

## PENN STATE NITTANY LION FIELD HOCKEY

## THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#6 Penn State (1-0, 0-0 B1G) at Temple (0-2)

DATE: Friday, August 31 -- 6 p.m. SITE: Philadelphia, Pa.

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss Virginia Head Coach: Marybeth Freeman

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 35-7-2 Last Meeting: W, 5-0 at home on 9/1/17

## THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	Temple
Overall Record	1-0	0-2
Conference Record	0-0	0-0
Goals Scored	1	2
Goals Per Game	1.00	1.00
Goals Allowed	0	6
Goals Allowed Per Game	0.00	3.00
Shots	17	27
Shots Per Game	17.0	13.5
Shots Allowed Per Game	9.0	22.0
Saves/Saves %	4/1.000	17/.739
Corners	5	12
Shutouts	1	0

## 2018 SCHEDULE

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Sun.	26	#7 VIRGINIA (Lionvision)	1-0
Fri.	31	at Temple	6 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

Tue.	4	PRINCETON (Lionvision)	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	7	KENT STATE (Lionvision)	4 p.m.
Sun.	9	vs. Duke (@ Temple)	10:30 a.m.
Fri.	14	at Ohio State*	4 p.m.
Sun.	16	vs. Boston Univ. (@ Maryland)	1 p.m.
Fri.	21	MICHIGAN* (Lionvision)	6 p.m.
Sun.	23	MICHIGAN STATE* (Lionvision	) 12 p.m.
Fri.	28	at Rutgers*	3 p.m.
Sun.	30	JAMES MADISON (Lionvision)	12 p.m.

## **OCTOBER**

Sun.	7	MARYLAND (BTN)*	12 p.m.
Fri.	12	at lowa*	6 p.m.
Sun.	14	at Northwestern	1 p.m.
Fri.	19	INDIANA* (Lionvision)	6 p.m.
Tue.	23	BUCKNELL* (Lionvision)	6 p.m.
Sun.	28	2018 Big Ten Tournament (Rd.	1) TBA

#### NOVEMBER

FriSun. 2-4	2018 B1G Championships, Evanston, III
TBA	
SatSun.10-11	2018 NCAA Championships (Rd. 1) TBA
FriSun. 16-18	2018 NCAA Semis/Finals TBA

\* Big Ten Game

All Dates and Times Subject to Change

All Times EASTERN

## THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

The Penn State Nittany Lions (1-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, will visit Temple (0-2) on Friday, Aug. 31, for a 6 p.m. contest in Philadelphia. The Nittany Lions are coming off a thrilling 1-0 win over No. 7 Virginia in the season opener on Sunday, Aug. 26. Temple went winless in a two-game west coast road swing.

Penn State rode the strong defense of senior Cori Conley and Gini Bramley's goal to the win over Virginia. 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.

Bramley's goal and Myers' assist were Penn State's only offense in the Virginia game but the NIttany Lions pressured the Cavalier defense throughout the game. Penn State's 17 shots included three each from Emily Klingler and Aurelia Meijer. Rizzo's shutout included four saves as the Penn State defense held Virginia to only nine shots.

Temple enters the game with an 0-2 mark after dropping a close 3-2 game at UC-Davis on Aug. 24 and then suffering a 3-0 shutout loss at Pacific on Aug. 26. The Owls featured a balanced offense in their two-game road swing, getting points from four different players. Sam Souder and Mia Sexton each notched goals with Nienke Oerlemans and Cristen Barnett adding assists. Goalie Chloe Johnson played every minute for Temple, notching 17 saves with a 3.00 goals against average.

Penn State owns a solid 35-7-2 lead in the all-time series, including last year's win in University Park. The Nittany Lions posted a 5-0 shutout victory on Sept. 1, 2017, at the Field Hockey Complex.

The Nittany Lions host two home games next week, welcoming No. 10 Princeton on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Kent State on Friday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. The three-game week will conclude back at Temple where Penn State will face No. 3 Duke at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, in a neutral site battle.

