



PENN STATE NITTANY LION FIELD HOCKEY

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#6 Penn State (2-0, 0-0 B1G)
 Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

On Tuesday...

vs. #10 Princeton (1-1), 9/4/18 - 7:30 p.m.
 Princeton Head Coach: Marybeth Freeman

All-Time Series w/ Princeton: Penn State leads 27-10-0
 Last Meeting: W, 2-0 at Princeton, 9/10/17

On Friday...

vs. Kent State (1-3), 9/7/18 - 4 p.m.
 Kent State Head Coach: Kathleen Wiler

All-Time Series w/ Kent State: Penn State leads 4-0-0
 Last Meeting: W, 5-3 at KSU, 10/1/17

On Sunday...

vs. #3 Duke (3-1) at Temple, 9/9/18 - 10:30 a.m.
 Duke Head Coach: Pam Bustin

All-Time Series w/ Duke: Penn State leads 6-1-0
 Last Meeting: W, 52-1 at Duke, 9/17/11

2018 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

Tue.	4	#10 PRINCETON (Lionvision)	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	7	KENT STATE (Lionvision)	4 p.m.
Sun.	9	vs. #3 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 Iowa*	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

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 PREVIEW

The Penn State Nittany Lions (2-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, face a busy and challenging schedule this week. The Nittany Lions play three games in five days, including two versus ranked opponents. Penn State hosts No. 10 Princeton (1-1) on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., host Kent State (1-3) on Friday at 4 p.m., then face off against No. 3 Duke (3-1) on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in a game played at Temple University.

Penn State is coming off a rousing 4-0 win at Temple on Friday in a game that saw the Nittany Lions outshoot the Owls 42-1. True freshman Anna Simon led Penn State with two goals, her first as a collegian, in the victory. Jenny Rizzo faced only one shot to pick up her second shutout of the season.

The Nittany Lions are being led by Simon's four points off two goals. Aurelia Meijer, Gini Bramley and Emily Klingler all have a goal apiece while Madison Morano and Mary Nell Smith each have two assists. Meijer leads Penn State with 13 shots, nine on goal. Rizzo has a 1.00 save percentage as the Lion defense has held its opponents to a combined 10 shots. Cori Conley and Simon have anchored the defense through the early part of the season.

Princeton enters the week with a 1-1 record. The Tigers, ranked No. 10 in the NFHCA poll, are coming off a split weekend that saw them drop a 1-0 game to No. 2 North Carolina on Friday and down No. 14 Wake Forest 4-0 on Sunday in games played in Philadelphia. Clara Roth leads Princeton with three points off a goal and an assists while keeper Grace Bayliss has a 0.64 goals against average and an .875 save percentage.

Kent State heads into Friday's game with a 1-3 mark. The Golden Flashes lost 2-1 to Liberty on Friday but rebounded with a 1-0 victory over St. Louis on Sunday. Both games were at home for KSU. Rodriguez seto Clara leads Kent State with six points off three goals while goalie Mary Crumlish sports a 1.47 GAA with a .769 save percentage.

Duke, ranked No. 3 in the NFHCA's preseason poll, is 3-1 on the year. The Blue Devils went 1-1 last weekend, downing Northwestern 4-0 on Friday before losing a tough 4-3 game to No. 4 Maryland on Sunday. Rose Tynan (three goals, two assists) and Olivia Sahaydak (four goals) lead Duke with eight points each while keeper Sammi Steele has a 1.75 GAA with a .632 save percentage. Duke is at No. 10 Princeton Friday night.

The Nittany Lions own a 27-10-0 lead in the series with Princeton, including a 2-0 road win last year on 9/10/17. Penn State is 4-0-0 all-time against Kent State, including a 5-3 win at KSU last season on 10/1/17. The Lions are 6-1-0 all-time against the Blue Devils, including a 2-1 win in the last meeting, 9/17/11 at Duke.

The Nittany Lions open up Big Ten play next weekend, visiting Ohio State on Friday, Sept. 14, at 4 p.m. The Lions then take on Boston University at the University of Maryland on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m.

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

SIMON LEADS LIONS TO 4-0 WIN AT TEMPLE

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 outshot Temple 42-1 in the victory.

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.

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 9/3/18)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	PENN STATE	0-0-0	.000	2-0-0	1.000
	Maryland	0-0-0	.000	5-0-0	1.000
	Rutgers	0-0-0	.000	3-0-0	1.000
4.	Iowa	0-0-0	.000	3-1-0	.750
5.	Michigan State	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
	Northwestern	0-0-0	.000	2-2-0	.500
7.	Ohio State	0-0-0	.000	1-2-0	.333
8.	Indiana	0-0-0	.000	1-3-0	.250
	Michigan	0-0-0	.000	1-3-0	.250

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	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



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 Aug 31, 2018) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 26	VIRGINIA	w 1-0	727
Aug 31	at Temple	w 4-0	612

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
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SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	5-59	0-10
Goals scored per game	2.50	0.00
Shot pct.	.085	.000
Shots on goal-Attempts	36-59	4-10
SOG pct.	.610	.400
Shots/Game	29.5	5.0
PENALTY CORNERS		
	26	3
Goals off corners	1	0
PENALTY STROKES		
	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES		
Green cards	0	3
Yellow cards	0	1
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	727	612
Dates/Avg Per Date	1/727	1/612
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw
17	Simon, Anna	2	2	0	4	5	.400	4	.800	1
23	Meijer, Aurelia	2	1	0	2	13	.077	9	.692	0
28	Bramley, Gini	2	1	0	2	6	.167	4	.667	1
2	Klingler, Emily	2	1	0	2	5	.200	4	.800	0
7	Morano, Madison	2	0	2	2	2	.000	1	.500	0
19	Smith, Mary Nell	2	0	2	2	0	.000	0	.000	0
22	Myers, Abby	2	0	1	1	6	.000	2	.333	0
33	Dembrowski, Katie	2	0	0	0	10	.000	8	.800	0
3	Horst, Alexis	2	0	0	0	4	.000	2	.500	0
18	Putsch, Moira	1	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	0
8	Winters, Lisa	2	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0
15	Conley, Cori	2	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0
14	Kline, Cassie	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0
11	Reese, Meghan	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0
20	Hutson, Madison	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0
9	McNally, Lauren	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0
4	Spisak, Emma	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0
1	Dreisigmeyer, Syd	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0
Total		2	5	5	15	59	.085	36	.610	2
Opponents		2	0	0	0	10	.000	4	.400	0

#	Goalle	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L
21	Conway, Colleen	1	6:00	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0
5	Rizzo, Jenny	2	134:00	0	0.00	4	1.000	2-0
Total		2	140:00	0	0.00	4	1.000	2-0
Opponents		2	140:00	5	3.21	31	.861	0-2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Penn State	2	3	5
Opponents	0	0	0

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Penn State	32	27	59
Opponents	3	7	10

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Penn State	1	3	4
Opponents	18	13	31

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Penn State	9	17	26
Opponents	0	3	3

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	Putsch	Kline	Myers	Bramley	Meijer	Dembrowski	Morano	McNally	Conley	Simon	Rizzo

GAMEDAY PARKING MAP



PENN STATE



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.



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 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 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 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 Eli 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 outshot 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 timeout 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 (Marmor, 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 outshot 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
Colleen Conway	6:00	0	0
TEM: Chloe Johnson	70:00	4	19