



NOTES: vs. Ohio State (10/25)

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Penn State (4-10, 3-3 B1G) vs. #22 Ohio State (6-8, 1-5 B1G)

DATE: Friday, Oct. 25, 6:00 p.m.

SITE: University Park, Pa.

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

Ohio State Head Coach: Jarred Martin

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 38-11-2
 Last Meeting: W, 3-2 at Ohio State (9/14/18)

2019 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

Fri. 30 at #3 Duke L, 1-4

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 1 at #11 Virginia L, 1-2

Sun. 8 at #16 Delaware L, 1-3

Fri. 13 OLD DOMINION L, 1-2

Sun. 15 at #5 Princeton L, 1-2

Fri. 20 at #3 Maryland* L, 1-3

Thur. 26 vs. California (Lancaster, Pa.) L, 3-4 (ot)

Sun. 29 VILLANOVA W, 8-2

OCTOBER

Fri. 4 at Indiana* W, 3-1

Sun. 6 at #6 Louisville L, 0-3

Fri. 11 #8 NORTHWESTERN* W, 3-2 (2ot)

Sun. 13 #6 IOWA* L, 1-4

Fri. 18 at Michigan State* W, 3-1

Sun. 20 at #9 Michigan* L, 1-3

Fri. 25 #22 OHIO STATE* 6 p.m.

Wed. 30 at Bucknell 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Sun. 3 RUTGERS* 12 p.m.

Th.-Sun. 7-10 2019 B1G Tournament at Penn State

Thur. 7 #4 vs. #5 (BTN+) 11 a.m.

#2 vs. #7 (BTN+) 2 p.m.

#3 vs. #6 (BTN+) 5 p.m.

Fri. 8 Semi: #1 vs. #4/5 winner (BTN) 4 p.m.

Semi: #2/7 vs. #3/6 6:30 p.m.

(6:30 semi BTN+/BTN delay at midnight)

Sun. 10 Finals (two semi winners) (BTN) 2 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 16-17 2019 NCAA Championship

Round 1 -- sites and times TBA

Fri.-Sun. 22-24 2019 NCAA National

Championship (semis/final)

at Winston-Salem, N.C.

* Big Ten Game

All Dates and Times Subject to Change

All Times EASTERN

THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	OSU
Overall Record	4-10	6-8
Conference Record	3-3	1-5
Goals Scored	28	45
Goals Per Game	2.00	3.21
Goals Allowed	36	27
Goals Allowed Per Game	2.57	1.93
Shots	177	192
Shots Per Game	12.6	13.7
Shots Allowed Per Game	13.0	11.7
Saves/Saves %	77/.681	57/.679
Corners	84	81
Shutouts	0	3



THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.: October 23, 2019 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (4-10, 3-3 B1G), host No. 22 Ohio State (6-8, 1-5 B1G) on Friday night in their lone game of the week. The Lions and Buckeyes face off on Friday, Oct. 25, in a 6 p.m. contest at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

Penn State is coming off a split weekend in Michigan. The Lions won 3-1 at Michigan State on Friday last weekend before dropping a 3-1 contest at No. 9 Michigan on Sunday. The Lions have won four of their last seven games. The Lions are 4-10 overall, 3-3 in the conference.

The Nittany Lions are being led by Anna Simon, who has a team-high 18 points off eight goals and two assists. Freshman Paityn Wirth has 12 points off four goals and four assists while Alexis Horst has nine off three and three. Freshman Jemma Punch and sophomore Grace Wallis each have eight points. Punch has three goals and two assists while Wallis has two and four. Goalie Brie Barraco, who had eight saves in the 3-1 victory at Michigan State, has 77 saves and a 2.52 goals against average.

Ohio State is coming off a tough 0-2 weekend that saw the Buckeyes drop a close 1-0 home game to Rutgers on Friday before falling 6-3 to Maryland. The Buckeyes are 6-8 overall, 1-5 in Big Ten action. Ohio State is being led by Mackenzie Alessie who has 29 points off 12 goals and five assists. Keeper Aaliyah Hernandez sports a 1.95 goals against average with 57 saves and three shutouts.

Penn State is at Bucknell on Wednesday, Oct. 30, for a 6 p.m. non-conference battle in Lewisburg. The Nittany Lions then host Rutgers on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 12 p.m. in the regular season finale for the squad.

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	Dr. Eric J. Barron
Vice President of ICA	Sandy Barbour
Home Field	Penn State Field Hockey Complex (750)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State, 1979)
Career Record/Years	529-210-17/35
Record at Penn State/Years	495-194-8/32
Associate Head Coach	Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State, 1989)
Technical Director/Assistant Coach	Stuart Smith (Ohio State, 2008)
Volunteer Asst. Coach	Amanda Dinunzio
Director of Operations	Lauren Smith

TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Record	12-6
2018 Big Ten Record	6-2
2018 Big Ten Tournament	0-1
2018 NCAA Championship	0-1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	13/12
Starters Returning/Lost	5/8
Newcomers	10
All-Time Record	697-268-37
All-Time Big Ten Record	140-63-1
All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record	31-18
NCAA Tournament Appearances	33
NCAA Tournament Record	25-37
NCAA Semifinal Appearances	7
NCAA Championship Game Appearances	2
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2018

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NOTES

LIONS DOWN MICHIGAN ST. FOR B1G ROAD WIN

Penn State used balanced offense and great defense to post an important 3-1 win at Michigan State in Big Ten action on Oct. 18. The Lions got goals from three different players. Madison Morano, Paityn Wirth and Jemma Punch each notched goals in the game while keeper Brie Barraco had a season-high eight saves.

SIMON'S GOAL LEADS PENN STATE TO 3-2 DOUBLE-OT WIN OVER #8 NORTHWESTERN

Sophomore Anna Simon scored the game-winning goal shortly into the second overtime period to lead Penn State to a 3-2 double-overtime win over #8 Northwestern. Simon's goal lifted Penn State to the home Big Ten victory and was her third game-winning goal of the season.

MORETT-CURTISS TO BE INDUCTED INTO PHILADELPHIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Char Morett-Curtiss, long-time head coach of the Penn State field hockey team and a former All-American as a player for the Nittany Lions, will be inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame as part of the 2019 Inductee Class. The organization announced its new class earlier this summer and the induction ceremony is set for Nov. 7. Morett-Curtiss is being inducted for her local accomplishments in field hockey and lacrosse. The Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame inducts individuals as both local athletes or as part of the city's professional sports teams. A native of Aldan, Pennsylvania, Morett-Curtiss is a graduate of Lansdowne-Aldan High School and is now a member five Hall of Fames: The Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame (a 2019 inductee); Delaware County Hall of Fame; Pennsylvania Hall of Fame; USFHA Hall of Fame and the NFHCA Hall of Fame.

SIMON LEADS PENN STATE TO B1G WIN AT INDIANA

Sophomore Anna Simon led Penn State to its first Big Ten win of the year on Oct. 4. The sophomore had two goals and an assist in the Nittany Lions' 3-1 victory at Indiana. Emma Spisak had Penn State's third goal in the contest.

PENN STATE PICKS UP FIRST WIN IN AN 8-2 HOME VICTORY OVER VILLANOVA

Penn State grabbed its first win of the season in an 8-2 home victory over visiting Villanova on Sept. 29. Anna Simon had two goals while Jemma Punch had a goal and an assist to lead the Nittany Lions in the victory. Goalie Brie Barraco had five saves in the contest.

NITTANY LIONS DROP TOUGH 4-3 OT GAME TO CALIFORNIA IN LANCASTER

The Penn State Nittany Lions dropped a hard-fought 4-3 overtime thriller to the Cal Bears on Sept. 26 in a game played at Lancaster's Spooky Nook Sports facility. Grace Wallis, Jemma Punch and Anna Simon scored goals for Penn State but Cal notched the game's final three goals to secure the win.

HUTSON NOTCHES GOAL IN TOUGH LOSS AT #3 MARYLAND

Junior co-captain Madison Hutson had Penn State's goal in the Nittany Lions' 3-1 loss at #3 Maryland on Friday, Sept. 20. Hutson's goal was her first of the season.

2019 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 10/21/19)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Maryland	6-1-0	.857	14-2-0	.875
2.	Michigan	5-1-0	.833	12-3-0	.800
3.	Iowa	4-1-0	.800	10-3-0	.769
4.	Northwestern	4-2-0	.667	12-5-0	.706
5.	Penn State	3-3-0	.500	4-10-0	.286
	Rutgers	3-3-0	.500	8-6-0	.571
7.	Ohio State	1-5-0	.167	6-8-0	.429
	Indiana	1-5-0	.167	4-9-0	.308
9.	Michigan State	0-6-0	.000	6-9-0	.400

NFHCA POLL (10/22/19)kjkkj

Rk.	Team
1	North Carolina
2	Maryland
3	Connecticut
4	Duke
5	Louisville
6	Virginia
7	Michigan
8	Iowa
9	Princeton
10	Northwestern
11	Saint Joseph's
12	Delaware
13	Boston College
14	Harvard
15	Syracuse
16	Stanford
17	Liberty
18	Rutgers
19	Old Dominion
20	Wake Forest
21	Monmouth
22	Ohio State
23	Albany
24	Fairfield
25	Providence



LIONS DROP TWO 2-1 CONTESTS TO ODU AND AT #5 PRINCETON

The Nittany Lions dropped two close 2-1 games the weekend of Sept. 13-15. Penn State fell 2-1 to Old Dominion on Friday, Sept. 13, then fell 2-1 at #5 Princeton on Sunday, Sept. 15. Alexis Horst notched the goal against ODU and Abby Myers scored early against Princeton.

