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NOTES: August 30, 2023

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#5 Penn State (1-1, 0-0 B1G) at California (0-3)

Friday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m. Eastern (4 p.m. local)

Series History: Penn State leads 5-2

#5 Penn State (1-1, 0-0 B1G) at Stanford (0-2)

Sunday, Sept. 3, 3 p.m. Eastern (12 p.m. local)

Series History: Penn State leads 2-0

2023 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

Fri.	25	at #6 Virginia	L, 1-2
Sun.	27	at American	W, 3-2 (ot)

SEPTEMBER

Fri.	1	at California	7 p.m.
Sun.	3	at Stanford	3 p.m.
Fri.	8	KENT STATE	6 p.m.
Sun.	10	DELAWARE	1 p.m.
Fri.	15	RUTGERS*	5 p.m.
Sun.	17	BUCKNELL	12 p.m.
Sun.	24	SYRACUSE	12 p.m.

OCTOBER

Sun.	1	at Maryland* (BIG Net.)	2 p.m.
Fri.	6	OHIO STATE*	5 p.m.
Fri.	13	at Michigan State*	6 p.m.
Sun.	15	at Michigan* (B1G Net.)	12 p.m.
Fri.	20	NORTHWESTERN*	5 p.m.
Sun.	22	IOWA*	12 p.m.
Fri.	27	at Indiana*	3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Th.-Sn.	2-5	Big Ten Tournament Ann Arbor, Mich.
F.-Sn.	10-12	NCAA Rds. 1+2, sites TBA
F.-Sn.	17-19	NCAA Semis and Final Chapel Hill, N.C.

* Big Ten Game -- Home Games in BOLD CAPS
ALL TIMES EASTERN

THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	Cal	Stanford
Overall Record	1-1	0-3	0-2
Conference Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Goals Scored	4	2	0
Goals Per Game	2.00	0.67	0.00
Goals Allowed	4	8	6
Goals Allowed Per Game	2.00	2.67	3.00
Shots	41	30	8
Shots Per Game	20.5	10.0	4.0
Shots Allowed Per Game	13.5	10.3	14.0
Saves/Saves %	13/.765	11/.579	10/.625
Corners	19	24	4
Shutouts	0	0	0

THIS WEEK

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -- The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-1, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the NFHCA Coaches Poll, continues a four-game road stretch to start the season with two games on the West Coast. Head coach Lisa Bervinchak Love's squad will visit California (0-3) on Friday, Sept. 1, for a 7 p.m. Eastern (4 p.m. local) game in Berkeley. Two days later, the Nittany Lions visit Stanford (0-2) for a 3 p.m. Eastern game (12 p.m. local).

Penn State enters the weekend with a 1-1 record after a road split to open the season. The Nittany Lions lost 2-1 to No. 6 Virginia and bounced back for a 3-2 overtime victory at American. Mackenzie Alessie leads Penn State with four points off two goals (both in the American win) and Sophia Gladieux and Natalie Freeman each have a goal a piece. Keeper Brie Barraco has 13 saves and a .765 percentage through two games.

California will enter Friday's game with an 0-3 record. The Bears have played a rugged early season schedule, playing three games in four days to open the season. Cal lost to Miami, Maryland and Rutgers in a four-day span last Friday through Monday. Penn State leads the all-time series with the Bears 5-2. Cal won the last meeting, a 4-3 overtime thriller played at Spooky Nook in 2019.

Stanford will enter Sunday's game with an 0-2 mark. The Cardinal lost 4-0 to Maryland on Aug. 25 and then dropped a tough 2-0 game to Rutgers on Aug. 27. Both games were played in California. The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series with the Cardinal 2-0, including a 3-1 victory in the last meeting in 2009.

