



PENN STATE NITTANY LION FIELD HOCKEY

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#6 Penn State (10-4, 5-2 B1G) vs. Indiana (4-11, 1-6 B1G)

DATE: Friday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m.

SITE: Penn State Field Hockey Complex

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

Indiana Head Coach: Amanda Janney Misselhorn

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 19-4
 Last Meeting: W, -1 on 10/22/17 at Indiana

2018 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

Sun.	26	#7 VIRGINIA (Lionvision)	W, 1-0
Fri.	31	at Temple	W, 4-0

SEPTEMBER

Tue.	4	#6 PRINCETON (Lionvision)	L, 1-2 (2ot)
Fri.	7	KENT STATE (Lionvision)	W, 8-0
Sun.	9	vs. #4 Duke (@ Temple)	L, 1-4
Fri.	14	at #22 Ohio State* (BTN2Go)	W, 3-2
Sun.	16	vs. #9 Boston U. (@ Md.) (BTN2Go)	W, 4-0
Fri.	21	#8 MICHIGAN* (Lionvision)	L, 0-1
Sun.	23	MICHIGAN STATE* (Lionvision)	W, 8-0
Fri.	28	at #17 Rutgers (BTN2Go)*	W, 3-2
Sun.	30	JAMES MADISON (Lionvision)	W, 8-2

OCTOBER

Sun.	7	#2 MARYLAND (BTN)*	W, 3-1
Fri.	12	at #8 Iowa*	L, 2-3
Sun.	14	at #15 Northwestern*	W, 4-3
Fri.	19	INDIANA* (Lionvision)	6 p.m.
Tue.	23	BUCKNELL (Lionvision)	6 p.m.
Sun.	28	2018 Big Ten Tournament (Rd. 1)	TBA

NOVEMBER

Fri.-Sun.	2-4	2018 B1G Championships, Evanston, Ill.	TBA
Sat.-Sun.	10-11	2018 NCAA Championships (Rd. 1)	TBA
Fri.-Sun.	16-18	2018 NCAA Semis/Finals	TBA

* Big Ten Game

All Dates and Times Subject to Change

All Times EASTERN

THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	Indiana
Overall Record	10-4	4-11
Conference Record	5-2	1-6
Goals Scored	50	16
Goals Per Game	3.57	1.07
Goals Allowed	20	39
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.43	2.60
Shots	263	137
Shots Per Game	18.8	9.1
Shots Allowed Per Game	10.6	13.8
Saves/Saves %	65/.765	33/.623
Corners	119	75
Shutouts	5	1



THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

The Penn State Nittany Lions (10-4, 5-2 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, will host Indiana (4-11, 1-6 B1G) in their final Big Ten contest of the regular season. The Nittany Lions and Hoosiers meet on Friday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Field Hockey Complex.

Penn State is coming off weekend road trip that saw it split games in the Midwest. Penn State dropped a tough 3-2 game at No. 8 Iowa on Friday before holding on to win at No. 15 Northwestern on Sunday.

The Nittany Lions are being led by a balanced attack featuring six players scoring in double digits. Moira Putsch has 20 points off six goals and eight assists, Anna Simon has 19 off nine and one, Aurelia Meijer has 16 off five and six, Emily Klingler has 15 off seven and one, Alexis Horst has 14 off seven goals and Gini Bramley has 14 off four and six. Keeper Jenny Rizzo has a .769 save percentage, 60 saves and a 1.81 goals against average. The Lion defense is anchored by senior Cori Conley, Simon and middle Katie Dembrowski as well as Madison Hutson.

Indiana is coming off a tough weekend that saw it drop a 4-0 decision to Maryland and 4-0 game to Rutgers, both in Bloomington. The Hoosiers are being led by Kelsey Giese, who has eight points off three goals and two assists. Ciara Girouard has seven off two and three. Indiana keepers Sachi Ananias and Shelby Querry have split time in the cage and combined for a .618 save percentage and a 2.63 goals against average.

Penn State leads the all-time series 19-4. The Nittany Lions won the last meeting, 7-1, last year in Bloomington on 10/22/17.

Next week, The Nittany Lions host Bucknell on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. in the regular season finale. Penn State then finds out its first round Big Ten opponent and site, a game which will take place on Sunday, Oct. 28, at a site and time to be announced.

Fans are encouraged to follow the Nittany Lion field hockey team online at www.GoPSUsports.com (click teams, click field hockey), on twitter @pennstateFH and on facebook at www.facebook.com/pennstatefieldhockey.

For gameday parking information, please check out the color graphic within the pdf posted online in every set of weekly game notes at GoPSUsports.com.

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	University Park, Pa.
Founded	1855
Enrollment	47,261
Colors	Blue and White
Conference	Big Ten
Nickname	Nittany Lions
President	Eric J. Barron
Director of Athletics	Sandy Barbour
Home Field	Penn State Field Hockey Complex (750)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State, 1979)
Career Record/Years (at season's start)	517-204-17/34
Record at PSU/Years (at season's start)	483-188-8/31
Assoc. Head Coach	Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State, 1989)
Assistant Coach	Stuart Smith (Ohio State, 2008)
Volunteer Asst. Coach	Amanda Dinunzio

TEAM INFORMATION

2017 Record	17-5
2017 Big Ten Record (Reg. Season)	6-2
2017 Big Ten Tournament	2-1 (B1G Runner-Up)
2017 NCAA Championship	1-1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	18/2
Starters Returning/Lost	11/2
Newcomers	6
All-Time Record	685-262-37
All-Time Big Ten Record	134-61-1
All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record	31-17
NCAA Tournament Appearances	32
NCAA Tournament Record	25-36
NCAA Semifinal Appearances	7
NCAA Championship Game Appearances	2
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2017

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NOTES

BRAMLEY LEADS LIONS TO B1G ROAD WIN AT #15 NORTHWESTERN

Senior Gini Bramley notched a goal and an assist to lead the Penn State Nittany Lions to a 4-3 Big Ten road win at #15 Northwestern on 10/14. Bramley's scoring came in a first half burst that put Penn State up 4-1 at intermission. She then helped stave off a late NU rally as the Lions held on for the 4-3 victory.

BALANCED ATTACK LEADS LIONS TO 3-1 WIN OVER #2 MARYLAND

Penn State put together a complete and balanced team effort in an impressive 3-1 Big Ten win over #2 Maryland on 10/7. The Lions handed the Terrapins their first loss of the year thanks to outstanding performances on both offense and defense. Moira Putsch led the Lions with a goal and an assist while Abby Myers and Anna Simon each scored as well. Cori Conley anchored a superb Penn State defensive effort and goalie Jenny Rizzo had seven saves, giving up a lone goal on a late penalty stroke. Penn State held Maryland to only 13 shots.

LIONS SWEEP B1G AWARDS ON 10/8

The Penn State Nittany Lions swept the Big Ten's weekly honors on Oct. 8 after their 3-1 win over previously unbeaten Maryland. Moira Putsch was named B1G Offensive Player of the Week, Cori Conley was named B1G Defensive Player of the Week and Anna Simon was named B1G Freshman of the Week. For Conley and Simon, it marks the second time this year they have won honors.

LIONS ROLL OVER JAMES MADISON

Penn State used a balanced scoring attack, with eight different players notching goals and the team scoring four goals in each half, to down visiting James Madison 8-2 on 9/30. Senior Aurelia Meijer had two goals while six teammates each had one.

PENN STATE GRABS B1G ROAD WIN OVER #17 RUTGERS

Penn State rode a 2-0 halftime lead to a hard-fought 3-2 road win at #17 Rutgers on 9/28. Anna Simon and Abby Myers each scored goals in the first half while Cassie Kline scored what would be the game-winner in the second. Lion keeper Jenny Rizzo had eight saves to keep Penn State on top.

PUTSCH TIES SCHOOL ASSIST RECORD, LEADS PENN STATE TO 8-0 WIN OVER MSU

Senior Moira Putsch tied a Penn State record with five assists in Penn State's 8-0 win over Michigan State on 9/23. Putsch had a part in seven of Penn State's eight goals, notching two goals to go along with her five assists for nine points.

SIMON, PUTSCH, KLINGLER ALL NOTCH TWO GOALS IN PENN STATE'S SHUTOUT WIN OVER MSU

Freshman Anna Simon scored two goals in Penn State's 8-0 shutout win over Michigan State on 9/23, scoring twice off perfect penalty corners, with assists from Moira Putsch and Madison Morano. Simon had two goals, Putsch had two, Emily Klingler had two goals and Alexis Horst and Gini Bramley each had one in the lopsided victory.

2018 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 10/15/18)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Maryland	6-1-0	.857	15-1-0	.938
	Michigan	6-1-0	.857	11-5-0	.643
3.	PENN STATE	5-2-0	.714	10-4-0	.714
4.	Iowa	4-3-0	.571	12-4-0	.750
5.	Ohio State	3-3-0	.500	10-6-0	.625
6.	Rutgers	3-4-0	.429	11-4-0	.733
	Northwestern	3-4-0	.429	8-8-0	.500
8.	Indiana	1-6-0	.143	4-11-0	.267
9.	Michigan State	0-7-0	.000	4-12-0	.250

NFHCA POLL (10/16/18)

Rk.	Team	Pts.	LW
1	University of North Carolina (15-0)	1299 (51)	1
2	University of Maryland (15-1)	1213 (1)	2
3	Princeton University (11-3)	1162	3
4	Duke University (12-3)	1096	4
5	University of Connecticut (12-3)	1066	5
6	Penn State University (10-4)	956	6
7	University of Iowa (12-4)	899	8
7	University of Michigan (11-5)	899	7
9	Harvard University (12-1)	777	11
10	University of Louisville (11-4)	767	10
11	Boston College (9-5)	692	12
12	Saint Joseph's University (12-2)	669	13
13	Rutgers University (11-4)	660	14
14	Wake Forest University (8-6)	625	16
15	Syracuse University (8-5)	594	9
16	University of Maine (13-2)	480	17
17	Northwestern University (8-8)	429	15
18	University of Delaware (8-6)	417	18
19	Liberty University (10-4)	368	19
20	Stanford University (10-4)	309	21
21	Ohio State University (10-6)	303	22
22	University at Albany (10-3)	247	23
23	University of Virginia (5-8)	216	20
24	Boston University (8-5)	206	24
25	Old Dominion University (9-5)	114	25

HONORS WON

Gini Bramley

2018 Big Ten Player to Watch (8/20)

Cori Conley

2018 Big Ten Player to Watch (8/20)

B1G Defensive Player of the Week (8/27)

B1G Defensive Player of the Week (10/8)

Moira Putsch

B1G Offensive Player of the Week (10/8)

Longstreth/NFHCA National Offensive Player of the Week (10/8)

Jenny Rizzo

2018 Big Ten Player to Watch (8/20)

Anna Simon

B1G Freshman of the Week (9/3)

B1G Freshman of the Week (10/8)



LAST MINUTE PENALTY STROKE HANDS MICHIGAN 1-0 WIN OVER LIONS

Michigan was awarded a last minute penalty stroke, effectively handing the Wolverines a 1-0 Big Ten win featuring two top ten squads on 9/21. The late penalty call overshadowed an outstanding effort from Lion keeper Jenny Rizzo, who had six saves in shutting down Michigan the rest of the way.

HORST LEADS PENN STATE TO 4-0 WIN OVER #21 BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Sophomore Alexis Horst scored two goals in Penn State's dominant 4-0 win over #21 Boston University on 9/16, in a game played at the University of Maryland. Horst had two goals while teammates Moira Putsch and Anna Simon each added one. Keeper Jenny Rizzo and the Lion backfield, anchored by Simon, Cori Conley and Lauren McNally, notched the shutout. Rizzo had five saves.

TWO LATE GOALS LEAD LIONS TO BIG WIN AT #22 OHIO STATE

Penn State used two goals in the game's final ten minutes to post a 3-2 road win at No. 22 Ohio State on 9/4, grabbing a victory in the Big Ten opener for both teams. Alexis Horst scored off a Gini Bramley assist at the 9:52 mark to tie the game and Katie Dembrowski scored unassisted at the 3:44 mark to put the Nittany Lions up for good in Columbus.

#4 DUKE PULLS AWAY FROM PENN STATE LATE

The Penn State Nittany Lions fell victim to a second half rally against No. 4 Duke on 9/9 in a game played at Temple. Penn State got a first half goal from freshman Anna Simon and were tied at the halftime mark before Duke scored three unanswered goals to post the 4-1 win.

MEIJER SOARS IN 8-0 WIN OVER KENT STATE

Senior Aurelia Meijer soared to a career high six points in Penn State's 8-0 shutout victory over Kent State on 9/7 at the Field Hockey Complex. Meijer had two early assists and then notched two unassisted goals in the second half to blow the game open and lead Penn State to the victory. Penn State out shot KSU 27-9 and Jenny Rizzo and Colleen Conway combined for four saves to post Penn State's third shutout in the season's first four games.

