



2020 FIELD HOCKEY

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NOTES: April 13, 2021, Edition

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#15 Penn State (6-5, 4-2 B1G) vs. Ohio State (4-7, 2-4 B1G)

DATE: Friday, April 16 and

Saturday, April 17, 2021

SITE: Penn State Field Hockey Complex

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss

Ohio State Head Coach: Jarred Martin

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 38-12-2

Last Meeting: L, 1-2 (10/25/19 at Penn State)

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*	W, 5-2
Sun.	21	at Michigan State	W, 3-0

APRIL (2021)

Fri.	2	at #12 Rutgers*	L, 0-3
Sun.	4	at #12 Rutgers	L, 0-1
Fri.	9	INDIANA*	W, 1-0
Sun.	11	INDIANA	W, 3-0
Fri.	16	OHIO STATE*	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	17	OHIO STATE	3:00 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	Ohio State
Overall Record	6-5	4-7
Conference Record	4-2	2-4
Goals Scored	18	28
Goals Per Game	1.64	2.55
Goals Allowed	12	18
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.09	1.64
Shots	142	155
Shots Per Game	12.9	14.1
Shots Allowed Per Game	8.6	7.9
Saves/Saves %	46/.793	33/.647
Corners	77	74
Shutouts	4	3



THIS WEEK'S PREVIEW

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; April 13, 2021 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (6-5, 4-2 B1G) will host Ohio State (4-7, 2-4 B1G) for two games on the final weekend of the regular season. The teams square off on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, with both games starting at 3 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 two home wins last weekend. The Nittany Lions shut out visiting Indiana twice, 1-0 on Friday and 3-0 on Sunday. The victories improved the team to 6-5 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Ohio State comes in to the final regular season weekend winners of four straight. The Buckeyes beat Indiana twice two weeks ago and downed Michigan State twice this past weekend. After an 0-7 start, OSU is now 4-7 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series 38-12-2. Penn State lost the last meeting, a 2-1 setback here in Happy Valley on Oct. 25, 2019.

Penn State will head to Iowa City, Iowa, for the 2020-21 Big Ten Field Hockey Tournament next week. The event runs April 20-24 and is hosted by the University of Iowa.

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

DEFENSE LEADS PENN STATE TO TWO SHUTOUT VICTORIES OVER INDIANA

Penn State played stingy defense, led by sophomore Elena Vos, in two shutout victories over Indiana on April 9 and April 11 at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. The Lion defense and goalie Brie Barraco held firm in 1-0 and 3-0 victories over the visiting Hoosiers. Offensively, Sophia Gladieux had three goals in two games while Vos had two assists.

PENN STATE FALLS TWICE AT #12 RUTGERS

Penn State lost two hard-fought games to #12 Rutgers on April 2 and 4 in Piscataway. The Nittany Lions lost 3-0 on Friday night and then dropped a close 1-0 game on Sunday to the Scarlet Knights.

NITTANY LIONS GET ROAD SWEEP AT MSU

Penn State travelled to East Lansing, Mich., on March 19 and 21 for two Big Ten road games. The Lions won both games, 5-2 on Friday and 3-0 on Sunday, using an offensive burst by freshman Sophia Gladieux. Gladieux scored four goals in Friday's 5-2 victory, sparking Penn State in a comeback victory (the Lions trailed 2-0 in the third). Two days later, with keeper Brie Barraco pitching her second shutout, Gladieux scored another goal to total five for the weekend.

GLADIEUX NFHCA OFFENSIVE; B1G OFFENSIVE PLAYER & FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK (3/23)

Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey player Sophia Gladieux (Boyertown, Pa.) has been named NFHCA Offensive Player of the Week and both the Big Ten Field Hockey Freshman and Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending March 21, 2021. Gladieux's honors are the second and third of the season for Penn State. Bree Bednarski earned the Offensive Player of the Week honor last week. Gladieux roared into East Lansing for her first two Big Ten road games and left Michigan State with five goals. With Penn State trailing the Spartans 2-0 in the second half of Friday's game, Gladieux rallied Penn State with four second half goals as the Lions won 5-2. Two days later, Gladieux notched her fifth goal of the weekend in Penn State's 3-0 shutout victory over MSU.

