

PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS

2017 LACROSSE GAME NOTES

GM 10: PENN STATE VS. OHIO STATE | APR. 2 | 7 PM | PENN STATE LACROSSE FIELD | UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.

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STAT COMPARISON

PENN STATE (NATL./CONF.)	CATEGORY	OHIO STATE (NATL./CONF.)
15.33 (4/1)	Scoring Offense	11.70 (21/5)
24.44 (3/1)	Points/Game	17.80 (26/6)
.379 (2/1)	Shooting Percentage	.321 (18/4)
9.11 (5/1)	Assists/Game	6.10 (30/6)
.433 (17/5)	Man-Up Offense	.474 (14/4)
34.44 (7/2)	Ground Balls/Game	28.80 (25/4)
4.67 (66/6)	Caused Turnovers/Game	5.20 (49/5)
.698 (2/1)	Faceoff Win Percentage	.609 (6/2)

BY THE NUMBERS

41

Nittany Lions captain **Nick Aponte** is in the midst of a 41-game point scoring streak, in which he has scored at least one point in each game he has played. It is the eighth longest of its kind nationally.

3

Penn State has claimed three Creator's Trophy titles. The trophy dates back to 2012 and is competed for by Penn State, Ohio State and Michigan.

2

Penn State is one of two remaining undefeated teams nationally, entering Sunday's game at 9-0. Hofstra (8-0) is the only other undefeated team in the country.

1

Penn State ranks No. 1 in the Big Ten in all offensive statistics. The Nittany Lions average 15.33 goals/game and 9.11 assists/game for 24.44 points/game while shooting at a league-best .379 clip.

GAME 10



9-0	Record	9-1
2/2	Ranking	5/5
W9	Streak	L1

W, 15-8 vs. Cleveland St. **Last Game** L, 12-7 at Notre Dame
Head Coach Jeff Tambroni **Nick Myers**
Career Record 166-80 **78-59**
School Record 57-40 **78-59**
 Rankings - USILA Coaches Poll/Maverick Media Poll

GAME DETAILS

Date Faceoff	April 2 7 p.m.
Location:	University Park, Pa.
Facility:	Penn State Lacrosse Field

Television: Big Ten Network
Talent: Dean Linke (pxp), Mark Dixon (analyst)
Live Video: <http://gopsu.info/MLAXOSUVideo>
Live Stats: <http://gopsu.info/MLAXOSUStats>

2017 SCHEDULE

9-0 Overall | 0-0 Big Ten
 6-0 Home • 3-0 Away • 0-0 Neutral

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Time (Network)/Result
1.21	NAVY^ (10/8)	-
1.28	ARMY WEST POINT^	-
2.4	ROBERT MORRIS \$	W, 15-11
2.11	at Hobart (RV/NR)	W, 21-15
2.18	CORNELL (RV/RV)	W, 20-10
2.25	at Villanova	W, 17-12.
3.4	PENN \$ (8/8)	W, 14-13
3.7	FURMAN	W, 12-10
3.11	at Harvard (RV/RV)	W, 15-12
3.17	FAIRFIELD	W, 9-8
3.25	CLEVELAND STATE	W, 15-8
4.2	OHIO STATE* (5/5)	7 p.m. (BTN)
4.8	at Maryland*	1 p.m. (BTN)
4.15	at Johns Hopkins*	2 p.m. (ESPNU)
4.23	RUTGERS*	7 p.m. (BTN)
4.30	at Michigan*	2 p.m.
5.4-6	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
5.13-14	NCAA First Round	TBA
5.20-21	NCAA Quarterfinals	TBA
5.27	NCAA Semifinals	TBA
5.29	NCAA Championships	TBA

ALL CAPS - denotes home game
 ^ - denotes exhibition game | * - denotes Big Ten game
 \$ - denotes home games played in Holuba Hall

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SERIES HISTORY

Overall: 14-6
At Home: 6-4
On The Road: 8-2
Streak: Penn State, W1
First Meeting: April 7, 1979 (W, 14-11)
Tambroni vs. Ohio State: 3-5

PLAYER TO WATCH



**GRANT
AMENT**

#1

**SOPHOMORE | ATTACK | 5-9 | 165
DOYLESTOWN, PA**

Ament enters Penn State's matchup with Ohio State leading the offense in points with 39. His 21 goals are good for second on the team, while his 18 assists are tied for best on the squad. Ament looks to stay hot after posting a six-point outing last game against Cleveland State when he racked up four goals and a pair of assists.

SUNDAY STORYLINES



NITTANY LIONS OPEN BIG TEN PLAY

- Penn State's "second season" begins on Sunday, as the Nittany Lions open the Big Ten slate against No. 5 Ohio State.
- The Nittany Lions enter Saturday's game at 9-0, marking the best start to a season in program history and the first time going undefeated through non-conference play.



BATTLE FOR CREATOR'S TROPHY BEGINS

- Penn State's game against Ohio State marks the beginning of the battle between Penn State, Ohio State and Michigan for the Creator's Trophy. The trophy is in honor of the three original Big Ten schools to host men's lacrosse.
- Penn State has claimed three of the five Creator's Trophy titles.



FIGHTING FOR FACEOFFS

- Penn State and Ohio State will likely see one of the best matchups at the faceoff dot of the season against one another.
- Penn State ranks second nationally in faceoff win percentage (.698) while Ohio State ranks sixth (.609). The teams are first and second in the Big Ten, respectively.

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PENN STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	NAME	CL.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
1	Grant Ament	SO	A	5-9	165	Doylestown, Pa./The Haverford School
2	TJ Connellan	FR	D	6-1	180	Cazenovia, N.Y./Cazenovia
3	Mac O'Keefe	FR	A	6-0	180	Syosset, N.Y./Syosset
4	Chris Isenberg	JR	M	6-1	170	Glen Mills, Pa./Malvern Prep
5	Kevin Hill	SO	M	5-10	175	Webster, N.Y./Webster Thomas
6	Ryan Keenan	JR	M	5-9	165	Smithtown, N.Y./Smithtown West
7	Tanner Peck	JR	M	6-1	210	Lincoln University, Pa./Avon Grove
8	Matt Florence	R-SR	M	5-11	175	Greenwood Village, Colo./Kent Denver School
9	Nick McEvoy	FR	M	5-10	177	Washington, D.C./Gonzaga College HS
10	Nick Aponte	SR	A	6-0	175	West Islip, N.Y./West Islip
11	Matt Donnelly	SO	M	5-7	165	Sewell, N.J./Clearview Regional
12	Tyler Butler	JR	D	5-9	205	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
13	Nick Spillane	SO	M	5-10	165	Franklin Square, N.Y./Carey
14	Dylan Foulds	R-FR	A	6-0	180	Port Coquitlam, British Columbia/Terry Fox Secondary
15	Robby Black	SO	M	6-4	190	Lutherville, Md./McDonogh School
16	Matt Sexton	R-SR	M	5-11	178	Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna
17	Mike Aronow	JR	D	5-11	180	Holbrook, N.Y./Sachem North
19	Will Schreiner	JR	G	6-1	210	Kemblesville, Pa./Avon Grove
20	Hunter Pearl	JR	D/G	5-11	195	Reisterstown, Md./St. Paul's
22	Brian Prestreau	SR	M	6-0	168	Yorktown Heights, N.Y./Yorktown
23	Tommy Wright	SO	D	6-0	195	Garden City, N.Y./Garden City
24	Tyler Chambers	SR	M	5-9	190	Media, Pa./Episcopal Academy
25	Chris Sabia	SO	D	6-2	185	Harleysville, Pa./The Haverford School
26	Matthew Fisher	FR	M	5-10	180	Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen's & St. Agnes
27	Barrett Sutley	FR	M	6-2	197	Owings Mills, Md./McDonogh School
28	Jack Rusbuldt	FR	G	5-10	165	Richmond, Va./Collegiate School
29	Conor Smith	FR	A	6-1	170	Long Island, N.Y./West Islip
31	Kevin Fox	SO	D	5-9	170	Annapolis, Md./St. Mary's
32	Dean Lamela	SO	D	6-2	205	Brick, N.J./The Lawrenceville School
33	Tripp Traynor	JR	M	5-10	180	Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Prep
34	Colby Kneese	FR	G	5-10	173	Dallas, Texas/Highland Park
35	Dan Craig	SR	M	6-1	178	Shelburne, Ontario/Centre Dufferin
36	Brandon Stern	SO	M	5-11	175	Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill East
37	Mitch Schaefer	FR	M	5-11	160	Canandaigua, N.Y./Canandaigua Academy
38	Drake Kreinz	R-SR	M	6-0	194	Delafield, Wis./The Portsmouth Abbey School (R.I.)
39	Mike Sutton	SR	M	5-9	194	Sewell, N.J./St. Augustine Prep
40	Gerard Arceri	FR	M	6-0	188	St. James, N.Y./Smithtown East
41	Trevor Scollins	SO	G	6-1	175	Marshfield, Mass./Marshfield
42	Jimmy Nowoswiat	SO	A	6-3	225	Kennett Square, Pa./Unionville
43	Nick Cardile	FR	D	6-1	180	West Grove, Pa./Avon Grove
44	Billy Lombardi	SR	M	5-7	195	Rochester, N.Y./Aquinas Institute
45	Peter Triolo	SR	D	6-1	188	Smithtown, N.Y./Smithtown East

Coaches

Jeff Tambroni - Head Coach (Hobart '92) - Seventh Season
Peter Toner - Associate Head Coach (Springfield College, '03) - Seventh Season
Chris Doctor - Assistant Coach (Rutgers '07) - Seventh Season
David Shriver - Director of Operations (Georgetown '11) - Fifth Season

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	NAME	CL.	Pos.
1	Grant Ament	SO	A
10	Nick Aponte	SR	A
40	Gerard Arceri	FR	M
17	Mike Aronow	JR	D
15	Robby Black	SO	M
12	Tyler Butler	JR	D
43	Nick Cardile	FR	D
24	Tyler Chambers	SR	M
2	TJ Connellan	FR	D
35	Dan Craig	SR	M
11	Matt Donnelly	SO	M
26	Matthew Fisher	FR	M
8	Matt Florence	R-SR	M
14	Dylan Foulds	R-FR	A
31	Kevin Fox	SO	D
5	Kevin Hill	SO	M
4	Chris Isenberg	JR	M
6	Ryan Keenan	JR	M
34	Colby Kneese	FR	G
38	Drake Kreinz	R-SR	M
32	Dean Lamela	SO	D
44	Billy Lombardi	SR	M
9	Nick McEvoy	FR	M
42	Jimmy Nowoswiat	SO	A
3	Mac O'Keefe	FR	A
20	Hunter Pearl	JR	G/D
7	Tanner Peck	JR	M
22	Brian Prestreau	SR	M
28	Jack Rusbuldt	FR	G
25	Chris Sabia	SO	D
37	Mitch Schaefer	FR	M
19	Will Schreiner	JR	G
41	Trevor Scollins	SO	G
16	Matt Sexton	R-SR	M
29	Conor Smith	FR	A
13	Nick Spillane	SO	M
36	Brandon Stern	SO	M
27	Barrett Sutley	FR	M
39	Mike Sutton	SR	M
33	Tripp Traynor	JR	M
45	Peter Triolo	SR	D
23	Tommy Wright	SO	D

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Aponte	Uh-PAWN-tee	Kreinz	KRINES
Arceri	AR-sair-ee	Nowoswiat	No-WAZ-ee-it
Aronow	AR-ruh-now	Prestreau	PREST-row
Cardile	CAR-deal	Rusbuldt	RUSS-bult
Connellan	CUH-nell-in	Sabia	SAY-bee-uh
Foulds	Folds	Tambroni	Tam-BRO-Knee
Isenberg	EYE-zen-berg	Triolo	TREE-of-oh
Kneese	CUH-Niece		

PENN STATE BREAKDOWN

PENN STATE BY CLASS

Redshirt Seniors (3): Matt Florence, Drake Kreinz, Matt Sexton

Seniors (7): Nick Aponte, Tyler Chambers, Dan Craig, Billy Lombardi, Brian Prestreau, Mike Sutton, Peter Triolo

Juniors (8): Mike Aronow, Tyler Butler, Chris Isenberg, Ryan Keenan, Hunter Pearl, Tanner Peck, Will Schreiner, Tripp Traynor

Sophomores (11): Grant Ament, Robby Black, Matt Donnelly, Kevin Fox, Kevin Hill, Dean Lamela, Jimmy Nowoswiat, Christopher Sabia, Trevor Scollins, Nick Spillane, Brandon Stern, Tommy Wright

Redshirt Freshmen (1): Dylan Foulds

Freshmen (11): Gerard Arceri, Nick Cardile, TJ Connellan, Matthew Fisher, Colby Kneese, Nick McEvoy, Mac O'Keefe, Jack Rusbuldt, Mitch Schaefer, Conor Smith, Barrett Sutley

PENN STATE BY LOCATION

New York (15): Aponte, Arceri, Aronow, Connellan, Hill, Keenan, Lombardi, O'Keefe, Prestreau, Schaefer, Sexton, Smith, Spillane, Triolo, Wright

Pennsylvania (10): Ament, Butler, Cardile, Chambers, Isenberg, Nowoswiat, Peck, Sabia, Schreiner, Traynor

Maryland (4): Black, Fox, Pearl, Sutley

New Jersey (4): Donnelly, Lamela, Stern, Sutton

Canada (2): Craig, Foulds

Virginia (2): Fisher, Rusbuldt

Colorado (1): Florence

Massachusetts (1): Scollins

Texas (1): Kneese

Washington, D.C. (1): McEvoy

Wisconsin (1): Kreinz

PENN STATE BY POSITION

Attack (6): Ament, Aponte, Foulds, Nowoswiat, O'Keefe, Smith

Midfield (22): Arceri, Black, Chambers, Craig, Donnelly, Fisher, Florence, Hill, Isenberg, Keenan, Kreinz, Lombardi, McEvoy, Peck, Prestreau, Schaefer, Sexton, Stern, Spillane, Sutley, Sutton, Traynor

Defense (10): Aronow, Butler, Cardile, Connellan, Fox, Lamela, Pearl, Sabia, Triolo, Wright

Goalkeeper (5): Kneese, Pearl, Rusbuldt, Schreiner, Scollins

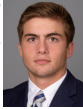
▶ POSSIBLE STARTERS

Based on last game

ATTACK

#1 **GRANT AMENT**
SO. | 5-9 | 165 | DOYLESTOWN, PA


GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-9	21	18	39	2	2



NOTES: National POTW after 6g, 3a vs. Cornell (2/18) ... Leads PSU, second in B1G in assists/game ... Pre-season All-America HM.

#3 **MAC O'KEEFE**
FR. | 6-0 | 180 | SYOSSET, NY


GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-9	34	4	38	4	1



NOTES: National leader in goals (34), 2nd goals/game (3.78) ... 5x B1G Freshman of the Week ... Career-high 8 goals vs. Villanova (2/25).

#10 **NICK APONTE**
SR. | 6-0 | 175 | WEST ISLIP, NY

GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-9	13	18	31	1	1




NOTES: Team captain ... Tewaaraton Watch List ... Preseason All-America HM ... Leads PSU, second in B1G in assists/game.

DEFENSE

#2 **TJ CONNELLAN**
FR. | 6-1 | 180 | CAZENOVIA, NY


GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
9-9	0	0	0	9	1



NOTES: Career-best 4 GB vs. Furman (3/7) ... Caused turnover vs. Harvard (3/11) ... Led HS team to 2011 and 2013 NY state titles.

#25 **CHRIS SABIA**
SO. | 6-2 | 185 | HARLEYSVILLE, PA


GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
9-9	1	0	1	13	9



NOTES: Leads team in CT ... Preseason B1G honoree ... 21 career CT second among active PSU players.

