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ICERS

F Cera questionable for weekend series

The status of junior forward Taylor Cera is up in the air for this weekend's games against West Virginia.

FIELD HOCKEY

New strategy works in Lions' road win

With nothing left to lose, the Penn State field hockey team tried a new strategy, and it worked in a 6-0 weekend win.

W GYMNASTICS

Junior co-captain expects to be ready

Rosie Smith thinks she will be ready when the women's gymnastics team kicks off its season in January.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Freshman Simidian successful for PSU

The first freshman to compete at regionals for coach Dawna Prevette, Amy Simidian won twice.

ICE LIONS

Penalty kill brings victory for Ice Lions

Special teams practice paid off for the Ice Lions Sunday, as they killed five St. Joseph's power plays in a 4-1 victory.

QUICK HITS (AP)

NCAA FOOTBALL

Clark semifinalist for O'Brien Award

Senior quarterback Daryll Clark was named one of 15 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien Award, which honors the best FBS quarterback.

Clark has thrown for 1,884 yards and 17 touchdowns through eight games this season and is 19th-best nationally with a 148.43 passer efficiency.

The award's finalists will be announced Nov. 23 and the winner Dec. 10.

OUR THOUGHTS

NCAA FOOTBALL

Conference officials deserve fair criticism

Rogers Redding, the SEC's coordinator of officials looks like he'll have a busy week ahead of him.

Three coaches had legitimate arguments about poor officiating in their teams' games Saturday. Tennessee's Lane Kiffin and Mississippi State's Dan Mullen have been "reprimanded" by the conference for their comments.

It's about time the archaic practice of disciplining coaches or players for disagreeing with officials stops.

The officials are paid for their jobs and should be held to high standards just like the other game participants.

TRIVIA

NCAA FOOTBALL

Q: What is the highest a non-BCS team has been ranked in the final BCS poll of the year?

Monday's Answer: Penn State has lost their last three games at Iowa.

Injured Krispin day-to-day

By **Brendan Monahan**
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State men's soccer defenseman Patrick Krispin returned to practice Monday and remains day-to-day with a left ankle sprain he experienced last Wednesday at Bucknell.

After a half-week of rest, Krispin's left ankle hasn't fully healed, but the midfielder prepared to "go all-out" on Monday.

Defensive coach Ryan Defibaugh said Krispin wanted to practice on the sprained left ankle Sunday, but the coaching staff didn't want to risk re aggravating the injury.

"Why try to make him go at 70 percent when another day could get him to 85 percent," Defibaugh said.

Krispin said he ran on the ankle Sunday despite not practicing.



Krispin

Krispin and the team will reevaluate the situation Tuesday before practice and again before Wednesday's game to see if he is able to play.

"I guess I don't recover too well," Krispin said. "It took me a while to heal. It shouldn't have been this long."

Krispin said mentally he is more than prepared to play against Akron, but knows if his ankle isn't ready, he must force himself to sit.

Supported by his teammates, a grimacing Krispin hopped off

Emmitt Field favoring his right ankle last Wednesday at Bucknell.

Krispin started for Andy Parr in Penn State's 2-1 win over the Bison. Typically, Krispin is one of the first midfield substitutes each game for the Lions. Parr didn't start because of a stomach illness and an ankle injury. The redshirt junior has fully recovered from both ailments and is expected to start this Wednesday at No. 1 Akron.

Parr's ankle has been sore since taking a hit against See KRISPIN, Page 10.



Abby Drey/Collegian

The women's basketball team huddles during a practice last week. Coach Coquese Washington is having the team participate in off-court activities to help develop the players' basketball IQ's and decide which players understand plays and communicate on the court.

MIND OVER MATTER Washington aims to strengthen IQ

By **Audrey Snyder**
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When the Penn State women's basketball team stood in its locker room shouting out basketball related words, coach Coquese Washington could tell it was making progress.

Words like "ball pressure," "stop the ball," and "pass" were coming out of the players' mouths as quickly as possible.

While Washington said the

Family Feud style game was a fun activity for the Lady Lions, she did it for a reason.

The third-year head coach is having her young team participate in off-court activities to help develop their basketball IQ's. Washington said before she can decide on a starting lineup, she needs to make sure her players understand the plays and can effectively communicate on the court.

"We understand there are different types of ways to learn," Washington said. "We've all been through that in school. You know

your best teachers are the ones who made the subject matter interesting and was creative in ways that impart the information to the students. We try to find ways to make basketball fun because basketball can be a job."

The Lions have four seniors on their roster, but with only three of them able to play this season, Washington knows the underclassmen need to play a bigger role on the team. Part of being able to step into contributing roles means all the players need to be thinking as one.

"She said we all have to be able

to speak the language, so there's no confusion," sophomore guard Emily Phillips said. "I think it will be good because all the stuff we're doing off the court will go right on the court."

Phillips said the team participates in off-court intelligence tests so they can become better students of the game. She said the tests, which Washington presents in the form of games, involve so many details that it forces the players to talk through the phrases and plays until there is little or no confusion.

See IQ, Page 10.

Freshman to play key role

By **Andrew J. Cassavell**
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

If there is ever anything Tim Frazier doesn't understand on the basketball court, it doesn't take long for the freshman guard to figure it out.

In practice, the Houston native stands right behind his mentor, junior Talor Battle, constantly asking questions — sometimes to the point where he is surprised Battle doesn't get irritated.

But to Battle — who will rely on Frazier as a backcourt partner this season — the questions come as reassurance that when he takes a seat on the bench for a much-needed rest, the offense will be in good hands.

"He's always asking questions, and I answer him to the best of my ability," Battle said.

"He's a smart kid, and he knows a lot about the game. When he doesn't know it, he makes sure he learns it."

Frazier figures to be a crucial piece of the Nittany Lions' backcourt this season with the departures of guards Stanley Pringle and Danny Morrissey.

Despite the losses, coach Ed DeChellis said he plans to give Battle less time on the floor after the junior guard led the nation in minutes last season.

With Frazier as the Lions' next option at point guard, those minutes will almost certainly fall on his shoulders.

"Coach has to have that trust to keep me out for maybe three or four minutes and really believe in Tim to run the show," Battle said. "Thus far, he's done a really good job of supporting his case.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Frazier



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Penn State's Jerome Hayes (right) tips a pass thrown by Michigan's Tate Forcier during Saturday's game. The defensive end is seeing more playing time after two years of injuries.

Finally healthy, Hayes sees more playing time

By **Matt Fortuna**
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Penn State was nine seconds from going into halftime with a nine-point lead on Saturday. All it had to do was field a kickoff and

run out the clock.

Enter ... Jerome Hayes?

"The guys always get at me because I hurt my knees, and they don't think I can run anymore," Hayes joked. "But I had to show them that I still got a little bit of tailback in me."

Hayes fielded the kick at his own 10-yard line and bullrushed his way for 20 yards before quarterback Daryll Clark took a knee to end the half.

Hayes' return was an odd scene given the redshirt senior's ugly history on special teams plays. He tore an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in each of the last two seasons while on special teams and got off to a slow start this season, as the coaching staff tried to ease him back into game action.

But now, eight games into the season, the former Bayonne High School running See HAYES, Page 10.