LIONS DROP 2-1 2OT GAME TO #6 PRINCETON

Penn State and Princeton battled evenly for over 80 minutes on 9/4 before the Tigers inched out a 2-1 double-overtime victory in State College. Penn State got a goal from Emily Klingler in the second half to tie the game and rode nine Jenny Rizzo saves into extra time before Princeton got the game winner in the second OT.

SIMON LEADS LIONS TO 4-0 WIN AT TEMPLE; NAMED BIG FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK (9/3)

True freshman Anna Simon scored her first collegiate goals to lead Penn State to a 4-0 win at Temple on 8/31. Simon found the back of the cage twice off penalty corners (assists to Mary Nell Smith and Madison Morano on both) to spark Penn State. The Lions out shot Temple 42-1 in the victory. She was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week for the week ending Sept. 2 for her efforts.

CONLEY, BRAMLEY SPARK LIONS TO 1-0 WIN OVER #7 VIRGINIA

Seniors Cori Conley and Gini Bramley sparked Penn State to an impressive 1-0 win over No. 7 Virginia in the season opener for both teams on 8/26. Conley anchored a strong Penn State defense and classmate Jenny Rizzo notched four saves as Penn State shutout the Cavaliers. The shutout was the ninth of Rizzo's career. Bramley scored the game's lone goal off an assist from Abby Myers as Penn State out shot Virginia 17-9.

CONLEY BIG PLAYER OF THE WEEK (8/27)

Senior Cori Conley as named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending Aug. 26, 2018. Conley anchored a smothering Penn State defense that held a high-powered Virginia offense scoreless and to only nine total shots. Conley's prowess in the middle of Penn State's defense kept the Cavaliers from pressing the Lion cage and lead Penn State to a 1-0 shutout win in the season opener over No. 7 Virginia. Conley played nearly the entire game for a Penn State defense that kept the Cavs scoreless in a national field hockey showdown to start the 2018 season. The victory has Penn State off to a 1-0 start to begin the campaign

TRIO OF NITTANY LIONS ON BIG TEN PRESEASON 'PLAYERS TO WATCH' LIST

A trio of Penn Staters are on the 2018 Big Ten Preseason 'Players to Watch' list. Seniors Gini Bramley, Colleen Conway and Jenny Rizzo are all included on the conference-compiled list to open the campaign. All three were named to the 2018 U.S. Developmental Team this summer and are coming off outstanding 2017 seasons for the Nittany Lions. Rizzo was a first team All-Region and second team All-Big Ten selection while Bramley and Conley were second team All-Region selections.

BTN AND LIONVISION HAVE HOME SLATE COVERED

Penn State's nine home games will be available for fans all over the world to see. Eight of Penn State's nine home contests (Virginia, Princeton, Kent State, Michigan, Michigan State, James Madison, Indiana and Bucknell) will be streamed live for free via Lionvision at GoPSUsports.com. Penn State's Oct. 7 battle with Maryland will air live on the Big Ten Network.

TEAMMATES VOTE RIZZO AND DEMBROWSKI TEAM CAPTAINS

Seniors Jenny Rizzo and Katie Dembrowski will serve as team captains for the 2018 season. The duo earned the honors in a vote by their teammates during preseason practices.

2018 ROSTERS (# and alpha)



NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Ht.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
1	Syd Dreisigmeyer	M	R-Fr.	5-3	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
2	Emily Klingler	F	Sr.	5-2	Selinsgrove, Pa./Selinsgrove
3	Alexis Horst	F	So.	5-4	Port Trevorton, Pa./Selinsgrove
4	Emma Spisak	M	So.	5-2	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
5	Jenny Rizzo	GK	Sr.	5-8	Hershey, Pa./Hershey
6	Bree Bednarski	F	Jr.	5-3	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
7	Madison Morano	M	Jr.	5-4	Hammonton, N.J./Eastern Regional
8	Lisa Winters	F/M	Sr.	5-8	Hershey, Pa./Hershey
9	Lauren McNally	B	Sr.	5-9	Marmora, N.J./Ocean City
10	Madison Reese	D	Fr.	5-7	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	F	Fr.	5-7	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Fr.	5-5	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
13	Eleni Prodes	M	Fr.	5-5	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
14	Cassie Kline	F/M	Sr.	5-3	Millersville, Pa./Penn Manor
15	Cori Conley	B	Sr.	5-5	Oak Park, Ill./Oak Park and River Forest
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	Fr.	5-2	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
17	Anna Simon	D	Fr.	5-9	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
18	Moira Putsch	F	Sr.	5-5	Media, Pa./Academy of Notre Dame (Maryland)
19	Mary Nell Smith	F/M	Sr.	5-2	Dauphin, Pa./Central Dauphin
20	Madison Hutson	M/D	So.	5-11	Gloucester Point, VA/Gloucester
21	Colleen Conway	GK	Sr.	5-8	Franklin Lakes, N.J./Oak Knoll School
22	Abby Myers	M/F	So.	5-7	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
23	Aurelia Meijer	M/F	Sr.	5-7	Hattem, Netherlands/Gymnasium Celeanum
28	Gini Bramley	M	Sr.	5-2	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
33	Katie Dembrowski	M	Sr.	5-8	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Fr.	5-5	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
6	Bree Bednarski	F	Jr.	5-3	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
28	Gini Bramley	M	Sr.	5-2	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
15	Cori Conley	B	Sr.	5-5	Oak Park, Ill./Oak Park and River Forest
21	Colleen Conway	GK	Sr.	5-8	Franklin Lakes, N.J./Oak Knoll School
33	Katie Dembrowski	M	Sr.	5-8	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra
1	Syd Dreisigmeyer	M	R-Fr.	5-3	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
3	Alexis Horst	F	So.	5-4	Port Trevorton, Pa./Selinsgrove
20	Madison Hutson	M/D	So.	5-11	Gloucester Point, VA/Gloucester
14	Cassie Kline	F/M	Sr.	5-3	Millersville, Pa./Penn Manor
2	Emily Klingler	F	Sr.	5-2	Selinsgrove, Pa./Selinsgrove
9	Lauren McNally	B	Sr.	5-9	Marmora, N.J./Ocean City
23	Aurelia Meijer	M/F	Sr.	5-7	Hattem, Netherlands/Gymnasium Celeanum
7	Madison Morano	M	Jr.	5-4	Hammonton, N.J./Eastern Regional
22	Abby Myers	M/F	So.	5-7	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	Fr.	5-2	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
13	Eleni Prodes	M	Fr.	5-5	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
18	Moira Putsch	F	Sr.	5-5	Media, Pa./Academy of Notre Dame (Maryland)
10	Madison Reese	D	Fr.	5-7	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	F	Fr.	5-7	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
5	Jenny Rizzo	GK	Sr.	5-8	Hershey, Pa./Hershey
17	Anna Simon	D	Fr.	5-9	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
19	Mary Nell Smith	F/M	Sr.	5-2	Dauphin, Pa./Central Dauphin
4	Emma Spisak	M	So.	5-2	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
8	Lisa Winters	F/M	Sr.	5-8	Hershey, Pa./Hershey

Head Coach: Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State '79), 30th Season
 Associate Head Coach: Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State '89), 23rd Season
 Assistant Coach: Stuart Smith (Ohio State '08), Seventh Season
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Amanda Dinunzio (Penn State, '14), First Season



HEAD COACH CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS



NCAA DIVISION I ALL-TIME WINNINGEST HEAD COACHES (HEADING INTO THE 2018 SEASON)

1. Nancy Stevens	Connecticut	1990-Pres.....	660-181-24
	Northwestern	1981-89	
	Franklin & Marshall	1979-80	
2. Karen Shelton	North Carolina	1981-Pres.....	646-164-9
3. Beth Anders	Old Dominion	1980-84.....	577-156-7
		1987-2002, 2002-12	
4. Missy Meharg	Maryland	1988-Pres.....	543-136-9
5. Charlene Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	1984-Pres.....	517-204-17
	Boston College	1984-86	

MOST NCAA TOURNAMENTS

Coach	School	NCAA Tournaments
Karen Shelton	North Carolina	34
Nancy Stevens	Connecticut	30
	Northwestern	
Beth Anders	Old Dominion	28
Missy Meharg	Maryland	28
Charlene Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	27

CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS YEAR-BY-YEAR

At Boston College (3 years, 34-16-8, .655)

1984	13-4-1	.750
1985	10-5-5	.625
1986	11-7-2	.600

At Penn State (31 years, 483-188-8, .717)

1987	14-5-2	.714	NCAA Tournament
1988	15-6-1	.705	NCAA Quarterfinals
			Atlantic 10 West Champions
1989	18-3-1	.841	NCAA Tournament
			Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
			Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1990	21-4	.840	NCAA Semifinals
			Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
			Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1991	18-3-1	.841	NCAA Semifinals
1992	16-5-1	.750	NCAA Quarterfinals
1993	20-2	.909	NCAA Semifinals
			Big Ten Regular Season Champions
1994	13-7-2	.636	NCAA Quarterfinals
1995	15-9	.625	NCAA Quarterfinals
			Big Ten Tournament Champions
1996	14-9	.609	NCAA Tournament
			Big Ten Tournament Champions
1997	18-6	.750	NCAA Quarterfinals
			Big Ten Regular Season Champions
			Big Ten Tournament Champions
1998	18-5	.783	NCAA Quarterfinals
			Big Ten Regular Season Champions
			Big Ten Tournament Champions
1999	17-5	.773	NCAA Tournament
2000	17-6	.739	NCAA Tournament
2001	12-7	.632	
2002	19-5	.792	NCAA National Finalist
2003	18-7	.720	NCAA Quarterfinals
2004	10-10	.500	
2005	17-4	.810	NCAA Tournament
			Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2006	16-6	.727	NCAA Quarterfinals
2007	16-8	.667	NCAA National Finalist
2008	13-7	.650	NCAA Tournament
			Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2009	7-13	.350	
2010	14-6	.700	NCAA Tournament
2011	17-6	.739	Big Ten Tournament Champions
			NCAA Quarterfinals
2012	18-4	.818	NCAA Quarterfinals
			Big Ten Regular Season Champions
			Big Ten Tournament Champions
2013	13-6	.684	NCAA Tournament
			Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2014	16-6	.727	NCAA Quarterfinals
2015	9-10	.474	
2016	17-3	.850	NCAA Tournament
2017	17-5	.773	NCAA Tournament
34 Yrs	517-204-17	.712	26 NCAA Appearances



The Automated ScoreBook Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 14, 2018) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	10-4	5-2	4-1	1-1
CONFERENCE	5-2	2-1	3-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-2	3-1	1-0	1-1

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 28	VIRGINIA	W 1-0	727
Aug 31	at Temple	W 4-0	612
Sep 04	#6 PRINCETON	Loss 1-2	499
Sep 07	KENT STATE	W 8-0	372
Sep 09	vs #4 Duke	L 1-4	364
Sep 14	at #22 Ohio State	W 8-2	273
Sep 16	vs #21 Boston	W 4-0	102
Sep 21	MICHIGAN	L 0-1	588
Sep 23	MICHIGAN STATE	W 8-0	708
Sep 30	JAMES MADISON	W 8-2	527
Sep 28	at #17 RU	W 8-2	208
Oct 07	MARYLAND	W 8-1	719
Oct 12	at #8 IOWA	L 2-3	283
Oct 14	at #16 Northwestern	W 4-3	523

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
GOALS	50	20
Shot attempts	263	148
Goals scored per game	3.57	1.43
Shot pct.	.190	.135
Goals on goal-Attempts	167-263	86-148
Goal pct.	.635	.574
Goals/Game	18.8	10.6
NALTY CORNERS	119	58
Goals off corners	10	2
NALTY STROKES	0-0	2-2
NALTIES		
Green cards	7	16
Yellow cards	2	1
Red cards	0	0
TENDANCE		
Total	4140	1899
Notes/Avg Per Data	7/591	6/360
Neutral Site #/Avg	2/228	