Penn State debuts in Happy Valley next weekend, hosting Kent State on Friday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. and Delaware on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m. Both games will be played at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	University Park, Pa.
Founded	1855
Enrollment	47,261
Colors	Blue and White
Conference	Big Ten
Nickname	Nittany Lions
President	Dr. Neeli Bendapudi
Vice President of ICA	Dr. Patrick Kraft
Home Field	Penn State Field Hockey Complex (500)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Lisa Bervinchak Love (Penn State, 1989)
Career Record/Years	0-0/1st year
Record at Penn State/Years	0-0/1st year
Associate Head Coach	Laura Gebhart (Penn State, 2015)
Assistant Coaches	Ayla Halus-Johnson (Penn State, 2013) Amanda Dinunzio (Penn State, 2015)
Dir. of Operations	Miriam Powell (Gustavus Adolphus, 1995)

TEAM INFORMATION

2022 Record	17-4
2022 Big Ten Record	7-1
2022 Big Ten Tournament	0-1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	18/7
Starters Returning/Lost	7/4
Newcomers	5
All-Time Record	743-297-37
All-Time Big Ten Record	145-66-1
All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record	34-22
NCAA Tournament Appearances	35
NCAA Tournament Record	27-39
NCAA Semifinal Appearances	8
NCAA Championship Game Appearances	2
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2022

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NOTES

ALLESSIE SPARKS PENN STATE TO 3-2 OVERTIME WIN AT AMERICAN

Mackenzie Alessie scored the game's final two goals to spark Penn State to a 3-2 come-from-behind win at American on Aug. 27. Alessie's goals helped Penn State erase an early 2-0 deficit to the Eagles. Sophia Gladieux had the other goal for Penn State in the win.

LIONS DROP SEASON OPENER AT #6 VIRGINIA

Penn State lost a hard-fought 2-1 game to #6 Virginia in the season opener for both teams on Aug. 25. Freshman Natalie Freeman scored her first career goal to start the game but the Cavaliers scored the game's final two goals to grab the win.

ALLESSIE, BARRACO, GANNON VOTED TEAM CAPTAINS

Seniors Mackenzie Alessie, Brie Barraco and Carly Gannon have been named team captains for the 2023 season. The tri-captains were voted on by their teammates.

ALLESSIE, BARRACO, GLADIEUX NAMED TO BIG TEN WATCH LIST

Seniors Mackenzie Alessie, Brie Barraco and Phia Gladieux have been named to the Big Ten Preseason Watch List.

PENN STATE SLATED FOR TWO NATIONAL TELECASTS ON THE BIG TEN NETWORK

The Penn State Nittany Lions will appear on two Big Ten Network national telecasts during the regular season. The games at Maryland on Oct. 1 (2 p.m.) and at Michigan on Oct. 15 (12 p.m.) have both been selected as national telecasts by the network.

2023 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 8/29/23)

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

NFHCA COACHES POLL (Preseason, 2023)

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

HONORS WON (2023)

MACKENZIE ALLESSIE

Big Ten Watch List
Team Captain

BRIE BARRACO

Big Ten Watch List
Team Captain

CARLY GANNON

Team Captain

PHIA GLADIEUX

Big Ten Watch List

PRONUNCIATIONS

Brie Barraco -- bree bah-RAH-co

Elise DeWan -- dee-WAHN

Phia Glaidieux -- PHEE-ah GLAD-ee-oh

Ella Jennes -- ell-ah JENN-ess

Anouk Knuvers -- ah-NEWK kah-NEW-vehrs

Gery Schnarrs -- JERRY SHNAHRS

Hannah Schreckengaust -- SHRECK-ehn-gaust

Julienne van Bekkum -- BECK-uhm





LISA BERVINCHAK LOVE
 1ST SEASON-HEAD COACH
 30TH SEASON-OVERALL
 (Penn State, 1989)

Penn State Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. Pat Kraft named Lisa Bervinchak Love the head coach of Penn State's storied field hockey program on February 20, 2023. Bervinchak Love, the long-time associate head coach for the recently retired Char Morett-Curtiss, became the sixth head coach in school history.

Bervinchak Love will begin her first season as the head coach in what will be her 30th year on the Penn State staff. She began her Penn State coaching career in 1994, joining Morett-Curtiss' staff as an assistant coach, was eventually promoted to associate head coach, and has remained a fixture in the Penn State community since.

"We are excited to have Lisa take over the reins of the Penn State field hockey program," said Kraft. "Lisa has been a huge part of the program's success for the last 29 years, working alongside the legendary Char Morett-Curtiss. Lisa's fingerprints are all over this program and she is more than ready to take on the challenge of being a head coach. Her love for Penn State, this program and these student-athletes is evident when you talk to her and her passion shines through in every aspect of her coaching."