WIRTH NOTCHES FIRST COLLEGIATE GOAL IN TOUGH LOSS AT DELAWARE

True freshman Paityn Wirth scored her first collegiate goal in the first period of Penn State's game at Delaware on Sept. 8. The Blue Hens bounced back with three unanswered to post the 3-1 victory, however.

NITTANY LIONS DROP TOUGH 2-1 GAME AT #11 VIRGINIA

Penn State dropped hard fought 2-1 game at #11 Virginia on Sunday, Sept. 1. The Nittany Lions tied the game with a late goal from Anna Simon, but the Cavaliers scored with just over 1:00 to play to steal the win in Charlottesville. Lion keeper Brie Barraco had five saves in the contest.

PENN STATE IS HOST SITE FOR 2019 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The Penn State Field Hockey Complex will be the site of the 2019 Big Ten Field Hockey Championship Tournament. The tournament, which will determine the conference's automatic qualifier for the 2019 NCAA Championships, reverts to its original format and features six games over four days in November. The first three games take place on Thursday, Nov. 7, the semifinals occur on Friday, Nov. 8, with the Big Ten Championship game set for Sunday, Nov. 10. Times will be determined at a later date and more information is to follow as the event nears.

HUTSON AND MORANO NAMED CAPTAINS

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team, under the guidance of head coach Char Morett-Curtiss, has named senior Madison Morano and junior Madison Hutson captains for the 2019 campaign.

HONORS WON

Madison Morano

2019 Big Ten Players to Watch

Abby Myers

2019 Big Ten Players to Watch

Anna Simon

2019 Big Ten Players to Watch



NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
1	Syd Dreisigmeyer	M	So.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
2	Aubrey Mytych	M/F	Fr.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Seminary Prep
3	Alexis Horst	F	Jr.	Port Trevorton, Pa./Selinsgrove
4	Emma Spisak	M	Jr.	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
5	Carly Gannon	M/B	Fr.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
6	Bree Bednarski	F	Jr.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
7	Maddie Morano	M	Sr.	Hammonton, N.J./Eastern Regional
8	Elena Vos	M	Fr.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
9	Lauren McNally	B	Sr.	Marmora, N.J./Ocean City
10	Madison Reese	D	R-Fr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	F	So.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
12	Brie Barraco	GK	R-Fr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
13	Eleni Prodes	M	So.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	Fr.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
15	Paityn Wirth	M	Fr.	Thompsonstown, Pa./Greenwood
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	R-Fr.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
17	Anna Simon	D	So.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
18	Emily Farrell	M/F	Fr.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
19	Grace Wallis	F	So.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
20	Madison Hutson	M/D	Jr.	Gloucester Point, Va./Gloucester
21	Colleen Conway	GK	Sr.	Franklin Lakes, N.J./Oak Knoll School
22	Abby Myers	M/F	Jr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
23	Jemma Punch	M	Fr.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M/F	Jr.	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill
28	Evelyn Murray	M/B	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial
33	Kelsey Love	B	Fr.	State College, Pa./State College

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
12	Brie Barraco	GK	R-Fr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
6	Bree Bednarski	F	Jr.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
21	Colleen Conway	GK	Sr.	Franklin Lakes, N.J./Oak Knoll School
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	Fr.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
1	Syd Dreisigmeyer	M	So.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
18	Emily Farrell	M/F	Fr.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
5	Carly Gannon	M/B	Fr.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
3	Alexis Horst	F	Jr.	Port Trevorton, Pa./Selinsgrove
20	Madison Hutson	M/D	Jr.	Gloucester Point, Va./Gloucester
33	Kelsey Love	B	Fr.	State College, Pa./State College
9	Lauren McNally	B	Sr.	Marmora, N.J./Ocean City
7	Maddie Morano	M	Sr.	Hammonton, N.J./Eastern Regional
28	Evelyn Murray	M/B	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial
22	Abby Myers	M/F	Jr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
2	Aubrey Mytych	M/F	Fr.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Seminary Prep
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	R-Fr.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
13	Eleni Prodes	M	So.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
23	Jemma Punch	M	Fr.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
10	Madison Reese	D	R-Fr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	F	So.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
17	Anna Simon	D	So.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
4	Emma Spisak	M	Jr.	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
8	Elena Vos	M	Fr.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
19	Grace Wallis	F	So.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
15	Paityn Wirth	M	Fr.	Thompsonstown, Pa./Greenwood
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M/F	Jr.	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill

Head Coach: Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State 79), 36th Season, 33rd at Penn State

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State 89), 26th Season

Technical Director ; Assistant Coach: Stuart Smith (Ohio State 08), 10th Season

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Amanda Dinunzio



HEAD COACH CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS



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 (32 years, 495-194-8, .716)

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
2018	12-6	.667	NCAA Tournament
35 Yrs	529-210-17	.711	27 NCAA Appearances

NCAA DIVISION I ALL-TIME WINNINGEST HEAD COACHES

1. Nancy Stevens	Connecticut Northwestern Franklin & Marshall	1990-Pres. 679-185-24 1981-89 1979-80
2. Karen Shelton	North Carolina	1981-Pres. 669-164-9
3. Beth Anders	Old Dominion	1980-84 577-156-7 1987-2002, 2002-12
4. Missy Meharg	Maryland	1988-Pres. 565-139-9
5. Charlene Morett-Curtiss	Penn State Boston College	1984-Pres. 529-210-17 1984-86

MOST NCAA TOURNAMENTS

Coach	Schools	NCAA Tournaments
Karen Shelton	North Carolina	35
Nancy Stevens	Connecticut, Northwestern	31
Missy Meharg	Maryland	29
Charlene Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	28
Beth Anders	Old Dominion	28



Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 20, 2019) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-10	2-2	2-7	0-1
CONFERENCE	3-3	1-1	2-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-7	1-1	0-5	0-1

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	gw	ps-att	dsv
8/30/2019	at #3 Duke	L 1-4	328	17	Simon, Anna	14	8	2	18	58	.138	3	0-0	2
Sep 01	at #11 Virginia	L 1-2	652	15	Wirth, Paityn	14	4	4	12	37	.108	1	0-0	0
Sep 08	at #16 Delaware	L 1-3	576	3	Horst, Alexis	14	3	3	9	7	.429	0	0-0	0
Sep 13	OLD DOMINION	L 1-2	399	23	Punch, Jemma	14	3	2	8	11	.273	0	0-0	0
Sep 15	at #5 Princeton	L 1-2	255	19	Wallis, Grace	14	2	4	8	8	.250	0	0-0	0
* Sep 19	at #3 Maryland	L 1-3	980	11	Reese, Meghan	14	2	1	5	7	.286	0	0-0	0
Sep 26	vs California	Lot 3-4	250	4	Spisak, Emma	14	2	1	5	7	.286	0	0-0	0
Sep 29	VILLANOVA	w 8-2	505	22	Myers, Abby	14	1	3	5	8	.125	0	0-0	0
* Oct 04	at Indiana	w 3-1	227	7	Morano, Madison	14	1	2	4	15	.067	0	1-2	0
Oct 06	at #6 Louisville	L 0-3	224	6	Bednarski, Bree	14	1	1	3	15	.067	0	0-0	0
* Oct 11	NORTHWESTERN	Wo2 3-2	502	20	Hutson, Madison	14	1	0	2	2	.500	0	0-0	0
* Oct 13	IOWA	L 1-4	409	2	Mytych, Aubrey	6	0	1	1	1	.000	0	0-0	0
* Oct 18	at Michigan State	w 3-1	316	8	Vos, Elena	14	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	1
* Oct 20	at #9 Michigan	L 1-3	554	24	Zemaitis, Hannah	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	28-177	36-182
Goals scored per game	2.00	2.57
Shot pct.	.158	.198
Shots/Game	12.6	13.0
PENALTY CORNERS	84	72
PENALTY STROKES	1-2	1-2
PENALTIES		
Green cards	16	14
Yellow cards	6	3
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1815	4112
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/454	9/457
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/250	

13	Prodes, Eleni	13	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
10	Reese, Madison	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
9	McNally, Lauren	9	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
5	Gannon, Carly	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
1	Dreisigmeyer, Syd	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
Total		14	28	24	80	177	.158	4	1-2	3
Opponents		14	36	30	102	182	.198	10	1-2	4

