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NOTES: October 13, 2021, Edition

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#5 Penn State (9-3, 3-2 B1G) at Lafayette (10-2)

DATE: Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 - 7 p.m.

SITE: Easton, Pa.

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

Lafayette Head Coach: Jennifer Stone

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 19-2

Last Meeting: W, 5-1 at Penn State (9/14/14)

#5 Penn State (9-3, 3-2 B1G) at #16 Princeton (6-5)

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 - 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 27-12

Last Meeting: L, 2-1 at Princeton (9/15/19)

2021 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

Fri.	27	at #8 Virginia	W, 3-2 (ot)
Sun.	29	at William & Mary	W, 7-2

SEPTEMBER

Sun.	5	#20 ST. JOSEPH'S	W, 3-2
Fri.	10	ALBANY	W, 3-1
Sun.	12	#19 DELAWARE	W, 3-0
Sat.	18	at #7 Maryland*	W, 3-2 (ot)
Fri.	24	at #2 Iowa*	L, 0-1
Sun.	26	at #2 Iowa	L, 0-4

OCTOBER

Fri.	1	INDIANA*	W, 4-1
Sun.	3	#4 NORTHWESTERN*	W, 2-1 (2ot)
Fri.	8	#5 RUTGERS*	L, 0-1
Sat.	9	BUCKNELL	W, 4-1
Fri.	15	at Lafayette	7 p.m.
Sun.	17	at #16 Princeton	12 p.m.
Fri.	22	at Ohio State* (B1GN)	3 p.m.
Sun.	24	at Michigan State* (B1GN)	2 p.m.
Fri.	29	MICHIGAN*	6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

W/Sun.	3-7	2021 Big Ten Tournament at Rutgers, Piscataway, N.J.
Fr./Sun.	12-14	NCAA Field Hockey Tournament First Round Weekend

* Big Ten Game

All Times EASTERN

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	Laf	Prin
Overall Record	9-3	10-2	6-5
Conference Record	3-2	3-1	3-0
Goals Scored	32	33	34
Goals Per Game	2.67	2.75	3.09
Goals Allowed	18	12	22
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.50	1.00	2.00
Shots	169	198	171
Shots Per Game	14.1	16.5	15.5
Shots Allowed Per Game	11.2	8.0	8.8
Saves/Saves %	51/.739	30/.714	36/.632
Corners	88	77	71
Shutouts	1	3	2



THIS WEEK

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; October 12, 2021 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (9-3, 3-2 B1G), ranked No. 5 nationally, hit the road for two non-conference contests this week-end. The Nittany Lions are at Lafayette (10-2) on Friday, Oct. 15, for a 7 p.m. game in Easton, Pa. Two days later they battle No. 16 Princeton (6-5) at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17.

Penn State is coming off a split weekend, losing a hard-fought conference game to No. 5 Rutgers, 1-0 on Friday; and bouncing back for a 4-1 non-conference win over Bucknell on Saturday. Both games were played at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

Sophia Gladieux leads Penn State with 28 points off 13 goals and two assists. The Lion sophomore had three goals in the win over Bucknell. Mackenzie Allesie has 19 points off six goals and a team-high seven assists while Anna Simon has 18 off eight and two. Keeper Brie Barraco has 51 saves and a .739 percentage this season in the cage.

Lafayette enters the weekend with a 10-2 mark and is riding a five game win streak. Audrey Sawers leads Lafayette with 21 points off six goals and nine assists while Felicitas Hannes has 16 off seven and two. Goalie Haley Abbott has 30 saves and three shutouts. Penn State leads the all-time series 19-2, including a 5-1 victory on 9/14/14 in the last meeting at Penn State.

Princeton, which battles Cornell on Friday while Penn State is at Lafayette, heads into the weekend with 6-5 mark and has won three straight. Beth Yeager has 34 points so far this season, coming off 14 goals and six assists. Sammy Popper has 12 off five and two. Goalie Robyn Thompson has 31 saves and a .608 percentage. The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series 27-12. Princeton won the last meeting, a 2-1 victory on 9/15/19 at Princeton.

Penn State is on the road for two Big Ten battles next weekend, both of which will air live nationally on the B1G Network. Penn State is at Ohio State on Friday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m. on the B1G Network and at Michigan State on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m., again, on the B1G Network.

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.

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	544-22\9-17/37
Record at Penn State/Years	510-213-8/34
Associate Head Coach	Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State, 1989)
Assistant Coach	Laura Gebhart (Penn State, 2015)
Director of Operations	Miriam Powell

TEAM INFORMATION

2020-21 Record	7-7
2020-21 Big Ten Record	5-2
2020-21 Big Ten Tournament	0-1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	17/3
Starters Returning/Lost	10/2
Newcomers	8
All-Time Record	712-287-37
All-Time Big Ten Record	151-644-1
All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record	33-20
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

GLADIEUX SCORES THREE GOALS IN HOME WIN OVER BUCKNELL

Sophomore Sophia Gladieux notched three goals in Penn State's 4-1 victory over visiting Bucknell on Oct. 9. Mackenzie Allesie added the fourth as the Lions rolled to the non-conference win.

GLADIEUX'S GOAL LIFTS LIONS TO 2-1 (2OT) WIN OVER #4 NORTHWESTERN; NAMED B1G AoW!

Sophomore Sophia Gladieux scored the game-winner in extra time in Penn State's 2-1 double-overtime win over No. 4 Northwestern at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex on Oct. 3. The goal built on the goal from Mackenzie Allesie during regulation that helped send the game to extra time. Gladieux, who also had two goals two days earlier in a win over Indian, was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending Oct. 3, for her efforts.

NITTANY LIONS DOWN INDIANA 4-1

Sophia Gladieux scored twice to lead Penn State to a 4-1 win over visiting Indiana on Oct. 1. The Nittany Lions broke open a close game with a fourth-quarter burst to down the Hoosiers.

GLADIEUX SCORES TWICE TO LEAD PSU TO 3-2 OT WIN AT #7 MARYLAND; B1G OFFENSIVE AoW

Sophomore Sophia Gladieux scored twice to lead Penn State to a 3-2 overtime win at #7 Maryland on Sept. 18. Gladieux connected on two backhands in the game, including the winner in overtime. Mackenzie Allesie scored Penn State's other goal and goalie Brie Barraco had seven saves in the win. Gladieux was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for her efforts.

BARRACO'S SIX SAVES AND A BALANCED ATTACK LEADS LIONS TO 3-0 WIN OVER #19 DELAWARE

Junior goalie Brie Barraco notched six saves to anchor a stingy Penn State defense and picked up her first shutout of the season in a 3-0 win over #19 Delaware on Sept. 12 in State College. Anna Simon, Mackenzie Allesie and Sophia Gladieux each scored in the win.

SIMON'S TWO GOALS LEADS PENN STATE TO 3-1 WIN OVER ALBANY

Senior Anna Simon connected twice on Penn State's penalty corner set, taking assists from Mackenzie Allesie and Elena Vos, to spark Penn State to a 3-1 win over Albany on Sept. 10 in Happy Valley.

GLADIEUX'S TWO GOALS LEAD PENN STATE TO 3-2 WIN OVER #20 ST. JOSEPH'S

Sophomore Sophia Gladieux notched two goals to lead Penn State to a 3-2 victory over St. Joseph's on Sept. 5. Gladieux's two-goal effort was joined by a solo score from Emma Spisak as Penn State won its home opener at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

SIMON'S HAT TRICK LEADS PENN STATE TO ROAD WIN AT WILLIAM AND MARY

Senior Anna Simon notched a hat trick to lead Penn State to a 7-2 road win at William and Mary on Aug. 29. Simon's three goals all came off Penn State's superb penalty corner set. Mackenzie Allesie had two assists, Elena Vos

2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 10/11/21)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Iowa	5-0	1.000	14-0	1.000
2.	Michigan	3-0	1.000	11-0	1.000
3.	Rutgers	4-1	.800	11-2	.846
4.	Penn State	3-2	.600	9-3	.750
5.	Ohio State	1-2	.333	7-5	.583
6.	Northwestern	1-3	.250	10-4	.714
	Maryland	1-3	.250	9-4	.692
8.	Indiana	1-5	.167	7-7	.500
9.	Michigan State	0-3	.000	7-3	.700

NFHCA POLL (10/12/21)

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



had two assists, Meghan Reese had a goal and an assist, Emma Spisak had a goal and Sophia Gladieux had a goal and two assists. Brie Barraco had four saves in the win as well.

