



# 2020 FIELD HOCKEY

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## NOTES: March 16, 2021, Edition

### THIS WEEK'S ACTION

**#7 Penn State (2-3, 2-1 B1G) at Michigan State (1-4, 1-3 B1G)**

**DATE: Friday, March 19 and**

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

**SITE: University Park, Pa.**

**Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss**

**Michigan State Head Coach: Helen Knull**

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 33-10  
Last Meeting: W, 3-1 (10/18/19)

*2020-21 scheduling note: In instances where teams are schedule to play each other twice, only the first game between opponents is considered for the Big Ten regular season standings.*

### 2020-21 SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY (2021)

Fri. 26 vs. Michigan\*# ppd.  
Sun. 28 vs. Iowa\*# L, 0-1

#### MARCH (2021)

Fri. 5 vs. Northwestern\*# W, 2-1 (so)  
Sun. 7 vs. Iowa# L, 0-1  
**Fri. 12 MARYLAND\* W, 3-0**  
**Sun. 14 MARYLAND L, 2-3**  
Fri. 19 at Michigan State\* 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 21 at Michigan State 12:00 p.m.

#### APRIL (2021)

Fri. 2 at Rutgers\* 1:00 p.m.  
Sun. 4 at Rutgers 12:00 p.m.  
**Fri. 9 INDIANA\* 3:00 p.m.**  
**Sun. 11 INDIANA 12:00 p.m.**  
**Fri. 16 OHIO STATE\* 3:00 p.m.**  
**Sat. 17 OHIO STATE 1:00 p.m.**

Tue.-Sat. 20-24 Big Ten Tournament  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

# at Virginia Beach, Va.

\* Big Ten Game

### THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	Michigan State
Overall Record	2-3	1-4
Conference Record	2-1	1-3
Goals Scored	6	4
Goals Per Game	1.20	0.80
Goals Allowed	6	12
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.20	2.40
Shots	59	25
Shots Per Game	11.8	5.0
Shots Allowed Per Game	12.4	12.2
Saves/Saves %	33/.846	25/.676
Corners	24	17
Shutouts	1	1



## THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; March 16, 2021 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (2-3, 2-1 B1G) trek to East Lansing, Mich., for two games this weekend. The Nittany Lions battle the Michigan State Spartans (1-4, 1-3 B1G) on Friday, March 19, at 3 p.m. and then meet them again on Sunday, March 21, at 12 p.m.

For the 2020-21 Big Ten season, the Big Ten has stated that in cases where teams are scheduled to play each other twice during the year, only the first meeting counts towards the Big Ten regular season standings.

Penn State is coming off a weekend split with visiting Maryland. The Nittany Lions shut out the Terrapins 3-0 on Friday at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex and then fell victim to a late goal in a 3-2 loss to Maryland on Sunday.

Michigan State is coming off two tough losses at Rutgers last weekend. The Spartans dropped a 2-0 game on Friday and then fell 5-1 on Sunday. Michigan State also has losses to Northwestern and Maryland and owns a 2-0 win over Indiana.

The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series with Michigan State 33-10. Penn State won the last meeting, a 3-1 win in East Lansing on Oct. 18, 2019.

Penn State is ranked No. 7 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll (3/16/21). The Nittany Lions will travel to Rutgers on Friday and Sunday, April 2 and 4, for two contests.

Fans are encouraged to follow the Nittany Lion field hockey team online at [www.GoPSUsports.com](http://www.GoPSUsports.com) (click teams, click field hockey), on twitter @pennstateFH and on facebook at [www.facebook.com/pennstatefieldhockey](http://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	537-222-17/36
Record at Penn State/Years	503-206-8/33
Associate Head Coach	Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State, 1989)
Technical Director/Assistant Coach	Stuart Smith (Ohio State, 2008)
Director of Operations	Lauren Smith

### TEAM INFORMATION

2019 Record	8-12
2019 Big Ten Record	4-4
2019 Big Ten Tournament	2-1 (2nd)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	15/4
Starters Returning/Lost	7/4
Newcomers	5
All-Time Record	705-280-37
All-Time Big Ten Record	144-637-1
All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record	33-19
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

### BREE BEDNARSKI B1G OFFENSIVE AOW (3/16)

Senior Bree Bednarski was named Big Ten field hockey Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending 3/14/21. Bednarski tallied points in each of Penn State's home games against Maryland this weekend at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Bednarski assisted on Penn State's first goal Friday, taking the penalty corner that led to an Anna Simon goal in the team's 3-0 shutout victory over the Terrapins. Two days later, Bednarski kept Penn State in contention in a tough 3-2 loss to Maryland. Bednarski had a goal and an assist in the game.