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
12	Barraco, Brie	14	857:14	36	2.52	77	.681	4-10-0	0/0
Total		14	857:14	36	2.52	80	.690	4-10-0	0
Opponents		14	857:14	28	1.96	78	.736	10-4-0	1

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	4	8	9	6	0	1	28
Opponents	3	11	7	14	1	0	36

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	42	42	46	43	2	2	177
Opponents	25	45	53	56	2	1	182

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	10	23	25	20	1	1	80
Opponents	19	20	18	21	0	0	78

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	22	15	21	26	0	0	84
Opponents	14	18	17	22	1	0	72



GAME-BY-GAME STARTING LINE-UP

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Forward	Forward	Forward	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Back	Back	GK
8/30	at Duke	L	1-4	Horst	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Spisak	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
9/1	at Virginia	L	1-2	Horst	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
9/8	at Delaware	L	1-3	Horst	Reese, Me.	Bednarski	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
9/13	OLD DOMINION	L	1-2	Horst	Reese, Me.	Bednarski	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
9/15	at Princeton	L	1-2	Horst	Reese, Me.	Bednarski	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
9/20	at Maryland	L	1-3	Horst	Reese, Me.	Bednarski	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
9/26	vs. California	L	3-4 (ot)	Horst	Reese, Me.	Bednarski	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
9/29	VILLANOVA	W	8-2	Horst	Reese, Me.	Bednarski	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
10/4	at Indiana	W	3-1	Horst	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	McNally	Simon	Barraco
10/6	at Louisville	L	0-3	Horst	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	Spisak	Simon	Barraco
10/11	NORTHWESTERN	W	3-2 (2ot)	Horst	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	Prodes	Simon	Barraco
10/13	IOWA	L	1-4	Mytych	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	Prodes	Simon	Barraco
10/18	at Michigan State	W	3-1	Horst	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	Prodes	Simon	Barraco
10/20	at Michigan	L	1-3	Horst	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Vos	Morano	Hutson	Wirth	Prodes	Simon	Barraco
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#9 PENN STATE 1, #3 DUKE 4 Friday, August 30, 2019 -- Durham, N.C.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (0-1, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 9 in the initial NFCA Coaches Poll, lost to No. 3 Duke (1-0) in the season opener for both teams on Friday. A young Penn State squad battled the veteran Blue Devils tough early before Duke pulled away for the 4-1 non-conference victory.

The Nittany Lions got on the board quickly when sophomore Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) fed junior Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, N.J.) for the goal with Horst notching Penn State's first goal of the season. The early goal gave Penn State an early 1-0 lead at the 5:08 mark. The Lion offense stayed on attack and the defense held firm as Penn State led 1-0 after the opening period. Redshirt freshman Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.), making her first collegiate start, made the first save of her career early in the second stanza to keep the Nittany Lions on top. Duke found its offense during the second period, forcing Barraco into a couple more saves before Blue Devil Olivia Sahaydak notched a goal at the 24:54 mark to tie the game at 1-1. Duke found the back just minutes later, with Hannah Miller scoring off a Leah Crouse assist at the 27:23 mark to give the Devils a 2-1 lead. The Blue Devils carried that lead into halftime.

Duke outshot Penn State 8-1 in the opening half and had the only penalty corner of the first 30 minutes. Barraco had three saves in the first half while Duke's Sammi Steele had none.

Barraco kept Penn State close in the third period, doubling her save total while Duke stacked up five more shots. The Nittany Lions continued to trail by one throughout the third stanza and were within one goal heading into the final period. The Nittany Lions battled Duke tough throughout the final period, but the Blue Devil offense connected late in the game with Sahaydak notching her second goal of the contest at the 53:00 mark to put Duke up 3-1. Leah Crouse added a late unassisted goal for Duke at the 57:12 mark to close out the game's scoring and give the Devils the 4-1 victory.

"We showed good signs today and we played together throughout the game," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "But we have to do better taking care of the ball. Turnovers and lack of possession really got us in trouble today and against a good team like Duke, it will be costly. Our players gave 100 percent for the entire 60 minutes and that is definitely something we will build on as the season progresses."

Duke outshot Penn State 17-4 while each team had three penalty corners. Barraco finished the game with seven saves and four goals against while Steele had two saves and a goal against.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#9 PENN STATE (0-1)	1	0	0	0	1
#3 Duke (1-0)	0	2	0	2	4

STATS:	PSU	DUKE
Shots	9	17
Corners	3	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU – Alexis Horst (Anna Simon), 5:08
 2nd: DUKE – Olivia Sahaydak (unassisted), 24:54
 2nd: DUKE – Hannah Miller (Leah Crouse), 27:23
 4th: DUKE – Sahaydak (unassisted), 53:00
 4th: DUKE – Leah Crouse (unassisted), 57:12

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	4	7
DUKE: Sammi Steele	60:00	1	2

#9 PENN STATE 1, #11 VIRGINIA 2 Sunday, September 1, 2019 -- Charlottesville, Va.

The Penn State Nittany field hockey team (0-2, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 9 in the initial NFCA Coaches Poll, fell to No. 11 Virginia (2-0) in a non-conference road game on Sunday. Penn State tied the game late only to see Virginia notch the game-winning goal with just over a minute left as the Nittany Lions lost 2-1 in Charlottesville. The two squads battled evenly through the start of the first period, with Virginia getting the early game's lone shot on goal. The Lion defense held, and the game moved into the latter part of the opening stanza still scoreless. The first period ended in a 0-0 tie with Penn State's defense holding off three Cavalier shots in the first 15:00. Virginia got on the scoreboard first less than two minutes into the second quarter when Anzel Viljoen scored unassisted at the 16:54 mark to give the Cavaliers a 1-0 lead. Virginia would hold Penn State off for the rest of the period and the Nittany Lions trailed 1-0 at intermission. Virginia outshot Penn State 8-5 in the first half. Freshman goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) had four saves in the first half to keep the Nittany Lions close.

Penn State came out aggressively in the third period, forcing the ball down to Virginia's half of the field and setting up a couple shots and a penalty corner. Virginia goalie Lauren Hausheer kept the Lions out of the cage however and the game continued on at 1-0. Penn State was unable to break through the Cavalier defense throughout the third period and trailed by one heading into the final stanza. The teams traded barbs early in the fourth period with each goalie standing strong to keep the one goal spread intact. Penn State's offensive pressure paid off with under five minutes to play. The Lion offense forced a penalty corner at the 55:30 mark and it led to the first goal for Penn State. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) took an assist from freshman Paityn Wirth (Thompsons town, Pa.) and found the back of the cage to tie the game at 1-1 at the 55:34 mark. Virginia, however, answered back just minutes later with a corner of their own. Gill Greer scored off a Rachel Robinson assist with just 1:03 to play to give Virginia a hard-fought 2-1 win.

"We had a strong third quarter for the second time this weekend, so we are making good adjustments at the half, which is nice," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "But we need to be able to carry those things through for the entire second half. We gave up late goals in each of these games, we need to be more aware of the clock. But we definitely grew as a team from Friday to Sunday, so that is a positive that we will build upon." Virginia had a slim 14-13 edge in shots over the course of the game despite Penn State's stronger second half. Each team had six penalty corners in the game. Barraco ended the contest with six saves while Hausheer had four for Virginia.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#9 PENN STATE (0-2)	0	0	0	1	1
#11 Virginia (2-0)	0	1	0	1	2

STATS:	PSU	UVA
Shots	13	14
Corners	6	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

2nd: UVA – Anzel Viljoen (unassisted), 16:54
 4th: PSU – Anna Simon (Paityn Wirth), 55:34
 4th: UVA – Gill Greer (Rachel Robinson), 58:57

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	6
UVA: Lauren Hausheer	60:00	1	4

#9 PENN STATE 1, #16 DELAWARE 3 Sunday, September 8, 2019 -- Newark, Del.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-3, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 9 in the initial NFCA Coaches Poll, lost a tough game at No. 16 Delaware (4-0) in its third straight road game to open the 2019 season. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad scored first in the game but ended up on the wrong end of a 3-1 score in its third straight road game against a ranked foe.

The two teams traded possessions early in the first period with each team moving the ball deep into the other's territory to no avail. Delaware had a solid chance to score but the Lion defense held firm and Penn State moved the ball down to the UD side of the field. The Blue Hens were able to stop the Nittany Lion charge and the game continued tied 0-0. Penn State continued to pressure UD and freshman Paityn Wirth (Thompsons town, Pa.) scored on the game's first shot to give the Lions a 1-0 lead at the 9:37 mark. Penn State carried that lead into the second quarter. Lion freshman goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a superb save early in the second period to keep the Hens of the scoreboard, but Delaware turned the effort into the game's first penalty corner. The Lion defense notched a defensive save on a solid Delaware corner and Penn State kept its 1-0 lead after a furious Delaware effort. Penn State picked up its first penalty corner at the 3:25 mark but the Delaware defense was solid, keeping Penn State from scoring. Delaware answered with a strong offensive push and moved the ball down for a corner with 2:30 on the clock but Barraco notched two saves on the corner. Delaware, however, forced another corner and Lotte de Koning tied the game with a goal with just 1:55 to go in the half to send the game into intermission tied 1-1. Delaware outshot Penn State 5-2 in the opening half and connected on one of its three corners. Penn State had one corner. Barraco had three saves in the opening 30 minutes while Delaware's Sydney Rhodes had one.

