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NOTES: NCAA Rounds 1+2 // Nov. 9, 2021, Edition

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#4 Penn State (14-5) vs. #10 Syracuse (13-5) // 12 p.m.
#5 Maryland (13-6) vs. #13 Virginia (12-8) // 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 12, 2021

Host Site: Maryland // College Park, Md.

Winners meet in Quarterfinals

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021

Time: 1 p.m.

Host Site: Maryland // College Park, Md.

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 W, 3-1
Sun. 17 at #16 Princeton L, 2-3 (ot)
Fri. 22 at #21 Ohio State* (B1GN) W, 4-0
Sun. 24 at Michigan State* (B1GN) W, 1-0
Fri. 29 **#2 MICHIGAN*** W, 3-0 (OT)

NOVEMBER

Thr./Sun. 4-7 2021 Big Ten Tournament
at Rutgers, Piscataway, N.J.
Thur. 4 vs. #6 Maryland W, 3-2
Fri. 5 vs. #3 Rutgers L, 1-2
Fr./Sun. 12-14 NCAA Field Hockey Tournament
at Maryland, College Park, Md.
Fri. 12 vs. #10 Syracuse 12 p.m.
Sun. 14 Quarterfinals 1 p.m.

* Big Ten Game

All Times EASTERN

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	Syracuse
Overall Record	14-5	13-5
Conference Record	6-2	4-2
Goals Scored	49	61
Goals Per Game	2.58	3.39
Goals Allowed	28	21
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.47	1.17
Shots	283	333
Shots Per Game	14.9	18.5
Shots Allowed Per Game	10.7	6.4
Saves/Saves %	83/.748	49/.700
Corners	148	136
Shutouts	3	8



THIS WEEK

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; November 9, 2021 -- The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (14-5), under the direction of veteran head coach Char Morett-Curtiss, is the No. 4 overall seed in the 2021 NCAA Field Hockey Championship Tournament and will travel to the University of Maryland, one of four sites, for the first and second rounds. The Nittany Lions will face Syracuse on Friday, Nov. 12, in the first round at 12 p.m.

Penn State enters the NCAA tournament with a 14-5 record and is coming off an appearance in the Big Ten Tournament semifinals this past weekend. The Nittany Lions opened the Big Ten Tournament with a 3-2 win over No. 6 Maryland and then fell to host No. 3 Rutgers in the semifinals, 2-1. Penn State has won six of its last eight games, including victories over No. 2 Michigan and No. 6 Maryland. Syracuse enters the tournament with a 13-5 overall record. The Nittany Lions own a 24-4-1 lead in the all-time series. The two teams have not met since 2014.

"We are excited to be a part of this championship tournament," said Morett-Curtiss. "We feel very good about where the season we've had to date, and it has put us in a position to be playing for a national championship. I'm so proud of this team and how these girls have grown and improved each week. The strength of the Big Ten conference has prepared us for the competition ahead and we are excited about our match-up with Syracuse."

Regional site host Maryland meets Virginia in the other half of this site's bracket. Friday's winners will meet each other on Sunday, Nov. 14, in the NCAA quarterfinals at 1 p.m. The quarterfinal winner will head to Ann Arbor, Mich., for the national semifinals hosted by the University of Michigan. The NCAA semifinals and title games will be on Friday and Sunday, Nov. 19 and 21.

Sophomore Sophia Gladioux (Boyertown, Pa.) leads Penn State with 36 points off 17 goals and two assists. Gladioux was a first team All-Big Ten selection and a member of the 2021 Big Ten Tournament All-Tournament Team. Junior Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) was also a 2021 Big Ten Tournament All-Tournament selection after scoring all three goals in Penn State's win over Maryland in the quarterfinals. Simon has 33 points off 14 goals and five assists. Junior Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.), also a first team All-Big Ten honoree, checks in with 30 points off nine goals and a team-best 12 assists.

Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) has nine assists and was a second team All-Big Ten selection on defense. Senior Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) has 11 points off four goals and three assists. Junior goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) has 83 saves, three shutouts and a .748 save percentage for the Nittany Lions this year, playing in all but one minute over the course of the campaign.

This will be Penn State's seventh NCAA appearance in the last decade alone and for the 29th time in Morett-Curtiss' 35 seasons at Penn State.

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	544-229-17/37
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

NITTANY LIONS ADVANCE TO B1G SEMIS, GO 1-1 AT CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The Penn State Nittany Lions advanced to the semifinals of the 2021 Big Ten Tournament on Nov. 4-5 in Piscataway, N.J. Anna Simon scored all three goals in a thrilling 3-2 win over No. 6 Maryland on Nov. 4. A night later, the Nittany Lions dropped a hard-fought 2-1 game to host Rutgers in the Big Ten semifinals.

SIMON AND GLADIEUX NAMED TO 2021 ALL-BIG TEN TOURNAMENT TEAM

Junior Anna Simon and sophomore Sophia Gladieux were named to 2021 All-Big Ten Tournament Team after Penn State's run to the conference semifinals on Nov. 4-5. Simon scored all three goals in Penn State's 3-2 win over No. 6 Maryland on Nov. 4 and Gladieux scored Penn State' lone goal in the Nittany Lions' close 2-1 loss to No. 3 Rutgers on Friday in the Big Ten semifinals.

ALLESSIE/GLADIEUX FIRST TEAM ALL-B1G; VOS SECOND TEAM; ZEMAITIS SPORTSMANSHIP

Four Penn State Nittany Lions were honored by the Big Ten with the announcement of the 2021 All-Big Ten teams and Sportsmanship Award honorees the week of the Big Ten tournament. Sophia Gladieux and Mackenzie Allessie were named to the first team (Gladieux for the second time, Allessie for the third), Elena Vos was named to the second team (for the second year in a row) and Hannah Zemaitis earned Penn State Field Hockey's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award.

ALLESSIE, SPISAK, BARRACO LEAD PENN STATE TO WIN OVER #2 MICHIGAN; ALLESSIE B1G AOW

Junior Mackenzie Allessie and senior Emma Spisak each scored three points in Penn State's thrilling 3-2 overtime victory over No. 2 Michigan on Oct. 29. Both players notched a goal and an assist in the game. Spisak's was the first of the game for Penn State and Allessie's was the game winner in overtime. Goalie Brie Barraco had eight saves in the win as well. Allessie was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for her efforts (week ending Oct. 31).