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.

2020-21 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 4/12/21)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Michigan	6-0-0	1.000	9-2-0	.818
2.	Iowa	5-2-0	.714	10-2-0	.833
	Rutgers	5-2-0	.714	9-3-0	.750
4.	Penn State	4-2-0	.667	6-5-0	.545
5.	Northwestern	4-3-0	.571	8-4-0	.667
	Maryland	4-3-0	.571	6-6-0	.500
7.	Ohio State	2-4-0	.667	4-7-0	.364
8.	Michigan State	1-7-0	.117	1-12-0	.077
9.	Indiana	0-8-0	.000	0-12-0	.000

NFHCA POLL (4/13/21)

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



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 NO. 15 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. Penn State has been ranked since that initial poll. The Nittany Lions are ranked No. 15 in the latest 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.



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



HEAD COACH CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS



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 Apr 11, 2021) All games

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

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
* Mar 19	at Michigan State	w 5-2	30
Mar 21	at Michigan State	w 3-0	76
Apr 04	at #12 Rutgers	L 0-1	79
* Apr 02	at #12 Rutgers	L 0-3	63
* Apr 09	INDIANA	w 1-0	183
Apr 11	INDIANA	w 3-0	199

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	18-142	12-95
Goals scored per game	1.64	1.09
Shot pct.	.127	.126
Shots/Game	12.9	8.6
PENALTY CORNERS	77	36
PENALTY STROKES	0-1	0-1
PENALTIES		
Green cards	8	6
Yellow cards	0	2
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	814	248
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/204	4/62
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/107	

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	gw	ps-att	dsv
3	Gladieux, Sophia	11	9	1	19	47	.191	3	0-0	0
17	Simon, Anna	11	3	2	8	41	.073	2	0-0	0
19	Wallis, Grace	11	0	0	0	11	.000	0	0-0	0
20	Hutson, Madison	9	2	0	4	11	.182	0	0-1	0
23	Punch, Jemma	11	0	0	0	11	.000	0	0-0	0
6	Bednarski, Bree	11	3	7	13	9	.333	0	0-0	0
22	Myers, Abby	11	0	1	1	4	.000	0	0-0	0
4	Spisak, Emma	11	1	0	2	3	.333	0	0-0	0
5	Gannon, Carly	11	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	0
8	Vos, Elena	11	0	5	5	1	.000	0	0-0	0
13	Prodes, Eleni	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	0
24	Zemaitis, Hannah	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	0
11	Reese, Meghan	11	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	0
10	Reese, Madison	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
2	Mytych, Aubrey	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
16	O'Donnell, Brianna	7	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
18	Farrell, Emily	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
33	Love, Kelsey	11	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0
Total		11	18	16	52	142	.127	6	0-1	0
Opponents		11	12	8	32	95	.126	5	0-1	1

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
12	Barraco, Brie	11	680:00	12	1.59	46	.793	6-5-0	4/0
Total		11	680:00	12	1.59	46	.793	6-5-0	4
Opponents		11	680:00	18	2.38	57	.760	5-6-0	4

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	3	2	7	6	0	1	19
Opponents	4	3	2	3	0	0	12

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	29	36	35	39	3	0	142
Opponents	17	24	23	23	4	4	95

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	7	11	10	13	3	2	46
Opponents	12	18	13	13	1	0	57

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total
Penn State	16	17	17	26	1	0	77
Opponents	6	7	11	11	1	0	36



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 set 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	OT1	OT2	SO	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	0	1	0	0	0	1 (3)	2
Northwestern	0	1	0	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 low 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 low 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 (Boyetown, Pa.) worked the ball into the low 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, 1-2 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 Gladieux (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 Gladieux 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. Gladieux 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, Gladieux 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, Gladieux 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	2	0	0	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 Gladieux (Simon); 1:05
4th: PSU – Emma Spisak (Gladieux); 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

PENN STATE 5, MICHIGAN STATE 2

Friday, March 19, 2021 -- East Lansing, Mich.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (3-3, 3-1 B1G), ranked No. 7 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat Michigan State (1-5, 1-4 B1G) in a Big Ten road game on Friday. The Nittany Lions scored five unanswered goals in the second half and head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' team notched a 5-2 road 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 in both the conference and overall ledgers.