### NITTANY LIONS SPLIT WEEKEND SERIES WITH VISITING MARYLAND

Anna Simon and Sophia Gladioux each had a goal and an assist and Brie Barraco collected seven saves in a 3-0 shutout win over Maryland on Friday, March 12, in the first of two games against the Terrapins. The win counted in the Big Ten standings as well. Two days later, Maryland scored a late goal to walk away with a 3-2 win at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Bree Bednarski had a goal and an assist in the contest.

### BARRACO GRABS 12 SAVES, LIONS DOWN WILDCATS IN SHOOT OUT

Sophomore goalie Brie Barraco collected 12 saves in Penn State's March 5 win over Northwestern in Virginia Beach. Her outstanding effort in the cage led Penn State to a 2-1 victory in a shoot out. Bree Bednarski scored the Lions' goal in regulation and the team won the shoot out 4-3, with Barraco stopping two Northwestern shots.

### PENN STATE DROPS TWO 1-0 GAMES TO IOWA

The Penn State Nittany Lions battled Iowa evenly for the entirety of its season opener on Feb. 28, but dropped a close 1-0 game to the Hawkeyes. While the teams were basically dead-even statistically, Iowa used a fourth quarter goal to secure the victory. A week later, the two teams met again in Virginia Beach and this time Iowa made a second period goal stand, in the game played on March 7.

### PENN STATE RANKED #7 IN NFHCA POLL

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) announced that the first coaches poll of the 2020-21 season would be released on March 16. The Nittany Lions are ranked No. 7 in the rankings.

### TRIO OF LIONS NAMED TO BIG TEN'S PRESEASON PLAYERS TO WATCH TEAM

Three Nittany Lion seniors have been named to this year's Big Ten Preseason Players to Watch team. Captains Abby Myers, Madison Hutson and Emma Spisak have been named to the team.

## 2020-21 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 3/16/21)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Michigan	2-0-0	1.000	2-1-0	.667
2.	Iowa	4-1-0	.800	5-1-0	.883
3.	Northwestern	3-1-0	.750	5-1-0	.833
	Rutgers	3-1-0	.750	5-1-0	.833
5.	Penn State	2-1-0	.667	2-3-0	.400
6.	Maryland	2-2-0	.500	3-3-0	.500
7.	Michigan State	1-3-0	.250	1-4-0	.200
8.	Ohio State	0-2-0	.000	0-3-0	.000
9.	Indiana	0-5-0	.000	0-6-0	.000

## NFHCA POLL (3/16/21)

Rk.	Team
1	North Carolina
2	Louisville
3	Iowa
4	Northwestern
5	Liberty
6	Connecticut
7	PENN STATE
8	Syracuse
9	Rutgers
10	Maryland
11	Michigan
12	Duke
13	Wake Forest
14	Virginia
15	Boston College
16	St. Joseph's
17	Old Dominion
18	New Hampshire
19	Massachusetts
20	Miami (Ohio)



# 2020 ROSTERS ( # and alpha )

## NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
2	Aubrey Mytych	M/F	So.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Seminary Prep
3	Sophia Gladieux	M	Fr.	Boyertown, Pa./Oley Valley
4	Emma Spisak	M	Sr.	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
5	Carly Gannon	M/B	R-Fr.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
6	Bree Bednarski	F	Sr.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
7	Julia Lamb	M	Fr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
8	Elena Vos	M	So.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
10	Madison Reese	D	So.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	F	Jr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
12	Brie Barraco	GK	So.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
13	Eleni Prodes	M	Jr.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	R-Fr.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	So.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
17	Anna Simon	D	Jr.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
18	Emily Farrell	M/F	R-Fr.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
19	Grace Wallis	F	Jr.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
20	Madison Hutson	M/D	Sr.	Gloucester Point, Va./Gloucester
21	Caroline Myers	F	Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
22	Abby Myers	M/F	Sr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
23	Jemma Punch	M	So.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M/F	Sr.	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill
27	Drew Taylor	B	Fr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
32	Kate Crist	B	Fr.	Limerick, Pa./Spring-Ford
33	Kelsey Love	B	R-Fr.	State College, Pa./State College

## ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
12	Brie Barraco	GK	So.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
6	Bree Bednarski	F	Sr.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
32	Kate Crist	B	Fr.	Limerick, Pa./Spring-Ford
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	R-Fr.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
18	Emily Farrell	M/F	R-Fr.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
5	Carly Gannon	M/B	R-Fr.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
3	Sophia Gladieux	M	Fr.	Boyertown, Pa./Oley Valley
20	Madison Hutson	M/D	Sr.	Gloucester Point, Va./Gloucester
7	Julia Lamb	M	Fr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
33	Kelsey Love	B	R-Fr.	State College, Pa./State College
22	Abby Myers	M/F	Sr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
21	Caroline Myers	F	Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
2	Aubrey Mytych	M/F	So.	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Seminary Prep
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	So.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
13	Eleni Prodes	M	Jr.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
23	Jemma Punch	M	So.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
10	Madison Reese	D	So.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	F	Jr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
17	Anna Simon	D	Jr.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
4	Emma Spisak	M	Sr.	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
27	Drew Taylor	B	Fr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
8	Elena Vos	M	So.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
19	Grace Wallis	F	Jr.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M/F	Sr.	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill

**Head Coach: Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State 79), 37th Season, 34th at Penn State**

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

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



**CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS**  
 34TH SEASON AT PSU  
 37TH SEASON OVERALL  
 (Penn State, 1979)

**Penn State, 1979**

## NCAA DIVISION I ALL-TIME WINNINGEST HEAD COACHES

1. Nancy Stevens	Connecticut	1990-Pres.	698-189-24
	Northwestern	1981-89	
	Franklin & Marshall	1979-80	
2. Karen Shelton	North Carolina	1981-Pres.	692-164-9
3. Beth Anders	Old Dominion	1980-84	577-156-7
		1987-2012	
4. Missy Meharg	Maryland	1988-Pres.	582-143-9
5. Char Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	1984-Pres.	537-222-17
	Boston College	1984-86	

## MOST NCAA TOURNAMENTS

Coach	Schools	NCAA Tournaments
Karen Shelton	North Carolina	36
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
36 Yrs	537-222-17	.703	28 NCAA Appearances



## Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 14, 2021) All games

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	2-3	1-1	0-0	1-2
CONFERENCE	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-2
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
* Feb 28	vs Iowa	L 0-1	113
* Mar 05	vs Northwestern	wo2 2-1	101
* Mar 07	vs Iowa	L 0-1	108
* Mar 12	MARYLAND	w 3-0	210
Mar 14	MARYLAND	L 2-3	222

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PSU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	6-59	6-62
Goals scored per game	1.20	1.20
Shot pct.	.102	.097
Shots/Game	11.8	12.4
PENALTY CORNERS	24	21
PENALTY STROKES	0-1	0-1
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Green cards	6	4
Yellow cards	0	0
Red cards	0	0
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	432	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/216	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/107	

##	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	gw	ps-att	dsv
17	Simon, Anna	5	2	1	5	16	.125	1	0-0	0
3	Gladieux, Sophia	5	1	1	3	14	.071	0	0-0	0
19	Wallis, Grace	5	0	0	0	8	.000	0	0-0	0
23	Punch, Jemma	5	0	0	0	5	.000	0	0-0	0
6	Bednarski, Bree	5	2	2	6	4	.500	0	0-0	0
20	Hutson, Madison	5	0	0	0	4	.000	0	0-1	0
4	Spisak, Emma	5	1	0	2	3	.333	0	0-0	0
22	Myers, Abby	5	0	1	1	3	.000	0	0-0	0
5	Gannon, Carly	5	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	0
11	Reese, Meghan	5	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	0
8	Vos, Elena	5	0	2	2	0	.000	0	0-0	0
16	O'Donnell, Brianna	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
18	Farrell, Emily	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
24	Zemaitis, Hannah	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
33	Love, Kelsey	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
Total		5	6	7	19	59	.102	2	0-1	0
Opponents		5	6	5	17	62	.097	3	0-1	1

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
12	Barraco, Brie	5	320:00	6	1.69	33	.846	2-3-0	1/0
Total		5	320:00	6	1.69	33	.846	2-3-0	1
Opponents		5	320:00	6	1.69	25	.806	3-2-0	2

