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NOTES: September 8, 2021, Edition

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#9 Penn State (3-0, 0-0 B1G) vs. Albany (2-2)
DATE: Friday, September 10, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Penn State Field Hockey Complex

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss
 Albany Head Coach: Phil Sykes

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 2-0
 Last Meeting: W, 3-1 (9/4/16) at Albany

#9 Penn State (3-0, 0-0 B1G) vs. #19 Delaware (2-2)
DATE: Sunday, September 12, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
SITE: Penn State Field Hockey Complex

Penn State Head Coach: Char Morett-Curtiss
 Delaware Head Coach: Rolf van de Kerkhof

All-Time Series: Penn State leads 16-7-2
 Last Meeting: L, 1-3 (9/8/19) at Delaware

2021 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

Fri. 27 at #8 Virginia W, 3-2 (ot)
 Sun. 29 at William & Mary W, 7-2

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 5 #20 ST. JOSEPH'S W, 3-2
Fri. 10 ALBANY 4 p.m.
Sun. 12 #19 DELAWARE 12 p.m.
 Sat. 18 at Maryland* 1 p.m.
 Fri. 24 at Iowa* 7 p.m.
 Sun. 26 at Iowa 1 p.m.

OCTOBER

Fri. 1 INDIANA* 6 p.m.
 Sun. 3 NORTHWESTERN* 12 p.m.
 Fri. 8 RUTGERS* 4 p.m.
Sat. 9 BUCKNELL 2 p.m.
 Fri. 15 at Lafayette 7 p.m.
 Sun. 17 at Princeton 12 p.m.
 Fri. 22 at Ohio State* (B1GN) 3 p.m.
 Sun. 24 at Michigan State* (B1GN) 2 p.m.
Fri. 29 MICHIGAN* 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

W/Sun. 3-7 2021 Big Ten Tournament
 at Rutgers, Piscataway, N.J.
 Fr./Sun. 12-14 NCAA Field Hockey Tournament
 First Round Weekend

* Big Ten Game
 All Times EASTERN
 Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	Albany	Delaware
Overall Record	3-0	2-2	2-2
Conference Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Goals Scored	13	11	9
Goals Per Game	4.33	2.75	2.25
Goals Allowed	6	6	6
Goals Allowed Per Game	2.00	1.50	1.50
Shots	41	70	53
Shots Per Game	13.7	17.5	13.3
Shots Allowed Per Game	14.7	8.3	10.5
Saves/Saves %	18/.750	19/.760	15/.714
Corners	23	30	21
Shutouts	0	0	2



THIS WEEK

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; September 8, 2021 -- The Penn State Nittany Lions (3-0, 0-0 B1G) host two non-conference games at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex this weekend. The Nittany Lions welcome Albany (2-2) to Penn State on Friday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. and Delaware (2-2) to Happy Valley on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 12 p.m.

Penn State is coming off a thrilling 3-2 win over No. 20 St. Joseph's on Sunday in a game played at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Sophomore Sophia Gladioux notched two goals while senior Emma Spisak had the third. Brie Barraco tallied five saves in the cage as Penn State won its third straight game to start the season..

Gladioux leads Penn State with 10 points off four goals and two assists. Anna Simon has nine points off four and one while Spisak has five off two and one. Mackenzie Allessie, Elena Vos and Meghan Reese each have three points a piece. Barraco has a .750 save percentage with 18 saves to date.

Albany enters the weekend 2-2, owning wins over Colgate and Wagner. The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series with Albany 2-0, including a 3-1 win on Sept. 4, 2016, in the last meeting.

Delaware enters the weekend 2-2, owning wins over American and No. 18 Old Dominion. The Blue Hens host Harvard on Friday while Penn State is facing Albany. Penn State leads the all-time series with Delaware 16-7-2. Delaware won the last meeting, 3-1, on Sept. 8, 2019, in Delaware.

Penn State begins Big Ten play next weekend with a game at Maryland. The action takes place on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m.

Fans are encouraged to follow the Nittany Lion field hockey team online at www.GoPSUsports.com (click teams, click field hockey), on twitter @pennstateFH and on facebook at www.facebook.com/pennstatefieldhockey.