PUNCH’S BREAKAWAY LIFTS PENN STATE TO 3-2 VICTORY AT #8 VIRGINIA TO START SEASON

Junior Jemma Punch took a pass from senior Emma Spisak in overtime and broke away for the game-winning goal in a 3-2 (ot) win at #8 Virginia in Penn State’s 2021 season opener on Aug. 27. Punch’s goal capped off a thrilling road win. Anna Simon and Sophia Gladieux each had goals as well and keeper Brie Barraco withstood 25 Cavalier shots, collecting nine saves.

PENN STATE RANKED #5 IN NFHCA COACHES POLL

Penn State is ranked #5 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll. The Nittany Lions are one of six Big Ten teams ranked in the top ten.

IMPORTANT PARKING UPDATES FOR 2021

Parking for all Penn State Athletics’ non-football events will require a valid permit or payment of the applicable parking fee for campus lots. Fans with valid Penn State University Park parking permits will be permitted to park at non-football athletics events for free, following Transportation Services parking policies and access. For field hockey, fans are asked to park in Jordan East, Stadium West or Porter North. Fans without a permit are encouraged to prepay for event parking at a discounted rate of \$5.50 through ParkMobile - <https://psu.parkmobile.io/>. Prepayment is available through 11:59 p.m. the day prior to each event. Event day parking will be [\$10/\$20] per vehicle [and is cash only/can be purchased on the ParkMobile app]. The East Deck is also available for most events for \$1 per hour. Parking for all non-football athletics events is managed by Penn State Transportation Services. For more information or questions, visit transportation.psu.edu or email parking@psu.edu.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Meghan Reese
Anna Simon
Emma Spisak

HONORS WON

Sophia Gladieux

Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (9/20)
Penn State Student-Athlete of the Week (9/21)
Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (10/4)
Penn State Student-Athlete of the Week (10/5)

Anna Simon

Penn State Student-Athlete of the Week (9/1)



CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS
 35TH SEASON AT PSU
 38TH SEASON OVERALL
 (Penn State, 1979)

NCAA DIVISION I ALL-TIME WINNINGEST HEAD COACHES

1. Karen Shelton	North Carolina	1981-Pres.	705-165-9
2. Nancy Stevens	Connecticut	1990-2020.....	698-189-24
	Northwestern	1981-89	
	Franklin & Marshall	1979-80	
3. Missy Meharg	Maryland	1988-Pres.	590-150-9
4. Beth Anders	Old Dominion	1980-84.....	577-156-7
		1987-2012	
5. Char Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	1984-Pres.	544-229-17
	Boston College	1984-86	

MOST NCAA TOURNAMENTS

Coach	Schools	NCAA Tournaments
Karen Shelton	North Carolina	37
Nancy Stevens	Connecticut, Northwestern	32
Missy Meharg	Maryland.....	30
Charlene Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	28
Beth Anders	Old Dominion	28

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 (33 years, 503-206-8, .707)

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
2019	8-12	.400	Big Ten Tournament Runner-Up
2020-21	7-7	.500	
37 Yrs	544-229-17	.703	28 NCAA Appearances



2021 ROSTERS (# and alpha)

Penn State Athletics chose to advance classes as though 2020-21 was a normal year of eligibility. Student-athletes listed as redshirt freshmen in 2021-22 did not officially redshirt in 2020-21, but would have in any other normal year. Extra years of eligibility will be marked on the back end of student-athletes' career (a "+" symbol will be added on the end of "Sr." to indicate the extra year of eligibility being used).

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
2	Mackenzie Allesie	M	Jr.	Mount Joy, Pa./Donegal
3	Sophia Gladieux	F	So.	Boyetown, Pa./Oley Valley
4	Emma Spisak	F	Sr.+	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
5	Carly Gannon	F/M	So.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
6	Bree Bednarski	F/M	Sr.+	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
7	Julia Lamb	F/M	R-Fr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
8	Elena Vos	B	Jr.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
9	Madison Tambroni	M	Fr.	State College, Pa./State College
10	Madison Reese	D	Jr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	M/B	Sr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Jr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
13	Eleni Prodes	M/B	Sr.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	So.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
15	Aubrey Semler	F	Fr.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	Jr.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
17	Anna Simon	M	Sr.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
18	Emily Farrell	M/B	So.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
19	Grace Wallis	F	Sr.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
20	Anouk Knuvers	M/B	Fr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
21	Caroline Myers	F	R-Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
23	Jemma Punch	F/M	Jr.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M	Sr.+	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill
26	Gery Schnarrs	B	So.	Camp Hill, Pa./East Pennsboro
27	Drew Taylor	F	R-Fr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
30	Emily Bullard	GK	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
33	Kelsey Love	B	So.	State College, Pa./State College
34	Sofia Acosta	B	Fr.	Malvern, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
42	Sophia Mannino	F	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
34	Sofia Acosta	B	Fr.	Malvern, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
2	Mackenzie Allesie	M	Jr.	Mount Joy, Pa./Donegal
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Jr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
6	Bree Bednarski	F/M	Sr.+	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
30	Emily Bullard	GK	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	So.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
18	Emily Farrell	M/B	So.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
5	Carly Gannon	F/M	So.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
3	Sophia Gladieux	F	So.	Boyetown, Pa./Oley Valley
20	Anouk Knuvers	M/B	Fr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
7	Julia Lamb	F/M	R-Fr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
33	Kelsey Love	B	So.	State College, Pa./State College
42	Sophia Mannino	F	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
21	Caroline Myers	F	R-Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	Jr.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
13	Eleni Prodes	M/B	Sr.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
23	Jemma Punch	F/M	Jr.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
10	Madison Reese	D	Jr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	M/B	Sr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
26	Gery Schnarrs	B	So.	Camp Hill, Pa./East Pennsboro
15	Aubrey Semler	F	Fr.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
17	Anna Simon	M	Sr.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
4	Emma Spisak	F	Sr.+	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
9	Madison Tambroni	M	Fr.	State College, Pa./State College
27	Drew Taylor	F	R-Fr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
8	Elena Vos	B	Jr.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
19	Grace Wallis	F	Sr.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M	Sr.+	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill

Head Coach: Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State '79), 38th Season, 35th at Penn State

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State '89), 28th Season

Assistant Coach: Laura Gebhart (Penn State '15), 1st season

Volunteer Assistant: Kari Walkley



**The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer
Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 09, 2021)
All games**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-3	6-1	3-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	6-1	4-0	2-1	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sogsog%	gw	ps-att	sv	
Aug 27	at #8 Virginia	wot 3-2	452	3	Gladieux, Sophia	12	13	2	28	57	.22	34	.59	4	0-0	0
Aug 29	at William & Mary	w 7-2	336	17	Simon, Anna	11	8	2	18	43	.18	27	.62	4	0-0	0
Sep 5	ST. JOSEPH'S	w 3-2	620	2	Allessie, Mackenzie	12	6	7	19	24	.25	15	.62	0	1-1	0
Sep 10	ALBANY	w 3-1	274	23	Punch, Jemma	12	1	0	2	12	.08	6	.50	1	0-0	0
Sep 12	DELAWARE	w 3-0	257	4	Spisak, Emma	12	2	2	6	7	.28	6	.85	0	0-0	0
* Sep 18	at #7 Maryland	wot 3-2	626	6	Bednarski, Bree	12	0	1	1	6	.00	2	.33	0	0-0	0
* Sep 24	at #2 IOWA	L 0-1	329	16	O'Donnell, Brianna	11	0	0	0	5	.00	4	.80	0	0-0	0
Sep 26	at #2 IOWA	L 0-4	309	19	Wallis, Grace	10	0	1	1	5	.00	3	.60	0	0-0	0
* Oct 1	INDIANA	w 4-1	481	11	Reese, Meghan	12	1	2	4	4	.25	3	.75	0	0-0	0
* Oct 3	NORTHWESTERN	wo2 2-1	596	33	Love, Kelsey	11	0	1	1	2	.00	2	1.00	0	0-0	0
* Oct 8	RUTGERS	L 0-1	374	8	Vos, Elena	12	0	6	6	2	.00	1	.50	0	0-0	0
Oct 9	BUCKNELL	w 4-1	525	26	Schnarrs, Gery	12	1	0	2	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0-0	0
				5	Gannon, Carly	9	0	0	0	1	.00	1	1.00	0	0-0	0
				7	Lamb, Julia	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				14	Delgado, Lauren	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				18	Farrell, Emily	7	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				21	Myers, Carolina	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				27	Taylor, Drew	1	0	1	1	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				20	Knuffers, Anouk	9	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				42	Mannino, Sophia	11	0	1	1	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				24	Zemaitis, Hannah	4	0	1	1	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				10	Reese, Madison	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				15	Semler, Aubrey	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				12	Barraco, Brie	12	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
					Total	12	32	27	91	169	.18	105	.62	9	1-1	0
					Opponents	12	18	21	57	134	.13	69	.51	3	0-0	1