The Nittany Lions controlled the ball at the onset of the game, working the action down to the Spartan circle quickly. Penn State forced its first penalty corner just 2:30 into the game. The first corner led to a second and a blocked shot from Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany). The Spartans defended the second shot to keep the game scoreless early. Michigan State earned its first penalty corner with 6:55 on the clock and the Spartans connected for a 1-0 lead, with Ceina Riccardo notching the goal. Penn State forced a



series of corners with just over 2:00 left in the period but could not work the ball into the cage. The teams traded possession in the second period with Penn State dominating the action. The pressured Michigan State and keeper Jade Arundell for much of the period but the Spartan keeper was able to keep the Nittany Lions off the board. Freshman Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) had two shots on goal batted away in the first half and the Nittany Lions trailed by one at intermission. Penn State outshot Michigan State 8-3 in the first two quarters and had a 7-1 advantage in penalty corners. Arundell had five saves for Michigan State while Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) had two for the Nittany Lions.

Michigan State scored quickly in the third period, turning an early penalty corner into a 2-0 lead less than a minute into the stanza. Ellie Wheatley scored off a scramble after the corner to give the home team a two-goal lead. But Lion freshman Gladieux quickly answered, getting Penn State back in the game with a goal of her own just four minutes later. Gladieux then tied the game with a brilliant drive into the MSU circle, taking the ball by herself and scoring from the outskirts of the MSU circle at the 8:30 mark, just ninety seconds after her first score. The flashy freshman made it a three-for-third period with another unassisted goal with just 1:10 left in the period. Penn State continued to pour it on in the fourth period. Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) took an assist from Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) to put Penn State up 4-2, scoring the Lions' fourth straight goal just 2:24 into the final period. Gladieux was not done, however. The Lion freshman notched a fourth unassisted goal with just 1:48 left in the game to spark Penn State to the 5-2 victory. Gladieux's four scores is just one shy of the all-time Penn State record of five held by Morett-Curtiss (in 1977) and Dawn Lammey (in 1999). Penn State outshot Michigan State 15-7 over the course of the game and had a 9-2 advantage in corners. Arundell ended the game with six saves while Barraco had two, both in the first half.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	0	3	2	5
Michigan State	1	0	1	0	2

STATS:	PSU	MSU
Shots	15	7
Corners	9	2

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: MSU – Celina Riccardo (unassisted); 6:45
 3rd: MSU – Ellie Wheatley (unassisted); 14:08
 3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 10:01
 3rd: PSU – Gladieux (unassisted); 8:30
 3rd: PSU – Gladieux (unassisted); 1:10
 4th: PSU – Madison Hutson (Bree Bednarski); 12:36
 4th: PSU – Gladieux (unassisted); 1:48

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	2
MSU: Jade Arundell	60:00	5	6

PENN STATE 3, MICHIGAN STATE 0

Sunday, March 21, 2021 -- East Lansing, Mich.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-3, 3-1 B1G) shut out host Michigan State (1-6, 1-4 B1G) in a Big Ten Sunday matinee in East Lansing, Mich. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad completed the weekend series sweep with a 3-0 victory. 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 the overall standings.

The Nittany Lions scored quickly in the first quarter, with Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) scoring off a penalty corner with assists from Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) and Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands). Michigan State stifled Penn State's offense for the remainder of the first period and the Lions settled for the one goal lead after the opening stanza. With the Nittany Lion defense pushing back and Spartan effort and offensive continuity in the second period, Penn State worked to pressure the Spartan circle. Michigan State was able to keep Penn State from getting into a similar offensive flow showcased in the second half of Friday's game. While unable to dent the scoreboard, however, Penn State kept the Spartan offense shut down as well and controlled the action for much of the stanza. Penn State made its first period goal stand in a 1-0 lead at intermission.