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	University Park, Pa.
Founded	1855
Enrollment	47,261
Colors	Blue and White
Conference	Big Ten
Nickname	Nittany Lions
President	Dr. Eric J. Barron
Vice President of ICA	Sandy Barbour
Home Field	Penn State Field Hockey Complex (750)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State, 1979)
Career Record/Years	544-22\9-17/37
Record at Penn State/Years	510-213-8/34
Associate Head Coach	Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State, 1989)
Assistant Coach	Laura Gebhart (Penn State, 2015)
Director of Operations	Miriam Powell

TEAM INFORMATION

2020-21 Record	7-7
2020-21 Big Ten Record	5-2
2020-21 Big Ten Tournament	0-1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	17/3
Starters Returning/Lost	10/2
Newcomers	8
All-Time Record	712-287-37
All-Time Big Ten Record	151-644-1
All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record	33-20
NCAA Tournament Appearances	33
NCAA Tournament Record	25-37
NCAA Semifinal Appearances	7
NCAA Championship Game Appearances	2
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2018

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GLADIEUX'S TWO GOALS LEAD PENN STATE TO 3-2 WIN OVER #20 ST. JOSEPH'S

Sophomore Sophia Gladieux notched two goals to lead Penn State to a 3-2 victory over St. Joseph's on Sept. 5. Gladieux's two-goal effort was joined by a solo score from Emma Spisak as Penn State won its home opener at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

SIMON'S HAT TRICK LEADS PENN STATE TO ROAD WIN AT WILLIAM AND MARY

Senior Anna Simon notched a hat trick to lead Penn State to a 7-2 road win at William and Mary on Aug. 29. Simon's three goals all came off Penn State's superb penalty corner set. Mackenzie Alessie had two assists, Elena Vos had two assists, Meghan Reese had a goal and an assist, Emma Spisak had a goal and Sophia Gladieux had a goal and two assists. Brie Barraco had four saves in the win as well.

PUNCH'S BREAKAWAY LIFTS PENN STATE TO 3-2 VICTORY AT #8 VIRGINIA TO START SEASON

Junior Jemma Punch took a pass from senior Emma Spisak in overtime and broke away for the game-winning goal in a 3-2 (ot) win at #8 Virginia in Penn State's 2021 season opener on Aug. 27. Punch's goal capped off a thrilling road win. Anna Simon and Sophia Gladieux each had goals as well and keeper Brie Barraco withstood 25 Cavalier shots, collecting nine saves.

PENN STATE BEGINS SEASON RANKED #9 IN NFHCA COACHES POLL

Penn State is ranked #9 in the latest NFHCA Coaches Poll. The Nittany Lions are one of six Big Ten teams ranked in the top ten.

IMPORTANT PARKING UPDATES FOR 2021

Parking for all Penn State Athletics' non-football events will require a valid permit or payment of the applicable parking fee for campus lots. Fans with valid Penn State University Park parking permits will be permitted to park at non-football athletics events for free, following Transportation Services parking policies and access. For field hockey, fans are asked to park in Jordan East, Stadium West or Porter North. Fans without a permit are encouraged to prepay for event parking at a discounted rate of \$5.50 through ParkMobile - <https://psu.parkmobile.io/>. Prepayment is available through 11:59 p.m. the day prior to each event. Event day parking will be [\$10/\$20] per vehicle [and is cash only/can be purchased on the ParkMobile app]. The East Deck is also available for most events for \$1 per hour. Parking for all non-football athletics events is managed by Penn State Transportation Services. For more information or questions, visit transportation.psu.edu or email parking@psu.edu.

PENN STATE HAS TWO ROAD GAMES SET TO AIR ON BIG TEN NETWORK

The Penn State field hockey team has two road games scheduled to be aired live on the Big Ten Network to a national audience this season. The Lions' game at Ohio State on Friday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m. and their game two days later at Michigan State on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m., will be telecast.

2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 9/6/21)

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

NFHCA POLL (9/8/21)

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



TRIO OF NITTANY LIONS ON BIG TEN'S PRESEASON PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST!