The Blue Hens maintained possession for the start of the third period, forcing Barraco into a couple saves that kept the game tied 1-1 as the second half got rolling. Penn State then took control and moved the ball to the UD side of the field, picking up a corner five minutes into the period. The Hens held firm, move the ball down to the Lion side of the field and forced their fifth penalty corner of the contest. Femke Strien scored at the 36:00 mark off the corner to give the Hens a 2-1 lead. Delaware was able to hold that lead for the entirety of the third period and Penn State trailed by one with 15:00 to play. The Nittany Lions opened the fourth period in control of the ball in front of the Delaware cage, but the Blue Hens were able to hold off the effort and maintain their one goal lead. Delaware worked the ball down to the Penn State side midway through the final period, forcing a couple penalty corners. Barraco was strong, however, notching an important save to keep Penn State within striking distance. But the Hen offense was able to break through again as Ally Pollack scored during a scramble at the 52:47 mark to give UD a 3-1 lead. Delaware would hold that lead for the remainder of the game and notch a 3-1 win over the Nittany Lions.

"We did a lot of good early on, but we got away from our game plan late," said Morett-Curtiss. "Their defense was very good, we were on attack throughout the game but could not get any shots off and that cost us in the second half." Delaware posted a 15-3 lead in shots and had seven corners to Penn State's two. Barraco ended the contest with six saves while Rhodes had two for Delaware.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#9 PENN STATE (0-3)	1	0	0	0	1
#16 Delaware (4-0)	0	1	1	1	3

STATS:	PSU	UD
Shots	3	15
Corners	2	7

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU – Paityn Wirth (unassisted), 9:37
 2nd: UD – Lotte de Koning (Ally Pollack, Grace Hoepfner), 28:09
 3rd: UD – Femke Strien (Emily Kresho, Bo van Hunnik), 36:00
 4th: UD – Ally Pollack (unassisted), 52:47

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	3	6
UD: Sydney Rhodes	60:00	1	2

#17 PENN STATE 1, OLD DOMINION 2 Friday, September 13, 2019 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-4, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 17 nationally, lost a hard-fought game to Old Dominion (3-1) in the team's home opener Friday. The Monarchs broke open a tie with a fourth period goal to post the 2-1 win. Penn State had two early chances to get on the scoreboard but Old Dominion keeper Cam MacGillivray notched the game's first save two minutes in to keep the game tied 0-0. Penn State kept the pressure on the Monarch defense, picking up its first penalty corner at the 5:00 mark, but the Lion shot was wide. Old Dominion had its first shot saved by Lion goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) at the 2:40 mark. The Lions got hit with a green card late in the period, giving ODU an



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advantage as the period wound down. Penn State's defense held firm and the period ended in a 0-0 tie. The Nittany Lion took the advantage early in the second after an Old Dominion green card but could not take advantage. ODU picked up their first penalty corner at the 11:21 mark and made it count. Erin Huffman scored off assists from Riley Taylor and Marlee McClendon to give Old Dominion the 1-0 lead at the 11:12 mark. Penn State answered with a corner of its own but could not connect and the Monarchs held the 1-0 lead as the period hit the 5:30 mark. Penn State tied the game at the 2:03 mark when Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) took an Aubrey Mytych (Wyoming, Pa.) pass and scored. The 1-1 tie held to intermission. Penn State outshot ODU 8-2 in the first half but MacGillivray kept the Monarchs tied with three saves. Barraco had one for Penn State. Both teams had two penalty corners.

The teams traded possession for the first part of the third period with neither squad mounting a serious offensive threat. Penn State's defense and junior Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) kept Old Dominion out the Lion circle despite ODU owning possession for the middle minutes of the third period. Penn State looked to score after an ODU five minute penalty at the 5:50 mark. Penn State picked up a corner at the 2:12 mark and MacGillivray had another save to keep the game tied. Penn State opened up the fourth period keeping the ball in front of the ODU cage. The Lions reeled off three corners in the first two minutes but the Monarch defense held fast and the game moved to the 12:00 mark tied 1-1. Old Dominion moved the ball down to the Penn State side of the field and set up a penalty corner with 10:31 on the clock. The Monarchs did not connect on the corner but maintained possession and Rebecca Birch put ODU up 2-1 with a solo goal at the 9:50 mark. Penn State went on the offensive, looking to tie the game but Old Dominion was able to hold Penn State off as the clock moved towards the 6:00 mark. Old Dominion had two corners that the Lion defense fought off as the clock moved to 3:30. Old Dominion was able to kill the final three-plus to grab the win. "While we played hard, we have to be better inside 25," said Morett-Curtiss. "We had a lot of shots, that's great, but we need to be on goal more. We have to put the opposing goalie under more pressure." The Nittany Lions outshot Old Dominion 14-6 and had six corners to ODU's four. Barraco had two saves in the game while MacGillivray had six for the Monarchs.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#17 PENN STATE (0-4)	0	1	0	0	1
Old Dominion (3-1)	0	1	0	1	2

STATS:	PSU	ODU
Shots	14	6
Corners	6	4

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

1st: ODU: Erin Huffman (Marlee McClendon, Riley Taylor); 18:48
 2nd: PSU: Alexis Horst (Aubrey Mytych); 27:57
 4th: ODU: Rebecca Birch (unassisted); 9:50

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	2
ODU: Cam MacGillivray	60:00	1	6

#17 PENN STATE 1, #5 PRINCETON 2

Sunday, September 15, 2019 -- Princeton, N.J.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-5, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 17 nationally, lost a hard-fought game at No. 5 Princeton (3-1) on Sunday. Penn State scored first but Princeton notched two second half goals to grab the close 2-1 win over the Nittany Lions. Penn State was strong on offense to start the game, picking up a corner four minutes into the contest. But Princeton goalie Grace Bayliss and the Tiger defense kept the game scoreless early. Penn State had an early goal waved off following a corner and then the Nittany Lions withstood a first period penalty to keep the game tied at the end of one period of play. Each team had two corners in the opening period with the Tigers notching two shots off theirs. Penn State opened up the second stanza with a goal just under five minutes into the period. Junior Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) scored at the 20:46 mark with an assist from freshman Paityn Wirth (Thompsontown, Pa.) to give the Lions a 1-0 lead, getting the deflection off a long pass into the circle for the score. The goal came on Penn State's first shot of the game and the score held to intermission. Princeton outshot Penn State 4-1 but Myers connected on the lone Lion shot to give PSU the lead. Princeton had three corners to two for Penn State. Freshman goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) had three saves in the first half to keep Penn State on top.

Princeton keeper Bayliss had no saves. The Princeton offense was active early in the third period, getting off two more shots. Clara Roth connected at the 36:54 mark to tie the game on the second shot of the period. The Tigers continued to press the Penn State defense, reeling off a flurry of shots in the 43rd minute, but the Lion defense kept the game tied through the third period. The two teams traded chances during the fourth period. Penn State had a chance on a penalty corner at the 8:00 mark but could not connect. Wirth had two shots knocked back by Princeton's Bayliss in the 52nd and 53rd minute and the game moved to the final 7:00 still knotted at 1-1. The Tigers took their first lead of the game when Roth scored on a rebound after a penalty corner at the 56:37 mark to give Princeton a 2-1 lead with under 4:00 to play. The Tigers would hold that lead for the final minutes to claim the come-from-behind 2-1 win.

"We're disappointed with the outcome of the game but there are some things we can build on," said Morett-Curtiss. "We had a strong first half but, once again, we need to do a better job creating scoring opportunities. Turnovers in the second half really hurt us but we gave great effort today." Princeton outshot Penn State 15-3 over the course of the game and had a 6-3 edge in penalty corners. Barraco had eight saves to two for Princeton's Bayliss to keep the game close throughout.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#17 PENN STATE (0-5)	0	1	0	0	1
#5 Princeton (3-1)	0	0	1	1	2

STATS:	PSU	PRI
Shots	3	15
Corners	3	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

1st: PSU - Abby Myers (Paityn Wirth), 20:46
 3rd: PRI - Clara Roth (unassisted), 36:54
 4th: PRI - Clara Roth (unassisted), 56:37

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	8
PRI: Grace Bayliss	60:00	1	2

#24 PENN STATE 1, #3 MARYLAND 3

Friday, September 20, 2019 -- College Park, Md.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-6, 0-1 B1G), ranked No. 24 nationally, lost at No. 3 Maryland (7-1, 1-0 B1G) in the Big Ten opener for both teams. The Nittany Lions gave up two second period goals and had its late rally fall short in a 3-1 road loss. Penn State had the game's first real scoring opportunity just four minutes in to the game, forcing a penalty corner. But Maryland goalie Noelle Frost notched her first save and kept the game scoreless as the clock moved past the 10:00 mark. The teams traded possessions over the next five minutes with each defense standing firm to keep the game tied at 0-0 as the clock moved below 5:00. Maryland had a close shot at the Lion goal with just 2:13 to play, but the ball sailed over Lion goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.). Maryland had a late corner but the Lion defense, anchored by Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) and Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) kept the Terrapins out of the cage and the game moved to the second period tied 0-0. The Penn State defense denied Maryland on an early corner attempt in the second period but the Terrapins maintained possession and kept the ball on the Penn State side of the field. Penn State was able to regain possession and moved the ball down briefly to the Maryland circle and the game continued at 0-0. Barraco blocked a point-blank Maryland Shot at the 8:53 mark in the second period but the Terrapins took the lead off the rebound, with Madison Maguire finding the back of the goal to give the home team a 1-0 lead. The Terrapins added a second goal six minutes later, with Bodil Keus scoring with just 2:28 to play to send Maryland into intermission leading 2-0. Maryland outshot Penn State 7-2 in the first half and had four corners to two for the Nittany Lions. Each goalie (Barraco and Frost) had one save.