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 GoPSU.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. Seasor	n) 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 Reco	rd 31-17
NCAA Tournament Appearances	32
NCAA Tournament Record	25-36
NCAA Semifinal Appearances	7
NCAA Championship Game Appea	arances 2
Last NCAA Tournament Appearand	ce 2017

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## **NOTES**

# 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 outshot Virginia 17-9.

## **CONLEY B1G 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.

#### PENN STATE RANKED NO. 6 IN NFHCA POLL

Penn State will open up the season ranked No. 6 in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Preseason Rankings. The Nittany Lions are one of six Big Ten teams peppered throughout the rankings, which includes Maryland at No. 4, Michigan at No. 5, No. 6 Penn State, No. 12 Northwestern, Iowa at No. 20 and No. 24 Ohio State. Connecticut begins the season ranked No. 1.

#### 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 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 8/27/18)

# 1.	Team PENN STATE	B1G 0-0-0	.pct .000	Overall 1-0-0	.pct 1.000
	lowa	0-0-0	.000	1-0-0	1.000
	Maryland	0-0-0	.000	1-0-0	1.000
	Rutgers	0-0-0	.000	1-0-0	1.000
5.	Indiana	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
	Michigan State	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
	Ohio State	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
8.	Northwestern	0-0-0	.000	0-1-0	.000
	Michigan	0-0-0	.000	0-2-0	.000

## NFHCA POLL (8/21/18)

1	University of Connecticut	979
2	University of North Carolina	966
3	Duke University	908
4	University of Maryland	894
5	University of Michigan	837
6	Penn State University	778
7	University of Virginia	713
8	University of Louisville	708
9	University of Delaware	704
10	Princeton University	636
11	Syracuse University	613
12	Northwestern University	603
13	Boston College	531
14	Wake Forest University	432
15	Harvard University	395
	Stanford University	395
17	James Madison University	316
18	Saint Joseph's University	311
19	Boston University	257
20	University of Iowa	216
21	University at Albany	211
22	College of William & Mary	200
23	Liberty University	143
24	Ohio State University	137
25	University of Maine	116

## **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)

#### Jenny Rizzo

2018 Big Ten Player to Watch (8/20)



# 2018 ROSTERS (# and alpha)

## **NUMERICAL**

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Ht.	Hometown/High School (Previous School
1	Syd Dreisigmeyer	М	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	М	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	В	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	М	Fr.	5-5	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
14	Cassie Kline	F/M	Sr.	5-3	Millersville, Pa./Penn Manor
15	Cori Conley	В	Sr.	5-5	Oak Park, III./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	М	Sr.	5-2	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
33	Katie Dembrowski	M	Sr.	5-8	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra

## **ALPHABETICAL**

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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	В	Sr.	5-5	Oak Park, III./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	М	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	В	Sr.	5-9	Marmora, N.J./Ocean City
23	Aurelia Meijer	M/F	Sr.	5-7	Hattem, Netherlands/Gymnasium Celeanum
7	Madison Morano	М	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
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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	М	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-Pres660-181-24
	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-Pres543-136-9
5. Charlene Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	1984-Pres517-204-17
	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)

1985	10-5-5	.625
1986	11-7-2	.600
At Penn	State (31 years, 483	-188-8, .717)
1987	14-5-2	.714NCAA Tournament
1988	15-6-1	.705NCAA Quarterfinals
1989	18-3-1	.841NCAA Tournament
		Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
		Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1990	21-4	.840NCAA Semifinals
		Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
		Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1991	18-3-1	.841NCAA Semifinals
1992	16-5-1	.750NCAA Quarterfinals
1993	20-2	.909NCAA Semifinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
1994	13-7-2	.636NCAA Quarterfinals
1995	15-9	.625NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1996	14-9	.609NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1997	18-6	.750NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1998	18-5	.783NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1999	17-5	.773NCAA Tournament
2000	17-6	.739NCAA Tournament
2001	12-7	.632
2002	19-5	.792NCAA National Finalist
2003	18-7	.720NCAA Quarterfinals
2004	10-10	.500
2005	17-4	.810NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2006	16-6	.727NCAA Quarterfinals
2007	16-8	.667NCAA National Finalist
2008	13-7	.650NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2009	7-13	.350
2010	14-6	.700NCAA Tournament
2011	17-6	.739Big Ten Tournament Champions
2012	18-4	.818NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
2013	13-6	.684NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2014	16-6	.727NCAA Quarterfinals
2015	9-10	.474
2016	17-3	.850NCAA Tournament
2017	17-5	.773NCAA Tournament
34 Yrs	517-204-17	.712