BARRACO NOTCHES TWO SHUT-OUTS AS LIONS WIN AT #21 OHIO STATE AND MICHIGAN STATE

Junior keeper Brie Barraco notched two shut outs in a two-game road swing in the Big Ten on Oct. 22 and 24. Barraco and the Nittany Lions downed No. 21 Ohio State 4-0 on Friday and won 1-0 at Michigan State on Sunday.

PUNCH LEADS PENN STATE IN WIN AT LAFAYETTE

Junior Jemma Punch had a goal and an assist in Penn State's 3-1 win at Lafayette on Oct. 15. The Lions trailed 1-0 heading into the fourth period and exploded for three goals, thank in large part to a Punch assist on the first and the game winning goal less than a minute later.

PENN STATE FALLS 3-2 IN OT AT #16 PRINCETON

Junior Mackenzie Allessie scored with just :06 on the regulation clock to send the game to overtime but the Nittany Lions lost 3-2 in extra time at No. 16 Princeton on Oct. 17. Allessie had a goal and an assist in the contest.

GLADIEUX SCORES THREE GOALS IN

2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 11/8/21)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Iowa	7-1	.875	16-2	.889
2.	Penn State	6-2	.750	14-5	.737
	Rutgers	6-2	.750	18-3	.857
4.	Michigan	5-3	.625	15-3	.833
	Northwestern	5-3	.625	14-5	.737
6.	Maryland	4-4	.500	13-6	.684
7.	Indiana	2-6	.250	9-9	.500
8.	Ohio State	1-7	.125	7-11	.389
9.	Michigan State	0-8	.000	7-8	.467

Advancing to 2021 NCAA Tournament:

Penn State // Rutgers // Michigan //
Iowa // Maryland // Northwestern

NFHCA POLL (11/9/21)

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



HOME WIN OVER BUCKNELL

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

GLADIEUX LIFTS LIONS TO 2-1 (2OT) WIN OVER #4 WILDCATS; 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 Alessie during regulation that helped send the game to extra time. Gladieux, who also had two goals two days earlier in a win over Indiana, was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending Oct. 3, for her efforts.

NIITTANY 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

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. 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 Alessie 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 Alessie 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.

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 Alessie had two assists, Elena Vos 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.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Meghan Reese
Anna Simon
Emma Spisak

HONORS WON

Mackenzie Alessie

Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (10/31)
Penn State Student-Athlete of the Week (11/1)
First Team All-Big Ten

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)
First Team All-Big Ten
All-Big Ten Tournament Team

Anna Simon

Penn State Student-Athlete of the Week (9/1)
All-Big Ten Tournament Team

Elena Vos

Second Team All-Big Ten

Hannah Zemaitis

Penn State Big Ten Sportsmanship Honoree

SIMON'S HAT TRICK LEADS PENN STATE TO



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 Nov 05, 2021)
All games**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-5	7-1	6-4	1-0
CONFERENCE	6-2	3-1	3-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	8-3	4-0	3-3	1-0

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	19	17	2	36	104	.16	58	.55	5	0-0	0
Aug 29	at William & Mary	w 7-2	336	17	Simon, Anna	18	14	5	33	76	.18	43	.56	6	0-0	0
Sep 5	ST. JOSEPH'S	w 3-2	620	2	Allessie, Mackenzie	19	9	12	30	38	.23	24	.63	1	1-1	0
Sep 10	ALBANY	w 3-1	274	23	Punch, Jemma	19	2	3	7	19	.10	10	.52	2	0-0	0
Sep 12	DELAWARE	w 3-0	257	4	Spisak, Emma	19	4	3	11	13	.30	9	.69	0	0-0	0
* Sep 18	at #7 Maryland	Wot 3-2	626	6	Bednarski, Bree	19	1	1	3	9	.11	4	.44	0	0-0	0
* Sep 24	at #2 IOWA	L 0-1	329	16	O'Donnell, Brianna	18	0	0	0	7	.00	6	.85	0	0-0	0
Sep 26	at #2 IOWA	L 0-4	309	19	Wallis, Grace	17	0	1	1	6	.00	3	.50	0	0-0	0
* Oct 1	INDIANA	w 4-1	481	11	Reese, Meghan	19	1	2	4	4	.25	3	.75	0	0-0	0
* Oct 3	NORTHWESTERN	Wo2 2-1	596	8	Vos, Elena	19	0	9	9	3	.00	1	.33	0	0-0	0
* Oct 8	RUTGERS	L 0-1	374	33	Love, Kelsey	18	0	1	1	2	.00	2	1.00	0	0-0	0
Oct 9	BUCKNELL	w 4-1	525	5	Gannon, Carly	10	0	0	0	1	.00	1	1.00	0	0-0	0
Oct 15	at Lafayette	w 3-1	525	26	Schnarrs, Gery	19	1	0	2	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0-0	0
Oct 17	at #16 Princeton	Lot 2-3	450	13	Prodes, Eleni	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
* Oct 22	at #21 Ohio State	w 4-0	236	27	Taylor, Drew	1	0	1	1	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
* 10/24/2021	at Michigan State	w 1-0	225	21	Myers, Carolina	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
* Oct 29	MICHIGAN	Wot 3-2	279	18	Farrell, Emily	8	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
Nov 04	vs Maryland	w 3-2	1299	14	Delgado, Lauren	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
Nov 05	at #3 Rutgers	L 1-2	1241	7	Lamb, Julia	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				42	Mannino, Sophia	14	0	1	1	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				12	Barraco, Brie	19	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				10	Reese, Madison	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				24	Zemaitis, Hannah	4	0	1	1	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
				20	Knuvers, Anouk	16	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0	0
					Total	19	49	42	140	283	.17	165	.58	14	1-1	0
					Opponents	19	28	33	89	204	.13	111	.54	5	0-0	2