<b>Goals by Period</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	1	2	2	1	0	1	7
Opponents	2	2	0	2	0	0	6

<b>Shots by Period</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	10	23	14	9	3	0	59
Opponents	11	13	15	15	4	4	62

<b>Saves by Period</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	7	4	8	9	3	2	33
Opponents	3	12	5	4	1	0	25

<b>Corners by Period</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	3	9	5	6	1	0	24
Opponents	2	6	7	5	1	0	21

# GAME-BY-GAME STARTING LINE-UP



Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Forward	Forward	Forward	Forward	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Back	Back	GK
2/26	vs. Michigan*#	ppd.												
2/28	vs. Iowa*#	L	0-1	Bednarski	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Gladieux	Spisak	Vos	Hutson	Simon	Love	Barraco
3/5	vs. Northwestern*#	W	2-1(so)	Bednarski	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Gladieux	Spisak	Vos	Hutson	Simon	Love	Barraco
3/7	vs. Iowa#	L	0-1	Bednarski	Reese, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Gladieux	Spisak	Vos	Hutson	Simon	Love	Barraco
3/12	MARYLAND*	W	3-0	Bednarski	Reese, Me.	Punch	Myers	Gladieux	Spisak	Vos	Hutson	Simon	Love	Barraco
3/14	MARYLAND	L	2-3	Bednarski	Reese, Me.	Punch	Myers	Gladieux	Spisak	Vos	Hutson	Simon	Love	Barraco

\* Big Ten Game -- # Neutral site game at Virginia Beach, Va.



# GAME SUMMARIES

## PENN STATE 0, IOWA 1

Sunday, February 28, 2021 -- Virginia Beach, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-1, 0-1 B1G) dropped a close game to Iowa (2-0, 2-0 B1G) in the season opener for the Nittany Lions. A fourth period Hawkeye goal was the difference as Iowa won 1-0 over head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad in a game played in Virginia Beach, Va.

The teams traded possessions over the first few minutes of the game. Iowa managed to push the ball down into Penn State territory and maintained possession until pushing the ball into the Penn State circle. The Hawkeyes kept the ball down on the Lion side of the field for the next five minutes. But the Nittany Lion defense kept Iowa from any real threat on the cage and the game remained scoreless midway through the first period. Freshman Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) worked midfield possession into the Iowa zone and Penn State set up on offense at the 5:30 mark. Senior Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) nearly got off Penn State's first shot of the game with 3:40 left in the period but the Iowa defenders deflected the effort. The first period ended in a scoreless tie.

The start of the second period started with Penn State grabbing early possession and pressing the Hawkeye defense. Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) and Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) pushed the ball down field early, forcing Iowa's defense to step up and push back on the attack. With Iowa countering Penn State's early pressure, the Nittany Lion defense quickly turned away a brief Hawkeye possession. The Nittany Lions regained possession and moved the ball downfield, picking up the game's first penalty corner at the 9:43 mark. Junior Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) had her shot off the corner blocked by a Hawkeye defender before the ball reached the goal. Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) worked on offense to keep the ball in front of the Iowa cage but the Hawkeye defense held firm. Penn State picked up its second corner with 6:30 left in the half but could not get off a solid shot. Iowa countered, moved the ball downfield, and picked up its first corner with 3:42 on the clock. Penn State's defense, led by Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.), forced a wide shot. The first half ended tied 0-0. Neither team had a shot in the first period and Iowa outshot Penn State 3-2 in the second stanza. Both teams had two penalty corners in the second period as well and neither goalie had a first half save.

The two teams traded early possessions in the third with Iowa finally gaining an advantage and pushing the ball into Penn State territory, forcing a penalty corner just 2:30 into the third period. Penn State's defense, with Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) guarding the cage, was equal to the task and the Hawkeye corner was for naught. Iowa kept the pressure on Penn State, however, and the ball remained in or near the Lion circle for the next 3:00-plus. Iowa pushed the ball to within feet of Barraco and the Lion cage with 6:40 left in the period but Penn State's defense was able to push the ball out of its circle. Penn State regained control of the tempo as the clock moved below the 5:00 mark, pushing the ball down to the Iowa side of the field. But the Hawkeyes countered the Penn State press and regain control of the action. A long Hawkeye shot was turned away by Barraco to keep the game scoreless. Iowa had a fast break rolling with under a minute left, but Hutson was deft defensively, stealing the ball from the Hawkeye forward as the third period hit its final seconds.