"I am truly blessed and honored to be the next head coach for Penn State Field Hockey," said Bervinchak Love. "I want to thank Pat Kraft for giving me this opportunity and Char for all her support, mentoring and the friendship she has given me over the years. Char has been the heart and soul of this program for a long time, and I am truly grateful to have been by her side for 29 of those years. I will do my best to honor Char's legacy and the traditions of Penn State Field Hockey. We will continue to play with heart and strive to be the best both on and off the field. We Are!"

During Bervinchak Love's time on the Penn State staff, the Nittany Lion program cemented itself as a national powerhouse. Since her arrival as an assistant coach, Penn State has achieved national success:

- * 23 NCAA appearances
- * 3 trips to the national semifinals
- * 2 trip to the NCAA title game
- * Seven Big Ten Regular-Season Championships
- * Six Big Ten Tournament Championships

Penn State's student-athletes have achieved heralded success during Bervinchak Love's tenure as an assistant:

- * 30 NFHCA first-team All-Americans
- * 31 second team All-Americans
- * 25 third team All-Americans
- * 70 first-team All-Big Ten selections
- * 6 Big Ten Players of the Year
- * 9 Big Ten Offensive Players of the Year
- * 9 Big Ten Defensive Players of the Year
- * Over 300 Academic All-Big Ten selections
- * Nearly 300 NFHCA National All-Academic honorees

"When I returned to Penn State in 1987 Lisa was a talented right wing," said former head coach Char Morett-Curtiss upon her retirement in February of 2023. "She could weave through a defense with skill and speed and make it look easy. More importantly she displayed a love for the game, a fierce competitive spirit, a motivational work ethic and was highly respected by her teammates. She became a humble captain her senior year and a first-team All-American."

"A few years later, searching for an assistant in 1993, I reached out to Lisa," Morett-Curtiss continued. "She always embodied the traditions, values, and pride of Penn State Field Hockey as a player and alum and I knew that she would be an outstanding coach. Twenty-nine years, as a leader by my side, she has exceeded those expectations and has become a coach who has led Penn State to years of consistent success in the classroom and on the field. She values every aspect of a player's collegiate life, coaches with a keen knowledge of the game, and an understanding to prepare weekly for game day decisions and success. Lisa is a proud representative of Penn State University, who is highly respected in the coaching community and amongst her coaching peers on campus. Our years together were successful, fun and special. With Lisa at the helm, Penn State Field Hockey is primed for success."

As a player, Bervinchak Love played three years at Penn State after transferring from Villanova at the conclusion of her freshman year. A three-year letterwinner (1986-88), Bervinchak Love earned a lengthy list of honors during her playing career:

- * First-team NFHCA All-American
- * First-team All-Atlantic 10
- * Atlantic-10 All-Tournament Team
- * Atlantic-10 Player of the Week
- * 28 career goals in three seasons at Penn State
- * Team captain as a senior

Following her graduation from Penn State in 1989, Bervinchak Love continued to play field hockey at the national level. In 1991, she helped guide her team to a Silver Medal at the Olympic Sports Festival in Los Angeles. Bervinchak Love graduated from Penn State with a degree in health policy and administration. She began her professional career as an elementary school teacher in Penn Manor School District and assisted head coaches in field hockey and basketball. She continued teaching in a number of elementary schools before coming to Penn State as an assistant coach.

She is married to Steve Love, a Penn State alum and senior graphic designer in Penn State Athletics. They have two daughters, Taylor and Kelsey (a junior on this year's Nittany Lion team).