A trio of Nittany Lions are on the 2021 Big Ten Field Hockey Preseason Players to Watch list. Junior goalie Brie Barraco, sophomore midfielder Sophia Gladioux and junior midfield transfer Mackenzie Allesie are all on the conference's preseason list.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Meghan Reese
Anna Simon
Emma Spisak

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Anna Simon
Penn State Student-Athlete of the Week (9/1)



CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS
 35TH SEASON AT PSU
 38TH SEASON OVERALL
 (Penn State, 1979)

NCAA DIVISION I ALL-TIME WINNINGEST HEAD COACHES

1. Karen Shelton	North Carolina	1981-Pres.	705-165-9
2. Nancy Stevens	Connecticut	1990-2020.....	698-189-24
	Northwestern	1981-89	
	Franklin & Marshall	1979-80	
3. Missy Meharg	Maryland	1988-Pres.	590-150-9
4. Beth Anders	Old Dominion	1980-84.....	577-156-7
		1987-2012	
5. Char Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	1984-Pres.	544-229-17
	Boston College	1984-86	

MOST NCAA TOURNAMENTS

Coach	Schools	NCAA Tournaments
Karen Shelton	North Carolina	37
Nancy Stevens	Connecticut, Northwestern	32
Missy Meharg	Maryland.....	30
Charlene Morett-Curtiss	Penn State	28
Beth Anders	Old Dominion	28

CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS YEAR-BY-YEAR

At Boston College (3 years, 34-16-8, .655)

1984	13-4-1	.750
1985	10-5-5	.625
1986	11-7-2	.600

At Penn State (33 years, 503-206-8, .707)

1987	14-5-2	.714	NCAA Tournament
1988	15-6-1	.705	NCAA Quarterfinals
			..... Atlantic 10 West Champions
1989	18-3-1	.841	NCAA Tournament
			..... Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
			..... Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1990	21-4	.840	NCAA Semifinals
			..... Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
			..... Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1991	18-3-1	.841	NCAA Semifinals
1992	16-5-1	.750	NCAA Quarterfinals
1993	20-2	.909	NCAA Semifinals
			..... Big Ten Regular Season Champions
1994	13-7-2	.636	NCAA Quarterfinals
1995	15-9	.625	NCAA Quarterfinals
			..... Big Ten Tournament Champions
1996	14-9	.609	NCAA Tournament
			..... Big Ten Tournament Champions
1997	18-6	.750	NCAA Quarterfinals
			..... Big Ten Regular Season Champions
			..... Big Ten Tournament Champions
1998	18-5	.783	NCAA Quarterfinals
			..... Big Ten Regular Season Champions
			..... Big Ten Tournament Champions
1999	17-5	.773	NCAA Tournament
2000	17-6	.739	NCAA Tournament
2001	12-7	.632	
2002	19-5	.792	NCAA National Finalist
2003	18-7	.720	NCAA Quarterfinals
2004	10-10	.500	
2005	17-4	.810	NCAA Tournament
			..... Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2006	16-6	.727	NCAA Quarterfinals
2007	16-8	.667	NCAA National Finalist
2008	13-7	.650	NCAA Tournament
			..... Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2009	7-13	.350	
2010	14-6	.700	NCAA Tournament
2011	17-6	.739	Big Ten Tournament Champions
			..... NCAA Quarterfinals
2012	18-4	.818	NCAA Quarterfinals
			..... Big Ten Regular Season Champions
			..... Big Ten Tournament Champions
2013	13-6	.684	NCAA Tournament
			..... Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2014	16-6	.727	NCAA Quarterfinals
2015	9-10	.474	
2016	17-3	.850	NCAA Tournament
2017	17-5	.773	NCAA Tournament
2018	12-6	.667	NCAA Tournament
2019	8-12	.400	Big Ten Tournament Runner-Up
2020-21	7-7	.500	
37 Yrs	544-229-17	.703	28 NCAA Appearances



2021 ROSTERS (# and alpha)

Penn State Athletics chose to advance classes as though 2020-21 was a normal year of eligibility. Student-athletes listed as redshirt freshmen in 2021-22 did not officially redshirt in 2020-21, but would have in any other normal year. Extra years of eligibility will be marked on the back end of student-athletes' career (a "+" symbol will be added on the end of "Sr." to indicate the extra year of eligibility being used).