#45 **PETER TRIOLO**
SR. | 6-1 | 188 | SMITHTOWN, NY

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
9-9	0	0	0	6	3




NOTES: B1G Defensive POTW after guiding defense in 20-10 win over Cornell ... Tambroni cites his high lacrosse IQ.

DEFENSIVE MIDFIELD

#9 **NICK MCEVOY**
FR. | 5-10 | 175 | WASHINGTON, DC


GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
9-0	3	1	4	13	1



NOTES: Scored goals in three games ... Under Armour HS All-American ... Inside Lacrosse top-50 prospect in 2016 class.

#33 **TRIPP TRAYNOR**
JR. | 5-10 | 180 | DOWNINGTON, PA


GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
9-0	0	0	0	19	2



NOTES: Second on team in GB's ... Regularly part of faceoff wings ... Earned Brick Squad honor after Villanova win.

#38 **DRAKE KREINZ**
R-SR. | 6-0 | 194 | DELAFIELD, WIS

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
9-0	0	1	1	12	0




NOTES: Shifted from primary faceoff man to defensive midfielder ... Contributes on faceoff wings ... One of 11 on team with 10 GB's.

MIDFIELD

#6 **RYAN KEENAN**
JR. | 5-9 | 165 | SMITHTOWN, NY


GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-5	5	10	15	0	0



NOTES: Named Brick Squad honoree after 2g, 1a vs. Harvard ... 1 of 3 players with 10a... Career-high 5p vs. Hobart (2/11).

#13 **NICK SPILLANE**
SO. | 5-10 | 165 | FRANKLIN SQUARE, NY


GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-5	13	9	22	2	1



NOTES: B1G Offensive POTW and National POTW finalist after 5g vs. Penn ... 13g tied third on PSU ... 2.44 points/game 15th in B1G.

#35 **DAN CRAIG**
SR. | 6-1 | 178 | ONTARIO

GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-5	5	3	8	0	0




NOTES: 64 career points on 37g, 27a ... No pts vs. Fairfield snapped 6-game point streak ... Background in box lacrosse.

SECOND MIDFIELD

#5 **KEVIN HILL**
SO. | 5-10 | 175 | WEBSTER, NY


GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-4	11	4	15	4	2



NOTES: Leads PSU in extra man goals and game winners ... Career-high 4g at Hobart (2/11) ... 2x US Lacrosse HS All-American.

#8 **MATT FLORENCE**
R-SR. | 5-11 | 175 | GREENWOOD VILLAGE, COLO


GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
8-4	8	3	11	0	0



NOTES: On four-game goal scoring streak ... 60 career points (45g, 15a) ... Transferred from UVA ... 2012 U19 Team USA member.

#39 **MIKE SUTTON**
SR. | 5-9 | 194 | SEWELL, NJ

GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
9-4	11	5	16	0	1




NOTES: 19-game point streak (26-6-32) ... Team-best eight career games with hat tricks ... 67 career goals leads team.

FACEOFF SPECIALISTS

#40 **GERARD ARCERI**
FR. | 6-0 | 180 | ST. JAMES, NY


GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	F/O
9-0	4	0	4	88	155-224



NOTES: 2nd in DI in F/O pct. (.682) ... One of two freshmen on Tewaaraton Watch List ... 3x B1G Specialist of the Week.

#44 **BILLY LOMBARDI**
SR. | 5-9 | 165 | DOYLESTOWN, PA

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	F/O
6-0	0	0	0	16	32-44




NOTES: Leads team in F/O pct. (.727) ... Earned Brick Squad honor after Hobart ... 10-13 on faceoff vs. Furman (3/7).

GOALKEEPER

#34 **COLBY KNEESE**
FR. | 5-10 | 173 | DALLAS, TEXAS

GP-GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	PCT
9-8	486:22	87	10.73	92	.514



NOTES: Four games with 10-plus saves including season-high 18 vs. Villanova ... 9-0 on the season ... Under Armour All-American in 2015

▶ **NOTES**

PENN STATE DEFEATS CLEVELAND STATE

Penn State won its ninth consecutive game on March 25, taking down Cleveland State, 15-8.

▶ With the win over Cleveland State, Penn State went undefeated in the non-conference slate for the first time in program history at a perfect 9-0 mark. Penn State first became a conference member in 2000 when the team joined the ECAC before transitioning to the CAA and eventually the Big Ten.

▶ With the win, Penn State remained one of two undefeated squads nationally at 9-0. Hofstra (8-0) is the only other undefeated program nationally.

▶ With nine wins on the 2017 season, Penn State achieved its 14th season ever winning nine or more games and has won nine or more for the third time in head coach **Jeff Tambroni's** seven-year tenure. Penn State's nine wins have been the most in a single season since 2013, when the team went 12-5 and made the first round of the NCAA tournament.

▶ The starting attack trio of **Grant Ament, Nick Aponte** and **Mac O'Keefe** combined for 11 goals and four assists in the game. Ament (4g, 2a) led the team in goals and assists. O'Keefe (4g) matched Ament's goal total while Aponte (3g, 2a) and sophomore midfielder **Nick Spillane** (2a) co-lead the team in helpers along side Ament.

▶ Sophomore attackman **Jimmy Nowoswiat** and redshirt-senior midfielder **Drake Kreinz** logged their first goal and assist of the season, respectively. Freshman attackman **Conor Smith** logged his first career assist in the game as well.

▶ Of the 42 players on Penn State's roster, 36 saw playing time against Cleveland State.

NITTANY LIONS STILL UNBEATEN

Penn State is in the midst of a historic streak opening the 2017 season.

▶ Following Penn State's win over Cleveland State, the Nittany Lions continue the best start in program history at 9-0. Prior to the 2017 season the best record to begin a season at Penn State was 7-0, achieved by the 1992 team.

▶ With a win against Ohio State on Sunday, Penn State would tie the program record for consecutive wins in a season with 10-straight, set by 2013 team. It would also mark just the seventh season in which a Penn State team has won 10 or more games.

O'KEEFE TABBED BIG CO-FOTW

Following Penn State's 15-8 win over Cleveland State on March 25, attackman **Mac O'Keefe** was named Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week on March 28 by the league office.

▶ O'Keefe logged the award after a four-goal performance against Cleveland State.

▶ The outing marked his sixth game of the 2017 season in which he logged three or more goals.

▶ O'Keefe has earned five Big Ten Freshman of the Week awards this season, more than any other player in Penn State men's lacrosse history. The previous record was held by sophomore attackman **Grant Ament**, who earned four during the 2016 season.

▶ O'Keefe leads the country in goals scored with 34 total in nine contests. O'Keefe's 3.78 goals per game rank second nationally.

CREATOR'S TROPHY BATTLE BEGINS

As the Nittany Lions begin the Big Ten slate on April 2, the hunt for the Creator's Trophy begins again. The trophy was created in 2012 by the then three Big Ten schools that sponsored men's lacrosse in Penn State, Michigan and Ohio State.

▶ The team to win both of its games against the other two teams claims the Creator's Trophy for the season. If a three-way 1-1 record occurs, the team who last won the title retains the trophy.

▶ Penn State has captured three of five titles, winning the award in 2012, 2014 and 2016.

▶ The night prior to each of the three games, the home institution hosts the visitor for a "rivalry" dinner.

ARCIER ON TEWAARATON WATCH LIST

In addition to senior **Nick Aponte**, freshman faceoff specialist **Gerard Arceri** was named to the Tewaaraton Award watch list on March 16.

▶ At this point in the season, Arceri continues to be one of the most dominant faceoff men in the Division I game. Arceri has won 155 faceoffs to date, with his 69.2-percent clip ranking second nationally. The rookie also ranks second in Division I in groundballs per game, averaging 9.78 per outing.

▶ Arceri is one of just two freshmen on the watch list so far, with the other being Virginia freshman Dox Aitken, who played club lacrosse with sophomores **Grant Ament** and **Chris Sabia**.

OFFENSE AMONG NATION'S BEST

Nine games into the 2017 season, the Nittany Lion offense continues to be one of the best in the nation statistically.

▶ Penn State ranks second in the country statistically in shooting percentage as of March 27, firing the ball at a .379 clip. Four players in **Grant Ament** (.488, 13th), **Mac O'Keefe** (.436, 30th), **Kevin Hill** (.393, 52nd) and **Nick Spillane** (.371, 71st) all rank in the top 75 nationally.

▶ Of the over 70 Division I programs, Penn State finds itself also ranked among the top five in the country in scoring offense (fourth, 15.33 goals per game), points per game (third, 24.44) and assists per game (fifth, 9.11). Penn State leads the Big Ten in all four previously mentioned statistical categories.

▶ Penn State has five offensive players ranked nationally among the top 150 in either points per game, goals per game or assists per game. Ament (4.33 ppg, 2.33 gpg, 2.00 apg) is the lone player to rank among the top 150 in all three categories, ranking 17th nationally in points per game and assists per game while coming in at No. 38 in the nation in goals per game. O'Keefe (4.22 ppg, 3.78 gpg) ranks top 20 in both goals per game and points per game, while **Nick Aponte** (3.44 ppg, 2.00 apg) and **Spillane** (2.44 ppg, 1.00 apg) are both top 150 in points per game and assists per game. **Ryan Keenan** ranks in the top 100 nationally in assists per game averaging 1.11 per contest.

ATTACK LINE AMONG LEADERS IN D1

Penn State's attack unit has been especially impressive so far, with the three attackmen starters of **Grant Ament, Nick Aponte** and **Mac O'Keefe** being one of the most potent units in Division I statistically.

▶ Ament and O'Keefe both rank among the top 20 nationally in points per game. Ament comes in at No. 17, good for second in the Big Ten, while O'Keefe ranks No. 20 in the country and third in the Big Ten. Ament and Aponte are both top-20 in assists per game, with their 2.00 assist/game average ranking 17th overall nationally and second in the Big Ten.

▶ The trio of Ament, Aponte and O'Keefe have accounted for 49.3% of Penn State's goals, 48.7% of Penn State's assists and 49.1% of the team's total points.

▶ As a unit, Penn State's starting attack line has produced the third most points among starting attack lines. The Nittany Lion trio ranks third in total goals, sixth in total assists and fourth in points per game.

STARTING ATTACK LINES BY POINTS (MIN 95)

Rk.	School (Attackmen)	2017 G-A-P Combined
1.	Virginia (D'Amario, Kraus, Williams)	67-46-113
2.	Duke (Bruckner, Gutierrez, Manown)	69-41-110
3.	Penn State (Ament, Aponte, O'Keefe)	68-40-108
4.	Princeton (McBride, Sowers, Thompson)	54-44-98
5.	Loyola (McGovern, Spencer, Sirico)	28-59-97

As of March 27, 2017

SEASON HONORS

Grant Ament

- ▶ Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-America Honorable Mention
- ▶ Big Ten Preseason Honoree
- ▶ Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (2/21)
- ▶ USLA/BSN Sports D1 Offensive Player of the Week (2/22)
- ▶ Alpha Lacrosse National Player of the Week (2/22)

Nick Aponte

- ▶ Tewaaraton Watch List Member
- ▶ Preseason Coaches' All-Big Ten
- ▶ Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-America Honorable Mention
- ▶ Big Ten Preseason Honoree

Gerard Arceri

- ▶ Tewaaraton Watch List Member
- ▶ 3x Big Ten Specialist of the Week (2/14, 3/7, 3/14)
- ▶ No. 6 Inside Lacrosse Early Season Rankings
- ▶ Inside Lacrosse Mid-Season All-American Second Team

Mac O'Keefe

- ▶ Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (2/8)
- ▶ 5x Big Ten Freshman of the Week (2/8, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28)
- ▶ No. 3 Inside Lacrosse Early Season Rankings

Nick Spillane

- ▶ Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (3/7)

Peter Triolo

- ▶ Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week (2/21)

Chris Sabia

- ▶ Big Ten Preseason Honoree

QUICK FACTS

THE UNIVERSITY

Location.....	University Park, Pa.
Founded.....	1855
Enrollment.....	47,261
Nickname.....	Nittany Lions
Colors.....	Blue and White
Conference.....	Big Ten Conference
Home Facilities.....	PSU Lacrosse Field (1,000; turf)
.....	Holuba Hall (1,250; indoor turf)
President.....	Eric Barron
Director of Athletics.....	Sandy Barbour
Men's Lacrosse Administrator.....	Rick Kaluza
Faculty Representative.....	Dr. Linda Caldwell
Athletics Website.....	www.GoPSUsports.com

TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Overall Record.....	8-7
2016 Big Ten Record.....	2-3
Postseason Finish.....	Big Ten Semifinals
Home / Away / Neutral Records.....	4-4 / 3-2 / 1-1
Starters Returning/Lost.....	9/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	32/10
Newcomers.....	11
2017 Captain.....	Nick Aponte
Twitter/Instagram.....	@PennStateMLAX
Facebook.....	PennStateMensLacrosse

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Varsity Year.....	1913
Seasons.....	104th
All-Time Record.....	517-512-8 (498)
Big Ten Record.....	4-6
First Big Ten Year.....	2015
NCAA Tournament Appearances.....	3 (2003, 2005, 2013)
All-Americans (First, Second & HM).....	122

PENN STATE IN THE POLLS

Week	USILA	Maverik	USL	RPI
Preseason	15	14	15	-
Week 1 (Feb. 13)	11	11	13	-
Week 2 (Feb. 20)	9	10	10	-
Week 3 (Feb. 27)	5	5	5	-
Week 4 (Mar. 6)	3	3	3	-
Week 5 (Mar. 13)	2	3	1	-
Week 6 (Mar. 20)	1	3	1	-
Week 7 (Mar. 27)	2	2	1	5
Week 8				
Week 9				
Week 10				
Week 11				
Week 12				

▶ **NOTES**

LIONS DOMINANT AT THE FACEOFF "X"

Penn State's success on the offensive end has stemmed from stellar play at the faceoff "x", creating opportunities for the offense to thrive.

▶ Penn State ranks second in the country in faceoff win percentage (.694) and seventh in groundballs per game (34.33) following nine games. The faceoff percentage leads the Big Ten while the groundball figures rank second in the league.

▶ Freshman midfielder and faceoff man **Gerard Arceri** ranks second nationally in faceoff percentage (.688) and groundballs per game (9.78). Both figures lead the Big Ten as well.

BIG IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

As a league, the Big Ten has been off to a hot start and looks to be one of the top conferences in the nation once again.

▶ Through the league's non-conference play, with the exception of Maryland's rescheduled game against Albany, as a conference Big Ten teams went a combined 44-8, with its .846 win percentage the top among all Division I programs.

RECORDS BY CONFERENCE THRU MAR.20

Rk.	Conference	W-L	Pct.
1	Big Ten	44-8	.846
2	Atlantic Coast Conference	28-13	.683
3	Colonial Athletic Association	28-22	.560
4	Big East Conference	25-25	.500
5	Patriot League	40-41	.494
6	Northeast Conference	30-32	.484
7	Ivy League	24-27	.471
8	American East Conference	23-27	.460
9	Southern Conference	28-42	.382
10	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	21-39	.350

O'KEEFE ON PACE TO SET NEW RECORDS

Freshman attackman **Mac O'Keefe** continues a hot stretch offensively, notching an astounding 34 goals through the first nine games.

▶ With four goals against Cleveland State, O'Keefe passed Penn State's single-player high for goals from last season, as senior attackman **Nick Aponte** logged 30 in 2016.

▶ O'Keefe currently ranks second among freshman goal scorers during the Jeff Tambroni era, only behind former attackman TJ Sanders' rookie campaign, when he scored 44 in the 2013 season.

▶ O'Keefe's 34 goals rank third most in a single season in Jeff Tambroni's seven-season tenure at Penn State. The 34-goal mark is six short of cracking the program's top-10 single season leaderboard.