The Nittany Lions made good adjustments during the halftime break and were creating more opportunities in the third period. The offensive pressure paid off late in the period when Penn State picked up a penalty corner. Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) scored off the corner, with another assist from Bednarski, and the Lions upped their lead to 2-0 at the 1:09 mark of the third period. Leading by two, Penn State dominated the fourth period. The Lion defense kept Michigan State off balance and goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) continued to pitch a shutout in the cage. Morett-Curtiss' squad put the game away with a late goal from freshman Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.). Gladieux's unassisted goal with just 3:02 left put Penn State up 3-0, a score that held for the rest of the game. The Nittany Lions outshot Michigan State 12-4 and had an 8-3 edge in penalty corners. Barraco picked up her second shutout of the season with three saves. Michigan State goalie Monique Jardell had one save.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	MSU
Shots	12	4
Corners	8	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Bree Bednarski, Elena Vos); 10:15
 3rd: PSU – Madison Hutson (Bednarski); 1:09
 4th: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 3:02

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	0	3
MSU: Monique Jardell	60:00	3	1

PENN STATE 0, RUTGERS 3

Friday, April 2, 2021 -- Piscataway, N.J.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-4, 3-2 B1G) dropped a hard-fought contest at Rutgers (6-3, 4-2 B1G) in a Big Ten road game Friday in New Jersey. The Nittany Lions could not break through a stingy Scarlet Knight defense in a 3-0 loss in Piscataway. 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 in both the conference and overall standings.

The two teams traded early possessions with each team pushing the ball into the opposing circle early on. The Scarlet Knights maintained possession midway through the period and picked up the game's first penalty corner at the 6:13 mark. Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a good save on the initial shot off the corner but Rutgers' Clayre Smith knocked in a goal off the rebound to give the Scarlet Knights a 1-0 lead at the 6:06 mark. Penn State worked to rally its offense after the goal with Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) and Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) controlling action in the RU circle. But Rutgers defense was able to push back on the Lions and Penn State trailed by one after the opening period. Penn State began the second period in control offensively. The Nittany Lions spent the first minute pushing the ball into the Knight circle. Rutgers briefly regained possession but Penn State answered on defense the teams traded barbs in the midfield. Abby Myers (Hartland, Wis.), Grace Wallis (Blue Bell, Pa.) and the Lion forwards kept the pressure on Rutgers as the clock moved to the 11:00 mark but lost possession out of bounds, allowing the Knights to hit the ball down to the Nittany Lion side of the field. Penn State won the time of possession battle over the course of the second period but Rutgers had the period's best scoring chance, with Barraco knocking back a late RU pass at the :35 mark to set up a Penn State fast break. Spisak and Wallis, however, countered offensively and moved the ball downfield to pick up the Lions' first penalty corner with just :05 on the clock. Rutgers was able to keep its shutout alive as Penn State did not score on the corner and the Nittany Lions trailed 1-0 at the half. Rutgers had the only two shots of the first half, owning a 2-0 edge in shots over the first 30 minutes. Neither Barraco nor Rutgers goalie Gianna Glatz had a save. Each team had one penalty corner as well.