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	49-283	28-204
Goals scored per game	2.58	1.47
Shot pct.	.173	.137
Shots on goal-Attempts	165-283	111-204
SOG pct.	.583	.544
Shots/Game	14.9	10.7
PENALTY CORNERS	148	93
PENALTY STROKES	1-1	0-0
PENALTIES		
Green cards	14	15
Yellow cards	4	1
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	3406	4729
Dates/Avg Per Date	8/426	10/473
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/1299	

##	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	19	1167:54	28	2.16	83	.748	14-5-0	3/0
	Total	19	1174:41	28	2.15	83	.748	14-5-0	3
	Opponents	19	1174:41	49	3.75	116	.703	5-14-0	3

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	5	13	8	19	3	1	49
Opponents	8	7	5	7	1	0	28

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	51	64	89	67	8	4	283
Opponents	43	54	46	52	7	2	204

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	20	22	18	20	3	0	83
Opponents	21	28	38	24	2	3	116

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	27	37	46	33	2	3	148
Opponents	16	24	21	29	1	2	93



#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 Gladioux (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 Gladioux 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 Gladioux (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 Gladioux (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. Gladioux 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 Gladioux 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 Gladioux, 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 Gladioux (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 (Gladioux); 3:23
- 2nd: PSU – Meghan Reese (Gladioux); 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 Gladioux (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.

Gladioux 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 Gladioux as both players pressed the cage and Gladioux 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 Torretta 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 Knuyers ('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 (Boyetown, 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 (Boyetown, 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 Allesie (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 Allesie 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 Allesie (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

#5 PENN STATE 3, LAFAYETTE 1

Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 -- Easton, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (10-3, 3-2 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, used a fourth quarter burst to grab a road win at Lafayette (10-3) on Friday night. The Nittany Lions scored all their goals in the final period for a 3-1 non-conference victory. The Nittany Lions opened up the game taking control on offense. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) got off a quick shot just 1:30 into the game, forcing Lafayette keeper Hailey Abbott into an early save. Mackenzie Allesie (Mount Joy, Pa.) and Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) each got off shots on goal in the opening period, but Abbott kept the Lions off the board with three early saves. Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a first period save on a Molly McAndrew shot and the Nittany Lions were tied 0-0 with the Leopards. Penn State continued to dominate the ball, forcing a handful of penalty corners early in the second period but unable to get the ball past Abbott. Lafayette was able to pick up its first corner midway through the second period, but Barraco was equal to the task, making a good save on a Audrey Sawers shot at the 6:36 mark. An even battle over the last portion of the second period included a Nittany Lion shot from Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) and another Gladieux effort that Abbott saved. The teams entered the halftime break tied 0-0. Penn State outshot Lafayette 9-3 in the first half and had a 5-1 lead in penalty corners. Barraco had three saves for Penn State and Abbott kept the game tied with nine for Lafayette.

The third period opened with Lafayette forcing a corner that Penn State defended. The Lions answered with a corner of their own with both Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) and Spisak getting off shots to no avail. Gladieux had a shot off a corner saved by Abbott at the 5:58 mark in the third as well. Despite Penn State dominating the ball throughout the game, Lafayette got on the board first in the third period when Simone Hefting scored off a penalty corner to give the Leopards a 1-0 lead with 2:53 left in the third period. Lafayette carried that lead into the fourth period. Spisak quickly tied the game for the Nittany Lions to start the fourth quarter. The senior scored off a Lion penalty corner with an assist from Gladieux just over 1:30 into the final stanza, tying the game at 1-1. Gladieux then gave the Nittany Lions the lead less than a minute later, scoring after another penalty corner 2:30 into the fourth. Lafayette forced a corner with just over 10:00 left in the game but Barraco's save of a Sawers shot kept Penn State in the lead. Brianna O'Donnell (Lansdale, Pa.) had a shot knocked away by Abbott a bit after that and the clock moved below the 7:00 mark with Penn State still leading 2-1. Penn State's fourth quarter burst continued, however, at the 6:18 mark when Simon knocked in a goal to put Penn State up 3-1, giving the Lions some breathing room. The Lion defense, with Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands), Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.), Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hills, Pa.) and freshman Anouk Kruvers ('s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands) anchoring it, held Lafayette off for the remainder of the game and Penn State posted the 3-1 victory. The Nittany Lions outshot Lafayette 23-6 and had a 12-4 edge in penalty corners. Barraco had four saves for Penn State while Abbott kept Lafayette in the game with 13 saves.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	LAF
Shots	23	6
Corners	12	4

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
3rd: LAF – Simone Hefting (India Ralph, Filine Gerbrandij); 2:53
4th: PSU – Emma Spisak (Sophia Gladieux); 13:21
4th: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 12:36
4th: PSU – Anna Simon (unassisted); 6:18

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	4
LAF: Hailey Abbott	57:53	3	13
Felicitas Hannes	2:07	0	0

#5 PENN STATE 2, #16 PRINCETON 3 (OT)

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 -- Princeton, N.J.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (10-4, 3-2 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, tied the game late but lost in overtime at No. 16 Princeton (8-5) in New Jersey. Princeton scored in overtime and the Nittany Lions fell 3-2 in overtime in a battle between two top-20 teams. Princeton came out firing on offense and took an early lead. The Tigers picked up a penalty corner less than 5:00 into the contest and turned the corner into a 1-0 lead. Beth Yeager scored at the 10:19 mark off the corner to give the home team the early edge. Princeton continued to press the Lion defense, getting off two more quick shots that Lion keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made outstanding saves on. Penn State did not get its first shot until the 3:59 mark when Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) fired off a shot that Princeton keeper Isla Okkinga made a save on. Penn State got dinged for a green card late in the opening period, but the Lions were able to kill the penalty and first period ended with the Nittany Lions trailing 1-0. The home team fired off two shots in close to start the second period, with Barraco netting two early saves to keep the game at 1-0. Penn State then pushed the ball downfield where Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) had a shot saved by Okkinga. The Lions picked up a penalty corner in the process and tied the game up on the ensuing set. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) scored off the corner set, with assists from Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) and Mackenzie Allesie (Mount Joy, Pa.) to tie the game with 12:20 left in the second period. Simon's goal energized the Penn State offense, and the Lions went on attack. Gladieux got off two shots in the next two minutes, but the Tiger defense held. Princeton managed to work the ball into the Penn State circle midway through the second period where it forced a corner with under 8:00 left. Barraco made another save to keep the game tied. The Lion defense withstood three more Princeton shots down the stretch and the game moved to halftime tied 1-1. Princeton outshot Penn State 10-7 in the opening half and had a 3-2 lead in corners. Barraco had five saves for Penn State while Okkinga had two for the Tigers.