Penn State Athletics chose to advance classes as though 2020-21 was a normal year of eligibility. Student-athletes who were 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
1	Natalie Freeman	M/F	Fr.	Ellicott City, Md./Garrison Forest School
2	Mackenzie Allesie	M	Sr.+	Mount Joy, Pa./Donegal
3	Phia Gladieux	F	Sr.	Boyertown, Pa./Oley Valley
4	Madison Tambroni	M	So.	State College, Pa./State College
5	Carly Gannon	F/M	Sr.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
7	Julia Lamb	F/M	Jr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
9	Morgan McMenamin	F	So.	Lafayette Hill, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
10	Julienne van Bekkum	B	Gr.	Best, The Netherlands/Heerbeek
11	Madison Britton	M/D	Fr.	West Grove, Pa./Avon Grove
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Gr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	Gr.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
15	Aubrey Semler	F	So.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
16	Elise DeWan	D	Fr.	Collegeville, Pa./Methacton
17	Ella Jennes	F/M	So.	Aerdenhout, The Netherlands/Coornert Lyceum
20	Anouk Knuvers	B	Jr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
21	Caroline Myers	F	Jr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
22	Emmy McCully	F/M	Fr.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
26	Gery Schnarrs	B	Sr.	Camp Hill, Pa./East Pennsboro
27	Drew Taylor	F/M	Jr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
30	Emily Bullard	GK	So.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
31	Hannah Schreckengaust	D	Fr.	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos
33	Kelsey Love	B	Gr.	State College, Pa./State College
34	Sofia Acosta	B	So.	Malvern, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
42	Sophia Mannino	M	Jr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
34	Sofia Acosta	B	So.	Malvern, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
2	Mackenzie Allesie	M	Sr.+	Mount Joy, Pa./Donegal
12	Brie Barraco	GK	Gr.	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
11	Madison Britton	M/D	Fr.	West Grove, Pa./Avon Grove
30	Emily Bullard	GK	So.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
14	Lauren Delgado	GK	Gr.	East Earl, Pa./Garden Spot
16	Elise DeWan	D	Fr.	Collegeville, Pa./Methacton
1	Natalie Freeman	M/F	Fr.	Ellicott City, Md./Garrison Forest School
5	Carly Gannon	F/M	Sr.	Havertown, Pa./Haverford
3	Phia Gladieux	F	Sr.	Boyertown, Pa./Oley Valley
17	Ella Jennes	F/M	So.	Aerdenhout, The Netherlands/Coornert Lyceum
20	Anouk Knuvers	B	Jr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
7	Julia Lamb	F/M	Jr.	Phoenixville, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
33	Kelsey Love	B	Gr.	State College, Pa./State College
42	Sophia Mannino	M	Jr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
22	Emmy McCully	F/M	Fr.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
9	Morgan McMenamin	F	So.	Lafayette Hill, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
21	Caroline Myers	F	Jr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
26	Gery Schnarrs	B	Sr.	Camp Hill, Pa./East Pennsboro
31	Hannah Schreckengaust	D	Fr.	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos
15	Aubrey Semler	F	So.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
4	Madison Tambroni	M	So.	State College, Pa./State College
27	Drew Taylor	F/M	Jr.	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
10	Julienne van Bekkum	B	Gr.	Best, The Netherlands/ Heerbeek

Head Coach: Lisa Bervinchak Love (Penn State '89), 1st season as head coach; 30th overall

Associate Head Coach: Laura Gebhart (Penn State '15), 3rd season at Penn State; 6th overall

Assistant Coaches: Ayla Halus-Johnson (Penn State '13); Amanda Dinunzio (Penn State '15)



Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 27, 2023)
All games

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

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
08/25/23	at #6 Virginia	L 1-2	530
Aug 27	at American	Wot 3-2	373

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	4-41	4-27
Goals scored per game	2.00	2.00
Shot pct.	.098	.148
Shots on goal-Attempts	23-41	17-27
SOG pct.	.561	.630
Shots/Game	20.5	13.5
CORNER KICKS	19	6
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	0	1
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	0	903
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	2/452
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

##	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	pk-att
3	Gladieux, Sophia	2	1	0	2	17	.05	10	.58	0	0-0
2	Allessie, Mackenzie	2	2	0	4	12	.16	5	.41	1	0-0
27	Taylor, Drew	2	0	0	0	3	.00	2	.66	0	0-0
9	McMenamin, Morga	2	0	0	0	3	.00	2	.66	0	0-0
42	Mannino, Sophia	2	0	0	0	3	.00	1	.33	0	0-0
1	Freeman, Natalie	2	1	0	2	2	.50	2	1.00	0	0-0
17	Jennes, Ella	2	0	0	0	1	.00	1	1.00	0	0-0
10	van Bekkum, Julien	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
15	Semler, Aubrey	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
33	Love, Kelsey	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
26	Schnarrs, Gery	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
21	Myers, Caroline	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
7	Lamb, Julia	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
5	Gannon, Carly	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
20	Knuvers, Anouk	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
Total		2	4	0	8	41	.09	23	.56	1	0-0
Opponents		2	4	3	11	27	.14	17	.63	1	0-0