The Nittany Lions once controlled action early on in the third period but could not break through the final levels of Rutgers' defense. The Scarlet Knights regained possession and worked the ball down into the Penn State circle at the 9:00 mark. After a minute-plus of action, Rutgers took a 2-0 lead when Rachel Houston scored at the 7:29 mark. Down by two, Penn State quickly tried to press the action into Rutgers territory but the Knights' defense continued to stymie the Lion efforts. Penn State forced a penalty corner with 5:20 on the clock. Glatz knocked back an Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) shot after the corner to keep Penn State off the scoreboard. Penn State staved off a final Rutgers offensive push and trailed by two goals heading into the final period. Rutgers was able to work away the first minutes of the fourth period, forcing Barraco and the Lion defense to push back an early Knight effort as the clock moved to the 11:00 mark. Myers and freshman Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) nearly connected shortly after that as a Lion Fastbreak moved the ball into Rutgers territory. But the ball skipped past the Knight cage and Penn State continued to trail by two. Penn State was able to force a penalty corner at the 6:59 mark but Glatz slapped back a hard Gladieux shot to keep her shutout intact. Another Lion corner at 2:15 led to a Glatz kick save on a Simon shot and the Scarlet Knights added a late goal from Milena Redlingshoefer to post a 3-0 victory. Penn State outshot Rutgers 8-5, including a 7-2 advantage in the second half. The Lions also had seven corners to only two for the Knights. Glatz had five saves for RU while Barraco had three for the Nittany Lions.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	RU
Shots	8	5
Corners	7	2

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: RU – Clayre Smith (unassisted); 6:06
 3rd: RU – Rachel Houston (Redlingshoefer); 7:29
 4th: RU – Melina Redlingshoefer (Kerrie Burns, Katie Larmour); 0:00

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	3	0
RU: Gianna Glatz	60:00	0	3

PENN STATE 0, RUTGERS 1

Sunday, April 4, 2021 -- Piscataway, N.J.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-5, 3-2 B1G) lost a hard fought road game at Rutgers (7-3, 4-2 B1G) to close out a weekend series in New Jersey. Head coach Char Morett-Curtiss' squad dropped a tight 1-0 game in Piscataway, its second of the weekend against the Scarlet Knights. 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 only counts in the overall standings.

Penn State and Rutgers battled for control over the opening minutes of the first quarter, with neither team able to create a solid scoring chance at the game's start. Penn State began to assert itself on offense midway through the period, forcing the Scarlet Knight defense into action. While beginning to win the ball control game, sophomore Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) pushed the ball deep into the RU circle only to be denied by the back half of the Rutgers defense. The Nittany Lions picked up the game's first corner with 4:55 left in the period. Anna Simon's (Hanau, Germany) shot off the corner was knocked away by RU keeper Gianna Glatz. Rutgers responded with a break down the field that resulted in RU's first corner with 4:04 on the clock. Penn State disrupted the effort to keep the game tied. Rutgers forced a second corner with 2:14 left in the period but Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) and the Penn State defense pushed the Knights back, sending the game to the second period tied 0-0. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) got things going in the second period, taking a hard shot less than 3:00 into the stanza, forcing Glatz into a save and earning Penn State a penalty corner. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) got off a good shot off the corner but Glatz kept the Lions off the scoreboard with another save. Nittany Lion goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) moved forward to push back an ensuing Rutgers press, knocking back an initial flurry of shots. But Rutgers' Gianna Mancini knocked a rebound past the Lion keeper at the 8:58



mark to give the home team a 1-0 lead. Penn State battled to regain control on offense but Rutgers was able to keep the ball in the Lion circle deep into the second period. Madison Hutson (Gloucester Point, Va.) shot the ball deep into the Knight circle after Penn State regained possession, but the Knight defense held firm. Rutgers made one last push into the Penn State zone as the second period wound down but a high stick gave the ball back to Penn State. Punch worked the ball down the field and Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) continued the break into the Knight circle in the final minute but a turnover handed the ball back to Rutgers and Penn State trailed by one at halftime. Rutgers outshot the Nittany Lions by one, 4-3, in the opening half and both teams had two penalty corners. Glatz had three saves to keep Penn State off the scoreboard while Barraco had one for the Nittany Lions.