Penn State's defense was once again called to action as the fourth period began with Iowa gaining control early in the final stanza. Penn State's offense made a push a couple minutes into the period with Spisak taking a long pass from Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) and working the ball down to the right of Iowa's cage. The Lions worked to shift momentum, keeping Iowa on defense, but the Hawkeyes quickly regained possession of the ball. Iowa's Ellie Holley worked the ball from midfield down into the Lion circle and pushed the ball past the Penn State defense for the game's first goal at the 8:10 mark of the fourth quarter. Penn State worked furiously to keep control of the ball as it worked to tie the game. Iowa was unable to get the ball out of its own zone as the Nittany Lion offense kept the pressure on. Penn State was able to secure a penalty corner in the final minutes. Penn State's first corner of the period was defended but led to a second. Bednarski worked the ball into Hutson and a penalty stroke was called with just under 2:00 left to play. Hutson's penalty shot was blocked by Iowa keeper Grace McGuire and the Hawkeyes kept their 1-0 lead and secured the early-season victory. Penn State had five shots over the course of the game while Iowa had six. Both keepers Barraco and McGuire had a save a piece and Penn State held a 4-3 penalty corner edge in the game.

### GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	IOWA
Shots	5	6
Corners	4	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) - TIME  
4th: IOWA - Ellie Holley (unassisted), 8:10

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

## PENN STATE 2, NORTHWESTERN 1 (so)

Friday, March 5, 2021 -- Virginia Beach, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-1, 1-1 B1G) took down Northwestern (2-1, 2-1 B1G) this afternoon in a Big Ten contest. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad battled over 80:00 and through a shoot out to beat the Wildcats 2-1 in a game played in Virginia Beach, Va.

Northwestern had an early penalty corner that Penn State defended. The Lions got off two close shots on goal that ended in a high save and a wide shot, both coming before the 11:30 mark of the first period. Freshman Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) forced a penalty corner at the 8:01 mark. Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) had her first shot off the corner blocked but the Lions followed up with a second. Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) appeared to score off a rebound on the second corner but the goal was waved off by the officials. Northwestern had a player advantage after a Penn State green card but Penn State still controlled the action, with Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) getting off a solid shot at the 4:00 mark. Northwestern keeper Annabel Skubisz was able to knock the shot aside. Northwestern picked up a green card, evening the sides, and the first period ended in a scoreless tie.

Penn State looked to control the tempo to start the second period. The Nittany Lions kept the ball down on the Northwestern side of the field for the opening few minutes but could not find the cage as Penn State continued to pressure the Wildcat defense. Northwestern countered Penn State and worked the ball down to the Penn State circle. Sabrina Solomen connected at the 10:47 mark to give Northwestern a 1-0 lead early in the second period despite Penn State's consistent pressure. Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) moved the ball down the sideline at the 7:00 mark and Penn State picked up a penalty corner with 6:48 left in the quarter. Emma Spisak's (Boiling Springs, Pa.) shot was blocked away. Northwestern was able to move the action down to Penn State's side of the field with under 3:00 left in the period and forced a penalty corner with 2:34 on the clock. Penn State's defense held firm on the corner but Northwestern maintained possession. Lion keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) was able to keep Penn State within one with a diving save during the flurry. Penn State trailed 1-0 at halftime. Penn State outshot Northwestern 12-3 in the first half but found itself down by a point. Wildcat keeper Skubisz had five saves to keep the Lions off the board early.

Northwestern withstood some early Penn State pressure in to start the third period and gained possession three minutes in. The Wildcats picked up a series of penalty corners that the Lion defense was able to withstand, keeping the score close at 1-0. The Nittany Lions pushed the ball down to Northwestern's circle at the 7:30 mark and made the offensive push pay off. Senior Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) scored Penn State's first goal of the young season, tying the game at 1-1 with 7:23 on the clock with an assist from Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.). Northwestern countered by forcing a penalty corner at the 5:28 mark. Vos made a good defensive save on the corner to keep the game tied with under 5:00 to play in the third stanza. Penn State defended two more Northwestern corners later in the period and entered the fourth tied 1-1.