#	Name	GP	G	A	Pct	SH	SH%	SOG	COR	PK	PTS	PP	PEN	MIN
18	Putsch, Mona	13	6	8	.280	29	.207	17	585	1	11	0	0	1
17	Simon, Anna	14	9	1	.19	33	.273	18	545	2	0	0	0	1
23	Meyer, Aurelia	14	5	6	.16	49	.102	31	533	1	11	0	0	1
2	Kingler, Emily	14	7	1	.15	19	.368	16	842	1	0	0	0	0
3	Hoad, Alexis	14	7	0	.14	16	.438	12	758	1	11	0	0	1
28	Bramley, Gini	14	4	6	.14	26	.154	16	615	2	0	0	0	0
22	Myers, Abby	14	4	1	.09	17	.235	9	528	1	11	0	0	1
7	Morano, Madison	14	0	8	.00	9	.000	5	556	0	0	0	0	0
23	Dembrowski, Katie	14	2	3	.07	34	.059	23	576	1	11	0	0	1
19	Smith, Mary Neil	14	1	3	.05	7	.143	5	714	0	0	0	0	0
14	Hine, Cassie	14	2	0	.04	8	.250	4	588	0	11	0	0	1
11	Reese, Meghan	14	1	2	.04	4	.250	2	500	0	0	0	0	0
6	Bednarski, Elise	6	1	0	.02	4	.250	3	758	0	11	0	0	1
4	Spisak, Emma	11	1	0	.02	2	.500	2	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
8	Winters, Lisa	9	0	1	.00	1	.000	1	588	0	11	0	0	1
15	Conley, Cori	14	0	0	.00	4	.000	3	750	0	0	0	0	1
21	Conroy, Colleen	5	0	0	.00	0	.000	0	888	0	11	0	0	1
20	Hutton, Madison	7	0	0	.00	0	.000	0	0,000	0	0	0	0	0
16	O'Donnell, Brianna	2	0	0	.00	0	.000	0	888	0	11	0	0	1
13	Prodes, Eleni	3	0	0	.00	0	.000	0	0,000	0	0	0	0	0
10	Reese, Madison	1	0	0	.00	0	.000	0	888	0	11	0	0	1
9	McNally, Lauren	9	0	0	.00	0	.000	0	0,000	0	0	0	0	0
1	Dreisigmeier, Syd	5	0	0	.00	0	.000	0	888	0	11	0	0	1
Total		14	50	40	.140	263	.190	167	635	10	0	0	0	2
Opponents		14	20	14	.143	148	.135	86	574	4	2	2	2	6

#	Name	GP	Min.	GA	GA/Avg	Save	SV%	W-L-T	PTS
5	Rizzo, Jenny	14	893:32	18	1.81	60	.769	10-4-0	20
21	Conway, Colleen	4	98:58	2	1.82	3	.600	0-0-0	0/3
Total		14	992:30	20	1.81	65	.765	10-4-0	5
Opponents		14	992:30	50	4.53	117	.701	4-9-0	1

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OTH	Total
Penn State	26	24	0	0	50
Opponents	5	14	0	1	20

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OTH	Total
Penn State	131	132	0	0	263
Opponents	66	81	0	1	148

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OTH	Total
Penn State	38	35	0	0	65
Opponents	68	57	0	0	117

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OTH	Total
Penn State	55	64	0	0	119
Opponents	18	40	0	0	58



GAME-BY-GAME STARTING LINE-UP

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Forward	Forward	Forward	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Back	Back	Back	GK
8/26/17	VIRGINIA	W	1-0	Klingler	Kline	Myers	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	Hutson	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
8/31/17	at Temple	W	4-0	Myers	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/4/17	PRINCETON	L	1-2 (2ot)	Klingler	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/7/17	KENT STATE	W	8-0	Myers	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/9/17	vs. Duke at Temple	L	1-4	Klingler	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/14	at Ohio State	W	3-2	Myers	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/16	vs. Boston U. at Md.	W	4-0	Klingler	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/21	MICHIGAN	L	0-1	Myers	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/23	MICHIGAN STATE	W	8-0	Klingler	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/28	at Rutgers	W	3-2	Myers	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	Hutson	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
9/30	JAMES MADISON	W	8-2	Klingler	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	Hutson	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
10/7	MARYLAND	W	3-1	Myers	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	Hutson	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
10/12	at Iowa	L	2-3	Klingler	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	Hutson	Conley	Simon	Rizzo
10/14	at Northwestern	W	4-3	Myers	Kline	Putsch	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	Hutson	Conley	Simon	Rizzo

GAMEDAY PARKING MAP



Parking Information for Penn State vs. Indiana Field Hockey game on Friday, Oct 19: Spectator parking is available free of charge after 5:00 p.m. Friday in the Stadium West parking lot. Please enter off of Park Avenue at the Stadium West traffic light. **PLEASE NOTE: The Yellow parking lots at Wagner, Shields and Pegula closest to the Field Hockey Field in addition to Orange-F Upper and Lower by Tennis/East Area Locker Room will be controlled for Men's Ice Hockey permits only.** Orange-B parking lots by Nittany Lion Softball Park (accessed off of Park Avenue) are also available after 5:00 p.m. Friday (follow the bright blue dashed walking path on map above). For more information, please visit www.parking.psu.edu.

GAME SUMMARIES



#6 PENN STATE 1, #7 VIRGINIA 0 Sunday, August 26, 2018 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (1-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, opened up the 2018 season with a big win at home against No. 7 Virginia. The Nittany Lions rode a strong defense, led by senior Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.), and a lone first period goal to the victory. It took Penn State less than four minutes to get on the board for the first time when Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) took an assist from Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) at the 31:24 mark to give the Nittany Lions an early 1-0 lead. Penn State pressured the Cavalier defense throughout the opening period. Virginia's first real offensive pressure of the first half came at the 19:30 mark but Penn State's defense, anchored by Conley, forced the ball out of bounds.

Lion goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) picked up her first save at the 18:00 mark to keep the Nittany Lions on top 1-0. Virginia's offense picked up the pace late in the half, pressuring the Lion defense and Rizzo but Penn State held strong, maintaining its 1-0 lead as the clocked moved below the 7:00 mark. With 3:33 left, Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) had a solid shot that allowed Penn State to pick up its first penalty corner of the game. Mary Nell Smith (Dauphin, Pa.) took the corner that led to two solid Penn State shots, but Cavalier goalie Carrera notched two saves to keep the score close. Maddie Morano (Hammonton, N.J.) had a late shot that Lucas pushed over the cage and the Nittany Lions carried the 1-0 lead into the break. Penn State out shot Virginia 10-3 in the first half with Lucas keeping the Cavaliers in the game with six saves. Lion keeper Rizzo had one save on Virginia's three shots. Penn State had the lone penalty corner of the first half.

Virginia came out aggressive in the second half with Izzy McDonough getting an early shot on goal that Rizzo deftly pushed aside. Virginia continued to pressure Penn State but the Lion defense, with Conley and freshman Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) anchoring it, held firm to keep Penn State on top. The Nittany Lions found their offense over the next ten minutes, getting three shots from Bramley. Two went wide and Lucas saved another, keeping the game close. Penn State continued to dictate the pace of the game, keeping Virginia on defense as the clock moved below 23:00. Virginia got its first penalty corner at the 22:30 mark, with Amber Ezechiels taking it for the Cavaliers. Conley blocked her first effort and Virginia got a second corner off the block. Ezechiels took it again, setting up a solid shot by Anzel Viljoen. Rizzo stopped the shot cold with an outstanding block, keeping the Nittany Lions in the lead with 21:20 on the clock. Penn State looked to take advantage of a Virginia green card but the Cavalier defense kept Penn State from mounting a real threat and the clock moved down under 20:00 left with the Nittany Lions hold the slim 1-0 lead.

At the 18:29 mark, Smith took a penalty corner for the Lions but Penn State did not manage a shot off the effort. Penn State kept the ball on the Virginia side of the field, however, working the clock down under 17:00. With 14:50 on the clock, Myers chased down a slow roller that Virginia was letting roll out of bounds. She knocked the ball back into play, forcing a duo of penalty corners taken by Simon. Penn State had its shot blocked on the first, then missed on two shots on the second corner with 13:00 left to play. Penn State picked up its fifth corner of the game with 12:00 left to play, with Lucas notching two more saves to keep Virginia close. Virginia got a penalty corner at the 8:00 mark but Conley blocked the Cav shot and Penn State took over possession seconds later.

Virginia called timeout with 3:39 left and pulled its goalie. The Penn State defense held firm as the clock moved down below 2:00. With the ball on Penn State's side of the field, Virginia looked to work the ball towards the Lion cage but the Penn State midfield, anchored by Cassie Kline (Millersville, Pa.) and Aurelia Meijer (Hattem, Netherlands) kept the Cavs from mounting a serious threat. With the clock ticking down below 1:00, Penn State's defense held off a final Virginia effort, forcing a turnover with :10 to kill the clock and ice the game. Penn State out shot Virginia 17-9 with Cavalier keeper Lucas notching nine saves. Penn State's Rizzo notched her tenth career shutout, tallying four saves in the process. The Lions had five corners to three for Virginia. Klingler and Meijer each had three shots for Penn State while Greta El had three for the Cavaliers.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
Penn State (1-0, 0-0 B1G)	1	0	1
Virginia (0-1)	0	0	0

STATS:	PSU	VA
Shots	17	9
Corners	5	3

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME
1st: PSU Gini Bramley (Abby Myers) -- 4:05

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	0	4
VA: Carrera Lucas	66:21	1	9
TEAM	3:39	0	0

#6 PENN STATE 4, TEMPLE 0 Friday, August 31, 2018 -- Philadelphia, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (2-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, took care of home-standing Temple (0-3) in Philadelphia Friday evening. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad dominated the Owls in a road non-conference game, posting a 4-0 victory to improve to 2-0 on the year. The Nittany Lions offense was the story in a game that was close on the scoreboard but played almost entirely in front of the Temple goal. True freshman Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) led Penn State with two goals as the Lions broke the game open midway through the second half.

Mirroring its season opening win over Virginia, the Nittany Lion offense's constant pressure helped set the tone early on. Penn State collected a total of 13 shots in the opening 15 minutes of play. While not punching through for a score, the Lions forced Temple goalie Chloe Johnson into seven saves with a constant barrage of shots. Four different Nittany Lions had three shots apiece before the first half hit the midway point. Penn State also set up five penalty corners early as well. Penn State's pressure paid off with under ten to play in the half, with Mary Nell Smith (Dauphin, Pa.) taking a penalty corner and setting up true freshman Simon for her first collegiate goal. Simon's goal, with assists from Smith and Madison

Morano (Hammonton, N.J.) put Penn State up 1-0 at the 5:07 mark. Penn State nearly added a second goal late when Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.) had a solid shot blocked by Johnson as the period ended.

While Penn State's constant offensive pressure kept the bulk of the action on the Temple side of the field in the opening half, the Nittany Lion defense was once again superb. Anchored by Conley, last week's Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week, and Simon, the Lions held Temple to zero shots, keeping the Owls from putting any pressure on talented Lion goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.). Penn State out shot Temple 22-0 in the first half, with 13 shots on goal and eight penalty corners. While Rizzo went untested in the first 35:00, Johnson kept the Owls in the game with 12 saves.

The second half began in the manner that the first played out. Penn State kept the ball on the Temple side of the field, taking shot after shot and stringing together a series of corners in the first seven minutes. But Temple's defense, and Johnson in particular, kept the Lions out of the cage and the game close. With just under 15 minutes gone in the second half, Penn State had upped its shots advantage to a gaudy 28-1 with Temple picking up its first shot just over 10 minutes into the second half. With Penn State's pressure piling up on the Owl defense, Temple called time out at the 19:27 mark of the second half. The Nittany Lions piled up eight more shots and seven more corners to that point. Conley, Simon and Lauren McNally (Marmora, N.J.) pushed back any slight Temple efforts to move the ball forward.

Penn State broke the game open with just under 15:00, getting two goals within a minute of each other. Simon notched her second goal of the game, once again off a Smith corner with a second assist from Morano at the 12:40 mark. Senior Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) scored her first goal of the season just over a minute later, scoring unassisted at the 11:23 mark to put Penn State up 3-0. A contest that was close on the scoreboard but not statistically had broken open. Rizzo exited the game with just over 6:00 left as classmate Colleen Conway (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) took over in the cage for the Nittany Lions. Senior Aurelia Meijer (Hattem, Netherlands) scored off a Temple save at the 4:52 mark to give the Nittany Lions a 4-0 lead, getting her first goal of the season.

Meijer's goal was the third for Penn State in a furious final 15:00 as the Lions broke free of the Owls and rolled to its second straight win. Penn State poured on 19 more shots with three finding the back of the cage in the second stanza. Penn State out shot Temple 42-1 with 26 shots on goal. The Lions also had 21 penalty corners to none for Temple. The Lion goalies, led by Rizzo, had no saves as the Owls did not manage a shot on goal. Johnson kept Temple close for 55:00 before Penn State's late offensive burst. The Owl goalie had 22 saves. Simon's two goals led Penn State with Smith and Morano each having two assists. Meijer led Penn State with 10 shots, six on goal, with one finding the back of the cage. Senior Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.), last year's leading scorer, returned to action in the game after missing the pre-season and season opener with an injury. Putsch played 30 minutes and had three shots.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
Penn State (2-0, 0-0 B1G)	1	3	4
Temple (0-3)	0	0	0

STATS:	PSU	TEM
Shots	42	1
Corners	21	0

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU Anna Simon (Mary Nell Smith, Madison Morano) -- 5:07
2nd: PSU Anna Simon (Mary Nell Smith, Madison Morano) -- 12:40
2nd: PSU Emily Klingler (unassisted) -- 11:23
2nd: PSU Aurelia Meijer (unassisted) -- 4:52

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	64:00	0	0
Collen Conway	6:00	0	0
TEM: Chloe Johnson	70:00	4	19

#5 PENN STATE 1, #6 PRINCETON 2 (2ot) Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (2-1, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, lost a hard-fought double-overtime thriller to No. 6 Princeton (2-1) in a mid-week night game at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. The Tigers scored with just 2:31 left in the final overtime period to post a thrilling 2-1 (2OT) win over the Nittany Lions in yet another early season top ten showdown for Penn State. Princeton struck fast, scoring less than one minute into the game, becoming the first team to score on the Nittany Lions when Sophia Tornetta scored from right in front of the Penn State cage. Penn State's offensive quickly chalked up two penalty corners as the Nittany Lions looked to tie the game, but Princeton stopped both efforts, all within the first six minutes of the game. The Tigers countered with solid offensive pressure for the middle part of the opening half, keeping action on Penn State's side of the field and pressing the Lion defense.

