



NOTES: vs. OLD DOMINION (9/13); at PRINCETON (9/15)

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#17 Penn State (0-3, 0-0 B1G) vs. Old Dominion (2-1)

DATE: Friday, September 13, 6 p.m.

SITE: Penn State Field Hockey Complex

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

Old Dominion Head Coach: Andrew Griffiths

All-Time Series: Series tied 16-16

Last Meeting: W, 3-2 at Old Dominion (8/25/17)

#17 Penn State (0-3, 0-0 B1G) vs. #5 Princeton (1-1*)

DATE: Sunday, September 15, 12 p.m.

SITE: Princeton, N.J.

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

Princeton Head Coach: Carla Tagliente

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 27-11

Last Meeting: L, 1-2 (2OT) at Penn State (9/4/18)

**Princeton plays Albany Friday night while PSU battles ODU.*

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 6 p.m.

Sun. 15 at #5 Princeton 12 p.m.

Fri. 20 at Maryland* 6 p.m.

Thur. 26 vs. California (Lancaster, Pa.) 6:30 p.m.

Sun. 29 VILLANOVA 12 p.m.

OCTOBER

Fri. 4 at Indiana* 3 p.m.

Sun. 6 at Louisville 12 p.m.

Fri. 11 NORTHWESTERN* 6 p.m.

Sun. 13 IOWA* 12 p.m.

Fri. 18 at Michigan State* 3 p.m.

Sun. 20 at Michigan* 12 p.m.

Fri. 25 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 First Round (3 games)

Fri. 8 Semifinals

Sun. 10 Finals

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	ODU	Princeton
Overall Record	0-3	2-1	1-1
Conference Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Goals Scored	3	4	5
Goals Per Game	1.00	1.33	2.50
Goals Allowed	9	4	5
Goals Allowed Per Game	3.00	1.33	2.50
Shots	25	30	34
Shots Per Game	8.33	10.00	17.0
Shots Allowed Per Game	15.30	7.00	12.0
Saves/Saves %	17/.654	8/.667	7
Corners	11	13	.583
Shutouts	0	1	0



THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; September 10, 2019 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (0-3, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 17 nationally, will face two tough opponents on weekend three of the 2019 NCAA field hockey season. The Lions host Old Dominion (2-1) on Friday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. and visit No. 5 Princeton (1-1*) on Sunday at 12 p.m. The Tigers play Albany on Friday night.

The Nittany Lions are coming off a tough 3-1 loss at No. 16 Delaware last Sunday. True freshman Paityn Wirth scored her first career goal in the game for the Nittany Lions but Delaware reeled off three goals to get the victory in Newark.

Penn State is being led by Anna Simon, who has three points off a goal and an assist, and Wirth, who also has a goal and an assist. Keeper Brie Barraco has a .654 save percentage with 17 saves in three games as a redshirt freshman.

Old Dominion enters the weekend with 2-1 mark. The Monarchs had an early week game against No. 25 William and Mary, coming away with an exciting 3-1 victory over the ranked team. Erin Huffman and Rebecca Birch each have three points off one goal and an assist. Keeper Cam MacGillivray has eight saves and a .667 percentage thus far this year.

Princeton, ranked No. 5 nationally, will enter a two-game weekend with a 1-1 mark. The team battles Albany on Friday night while Penn State hosts ODU. The Tigers lost their opener to No. 1 North Carolina and then downed Wake Forest 2-1. Sammy Popper leads The Tigers with four points off two goals. Keeper Grace Baylis has seven saves and a .583 percentage so far this season.

Penn State is at No. 4 Maryland next Friday for a 6 p.m. contest. The Lions' next home game is Sunday, Sept. 29, vs. Villanova at 6 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	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

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 LOSES OPENER AT #3 DUKE

Penn State scored the first goal of the game in its season opener at Duke on Aug. 30, but the Blue Devils rallied to post the 4-1 victory. Nittany Lion Alexis Horst scored on an assist from Anna Simon in the first period for Penn State. Freshman goalie Brie Barraco made her first career start and had seven saves against a pressing Duke offense.

THREE NITTANY LIONS NAMED TO 2019 BIG TEN PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST

Three Penn State Nittany Lions have been named to the 2019 Big Ten 'Players to Watch' list as compiled by the conference's head coaches. Senior Madison Morano, junior Abby Myers and sophomore Anna Simon are Penn State's players on the early season watch list. Morano enters her final season at Penn State with 32 career points, having played in 60 games over three years. Myers, who redshirted as a true freshman in 2016, has 19 points over the last two seasons and has played in 40 games. Simon started all season long last year as a true freshman and had 28 points off 13 goals and two assists.