SINGLE SEASON GOALS - TAMBRONI ERA

Rk.	Name	Goals	Season
1.	TJ Sanders	44	2013
2.	Jack Forester	41	2013
3.	Mac O'Keefe	34	2017
4.	Shane Sturgis	33	2014
5.	Matthew Mackrides	30	2012
	Nick Aponte	30	2016
7.	TJ Sanders	29	2015
8.	TJ Sanders	28	2016
9.	Jack Forster	27	2012
	Shane Sturgis	27	2013

SINGLE SEASON GOALS

Rk.	Name	Goals	Season
1	Bill Hess	49	1957
2	Erik Merkel	48	1995
	Will Driscoll		2002
4	TJ Sanders	44	2013
5	Jim Trenz	42	1972
	Gary Martin		1982
7	Bill Hess	41	1956
	Ted Peddy		1990
	Jack Forster		2013
10	Scot McKeon	40	1987
	Mac O'Keefe	34	2017

O'KEEFE, ARCERI NAMED TOP 10 IN IL'S EARLY SEASON FRESHMAN RANKINGS

On March 15, Inside Lacrosse announced its early season rankings of freshmen nationally, with attackman **Mac O'Keefe** and midfielder **Gerard Arceri** both making the top 10.

▶ O'Keefe came in at No. 3 in Inside Lacrosse's rankings. The rookie leads the country in goals scored (34) and averages 3.78 per game, second best in the country.

▶ Arceri ranked sixth among Division I's top freshman players. The faceoff specialist currently leads the Big Ten in both groundballs per game (9.78) and faceoff percentage (.688). Arceri's groundball figures and 68.8 percent success rate on faceoffs rank second nationally. The rookie leads freshmen nationally in both categories.

APONTE, AMENT STREAKING

At this point in the 2017 season, senior attackman **Nick Aponte** holds one of the longest statistical streaks in the country.

▶ After logging three goals and two assists against Cleveland State, Aponte has recorded at least one point in each of his last 41 contests, dating back to April 5, 2014.

▶ Aponte's streak is good for eighth in the country. Denver senior Connor Cannizzaro lead the country with 49 consecutive games registering at least one point, dating back to Apr. 19, 2014.

▶ Sophomore attackman **Grant Ament** joined the exclusive group of players nationally with a scoring streak of 20 or more consecutive games following his three assist performance against Penn. The Doylestown, Pennsylvania, native is on a 24-game streak entering the game against Ohio State, good for 22nd nationally.

NATIONAL POINT SCORING STREAK 2017

ACTIVE PLAYERS

#	Gm	Player	School	Pos	G-A-P during	Started
1.	49	Connor Cannizzaro	Denver, Sr., A		132-71-203	4/19/14
2.	48	Jack Bruckner	Duke, Sr., A		117-40-157	5/26/14
3.	47	Justin Guterding	Duke, Jr., A*		122-69-191	2/7/15
4.	46	Matt Rambo	Maryland, Sr., A		100-66-166	2/14/15
5.	45	Dylan Molloy	Brown, Sr., A		161-101-262	4/19/14
8.	41	Nick Aponte	Penn State, Sr., A		59-52-111	4/5/2014
22,24		Grant Ament	Penn State, So., A		39-50-89	2/6/2016
--	19	Mike Sutton	Penn State, Sr., M		26-6-32	3/8/2016

SCOUTING THE BUCKEYES

Sunday marks a top-five showdown as Penn State hosts Ohio State (9-1). The Buckeyes are coming off their lone loss of the season, a 12-7 setback to now top-ranked Notre Dame after upsetting then-No. 1 Denver, 16-7.

▶ Ohio State's offense is led by senior Eric Fannell and freshman Tre LeClaire. Fannell (14-17-31) leads the team in points and assists, while LeClaire (22-6-28) is the team's goals leader. LeClaire enters the Penn State game following a four-goal performance against Notre Dame, good for Co-Freshman of the Week with Penn State's **Mac O'Keefe**.

▶ Penn State will have an interesting challenge to face at the faceoff 'x', as the Nittany Lions face a Buckeye faceoff unit which has won 60.9 % of its battles at the dot this season. The unit is led by senior Jake Withers, who ranks sixth nationally in faceoff win percentage. The win percentage is second in the league to only the Nittany Lions' own **Gerard Arceri**.

▶ Buckeye goaltender Tom Carey will likely make an impact as he enters as the league's leader in goals against average (6.44), which ranks second best in the country. He also ranks in the top 10 nationally in save percentage (.581) and second in the Big Ten.

▶ **Last time against the Buckeyes:** Penn State won the last match up against the Buckeyes, 6-5 at Ohio Stadium. **Grant Ament** led Penn State with two points on a pair of assists, while six Nittany Lions scored including the game-winner coming from **Matt Florence** with 1:41 left to go in the fourth. **Will Schriener** led the Nittany Lions in goal with 15 saves.

USILA COACHES POLL

March 27, 2017

Rk.	Team	Record	Points	Previous Week
1	Notre Dame	5-1	350(9)	2
2	PENN STATE	9-0	348(8)	1
3	Syracuse	6-1	298	5
4	Denver	6-2	283	6
5	OHIO STATE	9-1	270	4
6	Hofstra	8-0	268(1)	7
7	RUTGERS	8-1	242	3
8	Albany	6-1	240	8
9	MARYLAND	5-2	234	10
10	Army	8-1	231	9
11	Duke	7-3	166	11
12	Richmond	8-1	150	14
13	JOHNS HOPKINS	5-3	131	18
14	Towson	4-3	87	16
15	Princeton	5-3	85	12
16t	North Carolina	5-4	81	13
16t	Virginia	5-4	81	15
18	Boston U	9-1	62	19
19	Yale	4-3	53	NR
20	Villanova	5-4	34	NR

Others receiving votes: MICHIGAN, Loyola, Delaware, Bucknell, Air Force, PENN, Providence, Binghamton

MAVERIK MEDIA POLL

March 27, 2017

Rk.	Team	Record	Points
1	Notre Dame	5-1	700 (22)
2	PENN STATE	9-0	668 (11)
3	Hofstra	8-0	607 (1)
4	Syracuse	6-1	599 (2)
5	OHIO STATE	9-1	545
6	Denver	6-2	509
7	Army*	8-1	492
8	Albany	6-1	477
9	MARYLAND	5-2	469
10	RUTGERS	8-1	456
11	Richmond	8-1	349
12	Duke	7-3	312
13	JOHNS HOPKINS	5-3	272
14	Virginia	5-4	171
15	Towson	4-3	167
16	Boston University	9-1	152
17	Princeton	5-3	134
18	North Carolina	5-4	130
19	MICHIGAN	8-1	118
20	Yale	4-3	74

Others receiving votes: Delaware, VILLANOVA, Loyola, Binghamton, PENN, Marquette, Providence

NIKE/USL POLL

March 27, 2017

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous Week
1	PENN STATE	9-0	1
2	Notre Dame	5-1	2
3	Hofstra	8-0	5
4	Army*	8-1	6
5	Syracuse	6-1	7
6	MARYLAND	5-2	9
7	OHIO STATE	9-1	3
8	Denver	6-2	8
9	RUTGERS	8-1	4
10	Albany	6-1	13
11	Duke	7-3	10
12	Richmond	8-1	12
13	Yale	4-3	NR
14	Princeton	5-3	11
15	Towson	4-3	14
16	JOHNS HOPKINS	5-3	16
17	Virginia	5-4	15
18	MICHIGAN	8-1	17
19	Marquette	4-2	20
20	Delaware	7-3	NR

Others receiving votes: Air Force, Binghamton, Boston U, Brown, Loyola, North Carolina, PENN, VILLANOVA

2017 Opponents in CAPS | * - denotes exhibition opponent

▶ NOTES

PENN STATE IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS

Penn State rose again this week in the national polls, coming in as a consensus top-2 selection.

▶ With its No. 2 ranking in the USILA coaches poll, Penn State is ranked within the top five for the fifth consecutive week. Four weeks prior marked the first time since March 10, 2014, that the team had cracked the top five when the team climbed to fifth in the national rankings.

▶ Penn State has now been ranked in 13 consecutive USILA coaches polls, the last time being unranked being March 21, 2016.

▶ The Nittany Lions reached first place in a poll for the second time this season, coming in at No. 1 in the US Lacrosse/Nike poll last week. The Nittany Lions earned eight first place votes in the USILA coaches poll and received 11 in the Maverik Media poll.

BRICK SQUAD

One of Penn State lacrosse's traditions is the presentation of "the brick" following most team wins. The brick is presented to a player who may not jump out in the box score, but who's gritty performance and unyielding work ethic had a definite impact on the game.

"BRICK SQUAD" PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Robert Morris: Gerard Arceri, Fr., FOGO
 Hobart: Billy Lombardi, Sr., FOGO
 Cornell: Peter Triolo, Sr., D
 Villanova: Tripp Traynor, Jr., M
 Penn: Gerard Arceri, Fr., FOGO
 Harvard: Ryan Keenan, Jr., M
 Fairfield: Matt Florence, R-Sr., M
 Cleveland State: Nick McEvoy, Fr., M

APONTE ON TEWAARATON WATCH LIST

After a strong start to the 2017 season, senior attackman **Nick Aponte** was one of 50 players nationally to be named to the Tewaaraton Award Watch List on February 28.

▶ Aponte currently ranks third on Penn State in points, tallying 31 on 13 goals and 18 assists. His assist figures tie for the best on the team, while his 13 goals rank tied for third.

▶ Aponte was named to the Watch List for the second straight season. He ranks tied for third on Penn State in points this season after leading the Nittany Lions in goals (30) last season.

▶ Players not named to the initial lists have several opportunities to play their way into a spot as the season progresses. Watch list additions, if applicable, will be announced on March 16 and April 6.

▶ On April 27, the field will be narrowed to 25 men's and 25 women's nominees. Nominees can be players on the watch lists or players not on the watch lists, effectively allowing for a third round of additions.

TAMBRONI EARNS WIN 50 AT PENN STATE

Nittany Lions head coach **Jeff Tambroni** earned his 50th win of his Penn State career on Feb. 11 at Hobart.

▶ Entering the 2017 season, Tambroni ranked ninth in win percentage among active Division I coaches (.662) and 13th in overall wins (157).

▶ Tambroni will become the fifth active Division I coach with 50 or more wins at multiple DI institutions.

50-PLUS WINS AT TWO DIVISION I SCHOOLS

ACTIVE COACHES

#	NAME	TOTAL WINS	SCHOOL 1 (WINS)	SCHOOL 2 (WINS)
1.	John Danowski	377	Hofstra (192)	Duke (159)
2.	Bill Tierney	374	Princeton (234)	Denver (101)
3.	Mike Pressler	342	Duke (153)	Bryant (76)
4.	Joe Breschi	191	Ohio State (92)	UNC (99)
5.	Jeff Tambroni	166	Cornell (109)	Penn State (57)

PENN STATE 8-0 AFTER FAIRFIELD WIN

Penn State won its eighth straight game to remain undefeated on March 17, defeating Fairfield 9-8 to move to a perfect 8-0 on the 2017 season.

▶ **Nick Aponte** led the way for Penn State, logging a pair of goals and an assist. **Matt Florence** (2g) and **Mac O'Keefe** (1g, 1a) were the only other player to log multi-point games for the Nittany Lions.

▶ Freshman goalkeeper **Colby Kneese** logged his third game of the season with 10 or more saves, recording 12 against Fairfield.

PENN STATE MATCHES BEST START WITH WIN OVER HARVARD

The Nittany Lions continued to take care of business on March 11, moving to 7-0 on the season following a 15-12 win over previously undefeated Harvard.

▶ At 7-0, Penn State matched the best start to a season in program history, with the 1992 team the only other one to start a season with seven consecutive wins.

▶ Hat tricks from senior **Matt Florence** and freshman **Mac O'Keefe** led the way for Penn State in the 15 goal game, while **Grant Ament**, **Nick Aponte** and **Ryan Keenan** added three-point games.

▶ Sophomore defender **Chris Sabia** anchored the defense, logging a pair of groundballs and two takeaways in addition to recording his first career goal.

ARCERI NAMED SPECIALIST OF THE WEEK

For the third time during the 2017 season, freshman faceoff midfielder **Gerard Arceri** was named the Big Ten conference's Specialist of the Week on March 14.

▶ The freshman went 29-of-41 on faceoffs while scooping up 18 groundballs in the Nittany Lions' wins over Furman and Harvard. In Penn State's outing against Harvard, the rookie went 22-of-29 on faceoffs taking on three different faceoff men, while collecting 14 groundballs, one short of his career high.

NITTANY LIONS REMAIN PERFECT WITH FURMAN WIN

Penn State grinded it out in its last game, pulling out a 12-10 win against the Furman Paladins to remain a perfect 6-0 on the season.

▶ Following the win, Penn State is one of just eight teams nationally that is still undefeated.

▶ Penn State was led by senior attackman **Nick Aponte**, who matched his season-best five points with a goal and a career high-tying four assists against Furman.

▶ **Dan Craig**, **Nick Spillane** and **Kevin Hill** all recorded multi-goal games in the win. It marked Craig's first multi-goal game of the 2017 season.

▶ Penn State led by six, 11-5, before a 5-0 run from Furman threatened the Nittany Lions. Junior midfielder **Ryan Keenan** sealed the game with 44 seconds remaining for a 12-10 win.

SPILLANE, ARCERI NET B1G HONORS

The Big Ten announced its weekly award winners on March 7, with sophomore midfielder **Nick Spillane** earning the league's Offensive Player of the Week award, while freshman faceoff man **Gerard Arceri** logged his second career nod for Specialist of the Week.

▶ Spillane earned his first Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honor following a career day, scoring five goals to lead Penn State past then-No. 8 Penn. He added a pair of groundballs in the victory as well.

▶ Arceri logged his second Specialist of the Week honor of the season after going 24-of-31 from the faceoff 'x' against Penn and collecting 15 groundballs in the process. The 24 faceoff wins and 15 groundballs both marked career highs for the freshman, and he added a goal in transition in the 14-13 win.

2017 STAT LEADERS

Points	Grant Ament	39
Goals	Mac O'Keefe	34
Assists	Grant Ament, Nick Aponte	18
Shots	Mac O'Keefe	78
Shot Pct. (min. 10 sh)	Grant Ament	.488
Man-up Goals	Mac O'Keefe/Kevin Hill	4
Ground Balls	Gerard Arceri	88
Caused TO's	Chris Sabia	9
GAA	Colby Kneese	10.73
Faceoff Wins	Gerard Arceri	155

SUPERLATIVES

Hat Tricks	2017/Career
Mike Sutton	1/8
Nick Aponte	1/8
Mac O'Keefe	6/6
Grant Ament	4/5
Matt Florence	1/5
Kevin Hill	2/2
Nick Spillane	2/2
Dan Craig	-/2
Conor Smith	1/1
Ryan Keenan	-/1

Multi-Goal Games	2017/Career
Mike Sutton	2/17
Nick Aponte	4/16
Grant Ament	5/12
Matt Florence	2/12
Dan Craig	1/8
Mac O'Keefe	6/6
Kevin Hill	3/6
Nick Spillane	4/4
Ryan Keenan	1/4
Conor Smith	1/1
Brian Prestreau	-/1

Multi-Assist Games	2017/Career
Grant Ament	5/15
Nick Aponte	6/13
Ryan Keenan	3/5
Dan Craig	-/5
Kevin Hill	2/4
Nick Spillane	3/3
Matt Florence	-/2
Mac O'Keefe	1/1
Mike Sutton	1/1
Tanner Peck	-/1
Matt Sexton	-/1

MILESTONE TRACKER

CAREER GOALS

Milestone	Name	No. To Go
25 goals	Nick Spillane	8
	Ryan Keenan	9
	Brian Prestreau	10
50 goals	Matt Florence	5
	Grant Ament	10
	Dan Craig	14
	Mac O'Keefe	16
75 goals	Kevin Hill	25
	Mike Sutton	8
	Nick Aponte	18

CAREER ASSISTS

Milestone	Name	No. To Go
25 assists	Ryan Keenan	3
	Matt Florence	10
50 assists	Dan Craig	23
75 assists	Grant Ament	23
	Nick Aponte	50

CAREER POINTS

Milestone	Name	No. To Go
50 points	Ryan Keenan	12
	Mac O'Keefe	12
100 points	Grant Ament	7
	Mike Sutton	21
	Dan Craig	36
150 points	Matt Florence	40
	Nick Aponte	36

▶ **NOTES**

PENN STATE EDGES PENN TO GO 5-0

The Nittany Lions remained undefeated following their toughest game to date, edging No. 8 Penn, 14-13, on March 4.