Lion keeper Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) knocked back to shots to keep Penn State within striking distance as the clock moved to the 17:00 mark. Penn State had three early shots midway through the half but none on goal. Tornetta nearly scored again at the 15:29 mark but her effort went off the right post. Penn State nearly tied the game at the 9:45 mark but a Mary Nell Smith (Dauphin, Pa.) shot just missed wide. Rizzo then cleared the cage from a Princeton scramble with 8:00 on the clock to keep the score at 1-0 Princeton. With 3:06 left in the half, Penn State had a penalty corner blocked high and the Tigers carried that lead into the halftime break. Princeton out shot Penn State 9-3 in the opening 35:00 but Penn State a 4-0 corners edge. Rizzo kept Penn State close with five saves while Princeton's Grace Baylis has no saves as none of Penn State's three shots were on goal.

The Tigers picked up their first two penalty corners of the game early in the second half but could not connect on either. Penn State looked to work the ball down to Princeton's end of the field but the Tiger defense kept Penn State from challenging the goal. But Penn State took advantage of a change of possession in front of the Lion bench to knot the score. Senior Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.) pushed the ball deep into the circle where Madison Morano (Hammonton, N.J.) moved the ball closer to the cage. Senior Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) took control of the ball amidst the Princeton defense and scored unassisted at the 30:02 mark to tie the game at 1-1.



The goal energized the Nittany Lion offense as momentum shifted on the field. Penn State began to pressure the Tigers more consistently and picked up the pace, setting a quicker tempo. Princeton was able to push back against the Lions and forced a couple penalty corners after the clock dipped below 20:00. Penn State held first and the game moved under the 15:00 mark knotted at 1-1 as Rizzo notched her seventh save of the game midway through the second half. Princeton regained momentum as the second half wound down, setting up another set of corners as the clocked moved under 8:00. Rizzo held firm with another save and Penn State pressed to push the ball down to Princeton's side of the field. The Tigers took advantage of a Lion turnover at the 5:00 mark and picked up their ninth corner of the game. Princeton took time out at the 4:20 mark, prior to the corner. Penn State held firm on first corner, then a second, and finally a third to keep the score tied 1-1 with 2:25 left to play. Princeton picked up one chance on a corner at the 1:00 mark and, with seconds ticking off the clock, nearly won the game but Rizzo made a great save on the left side of the cage to send the game into overtime.

In the first ten-minute, seven on seven, overtime period, neither team could put a shot on goal for the first six minutes. Conley forced a Princeton turnover with 3:30 on the clock but the Lions could not convert and Princeton countered with a late push of its own. Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) regained possession for Penn State and the Lions worked the clock down, forcing a second overtime. Princeton took over after a brief Penn State push and turnover and ended the game at the 7:31 mark when Annabeth Donovan took a pass from Julianna Torretta and pushed the ball through for a score. The goal in the second overtime gave Princeton a hard-fought 2-1 win. Princeton out shot Penn State 21-1, including the lone shot in overtime that resulted in the game winning goal. Rizzo kept Penn State close with 9 saves (Penn State had one defensive for a total of 10). The Lion offense forced Princeton goalie Grace Baylis into only one save. Princeton also had a 12-5 penalty corner edge.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	OT1	OT2	F
#5 Penn State (2-1, 0-0 B1G)	0	1	0	0	1
#6 Princeton (2-1)	1	0	0	1	2

STATS:	PSU	PRI
Shots	5	21
Corners	5	12

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME

1st: PRI – Sophia Torretta (MaryKate Neff) – 34:08
 2nd: PSU – Moira Putsch (unassisted) – 30:02
 OT2: PRI – Annabeth Donovan (Julianna Torretta) – 7:31

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	82:30	2	9
Defensive			1
PRI: Grace Baylis	82:30	1	1

#5 PENN STATE 8, KENT STATE 0

Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (3-1, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, rebounded from a tough Tuesday setback to No. 6 Princeton by taking down visiting Kent State (1-5) on Friday afternoon. The Lions opened up a big lead in the first half and rolled to an 8-0 shutout victory, their third shutout in four games. The Lions rode the strong performance of senior midfielder Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) and another strong defensive effort to get back on the winning track. Meijer totaled six points off two goals and an assist. She played a role in four of Penn State's eight goals.

Penn State set a strong early tone, taking possession less than a minute into the game and getting an early shot that sailed high. The initial burst was a sign of the next few minutes as Penn State controlled the ball, mostly in the middle of the field. Any Kent State offensive press was deftly repelled by the Nittany Lion defense. Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) made a solid run down the right side of the field to set up the first penalty corner of the day at the 26:22 mark. Kent State goalie Mary Crumlish notched a save against the first Lion shot and two more were blocked on a second corner. Kent State pushed the ball down towards the Lion cage after the two corners, but the Lion defense, led by Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.), forced a turnover. Penn State responded in fine fashion. The Lion midfield, led by Meijer, moved the ball down field. Meijer sent the ball into the circle and sophomore Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) pushed the ball past Crumlish for the goal at the 24:35 mark to give the Nittany Lions a 1-0 lead. Meijer's stick work to the right of the KSU goal forced a third Lion corner at the 16:30 mark. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) appeared to put Penn State up 2-0 on the corner but the goal was disallowed after review and the Lions retained their 1-0 lead at the 16:07 mark.

Kent State took its first shot at the 13:40 mark but Lion goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) made the save to keep the Lions up 1-0. Penn State then answered in furious fashion. Meijer once again pushed the ball down field and picked up her second assist of the game with a slick connection to sophomore Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.), putting Penn State up 2-0 at the 13:21 mark. Less than a minute later, senior Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) notched a solo goal from center circle and the Nittany Lions led 3-0 with 12:44 left in the first half. Kent State could not break through the Penn State defense, with Simon, Conley and Lauren McNally (Marmor, N.J.) holding the Flash to just three shots before a penalty corner as the half expired led to another. Rizzo easily saved the final shot and Penn State carried the 3-0 lead into the halftime break. Penn State out shot Kent State 10-4 and had three corners to one for the Golden Flash. Rizzo had two saves in the opening 35:00 while Crumlish had three for Kent State.

The Lions crushed any hopes for a Kent State comeback quickly in the second half when Meijer scored two solo goals within :30 of each other. Meijer moved quickly down the right side of the circle to score unassisted at the 33:46 mark and then duplicated the same effort, from nearly the same spot, at the 33:14 mark, to give the Nittany Lions a 5-0 lead. The Nittany Lions changed goalies at that point, getting senior Colleen Conway (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) some important minutes in the cage. Kent State had a scoring chance on a penalty corner with 25:00 left to play but Conway notched a nice save and a second shot sailed high. Conway had a second save, using her left foot to push a Kent State shot away at the 23:00 mark to keep the Penn State shutout in play. Penn State made it a half-dozen goals at the 20:49 mark when Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) scored off assists from Klingler and true freshman Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.).

Senior Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) picked up an unassisted goal at the 14:32 mark to put Penn State up 7-0. With a number of Penn State's younger players getting valuable playing time, Meghan Reese picked up her first career goal at the 6:20 mark to give the Lions an 8-0 lead that they would carry to the game's end. "We knew heading into this game that we had to take better care of the ball and in the second half

we did," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "I'm very proud of the kids who went into the game in the second half. They kept the pace and the flow of the game going the way we wanted, and that's important moving forward. Our defense, particularly the back four, were able to set the tone and tackle very well, too." The Nittany Lions out shot Kent State 27-9, including a 17-5 edge in the second half. Penn State had a 7-3 edge in corners. Rizzo ended the game with two saves in 39:50 while Conway had two saves in 30:10. Kent State's goalies combined for 10 saves.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#5 Penn State (3-1, 0-0 B1G)	3	5	8
Kent State (1-5)	0	0	0

STATS:	PSU	KSU
Shots	27	9
Corners	7	3

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU -- Alexis Horst (Aurelia Meijer), 24:35
 1st: PSU – Abby Myers (Meijer, Moira Putsch), 13:21
 1st: PSU – Gini Bramley (unassisted), 22:48
 2nd: PSU – Meijer (unassisted), 33:46
 2nd: PSU – Meijer (unassisted), 33:14
 2nd: PSU – Spisak (Meghan Reese, Emily Klingler), 20:49
 2nd: PSU – Putsch (unassisted), 14:32
 2nd: PSU – Meghan Reese (unassisted), 6:20

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	39:50	0	2
Colleen Conway	30:10	0	2
KSU: Mary Crumlish	43:34	5	3
Rebecca Nelson	26:26	3	4
Team			3

#5 PENN STATE 1, #4 DUKE 4

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 -- Philadelphia, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (3-2, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, fell victim to a strong second half from No. 4 Duke (4-2) in a Sunday morning game played at Temple in Philadelphia. The Lions were outscored by three in the second half and lost a 4-1 neutral site game to the Blue Devils. The game began with Duke pressing Penn State with some early offense, reeling off three shots in the opening minutes that were pushed back by senior goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) via two saves as well as a block. Penn State steadily reversed the early flow of the game and moved the ball down to the Duke side of the field, getting a handful of shots of its own that were stopped by Duke goalie Sammi Steele with two saves.

The Nittany Lions drew first blood, however, as their offensive pressure led to a penalty corner at the 19:18 mark that led to the game's first goal. Senior Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) took the corner, moved the ball right to Madison Morano (Hammononton, N.J.) who stopped it and set up freshman Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) for the score at the 15:37 mark. Duke would answer shortly after that, however, tying the score at 1-1 when Rose Tynan knocked the ball past Rizzo as it bounced off a Lion defender from outside the circle at the 10:45 mark. The teams battled evenly for the remainder of the opening half and entered the intermission knotted 1-1. The first half was very evenly played. As the game ebbed and flowed neither team could establish overwhelming momentum. Duke ended the opening 35:00 with a slight 7-6 shot edge. Each team had four shots on goal and each keeper had three saves. Penn State had four saves to three for the Blue Devils.

Penn State began the second half by forcing a penalty corner less than three minutes in. Moira Putsch took the corner, moving the ball to Simon but the shot was blocked. A second corner by Putsch to Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) had the Lion senior's scoot wide and the game continued knotted at 1-1. Duke took its first corner of the second half at the 41:18 and then continued to press the Penn State defense. The Blue Devils took a 2-1 lead at the 28:38 mark, with Jillian Wolgemuth knocking in a shot off a penalty corner. Duke controlled much of the action for the next 15:00-plus minutes, building up a 15-9 shot advantage, including nine total shots on goal. Rizzo kept Penn State close, picking up four more saves in the second half's first 20:00 to up her game total to seven with much of the game yet to play. Rizzo fought off a seventh Duke corner with 11:00 to play and action moved below the 10:00 mark with Penn State still trailing 2-1.

The Blue Devils put the game out of reach when Andretta scored off an assist from Lily Posternak as Duke's offensive efforts paid off. Lion senior Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) had a shot blocked at the 5:41 mark that would have cut the Duke lead to one, but Duke's defense held firm. Penn State began to press on offense, looking for a late rally, but the Blue Devils took advantage of Penn State's all-out push, getting a turnover and ending the game with an unassisted goal from Tynan at the 0:47 mark. The late goal made the final score 4-1 in Duke's favor. "This was tough because we played so well in the first half, connecting as a team, moving the ball," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "But in the second half, we just started watching the game instead of playing as a unit. We were thinking as individuals and you cannot do that against a good team like Duke. We had so many opportunities inside the 25 that we didn't take advantage of and that hurt us." Duke's strong second half led to a 17-11 shot margin at the end of the game, including an 11-4 shot on goal edge. Each team took seven corners. Lion goalie Rizzo had seven saves while Steele had three for the Blue Devils.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#5 Penn State (3-1, 0-0 B1G)	1	0	1
#4 Duke (3-2)	1	3	4

STATS:	PSU	DUKE
Shots	11	17
Corners	7	7

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME



1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Katie Dembrowski, Madison Moran), 15:37
 1st: DUKE – Rose Tynan (unassisted), 10:45
 2nd: DUKE – Jillian Wolgemuth (Caroline Andretta, Margaux Paolino), 28:38
 2nd: DUKE – Andretta (Lily Posternak), 7:09
 2nd: DUKE – Tynan (unassisted), 0:47

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	4	7
DUKE: Sammi Steele	70:00	1	3

#6 PENN STATE 3, #22 OHIO STATE 2 Friday, Sept. 14, 2018 -- Columbus, Ohio

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (4-2, 1-0 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, scored twice in the final ten minutes to beat No. 22 Ohio State (4-3, 0-1 B1G) in the Big Ten opener for both teams. The Nittany Lions posted a 3-2 victory over the Buckeyes in the Friday afternoon contest, played in Columbus, Ohio.