The Terrapins controlled the action early in the third, forcing a couple penalty corners just under five minutes in to the second half. Barraco made a nice save on a high shot on the second UM corner and the game continued with Penn State down by two. Maryland added to its lead with a Mayv Clune goal off a penalty corner midway through the third period to give the Terrapins a 3-0 lead. Barraco made a solid kick save on a hard Maryland shot as the third period wound down but Maryland's offensive pressure forced a corner at the 1:08 mark. Penn State's defense kept UM from adding to its lead and the game moved to the fourth period with the Lions trailing by three. Maryland picked up a penalty corner at the 11:30 mark in the fourth but the Terrapin shot was off the mark. Barraco knocked back another Maryland shot and Penn State moved the ball down to the Maryland side of the field. After some back and forth in front of the benches, Penn State picked up a penalty corner with just under 7:00 to play. The first corner was blocked as was the second, but Hutson connected on a rebound shot to put Penn State on the board, scoring with just under 6:00 to play to cut the Maryland lead to 3-1. Penn State continued to try and come back, keeping the ball on the Maryland side of the field, forcing a couple penalty corners as the clock moved towards the 4:00 mark. But Maryland held fast and the Lions continued to trail by two as the clock wound down. Penn State was unable to complete its comeback effort and Maryland posted the 3-1 victory.

Penn State picked up its offense in the second half but Maryland posted a 19-14 edge in shots for the game. Penn State had nine corners to ten for the Terrapins and both Barraco and Frost had eight saves each. "Maryland is a good team and we played tentative early on," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "We were much more aggressive in the second half and it showed with a better fourth period. We have to learn to be aggressive as a team, working together, and to be more dangerous inside the 25. There were some positives tonight for us, both Anna Simon and Grace Wallis played very well and there were other things that we can point to as steps in the right direction."

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SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#24 PENN STATE	0	0	0	1	1
#3 Maryland	0	2	1	0	3

STATS:	PSU	MD
Shots	14	19
Corners	9	10

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) -- TIME

2nd: MD - Madison Maguire (Kelee Lepage), 21:07
 2nd: MD - Bodil Keus (Hannah Bond, Jen Bleakney), 27:09
 3rd: MD - Mayv Clune (Madison Maguire), 38:26
 4th: PSU - Madison Hutson (unassisted), 54:03

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	3	8
MD: Noelle Frost	60:00	1	8

PENN STATE 3, CALIFORNIA 4 (ot)

Thursday, September 26, 2019 -- Manheim, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-7, 0-1 B1G) dropped an overtime thriller to California (2-5) in a non-conference game on Thursday night in Lancaster, Pa. Penn State had a two-goal lead earlier in the game, but Cal got the final goal in extra time for the 4-3 victory in a game played at Spooky Nook. The Nittany Lions and Bears battled through an even first period, with Penn State keeping the ball on the Cal side of the field for the first part of the opening stanza. Cal gained possession and moved the ball down to the Lion circle. The Bears forced a penalty corner and then took advantage of a scramble in front of the cage, with Bear Fiona Jensen scoring at the 8:12 mark for the first period's lone goal. Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) notched an early save in the second period, keeping the game close. The Nittany Lions then tied the game when Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) scored off a rebound from Cal keeper Natalie Dalton to tie the game at 1-1 with 6:50 on the clock. Penn State kept the pressure on the Bears defense and nearly took a lead with less than a minute left. The Lions had a penalty stroke opportunity, but Bear keeper Dalton was able to knock the shot aside and the game moved to intermission tied 1-1. Penn State outshot Cal 10-2 in the first half. The Bears rode a strong seven save performance from keeper Dalton to stay tied. Penn State had three corners to one for Cal. Barraco had three saves for the Nittany Lions.

The Nittany Lions opened up the second half by opening up a two goal lead. Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) scored off a nice long assist from Madison Morano (Hammonont, N.J.) to give the Lions a 2-1

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lead at the 7:55 mark. Penn State scored less than four minutes later when Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) scored off a penalty corner from Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) to give Penn State a 3-1 lead. Cal responded, however, with Gabi Jimenez scoring with just under three minutes left in the period after a Penn State green card. The goal gave Penn State a 3-2 lead after three periods. California tied the game up off a penalty corner four minutes into the final period. Katrina Carter took a touch from Femke Delissen off a Lindsay Mathison corner to tie the game 3-3. The teams then battled for evenly for the remainder of the period. Cal had a shot late in the game go off the left post to keep the Bears from taking a late lead.

The Bears got the win in overtime when Brynn Zorilla took an assist from Delissen, tapping in the hard Delissen pass to give Cal the 4-3 victory. "We had a very strong first half, but we have to be able to take care of the ball better in the circle," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "This was one of our stronger performances this year, but not being able to convert on offense cost us." Penn State outshot California 17-12 but Cal had the only two shots in overtime. The Lions had seven corners to five for Cal. Barraco had five saves for Penn State while Dalton had eight for the Bears.

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SCORING:	1	2	3	4	1OT	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	1	2	0	0	3
California	1	0	1	1	1	4

STATS:	PSU	CAL
Shots	17	12
Corners	7	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: CAL – Fiona Jensen (Femke Delissen), 8:12
 2nd: PSU – Grace Wallis (unassisted), 23:16
 3rd: PSU – Jemma Punch (Madison Morano), 37:55
 3rd: PSU – Anna Simon (Alexis Horst), 41:24
 3rd: CAL – Gabi Jimenez (unassisted), 42:04
 4th: CAL – Katrina Carter (Lindsay Mathison, Femke Delissen), 49:16
 OT: CAL – Brynn Zorilla (Femke Delissen), 63:36

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	63:36	4	5
CAL: Natalie Dalton	63:36	3	8

PENN STATE 8, VILLANOVA 2

Sunday, September 29, 2019 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-7, 0-1 B1G) beat visiting Villanova (3-5) in an intra-state non-conference battle on Sunday. The Nittany Lions scored four goals in each half to post a convincing 8-2 win at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Villanova turned early first period possession into an early corner but the Lion defense was strong in the opening minute to keep the Wildcats from scoring. Penn State answered with a fast break that led to two penalty corners less than a minute later but the Lions could not connect either. The Lions had another corner and three more shots at the 9:30 mark but Villanova keeper Jordan McGinley kept Penn State from taking an early lead. Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) notched a save on a subsequent Villanova corner and the game stayed 0-0 eight minutes in. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had a shot off a corner got off the Nova post with 7:20 left. Penn State's offense forced ten penalty corners in the first period alone and connected on the tenth with just 0:48 left in the period. Freshman Paityn Wirth (Thompsontown, Pa.) fed Simon and the Lion sophomore connected for the game's first goal to give Penn State a 1-0 lead after the opening period. The first minutes of the second period featured the teams trading possessions. Penn State's offense once again kept the Wildcats on the defensive as the team picked up five more corners during the second period's middle minutes. The Lion pressure finally paid off as Penn State scored three goals in less than three minutes. Simon notched her second goal off a Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) assist with 5:50 on the clock. Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) tipped in a Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) assist with 5:43 on the clock. Punch notched a goal with assists from Spisak and Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) at the 3:32 mark to give the Lions a quick 4-0 lead. Villanova got on the scoreboard with 2:37 on the clock as Emily Clarke scored with an assist from Christen Pennington. The Lions led 4-1 at the break. The Nittany Lions outshot Villanova 22-3 in the first half and had 11 corners to three for the Wildcats. Barraco had one save for Penn State while McGinley had nine for Villanova.