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	32-169	18-134
Goals scored per game	2.67	1.50
Shot pct.	.189	.134
Shots on goal-Attempts	105-169	69-134
SOG pct.	.621	.515
Shots/Game	14.1	11.2
PENALTY CORNERS	88	61
PENALTY STROKES	1-1	0-0
PENALTIES		
Green cards	8	12
Yellow cards	4	1
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	3127	2052
Dates/Avg Per Date	7/447	5/410
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
14	Delgado, Lauren	1	6:47	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0	0/0
12	Barraco, Brie	12	737:55	18	2.20	51	.739	9-3-0	1/0
	Total	12	744:42	18	2.18	51	.739	9-3-0	1
	Opponents	12	744:42	32	3.87	73	.695	3-9-0	3

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	4	10	7	8	2	1	32
Opponents	5	6	3	4	0	0	18

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	28	39	53	40	5	4	169
Opponents	27	37	31	34	3	2	134

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	11	13	12	14	1	0	51
Opponents	11	17	23	18	1	3	73

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	15	23	26	19	2	3	88
Opponents	9	15	14	21	0	2	61



#16 PENN STATE 3, #8 VIRGINIA 2 (OT)

Friday, Aug. 27, 2021 -- Charlottesville, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-0, 0-0 B1G) opened up the 2021 fall season with a thrilling 3-2 overtime win at No. 8 Virginia (0-1) on Friday afternoon. Goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) was outstanding in the cage, fending off 25 total shots and collecting nine saves while Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) scored the game winner in extra time to clinch the win.

Penn State got on the scoreboard first in the season's opening game. Midway through the first period, Penn State's offensive pressure led to a penalty corner that ended in a 1-0 Penn State lead. New Nittany Lion Mackenzie Alessie assisted on the corner, setting up Lion captain Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) for the goal, giving Penn State a 1-0 lead at the 7:03 mark. Penn State's defense, anchored by Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) and goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) kept the Cavaliers at length for the opening stanza and Penn State led 1-0 after one. The Nittany Lions continued to hold the lead deep into the second period, but the Cavalier defense stiffened, and Penn State led 1-0 late into the period. Virginia's offense began to break through as the clock moved below the 10:00 mark, forcing a number of penalty corners down the stretch. The home team got on the board for the first time when Amber Ezechiels scored off a penalty corner with 2:39 left in the half, assisted by Meghan Hengerer. The goal tied the game and the 1-1 score held to intermission. Virginia outshot Penn State 12-1 in the first half, six in each period. Penn State keeper Barraco notched three saves, all in the first period. Virginia's Lauren Hausheer had none. Virginia had five penalty corners to one for the Nittany Lions.

Virginia's offense kept the pressure on Penn State for the bulk of the third quarter. Virginia dominated the period on offense, but Barraco held firm in the cage and Penn State maintained its 1-1 deadlock deep into the stanza. The Nittany Lions took a 2-1 lead with just 0:24 left on the clock when Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) scored off an assist from senior Hannah Zemaitis (Camp Hill, Pa.) with less than thirty seconds to play, allowing Penn State to lead 2-1 after three periods. Barraco had three saves in the period. Penn State saw its one-goal lead disappear early in the final period. Virginia tied the game with 10:08 left to play when Adele Iacobucci scored off a deflection and an Ezechiels assist. The goal came off a penalty corner to knot the game at 2-2. The teams traded possessions for the next few minutes and Barraco kept the game tied with a nice save off an Ezechiels shot with under 7:00 to play. Penn State had a late chance to grab the lead, forcing a penalty corner with just 1:32 left in regulation. But Hausheer notched the save on a Gladieux shot and the game moved to overtime.

Virginia began the first extra period fast, working the ball downfield and getting off a shot quickly. But Barraco's save off the Noa Tollaksen shot kept the game tied. Alessie followed for Penn State, getting off a quick shot just seconds later, but the effort was blocked as well. Penn State wrapped the game up, however, just 3:58 into extra time when Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) took a great pass from Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) who got the assist, and broke away down field. Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) started the break that led to the final goal. Punch ended the game with a goal at the 6:02 mark of overtime to give Penn State a 3-2 victory. Virginia outshot Penn State 25-8 but the Nittany Lions scored on three of their eight shots while Barraco collected nine saves for Penn State. Hausheer had two saves for Virginia. The Cavaliers had an 11-3 edge in penalty corners as well.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	O	T	1
FINAL							
PENN STATE	1	0	1	0		1	3
Virginia	0	1	0	0	1		0
2							

STATS:	PSU	UVA
Shots		8
Corners	3	11
25		

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Mackenzie Alessie); 7:03
- 2nd: UVA – Amber Ezechiels (Meghen Hengerer, Annie McDonough); 2:39
- 3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Hannah Zemaitis); 0:24
- 4th: UVA – Adele Iacobucci (Ezechiels); 10:08
- OT: PSU – Jemma Punch (Emma Spisak); 6:02

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	63:58	2	9
UVA: Lauren Hausheer	63:58	3	2

#16 PENN STATE 7, WILLIAM & MARY 2

Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021 -- Williamsburg, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (2-0, 0-0 B1G) rolled to a big non-conference win at William and Mary (2-0) to close out a two-game swing through Virginia to open up the 2021 fall season. After falling behind by a goal early, Penn State dominated the second period and roared to a 7-2 victory in Williamsburg. Senior Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) sparked Penn State with three goals, scoring each time within Penn State's penalty corner offense. Junior Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) anchored a strong Penn State defensive showing as well as the Nittany Lion corner offense.

The first period began with a flurry. William and Mary scored quickly, getting a goal from Mollie Schurma just 3:20 into the contest. The Nittany Lions would not trail long, however. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) took a Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) assist and tied the game just over a minute later to tie the score 1-1 with less than five minutes played. Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a nice save off an Audrey Domovich shot with just over 2:30 left in the period, knocking away the shot on a penalty corner. But the Tribe was able to take a 2-1 lead just seconds later when Lily Saunders scored at the 2:15 mark. Gladieux had a shot blocked as the first period wound down and Penn State trailed 2-1 after one. Penn State tied the game quickly in the second period. The Lion offense forced a penalty corner. Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) took the corner and fed Vos. Vos tossed it to Simon who knocked in the shot just :37 into the period to tie the game. Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) nearly put the Lions on top with a shot a minute later, but her effort hit the post. Penn State's penalty corner set gave the Lions a lead at the 11:06 mark, with the same trio

hitting paydirt: Alessie to Vos to Simon for the score and a 3-2 Penn State lead. Simon continued to pepper the cage on penalty corners. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) took a corner at the 3:23 mark, sent the ball to Gladieux who assisted on a third goal by Simon to put Penn State on top by two, 4-2. Penn State wrapped up a dominant second period when Meghan Reese fended the back of the cage with just :04 on the clock, taking another assist from Gladieux, and the Lions led 5-2 at the break. Penn State outshot William and Mary 8-5 in the opening half. Barraco had two saves to one for Tribe keeper Kimi Jones. The Nittany Lions had a 5-2 edge in penalty corners in the first half as well.