Penn State had an early chance to score at the 31:00 mark with the ball moving around in front of the Buckeye cage. But Ohio State keeper Aaliyah Hernandez pushed the ball away and out of bounds, giving Penn State an early corner. The Buckeyes blocked Penn State's opening corner and then Hernandez notched a save on a shot by Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands). The Nittany Lions midfield, anchored by Meijer and senior Cassie Kline (Millersville, Pa.), dominated the early going before Ohio State mounted its first offensive charge with Kelsey Nolan taking the ball down field only to be stopped cold by Lion keeper Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.). Rizzo notched a quick second save that started a Penn State fast break. Penn State missed on the first shot but Lion senior Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) found the back of the cage on a second shot and Penn State led 1-0 at the 27:49 mark.

Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) nearly scored on another Penn State corner at the 21:50 mark but Hernandez held firm on two Lion attempts. Ohio State was unable to connect on a slight offensive charge shortly thereafter as the Penn State defense controlled the Penn State backfield. Senior Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.), classmate Lauren McNally (Marmora, N.J.) and Simon anchored the Penn State defense, turning the Buckeyes over, feeding the Penn State midfield and keeping Ohio State from mounting any consistent offensive pressure in the opening 20:00 minutes. Hernandez made solid kick save on a nice Klingler shot at the 15:00 mark to keep the score at 1-0. Ohio State then moved the ball downfield after the save and knotted the game at 1-1 off a Sina Schwinn goal at the 15:35 mark. Penn State had outshot the Buckeyes 8-3 at that point but found itself tied 1-1. Hernandez kept the game tied with a couple more saves off Penn State corners and the game continued tied 1-1 as the clock moved towards the 10:00 mark. Ohio State was able to control the action for the bulk of the final 10:00 and the first half ended with the game tied 1-1. The Nittany Lions outshot Ohio State 10-3 but Hernandez's five saves kept the game tied. Rizzo had two saves. Penn State had a 5-0 advantage in penalty corners as well.

The second half began in similar fashion as the first with Ohio State controlling possession for the opening minutes. Penn State's Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) had a chance on a quick breakaway at the 31:20 mark but Hernandez was solid in the cage for the Buckeyes. Ohio State took a 2-1 lead at the 28:25 mark when Kelsey Nolan scored on a rebound. Ohio State got a green card at the 26:18 mark, giving Penn State a 2:00 advantage. The Nittany Lions could not turn the advantage into a goal and action resumed even-up. Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) nearly tied the score at the 23:00 mark but Ohio State's defense kept the Lions out of the cage and the Lions trailed 2-1 as the clock neared the 20:00 mark. As the game moved below 20:00, Penn State countered a quick Ohio State press, turned the Buckeyes over and then set up a solid possession in the Ohio State backfield. But the Buckeyes answered with good defense, moved the ball down the field and nearly took a two-goal lead before Rizzo was able to push the Buckeyes effort aside and keep Penn State close. Penn State got hit with a green card at the 18:00 mark, giving Ohio State a 2:00 advantage. Penn State worked to move the ball downfield but the Ohio State defense was able to answer every Penn State push and the Buckeyes held the one goal lead at the 15:40 mark.

Rizzo notched an outstanding save at the 13:33 mark that led to Ohio State's first penalty corner of the game. The Lion defense was strong, however, and Penn State was able to keep the Buckeyes from improving their lead. That defense stand proved critical as Penn State moved the ball downfield and tied the game 2-2 when Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) scored off a Bramley assist at the 9:52 mark. Ohio State countered with a set of penalty corners at the 7:30 mark but Rizzo and the Lion defense was equal to the task, keeping the game tied 2-2 at the 7:00 mark. Putsch pushed the ball in front of the Buckeye cage at the 4:40 mark, forcing a penalty corner. Putsch pushed the ball to Simon, who's shot was blocked. Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) found the rebound and quickly pushed the ball past Hernandez to give the Nittany Lions a 3-2 lead at the 3:51 mark. Ohio State pulled its goalie after the Dembrowski goal, but Penn State's defense was up to the task. Penn State regained possession and worked the clock down below 2:00. Penn State then managed to the ball down on the Ohio State side of the field all the way to the 1:00 mark before Ohio State grabbed possession. The Buckeyes took one last run but Bramley was able to steal the ball and push the ball down to Ohio State's end of the field, effectively killing the clock and securing the 3-2 Lion victory. Penn State outshot Ohio State 16-12, with the Buckeyes hold a slim 9-6 edge in the second half. Rizzo and Hernandez each posted six saves while Penn State had a 6-3 advantage in corners (but took only one in the second half).

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#6 Penn State (4-2, 1-0 B1G)	1	2	3
#22 Ohio State (4-3, 0-1 B1G)	1	1	2

STATS:	PSU	OSU
Shots	16	12
Corners	6	3

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU – Emily Klingler (unassisted), 27:49
 1st: OSU – Sina Schwinn (unassisted), 15:35
 2nd: OSU – Kelsey Nolan (unassisted), 28:25
 2nd: PSU – Emily Horst (Gini Bramley), 9:52
 2nd: PSU – Katie Dembrowski (unassisted), 3:51

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	2	6
OSU: Aaliyah Hernandez	66:09	2	6
Team	3:51	0	0

#6 PENN STATE 4, #21 BOSTON U. 0 Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 -- College Park, Md.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (5-2, 1-0 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, shutout No. 21 Boston University (5-3) in a key non-conference match-up between top ranked squads. The Nittany Lions used two goals from sophomore Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) to roll to a 4-0 win in the game played at the University of Maryland on Sunday afternoon. The Nittany Lions picked up their first penalty corner less than five minutes into the game but could not connect to take the early lead. Boston University tried to counter after Penn State's corner but the Lion midfield and defense were able to control possession and keep the Terriers from mounting a push. Boston managed to work the ball down to the Lion circle at the 25:00 mark, but Lion defender Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.) stole the ball, pushed it to midfielder Cassie Kline (Millersville, Pa.) and Penn State worked its way to another corner at the 24:00 mark. Another missed chance on the corner led to a Boston possession, but over 10:00 into the contest and Penn State had established tempo and momentum.

Penn State's early dominance paid off when senior Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) finished off a nifty move to the right of the Boston cage, taking a long pass from middle Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) and finding the back of the cage to put Penn State up 1-0 at the 22:50 mark. Boston responded with its first solid offensive push of the match, forcing the Lion defense to respond with a block on short BU shot. The Terriers continued to maintain possession and picked up their first penalty corner at the 18:00 mark. Boston's Ally Hammel took two good shots, the second a blistering shot at the upper right corner of the cage. But Penn State goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) saved both, including an outstanding reach on the second Hammel effort. Boston managed to turn momentum in its favor with the lengthy possession midway through the opening half. Penn State broke up the Terrier offense briefly but Boston was able to regain the ball and continued to press the Lion backfield down under the 15:00 mark. Penn State had a short chance to score a second goal at the 11:00 mark, but Boston goalie Kathleen Keegan pushed the shot aside and Boston moved the ball back down to the Penn State end of the field as the clock moved to the 10:00 mark. Penn State was able to regain possession with 9:00 left in the half with Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) working the ball down the left side of the field, sending a cross to the right, only to see the ball roll out of bounds.

Penn State regained control of the game for the final minutes of the opening half, keeping the ball in the Boston backfield and picking up its third corner of the game with 4:00 on the clock. A fourth corner came seconds later. Putsch took the corner and the ball ended up on Anna Simon's stick. Simon passed once, the ball shifted to the left to senior Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) who got the ball back to Simon mid-circle. The Lion true freshman put Penn State up 2-0 with a sizzling shot from the top of the circle at the 3:59 mark. Horst then picked up a loose ball in front of the BU cage and scored the first of her two goals just over a minute later, giving Penn State a 3-0 lead at the 2:47 mark, a lead Penn State would carry into the halftime break. Penn State outshot Boston 8-4 in the opening 35:00, including a 6-2 on goal edge. The Lions had a 5-2 corner advantage as well. Rizzo had two saves for Penn State while Keegan had three for the Terriers.

The second half began with Penn State pressing BU once again as Putsch controlled the action around the Boston goal early. But the Terriers regained possession and picked up a couple corners that Rizzo was able to defend, keeping the Lions up by three. The game was played in front of the Penn State goal for the next few minutes but the Nittany Lions were able to regain possession, and momentum, as the clock moved below the 25:00 mark. Penn State took a penalty corner after a nice push and Horst scored her second goal of the game, once again off a loose ball after the corner, and Penn State led 4-0 with 24:00 to play. Boston took a corner at the 19:00 mark that Rizzo and the Lion corner defense easily took care of. Penn State then took possession and worked the ball down to the Boston side of the field as the clock worked its way to the 15:00 mark. The Nittany Lions were turned away on a penalty corner at the 15:57 mark but retained possession. Boston was able to defend a brief Lion push and the next five-plus minutes saw action alternate between the two teams until Boston nearly scored with 11:00 to play. Ailsa Connolly had a point-blank shot that Rizzo saved to keep the Lion shutout intact.

Penn State countered with a penalty corner at the 8:50 mark, but the shot went wide and BU regained possession. The teams played evenly for the next three minutes before Penn State got another penalty corner with just under 4:00 to play but the Lion shot went wide left. Another corner just seconds later was stopped after a diving Keegan save, leading to a third corner in the flurry with just over 3:00 on the clock. Keegan notched another save but Penn State retained possession and kept the ball in the Boston backfield for the final minutes. The late-game control allowed Penn State to walk away with the 4-0 shutout victory. The Nittany Lions outshot Boston 12-10 on the day and had an 11-5 edge in penalty corners. Penn State goalie Rizzo had five saves while Keegan had six for the Terriers.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#6 Penn State (5-2, 1-0 B1G)	3	1	0
#21 Boston U. (5-3)	0	0	0

STATS:	PSU	BU
Shots	12	10
Corners	11	5

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU – Moira Putsch (Aurelia Meijer), 22:50
 1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Katie Dembrowski), 3:59
 1st: PSU – Alexis Horst (unassisted), 2:47
 2nd: PSU – Horst (unassisted), 24:01

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	0	5
BU: Kathleen Keegan	70:00	4	6

#6 PENN STATE 0, #8 MICHIGAN 1 Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (5-3, 1-1 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the latest NFCA Coaches Poll, fell victim to a last minute penalty stroke in a home loss to No. 8 Michigan (6-3, 2-0 B1G) in a rematch of last year's Big Ten tournament title game. The Wolverines were awarded the stroke with just 1:53 left in the game and connected to post a hard-fought 1-0 win under the lights at Penn State. Penn State had



a quick early opportunity when a solid shot by Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) sailed just wide less than a minute into the game. The Nittany Lion defense pushed a brief Wolverine effort back shortly after that before regaining possession on the Michigan side of the field. Michigan's Meg Dowthwaite nearly put Michigan on top at the 28:30 mark but freshman back Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) notched a defensive save to keep the game scoreless. Michigan was able to grab momentum with a series of possessions, taking advantage of a couple Penn State turnovers to control the ball. The clock worked its way down to the 23:00 mark with Michigan and Penn State trading possession in the middle of the field.

The Lions took advantage of a Michigan turnover to push the ball downfield, with Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) forcing the ball into the circle, leading to the first penalty corner of the game at the 20:35 mark. The Lions did not convert on the effort. Penn State's offense found its footing, however, and Putsch worked the ball inside again, forcing a second corner with under 19:00 in the half. Putsch took the corner, feeding senior Madison Morano (Hammontown, N.J.), who set up Simon for what appeared to be the game's first goal at the 18:28 mark. But Michigan challenged the goal, calling for a review, and the goal was disallowed, keeping the game scoreless. Michigan responded to the call by taking the ball all the way downfield and picking up its first penalty corner at the 17:00 mark. A Wolverine shot went wide but Michigan was able to keep possession.