Penn State picked up an early penalty corner to start the fourth period but the Lions shot went high. The Lions had a number of opportunities near the Wildcat circle but the NU defense was able to hamper Penn State just enough to force a turnover as the clock hit 10:00. The Wildcats could not put together a sustained offensive push for the first half of the final period. With 8:30 on the clock, Northwestern moved the ball into the Penn State circle briefly but the Lion defense, anchored by freshman Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.), was equal to the task and the game remained tied 1-1. With just under 7:00, Northwestern found itself in the Lion circle again and Love once more forced an NU turnover and Penn State pushed the ball down the sideline and out of its own territory. Barraco knocked away a high Northwestern shot with 5:20 left to keep the game tied as the Wildcats began to sustain some momentum. Penn State's defense was pressed over four minutes and held its own. The Lions moved into Northwestern territory for a corner at the 3:08 mark but the Lion shot went wide. The Lions kept the ball on NU's side for the final minutes, forcing the Wildcat keeper into a couple saves to send the game into overtime.

Penn State took the opening possession in sudden victory and pressured the Wildcat defense right away. But Northwestern pushed the Lions back, regained possession themselves and looked to move the ball into the Lion circle. With the teams trading bars in the midfield, Northwestern took a hard shot that Barraco knocked aside with 7:22 on the clock. Barraco had another save shortly after that and a subsequent NU shot went just wide with 6:40 left. Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) helped Penn State regain possession as the clock hit 5:00. Northwestern took a player advantage on a Nittany Lion green card with just under 5:00 and forced a penalty corner with 4:08 left in overtime. Barraco defended the initial shot and the rebound effort from Northwestern. Penn State killed off the penalty and took possession of the ball as the clock moved to the 2:00 mark. Penn State picked up a penalty corner with 1:11 left. Anna Simon's (Hanau, Germany) shot off the corner was blocked and the game moved to a second overtime.

Northwestern had possession to start the second extra period and moved the ball down into the Lion circle. Penn State defended the effort and regained possession, pushing the ball downfield as the clock moved to the 7:51 mark. Myers moved deep into the NU circle only to have the ball roll over the end line. Northwestern countered and Barraco knocked back a point-blank Northwestern shot, keeping the game tied 1-1 at the 6:12 mark. Another Northwestern effort ended in a shot just wide off the Lion cage with 4:27 left as well. Hutson broke up a Northwestern fast break with 3:00 on the clock and Penn State countered. Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) took the ball the length off the field but the Wildcats pushed back on her drive and the clock moved under the 2:00 mark. The final minutes were scoreless as well and the game moved to a shoot out.

Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.), Simon and Reese each connected on their shoot out efforts while Barraco had saves on three of Northwestern's five efforts to help Penn State win the shoot out by one and secure the 2-1 victory. Penn State had 18 shots in the game while Northwestern had 24. The Lions had six penalty corners to nine for NU. Barraco gave Penn State a chance to win in the shoot out, totaling 12 saves in the game, including 10 in the second half and overtime periods.

### GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	O T 1
OT2 SO	FINAL				
PENN STATE	0	0	1	0	0
1 (3)	2				
Northwestern	0	1	0	0	0
0 (2)	1				

STATS:	PSU	NU
Shots	18	24
Corners	6	9

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) - TIME

## PENN STATE 0, IOWA 1

Sunday, March 7, 2021 -- Virginia Beach, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-2, 1-1 B1G) dropped a hard-fought game to Iowa (4-0, 3-0 B1G) this afternoon in a Big Ten contest. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad lost 1-0 to the Hawkeyes in a game played in Virginia Beach, Va. Being the second game between the two squads, the result counts overall for the teams but not in the Big Ten standings.

The teams traded possessions early in the opening period. Just over 10:00 into the first period, Iowa's offensive pressure forced Penn State into a foul in the circle and a penalty stroke ensued. Lion goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) stood firm in the cage, knocking the stroke to the side to keep the game scoreless as the clock moved below 5:00 in the period. Penn State's pushed back another Penn State effort before Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) was able to take possession of the ball and move it down the sideline, into Iowa territory. The two teams battled evenly for the rest of the period and the game moved to the second tied 0-0.