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
2	Mackenzie Allesie	M	Jr.	Mount Joy, Pa./Donegal
3	Sophia Gladieux	F	So.	Boyetown, Pa./Oley Valley
4	Emma Spisak	F	Sr.+	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
5	Carly Gannon	F/M	So.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
6	Bree Bednarski	F/M	Sr.+	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
7	Julia Lamb	F/M	R-Fr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
8	Elena Vos	B	Jr.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
9	Madison Tambroni	M	Fr.	State College, Pa./State College
10	Madison Reese	D	Jr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	M/B	Sr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Jr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
13	Eleni Prodes	M/B	Sr.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	So.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
15	Aubrey Semler	F	Fr.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	Jr.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
17	Anna Simon	M	Sr.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
18	Emily Farrell	M/B	So.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
19	Grace Wallis	F	Sr.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
20	Anouk Knuvers	M/B	Fr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
21	Caroline Myers	F	R-Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
23	Jemma Punch	F/M	Jr.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M	Sr.+	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill
26	Gery Schnarrs	B	So.	Camp Hill, Pa./East Pennsboro
27	Drew Taylor	F	R-Fr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
30	Emily Bullard	GK	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
33	Kelsey Love	B	So.	State College, Pa./State College
34	Sofia Acosta	B	Fr.	Malvern, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
42	Sophia Mannino	F	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
34	Sofia Acosta	B	Fr.	Malvern, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
2	Mackenzie Allesie	M	Jr.	Mount Joy, Pa./Donegal
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Jr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
6	Bree Bednarski	F/M	Sr.+	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area
30	Emily Bullard	GK	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	So.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
18	Emily Farrell	M/B	So.	Wyoming, Pa./Dallas
5	Carly Gannon	F/M	So.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
3	Sophia Gladieux	F	So.	Boyetown, Pa./Oley Valley
20	Anouk Knuvers	M/B	Fr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
7	Julia Lamb	F/M	R-Fr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
33	Kelsey Love	B	So.	State College, Pa./State College
42	Sophia Mannino	F	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
21	Caroline Myers	F	R-Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
16	Brianna O'Donnell	F	Jr.	Lansdale, Pa./North Penn
13	Eleni Prodes	M/B	Sr.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
23	Jemma Punch	F/M	Jr.	McDowall, Australia/Brisbane
10	Madison Reese	D	Jr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
11	Meghan Reese	M/B	Sr.	Coopersburg, Pa./Southern Lehigh
26	Gery Schnarrs	B	So.	Camp Hill, Pa./East Pennsboro
15	Aubrey Semler	F	Fr.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
17	Anna Simon	M	Sr.	Hanau, Germany/Karl-Rehbein
4	Emma Spisak	F	Sr.+	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs
9	Madison Tambroni	M	Fr.	State College, Pa./State College
27	Drew Taylor	F	R-Fr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
8	Elena Vos	B	Jr.	Grave, The Netherlands/Nijmegen
19	Grace Wallis	F	Sr.	Blue Bell, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy
24	Hannah Zemaitis	M	Sr.+	Camp Hill, Pa./Camp Hill

Head Coach: Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State '79), 38th Season, 35th at Penn State

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State '89), 28th Season

Assistant Coach: Laura Gebhart (Penn State '15), 1st season



The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 05, 2021) All games

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

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sogsog%	gw	ps-att	sv
Aug 27	at #8 Virginia	wot 3-2	452	3	Gladieux, Sophia	3	4	2	10	14	.28	9 .64	1	0-0	0
Aug 29	at William & Mary	w 7-2	336	17	Simon, Anna	3	4	1	9	10	.40	5 .50	1	0-0	0
Sep 5	ST. JOSEPH'S	w 3-2	620	23	Punch, Jemma	3	1	0	2	4	.25	1 .25	1	0-0	0
				11	Reese, Meghan	3	1	1	3	3	.33	3 1.00	0	0-0	0
				4	Spisak, Emma	3	2	1	5	3	.66	3 1.00	0	0-0	0
				5	Gannon, Carly	3	0	0	0	1	.00	1 1.00	0	0-0	0
				26	Schnarrs, Gery	3	1	0	2	1	1.00	1 1.00	0	0-0	0
				33	Love, Kelsey	3	0	0	0	1	.00	1 1.00	0	0-0	0
				2	Allessie, Mackenzie	3	0	3	3	1	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				6	Bednarski, Bree	3	0	0	0	1	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				16	O'Donnell, Brianna	3	0	0	0	1	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				8	Vos, Elena	3	0	3	3	1	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				19	Wallis, Grace	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				27	Taylor, Drew	1	0	1	1	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				21	Myers, Carolina	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				18	Farrell, Emily	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				14	Delgado, Lauren	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				7	Lamb, Julia	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				42	Mannino, Sophia	3	0	1	1	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				24	Zemaitis, Hannah	2	0	1	1	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				15	Semler, Aubrey	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				12	Barraco, Brie	3	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				10	Reese, Madison	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
				20	Knuvers, Anouk	3	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0	0
					Total	3	13	14	40	41	.31	24 .58	3	0-0	0
					Opponents	3	6	6	18	44	.13	24 .54	0	0-0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	13-41	6-44
Goals scored per game	4.33	2.00
Shot pct.	.317	.136
Shots on goal-Attempts	24-41	24-44
SOG pct.	.585	.545
Shots/Game	13.7	14.7
PENALTY CORNERS	23	21
PENALTY STROKES	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES		
Green cards	2	0
Yellow cards	0	0
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	620	788
Dates/Avg Per Date	1/620	2/394
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
14	Delgado, Lauren	1	6:47	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0	0/0
12	Barraco, Brie	3	177:14	6	3.05	18	.750	3-0-0	0/0
	Total	3	184:01	6	2.93	18	.750	3-0-0	0
	Opponents	3	184:01	13	6.36	11	.458	0-3-0	0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	2	5	3	2	1	13
Opponents	2	2	1	1	0	6