Like the game's first two quarters, Princeton had the first offensive opportunity in the third. Sammy Popper fired a shot at the Lion goal just 1:30 into the period but Barraco once again proved too much, picking up her sixth save of the game to keep the Lions knotted at 1-1. Penn State responded



quickly though, forcing a penalty corner a minute later. Simon's shot off the corner set was blocked, however. Princeton picked up a corner of its own at the 10:46 mark but the Lions defended the effort easily. The teams traded shots over the next eight minutes with no scoring. Gladieux had a late shot slide wide with just 1:30 left in the period, which was followed by a green card called on Princeton. The Nittany Lions held a player advantage for the rest of the period and entered the fourth tied 1-1. Princeton began the fourth period with a quick goal to take a 2-1 lead. Grace Schulze scored just 0:59 into the final stanza, with an assist from McCarthy. Penn State quickly worked the ball downfield and forced a corner two minutes later. But Gladieux's shot off the corner play was blocked, and Penn State trailed by one with 12:00 to play. Alessie had a shot saved by Okkinga as the clock hit 10:00 as well. The Nittany Lions maintained possession and picked up a penalty corner with 6:39 left to play. But Okkinga made another save on the ensuing Lion shot and Princeton maintained its 2-1 lead. Princeton forced its first corner of the fourth period with 5:27 left to play and Barraco made a save on a Yeager shot to keep the Lions close. Penn State regained possession needing a goal to tie the game and quickly reeled off three shots. But two went wide and Okkinga made a save on the other as the clock hit the 3:00 mark. Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) forced a corner with 2:31 left. Simon's shot off the corner set was blocked but Penn State quickly picked up another corner as the clock moved into its final minute of regulation. A Gladieux shot was blocked by the Tiger defense. But Penn State kept possession of the ball and with just :06 on the clock, Alessie scored unassisted to tie the game at 2-2 and send the game to overtime. The seven-on-seven overtime period began with Penn State controlling the ball. Gladieux had a first shot sail just wide two minutes into the extra period. But Princeton would counter less than a minute later. Sammy Popper took an assist from Hannah Davey with 7:41 left in the extra period and scored the game winner, giving the Tigers a 3-2 overtime win. Penn State outshot Princeton 21-16 overall but the Tigers owned a 12-8 lead in shots on goal. The Nittany Lions had a 7-5 lead in corners as well. Barraco ended the game with nine saves while Okkinga had six for Princeton

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	PRIN
Shots	21	16
Corners	7	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: PRIN – Beth Yeager (Ali McCarthy, Opelie Bemelmans); 10:19
 2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (Elena Vos, Mackenzie Alessie); 12:20
 4th: PRIN – Grace Schulze (McCarthy); 14:01
 4th: PSU – Alessie (unassisted); 0:05
 OT: PRIN – Sammy Popper (Hannah Davey); 7:41

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	62:19	3	9
PRIN: Isla Okkinga	62:19	2	6

#7 PENN STATE 4, #21 OHIO STATE xx

Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 -- Columbus, Ohio

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (11-4, 4-2 B1G), ranked No. 7 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, dominated No. 21 Ohio State (7-8, 1-5 B1G) in a Big Ten road battle. The Nittany Lions turned a one-goal lead entering the fourth period into a 4-0 win in the contest, seen nationally on the Big Ten Network. The first period began with each team making an early trip into the other's circle. But neither goal was seriously threatened in the first five minutes. Lion junior Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) took a pass from Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) at the 9:00 mark and nearly got the ball past Buckeye goalie Abby Danson, but Danson was able to kick the ball away and keep Penn State off the board. Three minutes later, Penn State's Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) hit the far post on a driving effort past Danson, but the ball bounced away and the game moved deeper into the first period tied 0-0. Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) and the Nittany Lion defense kept the pressure off Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) during middle part of the first period, allowing the Nittany Lion midfield and offense to control the action. The Buckeyes did pressure Barraco and the Lion defense as the clock moved below 5:00, but Penn State regained possession. Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) worked the ball into the Buckeye circle and forced the first penalty corner of the game at the :28 mark. Ohio State defended the corner and the first period ended in a scoreless tie. Alessie began the second period the way she ended the first, forcing a corner just 1:12 into the period. Sophomore Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) paid the effort off, using her strong backhand to score with an assist from Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) off the corner set. The goal put Penn State up 1-0 with 13:46 on the clock. The Nittany Lions and Buckeyes traded possessions over the next three minutes before Penn State picked up a green card. Anouk Knuvers ('s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands) cleared away Ohio State's offensive push off the card and Penn State successfully killed the card. Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) and Gladieux forced a corner with 7:43 left in the half for Penn State. Hanson made a save on shots from Punch and Spisak off the set. Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) stole the ball as Ohio State tried to work the ball downfield, allowing Penn State to keep the pressure on the Buckeye defense. A Penn State corner led to a Simon shot that Hanson knocked back. Alessie nearly scored off the rebound, but the ball hit her body before finding the cage and the goal did not count. Penn State kept the pressure on by forcing another corner, but the Lion shot went wide with 4:48 left in the period. The Buckeyes picked up their first corner with 4:00 on the clock. Ohio State got off two shots on goal and Barraco made saves on both. Ohio State was awarded another corner off the second save but the shot went wide, and Penn State maintained its 1-0 lead. Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa.) used a great aerial pass into the Buckeye circle helped the Lions pick up another corner with 2:10 left. Penn State did not threaten off the set and settled for a 1-0 lead at the break. Penn State outshot Ohio State 7-5 in the first half and had six corners to just two for the Buckeyes. Barraco had on save for Penn State while Danson had two for Ohio State.