The second period began with Penn State's defense, anchored by senior Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.), worked to push early Iowa pressure back. The Hawkeyes were able to keep the ball on the Nittany Lion side of the field but Penn State's defense was able to hold firm. Senior Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.), worked the ball through the Iowa defense at the 12:30 mark and passed the ball to Bednarski, who's shot went just wide of the cage. Iowa took the ball, however, and moved back to the Lion circle and forced a penalty corner with 10:04 on the clock. But Barraco and the Lion defense kept Iowa from scoring and the game stayed scoreless. Iowa's offensive pressure paid off, however, as the Hawkeyes forced a penalty corner with just under 5:00 left in the half. Iowa's Anthe Nijziel connected for a goal off the corner and Iowa led 1-0 at halftime. Iowa outshot Penn State 10-1 in the first half and had three corners to none for the Lions. Barraco had four saves in the first half to keep Penn State close.

Penn State's offense, with Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) and Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) controlling the ball, kept the ball on the Iowa side of the field to start the third period. Penn State's early pressure led to the team's first penalty corner with 8:35 on the clock but Iowa defended the effort and the Lions still trailed by one. Sophomore Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) gave the Nittany Lions possession with a nice steal with 3:50 left in the period but once again, Iowa was able to thwart the Lion offense. The Nittany Lions maintained possession late in the period and finished the third with the ball down on the Hawkeye side of the field, but Iowa maintained the 1-0 lead after third.

The Hawkeyes began the final period in control of the ball, keeping action on the Lion side off the field over the first five minutes. Freshman Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) and the Lion defense were put to the test in the fourth as Iowa's offense pressed the Lion circle. The Nittany Lions regained possession at the 8:40 mark and looked to work the ball down to the Iowa side. The teams traded ball control over the next ten minutes and Iowa maintained its one-goal lead into the game's final minutes. Iowa picked up its first corner of the second half with 4:20 left to play, but Barraco kept the Penn State cage clean to keep the game close. The Nittany Lions set a fast pace over the next two three minutes. Sophia Gladioux (Boyetown, Pa.) worked the ball into the Iowa circle, hitting Bednarski with pass that almost led to a penalty corner. But the officials huddled and waved the corner off and Iowa escaped with a hard-fought 1-0 win. The Nittany Lions had four shots in the contest to 13 for Iowa. The Hawkeyes also had a 4-1 edge in corners. Barraco finished the game with seven saves while Iowa's Grace McGuire had one.

#### GAME BREAKDOWN

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

  

STATS:	PSU	IOWA
Shots	4	13
Corners	1	4

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME  
2nd: IOWA – Anthe Nijziel (Leah Zellner), 4:10

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	7
IOWA: Grace McGuire	60:00	0	1

## PENN STATE 3, MARYLAND 0

Friday, March 12, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-1, 1-1 B1G) shut out visiting Maryland (2-2, 2-1 B1G) in the home opener for head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad. Penn State scored a goal in the first, third and fourth quarters to roll to a 3-0 win in the first game played at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex this season. In instances where teams are scheduled to play each other twice during this year's Big Ten season, only the first game between the two squads is considered for the Big Ten regular season standings. Given that, today's game counts both overall and in conference.

The Nittany Lions controlled the tempo of the game from the opening whistle. After an early Maryland push that Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) turned away with the first of her seven saves, Penn State's offense worked the ball down to Maryland's circle. With Penn State freshman Sophia Gladioux (Boyetown, Pa.) and senior Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) pressuring the Terrapins, Penn State eventually picked up a penalty corner at the 9:50 mark. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) took the corner, moved the ball in to sophomore Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands), who stopped the pass perfectly. Junior Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) finished off a perfectly executed corner with a sizzling shot that hit the back of the cage to give the Nittany Lions a 1-0 lead at the 9:37 mark. Penn State controlled action in the second period as well. The Nittany Lions and Terrapins each had two first period shots, with Penn State connecting on one. The second quarter was all Penn State as the Lions got off four shots to only one for Maryland. Terrapin keeper Noelle Frost kept the visitors in the game with three saves and Penn State led by just one, 1-0, at intermission. The Nittany Lions outshot Maryland 6-3 in the first half and had two corners to one for the Terrapins. Barraco had two saves, both in the first period, while Frost had four total in the opening two quarters.