Rutgers picked up an early penalty corner to start the third period, pushing the ball into the Lion circle at the 13:13 mark. Barraco and the Lion defense kept Rutgers from getting off a good shot and the Nittany Lions regained control of the ball briefly. But Rutgers forced a Lion turnover seconds later and Penn State was back on defense. The teams traded possession deep into the third period. Penn State's offense moved into the RU circle late in the period, forcing a penalty corner with 3:16 left in the period. But Rutgers was able to defend the effort. The Lion defense held off a last second rush by Rutgers and the Nittany Lions trailed by one after three periods of play. Rutgers opened up the fourth period on offense and moved the ball down to the Penn State circle off the whistle. But the Lion defense, with Vos, Simon and freshman Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.), forced a Knight turnover and moved the ball back to midfield. Penn State was unable to keep possession and Rutgers quickly got off a point blank shot at the 13:15 mark. But Barraco kicked the ball aside to keep the Lions within striking distance. The Nittany Lions worked to clear the ball from the Penn State end of the field as the clock moved down below the 9:00 mark. Punch finished off a fast break midway through the final period with a diving shot that drifted just wide of the Knight cage with 7:58 left to play. Eleni Prodes (Bethlehem, Pa.) had a shot blocked high seconds later and then Glatz knocked back a hard Gladieux shot less than a minute after that. Penn State picked up a penalty corner off the flurry, then another corner after that. Rutgers held off what was Penn State's best offensive effort of the game to maintain its one-goal lead and carry that to the end of the contest. Like Friday night, Penn State outshot Rutgers over the course of the contest, 11-6. But Glatz had six saves to shut down Penn State's offense. The Nittany Lions had a 5-3 edge in corners. Barraco finished the game with two saves for Penn State.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	RU
Shots	11	6
Corners	5	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
2nd: RU – Gianna Mancini (unassisted); 8:58

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	1	2
RU: Gianna Glatz	60:00	0	6

PENN STATE 1, INDIANA 0

Friday, April 9, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (5-5, 4-2 B1G) rode strong defense and a late goal to a home win over Indiana (0-11, 0-8 B1G) in a Big Ten field hockey battle on Friday. The Nittany Lions, under the guidance of head coach Char Morett-Curtiss, scored in the fourth quarter to post a 1-0 victory at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. 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 in both the conference and overall standings.

The Nittany Lion defense was tested just seconds into the game when Hoosier Meghan Dillon let a point-blank shot fly that Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) knocked aside. Barraco's save was a sign of things to come as Penn State's defense kept the team in the game early. The Nittany Lion offense responded after the early IU burst and reeled off a shot by Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) and forced two penalty corners. Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) took three hard shots in the opening period, two off corners, but Indiana goalie Sachi Ananias kept Penn State off the scoreboard in the opening stanza. Penn State and Indiana traded offensive possessions early in the second period and each team had shots in the opening two minutes. Gladieux had a shot blocked at the 2:18 mark while Barraco notched another save on an Indiana shot a minute later. Simon had another shot off a corner for Penn State and Gladieux had two more good efforts in the Indiana circle but in each case, Ananias was equal to the task to keep the game tied 0-0 late into the first half. The final five minutes featured a couple shots from Indiana but Barraco, like Ananias was able to keep the Hoosiers from scoring and the game moved to halftime knotted 0-0. The Nittany Lions outshot Indiana 8-4 in the opening half and had four penalty corners. Indiana had no corners but Ananias had four saves in the first half. Barraco had three for Penn State.

The home team came out in the third quarter and dominated possession. Morett-Curtiss' squad forced three penalty corners in less than six minutes to begin the second half, with Ananias able to notch saves on each Penn State shot. With the Nittany Lions unable to find the back of the cage, the Penn State defense pushed back on each IU effort to push the ball deep into Penn State territory. The Lion backfield, led by freshman Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.), Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) and Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) gave Barraco the space she needed to keep her shutout alive. While Indiana was held to just a shot, Penn State got off five shots but IU's goalie kept Penn State scoreless through three periods. The fourth quarter was more of the same as Penn State's defense played strong, Barraco kept the Hoosiers from scoring, and the Penn State offense continued to pressure the Hoosiers. The Nittany Lions dominated field position in the fourth quarter, continuing to pressure IU and forcing four penalty corners over the final 15:00. Indiana's offense looked to get untracked with three corners in the first seven minutes (IU's only corners of the game). But Penn State's defense and Barraco's goalkeeping, kept IU from finding the back of the cage. The Nittany Lion offense broke through for the game's lone goal with just 5:37 left in the game. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) took Penn State's 11th penalty corner, feeding Vos who set up Gladieux for a shot that found its way past Ananias to give Penn State the 1-0 lead. The goal would hold over the final five-plus minutes and Penn State walked away with the 1-0 victory. The Nittany Lions outshot Indiana 16-7 over the course of the game and had an 11-3 edge in penalty corners. Both keepers were outstanding with Barraco notching four saves for her third shutout of the season and Ananias collecting eight.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	IND
Shots	16	7
Corners	11	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
4th: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Bree Bednarski, Elena Vos); 5:37

