



2020 FIELD HOCKEY

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NOTES: March 9, 2021, Edition

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Penn State (1-2, 1-1 B1G) vs. Maryland (2-2, 2-1 B1G)

DATE: Friday, March 12 and

Sunday, March 14, 2021

SITE: University Park, Pa.

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

Maryland Head Coach: Missy Meharg

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 24-17-1
Last Meeting: W, 1-0, 11/8/19

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* 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

	Penn State	Maryland
Overall Record	1-2	2-2
Conference Record	1-1	2-1
Goals Scored	1	6
Goals Per Game	0.33	1.50
Goals Allowed	3	4
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.00	1.00
Shots	27	43
Shots Per Game	9.0	10.8
Shots Allowed Per Game	14.3	10.0
Saves/Saves %	20/.870	18/.818
Corners	11	25
Shutouts	0	2



THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; March 9, 2021 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (1-2, 1-1 B1G) will host Maryland (2-2, 2-1 B1Gj) for two games this weekend at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. The Lions and Terrapins battle on Friday, March 12, at 3 p.m. and on Sunday, March 14, 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 1-1 weekend in Virginia Beach. The Nittany Lions took down Northwestern 2-1 in a shoot out on Friday and then dropped another game to Iowa on Sunday, dropping a hard-fought 1-0 contest to the Hawkeyes.

Maryland is coming off a similar 1-1 weekend in Virginia Beach. The Terrapins downed Ohio State 2-0 and then lost a second game to Northwestern by a 1-0 score.

The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series with Maryland 24-17-1. Penn State won the last meeting, a 1-0 victory here in Happy Valley in last year's Big Ten tournament on Nov. 8, 2019.

Penn State will travel to Michigan State next weekend, March 19 and 21, for two games with the Spartans.

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	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

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.

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 on March 16.

2020-21 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 3/9/21)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Iowa	3-0-0	1.000	4-0-0	1.000
2.	Michigan	1-0-0	1.000	1-0-0	1.000
3.	Northwestern	2-1-0	.667	3-1-0	.750
	Rutgers	2-1-0	.667	3-1-0	.750
	Maryland	2-1-0	.667	2-2-0	.500
6.	Penn State	1-1-0	.500	1-2-0	.333
7.	Michigan State	1-2-0	.333	1-2-0	.333
8.	Ohio State	0-2-0	.000	0-3-0	.000
9.	Indiana	0-4-0	.000	0-4-0	.000

NFHCA POLL Final 2019

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 Mar 07, 2021) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2
CONFERENCE	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	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

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	1-27	3-43
Goals scored per game	0.33	1.00
Shot pct.	.037	.070
Shots/Game	9.0	14.3
CORNER KICKS	11	16
PENALTY KICKS	0-1	0-1
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	0	0
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	0	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/107	

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	gw	pk-att
17	Simon, Anna	3	0	0	0	8	.000	0	0-0
3	Gladieux, Sophia	3	0	0	0	4	.000	0	0-0
6	Bednarski, Bree	3	1	0	2	3	.333	0	0-0
19	Wallis, Grace	3	0	0	0	3	.000	0	0-0
4	Spisak, Emma	3	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0-0
23	Punch, Jemma	3	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0-0
20	Hutson, Madison	3	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0-1
22	Myers, Abby	3	0	1	1	2	.000	0	0-0
11	Reese, Meghan	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0
18	Farrell, Emily	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
24	Zemaitis, Hannah	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
33	Love, Kelsey	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
5	Gannon, Carly	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
8	Vos, Elena	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		3	1	1	3	27	.037	1	0-1
Opponents		3	3	2	8	43	.070	2	0-1

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
12	Barraco, Brie	3	200:00	3	1.35	20	.870	1-2-0	0/0
Total		3	200:00	3	1.35	20	.870	1-2-0	0
Opponents		3	200:00	1	0.45	9	.900	2-1-0	2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Opponents	0	2	0	1	0	0	3

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	4	11	4	5	3	0	27
Opponents	5	11	12	7	4	4	43

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	3	3	5	4	3	2	20
Opponents	1	4	1	2	1	0	9

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	2	3	1	4	1	0	11
Opponents	1	6	7	1	1	0	16

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	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*#	W	2-1(so)	Bednarski	Rees, Me.	Wallis	Myers	Gladieux	Spisak	Vos	Hutson	Simon	Love	Barraco
3/7	vs. Iowa#	L	0-1	Bednarski	Rees, Me.	Wallis	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 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.

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

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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 Gladieux (Boyertown, 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	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