Penn State's offense controlled the third period as it did the second, with Gladioux setting the pace from the start. The Lion freshman had a first shot early in the period go high but continued to press the Maryland defense. Gladioux and the Nittany Lion offense kept the ball on the Maryland side of the field for a large part of the third period and the pressure paid off with a penalty corner with just under 5:00 on the clock. Bednarski again took the corner, leading to another solid Simon shot. This time, however, Gladioux deflected Simon's shot just enough to slip the ball past Frost to put Penn State up 2-0 at the 1:05 mark of the third period. Leading by two, Penn State opened up the fourth period and quickly put the game away. With Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) and Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.) keeping possession in the midfield and clearing the ball down the right side, Gladioux took a pass and slid to the right of the Wisconsin circle. The Lion freshman passed the ball to Spisak, who pivoted and pushed a diving shot past Frost for Penn State's third goal with just under 2:00 gone in the fourth period. The three-goal cushion would stand as the Penn State defense, led Vos, Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) and Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) held off a late Maryland rally. Barraco was outstanding in the fourth period to earn the shutout with three saves in the final quarter alone. Penn State outshot Maryland 13-9 over the course of the game and had a 5-4 edge in corners. Lion keeper Barraco earned her first shutout of the year with seven saves while Frost had six for the Terrapins.

#### GAME BREAKDOWN

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

  

STATS:	PSU	MD
Shots	13	9
Corners	5	4

#### SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Bree Bednarski, Elena Vos); 9:37  
3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladioux (Simon); 1:05  
4th: PSU – Emma Spisak (Gladioux); 13:02

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	0	7
MD: Noelle Frost	60:00	3	6
TEAM (def.)		0	1

## PENN STATE 2, MARYLAND 3

Sunday, March 14, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (2-3, 2-1 B1G) lost a hard-fought 3-2 game to visiting Maryland (3-3, 2-2 B1G) in the series finale between the two teams. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' team fought back from an early two-goal deficit but a late goal by the Terrapins led the visitors to the win. In instances where teams are scheduled to play each other twice during this year's Big Ten season, only the first game between the two squads is considered for the Big Ten regular season standings. Given that, today's game counts only in overall standings, not the conference ledger.

Maryland came out and took control of the first period, scoring two goals in the opening six minutes. The Terrapin offense moved the ball down the field and pressed the Penn State defense from the onset, taking a 1-0 lead on a Bibi Donraadt goal at the 11:13 mark. Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) kept Penn State close as Maryland continued to push, knocking back two shots before the Terrapins scored again with 9:10 on the clock. Emma DeBerdine's goal put Maryland up 2-0. Penn State regrouped however and dominated the second period. After playing even hockey to close out the first period, Penn State got on the board five-plus minutes in to the second stanza. After forcing a penalty corner, Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) cut the Maryland lead to 2-1 off the corner, with assists from Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) and Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands). The first Lion goal came with 9:29 left in the half. Penn State controlled the action for the bulk of the second period and tied the game at 2-2 with just 2:57 left in the period. Bednarski gathered a loose ball on the side of the Terrapin circle and deftly knocked the ball past Maryland keeper Noelle Frost to tie the game at 2-2 with the unassisted goal Penn State outshot Maryland 12-5 in the first half, including an 8-1 margin in the second period. The Nittany Lions had five corners in the opening half, all in the second period. Barraco had three saves for Penn State while Frost had six for the Terrapins.

The Nittany Lions came out in the third period and controlled the tempo but could not get a shot past Frost. Penn State took six shots in the period to only one for Maryland and had two penalty corners. But Frost collected three saves to keep the game tied heading to the final period. Maryland had the edge in the final stanza. The Terrapin defense kept the Penn State offense at bay, allowing only one total shot. The period was a back-and-forth affair as each team was unable to dent the other's defense. Late in the game, Maryland's Donraadt scored the contest's decisive goal, working the ball past Penn State defenders and Barraco to give the Terrapins a 3-2 lead with just 1:15 left to play. The Lions rallied on offense and kept the ball in the Maryland circle for the final two minutes but could not get off a clear shot to tie the game. Penn State outshot Maryland 19-10 over the course of the game and had eight penalty corners to just one for the visitors. Barraco had six saves for Penn State while Frost had nine for Maryland.

#### GAME BREAKDOWN

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

  

STATS:	PSU	MD
Shots	19	10
Corners	8	1

#### SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: MD -- Bibi Donraadt (Maura Verieg); 12:23  
1st: MD -- Emma DeBerdine (Maya Clune); 9:10  
2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (Bree Bednarski, Elena Vos); 9:19  
2nd: PSU – Bednarski (unassisted); 2:57  
4th: MD – Donraadt (DeBerdine); 1:55

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	3	6
MD: Noelle Frost	60:00	2	9