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	0	4
IND: Sachi Ananias	60:00	1	8

PENN STATE 3, INDIANA 0

Sunday, April 11, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (6-5, 4-2 B1G) dominated visiting Indiana (0-12, 0-8 B1G) on Sunday for a second straight win over the Hoosiers this weekend. The Nittany Lions, under the guidance of head coach Char Morett-Curtiss, shut-out the visitors 3-0 at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. 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 only counts in the overall standings.

The Nittany Lions controlled Sunday's game from start to finish, led by a smothering defense and crisp offensively play. Sophomore Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) anchored the Nittany Lion backline throughout the contest while freshman Sophia Gladieux and senior Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) sparked the Penn State offense. Penn State outshot Indiana 6-0 in the first period alone and forced three penalty corners in the opening 15:00. Gladieux connected on the second of those three corners at the 6:55 mark, with assists from both Bednarski and Vos. The Lion defense limited Indiana's forays not the Penn State circle and the Hoosiers did not muster a shot. The second period was more evenly played with Penn State owning a 3-2 edge in shots. Indiana was able to mount more offensive pressure in the second stanza but Penn State's defense, with Vos serving as anchor, kept IU from any shots on goal and Penn State keeper Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) did not need any saves. Indiana's best chance of the game came midway through the period when Anna Gwiazdzinski took a fast shot from the left side off the Penn State circle that hit the right post, bouncing out of bounds and allowing the home team to retain its one-goal lead. The Nittany Lions added two more penalty corners but Indiana goalie Sachi Ananias beat back two hard shots from Penn State's Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany). Penn State outshot Indiana 9-2 in the first half and had five corners to just one for Indiana. Ananias had two saves to keep the Hoosiers close early while Barraco did not face a shot on goal.

The Nittany Lions broke the game open in the third period. Penn State quickly moved the ball into the IU circle and forced an early penalty corner. Ananias denied a Bednarski shot seconds after the corner and then made a great save on a Gladieux shot two minutes later to keep the game close. Penn State, however, continued to press the action and the pressure paid off. Bednarski scored unassisted at the 5:33 mark of the third period, connecting on a shot after a nifty solo drive at the top if the IU zone. Penn State rode the two goal lead into the third period, outshooting IU 6-1 in the process. Penn State was equally impressive in the fourth period. With the Lion defense of Vos, Eleni Prodes (Bethlehem, Pa.), Kelsey Love (State College, Pa.) and Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) continuing to pitch a shutout, Gladieux put the game out of reach with her second goal of the game just over 5:00 into the final period. Gladieux's unassisted goal put Penn State up 3-0 and the Nittany Lions were never threatened again. Penn State outshot IU 6-1 once again, with Barraco picking up her lone save of the game off a Kennedy Reardon shot early in the period. The Nittany Lions posted a lopsided 21-4 edge in shots and had 13 corners to just two for Indiana. Barraco notched her fourth shutout of the year with a save and Ananias had six for IU.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	IND
Shots	21	4
Corners	13	2

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Bree Bednarski, Elena Vos)
3rd: PSU – Bednarski (unassisted)
4th: PSU – Gladieux (unassisted)

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	0	1
IND: Sachi Ananias	60:00	3	6