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	7	9	17	6	2	41
Opponents	9	12	15	7	1	44

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	4	4	7	2	1	18
Opponents	1	2	6	2	0	11

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	3	7	9	4	0	23
Opponents	3	5	8	5	0	21



#16 PENN STATE 3, #8 VIRGINIA 2 (OT) Friday, Aug. 27, 2021 -- Charlottesville, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-0, 0-0 B1G) opened up the 2021 fall season with a thrilling 3-2 overtime win at No. 8 Virginia (0-1) on Friday afternoon. Goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) was outstanding in the cage, fending off 25 total shots and collecting nine saves while Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) scored the game winner in extra time to clinch the win.

Penn State got on the scoreboard first in the season's opening game. Midway through the first period, Penn State's offensive pressure led to a penalty corner that ended in a 1-0 Penn State lead. New Nittany Lion Mackenzie Alessie assisted on the corner, setting up Lion captain Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) for the goal, giving Penn State a 1-0 lead at the 7:03 mark. Penn State's defense, anchored by Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) and goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) kept the Cavaliers at length for the opening stanza and Penn State led 1-0 after one. The Nittany Lions continued to hold the lead deep into the second period, but the Cavalier defense stiffened, and Penn State led 1-0 late into the period. Virginia's offense began to break through as the clock moved below the 10:00 mark, forcing a number of penalty corners down the stretch. The home team got on the board for the first time when Amber Ezechiels scored off a penalty corner with 2:39 left in the half, assisted by Meghan Hengerer. The goal tied the game and the 1-1 score held to intermission. Virginia outshot Penn State 12-1 in the first half, six in each period. Penn State keeper Barraco notched three saves, all in the first period. Virginia's Lauren Hausheer had none. Virginia had five penalty corners to one for the Nittany Lions.

Virginia's offense kept the pressure on Penn State for the bulk of the third quarter. Virginia dominated the period on offense, but Barraco held firm in the cage and Penn State maintained its 1-1 deadlock deep into the stanza. The Nittany Lions took a 2-1 lead with just 0:24 left on the clock when Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) scored off an assist from senior Hannah Zemaitis (Camp Hill, Pa.) with less than thirty seconds to play, allowing Penn State to lead 2-1 after three periods. Barraco had three saves in the period. Penn State saw its one-goal lead disappear early in the final period. Virginia tied the game with 10:08 left to play when Adele Iacobucci scored off a deflection and an Ezechiels assist. The goal came off a penalty corner to knot the game at 2-2. The teams traded possessions for the next few minutes and Barraco kept the game tied with a nice save off an Ezechiels shot with under 7:00 to play. Penn State had a late chance to grab the lead, forcing a penalty corner with just 1:32 left in regulation. But Hausheer notched the save on a Gladieux shot and the game moved to overtime.