The Nittany Lions continued to pour it on offensively early in the third period. After Barraco knocked back two early Tribe shots, senior Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) took two shots in close to the William and Mary goal. Spisak connected on the second at the 11:58 mark to give the Lions a 6-2 lead. Penn State continued to pressure William and Mary, reeling off four penalty corners in the ensuing minutes after Spisak's goal. The Tribe defense was able to keep Penn State from adding to its lead and the Nittany Lions led by four after three periods. Penn State's depth came to play in the fourth quarter. The Nittany Lions' talented roster was on full display as the defense continued to hold the Tribe at bay. Just under 10 minutes into the final stanza, new Nittany Lion transfer Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa) scored her first goal as a Penn Stater, taking an assist from of redshirt freshman Drew Taylor (Coatesville, Pa.) off a penalty corner, scoring at the 4:19 mark to give the Lions a 7-2 lead. Schnarrs' goal was the last of the game as Penn State rolled to the lopsided victory. Penn State outshot William and Mary 18-11 and held an 8-4 edge in penalty corners. Barraco ended the game with four saves and two goals against while Lauren Delgado (East Ear, Pa.) saw nearly 7:00 in the cage in the fourth quarter. Jones had five saves and six goals against for the Tribe while Maddie George had a goal against.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	1	4	1	1	7
William and Mary	2	0	0	0	2

STATS:	PSU	WM
Shots		18
Corners	11	4
8		

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 1st: WM – Mollie Schurma (unassisted); 11:40
- 1st: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Meghan Reese); 10:30
- 1st: WM – Lily Saunders (Tabby Billingham); 1:15
- 2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (Mackenzie Alessie, Elena Vos); 14:23
- 2nd: PSU – Simon (Alessie, Vos); 11:06
- 2nd: PSU – Simon (Gladieux); 3:23
- 2nd: PSU – Meghan Reese (Gladieux); 0:04
- 3rd: PSU – Emma Spisak (unassisted); 11:58
- 4th: PSU – Gery Schnarrs (Drew Taylor); 4:19

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	53:13	2	4
Lauren Delgado	6:47	0	0
WM: Kimi Jones	54:59	6	5
Maddie George	5:01	1	0

#16 PENN STATE 3, #20 ST. JOSEPH'S 2

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (3-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 16 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, used a late goal from sophomore Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) to beat No. 20 St. Joseph's (1-2) in the home opener for head coach Char Morett-Curtiss and her squad. The Boyertown native scored her second goal of the game with less than 10:00 to play to spark Penn State to the 3-2 non-conference win in Happy Valley.

The two teams battled to an even draw in the opening period. The visitors withstood four early Penn State shots with keeper Robin Bleekemolen notching a save in the period to keep the game knotted in a 0-0 tie after the opening 15:00 of play. The Hawk defense withstood two Penn State penalty corners in the opening period as well. St. Joseph's got on the board first just 1:24 into the second period when Manu Ghigliotti scored off an assist from Katelyn Cocco to give SJU a 1-0 lead. St. Joseph's was able to control the action in the second period, picking up a total of four shots and forcing Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) into three saves. But Barraco's play in the cage and the Lion defense kept Penn State within one, and eventually the Nittany Lion offense broke through. As the second period wound down, Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) moved in from the right side of the circle and fed the ball in where Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) tipped the ball towards Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.). Spisak moved the ball around Bleekemolen and tied the game at 1-1 with just :32 left in the first half. Penn State outshot St. Joseph's 7-4 in the first 30:00 and had a 4-1 edge in penalty corners. Barraco had three saves to two for Bleekemolen at intermission.

Gladieux scored her first goal of the game just 4:00 into the third period. The sophomore broke open in front of the cage after moving in from the right side of the circle and scored on an unassisted back hand to put Penn State up 2-1. Penn State was able to maintain its one goal lead for six minutes before Ghigliotti scored once more, this time unassisted, to tie the game up at 2-2 with 4:39 left in the third period. The tie score held into the fourth. Penn State took the lead for good with 8:30 left to play. Freshman Sophia Mannino (Doylestown, Pa.) used a nifty move outside the circle, right of the cage, and moved the ball in towards the Hawk cage. She fed Gladieux as both players pressed the cage and Gladieux knocked the ball past the Hawk keeper for the goal, giving Penn State a 3-2 lead. The Nittany Lion defense stood firm for the remainder of the game, including a solid effort on a last-second Hawk penalty corner, to preserve the 3-2 victory. Penn State outshot St. Joseph's 15-11 and had a 9-6 edge in penalty corners. Barraco ended the game with five saves while Bleekemolen had four.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	1	1	1	3
St. Joseph's	0	1	1	0	2



STATS:	PSU	SJU	
Shots		15	11
Corners	9	6	

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 1st: TEAM – Score (assist); 0:00
- 2nd: SJU – Manu Ghigliotti (Katelyn Cocco); 13:36
- 2nd: PSU – Emma Spisak (Anna Simon, Elena Vos); 0:32
- 3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 10:59
- 3rd: SJU – Ghigliotti (unassisted); 9:39
- 4th: PSU – Gladieux (Sophia Mannino); 8:30

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S	
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	5	
SJU: Robin Bleekemolen	59:00	3	4	
Team	1:00	0	0	0

#9 PENN STATE 3, ALBANY 1

Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 9 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, used two first half corners and a fourth quarter goal to down visiting Albany (2-2) in a non-conference game at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Penn State took down the Great Danes 3-1 at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. The two teams battled evenly for nearly the entire first period. Penn State's offense was met with a stingy Albany defense that withstood an early Nittany Lion penalty corner effort. The Nittany Lions were able to get on the board late, however, converting on the team's second corner of the period. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) knocked in a blistering shot from atop the circle, taking assists from Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) and stopper Elena Vos (Hanau, Germany). The goal came with just :13 left in the period and gave Penn State a 1-0 lead.

The second period was similar in form to the first but both offenses began to get on track. Albany had three shots in the period, forcing Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) into her first save of the game. The Nittany Lions also had three shots, with Albany keeper Lara Behn getting her first save as well. But like the first period, the Penn State penalty corner offense proved too much for the Danes. Simon scored once more, again off assists from Alessie and Vos. The goal came at the 6:51 mark off the second period. The Nittany Lions would carry the 2-0 lead into halftime. Penn State outshot Albany 4-3 in the half and had a 5-0 edge in penalty corners. Barraco and Behn each had one save.

The third period was a defensive battle with each team managing only one shot. The Nittany Lions faced more pressure in and around their circle than the first half, but only allowed the one shot. The Great Danes, however, made that one shot count. Midway through the third, Albany worked the ball into the Nittany Lion circle and forced the team's first penalty corner. The Danes made it count, getting a goal from Floor de Ruiter off assists from Alison Smisdorn and Blanca Orsola. The goal was the only of the period and Penn State led by just one, 2-1, heading into the fourth. Penn State picked up its offensive pressure in the final period and the Nittany Lion defense held Albany to no shots. While pitching a shutout defensively over the final 15:00, Alessie iced the game with just 4:50 left to play, scoring from the middle of the circle for her first goal as a Nittany Lion. Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) fed the ball in from the right side to Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.), who made a nifty tip pass to Alessie. Love and Reese tallied assists on the play. The Nittany Lions outshot Albany 7-4 and owned a 6-1 edge in penalty corners. Barraco had one save in the contest while Behn had three for Albany.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	UA	
Shots	7	4	
Corners	6	1	

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Mackenzie Alessie, Elena Vos); 0:13
- 2nd: PSU – Simon (Alessie, Vos); 6:51
- 3rd: UA – Floor de Ruiter (Alison Smisdorn, Blanca Orsola); 6:54
- 4th: PSU – Alessie (Kelsey Love, Meghan Reese); 4:50

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	1
UA: Lara Behn	60:00	3	3

#9 PENN STATE 3, #19 DELAWARE 0

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (5-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 9 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, used a furious second half of offense to run away from No. 19 Delaware (2-4) for another impressive non-conference win. The Nittany Lions posted the 3-0 victory at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex to improve their record to 5-0 on the year. The two teams set a fast pace from the opening whistle. The Nittany Lions and Blue Hens worked the middle of the field for the opening 15:00. The Nittany Lions played a bend but don't break defense to keep the visitors from mustering any shots in the opening stanza while recording two of their own. Penn State's best chance to score in the first period came off a penalty corner with just 1:34 on the clock, but Lion shot from atop the circle went wide and the first period ended in a 0-0 tie.