▶ Sophomore midfielder **Nick Spillane** had a career day on offense to lead Penn State, scoring a game-high five goals.

▶ Penn State's success came in large part from a dominant performance from rookie faceoff man **Gerard Arceri**, who went 24-of-31 from the faceoff dot while adding a game-best 15 groundballs. Both Arceri's faceoff wins and groundballs marked career highs.

NITTANY LIONS STAY PERFECT AT 'NOVA

Penn State snapped a three-game skid in its series with Villanova following the 17-12 win on Feb. 25.

▶ With the win, Penn State moved to 4-0 on the season, marking the Nittany Lions best start to a season since 1992, in which the team started 7-0.

▶ Freshman attackman **Mac O'Keefe** led the way with a freshman record eight goals, breaking his previous record of seven, set against Robert Morris week one.

▶ O'Keefe's classmate goalkeeper **Colby Kneese** also had a career day, logging 18 saves, good for the most by a Penn State player since Austin Kaut had 18 at Notre Dame on Feb. 26, 2012.

▶ Attackmen **Grant Ament** and **Nick Aponte** both made noticeable contributions on the offensive end as well. Ament finished with three goals and three assists to lead the team. Aponte had two goals and two assists. Sophomore midfielder **Nick Spillane** tied the team-high three assists while adding a pair of goals for five points.

▶ With the 17-12 win, Penn State has scored 15 or more goals in four straight games for the first time since 1995, when the Nittany Lions strung together six-in-a-row scoring 15 or more (March 12-April 8).

▶ Freshman midfielder **Nick McEvoy** recorded his first career assist in the Nittany Lions' win.

PENN STATE DOMINANT VS CORNELL

A strong performance on both ends of the field led Penn State to a 20-10 victory over Cornell on February 18.

▶ The Nittany Lions saw three players in **Grant Ament**, **Mac O'Keefe** and **Conor Smith** score hat tricks in its game against Cornell. Ament led the team with six, O'Keefe added five, and Smith logged his first three goals of his career. Senior **Nick Aponte** also had his first multi-goal outing of 2017 with two of his own.

▶ **Kevin Hill**, **Matt Florence**, **Matt Sexton** and **Mike Sutton** each added goals as well. It was Florence and Sexton's first goals of 2017.

▶ In addition to a strong offensive performance, Penn State held strong on the defensive end. It shut Cornell out for the first 17 minutes of play and allowed just five goals through first 47 minutes.

▶ With its 20-10 win, Penn State posted back-to-back games scoring 20 or more goals since 1983 (Montclair State, Apr. 30, 25 goals; Bucknell, May 2, 20 goals).

▶ Penn State saw some of its best outputs offensively of the Jeff Tambroni era, with its 13 assists being the second best in his tenure, while the team's 20 goals and 33 points both ranked third.

▶ With the win, Penn State has won its first three games to open the season for the second straight season.

AMENT POSTS CAREER DAY VS. BIG RED

Possibly the biggest performance of Penn State's game against Cornell came from sophomore attackman **Grant Ament**, who posted six goals and three assists for nine points against the Big Red.

▶ Ament's six goals and nine points both marked career high marks for the sophomore.

▶ Ament's nine point performance is the best in the Big Ten so far this season and ranks second nationally behind only junior Justin Guterding of Duke and junior Connor Fields of Albany, both of which have posted 10 this season.

▶ Ament is currently on a 19-game point streak in which he has tallied 77 total points (34-43-77). He also is in the midst of a seven-game goal streak in which he's scored 18, including 13 in his last three games.

AMENT NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

After his impressive outing against the Big Red, sophomore attackman **Grant Ament** earned both of NCAA Division I's national player of the week honors, being named both the USILA/BSN Sports D1 Offensive Player of the Week and Inside Lacrosse's Alpha Lacrosse National Player of the Week.

▶ Ament is the first Penn State player to earn either the USILA's or Inside Lacrosse's National Player of the Week honors.

▶ Ament's nine point performance is the best in the Big Ten so far this season and ranks second nationally behind only junior Justin Guterding of Duke who posted 10 points against Cleveland State.

NITTANY LION TRIO EARN B1G HONORS

For the third consecutive week, Penn State represented at least half of the Big Ten's weekly honorees as the league office announced its award winners on Feb. 21. Penn State claimed three of the four weekly honors, as sophomore attackman **Grant Ament** was named the Offensive Player of the Week, senior defender **Peter Triolo** was tabbed Co-Defensive Player of the Week and freshman attackman **Mac O'Keefe** earned his third consecutive Freshman of the Week title.

▶ Ament earned his fifth weekly Big Ten honor of his career following a 9-point game against Cornell on a career-best six goals and three assists.

▶ Triolo earned the award for leading a Nittany Lions' defensive effort that held Cornell scoreless for the first 17 minutes of the game, and just five goals in the first three quarters, in the 20-10 victory.

▶ O'Keefe earned his third straight Big Ten Freshman of the Week award after a five-goal performance against the Big Red.

NITTANY LIONS WIN SHOOTOUT AT HOBART

Penn State put on a clinic on the offensive end in its game against Hobart, with the Nittany Lions posting a 21-15 victory in their second win of the season.

▶ Following the second week of play, Penn State's 21 goals and 34 points were the second most in a game during the 2017 season. Penn State's 13 assist output was the third most nationally.

▶ The Penn State outputs for goals (21), assists (13) and points (34) all ranked second in single game marks during the Tambroni era.

▶ Eleven different Nittany Lions broke a total 17 career marks in the game against Hobart.

▶ Four Penn State players in **Grant Ament**, **Kevin Hill**, **Mac O'Keefe** and **Nick Spillane** each scored four goals during the outing. It was the first time during the Tambroni era that four player scored four or more goals in the same game.

▶ With 27 total faceoff wins against the Statesmen, Penn State logged its highest number of faceoff wins in the Jeff Tambroni era.

AROUND THE BIG TEN

STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Penn State	0-0	.000	9-0	1.000
Ohio State	0-0	.000	9-1	.900
Michigan	0-0	.000	8-1	.889
Rutgers	0-0	.000	8-1	.889
Maryland	0-0	.000	5-2	.714
Johns Hopkins	0-0	.000	5-3	.625

THIS WEEK

Mar. 31, 2017	Rutgers at Johns Hopkins	6:00 pm
Apr. 1, 2017	Michigan at Maryland	12:00 pm
Apr. 2, 2017	Ohio State at Penn State	6:00 pm

WEEKLY B1G AWARD WINNERS (Mar. 28)

Offensive Player: Kyle Marr, Johns Hopkins

▶ Scored a career-high six goals and tallied an assist in the Blue Jays' 18-17 overtime win against nationally-ranked Virginia

Defensive Player: Tim Muller, Maryland

▶ Anchored a Maryland defense that allowed just seven goals in a road win against nationally ranked North Carolina

Specialist: Dan Morris, Maryland

▶ Tallied 12 saves in the cage, and limited No. 14/13 North Carolina to just seven goals, in the Terrapins' victory

Co-Freshman: Tre LeClaire, Ohio State

▶ Scored four goals on eight shots in the Buckeyes' setback at No. 2/2 Notre Dame

Co-Freshman: Mac O'Keefe, Penn State

▶ Scored four goals on eight shots in the Nittany Lions' win over Cleveland State

Feb. 8
O/F: Mac O'Keefe, PSU
 D: Nick Fields, JHU
 S: Tom Carey, OSU
O: Grant Ament, PSU
D: Erik Evans, OSU/ Peter Triolo, PSU
S: Austin Henningsen, UMD
F: Mac O'Keefe, PSU

Feb. 14
O: Matt Rambo, UMD
D: Chris Groel, Rutgers
S: Gerard Arceri, PSU
F: Mac O'Keefe, PSU
 Feb. 28
O: Colin Heacock, MD
D: Michael Rexrode, RU
S: Gerald Logan, JHU
F: Mac O'Keefe, PSU

Mar. 7
O: Nick Spillane, PSU
D: Michael Rexrode, RU
S: Gerard Arceri, PSU
F: Kieran Mullins, RU
 Mar. 14
O: Ian King, UM
D: Kyle Pless, RU
S: Gerard Arceri, PSU
F: Kieran Mullins, RU

Mar. 21
O: Eric Fannell, Ohio State
D: Ben Randall, Ohio State
S: Jake Withers, Ohio State
F: Tre LeClaire, Ohio State

CONFERENCE LEADERS

as of 3/27/17

Statistic	Name, School	Value
Assists/Game	Matt Rambo, UMD	2.14
CT/Game	Michael Rexrode, RU	2.00
Faceoff Win %	Gerard Arceri, PSU	.692
Goals/Game	Mac O'Keefe, PSU	3.78
GAA	Tom Carey, OSU	6.44
GB/Game	Gerard Arceri, PSU	9.78
Man-Up Goals	Colin Chell, OSU	5
	Austin Shanks OSU	
	Colin Heacock, UMD	
Points/Game	Matt Rambo, UMD	4.57
Save %	Tommy Heidt, UM	.600
Saves/Game	Tommy Heidt, UM	11.33
Shot %	Brent Noseworthy, UM	.538

CAPS indicates national leader.

▶ **NOTES**

ARCERI, O'KEEFE EARN B1G HONORS

For the second straight week, Penn State men's lacrosse took home half of the Big Ten's weekly awards, as the league office announced its honorees Tuesday afternoon. Freshman midfielder Gerard Arceri was named Big Ten Specialist of the Week, while freshman attackman Mac O'Keefe earned his second Freshman of the Week honor in as many weeks.

▶ Arceri was tabbed the Specialist of the Week following another impressive performance at the faceoff "x". The rookie went 22-of-31 on faceoffs while collecting a team-best 10 groundballs in Penn State's most recent win over Hobart.

▶ O'Keefe repeated as the Big Ten Freshman of the Week, matching his point output from his collegiate debut. The Syosset, New York, native, logged seven points on four goals and three assists in Penn State's 21-15 victory in Victor, New York.

O'KEEFE BAGS FOURTH STRAIGHT B1G FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

For the fourth consecutive week, freshman attackman **Mac O'Keefe** was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week by the league office on Feb. 28.

▶ With his fourth Big Ten Freshman of the Week, O'Keefe tied the program record for Freshman of the Week honors, held by Grant Ament last season.

▶ O'Keefe has been the only freshman to win the honor during the 2017 season.

▶ With his eight goals, O'Keefe set a freshman record, breaking his previous record of seven, which he set against Robert Morris week one.

FRESHMEN MAKE INSTANT IMPACT IN SEASON OPENER

Penn State saw three of its freshmen in particular make an immediate impact in the 2017 season opener, defeating Robert Morris, 15-11.

▶ Attackman **Mac O'Keefe** started his collegiate career with a seven goal outing on 12 total shots. O'Keefe's seven goals were the most for a Penn State player since 1983, when Rich Russo scored a program record 10 goals. O'Keefe's seven goals also led all players nationally through the first weekend.

▶ Midfielder **Gerard Arceri** dominated the faceoff "x", winning 21-of-30 faceoff opportunities. Arceri also logged a team-best 13 groundballs and added a goal. His goal came off the opening faceoff, in which he won the faceoff, scooped up the groundball, and scored in the first nine seconds.

▶ Goalie **Colby Kneese** came into the game just over 21 minutes in. Kneese made eight stops and allowed just five goals over 38:45 to earn his first collegiate win.

O'KEEFE WINS TWO B1G WEEKLY AWARDS

Following his then freshman-record seven goal outburst against Robert Morris, freshman attackman **Mac O'Keefe** earned the first Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week and Big Ten Freshman of the Week awards.

▶ O'Keefe's seven goals are the fourth-most by a Penn State player ever in a single game. He is the first player to score seven or more goals in a single game since April 30, 1983, in which Rich Russo logged a program-record 10 against Montclair State.

▶ Following the first weekend of play, the rookie's seven goals and seven points lead the Big Ten and Division I.

TV TIME

Penn State will continue to be featured in the expanding national television coverage of collegiate lacrosse, with six of the team's games guaranteed for live broadcasts in 2017.

Date	Opponent	Time	Station
Mar. 7	Furman	3 p.m.	BTN
Mar. 17	Fairfield	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Apr. 2	Ohio State	7 p.m.	BTN
Apr. 8	at Maryland	1 p.m.	BTN
Apr. 15	at Johns Hopkins	2 p.m.	ESPNU
Apr. 23	Rutgers	7 p.m.	BTN

APONTE NAMED 2017 CAPTAIN

Senior attackman **Nick Aponte** was named the 2017 squad's lone team captain in October.

▶ Tambroni on Aponte: "Our staff is very happy for Nick and optimistic about the path that he will forge for our team as a leader. He has earned the support and confidence of his teammates and coaches through his competence, tireless work ethic and compassion for this team."

▶ Aponte is just the second player to be a stand-alone team captain in Tambroni's tenure, the other being Kyle Zittel. Before Zittel, the last solo captain was Jon Poole in 1978.

APONTE, AMENT, SABIA NAMED BIG TEN PRESEASON HONOREES

The Big Ten announced its preseason honorees on Jan. 30, with **Nick Aponte**, **Grant Ament** and sophomore defender **Chris Sabia** earning recognition for the Nittany Lions.

▶ Aponte and Ament both garnered postseason Big Ten honors last season, with Aponte becoming PSU's first ever unanimous All-Big Ten first team selection, while Ament earned All-Big Ten honorable mention.

▶ Ament and Sabia were the only two freshmen to start every game in the 2016 season. Ament led the team in assists (34) and points (54), while Sabia finished second on the team in caused turnovers (12) and ground balls (26).

APONTE, AMENT NAMED IL PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONORABLE MENTION

Penn State's standout attack duo of **Nick Aponte** and **Grant Ament** earned preseason All-America honorable mentions from Inside Lacrosse as a part of the publication's Face-Off Yearbook.

▶ Aponte and Ament were two of 47 players to earn preseason All-America honorable mention distinctions.

▶ Aponte finished the season strong, logging four goals in the final four games of the 2016 season.

▶ Ament led the team in assists in 2016 with 34 - the most assists in a single season since John Hollerbach logged 38 in 1989.

HOGAN CLAIMS SUPER BOWL LI RING

Penn State men's lacrosse found itself in the headlines in late January following a breakout performance from former Nittany Lion midfield standout and current New England Patriots wide receiver Chris Hogan.

▶ Hogan played four seasons as a midfielder for Penn State, in which he registered 57 goals and 14 assists for 71 career points.

▶ Hogan sustained an injury three games into his sophomore season (2008) in which he scored a pair of goals. Hogan was granted a medical redshirt, which he chose to use at Monmouth University after graduating from Penn State, where he played wide receiver and defensive back for the Hawks.

▶ Hogan's breakout performance came during the AFC Championship game in which he pulled in nine catches for 180 yards and a pair of touchdowns. His 180 receiving yards were a franchise postseason single game record. He recorded four catches for 57 yards in the Patriots 34-28 OT win over the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI.