Villanova came out aggressive in the third period and made it pay off with an early goal. Christen Pennington scored on a rebound after a Barraco save to cut the Lion lead to 4-2 at 12:25. The Lions quickly responded, however. Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) took a Myers assist and found the back of the cage with 11:29 on the clock and the Lions led 5-2. Penn State continued to pour on the offense. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) scored unassisted after a scramble in front of the Nova cage at the 6:03 mark and the Nittany Lions led 6-2. The two teams battled evenly for the final minutes of the third period. Penn State gave up a green card as the third period ended but the Lions still led 6-2 after three periods. Penn State maintained possession early in the fourth period after killing a green card and upped its lead to 7-2 when Wirth scored off a Wallis assist with 11:47 on the clock. Villanova then moved the ball down to the Penn State circle but the Lion defense, anchored by junior Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) and senior Lauren McNally (Marmora, N.J.) kept the Wildcats from scoring. Sophomore Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) then scored Penn State's eighth goal of the game, unassisted at the 7:00 mark, to give the Lions an 8-2 lead. Penn State would hold off Villanova for the remaining minutes and walk away with its first win of the season, 8-2 over the visiting Wildcats.

"I loved our offensive output today, we had some beautiful goals," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "Our fast breaks were better and we controlled the attack well. Anna (Simon) broke through today. She has maybe the hardest shot in the country and it was good to see her connect off the corners today." Penn State outshot Villanova 26-10, including a 22-3 edge in the opening half. Barraco had five saves in a good effort in cage for Penn State while McGinley had nine for Villanova. Claire Borman also played in goal for the Wildcats, seeing action in the fourth period. Penn State had an 11-7 edge in corners, with all 11 coming in the first half.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	1	3	2	2	8
Villanova	0	1	1	0	2

STATS:	PSU	VIL
Shots	26	10
Corners	11	7

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Paityn Wirth), 0:48
 2nd: PSU – Simon (Grace Wallis), 5:50
 2nd: PSU – Emma Spisak (Jemma Punch), 5:43
 2nd: PSU – Punch (Abby Myers, Spisak), 3:32
 2nd: VIL – Emily Clarke (Riley Dolan), 2:37
 3rd: VIL – Pennington (unassisted), 12:25
 3rd: PSU – Alexis Horst (Myers), 11:29
 3rd: PSU – Bree Bednarski (unassisted), 6:02
 4th: PSU – Wirth (Wallis), 11:47
 4th: PSU – Meghan Reese (unassisted), 7:00

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	5
VIL: Jordan McGinley	45:00	6	9
Claire Borman	15:00	2	0
Team	-	-	1

PENN STATE 3, INDIANA 1

Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 -- Bloomington, Ind.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (2-7, 1-1 B1G) dominated homestanding Indiana (4-6, 1-3 B1G) in a Big Ten road game Friday afternoon for its first conference win of the season. Sophomore Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) scored all three goals in Penn State's 3-1 win in Bloomington. After the teams traded early possessions, Penn State made a rush on the Indiana goal that resulted in a penalty corner less than three minutes into the game. Hoosier goalie Sachi Ananias pushed away a strong Simon shot to keep the game scoreless early. Penn State maintained control in the Indiana circle but could not find the goal. Penn State's pressure paid off, however, as Simon found the back of the cage for the game's first goal at the 8:19 mark to put Penn State up 1-0. Simon's goal came off a penalty corner from Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.). Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) was strong on a late Indiana corner to keep the Hoosiers off the scoreboard. Penn State's offense controlled the ball for the bulk of the first period and the Lions carried a 1-0 lead into the second period. The Nittany Lions had an early chance in the second period to add to its lead but Hoosier keeper Ananias once again pushed the Penn State offense back to keep Indiana in the game. Penn State continued to attack Ananias as the second period hit its midway point, forcing the Hoosier into a number of saves. Simon then connected on a penalty corner from Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) to put the Lions up 2-0 midway through the second period. Penn State had a late penalty corner to add to its lead but the Hoosier defense held firm to keep the score 2-0 as the clock moved below the 2:00 mark. Penn State had two more corners as the half ended, Indiana was able to defend them, and the Lions led by two at intermission. Penn State outshot Indiana 13-2 in the first half and had seven corners to just one for the Hoosiers. Barraco did not face a shot on goal while Ananias had seven saves to keep the game close in the first 30:00.

Barraco made a nice save on an early Indiana shot, keeping Penn State up by two as the second half got underway. The Lion midfield, anchored by senior Madison Morano (Hammonont, N.J.) and junior Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) continued to dominate the game, giving Penn State possession once again as the Nittany Lions forced the ball down to the Indiana circle. Penn State connected on another penalty corner with Simon scoring her third goal off the game, again with an assist from Wallis with just under 6:00 to play in the third period. Penn State continued to pile on the penalty corners but Ananias pushed back two strong Simon shots to keep the score at 3-0 in Penn State's favor. The Nittany Lions had an open cage as the fourth period began but the Hoosier defense pushed the ball aside. Indiana then drove the ball downfield and got on the board with Hailey Couch scoring less than two minutes into the fourth period to cut the Lion lead to 3-1. The Nittany Lions responded with more pressure on offense, tacking on a handful of penalty corners over the next six minutes. While Ananias was able to hold Penn State off and the clock moved under the 6:00 mark with Penn State holding a two-goal lead. The Nittany Lions held on to that lead for the remainder of the game to post the 3-1 victory. "I was very pleased with our overall passing today," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "We controlled possession much better than we have in prior games and it paid off. Maddie (Morano), Anna (Simon) and Emma Spisak were very good today and Bree Bednarski played a really good game off the bench for us." Penn State posted a lopsided 22-5 advantage in shots and has 14 penalty corners to just one for Indiana. Lion keeper Barraco had one save while Ananias kept IU close with 12.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4
FINAL				
PENN STATE	1	1	1	0
Indiana	0	0	0	1

STATS:	PSU	IU
Shots	22	5
Corners	14	1

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Alexis Horst), 8:19
 2nd: PSU – Simon (Grace Wallis), 22:12
 3rd: PSU – Simon (Wallis), 38:39
 4th: IND – Hailey Couch (Jessica Morford), 46:33

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	1
IND: Sachi Ananias	60:00	3	12

PENN STATE 0, #6 LOUISVILLE 3

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 -- Louisville, Ky.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (2-8, 1-1 B1G) came up short in a tough battle at No. 6 Louisville (10-1) in a non-conference game on Sunday. The Cardinals opened up an early lead and were able to notch a 3-0 win in Kentucky.



GAME SUMMARIES

The first few minutes of the game featured each team trading possessions early on. Penn State had an early penalty corner about seven minutes into the contest but Louisville was able to defend the effort and the game continued into the latter part of the opening period tied 0-0. The Cardinal pushed the ball downfield and took a 1-0 lead late in the period, getting an Erica Cooper goal at the with just over 3:00 to play. The Cardinals took that lead into the second stanza. Louisville maintained its one goal lead well into the second period with Penn State's defense holding off Louisville's efforts to up its lead. The Lions were not able to break through the Cardinals' defense and Louisville was able to get back on the scoreboard when Mercedes Pastor scored unassisted with just under 5:00 left in the second period. Louisville carried that lead into the halftime break.

Penn State had four shots in the opening half while Louisville had seven. The Lions had two penalty corners while the host team had three. Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) had one save while Louisville keeper Hollyn Barr had two.

Louisville garnered possession early in the third period and got off an early shot, but Barraco was strong with the save to keep the game at 2-0. Penn State had a chance to get on the board after a Louisville green card but could not find the back of the Cardinal's goal. Louisville responded with possession and a flurry of shots but Barraco was able to knock them back to keep Penn State in the game as the third period wound down. The teams traded shots in the opening minutes of the final period. Penn State nearly got on the board with a penalty corner 2:30 into the period, but Barr was made a nice save on a solid Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) shot to keep the Lions scoreless. The Cardinals were able to break through the Lion defense late in the fourth period, taking a 3-0 lead on a goal from Biz Algeier at the 54:09 mark. Louisville would kill the final minutes of the game to post the 3-0 win.

"We had some good moments off high quality hockey against a very good Louisville team," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "We fought back in the second half as well. But we have to better setting up our offense. We need to be better from the 25 to the circle and from the circle to the cage. We had opportunities but could not turn them into good shots." Louisville outshot Penn State 15-10 and had a 6-3 edge in penalty corners. Barraco ended the game with six saves while Barr had five for Louisville.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	
FINAL					
PENN STATE	0	0	0	0	0
Louisville	1	1	0	1	1

STATS:	PSU	LOU
Shots	10	15
Corners	3	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: LOU – Erica Cooper (Mercedes Pastor), 11:38
2nd: LOU – Pastor (unassisted), 25:19
4th: LOU – Biz Algeier (Bethany Russ), 54:09

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	3	6
LOU: Hollyn Barr	60:00	0	5

PENN STATE 3, #8 NORTHWESTERN 2 (2ot)

Friday, Oct. 11, 2019 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (3-8, 2-1 B1G) toppled No. 8 Northwestern (10-5, 3-2 B1G) in a Big Ten battle Friday night at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Nittany Lion sophomore Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) scored the game-winning goal in the second overtime to give Penn State the 3-2 (2OT) victory.