Ohio State began the second half by pushing the ball into the Lion circle and getting off a good shot that went just wide two minutes into the third period. The Buckeyes kept the ball on the Penn State side of the field for the next few minutes. But the Lions were able to return action to in front of Danson and the OSU cage. Gladieux had a point-blank backhand blocked with 10:00 on the clock, just missing on giving Penn State a two-goal lead. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) and Gladieux tried to connect on a fast break at the midway point, but the Buckeyes held. Gladieux had another backhand knocked away by Danson at the 7:10 mark, too. Bednarski finished off a fast break started by Wallis

by forcing a penalty corner with 4:10 left in the third. Ohio State defended the corner, but Penn State forced another. The Lion shot off the next set was deflected out of bounds with 3:20 left in the third. The teams played evenly over the remaining minutes and the game moved into the fourth period with the Lions leading 1-0. The Nittany Lions had possession to start the fourth period and picked up a corner just two minutes in when Love fed Gladieux from the right side with a nice pass. But the Lion shot off the corner was wide left as the clock hit the 13:00 mark. Penn State kept the ball on the Buckeye side and the consistent pressure paid off. Punch moved the ball in from the right side, entered the circle and made a quick short pass to Gladieux, who knocked the ball past Danson for a second goal with 10:33 left in the fourth period to give the Nittany Lions a 2-0 lead. The Lions withstood a brief Buckeye foray into the Penn State circle and went to back to work on offense. Brianna O'Donnell (Lansdale, Pa.) drove the ball down the middle of the field and made an outstanding pass to Bendarski, who made two moves and knocked in the goal at the 6:25 mark to put Penn State up 3-0. Ohio State pressured the Lion defense for a bit as the clock moved towards the final minutes. The Buckeyes forced a corner with 3:18 left to play but the Lion defense prevented Ohio State from getting off a solid shot. Alessie finished off the game in perfect fashion for the OSU transfer, slipping through the Ohio State defense and scoring unassisted with just :04 left to play to make the final 4-0 Penn State. Penn State outshot Ohio State 15-11 and had a 9-3 edge in corners. Barraco had one save for Penn State, picking up her second shutout of the year. Danson had five for Ohio State

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	OSU
Shots	15	11
Corners	9	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

2nd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Anna Simon); 13:46
 4th: PSU – Gladieux (Jemma Punch); 10:33
 4th: PSU – Bree Bednarski (unassisted); 6:25
 4th: PSU – Mackenzie Alessie (unassisted); 0:04

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	0	1
OSU: Abby Danson	60:00	4	5

#7 PENN STATE 1, MICHIGAN STATE 0

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 -- East Lansing, Mich.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (12-4, 5-2 B1G), ranked No. 7 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, used a fourth quarter goal to down Michigan State (7-7, 0-7) in East Lansing. The Nittany Lions downed the Spartans 1-0 in the game seen nationally on the Big Ten Network. The Nittany Lions were on attack from the beginning of the game. The Lion attack dominated action, keeping the ball, predominantly, on the Spartan side of the field during the opening minutes of the game. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) got off a quick shot just :09 into the game, forcing Spartan goalie Monique Jardell into an early save. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had an early shot go wide just seconds later. Michigan State was able to keep Penn State off the board during the first five minutes despite the bulk of the action occurring in the MSU circle. Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) used a solo fast break at the 7:45 mark to force penalty corner, but Simon's shot skipped just wide off the set. A Penn State green card at the 6:00 mark gave MSU a player advantage, but Penn State continued to press on offense. Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) drove the ball deftly on the right side of the MSU circle and forced another corner at the 4:41 mark. Simon's shot was blocked high, and action continued with the green card released. Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa.) made a quick steal with 2:15 and fed Alessie in the midfield. But the Spartans were able to defend the effort. Michigan State moved the ball into the Lion circle in the period's final seconds and picked up a corner with just :01 on the clock. Lion keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a save on the corner, but another was awarded with no time on the clock. The shot off the second corner went wide, and the first period ended in a scoreless tie. The Spartans began the second period with the ball, but Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) stole the ball early in the Spartan possession, fed Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) who dished to Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) as action moved into the Spartan circle. Michigan State was able to stop the push and regain possession and the clock moved to the 12:00 mark. Penn State was unable to break through the Spartan defense as the second period clock hit 9:00 but kept the pressure on. Simon fed Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) right in front of the cage with 8:40 left but Punch's shot was blocked, and the game continued at 0-0. Gladieux launched a rocket of a backhand with 6:10 left that Jardell made a save on. Penn State kept possession of the ball and Simon forced a corner with 4:56 on the clock. But the Spartan defense defended the Lion corner effort and the game continued tied 0-0. Gladieux led a fast break at the 4:00 mark and fed Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) who worked the ball into the Spartan circle. After a quick change of possession, Alessie stole the ball and forced a corner at 3:47. Gladieux's shot off the corner that was just high. The teams traded possession over the last minutes and the game moved to intermission tied 0-0. Penn State outshot Michigan State 7-3 and had a 4-3 edge in corners. Barraco had two saves while Jardell had three for MSU.

Michigan State pushed the ball into the Lion zone to start the third period, but Penn State's defense pushed back. Freshman Anouk Knuvers ('s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands) stole the ball and the Lion offense took over. The Spartan defense continued to keep Penn State off the board as the clock hit the 10:00 mark in the third period. The Nittany Lions forced their first corner of the second half with 8:19 on the clock. Gladieux's shot banked off the cage's left post. The Lion sophomore fired off a backhand seconds later that Jardell had to knock down with 7:04 left and a Lion corner ensued. Once again, however, the Spartans defended the play and the clock moved under 6:00. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) had two solid, close shots knocked away by Jardell with under 4:00 left in the period, with the second ending in a Penn State corner. Michigan State defended the corner, which led to another corner, another save on a Gladieux shot, and another corner with 3:40 left. Alessie's shot off the third consecutive corner was just wide. Gladieux nearly scored on another backhand with 1:40 left but Jardell notched another save. With 1:13 left in the third, Penn State picked up a penalty corner with Alessie launching a shot that was blocked at the 1:03 mark, leading to another Lion corner. Michigan State defended two more Lion shots off the set and the third period ended tied 0-0. Michigan State had possession to start the fourth period, but Knuvers made a great defensive steal on the onset and the Lion offense moved the ball back down field. Spisak and Gladieux worked the ball into the Spartan circle once more with 12:00 on the clock and forced another corner, Penn State's 11th of the game. This time, the corner set worked. Punch took the corner, fed Vos, who dished to Alessie. Alessie found Simon to the right of the circle and launched a hard shot past Jardell to give Penn State a 1-0