▶ Hogan is the only member of Penn State men's lacrosse to ever play in the NFL or win a Super Bowl. Thirty-nine total Nittany Lions have now claimed 56 Super Bowl rings, with Hogan being the most recent player to do so.

STREAKS

POINTS (Minimum five games)

Games	Player	G-A-P	Started
41	Nick Aponte	59-52-111	4/5/14
24	Grant Ament	41-50-91	2/6/16
19	Mike Sutton	26-6-32	3/8/16
9	Mac O'Keefe	34-4-38	2/4/17

GOALS

Games	Player	Goals	Started
9	Mac O'Keefe	34	2/4/17
6	Nick Aponte	12	2/18/17
5	Mike Sutton	6	3/4/17
3	Grant Ament	7	3/11/17

ASSISTS

Games	Player	Assists	Started
9	Nick Aponte	18	2/4/17

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

FACEOFFS

Name	Opponent	Faceoffs
Arceri	Robert Morris	21-30
	Hobart	22-31
	Cornell	15-21
	Villanova	17-32
	No. 8 Penn	24-31
	Furman	7-12
	Harvard	22-29
Lombardi	Fairfield	10-17
	Cleveland State	17-21
	Hobart	5-7
	Cornell	10-13
Furman	Furman	10-13
	Harvard	1-2
	Fairfield	3-4
	Cleveland State	3-5

GOAL

Name	Opponent	Saves	GA	Minutes
Kneese	Robert Morris	8	5	38:45
	Hobart*	6	13	47:00
	Cornell*	9	7	52:05
	Villanova*	18	12	60:00
	No. 8 Penn*	6	13	60:00
	Furman*	8	10	60:00
Schreiner	Harvard*	15	12	60:00
	Fairfield*	12	8	60:00
	Cleveland State*	10	7	48:#2
	Robert Morris*	3	6	21:15
Scollins	Hobart	1	2	13:00
	Cornell	0	2	4:02
	Cleveland State	0	0	6:14
Scollins	Cornell	0	1	3:53
	Cleveland State	2	1	5:14

* - Denotes starter

GAME-WINNING GOALS

No.	Name	Opponent(s)
2	Kevin Hill	Hobart (2/11), Furman (3/7)
	Grant Ament	Cornell (2/18), Cleveland St. (3/25)
1	Dylan Foulds	Robert Morris (2/4)
	Nick Aponte	Villanova (2/25)
	Nick Spillane	Penn (3/4)
	Mac O'Keefe	Harvard (3/11)
	Mike Sutton	Fairfield (3/17)

▶ **NOTES**

ARCERI, O'KEEFE AND WRIGHT COMPETE WITH TEAM USA

Freshmen **Gerard Arceri** and **Mac O'Keefe** and sophomore **Tommy Wright** represented Team USA over the summer of 2016 as a part of the 27-man U19 roster.

▶ The Penn State trio earned the gold medals with the team, marking Team USA's eighth U19 world championship. O'Keefe scored a team-high two goals and added an assist. Arceri saw time, but Wright was sidelined with an injury for USA's 13-12 win over Canada.

▶ Penn State was also represented by associate head coach **Peter Toner**, who served as an assistant coach for the USA U19 team. Head coach **Jeff Tambroni** serves as an assistant for the USA national team, while assistant coach **Chris Doctor** served as an assistant for the Iroquois national team from 2013-14.

▶ Four players on Penn State's current roster have played for the USA U19 team. Redshirt senior **Matt Florence** played with the USA U19 team in 2012 en route to the team's seventh world championship with a 10-8 win vs. Canada.

RANKED IN THE PRESEASON

Coming into 2017, the Nittany Lions have been tabbed a top 20 team across the board. The team was ranked No. 15 in the preseason USILA coaches poll, while being ranked No. 14 in the preseason Maverik Media poll.

▶ Penn State is ranked for the fourth time in five years, with 2016 being the lone unranked preseason in that span.

▶ Penn State also was predicted to finish third in the Big Ten by both the league's coaches and Inside Lacrosse's Face-Off Yearbook.

BIG TEN PRESEASON POLL

- 1) Maryland (unanimous)
- 2) Johns Hopkins
- 3) Penn State
- T4) Ohio State
- T4) Rutgers
- 6) Michigan

IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

The Penn State roster also features plenty of duos who have played together through their high school careers.

▶ Sophomores **Grant Ament** and **Chris Sabia** (The Haverford School) played together for four years.

▶ Juniors **Will Schreiner** and **Tanner Peck** (Avon Grove) played together for four years.

▶ Sophomore **Robby Black** and freshman **Barrett Sutley** (The McDonogh School) spent three years together in high school.

▶ The duos of **Nick Aponte** and **Conor Smith** (West Islip) and **Peter Triolo** and **Gerard Arceri** (Smithtown East) both had a year of overlap in high school before reuniting at Penn State.

FAMILY BUSINESS

Penn State's current roster features multiple family ties between generations of Penn State lacrosse players.

▶ Redshirt senior midfielder **Matt Florence's** father, Tom, played goalie for the Nittany Lions from 1981-85.

▶ Junior defenseman **Hunter Pearl** is the son of J.J. Pearl, a Penn State lacrosse goalie from 1989-92. J.J. ranks fifth all-time in saves and had two seasons with a .635 or better save percentage.

▶ Junior midfielder **Tanner Peck** will welcome his younger brother Brayden to the Nittany Lions lacrosse team next season. Brayden signed his national letter of intent in November with 12 others to complete Penn State's 2016 recruiting class.

100 YEARS AND COUNTING

Penn State continues to remain one of the country's oldest collegiate lacrosse institutions in 2017.

▶ After beginning play in 1913, Penn State is the 16th oldest men's lacrosse program in the NCAA.

▶ Entering it's 104th season in 2017, Penn State ranks 10th in most seasons completed of collegiate men's lacrosse programs nationally.

PENN STATE ADDS 13 FOR 2018

The Penn State men's lacrosse team finalized the class of 2021 on Tuesday, Nov. 15, as head coach **Jeff Tambroni** and his staff welcomed 13 new players to the roster, all slated to begin competing with the team in the 2018 season.

▶ Penn State's newest group of incoming talent includes Bobby Burns (Smithtown, Long Island, N.Y.), Greg Ey (Baltimore, Md.), Jake Glatz (Shrewsbury, Pa.), Jack Kelly (Scarborough, Ontario, Canada), Jake McCaughan (Richland, N.J.), John Nostrant (Haverford, Pa.), Brayden Peck (West Grove, Pa.), Dan Reaume (Beverly Hills, Mich.), Mike Shinske (Medford, N.J.), Joey Soran (Aurora, Colo.), Sean Sperzel (Westwood, Mass.), Dylan Sulzbach (Pittsford, N.Y.) and Cole Willard (Cazenovia, N.Y.).

▶ Tambroni on the incoming class: "Our staff is thrilled about the incoming class. The combination of size, skill and IQ will allow our program to advance on the field. More importantly, the combination of character, work ethic and core family values will allow our program to advance off the field. We are very proud to welcome these fine young men and their respective families to Penn State lacrosse."

WHO'S BACK

Penn State returns nine of its 10 starters from the 2016 season, including the entire defensive unit, starting midfield, and two of its three attackmen from last year. The Nittany Lions also bring back 11 additional players who played in at least 10 games in 2016.

▶ **Attack:** The attack unit brings back preseason All-America honorable mention duo senior **Nick Aponte** and sophomore **Grant Ament** entering the 2017 season. Aponte led the team in goals (30) in 2016, while Ament paced Penn State in assists (34) and points (54). Despite losing standout TJ Sanders to graduation, redshirt freshman **Dylan Foulds** and sophomore **Jimmy Nowoswiat** return for the season as well.

▶ **Midfield:** The Nittany Lions return 17 midfielders for the 2017 season, highlighted by seniors **Dan Craig**, **Matt Florence** and **Mike Sutton** who combined for 51 goals and 13 assists in 2016. **Ryan Keenan** (10-9-19), **Kevin Hill** (14-5-19), and **Nick Spillane** (4-2-6) will all look to make an impact in the offensive midfield while **Tripp Traynor**, **Chris Isenberg** and **Tyler Chambers** hope to help prevent opposing offenses.

▶ **Defense:** Penn State's defense loses no one to graduation, with senior **Peter Triolo** anchoring the Nittany Lions' defensive unit. Sophomore **Chris Sabia** was named a Big Ten preseason honoree, after starting every game last season. **Kevin Fox**, **Mike Aronow**, **Dean Lamela** and **Hunter Pearl** all rejoin the unit as well.

▶ **Faceoff:** Penn State's leading faceoff man last season, **Billy Lombardi**, returns for his final campaign, as does redshirt senior **Drake Kreinz**, who ranks eighth in total faceoff wins.

▶ **Goal:** Junior **Will Schreiner** returns for his junior season after starting all 15 contests last season and earning Big Ten specialist of the week on three occasions. Sophomore **Trevor Scollins** returns for his second season in the Blue and White as well.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

(as of 3/27/17)

ASSISTS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Grant Ament	17	2	2.00
Nick Aponte	17	2	2.00
Ryan Keenan	90	11	1.11
Nick Spillane	96	12	1.00

FACEOFF WIN PERCENTAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Gerard Arceri	2	1	0.692

GOALS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Mac O'Keefe	2	1	3.78
Grant Ament	38	5	2.33

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Colby Kneese	41	6	10.73

GROUNDBALLS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Gerard Arceri	2	1	9.78

MAN-UP GOALS

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Kevin Hill	22	4	4
Mac O'Keefe	22	4	4

POINTS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Grant Ament	18	2	4.33
Mac O'Keefe	20	3	4.22
Nick Aponte	45	6	3.44
Nick Spillane	126	15	2.44

SAVE PERCENTAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Colby Kneese	33	5	0.514

SAVES PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Colby Kneese	33	3	10.22

SHOOTING PERCENTAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Grant Ament	14	3	0.488
Mac O'Keefe	31	5	0.436
Kevin Hill	52	9	0.393
Nick Spillane	70	14	0.371

CAREER VS. OHIO STATE

NAME	GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT	F/O
G. Ament	1-1	0	2	2	1	0	-
N. Aponte	3-2	2	0	2	1	0	-
M. Aronow	2-1	0	0	0	6	0	-
T. Chambers	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
D. Craig	3-2	3	0	3	1	0	-
M. Florence	2-2	2	1	3	1	0	-
K. Hill	1-0	0	0	0	1	0	-
R. Keenan	1-0	0	1	1	0	0	-
D. Kreinz	3-1	0	0	0	10	0	19-35
B. Lombardi	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4
H. Pearl	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
B. Prestreau	3-0	3	0	3	1	0	-
C. Sabia	1-1	0	0	0	2	0	-
M. Sexton	2-0	0	1	1	0	0	-
N. Spillane	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	-
B. Stern	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
M. Sutton	2-2	3	0	3	2	0	-
T. Traynor	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
P. Triolo	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	-

NAME	GP-GS	MIN	GA	SV	W/L
W. Schreiner	1-1	60:00	5	15	W

▶ NOTES

WHO'S NEW

In addition to Penn State's 32 returners, the Nittany Lions add 11 new faces to the fold, with plenty of them competing for playing time early on.

▶ **Attack:** *Mac O'Keefe* and *Conor Smith* join Penn State as the two newest attackmen for the Nittany Lions. O'Keefe enters his inaugural season with PSU after serving as a member of Team USA's U19 team over the summer. Smith was a three-time member of the Suffolk County Top-20 team.

▶ **Midfield:** PSU adds five new members to the midfield in *Gerard Arceri*, *Matthew Fisher*, *Nick McEvoy*, *Mitch Schaefer* and *Barrett Sutley*. Arceri helped his high school team to back-to-back county championships. Fisher totaled 53 points his senior year and was a three-sport athlete. McEvoy led his team to two consecutive WCAC titles and a No. 3 national ranking. Schaefer earned Section V Tournament MVP honors in 2013. Sutley helped McDonogh to three straight MIAA semifinal appearances and was a MYLA All-Star.

▶ **Defense:** *Nick Cardile* and *TJ Connellan* are Penn State's newest defensemen. Cardile helped Avon Grove to a Ches-Mont Championship and state finals appearance, while Connellan helped Cazenovia to four state finalist finishes while being invited to the Under Armour All-America classic in 2015.

▶ **Faceoff:** Arceri and McEvoy both play a role in the faceoff game. Arceri joined O'Keefe on the U19 USA team, while McEvoy was a first team All-WCAC honoree and was a Washington All-Met honorable mention.

▶ **Goal:** *Colby Kneese* and *Jack Rusbuldt* round out Penn State's newest additions. Kneese led Highland Park to a Texas state championship in 2015 while earning All-State and Under Armour All-America honors. Rusbuldt was named both a U.S. Lacrosse All-America and Virginia All-State teams.

REMEMBERING CONNOR DARCEY

After the summer of 2015, the Nittany Lions decided as a program to honor the memory of goaltender Connor Darcey in several ways.

▶ Penn State commemorated his memory by pinning the No. 16 to the back of their nets for every home game starting at the beginning of the 2016 season.

▶ The Nittany Lions also named the locker room after Darcey during a pregame ceremony before their April 30, 2016 game against Michigan.

▶ The team decided it would pass down the No. 16 jersey each year to a rising senior, allowing the senior who previously wore the number to share the story of Darcey's legacy when passing down the number.

▶ Tambroni on the new tradition: "... Each year somebody would wear it and for the following year when the season was complete they would then hand it down to another senior. It would provide them an opportunity to talk about Connor Darcey and what he meant to them, what the number meant to them, what it meant to shoulder that responsibility but also that spirit."

▶ Penn State shared a special moment with the Darcey family prior to the March 11 game at Harvard. The team conducted its practice leading up to the Harvard game at Wellesley High School in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where Darcey played in high school. Wellesley built a new lacrosse field, naming the venue Connor Darcey field, with Penn State lacrosse being the first team to ever practice on the surface.



Penn State men's lacrosse will continue to honor the life and spirit of Nittany Lion goalie Connor Darcey who passed away suddenly two years ago. Forever honoring the son and brother, the team will wear commemorative stickers on their helmets. Redshirt senior Matt Sexton will wear Darcey's No. 16 jersey for the 2017 season.

THE LAST TIME

PENN STATE...