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.

2019 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 9/9/19)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Iowa	0-0-0	.000	3-1-0	.750
	Maryland	0-0-0	.000	3-1-0	.750
	Ohio State	0-0-0	.000	3-1-0	.750
4.	Northwestern	0-0-0	.000	3-2-0	.600
5.	Indiana	0-0-0	.000	2-2-0	.500
	Michigan	0-0-0	.000	2-2-0	.500
	Michigan State	0-0-0	.000	2-2-0	.500
	Rutgers	0-0-0	.000	2-2-0	.500
9.	Penn State	0-0-0	.000	0-3-0	.000

NFHCA POLL (9/10/19)

Rk.	Team
1	University of North Carolina
2	Duke University
3	University of Connecticut
4	University of Maryland
5	Princeton University
6	University of Virginia
7	University of Iowa
8	University of Louisville
9	University of Delaware
10	Harvard University
11	University of Michigan
12	Ohio State University
13	Northwestern University
14	Saint Joseph's University
15	Wake Forest University
16	Liberty University
17	Penn State University1
18	Stanford University
19	Boston College
20	University at Albany
21	Rutgers University
22	Boston University
23	Syracuse University
24	University of Maine
25	Michigan State

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



2019 ROSTERS (# and alpha)

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.	Thompsons town, 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
15	Paityn Wirth	M	Fr.	Thompsons town, Pa./Greenwood
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M/F	Jr.	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill
19	Grace Wallis	F	So.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy

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



STATISTICS

Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 09, 2019) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	0-3	0-0	0-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-3	0-0	0-3	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
8/30/2019	at #3 Duke	L 1-4	328
Sep 01	at #11 Virginia	L 1-2	652
Sep 08	at #16 Delaware	L 1-3	576

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	3-25	9-46
Goals scored per game	1.00	3.00
Shot pct.	.120	.196
Shots/Game	8.3	15.3
CORNER KICKS	11	16
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	1	0
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	0	1556
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	3/519
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	gw	pk-att
17	Simon, Anna	3	1	1	3	8	.125	0	0-0
7	Morrano, Madison	3	0	0	0	5	.000	0	0-0
15	Wirth, Paityn	3	1	1	3	4	.250	0	0-0
3	Horst, Alexis	3	1	0	2	2	.500	0	0-0
22	Myers, Abby	3	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0-0
11	Reese, Meghan	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0
4	Spisak, Emma	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0
23	Punch, Jemma	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0
6	Bednarski, Bree	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0
16	O'Donnell, Brianna	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
24	Zemaitis, Hannah	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
20	Hutson, Madison	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Wallis, Grace	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
13	Prodes, Eleni	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
9	McNally, Lauren	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
8	Vos, Elena	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
2	Mytych, Aubrey	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		3	3	2	8	25	.120	0	0-0
Opponents		3	9	6	24	46	.196	3	0-0

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
12	Barraco, Brie	3	180:00	9	4.50	17	.654	0-3-0	0/0
Total		3	180:00	9	4.50	19	.679	0-3-0	0
Opponents		3	180:00	3	1.50	8	.727	3-0-0	0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	2	0	0	1	3
Opponents	0	4	1	4	9

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	3	4	13	5	25
Opponents	5	16	9	16	46

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	2	8	4	5	19
Opponents	0	1	6	1	8

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	0	3	5	3	11
Opponents	3	5	3	5	16

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0	0	0

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													
9/15	at Princeton													
9/20	at Maryland													
9/26	vs. California													
9/29	VILLANOVA													
10/4	at Indiana													
10/6	at Louisville													
10/11	NORTHWESTERN													
10/13	IOWA													
10/18	at Michigan State													
10/20	at Michigan													
10/25	OHIO STATE													
10/30	at Bucknell													
11/3	RUTGERS													
TBA	B1G Tournament													

GAMEDAY PARKING MAP



Parking Information for 2019 PSU Field Hockey: Our main spectator parking lot is in the Stadium West parking lot (blue star). 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 now enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For all games except 10/11 and 10/15: Shields and Pegula lots have pay stations for \$1/hour (orange stars), Wagner does not (red star). Any base University parking permit can park in these lots free of charge this Sunday. For more information, please visit www.GoPSUsports.com or <https://transportation.psu.edu/athletic-events>



GAME SUMMARIES

#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 NFHCA 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 used 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 made 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 NFHCA 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 (Thompsontown, 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 NFHCA 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 (Thompsontown, 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 first, 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 Hens 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
#16 Delaware (4-0)	0	1	1	1

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