lead with 11:52 left in the game. The Penn State offense continued to control the ball, keeping action in or near the MSU circle for the next few minutes. Simon and the Lion offense pushed the ball around the Spartan circle as the clock hit the 6:30 mark but Michigan State's defense held, preventing Penn State from increasing its one-goal lead. Michigan State then had its best offensive series of the game. The Spartans moved the ball deep into the Penn State circle as the clock moved to 5:00, forcing Barraco and the Penn State defense into action. A Spartan corner seconds later led to a missed shot and another Spartan corner. Michigan State's shot missed just wide on the second corner with Meghan Reese and the Lion corner defense holding off the effort. Gladioux made a drive into the MSU circle, and the Lions picked up another penalty corner with 2:58 left in the game. Her shot off the corner set was blocked wide. Penn State spent the final minutes killing the clock and the Lions used Simon's late goal to grab the 1-0 win. Penn State dominated the statistics if not the scoreboard. The Lions outshot MSU 24-6 and had a 13-5 lead in corners. Barraco had two saves for Penn State while Jardell had 10 for the Spartans.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	MSU
Shots	24	6
Corners	13	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

4th: PSU – Anna Simon (Mackenzie Allesie); 11:52

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	0	2
MSU: Monique Jardell	60:00	1	10

#7 PENN STATE 3, #2 MICHIGAN 2 (OT)

Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (13-4, 6-2 B1G), ranked No. 7 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, took down No. 2 Michigan (13-3, 5-3 B1G) in a Big Ten field hockey showdown. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad scored late in overtime to post a 3-2 (OT) win over the Wolverines at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex on Senior Night. The win over the second-ranked Wolverines capped off Senior Night and helped Penn State finish the regular season with a 13-4 record, 6-2 in the Big Ten and tied for second place in the final regular season standings. All the scoring in the rain-soaked affair came in the second half and overtime. The game was played in a driving rain throughout, and scoring was hard to come by early in the game. The first period was dominated by midfield play with each team mustering a lone shot, neither of which were on goal. Penn State's best chance in the opening period was a late penalty corner with just :43 on the clock. But the shot off the set was just wide, and the first period ended in a 0-0 tie. Michigan began to press the Penn State defense in the second period while the Nittany Lions worked to get its offense on track. The Wolverines notched the second period's only two shots and Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made an outstanding save on the second. The UM shot came off the team's first penalty corner, just 2:44 into the second period. Penn State did not muster a shot or corner in the second, but Barraco's save kept the game scoreless and the game moved to halftime still tied 0-0. Michigan outshot Penn State 3-1 in the opening half and had a 2-1 corner edge. Barraco had one save for the Nittany Lions while Michigan's Anna Spiekier had none.

The third period began with Michigan working the ball quickly into Penn State's circle and forcing a penalty corner with 14:22 on the clock. But the ensuing Wolverine shot was wide, and Penn State went to work. The Nittany Lions worked the ball down the field, led by junior Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia). Punch led the fast break down the far sideline and fed classmate Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) at the top of the circle. Simon passed the ball deftly across to senior Emma Spisak (Bolling Springs, Pa.), who knocked the ball past Spiekier for the game's first goal. Spisak's effort put Penn State up 1-0 at the 13:21 mark. Penn State continued to keep the offensive pressure on, forcing a corner a couple minutes later. Sophia Gladioux (Boyertown, Pa.) got off a hard shot that the Michigan defense blocked to keep the game close. The team's traded bars for the bulk of the third period after that and Penn State carried the 1-0 lead into the fourth period. Barraco had four saves in the third period alone. The Nittany Lion defense was tested during the fourth period. Michigan forced a penalty corner at the 8:38 mark. Barraco made a great save on the original shot, but Michigan's Alana Richardson scored unassisted off the rebound with 8:28 left to play to tie the game up at 1-1. The Wolverines were energized by the goal, controlling the action over the next five minutes. Barraco made another save off another Michigan corner with under 4:00 to play. Michigan was awarded a corner after the save and connected on the set. Sofia Southam scored with and assist from Anouk Veen with just 2:53 left to give UM a 2-1 lead. But the Nittany Lions did not panic. Penn State regained possession and moved into the Michigan circle where the Lions picked up a penalty corner with 1:54 left. Gladioux tied the game up, scoring off the corner set with assists from Mackenzie Allesie (Mount Joy, Pa.) and Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands). The goal came at the 1:45 mark and tied the game at 2-2. Barraco made one last, late save in regulation to send the contest into overtime tied 2-2. The extra period began with Penn State picking up a quick green card, forcing the team to play an early two-minute stint a player down. Barraco made a superb save on an early Michigan shot after the card and the Nittany Lion defense killed the corner. Midway through the overtime period, Michigan picked up a penalty corner. Penn State's defense blocked the first shot off the corner and Barraco made a save on the second. The Nittany Lions moved the ball into the Wolverine circle and found the back of the cage wit just over 2:00 to play. Simon took a hard shot that Spiekier made a save on. The Nittany Lions regained possession. Spisak got control of the ball and made a slick pass to Allesie who made a quick move and sent the ball past the UM goalie for the game-winning goal at the 2:20 mark. Allesie's goal lifted Penn State to the 3-2 (OT) win. Michigan outshot Penn State 16-7 and had a 7-3 edge in penalty corners. But Barraco's eight saves helped spur Penn State on to victory. Spiekier had one for Michigan.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	MICH
Shots	7	16
Corners	3	7

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

3rd: PSU – Emma Spisak (Anna Simon, Jemma Punch); 13:21

4th: MICH – Alana Richardson (unassisted); 8:28

4th: MICH – Sofia Southam (Anouk Veen); 2:53

4th: PSU – Sophia Gladioux (Mackenzie Allesie, Elena Vos); 1:45

OT: PSU – Allesie (Spisak); 2:20

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	67:40	2	8
MICH: Anna Spiekier	67:40	3	1