Scored 5 or less goals	4/4/15	at #3 Maryland (5-12)
Scored 6-9 goals	3/17/17	vs. Fairfield (9-8)
Scored 10-14 goals	3/7/17	vs. Furman (12-10)
Scored 15-17 goals	3/25/17	vs. Cleveland State (15-8)
Scored 18 goals	2/16/08	vs. Robert Morris (18-2)
Scored 19 goals	4/9/05	vs. #15 Hobart (19-13)
Scored 20+ goals	2/18/17	vs. Cornell (20-10)
Scored 20+ goals in back-to-back games	2/11/17-2/18/17	at Hobart (21-15), vs Cornell (20-10)
Allowed 0 goals	4/15/67	vs. Colgate (7-0)
Allowed 1 goal	4/12/14	at #19 Towson (8-1)
Allowed 2-3 goals	3/23/13	vs. Saint Joseph's (9-2)
Allowed 4-6 goals	4/3/16	at Ohio State (6-5)
Allowed 7-9 goals	3/25/17	vs. Cleveland State (15-8)
Allowed 10-14 goals	3/11/17	at Harvard (15-12)
Allowed 15-19 goals	2/11/17	at Hobart (21-15)
Allowed 20+ goals	3/20/10	at #8 Duke (11-20)
Won in overtime	3/12/16	vs. #8 Harvard (13-12)
Lost in overtime	4/17/16	vs. #17 Johns Hopkins (11-12)
Won in double overtime	4/28/12	vs. Hofstra (9-8)
Lost in double overtime	4/11/15	at Johns Hopkins (10-11)
Won in triple overtime	never	
Lost in triple overtime	4/5/14	at Drexel (12-13)
Was ranked first in the USILA poll	3/20/17	First
Was ranked in the USILA Top 5	3/27/17	Second
Was ranked in the USILA Top 10	2/20/17	Ninth
Was ranked in the USILA 11-20	1/9/17	15th
Played a USILA Top 5 Team	5/5/16	vs. #3 Maryland (9-16)
Played a USILA 6-10 Team	3/4/17	vs. #8 Penn (14-13)
Played a USILA 11-20 Team	4/22/16	at #19 Rutgers (14-15)
Defeated a USILA Top 5 Team	3/26/16	vs. #1 Denver (15-10)
Defeated a USILA 6-10 Team	3/4/17	vs. #8 Penn (14-13)
Defeated a USILA 11-20 Team	2/20/16	at #18 Cornell (8-7)
Attempted less than 20 shots	2/27/11	19 vs. Notre Dame (2-6)
Attempted 20-29 shots	3/19/16	21 vs. UMass (9-11)
Attempted 30-39 shots	3/25/17	34 vs. Cleveland State (15-8)
Attempted 40-49 shots	3/25/17	47 vs. Cleveland State (15-8)
Attempted 50-59 shots	3/22/14	50 vs. #18 Albany (10-17)
Attempted 60+ shots	2/20/09	75 vs. Robert Morris (17-24)
Allowed 23 or less shots	4/12/14	23 at #19 Towson (8-1)
Allowed 24-29 shots	3/7/17	28 vs. Furman (12-10)
Allowed 30-39 shots	3/4/17	32 vs. #8 Penn (14-13)
Allowed 40-49 shots	3/20/17	44 vs. Fairfield (9-8)
Allowed 50+ shots	2/25/17	52 at Villanova (17-12)
Scored 25+ points	2/25/17	29, at Villanova (17-12)
Made 15-19 saves	3/11/17	15, at Harvard (15-12)
Made 25+ saves	3/19/11	25, vs. #10 Massachusetts (8-7)
Tallied 10+ assists	2/25/17	12, at Villanova (17-12)
Tallied 10+ assists in three straight games	2/11/17-2/25/17	13, at Hobart (21-15), 13, vs Cornell (20-10), 12 at Villanova (17-12)
Won an NCAA Tourney game	never	
Lost an NCAA Tourney game	5/11/13	vs. #11 Yale (7-10)

A PENN STATE PLAYER...

Scored 4 goals	3/25/17	Grant Ament, Mac O'Keefe vs. Cleveland State (15-8)
Scored 5 goals	3/4/17	Nick Spillane vs. #8 Penn (14-13)
Scored 6 goals	2/18/17	Grant Ament vs. Cornell (20-10)
Scored 7 goals	2/4/17	Mac O'Keefe vs. Hobart (15-11)
Scored 8 goals	2/25/17	Mac O'Keefe at Villanova (17-12)
Scored 9 goals	5/9/72	Jim Trenz vs. Bucknell (19-6)
Scored 10 goals	4/30/83	Rich Russo vs. Montclair State (25-6)
Scored 2 man-up goals	2/25/17	Mac O'Keefe at Villanova (17-12)
Tallied 8 points	2/25/17	Mac O'Keefe at Villanova (17-12)
Tallied 9 Points	2/18/17	Grant Ament vs. Cornell (20-10)
Tallied 11 points	5/11/71	Jim Trenz vs. Bucknell (16-12)
Tallied 12+ points	5/2/83	14, Gary Martin vs. Bucknell (20-13)
Had 4 assists	3/7/17	Nick Aponte vs. Furman (12-10)
Had 5+ assists	2/4/17	5, Grant Ament vs. Robert Morris (15-11)
Had 7+ assists	5/2/83	9, Gary Martin vs. Bucknell (20-13)
Attempted 15-20 shots	3/21/09	16, Chris Hogan vs. Fairfield (4-5)
Attempted 20+ shots	2/10/10	25, Chris Hogan vs. Robert Morris (17-24)
Made 15-19 saves	3/11/17	15, Colby Kneese at Harvard (15-12)
Made 20-21 saves	5/4/11	20, Austin Kaut vs. UMass (9-10)
Made 22-24 saves	4/4/09	24, Drew Adams vs. Hobart (10-8)
Made 25-30 saves	3/19/10	25, Austin Kaut at #9 UMass (9-8)
Made 30-39 saves	4/10/82	34, Joe Guterding vs. Hofstra (16-10)
Made 40 saves	4/13/57	40, Jim Houck vs. Navy (8-19)

PENN STATE WHEN

57-40	under Jeff Tambroni
17-16	All-time at Penn State Lacrosse Field
22-11	In true road games the past four seasons

IN 2017...

6-0	at home
3-0	on the road
0-0	at neutral sites
0-0	in overtime
6-0	when leading after one quarter
1-0	when tied after one quarter
2-0	when trailing after one quarter
7-0	when leading at halftime
1-0	when trailing at halftime
1-0	when tied at halftime
9-0	when leading after three quarters
0-0	when tied after three quarters
0-0	when trailing after three quarters
5-0	when scoring first goal
4-0	when opponent scores first goal
6-0	when out-shooting opponent
0-0	when taking same amount of shots
3-0	when out-shot by opponent
8-0	when winning ground ball battle
0-0	when tied in ground ball battle
1-0	when losing ground ball battle
9-0	when winning faceoff battle
0-0	when tied in faceoff battle
0-0	when losing faceoff battle
1-0	against ranked opponents
8-0	against unranked opponents
0-0	against higher-ranked opponents
9-0	against lower-ranked opponents
1-0	when scoring less than 10 goals
8-0	when scoring 10 or more goals
2-0	when allowing less than 10 goals
7-0	when allowing 10 or more goals
7-0	on Saturday
1-0	on Tuesday
1-0	on Friday
8-0	on turf
5-0	playing outdoor
4-0	playing indoor
9-0	during the day
0-0	at night

SCORING BY QUARTER

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	2OT	Final
Penn State	6	1	3	5			15
Robert Morris	4	2	3	2			11
Penn State	5	5	5	6			21
Hobart	2	2	7	4			15
Penn State	2	5	7	6			20
Cornell	0	3	2	5			10
Penn State	2	5	7	3			17
Villanova	1	4	3	4			12
Penn State	1	3	7	3			14
Penn	4	3	3	3			13
Penn State	3	4	4	1			12
Furman	1	2	3	4			10
Penn State	3	2	4	6			15
Harvard	3	1	1	7			12
Penn State	1	2	4	2			9
Fairfield	3	0	2	3			8
Penn State	4	3	4	4			15
Cleveland State	2	2	1	3			8
Penn State							
Ohio State							
Penn State							
Maryland							
Penn State							
Johns Hopkins							
Penn State							
Rutgers							
Penn State							
Michigan							
PENN STATE	27	30	45	36			138
OPPONENTS	20	19	25	35			99

HEAD COACH JEFF TAMBRONI



SEVENTH YEAR | HOBART '92

CAREER RECORD: 166-80 (.675) | AT PENN STATE: 57-40 (.587)

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ▶ 2009 USILA DI Coach of the Year
- ▶ 2011 CAA Co-Coach of the Year
- ▶ 2013 CAA Coach of the Year
- ▶ 2014 U.S. Men's National Team Assistant Coach
- ▶ Enters 2016 ninth in all-time win percentage among active DI head coaches
- ▶ Responsible for 10 All-Americans, four Scholar All-Americans, 13 All-Conference First Team selections and 75 Academic All-Big Ten selections.

After guiding the Nittany Lions through their second season of Big Ten Lacrosse, Jeff Tambroni returns for his seventh season as Penn State's head coach in 2017.

Tambroni, one of the sport's most decorated coaches, enters the 2017 season ranking ninth among all active Division I coaches in career win percentage. During the 2016 season, Tambroni guided Penn State to its fifth season going .500 or above under his guidance. Most notably of the 2016 campaign, he led Penn State to defeat a top-ranked opponent for the first time in program history on March 26, when the Nittany Lions earned a 15-10 victory over defending national champions No. 1 Denver, snapping the opponent's 20-game win streak. Penn State notched two other wins over ranked opponents during the 2016 campaign as well, knocking off No. 18 Cornell and No. 8 Harvard in the process.

Tambroni led Penn State to be one of the most efficient teams in the country in 2016, with the team finishing second in Division I in turnovers per game, while finishing sixth in the country in shooting percentage. Penn State earned its first unanimous All-Big Ten selection in attackman Nick Aponte, while Grant Arment and Mike Aronow earned All-Big Ten honorable mentions. Tambroni also led TJ Sanders to be named Penn State's ninth USILA Scholar All-America selection.

Tambroni guided the Nittany Lions through a historic season in 2015 that brought Penn State's first appearance in the Big Ten Tournament following the first ever season of Big Ten lacrosse. The Nittany Lions opened the season ranked No. 14 in the USILA DI Preseason Coaches' Poll and knocked off No. 16/11 Penn during the 2015 season. Tambroni also led Penn State to its first two Big Ten conference victories as well as a berth to the conference tournament. He also mentored rising senior TJ Sanders to USILA All-America honorable mention honors.

In 2014, Tambroni led Penn State to its fourth consecutive above-.500 season. His student-athletes earned the eighth USILA All-American and third Scholar All-America honors of Tambroni's Penn State career. He also coached goalkeeper Austin Kaut to his school record third All-America honor and conference-best All-CAA First Team award.

Penn State's 2013 campaign saw Tambroni lead Penn State to one of the greatest seasons in program history while celebrating its 100th season. The Nittany Lions set new records for wins (12) and earned the program's first outright regular season conference title by sweeping the CAA with a 6-0 record. PSU rattled off 10 straight wins from March through May to earn the school's third NCAA bid and first chance to host an NCAA game.

Tambroni was named CAA Coach of the Year for the second time in his career (2011), while Kaut (under Tambroni's tutelage) was named Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Award for the nation's best goalie. Also, Kaut was CAA Player and Defensive Player of the Year. TJ Sanders was named Rookie of the Year and the Nittany Lions placed six on the All-CAA First Team.

During the 2012 campaign, Tambroni led the Nittany Lions to a second-place CAA finish with two USILA All-Americans and six All-CAA honorees. Penn State finished with a 9-6 overall record and a 5-1 mark in conference action.

The 2011 CAA Co-Coach of the Year, Tambroni led the Nittany Lions to a 7-7 record and their first-ever CAA tournament berth during his first year at the program's helm.

In 2011, eight Nittany Lions garnered All-CAA recognition and freshman goalkeeper Austin Kaut earned Rookie of the Year honors while being named a USILA Honorable Mention All-American.

Prior to Penn State, Tambroni spent 10 seasons as head coach at Cornell (2001-10). He guided the Big Red to a 109-40 record and three NCAA Semifinal appearances (2007, 2009-10), including the 2009 national championship game.

Tambroni was named USILA Division I Coach of the Year following the 2009 season and was tabbed the 2007 and 2009 Field Turf/NCAA Division I Coach of the Year. Tambroni was also the 2004 and 2009 Ithaca Journal Male Coach of the Year and a three-time National Coach of the Week.

While at Cornell, Tambroni became the 10th-fastest coach to reach the 100-win mark when he accomplished the feat in his 134th career game in March 2010.

During his tenure, his players earned 37 first-team All-Ivy honors, including five Ivy League awards, and three conference Rookie of the Year selections. In addition, 39 players garnered All-America recognition.

Prior to serving as Cornell's head coach, he spent four seasons as a Big Red assistant coach (1997-2000). Tambroni also served as assistant coach at Loyola College in 1997 and at his alma mater, Hobart College, for three seasons. With the Statesmen, he helped the program reach the 1994 NCAA Division III national championship game.

A 1992 graduate, Tambroni earned his bachelor's degree in American studies. He earned first-team All-America honors as a senior and was twice named a second-team All-American (1990-91). The MVP of the 1990 NCAA title game, Tambroni helped lead the team to back-to-back NCAA championships (1990-91) and left Hobart tied for seventh on the school's all-time scoring list with 202 points.

Before embarking upon his collegiate coaching career, Tambroni coached the Heaton Mersey Lacrosse Club of the English Lacrosse Union for one year and served as a visiting coach for the Czech-American Lacrosse Foundation in Prague in the summer of 1996.

Tambroni and his wife, Michelle, have three daughters, Carissa, Madison and Ella. Michelle played field hockey at Penn State from 1988-90 and earned All-America honors as a senior.

TAMBRONI YEAR-BY-YEAR

Season	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Finish
2001	7-6	.538	4-2	.667	T-2nd
2002	11-4	.733	4-2	.667	T-2nd
2003	9-4	.692	5-1	.833	T-1st
2004	9-5	.643	5-1	.833	T-1st
2005	11-3	.786	6-0	1.000	1st
2006	11-3	.786	5-1	.833	T-1st
2007	15-1	.938	6-0	1.000	1st
2008	11-4	.733	5-1	.833	T-1st
2009	13-4	.764	5-1	.833	T-1st
2010	12-6	.667	4-2	.667	T-1st
<i>At Cornell</i>	<i>109-40</i>	<i>.732</i>	<i>49-11</i>	<i>.817</i>	
2011	7-7	.500	4-2	.667	2nd
2012	9-6	.600	5-1	.833	2nd
2013	12-5	.706	6-0	1.000	1st
2014	7-6	.538	3-2	.600	3rd
2015	5-9	.357	2-3	.400	4th
2016	8-7	.533	2-3	.400	4th
2017	9-0	1.000	-	-	
<i>At PSU</i>	<i>57-40</i>	<i>.587</i>	<i>22-11</i>	<i>.667</i>	
Career	166-80	.675	71-22	.763	

9 League Titles (8 Ivy League, 1 CAA), 9 NCAA Appearances

TAMBRONI LANDMARK WINS

CAREER

WIN	OPPONENT	SCORE	DATE
1	at Fairfield*	10-9	3/3/2001
25	at Dartmouth*	13-5	4/12/2003
50	vs. Army*	13-1	3/11/2006
75	vs. #17 Army*	9-8	3/8/2008
100	vs. Army*	12-11 (OT)	3/6/2010
125	at Michigan	11-6	2/9/2013
150	vs. Robert Morris	20-7	2/6/2016

* - at Cornell

PENN STATE

WIN	OPPONENT	SCORE	DATE
1	vs. Binghamton	9-7	2/19/2011
10	at #16 Ohio State	5-2	2/26/2012
20	at Binghamton	11-7	3/19/2013
30	at #4 Notre Dame	8-7	2/22/2014
40	at Michigan	10-9	4/25/2015
50	at Hobart	21-15	2/11/2017

TAMBRONI'S RECORD VS. 2017 OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	W-L	LAST MEETING
Robert Morris	2-0	2/4/2017 (W, 15-11)
Hobart	12-1	2/11/2017 (W, 21-15)
Cornell	2-0	2/18/2017 (W, 20-10)
Villanova	3-4	2/25/17 (W, 17-12)
Penn	10-3	3/4/2017 (W, 14-13)
Furman	2-0	3/7/2017 (W, 12-10)
Harvard	12-1	3/11/2017 (W, 15-12)
Fairfield	2-0	3/17/2017 (W, 9-8)
Cleveland State	1-0	3/25/2017 (W, 15-8)
Ohio State	3-5	4/3/2016 (W-OT, 6-5)
Maryland	0-3	5/5/2016 (L, 9-16)
Johns Hopkins	0-3	4/17/2016 (L, 11-12)
Rutgers	2-1	4/22/2016 (L, 14-15)
Michigan	5-0	4/30/2016 (W, 14-9)

LACROSSE STAFF



PETER TONER
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
SEVENTH SEASON
SPRINGFIELD '03



CHRIS DOCTOR
ASSISTANT COACH
SEVENTH SEASON
RUTGERS '07



DAVID SHRIVER
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
SIXTH SEASON
GEORGETOWN '11