Delaware continued to work into the high pace of the game to start the second period, quickly working the ball into the Penn State circle and picking up the team's first penalty corner of the game. Lizzie Gaebel's shot went wide and Penn State worked the ball right down field. Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) had a hard shot knocked away by Gaebel. Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) picked up a save just a few minutes later, swatting away a shot from Delaware's Kik Oudshorn. The Nittany Lions picked up the game's first goal off a penalty corner with 3:43 left in the half. Alessie took the corner, feeding Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands), who set up a hard shot from Anna Simon

(Hanau, Germany). Simon's shot found the back of the cage and Penn State took a 1-0 lead, which would hold into intermission. The Nittany Lions outshot Delaware 4-2 in the first half. Gaebel had two saves while Barraco had one for the Nittany Lions. Penn State held a slim 2-1 edge in penalty corners over the first 30:00.

With the pace of the game continuing at a high level, the Nittany Lions began to pull away from Delaware in the third period. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) began to take control of the pace, working the middle of the field with senior middle Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.). With the Lion offense beginning to control time of possession, Gladieux took control of the ball in front of the Blue Hen cage and worked her way into an open shot, which she put past the Delaware goalie for an unassisted goal at the 8:35 mark to put Penn State up 2-0. Barraco kept Penn State out in front with a diving stick save midway through the period. The Lions would collect nine shots in the third period alone and led by two after three periods. The fourth quarter was much of the same. The Nittany Lion offense continued to control the ball. Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) and Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) each got off quick shots in the circle early in the fourth period that Gaebel stopped. But Spisak's led to a penalty stroke with 12:03 onto the clock. Alessie took the stroke and deftly slid the ball into the lower left corner of the goal to put Penn State up 3-0. The Nittany Lion defense would then hold firm for the duration of the game. Barraco picked up a series of saves while Vos, Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa.), Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) and Sophia Mannino (Doylestown, Pa.) anchored the defense as Penn State held on for the shutout. Penn State outshot Delaware 21-11, including 17 second half shots. Barraco had six saves for the Nittany Lions, picking up her first shutout of the season. Gaebel had eight for the Blue Hens. Penn State had a 6-4 edge in penalty corners.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	DEL	
Shots	21	11	
Corners	6	4	

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (Elena Vos, Mackenzie Alessie); 3:43
- 3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 8:35
- 4th: PSU – Alessie (penalty stroke); 12:03

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	0	6
DEL: Lizzie Gaebel	60:00	3	8

#8 PENN STATE 3, #7 MARYLAND 2 (ot)

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 -- College Park, Md.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (6-0, 1-0 B1G), ranked No. 8 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, posted a thrilling overtime win over No. 7 Maryland (4-2, 0-1 B1G) to open up Big Ten play. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) scored in extra time as Penn State won 3-2 in overtime in Maryland on Saturday afternoon.

Maryland controlled possession early in the first period, keeping the ball in or near the Penn State circle for the first five-plus minutes. Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a great save on her left side as the clock moved below the 10:00 mark to keep the Terrapins off the board early. Maryland continued to pressure the Lion defense and picked up its first penalty corner midway through the period. The Terrapins took advantage of the corner and took a 1-0 lead with 8:12 left in the period, with Julianna Tornetta finding the back of the cage for Maryland. Penn State's offense began to get untracked in the last five minutes of the period, with Penn State forcing its first penalty corner with just under 5:00 on the clock. Maryland keeper Noelle Frost made a good save on a hard shot from Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) off the corner set. Penn State continued to control possession as the period wound down, however. Gladieux took a hard back-hand from the left side of the Maryland cage that Frost knocked away. Nittany Lion Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) was there for the rebound, however, knocking in the unassisted goal at the 3:11 mark to tie the game. Barraco made another diving save on a late corner for Maryland and Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) knocked away the rebound shot to send the game into the second period tied 1-1. The Nittany Lion defense was tested early in the second, fending off a Maryland penalty corner to keep the game tied. Maryland took advantage of a Penn State turnover five minutes into the period to get the ball into the Lion circle. The Lion defense, with Vos and freshman Anouk Knuvers ('s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands) on alert, pushed the ball back out towards midfield. Barraco made a great kick save at the 9:00 mark to keep the game tied, Penn State briefly pushed the ball downfield, but Maryland was able to regain possession. The teams traded possession in the midfield for the next couple minutes before the Nittany Lions forced a corner with 6:00 left in the half. Frost made a save on the first Lion corner, and then again on a subsequent one. Barraco made two saves on a Maryland flurry with under 5:00 left to keep Penn State in a 1-1 tie. Penn State moved the ball down field and Gladieux took over as the ball hit the Maryland circle. The Lion sophomore moved to the left of the Terrapin cage and launched a backhand rocket that zipped by Frost to put Penn State up 2-1 with 2:00 left in the half, a lead it would hold into intermission. Maryland outshot Penn State 9-5 and had a 5-3 lead in corners in the half. But Barraco's seven saves, to three for Frost, allowed Penn State to carry the one-goal lead into the break.

The third period began with Penn State owning possession early. The Maryland defense was able to withstand early presses by the Lion midfield but eventually, Penn State was able to work the ball into the Terrapin circle. Alessie took a long shot midway into the period and Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) forced a corner on a rebound shot. Frost knocked away a hard Simon blast off the corner to keep the score 2-1 in Penn State's favor. Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) moved the ball quickly into the circle a couple minutes later, fording another corner with 6:28 left in the third. The corner was denied by another Frost save but Penn State's offense remained in control and carried the one-goal lead into the final period. Maryland forced an early corner in the fourth period, just :25 in. The Terrapins tied the game off the corner set with Nathalie Feichter scoring off the corner set-up with an assist from Riley Donnelly, tying the game at 2-2. The Nittany Lions responded by working the ball down to the Maryland circle and forcing a corner a couple minutes later. Simon's shot was blocked off the play, but Penn State quickly forced another corner. But a defensive save from Belle Bressler kept Penn State from retaking the lead and the clock moved down to the 11:00 mark. The teams traded possession for the bulk of the final 10:00 and the game moved into overtime. The seven-on-seven overtime began with Penn State's Vos defending an early Maryland press and working the ball downfield to Gladieux. Gladieux forced a Maryland green card with a nifty move on the sideline. Jemma Punch (McDowall,



Australia) forced penalty corner at the 8:15 mark in overtime but the Lions could not connect. Penn State maintained possession. Simon worked the ball to the top of the Maryland circle and fed Gladieux, who connected on another hard backhand, finding the back of the cage at the 6:49 mark. Gladieux's second goal of the game gave Penn State the thrilling 3-2 win. Maryland outshot Penn State 15-13 over the course of the game but Penn State owned an 8-6 edge in penalty corners. The Nittany Lion defense stiffened in the second half and Barraco ended the game with seven saves, all in the opening two periods. Frost also had seven for Maryland.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	OT	F
PENN STATE	1	1	0	0	1	3
Maryland	1	0	0	1	0	2

STATS:	PSU	MD
Shots	13	15
Corners	8	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: MD – Julianna Tornetta (Maura Verleg, Bibi Donraadt); 8:12
 1st: PSU – Mackenzie Allesie (unassisted); 3:11
 2nd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 2:00
 4th: MD – Nathalie Fiechter (Riley Donnelly); 14:31
 OT: PSU – Gladieux (Anna Simon); 6:49

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	63:11	2	7
MD: Noelle Frost	63:11	3	7

#6 PENN STATE 0, #2 IOWA 1

Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 -- Iowa City, Iowa

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (6-1, 1-1 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, lost a close game in its Big Ten road opener at No. 2 Iowa (9-0, 2-0 B1G) in Iowa City. Penn State lost 1-0 in the first of two games in Iowa City this weekend (this game counts in the conference standings as it is a regularly scheduled conference game). The teams traded possessions over the course of the first three minutes. Iowa had two possessions go deep into the Penn State side of the field, with both efforts ending with the ball rolling across the end line. Penn State gained control of the ball and worked it downfield into the Iowa circle. Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) had a first shot blocked by Iowa keeper Grace McGuire and a rebound shot slide just wide. Mackenzie Allesie (Mount Joy, Pa.) also had an early shot sail wide seconds later. Annika Urbine had a shot blocked at the 6:30 mark in the first half in Iowa's first real press on the cage. Maddy Murphy's shot at the 3:45 mark was just wide for Iowa. A late Ellie Holley shot was saved by Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) and the game moved to the second period tied 0-0.