Penn State's defense, led by senior Lauren McNally (Marmora, N.J.), regained possession and the Lions moved the ball down the field. Sophomore Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) had a point blank shot blocked by Michigan goalie Ann Spieker with 14:30 on the clock. Back Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.) forced a Michigan turnover with 12:00 to play in the opening half but Penn State was unable to capitalize and Michigan set up on offense in front of the Penn State cage. The two teams traded possessions as the clock moved below 9:00 before Penn State pressed Michigan into a penalty corner. Meijer's strong shot was saved by Spieker. Michigan answered with a solid offensive effort that led to a Marleise Emrhein shot that went wide with 6:00 on the clock. Rizzo notched a save shortly after that and Penn State took the ball back down to the Michigan side of the field. Michigan picked up a corner with 3:10 left, a second, and then a third with 1:45 on the clock. Rizzo notched two saves on the third effort and Penn State moved the ball downfield, picking up a penalty corner as the half expired. The Nittany Lions did not convert and the game moved to intermission tied 0-0. Michigan outshot Penn State 9-6 and both teams took four penalty corners. Nittany Lion goalie Rizzo had three saves and Penn State had one defensive save. Michigan keeper Spieker had three as well.

Penn State had an early chance to take a lead but a close Morano shot was blocked by Spieker at the 33:00 mark. Penn State kept possession for the next five minutes plus, but Michigan's defense was equal to the task, keeping Penn State from any serious threat as time moved below 29:00. Michigan was unable to mount any offense, turned the ball over and Penn State turned a fast break into a corner after a Horst shot at the 27:30 mark. Penn State did not convert the corner but kept possession and pressure on the Michigan defense until the 25:00 mark. Michigan took advantage of a Penn State turnover with 21:00 left in the game and had a brief push on the Lion defense. But Penn State's Meijer was able regain possession and Michigan got called for a green card with 19:30 on the clock, giving Penn State a player advantage. Michigan's defense held Penn State off for the full two minutes and action resumed even-up at the 17:30 mark. Michigan was able to push the ball down to the Penn State circle, but Conley grabbed the ball at the 15:20 mark, fed Meijer who moved the ball to Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) on the top of the circle, leading to a Penn State corner with 14:50 left to play. Meijer was blocked on a shot off the first corner and Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) was just wide on a second, keeping the game scoreless as the clock moved below the 13:00 mark. Penn State's offense kept the ball in front of the Michigan cage and Michigan got hit with another green card at the 12:51 mark and then another at the 11:50 mark, giving Penn State a two person advantage for a minute.

Penn State had two quick corners after the green card, effectively killing the two person edge. The Lions did not connect on the corners, Michigan moved the ball downfield and Penn State got called for a 5:00 yellow card with 10:30 on the clock. Penn State was able to work the bulk of the card off, keeping the ball down on the Michigan side of the field until the 6:30 mark. Michigan took possession and moved the ball downfield and Fay Keijer had a shot pushed aside on another outstanding Rizzo save, keeping the game knotted at 0-0 with 6:05 to play. Rizzo swatted away another Wolverine shot at the 4:40 mark and Penn State took over possession. Michigan controlled the ball for the next two minutes and its pressure led to a penalty stroke with 1:53 to play. Penn State challenged the call but it stood, and Penn State was hit with a 10:00 yellow card as well. Michigan's Meg Dowthwaite connected on the penalty stroke at the 1:53 mark to put the Wolverines up 1-0. Michigan killed the final minute-plus and walked away with the hard-fought 1-0 victory.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#6 Penn State (6-3, 1-1 B1G)	0	0	0
#8 Michigan (6-3, 2-0 B1G)	0	1	1
STATS:	PSU	UM	
Shots	14	13	
Corners	9	4	

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME
2nd: MICH -- Meg Dowthwaite (penalty stroke), 1:53

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	1	6
Team (def)			1
UM: Anna Spieker	70:00	0	7

#6 PENN STATE 8, MICHIGAN STATE 0 Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (6-3, 2-1 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll, dominated visiting Michigan State (4-7, 0-3 B1G) in a Sunday matinee. The Nittany Lions, led by senior Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.), scored early and often, opening up a five goal lead in the first half on their way to a resounding 8-0 Big Ten win. Penn State wasted no time erasing the taste of a tough loss Friday night, scoring just :42 into the game. Putsch took a pass from midfielder Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands), made a nifty move to the right of the cage, and fed Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) with a nice pass. Klingler deftly touched the ball past Michigan State goalie Jade Arundell to give Penn State a 1-0 lead at the 34:18 mark. The Lions continued to press the Spartans and picked up their first corner at the 30:30 mark. Arundell made a handful of saves on a number of hard Penn State shots off two corners and kept the Spartans within one. But Penn State's pressure proved too much too early for MSU with Putsch scoring unassisted at the 28:17 mark to give the Lions a 2-0 lead.

Michigan State called timeout to stem the momentum and managed the ball downfield, picking up its first shots of the game but not finding the back of the cage. Penn State's defense held firm, turned the Spartans over and worked the ball to the MSU side of the field. The Nittany Lions forced penalty corner with 24:00 on the clock. The Spartans blocked a solid Lion shot, but Penn State worked its way back into possession and kept action in front of the MSU goal. The Lions blew the game wide open in a two-minute span, scoring off two penalty corners to take a 4-0 lead. Putsch fed Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) at the 20:46 mark for a goal. She then moved the ball into senior Madison Morano (Hammontown, N.J.), who tapped it to freshman Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) at the 19:21 mark to give the Lions a four goal lead.

Penn State senior back Lauren McNally (Marmora, N.J.) left the game with an injury at the 13:28 mark after a collision in front of the Penn State circle. The Penn State defense stepped up for McNally, pushing back the Spartans and reclaiming possession. Meijer worked the ball downfield before MSU was able to recover possession and the clock moved below 12:00. The teams battled for control in the midfield for the next five minutes. Penn State's pressure led to a corner at the 6:30 mark, and the Putsch to Morano to Simon connection worked once again, this time with Simon getting the goal with 6:01 left in the half, putting the Nittany Lions up 5-0. The Spartans fought off a couple more Penn State corners as the half wound down and the Nittany Lions carried that lead into the halftime break. The Nittany Lions dominated the opening half statistically as well as on the scoreboard. Penn State outshot Michigan State 16-2 and had eight corners to none for the Spartans. Lion goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) did not have any saves as neither of MSU's two shots were on goal thanks to a Lion defense led by McNally, Simon and senior Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.). Arundell had six saves for the Spartans while Jardell had two. Putsch was part of all five of Penn State's first half goals (four assists and a goal).

With senior Colleen Conway (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) in goal for the Nittany Lions to start the second half, Penn State picked up where it left off in the first half, getting two quick penalty corners in the first minutes of the game. Spartan keeper Jardell was able to push back a solid Meijer shot to keep Penn State from scoring in the flurry. Meijer moved the ball downfield as the clock moved under 30:00, sidestepping three Spartan defenders and shooting the ball hard from the top of the circle. Putsch touched the ball as it moved to the goal, and Putsch notched her second goal of the game off the Meijer assist at the 29:10 mark. The Nittany Lions continued to keep the ball on the Spartan side of the field as the second half hit the midway point. Penn State, with senior Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) shifting to the backfield, continued to keep the Spartans from threatening the Lion cage. Meijer moved the ball down the right side of the field and deftly fed the ball inside to senior Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.), who scored at the 17:34 mark to put the Lions up 7-0. Penn State nearly scored again shortly after that as senior Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) led a fast break that almost led to another Lion goal. But MSU keeper Arundell moved out for a nice block to keep the Lions from connecting on the effort. Penn State dominated the game's final minutes as well, but the Spartan defense kept Penn State from scoring as the clock moved below the 5:00 mark. Michigan State put together its strongest offensive effort at the 5:00 mark, but Conway had a save on one point blank shot and Penn State mounted a nice break that ended with a Klingler goal off a Putsch assist at the 3:40 mark. Penn State closed out the game by pushing back one final Spartan effort on the Lion side of the field and rolled to the 8-0 victory. The Nittany Lions outshot Michigan State 29-5 on the day, including a 14-0 advantage in penalty corners. Rizzo had no saves in her 35:00 stint in the first half while Conway had one in her second half action. Michigan State's Arundell had eight saves while Jardell had four.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#6 Penn State (6-3, 2-1 B1G)	5	3	8
Michigan State (4-7, 0-3 B1G)	0	0	0

STATS:	PSU	MSU	
Shots	29	5	
Corners	14		

SCORING SUMMARY (assist) -- TIME
1st: PSU -- Emily Klingler (Moira Putsch), 34:18
1st: PSU -- Putsch (unassisted), 28:17
1st: PSU -- Alexis Horst (Putsch), 20:46
1st: PSU -- Anna Simon (Putsch, Madison Morano), 19:21
1st: PSU -- Simon (Putsch, Morano), 6:01
2nd: PSU -- Putsch (Aurelia Meijer), 29:10
2nd: PSU -- Gini Bramley (Meijer), 17:34
2nd: PSU -- Klingler (Putsch), 3:40

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	35:00	0	0
Colleen Conway	35:00	0	1
MSU: Jade Arundell	41:18	6	8
Monique Jardell	28:42	2	4

#7 PENN STATE 3, #17 RUTGERS 2 Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 -- Piscataway, N.J.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (7-3, 3-1 B1G), ranked No. 7 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll, held on for an important Big Ten road win at No. 17 Rutgers (7-3, 1-3 B1G) in a key match-up Friday in Piscataway, N.J. Penn State opened up a 2-0 lead after one half of play and rode that early advantage to a 3-2 win over the Scarlet Knights. Penn State controlled possession for the opening minutes of the game, keeping the action on the Rutgers side off the field and nearly scoring four minutes in but a Nittany Lion shot from Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) drifted wide of the cage and Rutgers goalie Gianna Glatz. Rutgers countered with a solid offensive run that led to a shot that kicked to the right of the goal and Lion keeper Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) at the 29:07 mark. Glatz slid away a Penn State shot a minute later and action continued 0-0. Freshman Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) moved the ball across the top of the circle, nearly connecting on a pass at the 23:40 mark, but Rutgers was able to defend and regain possession. Senior Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) just missed on a hard crossing shot, Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) had a point blank shot saved by Glatz and the Lions then picked up their first corner at the 21:52 mark.

Glatz made a hard save on a good Meijer shot to keep the game scoreless. Rutgers was unable to put together an offensive push and Penn State once again reset its offense. Mary Nell Smith (Dauphin, Pa.) forced a second Penn State corner with 18:50 on the clock. She then took the corner, fed the ball to senior Madison Morano (Hammontown, N.J.), who tapped it to freshman Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) who blasted a shot past Glatz to give Penn State a 1-0 lead at the 18:33 mark. Rizzo fought off two



quick Rutgers shots after the reset, keeping Penn State on top as the clock moved below the 17:00 mark. Penn State regained possession and moved the ball downfield where Morano had a shot pushed aside by Glatz.

Penn State continued to dominate the action, with Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) picking up Penn State's seventh shot of the half with 15:30 to play in the opening period. Glatz picked up her fourth save with 13:00 left in the half as the Lions built up a 9-3 shot advantage. Rutgers was hit with a green card with 9:00 to play and Penn State found itself with a player advantage for two minutes. Rutgers, however, was able to kill off the penalty and action resumed at the 8:00 mark with the Nittany Lions up 1-0. Senior Cori Conley (Oak, Park, Ill.) pushed back on a Rutgers press with 6:00 on the clock, Rutgers regrouped and nearly scored seconds later, but Rizzo made a diving stick save to keep Penn State on top at the 5:25 mark. Myers put Penn State up 2-0 with just 0:34 to play in the half, taking a sweet crossing pass from Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) and easily sending the ball past Glatz as the first half came to an end. The Nittany Lions outshot Rutgers 11-3 in the opening 30 minutes and had a 2-0 edge in penalty corners. Rizzo had two saves for Penn State while Glatz had four for the Scarlet Knights.

Rutgers began the second half working to push the ball down to Penn State's side of the field. But the Lion midfield and defense, with Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) taking the lead, kept the Scarlet Knights from mounting a serious threat through three minutes. Penn State countered a brief Rutgers push, moved the ball downfield, and began pressuring the Knight defense. A slick Meijer move toward the cage forced a Penn State corner at the 31:10 mark. Penn State could not connect on the corner, with Glatz collecting another save for RU. Myers nearly worked the ball fully from left to right to set up another goal, but the Rutgers defense was able to finally regain possession with 28:00 left to play in the game.