TAMBRONI ERA TEAM HIGHS

MOST GOALS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	22	Michigan	2/8/2014
2	21	Hobart	2/11/2017
3	20	Robert Morris	2/6/2016
		Cornell	2/18/2017
5	17	Hobart	2/13/2016
		Villanova	2/25/2017
7	16	Michigan	2/18/2012
		Hofstra	4/27/2013
		Furman	3/8/2016

MOST ASSISTS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	17	Robert Morris	2/6/2016
2	13	Hobart	2/11/2017
		Cornell	2/18/2017
4	12	Villanova	2/25/2017
5	11	Michigan	2/18/2012
		Harvard	3/12/2016
		Michigan	4/30/2016
		Robert Morris	2/4/2017
9	9	Vermont	2/7/2015
		Furman	3/8/2016
		Denver	3/26/2016
		Cleveland State	3/25/2017

MOST POINTS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	37	Robert Morris	2/6/2016
2	34	Hobart	2/11/2017
3	33	Cornell	2/18/2017
4	29	Villanova	2/25/2017
5	28	Michigan	2/8/2014
6	27	Michigan	2/18/2012
7	26	Robert Morris	2/4/2017
8	25	Hobart	2/13/2016
		Furman	3/8/2016
		Michigan	4/30/2016

MOST SHOTS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	57	Michigan	2/9/2013
2	50	Albany	3/22/2014
3	48	Cornell	2/18/2017
4	47	Drexel	4/6/2013
		Cleveland State	3/25/2017
5	46	Robert Morris	2/6/2016
6	45	Penn	2/28/2015
7	44	Delaware	4/23/2011
8	43	Michigan	2/18/2012
		Michigan	2/8/2014
		Michigan	4/25/2015

MOST GROUNDBALLS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	50	Albany	3/22/2014
2	47	Robert Morris	2/6/2016
3	44	Michigan	2/9/2013
		Penn	2/28/2015
		Hobart	2/11/2017
		Cornell	2/18/2017
5	42	Delaware	4/23/2011
6	38	Drexel	4/9/2011
		Towson	4/16/2011
		Towson	4/14/2012

MOST CAUSED TURNOVERS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	16	Albany	3/22/2014
2	14	Denver	3/10/2012
		Saint Joseph's	3/23/2013
		Bucknell	3/26/2013
5	12	Michigan	2/18/2012
		Towson	4/14/2012
		Yale	5/11/2013
		Dartmouth	3/18/2014
9	11	Drexel	4/9/2011
		Bucknell	3/27/2012
		Delaware	4/19/2014
		Rutgers	4/19/2015

MOST FACEOFF WINS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	27	Hobart	2/11/2017
2	25	Cornell	2/18/2017
3	24	Penn	3/4/2017
4	23	Harvard	3/11/2017
5	21	Denver	3/10/2014
		Robert Morris	2/4/2017
7	20	Michigan	2/8/2014
		Albany	3/22/2014
		Cleveland State	3/25/2017
10	19	Towson	5/3/2013
		Drexel	4/5/2014

MOST FACEOFF ATTEMPTS

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	38	Hobart	2/11/2017
2	34	Cornell	2/18/2017
3	33	Hobart	2/13/2016
		Penn	3/4/2017
5	32	Michigan	2/8/2014
		Villanova	2/27/2016
		Rutgers	4/22/2016
		Villanova	2/25/2017
9	31	Denver	2/17/2013
		Albany	3/22/2014
		Harvard	3/11/2017

MOST SAVES

Rank	No.	Opponent	Date
1	25	Massachusetts	3/19/2011
2	20	Massachusetts	5/4/2011
3	18	Villanova	3/8/2011
		Notre Dame	2/26/2012
		Harvard	3/7/2015
		Villanova	2/25/2017
7	17	Villanova	3/31/2012
		Binghamton	3/16/2013
		Drexel	4/5/2014
		Johns Hopkins	4/30/2015

TAMBRONI'S ALL-TIME RECORD

OPPONENT	W-L	LAST MEETING
Albany	1-1	3/22/2014 (L, 17-10)
Army	5-1	3/6/2010 (W, 12-11 OT)
Binghamton	9-0	3/19/2013 (W, 11-7)
Brown	7-4	5/7/2010 (W, 14-8)
Bucknell	1-2	3/26/2013 (W, 11-3)
Canisius	5-0	3/2/2010 (W, 9-6)
Cleveland State	1-0	3/25/2017 (W, 15-8)
Colgate	4-0	2/27/2007 (W, 16-6)
Cornell	2-0	2/18/2017 (W, 20-10)
Dartmouth	10-1	3/19/2014 (W, 10-6)
Delaware	4-0	4/19/2014 (W, 10-6)
Denver	2-3	3/26/2016 (W, 15-12)
Drexel	2-3	4/5/2014 (L, 12-12 3OT)
Duke	3-2	3/17/2009 (W, 10-6)
Fairfield	2-0	3/17/2017 (W, 9-8)
Furman	2-0	3/7/2017 (W, 12-10)
Georgetown	0-3	3/6/2004 (L, 4-14)
Harvard	12-1	3/11/2017 (W, 15-12)
Hobart	12-1	2/11/2017 (W, 21-15)
Hofstra	3-1	4/26/2014 (W, 8-7)
Johns Hopkins	0-3	4/17/2016 (L, 11-12)
Lehigh	2-2	3/9/2013 (L, 10-12)
Loyola	1-2	2/14/2015 (L, 6-8)
Marist	1-0	3/10/2015 (W, 9-8)
Maryland	0-3	5/5/2016 (L, 9-16)
Michigan	5-0	4/30/2016 (W, 14-9)
Navy	1-1	2/23/2008 (W, 8-7 OT)
North Carolina	0-3	2/11/2012 (L, 10-14)
Notre Dame	5-3	2/22/2014 (W, 8-7)
Ohio State	3-5	4/3/2016 (W-OT, 6-5)
Penn	10-3	3/4/2017 (W, 14-13)
Penn State	2-1	3/15/2003 (W, 9-8)
Princeton	7-5	5/9/2010 (W, 9-10)
Robert Morris	2-0	2/4/2017 (W, 15-11)
Rutgers	2-1	4/22/2016 (L, 14-15)
St. Joseph's	3-0	3/23/2013 (W, 9-2)
Stony Brook	2-0	3/23/2013 (W, 13-9)
Syracuse	3-7	4/13/2010 (L, 7-8)
Towson	5-1	4/12/2014 (W, 8-1)
Umass	0-1	5/13/2006 (L, 9-10)
UMBC	1-1	3/9/2002 (W, 13-5)
Vermont	1-0	2/7/2015 (W, 15-8)
Villanova	2-4	2/27/2016 (L, 9-19)
Virginia	1-3	3/13/2010 (L, 4-12)
Yale	10-2	5/11/2013 (L, 7-10)

PLAYER BIOS

NICK CARDILE #43

FRESHMAN | DEFENSE | 6-1 | 180
WEST GROVE, PA. | AVON GROVE

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points
Goals
Assist
Shots
Ground Balls.....2 2x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Caused Turnovers2vs. Cleveland State (3/25)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	9-0	0	0	0	0	.000	7	1	3	0-0:00
Total	9-0	0	0	0	0	.000	7	1	3	0-0:00

TYLER CHAMBERS #24

SENIOR | MIDFIELD | 5-9 | 190
MEDIA, PA. | EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Hobart	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
at Harvard	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
FAIRFIELD			DNP					
CLEVELAND STATE			DNP					
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points1 2x, last at Harvard (3/11)
Goals1 at Hobart (2/11)
Assist1at Harvard (3/11)
Shots12x last vs. Cornell (2/18/17)
Ground Balls.....3 at Hobart (2/11)
Caused Turnovers1 2x, last vs. Furman (3/7)

CAREER HIGHS

Points1 3x, last at Harvard (3/11)
Goals12x, last at Hobart (2/11/17)
Assist1at Harvard (3/11)
Shots14x, last vs. Cornell (2/18/17)
Ground Balls.....3 at Hobart (2/11/17)
Caused Turnovers15x, last vs. Furman (3/7/17)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2014	1-0	1	0	1	1	1.000	0	0	0	0-0:00
2015	12-0	0	0	0	1	.000	2	2	2	0-0:00
2016	11-0	0	0	0	1	.000	3	0	1	1-0:30
2017	7-0	1	1	2	2	.500	7	0	2	1-0:30
Total	31-0	2	1	3	5	.400	12	2	5	2-1:00

TJ CONNELLAN #2

FRESHMAN | DEFENSE | 6-1 | 1650
CAZENOVIA N.Y. | CAZENOVIA

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points
Goals
Assist
Shots
Ground Balls.....4vs. Furman (3/7)
Caused Turnovers1at Harvard (3/11)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	9-9	0	0	0	0	.000	9	3	1	0-0:00
Total	9-9	0	0	0	0	.000	9	3	1	0-0:00

DAN CRAIG #35

SENIOR | MIDFIELD | 6-1 | 178
SHELburne, ONTARIO | CENTRE DUFFERIN

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0
at Hobart	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	1
CORNELL	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
at Villanova	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
PENN	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	2	0	2	4	0	1	0	0
at Harvard	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points2vs. Furman (3/7)
Goals12x vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Assist2vs. Furman (3/7)
Shots5vs. Penn (3/4)
Ground Balls.....3 at Hobart (2/11)
Caused Turnovers1 at Hobart (2/11)

CAREER HIGHS

Points4 2x, last vs. Delaware (4/19/14)
Goals32x, last vs. Denver (3/26/16)
Assist3vs. Drexel (4/5/14)
Shots7 vs. Harvard (3/7/15)
Ground Balls.....4vs. Hobart (2/13/16)
Caused Turnovers15x, last at Hobart (2/11/17)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2014	12-7	9	8	17	22	.409	7	9	0	1-0:30
2015	13-11	11	9	20	38	.289	9	1	4	3-1:30
2016	15-15	12	7	19	36	.333	7	8	0	1-1:00
2017	9-5	5	3	8	25	.200	6	3	1	1-0:30
Total	49-38	37	27	64	121	.306	29	21	5	6-3:00

MATT DONNELLY #11

SOPHOMORE | MIDFIELD | 5-7 | 165
SEWELL, N.J. | CELARVIEW REGIONAL

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Hobart			DNP					
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Villanova			DNP					
PENN			DNP					
FURMAN			DNP					
at Harvard			DNP					
FAIRFIELD			DNP					
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points
Goals
Assist
Shots
Ground Balls.....
Caused Turnovers1vs. Cleveland State (3/25)

CAREER HIGHS

Points1vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Goals1vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
AssistN/AN/A
Shots2vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Ground Balls.....2vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Caused Turnovers1 vs. Cleveland State (3/25/17)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2016	6-0	1	0	1	5	.200	3	2	0	0-0:00
2017	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0-0:00
Total	9-0	1	0	1	5	.200	3	3	1	0-0:00

MATTHEW FISHER #26

FRESHMAN | MIDFIELD | 5-10 | 180
ALEXANDRIA, VA | ST. STEPHEN'S & ST. AGNES

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS			DNP					
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
at Villanova			DNP					
PENN			DNP					
FURMAN			DNP					
at Harvard			DNP					
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points
Goals
Assist
Shots1vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls.....3vs. Cornell (2/18)
Caused Turnovers1 2x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	4-0	0	0	0	1	.000	6	4	2	0-0:00
Total	4-0	0	0	0	1	.000	6	4	2	0-0:00

PLAYER BIOS

COLBY KNEESE #34

FRESHMAN | GOALIE | 5-10 | 173
DALLAS, TEXAS | HIGHLAND PARK

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	GB	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	38:45	5	7.74	8	1	0
at Hobart	47:00	13	16.59	6	2	0
CORNELL	52:05	7	8.07	9	2	0
at Villanova	60:00	12	12.00	18	3	0
PENN	60:00	13	13.00	6	2	0
FURMAN	60:00	10	10.00	8	0	0
at Harvard	60:00	12	12.00	15	0	0
FAIRFIELD	60:00	8	8.00	12	1	0
CLEVELAND STATE	48:32	7		10		0

OHIO STATE
at Maryland
at Johns Hopkins
RUTGERS
at Michigan

SEASON HIGHS

Fewest GA.....5vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
GAA.....7.74vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
Saves.....18at Villanova (2/25)
Save Percentage......615vs. Robert Morris (2/4)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	W-L	SF
2017	9-8	486:22	87	10.73	92	.514	9-0	270
Total	9-8	486:22	87	10.73	92	.514	8-0	270

DRAKE KREINZ #38

SENIOR | MIDFIELD | 6-0 | 194
DELAFIELD, WIS. | THE PORTSMOUTH ABBEY SCHOOL (R.I.)

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0

OHIO STATE
at Maryland
at Johns Hopkins
RUTGERS
at Michigan

SEASON HIGHS

Points1vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Goals
Assist1vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Shots
Ground Balls.....3vs. Fairfield (3/17)
Caused Turnovers
Faceoff Wins.....

CAREER HIGHS

Points22x, last at Harvard (3/7/15)
Goals2vs. Harvard (3/7/15)
Assist3vs. Harvard (3/7/15)
Shots12vs. Loyola (2/15/14)
Ground Balls.....82x, last vs. Penn (2/28/15)
Caused Turnovers14x, last vs. Vermont (2/7/15)
Faceoff Wins.....21vs. Denver (3/10/14)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2013	Redshirt Season									
2014	13-13	3	2	5	5	.600	70	3	1	2-1:30
2015	13-3	3	2	5	11	.273	60	8	3	1-1:00
2016	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	1-0:30
2017	9-0	0	1	1	0	.000	12	0	0	1-0:30
Total	37-16	6	5	11	16	.375	145	11	4	3-3:30

DEAN LAMELA #32

SOPHOMORE | DEFENSE | 6-2 | 205
BRICK, N.J. | THE LAWERENCEVILLE SCHOOL

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS								
at Hobart								
CORNELL								
at Villanova								
PENN								
FURMAN								
at Harvard								
FAIRFIELD								
CLEVELAND STATE								
OHIO STATE								

at Maryland
at Johns Hopkins
RUTGERS
at Michigan

SEASON HIGHS

Points
Goals
Assist
Shots
Ground Balls.....
Caused Turnovers

CAREER HIGHS

PointsN/AN/A
GoalsN/AN/A
AssistN/AN/A
ShotsN/AN/A
Ground Balls.....1at Furman (3/8/16)
Caused Turnovers1vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2016	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0-0:00
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0-0:00

BILLY LOMBARDI #44

SENIOR | FOGO | 5-7 | 195
ROCHESTER, N.Y. | AQUINAS INSTITUTE

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS								
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Villanova								
PENN								
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

OHIO STATE
at Maryland
at Johns Hopkins
RUTGERS
at Michigan

SEASON HIGHS

Points
Goals
Assist
Shots
Ground Balls.....4vs. Furman (3/7)
Caused Turnovers
Faceoff Wins.....102x, last vs. Furman (3/7)

CAREER HIGHS

Points1, 2xlast vs. Hobart (2/13/16)
Goals1, 2xlast vs. Hobart (2/13/16)
AssistN/AN/A
Shots1, 2xlast vs. Hobart (2/13/16)
Ground Balls.....73x, last at Rutgers (4/22/16)
Caused TurnoversN/AN/A
Faceoff Wins.....18at Rutgers (4/22/16)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2014	Did Not Play									
2015	9-0	1	0	1	2	.500	15	0	1	2-1:30
2016	14-0	1	-	1	1	1.000	37	7	0	1-1:00
2017	6-0	0	0	0	0	.000	16	0	0	0-0:00
Total	29-0	2	0	2	3	.667	68	7	1	3-2:30

NICK McEVROY #9

FRESHMAN | MIDFIELD | 5-10 | 177
WASHINGTON D.C. | GONZAGA COLLEGE HS

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
at Hobart	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Villanova	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FURMAN	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
at Harvard	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
CLEVELAND STATE	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0

OHIO STATE
at Maryland
at Johns Hopkins
RUTGERS
at Michigan

SEASON HIGHS

Points14x, last at Harvard (3/11)
Goals13x, last at Harvard (3/11)
Assist1at Villanova (2/25)
Shots14x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls.....32x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Caused Turnovers1vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
Faceoff Wins.....