Penn State's defense fought back solid early pressure from Northwestern's offense and then worked the ball down to the Northwestern circle and forced the game's first penalty corner at the 11:34 mark. The Lion shot went wide and action resumed scoreless. Northwestern got its first shot off at the 6:38 mark and Lion goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) knocked it back. Penn State then defended an ensuing corner to keep NU off the board. Penn State had a late shot knocked back by Wildcat goalie Florian Marcussen and the opening period ended in a 0-0 tie.

Northwestern began the second period by controlling possession but Penn State's defense, anchored by Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.), was able to fight off the Wildcat charge. Penn State was hit with a green card at the 8:48 mark but was able to keep possession and kill the card. The Lions moved the ball down to the Wildcat side of field and got off two solid shots, but Marcussen saved the first and the second went wide. With the clock dipping below 5:00, Penn State continued to control the ball outside the Wildcat circle. Northwestern then took control of the ball and quickly moved the ball downfield. Barraco made a save on a Wildcat shot as the clock moved to the 2:00 mark and the game. Penn State outshot Northwestern 8-5 in the opening half and had two corners to one for the Wildcats. Lion goalie Barraco had three saves while Marcussen had four for the Wildcats.

The teams traded quick possessions in the third period before Penn State was able to force a quick penalty corner at the 13:40 mark. Penn State took advantage. After the corner was played, Lion freshman Paityn Wirth (Thompsonstown, Pa.) dribbled the ball deep into the circle. The ensuing scramble led to Wirth hitting Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) with a short pass and Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) redirecting the shot for the goal at the 13:29 mark. Leading 1-0, Penn State continued to maintain possession as the third period moved below the 8:00 mark. Northwestern moved the ball downfield and Barraco had two nice saves to keep the Wildcats from scoring. But NU forced a corner at the 2:35 mark. Barraco pushed back the first shot but Wildcat Christen Conley was able to score on a solo shot with 2:13 left to tie the game at 1-1.

The Wildcats broke the tie early in the fourth. Saar De Breij scored on a quick short shot in front of the Penn State cage and Northwestern led 2-1 with 13:29 to play. Penn State forced a penalty corner less than two minutes later but Wildcat keeper Marcussen was able to defend the shot. The Nittany Lions kept up the pressure and picked up another corner a few seconds later but the shot went wide and action continued with under 11:00 left to play. Penn State's third corner in a two minute span was also defended and Northwestern continued to lead by one at the 10:00 mark. Northwestern got called for a yellow card at the 7:02 mark and the Lions quickly forced a penalty corner. Wallis inserted the ball nicely to Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) who fed the ball sharply into the circle. Meghan Reese redirected the hard

shot for the goal to tie the game at 2-2 with 6:36 on the clock. Penn State defended two Wildcat corners as the clock moved below the 4:00 mark to keep the game tied. The final four minutes of regulation continued without a goal and the game moved to overtime.

In overtime, Northwestern won the toss and had first possession. But Penn State's defense held firm and the Lions took over. But the Lions got hit for a yellow card at the 8:53 mark and the Wildcats had a player advantage. The Lions were able to kill three minutes of the penalty before the Wildcats got the ball deep into the Penn State circle. The Lion defense, led by Madison Morano (Hammonton, N.J.) was able to kill the penalty and the game continued even strength to the 3:36 mark. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) took a hard shot that hit the post with 1:15 left in the game and the first extra period ended in a 2-2 tie. Penn State began the second overtime with possession. The Wildcats regained possession quickly but could not convert and Penn State once again worked to get the ball downfield. Barraco made a nice save on a hard Wildcat shot with 7:40 on the clock to keep the game going. The Nittany Lions made Barraco's late save pay off. Penn State moved the ball downfield and Simon moved to the left side of the NU circle and scored the game winning goal just 3:38 into the second overtime to give the Nittany Lions the 3-2 victory.

"I love the way we played tonight because we showed so much heart," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "We were able to improve on some things tonight offensively and Brie (Barraco) played very well to give us a chance. It was great to see us finish well on offense and get the win." The Nittany Lions outshot Northwestern 20-16, including a 4-1 edge in the two overtimes. Barraco had 10 saves while Marcussen had seven for Northwestern. The Nittany Lions had nine penalty corners while the Wildcats had four.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	1OT/2OT	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	0	1	1	0/1	3
Northwestern	0	0	1	1	0/0	2

STATS:	PSU	NU
Shots	20	16
Corners	9	4

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
3rd: PSU – Grace Wallis (Meghan Reese, Paityn Wirth), 13:29
3rd: NU – Christen Conley (unassisted), 2:13
4th: NU – Saar De Breij (unassisted), 13:08
4th: PSU – Meghan Reese (Wallis, Jemma Punch), 6:36
2OT: PSU – Anna Simon (unassisted), 6:22

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	73:38	2	10
NU: Florian Marcussen	73:38	3	7

PENN STATE 1, #6 IOWA 4

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (3-9, 2-2 B1G) fell victim to a fourth quarter surge by No. 6 Iowa (10-3, 4-1 B1G) in Big Ten action on Sunday at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. The Hawkeyes scored two fourth period goals to break open a close game and post a 4-1 win over the home-standing Nittany Lions.

Iowa had the game's first deep offensive push but the Lion defense was able to keep the Hawkeyes out of goal in the opening minutes. Penn State then moved the ball down to the Iowa circle but the Hawkeyes were equal to the task and the game moved below the 11:00 mark of the first period scoreless. Penn State's offense continued to press, forcing the Hawkeyes into defense for the next five minutes. The Lions were unable to break through for a shot on goal and Iowa regained possession. Penn State took the game's first penalty corner at the 4:19 mark but could not convert. Iowa had a point blank shot knocked away by Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) as the 2:00 mark and the first period ended in a scoreless tie. The teams traded possessions to start the second period. Neither team was able to get off a shot during the first five minutes of the period. Penn State had the period's first shot, but the quick effort looped over the Iowa goal and the game continued past the 7:00 mark tied 0-0. Each team worked for control over the next few minutes but it was the Hawkeyes who found the cage first. Penn State got hit with a green card at the 2:05 mark and the Hawkeyes quickly moved the ball downfield. The fast break ended with Iowa's Maddy Murphy feeding Ciara Smith with a pass that Smith knocked into the cage at with 1:45 left to play in the half. Iowa carried the 1-0 lead into the third period.

Iowa outshot Penn State 4-2 in the first half and Penn State had the opening 30 minutes' only penalty corner. Lion goalie Barraco had two saves while Iowa's Leslie Speight had none.

Penn State came out aggressively in the third period, taking control of possession and quickly moving the ball into the Iowa circle. The Lion push led to a penalty corner that the Lions converted. Alexis Horst (Port Trevorton, Pa.) took the corner and Paityn Wirth (Thompsonstown, Pa.) took a hard shot towards the cage. Lion junior Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) redirected the shot past Speight and Penn State tied the game 1-1 less than two minutes into the third quarter. Iowa retook the lead midway through the period, getting a penalty stroke goal from Lokke Stribos at the 6:41 mark to retake the lead, 2-1. Penn State was hit with a 10:00 yellow on the stroke and a subsequent 5:00 yellow a bit later and trailed by one after three periods. Iowa extended its lead less than a minute in to the fourth quarter when Murphy scored off an Ellie Holley assists to give Iowa a 3-1 lead. Penn State responded with a quick possession but Iowa was able to retake control of the ball and move it down to the Lion circle. The Lion defense held off the Hawkeye push and Penn State trailed by two as the clock moved below the 9:00 mark. Iowa picked up another goal on a penalty corner as Anthe Nijziel scored at the 5:28 mark to put the Hawkeyes up 4-1. Iowa's defense was able to withstand a late Lion charge and the Hawkeyes posted the 4-1 victory.

"You cannot waste shots inside the circle against a good defense and Iowa has a strong defense," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "We have to be more skilled when we have possession to eliminate those mistakes." The Hawkeyes owned an 11-6 edge in shots in the game. The two teams combined for only three total penalty corners, Penn State taking two, Iowa one. Lion keeper Barraco had five saves while Speight had one for Iowa.



GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	0	1	0	1
Iowa	0	1	1	2	4

STATS:	PSU	IOWA
Shots	6	11
Corners	2	1

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

2nd: IOWA – Ciara Smith (Maddy Murphy), 28:15
 3rd: PSU -- Abby Myers (Alexis Horst, Paityn Wirth), 31:27
 3rd: IOWA – Lokke Stribos (penalty stroke), 38:19
 4th: IOWA – Murphy (Ellie Holley), 45:49
 4th: IOWA – Anthe Nijziel (Esme Gibson, Holley), 54:30

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	4	5
IOWA: Leslie Speight	60:00	1	1

PENN STATE 3, MICHIGAN STATE 1 Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 -- East Lansing, Mich.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-9, 3-2 B1G) took care of homestanding Michigan State (6-8, 0-5 B1G) in a Big Ten road game in East Lansing. The Nittany Lions led by one at the half and doubled that lead in the second half to roll to a 3-1 victory over the Spartans. Penn State opened the game by taking control of the ball right away and moving the ball down into the Spartan circle and picking up a penalty corner less than a minute into the game. Penn State's hard shot off the corner was blocked by Michigan State goalie Jade Arundell to keep the game scoreless early. Arundell made another save on a Penn State breakaway a minute later and the Spartans took control of the ball. Penn State was able to defend MSU's first venture into the Lion circle 5:00 into the opening period. Arundell made a good save on a nice shot by Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) midway through the period to keep the game scoreless. The teams traded possessions in the middle of the field for the last half of the first period. Michigan State got off a close shot in the final minute by Lion keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a nice save against the first Spartan shot. Michigan State successfully defended a PSU corner in the final seconds and the game moved to the second stanza tied 0-0.