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
12	Barraco, Brie	2	121:51	4	2.95	13	.765	1-1-0	0/0
Total		2	121:51	4	2.95	13	.765	1-1-0	0
Opponents		2	121:51	4	2.95	19	.826	1-1-0	0

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

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	5	9	21	4	2	41
Opponents	4	7	7	9	0	27

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	2	3	3	5	0	13
Opponents	3	4	10	2	0	19

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	3	3	9	4	0	19
Opponents	0	1	3	2	0	6

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



#5 PENN STATE 1, #6 VIRGINIA 2

Friday, Aug. 25, 2023 -- Charlottesville, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-1, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Coaches Poll, dropped a hard-fought game at No. 6 Virginia (1-0) in the season opener for both teams. The Nittany Lions fell 2-1 on the road in Charlottesville, Va. The game was the first for new head coach Lisa Bervinchak Love.

Both ranked teams battled each other evenly for the opening minutes, with neither team managing a shot on goal. Virginia survived an early green card to keep the game scoreless as the first period hit the midway point. Penn State keeper Brie Barraco made a save on the first shot of the game, turning back Virginia's Dani Mendez-Trendler at the 6:18 mark. Barraco made a second save with 2:15 left in the opening period to keep the Cavaliers off the scoreboard. Virginia's Emily Field hit the post shortly after Barraco's save and the game moved to the second period tied 0-0. The Penn State defense forced a high shot from the Cavaliers early in the second period. Penn State's Drew Taylor took Penn State's first shot of the game, forcing Virginia goalie Tyler Kennedy into a save with 9:25 left in the period. She followed with a second quick shot that was blocked and the game continued 0-0. Penn State forced the first penalty corner of the game at 9:01 and Sophia Gladieux's shot off the set play sailed just wide. Barraco served up a save on a Cavalier shot with 5:00 left to play. A minute later, Penn State freshman Natalie Freeman gave Penn State a 1-0 lead, scoring unassisted at the 4:50 mark. That score held for the remainder of the period and Penn State carried a 1-0 lead into intermission. Virginia outshot Penn State 6-5 in the first half. Penn State had one corner. Barraco had three saves for Penn State and Kennedy had two for Virginia.

Penn State opened the second half by forcing a quick penalty corner. Gladieux's shot was turned away off a defensive save from Virginia. The Cavaliers then moved the ball down field, picked up their first penalty corner, and forced Barraco into another save just over a minute into the third period. The Cavaliers tied the game up shortly after Barraco's save with Laura Jenssen knotting the score at 1-1 with 13:31 on the clock. Penn State pressed the Virginia cage midway through the period with Morgan McMenammin ripping off three shots, forcing Kennedy into two saves with the third being blocked. A fourth Lion shot went wide and the game moved to the 7:00 mark still tied at 0-0. Penn State worked to take the lead late in the third, forcing three penalty corners in the last two minutes. But Virginia's Kennedy made the saves necessary to send the game into the fourth period tied 1-1. Virginia took a 2-1 lead just over 3:00 into the fourth period. After Barraco made a pair of saves, Minnie Pollock found the back of the cage with 12:32 left in the game to put the Cavaliers up by one. Penn State answered with a penalty corner a couple minutes later, with Mackenzie Allesie feeding Gladieux for the shot. But Virginia's Noa Boterman made a defensive save on the shot and Penn State trailed by one with 8:32 left in the game. Virginia forced a corner minutes later, the Penn State defense held and the game continued with the Cavaliers up 2-1. Barraco made a save late to keep Penn State close. Virginia's defense then kept Penn State from threatening the cage as the game ended and the Nittany Lions fell 2-1. Virginia outshot Penn State 18-14. Barraco and Kennedy each netted eight saves. Penn State had six corners to Virginia's three.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	UVA
Shots	14	18
Corners	6	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
 2nd: PSU – Natalie Freeman (unassisted); 4:50
 3rd: UVA – Laura Janssen (Minnie Pollock); 13:31
 4th: UVA – Minnie Pollock (Laura Janssen); 12:32

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	60:00	2	8
UVA: Tyler Kennedy	60:00	1	8

#5 PENN STATE 3, AMERICAN 2

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023 -- Washington, D.C.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-1, 0-0 B1G), ranked No. 5 in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Coaches Poll, came back from a two-goal deficit to beat American University (1-1) in a non-conference road game on Sunday. Senior Mackenzie Allesie scored the game's final two goals, including the game winner in overtime, to lift Penn State to the 3-2, come-from-behind win.