Two minutes into the second period, the Lion defense looked to let an Iowa shot from outside the circle go wide but the ball hit the post and darted back into play. The Lion defense, led by Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) pushed the ball out. Iowa kept possession, with Esme Gibson taking a shot that was blocked right in front of the cage with 12:00 left in the half. Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) stole an Iowa pass with just under 9:00 left and worked the ball to the right side of the Iowa circle, with Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) looking to pressure the cage. But Iowa's defense held firm, the Hawkeyes pushed the ball down the field and picked up the game's first penalty corner at the 8:15 mark. Penn State stopped the first Iowa corner, but Iowa picked up a quick second. The Hawkeyes connected on the second corner, with Lokke Stribbs scoring off the corner with assist Leah Zellner and Anthe Nijziel at the 7:51 mark. The Hawkeyes kept the pressure on Penn State for the next five minutes and picked up their third corner of the period with 2:58 left in the half. The Penn State defense held, and the Nittany Lions trailed by one at intermission. Iowa outshot Penn State 11-4 in the first half, including a 7-0 edge in the second period. Barraco had two saves for the Lions while McGuire had one for Iowa. Iowa had a 3-0 lead in corners in the first two periods.

The opening minutes of the third period were battled at midfield with each team notching a couple steals. But neither squad pushed the ball into the opposing circle until the 13:25 mark when Iowa had a pass roll through the Lion circle and out of bounds. The Nittany Lion defense worked hard over the next 2:00 to keep Iowa from collapsing in on the Penn State circle. The Hawkeyes got hit for a green card with 11:00 left in the period but Iowa was able to kill the advantage and the clock moved to the 9:00 mark. Gery Schnars (Camp Hill, Pa.) and the Penn State defense stopped a quick Iowa break and Penn State moved the ball down to the Iowa side of the field. But Iowa's defense was up to the task and Iowa regained possession, moved the ball downfield, and grabbed the first corner of the second half with 6:53 on the clock. Meghan Reese deftly defended the corner and started a fast break that ended in the Iowa circle. Allesie and Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) moved the ball around in front of the Iowa cage and forced the first Lion corner of the game with 6:22 on the clock. Allesie took the corner, feeding Vos who spotted Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany). Simon's shot was tipped wide, however, with 6:00 left in the quarter. The teams traded cards (green for Iowa, yellow for Penn State) in the final 2:00 of the period and Penn State trailed by one after three.

The Penn State defense had to kill an Iowa player advantage over the first minutes of the final period to keep the game a one-goal affair thanks to the third period's yellow card. The Hawkeyes kept pressure on Penn State and the Iowa offense nearly found the cage with 11:34 to play. But a Holley shot hit the crossbar and the game stayed at 1-0 with 11:30 left on the clock. Penn State got hit with another yellow card with 9:40 left in the game, giving the Hawkeyes the player advantage. The Nittany Lions withstood the Hawkeyes offense over the next minutes, killing the yellow card advantage and keeping the ball on the Iowa side of the field. Freshmen Sophia Mannino (Doylestown, Pa.) and Anouk Knuevers ('s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands) helped spark the Penn State defense in the fourth period. Emily Farrell (Wyoming, Pa.) drove the ball towards the Iowa circle as the clock moved to the 3:00 mark and forced a penalty corner. The corner was defended by Iowa, but Penn State kept possession with 2:40 left to play. Penn State tried to force a corner over the next minute, but Iowa's defense kept Penn State from getting off another shot and the Nittany Lions dropped a hard-fought 1-0 game. Iowa outshot Penn State 12-6, with the Lions owning a 2-1 edge in the second half. Barraco had two saves, McGuire had one, all coming in the first period. Iowa had a 4-2 advantage in penalty corners. The shutout was the seventh straight for Iowa. This also marks the fourth straight time Penn State has lost 1-0 to Iowa, including two 1-0 games last season in Virginia Beach and 1-0 overtime loss in the Big Ten Tournament title game in 2019 at Penn State.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	IOWA
Shots	6	12
Corners	2	4

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: IOWA – Lokke Stribbs (Leah Zellner, Anthe Nijziel); 7:51

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	2
IOWA: Grace McGuire	60:00	0	1

#6 PENN STATE 0, #2 IOWA 4

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 -- Iowa City, Iowa

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (6-2, 1-1 B1G), ranked No. 6 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, lost a non-conference game at No. 2 Iowa (10-0, 2-0 B1G) in Iowa City. Penn State fell 4-0 in the last of two games in Iowa City this weekend (this game does not count in the conference standings. Iowa took an early 1-0 lead, with Ellie Holley scoring from the left side of the Lion circle. Holley's shot moved by Penn State's defense, with a late defensive save effort just missing. Iowa took the 1-0 lead at the 12:00 mark. Five minutes later, the Nittany Lions worked the ball down to the Iowa circle with Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) moving possession towards the Hawkeye cage. The momentum forced a penalty corner at the 6:28 mark for the Nittany Lions. The initial shot off the corner was defended and then Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had a solid shot knocked away by Iowa keeper Grace McGuire. A second Nittany Lion corner with 5:00 left in the period was also defended by Iowa. Penn State continued to press the Hawkeye defense, forcing a third corner just two minutes later. But a Gladieux backhand was ruled too high. Iowa quickly moved the ball down into the Lion circle and Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a great save on a quick Iowa shot and the Lions trailed by one after one.

The second period began with the teams working the midfield, battling for control of the ball. Iowa's Maddy Murphy got off a point-blank shot that Barraco saved, but the Hawkeyes picked up a penalty corner off the ensuing scramble. Iowa connected on the corner, with Nikke Freeman scoring at the 11:23 mark to give the Hawkeyes a 2-0 lead. Penn State worked to answer the goal, with Mackenzie Allesie (Mount Joy, Pa.) moving the ball into the Hawkeye circle. But Iowa was able to defend the Penn State effort. Meghan Reese, Allesie and Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) controlled the ball in the midfield, working the ball forward to Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.), but the leading pass sailed out of bounds with 7:00 on the clock. Iowa scored quickly after the Lion effort, with Holley scoring at the 6:48 mark to put the home team up 3-0. With under two minutes left, Barraco and the Lion defense withstood two close Hawkeye shots at the 1:40 mark. A late Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) shot slipped just wide of McGuire and the Iowa cage and Penn State trailed 3-0 at the break. Iowa outshot Penn State 7-4 in the first half. McGuire had a 2-1 lead in saves and Penn State owned a 3-1 edge in corners in the opening two quarters.

Gladieux nearly put the Nittany Lions on the board just over 2:00 into the third quarter. But an effort from the left side of the Hawkeye circle was defended by McGuire and Iowa held on to its 3-0 lead. The Nittany Lions controlled the ball for the next two minutes and continued to look for their first goal of the game. Iowa was able to steal the ball at the 10:20 mark and began a fast break down their left side. But Lion sophomore Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) was able to steal the ball back and Penn State regained possession. The teams spent the last minutes of the third period trading possessions. The Nittany Lions had a late corner defended by Iowa and the score remained 3-0 after three.

Iowa began the fourth period by pressing the ball downfield and picking up a penalty corner. Barraco made a save on the first shot off the corner, but Iowa connected on the rebound, getting an Anthe Nijziel goal off the rebound at the 13:36 mark to give the Hawkeyes a 4-0 lead. Minutes later, Barraco made a great save on a Zellner shot with 11:00 to play to keep the home team from getting another goal. Penn State controlled the time of possession over the next ten minutes but could not find the back of the cage as Iowa's defense bent but did not break. The Hawkeyes went on to post the 4-0 win, notching its eighth-straight shutout in the process. The Hawkeyes worked up a 14-6 lead in shots during the game while Penn State had a 4-2 lead in penalty corners. Barraco ended the contest with five saves while McGuire had three in another shutout victory.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	IOWA
Shots	6	14
Corners	4	2

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: IOWA – Ellie Holley (unassisted); 12:00
 2nd: IOWA – Nikke Freeman (Anthe Nijziel); 11:23
 2nd: IOWA – Holley (Lokke Stribbs); 6:48
 4th: IOWA – Anthe Nijziel (unassisted); 13:36

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	4	5
IOWA: Grace McGuire	60:00	0	3