#7 PENN STATE 3, #6 MARYLAND 2

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 -- B1G Qtr. -- Piscataway, N.J.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (14-4), ranked No. 7 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, used a hat trick from junior Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) to beat No. 6 Maryland (13-6) in the quarterfinals of the 2021 Big Ten Tournament, hosted by Rutgers University. Simon scored all three goals for head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad in a 3-2 win over Maryland in Piscataway, N.J. The victory moves Penn State into tomorrow's Big Ten semifinals. Each team had early chances in the other's circle, but it was Maryland who forced a corner at the 13:03 mark. Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made the save on the first corner and then another on a subsequent one. Seconds later, Simon fired off a hard shot that Maryland goalie Noelle Frost knocked away. Maryland was able to control the ball over the next few minutes, keeping the ball in the Nittany Lion circle and forcing another penalty corner at the 7:35 mark. The Terrapins connected on the corner set, with Bibi Donraadt connecting with 7:33 on the clock to give the Terrapins a 1-0 lead. Penn State responded by working the ball down into the Maryland circle and forcing a corner with 4:33 left in the period. But the Lions could not connect on the set. Sophia Gladioux (Boyertown, Pa.) and the Lion offense picked up another corner with 3:56 on the clock. Simon's pass to Gladioux off the corner was intercepted, but Penn State forced another corner. Mackenzie Allesie (Mount Joy, Pa.) sent the corner to Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) who set up Simon. Simon's launch from the top of the circle found the back of the cage and Penn State tied the game 1-1 with 3:33 left in the opening period. Maryland quickly moved the ball into the Lion circle, but Barraco knocked the Maryland shot away. Penn State drove downfield and Allesie fed Emma Spisak (Bolling Springs, Pa.) in front of the goal, forcing a corner. Maryland defended the late Penn State attempt and the game moved to the second period tied 1-1. The two teams each had chances early in the second period to get on the board. The Lion defense, with Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa.), Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) and Anouk Knuevers ('s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands) in the backfield, pushed back on Maryland and the Nittany Lions regained possession. Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) moved the ball into Maryland territory, eventually ending on the end of Spisak's stick. The Lion senior forced a corner with 10:29 on the clock. But Simon's shot was blocked. Penn State kept possession and Gladioux launched a backhand at the 10:08 mark that Frost saved. Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) nearly scored off the rebound, but the ball was just outside as the clock hit the 10:00 mark. Penn State continued to press the Terrapin defense, keeping the ball near or in the Maryland circle. Maryland was able to work the ball down into the Lion circle where Donraadt took a shot that Barraco made a save on. But Maryland picked up a corner off the rebound with 7:08 left. Maryland scored once again off its corner offense. This time, Hope Rose scored off the corner with 7:07 left in the first half. With 2:30 left in the half, Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) worked the ball down the far sideline. Allesie received the ball, fed Gladioux in the circle and the Lions picked up a penalty corner with 1:58 on the clock. Allesie, fed Vos and Simon shot low at Frost. The Terrapin made the save but Simon moved in, took control of the rebound and used a fast backhand to pick up the goal with 1:45 to play. Simon's second goal of the game sent the Nittany Lions into the halftime break tied 2-2 with Maryland. Penn State outshot Maryland 8-6 in the opening half and had a 6-4 edge in penalty corners. Barraco had four saves for Penn State while Frost had three for the Terrapins.

The Nittany Lions worked the ball into the Maryland zone with Gladioux, Punch and Allesie controlling the ball at the top of the circle. Penn State's early pressure forced a penalty corner at the 13:01 mark. Gladioux rocketed a backhand that Frost blocked, Reese's rebound effort just missed, and the game continued tied 2-2. The teams traded possessions over the next five minutes with neither team getting a shot on goal as the clock moved towards the 8:00 mark. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) used a drive down the near sideline and nearly forced a corner. Maryland was able to regain possession and drove the downfield, breaking through the Lion defense. An errant Penn State pass gave Maryland's Donraadt a near-open cage to shoot at, but Barraco and Knuevers forced the Terrapin into a high shot, keeping the game tied 2-2 at the 7:30 mark. Maryland forced a corner just over 2:00 later, setting their offense at the 5:08 mark. But the Lions defended the effort and immediately drove the ball downfield. Bednarski fed Simon whose shot was just wide. But the Nittany Lions continued to press after the shot and forced a corner with 4:18 on the clock. Simon's shot was high and blocked away and the clock moved below 4:00. Brianna O'Donnell (Lansdale, Pa.) and the Lion midfield moved the ball into the Maryland circle, but the Terrapin defense held firm. Gladioux took the ball into the Maryland circle as the clock moved below :20 and forced a penalty corner with just :06 on the clock. Gladioux's backhand was blocked as was Punch's rebound. The game moved to the fourth period tied 0-0. Penn State's offense went on attack to start the final period. Punch moved the ball downfield and into the Maryland circle. She fed Spisak who got a shot on goal that Frost was able to knock back. But Simon, once again, was on the spot for the rebound. The junior knocked the rebound past Frost for her third goal of the game, putting Penn State up 3-2 just :29 into the final period at the 14:31 mark. Penn State continued to pressure Maryland after the goal. Allesie took a shot from the top of the circle and Frost kicked the ball away. Maryland and Penn State worked the midfield over the next five minutes. The Terrapins pushed the ball into the Penn State zone at the 9:00 mark but the Nittany Lion defense regained the ball and Simon worked it down the near side. The Lion junior blasted a past cross the Maryland circle. Wallis and Bednarski each nearly scored but Frost blocked Wallis' effort and Bednarski's rebound slipped just wide with 6:20 left to play. As the clock moved below 5:00, Maryland pulled goalie Frost to get a player advantage with 4:15 left to play. Penn State went on attack. The Nittany Lions worked the ball into the Maryland circle with Simon feeding Gladioux in front of the cage. The Lion push forced a corner with 3:33 on the clock and Frost off of the game for Maryland. Simon's shot off the first corner was blocked by a Maryland defender. Penn State picked up another corner six



seconds later. Alessie fed Gladieux whose shot was just high, giving the ball back to Maryland with 3:01 to play. Penn State's offense was able to work the clock down to the 1:30 mark before Maryland regained possession briefly. But Schnarrs forced a turnover on the far side and action continued in the midfield. Love regained the ball with :25 left and killed the clock on the near sideline for Penn State and the Nittany Lions moved into the semifinals with a 3-2 win. Penn State outshot Maryland 15-9, dominating the second half. The Nittany Lions had 11 corners to just five for Maryland. Barraco and Frost each had four saves in the game.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	MD
Shots	15	9
Corners	11	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 1st: MD – Bibi Donraadt (Riley Donnelly); 7:33
- 1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Mackenzie Alessie, Elena Vos); 3:33
- 2nd: MD – Hope Rose (Julianna Tornetta, Emma DeBerdine); 7:07
- 2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (unassisted); 1:45
- 4th: PSU – Anna Simon (unassisted); 14:31