Nittany Lion keeper Rizzo saved a solid Rutgers shot at the 26:50 mark, only to have Scarlet Knight Nikki Profita score seconds later with 26:36 to play to cut the Nittany Lion lead in half, 2-1. The goal energized the Rutgers offense and Rizzo stepped up to push back on two separate Knight efforts in front to the Penn State cage, including a super save at the 23:17 mark. Rizzo's save total increased to five as the clock hit 23:00. Penn State picked up another penalty corner with 20:00 left in the game. Meijer almost scored off a Simon corner but Glatz was able to just deflect the ball wide, keeping the score at 2-1 Penn State. Penn State reeled off two quick shots in the 17th minute but the Lions could not connect. A solid Bramley fast break led to an extended PSU possession and another corner for the Lions at the 15:45 mark. Rutgers was able to clear the ball and out Penn State still led 2-1 with 14:53 to play. A subsequent Lion corner saw a Dembrowski shot hit the post and dribble wide before a crossing shot went out of bounds, giving Rutgers possession with 14:10 on the clock. Putsch intercepted a Rutgers pass, leading to a Nittany Lions possession right in front of the RU cage. Bramley tapped the ball to senior Cassie Kline (Millersville, Pa.) who sailed a shot past the Rutgers keeper to put Penn State up 3-1 with 13:35 to play.

Rutgers picked up its first penalty corner with 10:30 to play in the game, but Rizzo made a nice save to keep Penn State up by two. The Nittany Lions then moved action down to the Rutgers side of the field for the next couple minutes and when Rutgers managed to regain possession, the Scarlet Knights took time-out with 8:17 on the clock. Putsch and Myers each almost scored in the seconds after the time out, but Glatz was able to make saves on both to keep it a two-goal game. Rutgers pulled its keeper at the 5:00 mark but the Lion defense was equal to the task and kept the Scarlet Knights from scoring initially. The Knights picked up a corner with 2:40 on the and Emily Howarth scored on a rebound after a Rizzo save to cut the Lion lead to 3-2 with 2:32 left to play. The Lion defense was able to fend off a late Rutgers push, including a final RU corner with no time on the clock, to walk away with the 3-2 win. Penn State outshot Rutgers 22-12 and had a 6-3 advantage in corners. Nittany Lion goalie Rizzo was big for Penn State, particularly in the second half, collecting eight saves in the close win. Knight keeper Glatz had 12 for RU.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#7 Penn State (7-3, 3-1 B1G)	2	1	3
#17 Rutgers (7-3, 1-3 B1G)	0	2	2

STATS:	PSU	RU	
Shots	22	12	
Corners	6	3	

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Madison Morano, Mary Nell Smith), 18:33
 1st: PSU – Abby Myers (Gini Bramley), 0:34
 2nd: RU – Nikki Profita (Gianna Mancini), 26:36
 2nd: PSU – Cassie Kline (Bramley), 13:35
 2nd: RU – Emily Howarth (Profita), 2:32

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	2	8
RU: Gianna Glatz	65:00	3	12

#7 PENN STATE 8, JAMES MADISON 2

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018 -- University Park, Pa.

JThe Penn State Nittany field hockey team (8-3, 3-1 B1G), ranked No. 7 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll, dominated visiting James Madison (3-6) in a non-conference contest. Penn State scored early and often in an 8-2 win at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex on Sunday afternoon. Penn State took the game's first shot on a fast break with Cassie Kline (Millersville, Pa.) leading the way. A quick Dukes block stopped the early effort, but Penn State continued to control the action. Senior Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) deftly worked the ball deep into the James Madison circle and took a hot shot that sailed past JMU keeper Caitlin Nelson at the 32:49 mark to give Penn State an early 1-0 lead. Penn State continued to press the Dukes, keeping the pressure on their defense as the clock moved to the 25:00 mark. James Madison was able to keep the Lions from doubling their lead for a bit but Penn State was relentless.

The Nittany Lions picked up their first corner at the 23:00 mark and had two good shots saved by Nelson. Penn State took another corner a minute later, had another shot blocked, and led 1-0 despite controlling the action for the first 15:00 of play. James Madison pushed the ball down to the Penn State side of the field, picking up its first penalty corner at the 18:30 mark. Megan Guzzardi took JMU's first shot but it sailed wide of Lion keeper Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.). Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) moved a consequent fast break into the Duke circle and forced a corner with 15:30 on the clock. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had the initial shot blocked and Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) scored off the rebound at the 15:24 mark. Penn State quickly scored again, with Lisa Winters (Hershey, Pa.) passing the ball off to sophomore Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) who found the back of the cage just over a minute later to put Penn State up 3-0.

The Dukes worked the ball down to the Lion side of the field, looking to cut into what was now a three-goal Penn State lead. But the Penn State defense, led by Simon, Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.) and sophomore Madison Huston (Gloucester Point, Va.) kept them from mounting a serious threat and Penn State regained possession. Another Lion corner at the 9:50 mark forced Nelson into another save that kept Penn State from extending its edge. The Lions Emily Klinger (Selingsgrove, Pa.), Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) and the rest of the Lion forwards kept possession as the clock moved to 5:00. James Madison had a player advantage at the 5:10 mark and picked up a penalty corner with 3:30 on the clock. Penn State blocked the shot and the player advantage ended. Penn State worked the ball downfield and forced a corner with 1:20 on the clock. Simon had her initial shot blocked and junior Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) knocked the rebound through for the goal with just :57 left and the Nittany Lions carried that lead into the halftime break. Penn State outshot James Madison 14-2 and had a 5-2 penalty corner advantage. Rizzo had no saves for Penn State with neither of JMU's shots being on goal. Nelson had seven saves for James Madison as the Lions had a very accurate first half with 11 of their 14 shots on goal.

The second half began with James Madison putting junior Kyle Zampiello in the cage. The Lions tested her early on a corner just two minutes into the half but a foul ended the effort. The Dukes responded by moving the ball downfield but Penn State's defense was up to the task. The Nittany Lions worked the clock down below 30:00 with a solid possession. James Madison briefly regained possession but Penn State's Mary Nell Smith (Dauphin, Pa.) took the ball and fed Putsch who took a blistering shot. Zampiello made an outstanding save, but Penn State kept pressuring the cage. Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) scored from 15 feet out with 27:48 to play to put the Lions up 5-0. Penn State made a goalie change, with senior Colleen Conway (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) entering the game for Rizzo. Penn State added a quick sixth goal on its next possession, with Meijer scoring her second goal off a Bramley assist. James Madison reinserted Nelson in the net and the clock hit 24:00. Penn State continued to control the ball in the JMU circle, missing on a corner at the 22:00 mark but retaining possession. The Nittany Lions nearly scored on another corner, taking four point blank shots. But Nelson was able to notch saves on each and Penn State maintained its six-goal lead as the clock moved below 20:00. Penn State added another goal with 18:08 to play when Cassie Kline (Millersville, Pa.) took a Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) assist and put Penn State up 7-0. James Madison ended the Lion bid for a shutout with Marina Rupinski scoring off an Emily Schutt assist with 15:35 to play, cutting the Lion lead to 7-1.

Penn State controlled the ball for the next five minutes and picked up a corner at the 10:50 mark. James Madison called for a review of the call but the call stood, giving Penn State its 10th penalty corner of the game. Penn State had its shot off the corner blocked and James Madison pushed the ball down to the Penn State side of the field. The Dukes were unable to break through the Lion defense again and Penn State was able to work the clock down below the 8:00 mark. As the clock moved below the 5:00 mark, Penn State's offense continued to press the Dukes and it paid off as Klinger scored off a Dembrowski assist at the 4:50 mark to put Penn State up 8-1. James Madison ended the game with a penalty corner attempt and connected with no time on the clock as Rachael Yeager scored, making the final 8-2 for Penn State. Penn State outshot James Madison 29-5 overall and had 11 corners to only three for the Dukes. Rizzo had no saves in a first half that saw James Madison with no shots on goal. Conway had no saves in the second half as well. Nelson had 12 saves for JMU while Zampiello had one for a team total of 13.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#7 Penn State (8-3, 3-1 B1G)	4	4	8
James Madison (3-6)	0	2	2

STATS:	PSU	JMU	
Shots	29	5	
Corners	11	3	

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU – Aurelia Meijer (unassisted), 32:49
 1st: PSU – Katie Dembrowski (unassisted), 15:24
 1st: PSU – Alexis Horst (Lisa Winters), 14:19
 1st: PSU – Bree Bednarski (unassisted), 0:57
 2nd: PSU – Abby Myers (unassisted), 27:48
 2nd: PSU – Meijer (Gini Bramley), 25:19
 2nd: PSU – Cassie Kline (Meghan Reese), 18:08
 2nd: JMU – Marina Rupinski (Emily Schutt), 15:35
 2nd: PSU – Emily Klinger (Dembrowski), 4:50
 2nd: JMU – Rachel Yeager (Corey Mayer), 0:00

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	35:00	0	0
Colleen Conway	35:00	2	0
JMU: Caitlin Nelson	59:29	6	12
Kyle Zampiello	10:31	2	1

#7 PENN STATE 3, #2 MARYLAND 1

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (9-3, 4-1 B1G), ranked No. 7 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll, handed No. 2 Maryland (13-1, 4-1 B1G) its first loss of the season in a key Big Ten contest. The Nittany Lions downed the Terrapins 3-1 on Sunday at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

Maryland controlled the early action, keeping the ball on the Penn State side of the field for the first five minutes. The Lion defense, anchored by Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.), fought off the Terrapin offense until a penalty corner led to the first shot of the game. The Maryland shot was wide and Penn State moved the ball down to the Maryland side of the field. Penn State nearly connected on a fast break at the 28:00 mark, but the ball skipped past the end line.

A Nittany Lion turnover led to a Maryland fast break at the 26:00 mark, but Conley and the Lion defense once again pushed back, regaining possession and keeping the game scoreless. Lion goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) blocked a Maryland shot and Penn State quickly moved the ball down field at the 24:00 mark. But Maryland's defense was equal to Penn State's early on and the Nittany Lions could not get a shot on goal. Penn State maintained possession and forced its first penalty corner with 22:00 on the clock. Mary Nell Smith (Dauphin, Pa.) appeared to score off a Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) assists, but the goal was disallowed and the game continued 0-0 with 21:30 left in the first half.



Maryland responded with a solid point blank shot from Linnea Gonzales, but Rizzo kicked the ball wide to keep the game tied. Madison Morano (Hammonton, N.J.) forced a second Nittany Lion corner at the 17:00 mark. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had her shot blocked by Maryland keeper Sarah Holliday, and Maryland regained possession. After a television timeout with 15:35 left in the half, Penn State's Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) moved the ball downfield where Bramley had a hard shot go wide right. Maryland took possession of the ball and nearly scored on a Kyler Greenwalt shot at the 13:00 mark, but Rizzo made a nice save to keep the game knotted at 0-0.

Morano then made the play of the first half, stealing the ball with 10:30 at midfield, moving down into the Maryland circle and deftly passing to teammate Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.), who tapped the ball past Holliday to give Penn State a 1-0 lead with 10:12 left in the first half. Smith had a shot blocked by Holliday with 6:40 on the clock, leading to a Lion corner, but Penn State could not connect to double its lead. Maryland forced a corner with 3:00 left in the half but Penn State's defense kept the Terrapins from a solid shot and the Nittany Lions carried the 1-0 lead into the halftime break. Maryland outshot Penn State 8-4 in the opening half, but Lion keeper Rizzo's five saves and a stalwart defense allowed Penn State to lead at the break. Penn State had three corners to two for Maryland, Terrapin keeper Sarah Holliday had two saves.

The second half began with a Maryland green card at the 33:20 mark, but Penn State was unable to take advantage of the opportunity as the clock moved towards 31:00. Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) forced a penalty corner with 28:30 left in the game but Maryland intercepted a Lion pass and moved the ball downfield towards the Penn State cage, but the Lion defense regained possession quickly. Another Lion corner at the 25:00 mark led to a solid Meijer shot and a Holliday save. Meijer's consistent pressure gave Penn State another corner a minute later that led to two Lion shots that Holliday stopped. Maryland took advantage of the missed shots and moved the ball down to the Penn State end of the field. The Terrapin offense forced a corner that was overturned on review and Penn State regained possession as the clock moved to the 20:00 mark. Meijer once again forced a corner with 19:25 on the clock. This time, Penn State connected as Putsch passed the ball to Simon, who slammed the ball past Holliday with 18:54 to play to put Penn State up 2-0. Penn State kept up the pressure on Maryland's defense, picking up another corner with 14:00 to play. Putsch moved the ball in to Morano, who tipped it to Meijer, Meijer passed hard to Putsch, who tipped the ball past Holliday for the goal with 13:30 on the clock and the Lions had broken open a close game to lead 3-0.