#8 PENN STATE 4, INDIANA 1

Friday, Oct. 1, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (7-2, 2-1 B1G), ranked No. 8 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, used a strong second half to down visiting Indiana (6-5, 0-3 B1G) in a Friday night Big Ten



showdown. Penn State broke open a halftime tie to roll to a 4-1 win in the clash at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

The Nittany Lions controlled the ball in the first period, working action into the Indiana circle for the majority of the opening 15:00. But Penn State, which outshot IU 3-0 in the opening stanza, could not find the back of the cage. The Nittany Lions forced the first of three first period corners just under 5:00 into the game. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had a strong shot saved by Indiana keeper Arabella Loveridge. Penn State continued to control the action and midway through the period had a Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) shot hit the post at the 7:26 mark, missing out on a chance to take an early lead. Three minutes later, Sophia Gladieux' s (Boyetown, Pa.) shot off a Lion corner was blocked, and the game moved to the second period tied 0-0. Penn State dominated the second period statistically, but it was Indiana that drew first blood in the game. Penn State had another corner defended two minutes into the second period. The Hoosiers then moved the ball downfield, seriously threatening the Penn State cage for the first time and earned their first penalty corner at the 12:20 mark. Indiana connected on the corner, with Kennedy Reardon scoring off assists from Yip van Wonderen and Sydney Keld. The score energized IU and the Hoosiers were able to keep Penn State off the scoreboard deep into the second stanza. But Gladieux would not be denied offensively. With 2:54 left in the half, Gladieux worked the ball in to the right of the Hoosier cage and got off a blazing backhand that sailed to the back of the cage to tie the game at 1-1. Penn State had two late corners, setting up chances to take the lead into halftime, but Loveridge was able to make the saves and the game moved to intermission tied 1-1. Penn State outshot Indiana 8-2 in the first half and posted a 6-1 edge in penalty corners. Loveridge had two saves for Indiana while Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) had one for the Nittany Lions.

The Nittany Lions came out of halftime with great energy and controlled the ball on offense for the entirety of the third period. Penn State outshot IU 6-0 alone in the third stanza and had four penalty corners. But Indiana's defense bent but did not break as Loveridge notched a couple more saves and the Nittany Lions were unable to score. Despite Penn State controlling the period, the game moved to the fourth quarter tied 1-1. Penn State blew up the fourth quarter. The Nittany Lions continued to press Indiana and with six minutes off the clock, Simon gave Penn State a 2-1 lead, a lead it would not relinquish. Simon scored unassisted off a rebound from a Gladieux shot that Loveridge knocked back into play. The goal came at the 9:03 mark. Five minutes later, Alessie led a textbook fast break downfield, working the ball past two Indiana defenders and finding Gladieux right in front of the IU cage with a nifty pass to her left. Gladieux scored her second goal of the game with the Alessie assist at the 4:38 left to play. Alessie iced the game just a minute later, scoring off a penalty corner with an assist from Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) with just 3:25 left to play. The offensive burst in the fourth period allowed the Nittany Lions to roll to a 4-1 win. Penn State outshot Indiana 22-3 over the course of the game and had a 14-2 edge in penalty corners. Loveridge ended the game with eight saves, including four in Penn State's furious fourth quarter. Barraco had one for the Nittany Lions.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	IND
Shots	22	3
Corners	14	2

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

2nd: IND – Kennedy Reardon (Yip van Wonderen, Sydney Keld); 12:09
 2nd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 2:56
 4th: PSU – Anna Simon (unassisted); 10:03
 4th: PSU – Gladieux (Mackenzie Alessie); 9:38
 4th: PSU – Alessie (Bree Bednarski); 3:25

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	1
IND: Arabella Loveridge	60:00	4	8

#8 PENN STATE 2, #4 NORTHWESTERN 1(2OT)

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (8-2, 3-1 B1G), ranked No. 8 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, won a thrilling double-overtime game over No. 4 Northwestern (9-3, 1-2 B1G) in a battle of Big Ten powers. The Nittany Lions outlasted the Wildcats 2-1 (2OT) in the Sunday matinee played at Penn State, picking up an important Big Ten win. The Nittany Lions took an early lead on a Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) goal and then won the game when Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) scored in extra time.

Penn State had the first solid offensive press in the game, moving the ball into the Northwestern circle at the 12:00 mark. Senior Hannah Zemaits (Camp Hill, Pa.) had a pass into the circle that the Wildcats were able to defend to halt the early effort. Northwestern's best first opportunity came at the 8:00 mark. But the Nittany Lion defense, anchored by Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) held firm early. Northwestern was able to control possession for the next few minutes until a Northwestern green card at the 3:42 mark gave Penn State a player advantage. Penn State regained possession and moved the ball down field. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) had a close shot in the final seconds, but Northwestern goalie Annabel Skubisz knocked the shot away. The Wildcat defense kept Penn State off the scoreboard and the game moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Northwestern forced an early penalty corner less than a minute into the second quarter but did not connect on the play. Penn State quickly moved the ball downfield. Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) and Gladieux worked the left side of the Wildcat circle but could not get the ball close to the cage. Northwestern returned the ball to the Lion circle but Love and freshman Sophia Mannino (Doylestown, Pa.) were able to keep Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) safe and the Lions regained possession. Spisak stole the ball at the 8:00 mark and fed Brianna O'Donnell (Lansdale, Pa.), forcing Skubisz into a diving save. The Lions continued to pressure NU and picked up their first corner at the 7:23 mark. Gladieux took the corner from Alessie and got off a hard back hand that Skubisz once again knocked away. Another Lion corner a minute later that led to another Gladieux shot and a Wildcat save. Alessie's backhand at the 5:00 mark was also saved by Skubisz. After nearly five minutes of constant Lion pressure, Northwestern was able to move the ball down to the Lion circle and picked up a corner with 3:31 left in the half. Penn State blocked the shot off the corner and regained possession seconds later. The game moved to halftime scoreless. Penn State outshot Northwestern 5-2 in the opening half but Skubisz' s

five saves kept the Lions off the scoreboard. Barraco had one save for Penn State and both teams had two penalty corners.

Northwestern took the ball right down field to start the third period but had a deep pass just miss on the end line and Penn State retook possession. The Lions worked the ball down to the NU circle where Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) had a shot knocked away. The Lions continued to pressure Northwestern, but Skubisz and the Wildcat defense kept the game scoreless. Alessie, O'Donnell and Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) worked inside the circle, but NU's defense did not break as the clock hit 6:30. Northwestern returned the ball to the Penn State circle and forced a penalty corner at the 6:24 mark. Penn State blocked the Wildcat shot to keep the game tied 0-0. Megan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) helped anchor the Penn State midfield as the Lions regained the ball at the 4:40 mark. Northwestern had a close shot blocked by Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa.) late in the period. Penn State moved the ball downfield. Schnarrs stole a Northwestern clear at the 0:35 mark and fed Alessie, who dribbled into the circle, twirled once and drilled a shot past Skubisz to put Penn State on the board, scoring with just :24 left in the period and the Lions led 1-0 after three. Penn State worked the ball right back in front of the NU cage to start the fourth period. Zemaits passed the ball in to Spisak who had a close shot knocked away by the Wildcat keeper, Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) and the Lion defense quickly retook possession of the ball, and the Nittany Lions went back on attack. A Nittany Lion green card at the 11:57 mark gave the Wildcats a player advantage. Penn State, however, nearly scored after the card. Punch stole the ball and led a fast break that ended with a Gladieux shot sailing just high at the 10:20 mark. Northwestern forced a corner seconds later, but the shot was high, and action resumed with the Lions holding the one goal lead. With 7:44 left in the game, Wallis forced a corner at the top of the circle, but Alessie's shot off the corner was blocked. Two minutes later, Northwestern forced a penalty corner with 5:42 to play. The Lion defense held, and the Wildcat shot flew wide. Northwestern maintained possession and picked up another corner at the 5:00 mark. Barraco made a solid kick save on the ensuing shot and Penn State maintained its 1-0 lead as the clock moved to 4:30. Northwestern pulled their goalie with just over 3:00 left to play and then Northwestern picked up a corner at the 2:54 mark. The Lion defended the effort and Northwestern picked up another corner with 2:10 to play. A blocked shot off that corner led to another Wildcat corner just seconds later. This time, the Wildcats connected, with Bente Baekers connecting off assists from Ana Medina Garcia and Clara Roth to tie the game at the 1:52 mark. Northwestern maintained possession for the rest of regulation and the game went to overtime tied 1-1. Northwestern had possession to start the first overtime period and kept the ball on the Penn State side of the field. Penn State kept the ball away from the Lion cage, however, and action went back and forth in the midfield as the clock hit 6:00. Vos made a great steal in the Lion circle at the 5:30 mark that led to a fast break for the Lions. After a reset, Alessie had a hard shot knocked away by Skubisz. A Wildcat shot sailed wide at the 4:11 mark. With 1:47 left, Penn State forced a corner on an Alessie pass deep into the zone to Spisak. Alessie's hard pass of the corner back to Bednarski was tipped high and the clock moved under the 1:00 mark. Action moved to a second overtime tied 1-1.