The teams battled through an even four minutes before Penn State forced the game's first penalty corner at the 10:26 mark. Allesie's entry pass led to a Sophia Gladieux shot that missed just wide, keeping the game scoreless early on. Penn State got hit with a green card at the 9:15 mark allowing American to move the ball down field where Sarah Steinman had the Eagles' first shot blocked. Penn State retook possession, moved the ball down field where both Ella Jennes and Natalie Freeman had shots saved by AU keeper Bryn Underwood. Penn State forced a corner, Allesie had one shot saved and another miss just wide with 4:31 left in the first period and the game moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Gladieux had an early shot for Penn State, forcing Underwood into a save less than two minutes into the period. American had a shot blocked at the 11:24 mark as well, and the close game continued towards the 10:00 mark of the second. Underwood made another save on a Penn State shot at the 8:34 mark. American regained possession and Rebecca Bonness forced Penn State keeper Brie Barraco into her first saves of the game with 7:16 left in the half. American received a penalty corner right after and the Eagles took a 1-0 lead when Alyssa Freeman scored with 7:06 on the clock. Penn State looked to tie the game late in the period, with a pair of penalty corners late. The Lions had a shot sail wide with :50 on the clock and Penn State trailed 1-0 at intermission. Penn State outshot American 9-5 in the first half and had a 5-1 edge in corners. Barraco had two saves for the Nittany Lions while Underwood had five for the Eagles.

American took a 2-0 lead quickly in the third period when Emilia Winkler scored unassisted just over two minutes into the period. Penn State immediately worked the ball down field after the reset and

forced a penalty corner, but the ensuing shot was blocked. American followed with a couple corners, two shots and two Barraco saves that kept Penn State close. Underwood made a nice save on a Gladieux shot midway through the third period. Penn State maintained possession, picking up two quick corners. Underwood continued to push back Penn State's efforts, making another save on an Allesie shot with 7:13 on the clock. Another Allesie effort was blocked with 6:16 left in the period but the Nittany Lions picked up a penalty corner on the play. Underwood made two saves and a third Lion shot was blocked during flurry in front of the Eagle cage, leaving the Lions still down 2-0 at 5:50. Penn State got on the board with 2:51 left in the third period when Gladieux pushed the ball past Underwood to cut the Eagle lead to 2-1. Penn State had two late shots blocked and the Nittany Lions trailed by one after three periods. The Nittany Lions tied the game up early in the fourth period when Allesie scored off a penalty corner just 1:26 into the final stanza. The goal evened up the scoreboard 2-2 with the bulk of the final period yet to play. Barraco made a nice save on a Megan Hoffman shot with just over 10:00 to play but the Nittany Lions were hit with a green card shortly thereafter, giving the Eagles a player advantage. The Penn State defense held, however, and the game moved to the final eight 8:00 knotted at 2-2. The Nittany Lions had a pair of corners with just over 6:00 to play but had a shot blocked. The Nittany Lions nearly grabbed the win with a late shot from Gladieux, but Underwood made the save and the game moved to overtime.

Sophia Mannino had a shot blocked early in the extra period to set up Allesie's game winner. Allesie scored off the rebound to give Penn State a 3-2, come-from-behind victory at the 8:09 mark of overtime. Penn State outshot American 27-9 and had a big 13-3 edge in penalty corners. Barraco had five saves for the Nittany Lions while Underwood had 11 saves for the Eagles.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	OT	F
PENN STATE	0	0	1	1	1	3
American	0	1	1	0	0	2

STATS:	PSU	AU
Shots	27	9
Corners	13	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
 2nd: AU – Alyssa Freeman (Tayla-Jade Weiss); 7:06
 3rd: AU – Emilia Winkler (unassisted); 11:42
 3rd: PSU – Phia Gladieux (unassisted); 2:51
 4th: PSU – Mackenzie Allesie (unassisted); 13:34
 OT: PSU – Mackenzie Allesie (unassisted); 8:09

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Brie Barraco	61:51	2	5
AU: Bryn Underwood	61:51	3	11