Maryland picked up two quick corners following the Lions' third goal, but Penn State's defense was strong and Rizzo kept the cage clear as the clock moved below 10:00. The Nittany Lion midfield, with Meijer and Morano controlling the action, was able to keep pressure on the Terrapins to move the clock down to the 4:30 mark. Maryland appeared to force a penalty corner with 4:21 on the clock, but the Terrapins called for a review that led to a Maryland penalty stroke with 4:21 left. Nike Lorenz took the shot for Maryland and scored to cut the Penn State lead to 3-1. Meijer had a beautiful steal at the 2:00 mark that ended any Terrapin dreams of a comeback and the goal of the penalty stroke was the lone blemish in an impressive 3-1 Penn State win. The Nittany Lions were outshot 13-11, but 10 of Penn State's 11 shots were on goal. The Lions also had an 8-5 edge in penalty corners. Rizzo and Holliday both had seven saves in the game.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#7 Penn State (9-3, 4-1 B1G)	1	2	3
#2 Maryland (13-1, 4-1 B1G)	0	1	1

STATS:	PSU	MD
Shots	11	13
Corners	8	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

- 1st: PSU – Abby Myers (Madison Morano), 10:12
- 2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (Moira Putsch), 18:54
- 2nd: PSU – Putsch (Aurelia Meijer), 13:30
- 2nd: MD – Nike Lorenz (penalty stroke), 4:21

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	3	7
MD: Sarah Holliday	70:00	3	7

#6 PENN STATE 2, #8 IOWA 3

Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 -- Iowa City, Iowa

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (9-4, 4-2 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll, dropped a hard-fought game at No. 8 Iowa (12-3, 4-2 B1G) in a critical Big Ten road contest. The Nittany Lions rebounded from a halftime deficit to tie the game before eventually losing 3-2 in Iowa City. The two teams traded early possessions over the first five minutes with Iowa getting one early shot that was blocked wide. Senior Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.) stood firm at the 29:30 mark, helping fight off an early Hawkeye push. Lion keeper Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) and the Lion defense withstood a solid Iowa possession as the clock moved down below the 28:00 mark. Penn State took a player advantage thereafter but could not take advantage and the game continued tied 0-0 as the 26:00 mark slid by. Iowa controlled possession as the clock hit 23:00, trying to find an opening in the stout Penn State defense. The Lions held firm to keep the game scoreless and the game moved below the 20:00 mark.

Penn State could not get the ball past midfield as Iowa's forwards and midfielders forced turnovers that kept the action in front of Rizzo and the Lion cage. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) cleared a Hawkeye offensive effort and the Lions were able to move the ball down to the Iowa side of the field, but the Hawkeyes regained possession as the clock moved to 18:30. Iowa picked up its first penalty corner with 18:00 left in the opening half. Iowa's shot off the corner was just wide and Penn State kept the game tied with 17:00 left on the clock. Penn State's first solid push of the opening half came off a nice Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) drive that led to a Madison Morano (Hammonton, N.J.) pass that just drifted out of bounds with 15:00 left. The Lions retained possession but a turnover seconds later gave Iowa the ball and ended Penn State's first, best offensive series. Iowa responded by moving the ball downfield and picking up its second penalty corner with 12:00 left in the first half. Iowa, with controlled the opening half, got the game's first goal when Maddy Murphy scored off a rebound on the penalty corner with 11:15 to play, giving Iowa a 1-0 lead. Iowa kept up the late pressure and forced its third penalty corner with 8:30 on the clock. Rizzo made a great save with 7:20 on the clock to keep the Lions down by just a 1-0 score. Katie Dembrowski (Palmyra, Pa.) had an outstanding long pass slip just past the stick of teammate Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) with just 5:00, denying Penn State a goal. Iowa carried the 1-0 lead into the halftime break

Penn State did not manage a shot in the opening half and Iowa took nine. Iowa had four corners to none for the Nittany Lions. Rizzo had two saves to keep Penn State in the game while Iowa keeper Leslie Speight was untested by the Lion offense.

Penn State came out energized in the second half, immediately taking the ball downfield and picking up its first penalty corner of the game just :30 into the half. Meijer had a first shot blocked high but Penn State picked up a second quick corner. Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) took the ensuing second corner, fed Morano who tipped it to Simon for a game tying goal with at the 34:50 mark. Penn State continued to press the Hawkeyes, energized after the quick goal. Iowa struggled to regain any offensive flow as Conley and Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) and the Lion defense kept the Hawkeyes bottled up and away from the Penn State cage as the clock moved under 25:00. Iowa reset itself on offense and the Hawkeyes picked up their fifth penalty corner (and first of the second half) with 22:30 left in the game. A solid Hawkeye shot slid wide left and Iowa called for a review to see if the ball went off a Lion defender. But the call stood and Penn State retained possession with 21:55 left in the game. After the two teams traded possessions, Iowa began to find its footing and retook a 2-1 lead when Murphy scored again off a Lokke Stribos pass at the 17:37 mark. Lion head coach Char Morett-Curtiss took a timeout after the goal, looking to restart a Lion offense that had not shot since scoring a goal just 1:10 into the second half.

Dembrowski fed Putsch with a nice pass but Speight made a good save on a Putsch shot. The Lions picked up a penalty corner, however, but Speight made two saves on shots from Meijer and Dembrowski to keep Iowa on top 2-1 as the clock moved to the 15:00 mark. Penn State nearly tied it a minute later but a shot that snuck by Speight but the shot kicked off the post with 14:00 left to play. Penn State kept up the pressure and tied the game at the 13:03 mark when Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) fed Emily Klingler (Selinsgrove, Pa.) who scored to tie the game at 2-2. Iowa turned a counter attack into a free hit with 9:30 left to play. The Hawkeyes nearly scored with 8:40 to play, but Rizzo kicked away an Iowa shot to keep the game tied 2-2. Iowa maintained possession and forced Penn State to play defense for the next couple minutes, keeping the Lions on their heels and from mounting any serious offensive threat as the clock moved to the 4:00 mark. Iowa had a series of free shots to the right of the Penn State cage and connected with 2:19 left to play when Murphy scored her third goal of the game from right in front of the Lion goal. Penn State tried to move the ball into Iowa territory as the clock moved below 1:30 but the Hawkeye defense held firm. Penn State could not regain possession as time ran out and dropped lost 3-2 in a hard-fought contest. Penn State outshot Iowa in the second half but the Hawkeyes still owned a 14-8 shot advantage at game's end. Iowa had a 5-3 penalty corner edge as well. Rizzo ended the game with four saves while Speight had three.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#6 Penn State (9-4, 4-2 B1G)	0	2	2
#8 Iowa (12-3, 4-2 B1G)	1	2	3

STATS:	PSU	IOWA
Shots	8	14
Corners	3	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

- 1st: IOWA – Maddy Murphy (unassisted), 11:25
- 2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (Madison Morano, Moira Putsch), 34:50
- 2nd: IOWA – Murphy (Lokke Stribos), 17:37
- 2nd: PSU – Emily Klingler (Gini Bramley), 13:03
- 2nd: IOWA – Murphy (Katie Birch), 2:19

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	3	4
IOWA: Leslie Speight	70:00	2	3

#6 PENN STATE 4, #15 NORTHWESTERN 3

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 -- Evanston, Ill.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (10-4, 5-2 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll, withstood a late rally to down No. 15 Northwestern (8-8, 3-4 B1G) to wrap up a Big Ten road weekend. Penn State posted a 4-3 victory in Evanston on Sunday, staving off a Northwestern rally after leading 4-1 at halftime. Both teams opened up the game aggressive and Lion goalie Jenny Rizzo (Hershey, Pa.) was peppered with early shots, saving the first few before Wildcat Saar de Brij put Northwestern up with an early goal at the 30:24 mark. The Nittany Lion defense was forced to push back again almost immediately after with Rizzo coming up with a big save to keep the Wildcats from opening up an even bigger lead less than five minutes into the game. Northwestern's offense was on point throughout the early part of the game, keeping the ball on the Penn State side off the field for much of the time. Penn State had a brief possession in the Northwestern circle at the 25:00 mark, but Northwestern was able to regain possession and keep Penn State's offense from finding any rhythm. Northwestern got hit with a green card at the 23:30 mark, giving the Nittany Lions a player advantage for two minutes.

Penn State was unable to take advantage with a Moira Putsch (Media, Pa.) shot missing just wide with 21:30 and a Cassie Kline shot blocked by Wildcat keeper Annie Kalfas to kill the penalty. Penn State kept the pressure up, however, and with the teams at even strength, Gini Bramley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) found Putsch, who scored at the 20:22 mark to tie the game at 1-1. Penn State took the lead two minutes later with Bramley notching the solo goal with 18:34 to play in the first half to give the Lions a 2-1 lead. The quick two-goal burst helped Penn State erase a surprising early deficit. Penn State maintained possession for over 10:00 during the middle portion of the first half. With Aurelia Meijer (Hattam, Netherlands) at the midfield and Cori Conley (Oak Park, Ill.) on defense, Penn State silenced the early Northwestern pressure and allowed Penn State to keep its 2-1 lead as the clock moved to the 11:00 mark. Northwestern worked the ball down to the Penn State side of the field with 9:00 and the Wildcats kept possession for a couple minutes, but a slick Conley steal gave Penn State a chance to move the ball back down to the Wildcat side of the field. The teams traded barbs for the next couple minutes before Penn State picked up a penalty corner with 6:00 left. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had a hard shot blocked and Mary Nell Smith (Dauphin, Pa.) knocked in the rebound to put the Lions up 3-1 with 5:32 left in the half. The Nittany Lions peppered Kalfas with a flurry of shots in the final 5:00 and scored a fourth goal on an untimed penalty corner as the half ended with Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) knocking in a rebound to give Penn State a 4-1 lead at the break.



After a slow start, Penn State dominated the bulk of the opening 35:00, outshooting Northwestern 11-3. Penn State had a 3-0 edge in corners. Rizzo had two saves for Penn State while Kalfas has four for the Wildcats.

Penn State controlled the action at the start of the second half, not letting Northwestern regain any momentum and keeping the action set firmly in front of the Wildcat cage for the first four minutes. But Northwestern was able to move the ball down to the Lion side of the field and picked up their first penalty corner with 31:00 left and Maren Seidel scored at the 30:40 mark to cut the Penn State lead to 4-2. Northwestern continued to press on offense after the Seidel goal, keeping Penn State on the defensive as the clock moved below the 25:00 mark. Bramley forced a Wildcat turnover, allowing Penn State to briefly regain possession and move the ball out of the Lion backfield for a bit, but Northwestern reset itself and reset its offense. Conley kept Northwestern from connecting on a deep offensive press with 20:00 on the clock but Northwestern regained possession. Penn State was finally able to regain control and moved the ball down to the Wildcat circle where it picked up a penalty corner with 18:30 left to play in the game. Northwestern defended the corner, but Penn State was able to steadily work its way to another corner at the 16:00 mark. Northwestern blocked a hard Simon shot off the corner but Penn State kept control of the ball, working the clock down to the 15:00 mark. Northwestern then pushed the ball down to the Lion side off the field at the 13:00 mark, picking up a penalty corner. The Lions defended the first corner, Northwestern picked up a subsequent one, and this time the Wildcats scored as Mackenzie Keegan scored off a Charlotte Vaziri assist to cut the Lion lead to 4-3 with 12:13 to play.

Penn State called timeout with a once substantial lead cut to just one. With Northwestern pressing for a game-tying goal, Penn State's defense held firm for three minutes until Northwestern's offense forced a penalty corner with 8:45 on the clock. Rizzo was able to block a good Northwestern shot but Northwestern kept control of the ball. The Wildcat offense forced a fifth penalty corner at the 7:45 mark. Conley blocked the Northwestern shot with 7:00 left and the Lions took possession of the ball with Madison Morano (Hammonton, N.J.) stealing the ball with 7:00 to play. The Lions turned the ball over, however, and Northwestern once again set up on the Lion side of the field. Rizzo made a fantastic stick save on a crossing pass with 5:30 left. Northwestern pulled its goalie with 2:11 to play as NU frantically tried to tie the game up. With the clock ticking below the 1:30 mark, Northwestern got a restart on the right side of the circle. The Lion defense held first as the clock moved below 1:00 to play and continued to stifle the Wildcats for the remaining seconds. Northwestern's last effort was negated with a turnover and Penn State posted a hard-fought 4-3 win. Penn State outshot Northwestern 15-8 for the game, including 10 on goal. The Lions had a slim 6-5 edge in penalty corners as well. Rizzo had three saves while Kalfas had six for the Wildcats.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	FINAL
#6 Penn State (10-4, 5-2 B1G)	4	0	4
#15 Northwestern (8-8, 3-4 B1G)	1	2	3

STATS:	PSU	NU
Shots	15	8
Corners	6	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

1st: NU – Saar de Breij (unassisted), 30:24
 1st: PSU – Moira Putsch (Gini Bramley), 20:22
 1st: PSU – Bramley (unassisted), 18:34
 1st: PSU – Mary Nell Smith (unassisted), 5:32
 1st: PSU – Alexis Horst (unassisted), 0:00
 2nd: NU – Maren Seidel (Puck Pentenga), 30:40
 2nd: NU – Mackenzie Keegan (Charlotte Vaziri), 12:13

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Jenny Rizzo	70:00	3	3
NU: Annie Kalfas	68:00	4	6
Team	2:00	0	