Penn State had possession at the beginning of the second overtime. Northwestern withstood Penn State's initial press, worked the ball downfield only to have the Lions regain the ball and moved back into the Wildcat circle. But a turnover on the fast break gave the ball back to Northwestern. The two teams traded offensive bursts until the Wildcats forced a penalty corner at the 7:41 mark. Meghan Reese blocked the shot and Simon started a fast break. Northwestern held off the rally and regained the ball, forcing another corner at the 6:34 mark. But the Wildcat shot was high and hit the post. Alessie had a fast back hand saved by the goalie and Gladieux followed with another that Skubisz swatted away. Penn State kept control of the ball and Gladieux forced a corner at the 3:21 mark. Gladieux's shot was knocked away by the goalie, but the Lions picked up another quick corner with 2:47 on the clock. Penn State quickly picked up another corner at 2:38. Wallis took the corner and fed Gladieux who, after a slide to the left, rocketed a backhand past Skubisz for the goal and the 2-1 (2 OT) win. Penn State held a slim 17-15 edge in shots in what was a tightly contested game. Northwestern had 11 corners to seven for the Nittany Lions. Barraco ended the game with three saves while Skubisz had 11 for Northwestern.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	OT1	OT 2	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Northwestern	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

STATS:	PSU	NU
Shots	17	15
Corners	7	11

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

3rd: PSU – Mackenzie Alessie (unassisted); 0:24
 4th: NU – Bente Baekers (Clara Roth, Ana Medina Garcia); 1:52
 2OT: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Grace Wallis); 2:30

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	77:30	1	3
NU: Annabel Skubisz	75:47	2	11
Team	1:43	0	0

#4 PENN STATE 0, #5 RUTGERS 1

Friday, Oct. 8, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (8-3, 3-2 B1G), ranked No. 4 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, dropped a hard-fought game to No. 5 Rutgers (10-2, 3-1 B1G) in a top-five Big Ten showdown Friday. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad lost 1-0 to the Scarlet Knights at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Rutgers controlled the tempo early in the game, keeping the ball in the Penn State circle for the bulk of the first period as it rolled up a 4-1 edge in shots in the opening 15:00 alone. The Nittany Lion defense, with Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa.), Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) and Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) anchoring it, kept the Knights from threatening the cage though and while Rutgers kept the pressure on Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) early, Barraco was only forced into one save.

Penn State turned the tables on Rutgers in the second period, however, picking up three shots while holding RU to none. The Nittany Lions began to pressure Rutgers and keeper Gianna Glatz, forcing Glatz into two saves. Pen State's offense also forced three penalty corners, including two late in the period. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had a shot off one corner saved by Glatz while Vos had another on a late corner saved by the Knight keeper. The two teams each had four shots in the opening half while Penn State had a 4-2 edge in penalty corners. Glatz had three saves, Barraco had one for.



Penn State's offense tried to get untracked in the third period. The Nittany Lions matched the Scarlet Knights shot-for-shot with each team picking up five. But Glatz was able to keep Penn State from finding the cage, picking up four more saves in the third period. Barraco had two saves in the period, but Rutgers was able to find the back of the cage. Three minutes into the period, Rutgers picked up a penalty corner, taken by Katie Larmour. Liz Romano's first shot was blocked, and Rachel Houston picked up the rebound, dribbled left and scored unassisted at the 11:50 mark to score the game's lone goal. The Nittany Lions and Knights battled evenly over the game's final 15:00 with Rutgers able to defend a late Lion burst that included four penalty corners in the game's final minute. But the Nittany Lions could not get a shot on cage and Rutgers held on for the close 1-0 victory. Rutgers outshot Penn State 12-11 over the course of the game but the Nittany Lions had a 12-8 edge in penalty corners. Glatz ended the game with eight saves while Barraco had six for Penn State.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	RU
Shots	11	12
Corners	12	8

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
3rd: RU – Rachel Houston (unassisted); 11:50

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	6
RU: Gianna Glatz	60:00	0	8

#4 PENN STATE 4, BUCKNELL 1

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (9-3, 3-2 B1G), ranked No. 4 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, pulled away from visiting Bucknell (6-5) for a non-conference win on Saturday. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad got three goals from sophomore Sophia Gladieux (Boyertown, Pa.) to roll to a 4-1 win at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. The teams traded early possessions and Bucknell goalie Clara McCormick made a good save on a hard Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) shot off a corner 3:00 in. Bucknell responded and moved the ball into the Penn State circle. The effort led to Bucknell's first corner with just over 8:00 on the clock. Kayla Kisthardt took the corner, sent the ball to Mackenzie Kile, who set up Mary Kate Stefanowicz for the goal at the 8:01 mark. Penn State nearly tied the game at the 2:00 mark but McCormick stopped an Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) shot and Sophia Gladieux (Boyertown, Pa.) had a backhand sail wide. The Lions trailed 1-0 after one.

Simon had a blistering backhand saved by the BU goalie and the Bison were hit with a green card less than 2:00 into the second quarter. But Penn State did not threaten during the advantage and the clock moved towards 10:00. Gladieux had a shot knocked away on a subsequent Penn State corner. The two teams traded possessions over the next 5:00 and Bucknell continued to hold on to its one goal lead deep into the second period. Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) forced a corner with 2:53 on the clock after a nice drive to the left side of the Bucknell circle. Simon drilled a shot at the Bison goalie, who made a save. But Alessie was there for the rebound and knocked the ball past McCormick for the goal, tying the game at 1-1 with 2:46 left in the half. The 1-1 score held to halftime. Penn State outshot Bucknell 13-3 in the first half and had a 3-1 lead in penalty corners. McCormick had six saves for Bucknell while Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) had one save for the Nittany Lions.

Penn State struck quickly to open up the third period. The Lions had possession, worked the ball to the right of the Bucknell circle. Gladieux received the ball at the top of the BU circle, then drove to her left and clicked off a hard backhand past McCormick to give the Nittany Lions a 2-1 lead at the 14:31 mark. Gladieux took a great pass from Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) in front of the Bison cage and forced a corner at the 7:51 mark but Penn State's corner offense could not connect. But seconds later, Gladieux would connect, taking a pass from Spisak and scoring on another backhand at the 6:01 mark to put Penn State on top 3-1. The two-goal lead for Penn State would carry into the fourth period. The Nittany Lions forced a series of quick corners to open the fourth quarter, but McCormick made a flurry of saves to keep Penn State from finding the back of the cage. Gladieux, however, was undaunted and scored her third straight goal off a nice drive in the Bucknell circle, getting the goal at the 12:07 mark to put the Lions up 4-1. Bucknell forced a penalty corner at the 9:23 mark but Barraco made a save on the play to keep the Bison from scoring. The teams battled back and forth over the next two minutes. Lion Brianna O'Donnell (Lansdale, Pa.) had a nice backhand shot saved by McCormick at the 1:30 mark in Penn State's final offensive press. The Nittany Lions wound down the clock and rolled to the 4-1 win. The Nittany Lions outshot Bucknell 25-4 over the course of the entire game and owned a 6-2 lead in penalty corners. Barraco had two saves for Penn State while McCormick collected 13 for Bucknell.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	BU
Shots	25	4
Corners	6	2

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: BU – Mary Kate Stefanowicz (Kayla Kisthardt, Mackenzie Kile)
2nd: PSU – Mackenzie Alessie (unassisted); 2:46
3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 14:31
3rd: PSU – Gladieux (Emma Spisak); 6:01
4th: PSU – Gladieux (unassisted); 12:07

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	2
BU: Clara McCormick	60:00	4	13