forward to the opportunity to play one of the best teams in the country.

"This is probably the best team we will play all year," Laessig said, "we need to work on our penalty kill, they have a good powerplay."

At the beginning of the season, UMBC was ranked No. 1, but fell to No. 2 because the Retrievers loss to the Temple Owls, 4-2.

The Ice Lions beat the Owls, 2-1, in the MACHA Showcase last weekend.

After winning all three games in the showcase, the head coach and players felt it was a confidence booster going into this game.

Sophomore goalie Ryan DeMuth said the Ice Lions know the Retrievers are one of the best teams in the country, but the guys got a lot of momentum from last weekend.

After a great showing at the showcase, DeMuth said being a goalie he always gets really nervous before he takes the ice and this game, against one of the top teams, is no different.

After this game, the Ice Lions will have more than a month-long break with no practice and the next game is not until Jan. 14 with another game the next day.

They will face what the coach calls the biggest games of the spring semester.

On Jan. 14, the Ice Lions will face off against Liberty, followed by a game the next day against Virginia Tech, both on the road.

"It will be our longest and toughest road trip," Behnken said.

Laessig said it will be tough for the guys to be off the ice for a month, but when the team comes back from break the players will practice three times' that week instead of two.

DeMuth does not seem to be to concerned with the long winter break.

"It is not like we are all going to be sitting around on our couches," DeMuth said.

The last time the team had a lengthy break was over Thanksgiving and they came back and won three straight games in the Showcase.

"We always look to play our best game," Behnken said.

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By Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 10, 2010:
[illegible] surrounds communication. [illegible] from a unique perspective. A [illegible] could be dominant in [illegible] person often might be the [illegible] but you take him or her [illegible]. Sometimes you think this [illegible] raining on your parade. [illegible] his or her judgments [illegible]. Use caution with any major [illegible] this year. They could be [illegible]. If you are single, open up to a [illegible] relationship in the spring. [illegible] determine if it is a forever relationship. If you are attached, the two of [illegible] your bond. For many of you, [illegible] could be a new addition. Couples [illegible] each other more and more. [illegible] on AQUARIUS.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could be tempted to rethink [illegible] and by all means, do. Just [illegible] the next few weeks to explore the [illegible]. Don't cut off the process. [illegible] come forward with a smile. They [illegible] to debate options. Tonight: [illegible] friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A must appearance becomes very important. You could stress about this or that, but in reality, trust your presentation. Someone close shares much more. Try walking in his or her footsteps. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ In many ways, your perspective is unique, but you aren't the first to look at an issue in this manner. Downplay the creative role, and allow others to identify with your thinking. If you hit a roadblock, find an expert solution-finder. Tonight: Explore a new place. Opt for something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Let your imagination emerge when dealing with a significant partner. You might not like what is happening behind the scenes, but try to understand where another person is coming from. Help a family member loosen up. Tonight: Don't avoid an important talk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Agreements made today are likely to tumble to the wayside. Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. People could be waffling. Make that OK, and flow with the various situations. Tonight: Sort through all the offers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Clear out as many errands and other matters that could keep you from enjoying the weekend as possible. Your finances could be uncomfortable. Understand that you are out of sync. Your instincts guide you. Tonight: Nap before deciding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Recognize what is happening with a child or loved one. You can help this person feel more easy and relaxed. Tap into your ingenuity, especially if you hit a miscommunication. It might take a while to clear it up. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Honor a change on a profound level. Know that you have not seen the final act just yet. Give yourself some time to think through an issue that could involve your personal life. Confirm meetings. Tonight: Stop and visit with a pal on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. In the next few weeks, your ability to communicate and express your feelings emerges. On your side, confirm appointments and don't stand on ceremony with flub-ups. Tonight: Find a friend, and head out the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your instincts serve you more often than not with your finances. In the next few weeks, you might feel confused, or someone might not return a call. Relax with others. On your side, do your best to overlook the small stuff. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others notice that you beam. Certainly share some of your happy mood. Experiment and allow your creativity to flourish. You might find news from a distance restrictive. This, too, could change. Tonight: As you like. You are the centerpiece.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your creativity will flourish as long as you don't get stuck on having matters your way. Your style and insight draw many. Let others verbalize their issues. Reach out for someone at a distance. Tonight: Play it quiet.

BORN TODAY
Newscaster Chet Huntley (1911), celebrity chef Bobby Flay (1964), actress Susan Dey (1952)

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