Virginia began the first extra period fast, working the ball downfield and getting off a shot quickly. But Barraco's save off the Noa Tollaksen shot kept the game tied. Alessie followed for Penn State, getting off a quick shot just seconds later, but the effort was blocked as well. Penn State wrapped the game up, however, just 3:58 into extra time when Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) took a great pass from Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) who got the assist, and broke away down field. Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) started the break that led to the final goal. Punch ended the game with a goal at the 6:02 mark of overtime to give Penn State a 3-2 victory. Virginia outshot Penn State 25-8 but the Nittany Lions scored on three of their eight shots while Barraco collected nine saves for Penn State. Hausheer had two saves for Virginia. The Cavaliers had an 11-3 edge in penalty corners as well.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	UVA
Shots		8
Corners	3	11

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: PSU – Anna Simon (Mackenzie Alessie); 7:03
2nd: UVA – Amber Ezechiels (Meghen Hengerer, Annie McDonough); 2:39
3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Hannah Zemaitis); 0:24
4th: UVA – Adele Iacobucci (Ezechiels); 10:08
OT: PSU – Jemma Punch (Emma Spisak); 6:02

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	63:58	2	9
UVA: Lauren Hausheer	63:58	3	2

#16 PENN STATE 7, WILLIAM & MARY 2 Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021 -- Williamsburg, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (2-0, 0-0 B1G) rolled to a big non-conference win at William and Mary (2-0) to close out a two-game swing through Virginia to open up the 2021 fall season. After falling behind by a goal early, Penn State dominated the second period and roared to a 7-2 victory in Williamsburg. Senior Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) sparked Penn State with three goals, scoring each time within Penn State's penalty corner offense. Junior Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) anchored a strong Penn State defensive showing as well as the Nittany Lion corner offense.

The first period began with a flurry. William and Mary scored quickly, getting a goal from Mollie Schurma just 3:20 into the contest. The Nittany Lions would not trail long, however. Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) took a Meghan Reese (Coopersburg, Pa.) assist and tied the game just over a minute later to tie the score 1-1 with less than five minutes played. Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) made a nice save off an Audrey Domovich shot with just over 2:30 left in the period, knocking away the shot on a penalty corner. But the Tribe was able to take a 2-1 lead just seconds later when Lily Saunders scored at the 2:15 mark. Gladieux had a shot blocked as the first period wound down and Penn State trailed 2-1 after one. Penn State tied the game quickly in the second period. The Lion offense forced a penalty corner. Mackenzie Alessie (Mount Joy, Pa.) took the corner and fed Vos. Vos tossed it to Simon who knocked in the shot just :37 into the period to tie the game. Jemma Punch (McDowall, Australia) nearly put the Lions on top with a shot a minute later, but her effort hit the post. Penn State's penalty corner set gave the Lions a lead at the 11:06 mark, with the same trio

hitting paydirt: Alessie to Vos to Simon for the score and a 3-2 Penn State lead. Simon continued to pepper the cage on penalty corners. Bree Bednarski (Wyoming, Pa.) took a corner at the 3:23 mark, sent the ball to Gladieux who assisted on a third goal by Simon to put Penn State on top by two, 4-2. Penn State wrapped up a dominant second period when Meghan Reese fended the back of the cage with just :04 on the clock, taking another assist from Gladieux, and the Lions led 5-2 at the break. Penn State outshot William and Mary 8-5 in the opening half. Barraco had two saves to one for Tribe keeper Kimi Jones. The Nittany Lions had a 5-2 edge in penalty corners in the first half as well.

The Nittany Lions continued to pour it on offensively early in the third period. After Barraco knocked back two early Tribe shots, senior Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.) took two shots in close to the William and Mary goal. Spisak connected on the second at the 11:58 mark to give the Lions a 6-2 lead. Penn State continued to pressure William and Mary, reeling off four penalty corners in the ensuing minutes after Spisak's goal. The Tribe defense was able to keep Penn State from adding to its lead and the Nittany Lions led by four after three periods. Penn State's depth came to play in the fourth quarter. The Nittany Lions' talented roster was on full display as the defense continued to hold the Tribe at bay. Just under 10 minutes into the final stanza, new Nittany Lion transfer Gery Schnarrs (Camp Hill, Pa.) scored her first goal as a Penn Stater, taking an assist from of redshirt freshman Drew Taylor (Coatesville, Pa.) off a penalty corner, scoring at the 4:19 mark to give the Lions a 7-2 lead. Schnarrs' goal was the last of the game as Penn State rolled to the lopsided victory. Penn State outshot William and Mary 18-11 and held an 8-4 edge in penalty corners. Barraco ended the game with four saves and two goals against while Lauren Delgado (East Ear, Pa.) saw nearly 7:00 in the cage in the fourth quarter. Jones had five saves and six goals against for the Tribe while Maddie George had a goal against.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	1	4	1	1	7
William and Mary	2	0	0	0	2

