



# 2020 FIELD HOCKEY

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## NOTES: March 2, 2021, Edition

### THIS WEEK'S ACTION

**Penn State (0-1, 0-1 B1G) vs. Northwestern (2-0, 2-0 B1G)**

**DATE: Friday, March 5, 2021**

**SITE: Virginia Beach, Va.**

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

**Northwestern Head Coach: Tracey Fuchs**

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 32-6-1  
Last Meeting: W, 3-2 (2ot), 10/11/19

**Penn State (0-1, 0-1 B1G) vs. Iowa (2-0, 2-0 B1G)**

**DATE: Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**SITE: Virginia Beach, Va.**

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

**Iowa Head Coach: Lisa Cellucci**

All-Time Series: Iowa leads 30-26-1  
Last Meeting: Iowa won 1-0 last Sunday (2/28/21),

### 2020-21 SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY (2021)

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

#### MARCH (2021)

Fri. 5 vs. Northwestern\*# 12:45 p.m.  
Sun. 7 vs. Iowa\*# 12:45 p.m.  
**Fri. 12 MARYLAND\* 3:00 p.m.**  
**Sun. 14 MARYLAND\* 12:00 p.m.**  
Fri. 19 at Michigan State\* 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 21 at Michigan State\* 12:00 p.m.

#### APRIL (2021)

Fri. 2 at Rutgers\* 3:00 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

	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>Iowa</b>
Overall Record	0-1	2-0	2-0
Conference Record	0-1	2-0	2-0
Goals Scored	0	5	2
Goals Per Game	0.00	2.50	1.00
Goals Allowed	1	2	0
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.00	1.00	0.00
Shots	5	27	23
Shots Per Game	5.0	13.5	11.5
Shots Allowed Per Game	6.0	7.5	2.5
Saves/Saves %	1/.500	6/.750	1/1.000
Corners	4	13	15
Shutouts	0	0	2



## THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; March 2, 2021 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (0-1, 0-1 B1G) will head south for a second straight weekend for a pair of Big Ten contests. The Lions will head to the Virginia Beach Field Hockey Complex in Virginia Beach, Va., once again as the Big Ten stages opening season contests there to open the new season.

Penn State will take Northwestern on Friday, March 5, at 12:45 p.m. and then battle Iowa on Sunday, March 7, at 12:45 p.m. The Nittany Lions' original opener was to be against Michigan on Friday, Feb. 26, but that game has been postponed due to COVID issues within the Wolverine program.

Penn State is coming off a tough 1-0 loss to Iowa last Sunday in the season opener for the Nittany Lions. The team's battled evenly in every statistical category but Iowa made a second-half goal stand up and also turned away a Penn State penalty stroke with less than two minutes to play.

Northwestern is coming off a 2-0 week that included wins over Michigan State and Maryland. Iowa went 2-0 last weekend, downing Penn State on Sunday 1-0 and Indiana earlier in the weekend.

The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series with Northwestern 32-6-1 while Iowa leads the all-time series with Penn State 30-26-1.

Start times and television broadcast designations for Big Ten field hockey events will be announced shortly as they become available.

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

### PENN STATE DROPS SEASON OPENER 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 from Ellie Holley and a penalty stroke save from keeper Grace McGuire with less than 2:00 left to secure the victory.

### PENN STATE RETURNS FIVE SENIORS TO LEAD TEAM THROUGH 2020-21 SEASON

Five veteran players return to lead head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad through a unique 2020-21 campaign. Bree Bednarski, Madison Hutson, Abby Myers, Emma Spisak and Hannah Zemaitis comprise Penn State's senior class. Bednarski had seven points a year ago off three goals and an assist and has played in 50 games, including a year at Michigan. Hutson anchors the Lion midfield and defense and started all 20 games for the Lions a year ago. Myers had seven points last year and has 26 for her career. She has played in 60 games as a Lion, starting 30. Spisak had six points off two goals and two assists a year ago and has played in 44 games at Penn State. Zemaitis has played in 64 games during her career, including two seasons at Hofstra.

### 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.

### FIRST NFHCA COACHES POLL TO RELEASE IN MARCH

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) has announced that the first coaches poll of the 2020-21 season will be released in March.

## 2020-21 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 3/2/21)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Iowa	2-0-0	1.000	2-0-0	1.000
	Northwestern	2-0-0	1.000	2-0-0	1.000
	Rutgers	2-0-0	1.000	2-0-0	1.000
4.	Maryland	1-1-0	.500	1-1-0	.500
5.	Michigan	0-0-0	.000	0-0-0	.000
6.	Penn State	0-1-0	.000	0-1-0	.000
	Ohio State	0-1-0	.000	0-1-0	.000
8.	Indiana	0-2-0	.000	0-2-0	.000
	Michigan State	0-2-0	.000	0-2-0	.000

## NFHCA POLL (11/12/19) - FINAL pre-NCAA

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



# 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

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Amanda Dinunzio



## 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

## 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



## Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 28, 2021) All games

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
* Feb 28	vs Iowa	L 0-1	113

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PSU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	0-5	1-6
Goals scored per game	0.00	1.00
Shot pct.	.000	.167
Shots/Game	5.0	6.0
CORNER KICKS	4	3
PENALTY KICKS	0-1	0-0
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Yellow cards	0	0
Red cards	0	0
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	0	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/113	

<b>#</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>sh</b>	<b>sh%</b>	<b>gw</b>	<b>pk-att</b>
17	Simon, Anna	1	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0-0
20	Hutson, Madison	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-1
22	Myers, Abby	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0
11	Reese, Meghan	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0
8	Vos, Elena	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Wallis, Grace	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
23	Punch, Jemma	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
33	Love, Kelsey	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
6	Bednarski, Bree	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
5	Gannon, Carly	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
4	Spisak, Emma	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
3	Gladieux, Sophia	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
<b>Total</b>		1	0	0	0	5	.000	0	0-1
<b>Opponents</b>		1	1	0	2	6	.167	1	0-0

<b>#</b>	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAAvg</b>	<b>Saves</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>W-L-T</b>	<b>Sho</b>
12	Barraco, Brie	1	60:00	1	1.50	1	.500	0-1-0	0/0
<b>Total</b>		1	60:00	1	1.50	1	.500	0-1-0	0
<b>Opponents</b>		1	60:00	0	0.00	1	1.000	1-0-0	1

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

<b>Shots by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Total</b>
Penn State	0	2	0	3	5
Opponents	0	3	1	2	6

<b>Saves by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Total</b>
Penn State	0	0	0	1	1
Opponents	0	0	0	1	1

<b>Corners by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Total</b>
Penn State	0	2	0	2	4
Opponents	0	2	1	0	3

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

# GAME-BY-GAME STARTING LINE-UP



Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Forward	Forward	Forward	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*#													
3/7	vs. Iowa*#													

\* 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 (Boyertown, 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 downfield 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.

"I'm proud of how we improved throughout the game, but we were a bit frantic early," said Morett-Curtiss. "I felt Iowa was a bit more composed over the course of the game and you could see the benefit of them having a game under their belt. You either win or learn, and we will learn from this game."

"This was a great opportunity for us and the Big Ten Conference to compete down here in Virginia Beach," Morett-Curtiss continued. "We are being treated very well and we are all very grateful of the chance to play here and get the season started."

### 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