Michigan State forced a penalty corner early in the second period and Barraco was able to make saves on the initial shot and a subsequent rebound. The Spartans, picking up their pace on offense, had another fast break thwarted by the Lion defense and junior Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.), Penn State took advantage of an MSU defensive mistake less than five minutes into the second period. Freshman Paityn Wirth (Thompsontown, Pa.) stole an errant pass, made two nice moves and found the back of the cage for an unassisted goal to put Penn State up 1-0 just over 5:00 into the second period. The Nittany Lion defense fought off a Spartan advantage after a Lion green card minutes later. The Spartans picked up a penalty corner with 4:30 left in the period. Barraco and the Lion defense held firm on the corner and maintained the 1-0 lead. The Spartans continued to press and picked up another penalty corner with just 1:30 left in the half. But Barraco was up to the task, kicking the shot away. Spartan goalie Arundell made two saves on good Penn State shots in the final :20 and the Nittany Lions carried a 1-0 lead into the halftime break. Penn State outshot Michigan State 7-5 and the Spartans owned a 3-2 edge in corners in the first half. Barraco and Arundell each had four saves in the opening 30:00 of play.

Penn State had an early shot by Wirth that the Spartans were able to defend and MSU responded with an offensive push that led to an MSU corner. The Spartans got off a nice shot but the effort went wide and the Nittany Lions continued to lead 1-0. Michigan State continued to control the ball and forced another corner, with Barraco once again making the save to keep the Nittany Lions out in front. 5:00 into the third period. The Lions responded by taking control of the ball and driving it down field. Freshman Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) picked up a goal off an assist from Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) just under 7:00 into the period to put the Lions up 2-0. The Lions then defended a fast Spartan response to keep MSU off the scoreboard. Michigan State controlled the offense for the final minutes of the period but Penn State was able to keep the Spartans from scoring and led 2-0 heading to the fourth period.

The fourth period began with the teams trading possessions early on. The Nittany Lions then grabbed control and moved the ball into the Spartan circle. Michigan State was able to defend the Lion push as the fourth period clock moved below the 12:00 mark. Penn State was able to keep the ball on the Michigan State side of the field for the first half of the period, getting off a flurry of shots that Arundell was able to push aside to keep the game close. With under 8:00 left, Michigan State was finally able to move the ball down to the Penn State circle and picked up a penalty corner with 7:07 left on the clock. The Spartans took advantage of the opportunity with Aisha Osinga scoring unassisted after a scramble in front of the Lion goal with just under 6:00 on the clock. Leading by one, the Lion offense nearly connected on a penalty corner but the Spartans were able to keep the Lions from scoring. Penn State continued to control the ball and the Spartans were called for foul that resulted in a penalty stroke with just over 5:00 to play. Madison Morano (Hammononton, N.J.) knocked the penalty stroke past Arundell and the Nittany Lions led 3-1 just over 5:00 to play. The Nittany Lions were steady over the final 5:00 and went on to post the 3-1 road win.

"Michigan State just keeps getting better every time I see them play and this was one of their stronger efforts," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "Both goalies played very well in the game and I was very happy for Maddie (Morano), as a captain, to come through on the penalty stroke to basically put the game out of reach." Penn State outshot the Spartans 17-14 in the game and had one more penalty corner, 7-6. Lion keeper Barraco had a good outing, notching 8 saves. Spartan keeper Arundell also had eight for MSU.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	1	1	1	3
Michigan State	0	0	0	1	1

STATS:	PSU	MSU
Shots	17	14
Corners	7	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

2nd: PSU – Paityn Wirth (unassisted), 20:09
 3rd: PSU – Jemma Punch (Abby Myers), 36:52

4th: MSU – Aisha Osinga (unassisted), 53:12
 4th: PSU – Madison Morano (penalty stroke), 54:56

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	8
MSU: Jade Arundell	60:00	3	8

PENN STATE 1, #9 MICHIGAN 3 Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 -- Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-10, 3-3 B1G) had a late rally stymied at No. 9 Michigan (12-3, 5-1 B1G) in Big Ten play on Sunday. The Lions fell behind early and rallied in the second half but came up short in a 3-1 loss in Ann Arbor. The games' first four minutes passed without either team entering the opposing circle. Freshman Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) defended two different Michigan forays deep into the Lion side of the field to keep the game scoreless as the clock moved below the 9:00 mark. But Michigan continued to press the Lions and forced a penalty corner with just under 7:00 left in the opening stanza. The Wolverines then took a 1-0 lead when Emma Tamer scored off a penalty corner to put Michigan out in front. Penn State worked the ball down to the Michigan side of the field but the Wolverine defense was able to keep Penn State out of the circle. The Nittany Lions mounted a late sustained offense push in the final minute of the period but Michigan fought off the effort and the Lions trailed 1-0 after the opening stanza.

The Nittany Lions defended an early Michigan shot in the second period with goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) knocking back a Wolverine shot. But the home team got a penalty corner right after the Barraco save and converted the effort once again. Tamer notched her second goal off the game 2:11 into the second period to give Michigan a 2-0 lead. Barraco made a nice kick save on a third Michigan corner to keep Penn State close as the clock moved below the 10:00 mark of the second period. The teams battled evenly for the next four minutes. Penn State defended a Michigan foray into the circle and then, as the clock moved below the 3:00 mark, moved the ball down to the Michigan side of the field. The Lions maintained possession on the Wolverine side over the final few minutes of the half but could not break through the UM defense. Penn State trailed 2-0 at the break. Michigan outshot Penn State 6-0 in the opening half and had a 3-0 corner advantage. Barraco had three saves in the opening half while Michigan's Anna Spieker had none.

The third period began with the two teams battling in the middle of the field. Penn State moved the ball briefly down to the Michigan side of the field but the Wolverines retook possession and pushed action down to the Lion circle. Michigan had a couple solid opportunities but the Nittany Lion defense was able to keep Michigan off goal and the Lions were able to stay close. Penn State pushed forward on a fast break and Emma Spisak (Havertown, Pa.) took a hard shot that Michigan keeper Spieker was able to make a diving save on. The Lions continued to press and picked up their first penalty corner seven minutes into the third period. Penn State got on the board on the corner with Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) sending the corner in, Madison Morano (Hammononton, N.J.) setting the table and Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) finishing off the corner by scoring with 7:59 left in the third period. Simon's goal cut the Wolverine lead to 2-1. Penn State successfully defended a Michigan corner at the 3:40 mark and spent the remainder of the period fighting off a strong Michigan offensive possession to trail by one at the end of three periods.

Penn State appeared to tie the game less than two minutes into the fourth period when Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) scored on a driving fast break. But the officials called off the goal and, after review, confirmed the no goal call. The Lions did receive a penalty corner for Wallis' efforts but the fast Simon shot was just wide. Michigan upped its offensive pressure over the following minutes and forced Penn State to defend their own circle as the clock moved to the 10:00 mark. Michigan had a shot deflected at the 9:17 mark of the fourth period and then picked up a penalty corner less than a minute later but the Lion defense was up to the task. Trailing by one, Lion defender Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) stole the ball and started a fast break that ended in the Wolverine circle, but Michigan forced Penn State into a turnover and a yellow card as the clock moved to 7:00. Michigan converted the advantage, forcing a penalty corner right away and converting on the effort. Kathryn Peterson scored on a deflection to give UM a 3-1 lead with 6:30 left to play. Michigan spent the final minutes of the game killing the clock and the Wolverines posted a hard-fought 3-1 win over the Nittany Lions.

"We really needed to do a better job with possession of the ball," said head coach Char Morett-Curtiss. "We were good defensively today but we turned the ball over when we got possession. Michigan is a good team and we needed to be more productive on attack." Michigan outshot Penn State 13-3 over the course of the game and had a 6-2 advantage in penalty corners. Barraco had three saves for Penn State while Spieker had one for the Wolverines.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	0	1	0	1
Michigan	1	1	0	1	3

STATS:	PSU	MICH
Shots	3	13
Corners	2	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: UM – Emma Tamer (G. Fernandez Lacort, Kathryn Peterson), 6:48
 2nd: UM – Emma Tamer (G. Fernandez Lacort, Kathryn Peterson), 17:11
 3rd: PSU – Anna Simon (Bree Bednarski, Madison Morano), 37:01
 4th: UM – Kathryn Peterson (Kayla Reed), 53:24

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	3	3
MICH: Anna Spieker	60:00	1	1