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	4
MD: Noelle Frost	56:00	3	4
Team	4:00	0	0

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	RU
Shots	9	6
Corners	5	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 1st: RU – Bridy Molyneaux (Katie Larmour); 8:32
- 3rd: RU – Cassidy Shetler (Redlingshoefer); 1:40
- 4th: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 8:50

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	4
RU: Gianna Glatz	60:00	1	4

#7 PENN STATE 1, #3 RUTGERS 2

Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 -- B1G Semis -- Piscataway, N.J.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (14-5), ranked No. 7 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, dropped a hard-fought game at No. 3 Rutgers (17-3) in the semifinals of the 2021 Big Ten Tournament, hosted by Rutgers University. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad lost 2-1 to the home-standing Scarlet Knights in Piscataway, N.J. Penn State will now await word of an NCAA bid, announced Sunday night. The first period began with a high pace with each team moving the ball through the midfield into the other's zone. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) and Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) worked the ball into the Rutgers circle at the 13:00 mark but the Scarlet Knight defense held early. Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) continued to press the ball into the Scarlet circle, forcing the game's first penalty corner at the 10:16 mark. Anna Simon's (Hanau, Germany) hard shot off the corner set was blocked off the corner set. Rutgers answered, however. The Knights moved the ball quickly into Penn State's circle. Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) knocked away the first Knight shot, but Bridy Molyneaux knocked the rebound in at the 8:32 mark to give RU a 1-0 lead. Penn State, with Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) and Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) on attack, shifted action to the RU zone over the next five minutes. The Rutgers defense denied Penn State's offense any clear looks at the cage as the clock moved below the 3:00 mark. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) stole an RU pass at the 2:00 mark and hit Gladieux in front of the cage. The Lion sophomore's shot was blocked by Rutgers keeper Gianna Glatz and the Nittany Lions trailed 1-0 after one. Penn State quickly worked the ball into the Rutgers circle to start the second period. Both Punch and Simon had crossing passes defended in the first couple minutes. While Rutgers was able to knock the ball back into the midfield, Penn State maintained possession as the clock hit 10:00. Brianna O'Donnell (Lansdale, Pa.) made another crossing pass at the 9:00 mark but the effort did not connect. Simon pressed the ball from the midfield into the circle as well, but RU's defense held. Penn State's pressure led to a penalty corner at the 5:57 mark. Simon's hard shot off the set was blocked, and the game continued with Rutgers on top by one. Rutgers picked up a corner less than a minute later, but Barraco made a save on the ensuing shot. A Bednarski to Alessie to Wallis burst nearly got by Glatz at the 2:50 mark but the effort missed just wide. Penn State had one last chance in the Rutgers circle as the first half ended but Simon's late pushed slid out of bounds and the Nittany Lions trailed 1-0 at the break. Penn State outshot Rutgers 4-3 in the first half and had a 2-1 edge in corners. Both Barraco and Glatz had two saves each in the opening 30:00.

The Nittany Lions began the third period with Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) intercepting a pass in the midfield and working the ball downfield. Gladieux rocketed off a hard backhand and Glatz was able to knock the shot away in the opening minute. Penn State picked up a green card at the 11:16 mark and Rutgers had a player advantage. Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) made a great steal to the side of the Rutgers circle, helping to work the clock down and kill the penalty. Reese dove to keep the ball in bounds on a Lion break but Rutgers was able to regain possession in their own circle. Penn State, however, effectively killed the penalty and the game continued even strength with 9:00 left in the third period. Rutgers took advantage of a Penn State turnover to pick up a corner at the 6:36 mark. Barraco made an outstanding save on the ensuing Rutgers shot to keep the score 1-0 as the clock hit 5:45. Alessie made a great pass at the 3:45 mark but the deflection off the effort just missed. Rutgers worked the ball into the Penn State circle with 1:41 left in the period, forcing a corner after a Barraco save. The Knights connected on their corner effort with Cassidy Shetler scoring at the 1:40 mark to give Rutgers a 2-0 lead. Gladieux forced a penalty corner back in the Rutgers circle with :27 on the clock but the Knights were able to defend the effort and carry the two-goal lead into the fourth period. Penn State took the opening possession and worked the ball into the Rutgers circle to start the fourth period but once again RU's defense was able to stifle the Penn State attack. Vos made a steal on a subsequent Rutgers press and led a fast break back down to the Knight side of the field. Rutgers' defense was able to keep Penn State from getting close to the cage and work the clock down under 10:00. Penn State continued to work the ball into the Rutgers circle. Simon moved the ball from right to left into the circle and fed Gladieux, who found the back of the cage with a hard backhand, cutting Rutgers lead to 2-1 with 8:50 left to play in the game. The Scarlet Knights were able to work over three minutes off the clock by moving the ball down into the Penn State circle. But Vos and the Lion defense regained possession and moved the ball downfield. The Lions had two chances on the possession, but each effort just missed. With just 1:12 left in the game, Gladieux forced a penalty corner as Penn State looked to tie the game. Gladieux's shot was knocked away by a Rutgers defender, Alessie's shot off the rebound was blocked, and the clock moved under 1:00. The corner effort was Penn State's last chance to tie the game and the Nittany Lions dropped a tough 2-1 game. Penn State outshot Rutgers 9-6 over the course of the entire game and had a 5-3 edge in penalty corners. Both Barraco and Glatz had four saves. Penn State is now 14-5 while Rutgers moves to 17-3.