STATS:	PSU	WM
Shots		18
Corners	11	4

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: WM – Mollie Schurma (unassisted); 11:40
1st: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (Meghan Reese); 10:30
1st: WM – Lily Saunders (Tabby Billingham); 1:15
2nd: PSU – Anna Simon (Mackenzie Alessie, Elena Vos); 14:23
2nd: PSU – Simon (Alessie, Vos); 11:06
2nd: PSU – Simon (Gladieux); 3:23
2nd: PSU – Meghan Reese (Gladieux); 0:04
3rd: PSU – Emma Spisak (unassisted); 11:58
4th: PSU – Gery Schnarrs (Drew Taylor); 4:19

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	53:13	2	4
Lauren Delgado	6:47	0	0
WM: Kimi Jones	54:59	6	5
Maddie George	5:01	1	0

#16 PENN STATE 3, #20 ST. JOSEPH'S 2 Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (3-0, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 16 in the NFCA Coaches Poll, used a late goal from sophomore Sophia Gladieux (Boyetown, Pa.) to beat No. 20 St. Joseph's (1-2) in the home opener for head coach Char Morett-Curtiss and her squad. The Boyertown native scored her second goal of the game with less than 10:00 to play to spark Penn State to the 3-2 non-conference win in Happy Valley.

The two teams battled to an even draw in the opening period. The visitors withstood four early Penn State shots with keeper Robin Bleekemolen notching a save in the period to keep the game knotted in a 0-0 tie after the opening 15:00 of play. The Hawk defense withstood two Penn State penalty corners in the opening period as well. St. Joseph's got on the board first just 1:24 into the second period when Manu Ghigliotti scored off an assist from Katelyn Cocco to give SJU a 1-0 lead. St. Joseph's was able to control the action in the second period, picking up a total of four shots and forcing Penn State goalie Brie Barraco (Allentown, Pa.) into three saves. But Barraco's play in the cage and the Lion defense kept Penn State within one, and eventually the Nittany Lion offense broke through. As the second period wound down, Anna Simon (Hanau, Germany) moved in from the right side of the circle and fed the ball in where Elena Vos (Grave, The Netherlands) tipped the ball towards Emma Spisak (Boiling Springs, Pa.). Spisak moved the ball around Bleekemolen and tied the game at 1-1 with just :32 left in the first half. Penn State outshot St. Joseph's 7-4 in the first 30:00 and had a 4-1 edge in penalty corners. Barraco had three saves to two for Bleekemolen at intermission.

Gladieux scored her first goal of the game just 4:00 into the third period. The sophomore broke open in front of the cage after moving in from the right side of the circle and scored on an unassisted back hand to put Penn State up 2-1. Penn State was able to maintain its one goal lead for six minutes before Ghigliotti scored once more, this time unassisted, to tie the game up at 2-2 with 4:39 left in the third period. The tie score held into the fourth. Penn State took the lead for good with 8:30 left to play. Freshman Sophia Mannino (Doylestown, Pa.) used a nifty move outside the circle, right of the cage, and moved the ball in towards the Hawk cage. She fed Gladieux as both players pressed the cage and Gladieux knocked the ball past the Hawk keeper for the goal, giving Penn State a 3-2 lead. The Nittany Lion defense stood firm for the remainder of the game, including a solid effort on a last-second Hawk penalty corner, to preserve the 3-2 victory. Penn State outshot St. Joseph's 15-11 and had a 9-6 edge in penalty corners. Barraco ended the game with five saves while Bleekemolen had four.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	1	1	1	3
St. Joseph's	0	1	1	0	2



STATS:	PSU	SJU	
Shots		15	11
Corners	9	6	

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

- 1st: TEAM – Score (assist); 0:00
- 2nd: SJU – Manu Ghigliotti (Katelyn Cocco); 13:36
- 2nd: PSU – Emma Spisak (Anna Simon, Elena Vos); 0:32
- 3rd: PSU – Sophia Gladieux (unassisted); 10:59
- 3rd: SJU – Ghigliotti (unassisted); 9:39
- 4th: PSU – Gladieux (Sophia Mannino); 8:30

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S	
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	5	
SJU: Robin Bleekemolen	59:00	3	4	
Team	1:00	0	0	0