# The Automated ScoreBook Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 26, 2018) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

<u>Date Opponent</u>	Score	Att.
Aug 26 VIRGINIA	w 1-0	727
TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	1-17	0-9
Goals scored per game	1.00	0.00
Shot pct.	.059	.000
Shots on goal-Attempts	10-17	4-9
SOG pct.	.588	.444
Shots/Game	17.0	9.0
PENALTY CORNERS	5	3
Goals off corners	0	0
PENALTY STROKES	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES		
Green cards	0	3
Yellow cards	0	0
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	727	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	1/727	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	
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##	Player	gp	g	а	pts	sh	sh%	sog sog%	gw į
28	Bramley, Gini	1	1	0	2	2	.500	1 .500	1
22	Myers, Abby	1	0	1	1	2	.000	0 .000	0
23	Meijer, Aurelia	1	0	0	0	3	.000	3 1.000	0
2	Klingler, Emily	1	0	0	0	3	.000	2 .667	0
33	Dembrowski, Katie	1	0	0	0	2	.000	1 .500	0
8	Winters, Lisa	1	0	0	0	2	.000	1 .500	0
11	Reese, Meghan	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0.000	0
7	Morano, Madison	1	0	0	0	1	.000	1 1.000	0
3	Horst, Alexis	1	0	0	0	1	.000	1 1.000	0
20	Hutson, Madison	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
19	Smith, Mary Nell	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
17	Simon, Anna	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
15	Conley, Cori	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
14	Kline, Cassie	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
9	McNally, Lauren	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
6	Bednarski, Bree	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
4	Spisak, Emma	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0.000	0
	Total	1	1	1	3	17	.059	10 .588	1
	Opponents	1	0	0	0	9	.000	4 .444	0

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves Pct	W-L-
5	Rizzo, Jenny	1	70:00	0	0.00	4 1.000	1-0-
	Total	1	70:00	0	0.00	4 1.000	1-0-
	Opponents	1	70:00	1	1.29	9 .900	0-1-

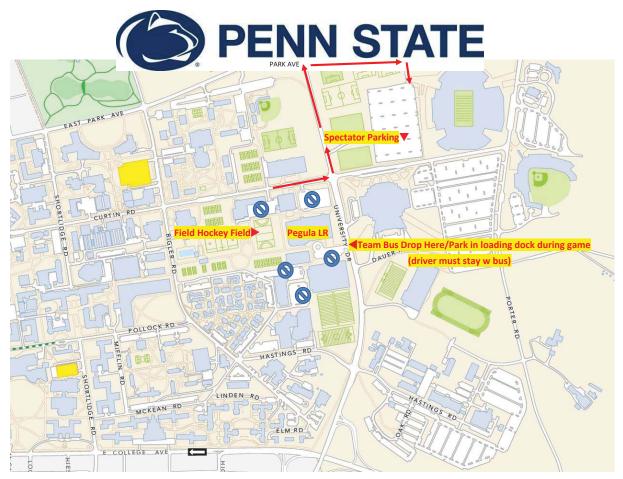
Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Penn State	1	0	1
Opponents	0	0	0
Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Penn State	10	7	17
Opponents	3	6	9
Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Saves by Period Penn State	1st 1	<b>2nd</b> 3	Total 4
	1st 1 6		
Penn State	1	3	4
Penn State Opponents	1 6	3	4 9

# **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

## **GAMEDAY PARKING MAP**



Parking Information for PSU Field Hockey games: Spectator parking is available free of charge beginning one hour prior to game time through one hour after the conclusion of the game. In addition, parking is free of charge all day on Saturdays and Sundays in the Stadium West parking lot. Please enter off of Park Avenue at the Stadium West traffic light. The Yellow parking lots at Wagner, Shields and Pegula closest to the Field Hockey Field are patrolled Monday thru Friday until 9:00 p.m. Orange-F parking lot between Holuba and EALR is also available after 5:00 p.m. Friday and all day on Sunday.

NOTE: expect parking availability changes for Men's Hockey home games. For more information, please visit www.parking.psu.edu.

### #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, III.), 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 Lucas 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 outshot 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 benalty 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 sim 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 (Hattern, 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 outshot 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 Ell had three for the Cavaliers.

#### GAME BREAKDOWN

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