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	9-0	3	1	4	4	.750	13	2	1	0-0:00
Total	9-0	3	1	4	4	.750	13	2	1	0-0:00

JIMMY NOWOSWIAT #42

SOPHOMORE | ATTACK | 6-3 | 225
KENNETH SQUARE, PA. | UNIONVILLE

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Hobart								
CORNELL								
at Villanova								
PENN								
FURMAN								
at Harvard								
FAIRFIELD								
CLEVELAND STATE	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

OHIO STATE
at Maryland
at Johns Hopkins
RUTGERS
at Michigan

SEASON HIGHS

Points1vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Goals1vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Assist
Shots1vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls.....
Caused Turnovers

CAREER HIGHS

Points2vs. Villanova (2/27/16)
Goals12x - last vs. Villanova (2/27/16)
Assist1vs. Villanova (2/27/16)
Shots2at Furman (3/8/16)
Ground Balls.....N/AN/A
Caused TurnoversN/AN/A

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2016	3-0	2	1	3	4	.500	0	3	0	0-0:00
2017	2-0	1	0	1	1	1.000	0	0	0	0-0:00
Total	5-0	3	1	4	5	.600	0	3	0	0-0:00

PLAYER BIOS

MAC O'KEEFE #3

FRESHMAN | ATTACK | 6-0 | 180
SYOSSET, N.Y. | SYOSSET

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	7	0	7	12	1	0	2	0
at Hobart	4	3	7	8	0	2	1	0
CORNELL	5	0	5	7	0	1	1	0
at Villanova	8	0	8	11	3	0	2	0
PENN	1	0	1	7	0	1	1	0
FURMAN	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	3	0	3	8	0	3	2	0
FAIRFIELD	1	1	2	9	0	1	1	0
CLEVELAND STATE	4	0	4	8	0	1	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points 8 at Villanova (2/25)
Goals 8 at Villanova (2/25)
Assist 3 at Hobart (2/11)
Shots 12 vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
Ground Balls 3 at Harvard (3/11)
Caused Turnovers -

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	9-9	34	4	38	78	.436	10	9	0	1-1:00
Total	9-9	34	4	38	78	.436	10	9	0	1-1:00

HUNTER PEARL #20

JUNIOR | GOALIE/DEFENSE | 5-11 | 195
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA. | AVON GROVE

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	DNP							
at Hobart	DNP							
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Villanova	DNP							
PENN	DNP							
FURMAN	DNP							
at Harvard	DNP							
FAIRFIELD	DNP							
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Fewest GA 4 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
GAA 20.61 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Saves 4 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Save Percentage571 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Ground Balls N/A vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Caused Turnovers N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Fewest GA 4 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
GAA 20.61 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Saves 4 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Save Percentage571 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Ground Balls N/A vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Caused Turnovers N/A

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	W-L	SF
2015	1-0	0:50	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0
2016	2-0	8:44	3	20.61	4	.571	0-0	9
2017	1-0	0:00	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0
Total	4-0	9:34	3	18.82	4	0.571	0-0	9

TANNER PECK #7

JUNIOR | MIDFIELD | 6-1 | 210
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA. | AVON GROVE

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	DNP							
at Hobart	DNP							
CORNELL	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
at Villanova	DNP							
PENN	DNP							
FURMAN	DNP							
at Harvard	DNP							
FAIRFIELD	DNP							
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points 1 vs. Cornell (2/18)
Goals -
Assist 1 vs. Cornell (2/18)
Shots 1 2x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls 1 2x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Caused Turnovers -

CAREER HIGHS

Points 2 at Furman (3/8/16)
Goals 1 at UMass (3/14/15)
Assist 2 at Furman (3/8/16)
Shots 3 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Ground Balls 1 3x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Caused Turnovers N/A

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2015	10-5	1	3	4	13	.077	2	1	0	1-0:30
2016	6-0	0	4	4	8	.000	0	5	0	0-0:00
2017	2-0	0	1	1	0	.000	2	1	0	0-0:00
Total	13-0	1	5	6	13	.077	3	7	0	0-0:00

BRIAN PRESTREAU #22

SENIOR | MIDFIELD | 6-0 | 168
YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY. | YORKTOWN

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	DNP							
at Hobart	DNP							
CORNELL	DNP							
at Villanova	DNP							
PENN	DNP							
FURMAN	DNP							
at Harvard	DNP							
FAIRFIELD	DNP							
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points -
Goals -
Assist -
Shots 1 vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls -
Caused Turnovers -

CAREER HIGHS

Points 2 2x, last vs. Hobart (2/13/16)
Goals 2 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Assist 1 4x, last at Furman (3/8/16)
Shots 5 at Michigan (4/25/15)
Ground Balls 1 6x, last vs. Maryland (4/10/16)
Caused Turnovers 1 2x, last vs. Rutgers (4/19/15)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2014	9-0	3	2	5	17	.176	1	1	1	0-0:00
2015	13-1	5	0	5	20	.250	2	2	1	2-1:30
2016	13-4	7	2	9	23	.304	3	2	0	0-0:00
2017	1-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0-0:00
Total	36-5	15	4	19	61	.246	6	5	2	2-1:30

JACK RUSBULDT #28

FRESHMAN | GOALKEEPER | 5-10 | 165
RICHMOND, VA. | COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	GB	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	DNP					
at Hobart	DNP					
CORNELL	DNP					
at Villanova	DNP					
PENN	DNP					
FURMAN	DNP					
at Harvard	DNP					
FAIRFIELD	DNP					
CLEVELAND STATE	DNP					
OHIO STATE						
at Maryland						
at Johns Hopkins						
RUTGERS						
at Michigan						

SEASON HIGHS

Fewest GA -
GAA -
Saves -
Save Percentage -
Ground Balls -
Caused Turnovers -

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	W-L	SF
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CHRIS SABIA #25

SOPHOMORE | DEFENSE | 6-2 | 185
HARLEYSVILLE, PA. | THE HAVERFORD SCHOOL

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
at Harvard	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points 1 at Harvard (3/11)
Goals 1 at Harvard (3/11)
Assist -
Shots 1 at Harvard (3/11)
Ground Balls 3 vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
Caused Turnovers 2 4x, last at Harvard (3/11)

CAREER HIGHS

Points 1 at Harvard (3/11)
Goals 1 at Harvard (3/11)
Assist N/A
Shots -
Ground Balls 4 at Rutgers (4/22/16)
Caused Turnovers 3 2x, last vs. Harvard (3/12/16)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2016	15-15	0	0	0	0	.000	26	2	12	3-2:30
2017	9-9	1	0	1	1	1.000	13	5	9	3-2:30
Total	24-24	1	0	1	1	1.000	39	7	21	6-5:00

PLAYER BIOS

MITCH SCHAEFER #37

FRESHMAN | MIDFIELD | 5-11 | 160
CANANDAIGUA, NY. | CANANDAIGUA ACADEMY

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS			DNP					
at Hobart			DNP					
CORNELL			DNP					
at Villanova			DNP					
PENN			DNP					
FURMAN			DNP					
at Harvard			DNP					
FAIRFIELD			DNP					
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points
Goals
Assist
Shots
Ground Balls
Caused Turnovers

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0:00
Total	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0:00

WILL SCHREINER #19

JUNIOR | GOALKEEPER | 6-1 | 210
KEMBLESVILLE, PA. | AVON GROVE

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	GB	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	21:15	6	16.94	3	0	0
at Hobart	13:00	2	9.23	1	0	0
CORNELL	4:02	2		0	0	0
at Villanova			DNP			
PENN			DNP			
FURMAN			DNP			
at Harvard			DNP			
FAIRFIELD			DNP			
CLEVELAND STATE	6:14	0		0		
OHIO STATE						
at Maryland						
at Johns Hopkins						
RUTGERS						
at Michigan						

SEASON HIGHS

Fewest GA
GAA
Saves
Save Percentage
Ground Balls
Caused Turnovers

CAREER HIGHS

Fewest GA
GAA
Saves
Save Percentage
Ground Balls
Caused Turnovers

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	W-L	SF
2015	0-0	0:00	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0
2016	15-15	854:16	155	10.89	131	.458	8-7	523
2017	4-1	44:31	10	13.48	4	.286	0-0	16
Total	19-16	892:33	165	11.09	135	.450	8-7	539

TREVOR SCOLLINS #41

SOPHOMORE | GOALKEEPER | 6-1 | 175
MARSHFIELD, MASS. | MARSHFIELD

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	GB	CT
ROBERT MORRIS			DNP			
at Hobart			DNP			
CORNELL	3:53	1		0	0	0
at Villanova			DNP			
PENN			DNP			
FURMAN			DNP			
at Harvard			DNP			
FAIRFIELD			DNP			
CLEVELAND STATE	5:14	1		2		
OHIO STATE						
at Maryland						
at Johns Hopkins						
RUTGERS						
at Michigan						

SEASON HIGHS

Fewest GA
GAA
Saves
Save Percentage
Ground Balls
Caused Turnovers

CAREER HIGHS

Fewest GA
GAA
Saves
Save Percentage
Ground Balls
Caused Turnovers

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	W-L	SF
2016	3-0	43:59	6	8.18	7	.538	0-0	20
2017	2-0	9:07	2	13.16	2	0.500	0-0	-
Total	5-0	53:06	8	9.04	9	0.529	0-0	20

MATT SEXTON #16

REDSHIRT SENIOR | MIDFIELD | 5-11 | 178
NISKAYUNA, NY. | NISKAYUNA

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
CORNELL	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN								
FURMAN								
at Harvard								
FAIRFIELD								
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points
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CAREER HIGHS

Points
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Ground Balls
Caused Turnovers

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2013	6-0	0	2	2	2	.000	1	0	0	1-1:00
2014	11-0	1	2	3	6	.167	1	1	0	0-0:00
2015	13-0	4	2	6	14	.286	4	5	0	0-0:00
2016										
2017	5-0	1	0	1	1	1.000	0	1	0	0-0:00
Total	35-0	6	6	12	23	.261	6	7	0	1-1:00

CONOR SMITH #29

FRESHMAN | ATTACK | 6-1 | 170
LONG ISLAND, NY. | WEST ISLP

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Hobart			DNP					
CORNELL	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
at Villanova			DNP					
PENN			DNP					
FURMAN			DNP					
at Harvard			DNP					
FAIRFIELD	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0
CLEVELAND STATE								
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points
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Caused Turnovers

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	3-0	4	1	5	7	.571	0	2	0	1-0:30
Total	3-0	4	1	5	7	.571	0	2	0	1-0:30

NICK SPILLANE #13

SOPHOMORE | MIDFIELD | 5-10 | 165
FRANKLIN SQUARE, NY. | CAREY

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
at Hobart	4	3	7	6	0	1	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
at Villanova	2	3	3	5	1	1	0	0
PENN	5	0	5	6	1	2	0	0
FURMAN	2	1	3	6	0	1	0	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

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CAREER HIGHS

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Ground Balls
Caused Turnovers

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2016	10-0	4	2	6	15	.267	2	2	0	0-0:00
2017	9-5	13	9	22	35	.371	8	3	1	0-0:00
Total	19-5	17	11	28	50	.340	10	5	1	0-0:00

PLAYER BIOS

BRANDON STERN #36

SOPHOMORE | MIDFIELD | 5-11 | 175
CHERRY HILL, N.J. | CHERRY HILL EAST

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS			DNP					
at Hobart			DNP					
CORNELL			DNP					
at Villanova			DNP					
PENN			DNP					
FURMAN			DNP					
at Harvard			DNP					
FAIRFIELD			DNP					
CLEVELAND STATE			DNP					
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points -
Goals -
Assist -
Shots -
Ground Balls -
Caused Turnovers -

CAREER HIGHS

Points N/A N/A
Goals N/A N/A
Assist N/A N/A
Shots N/A N/A
Ground Balls 1 4x, last vs. Johns Hopkins (4/17/16)
Caused Turnovers 1 vs. Hobart (2/13/16)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2016	14-0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0-0:00
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	14-0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0-0:00

BARRETT SUTLEY #27

FRESHMAN | MIDFIELD | 6-2 | 197
OWINGS MILLS, MD. | THE MCDONOGH SCHOOL

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS			DNP					
at Hobart			DNP					
CORNELL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Villanova			DNP					
PENN			DNP					
FURMAN			DNP					
at Harvard			DNP					
FAIRFIELD			DNP					
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points -
Goals -
Assist -
Shots 1 vs. Cornell (2/18)
Ground Balls -
Caused Turnovers -

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2017	2-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0-0:00
Total	2-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0-0:00

MIKE SUTTON #39

SENIOR | MIDFIELD | 5-9 | 194
SEWELL, N.J. | ST. AUGUSTINE PREP

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	4	0	4	6	0	0	0	0
at Hobart	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	0
CORNELL	1	1	2	4	0	2	0	0
at Villanova	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	0
PENN	1	0	1	4	0	1	4	0
FURMAN	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	2	1	3	3	0	0	1	0
FAIRFIELD	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points 4 vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
Goals 4 vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
Assist 2 at Hobart (2/11)
Shots 6 vs. Robert Morris (2/4)
Ground Balls 2 vs. Cornell (2/18)
Caused Turnovers -

CAREER HIGHS

Points 5 at Drexel (4/5/14)
Goals 5 at Drexel (4/5/14)
Assist 2 at Hobart (2/11/17)
Shots 13 2x, last at Johns Hopkins (4/11/15)
Ground Balls 5 vs. Penn (2/28/15)
Caused Turnovers 2 vs. Rutgers (4/19/15)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2014	6-4	13	1	14	41	.317	5	12	1	0-0:00
2015	14-13	24	4	28	100	.240	27	21	2	1-0:30
2016	15-11	19	2	21	69	.275	16	6	1	1-1:00
2017	9-4	11	5	16	31	.355	5	9	0	2-2:00
Total	44-32	67	12	79	241	.278	53	48	4	4-3:30

TRIPP TRAYNOR #33

JUNIOR | MIDFIELD | 5-11 | 170
DOWNTON, PA. | MALVERN PREP

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points -
Goals -
Assist -
Shots -
Ground Balls 4 vs Fairfield (3/17)
Caused Turnovers 1 2x, last at Harvard (3/11)

CAREER HIGHS

Points 1 Vermont (2/7/15)
Goals 1 Vermont (2/7/15)
Assist N/A N/A
Shots 1 Vermont (2/7/15)
Ground Balls 4 vs Fairfield (3/17/17)
Caused Turnovers 1 2x, last at Harvard (3/11)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2015	5-0	1	0	1	3	.333	1	1	0	0-0:00
2016	15-0	0	0	0	0	.000	11	1	2	1-1:00
2017	9-0	0	0	0	0	.000	19	4	2	0-0:00
Total	29-0	1	0	1	3	.333	31	6	4	1-1:00

PETER TRIOLO #45

SENIOR | DEFENSE | 6-1 | 188
SMITHTOWN, NY. | SMITHTOWN EAST

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
at Hobart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
at Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
PENN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points -
Goals -
Assist -
Shots 1 vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls 2 at Villanova (2/25)
Caused Turnovers 1 3x, last vs. Cornell (2/18/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points 1 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Goals N/A N/A
Assist 1 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Shots N/A N/A
Ground Balls 5 at Johns Hopkins (4/11/15)
Caused Turnovers 2 vs. Villanova (2/27/16)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2014	11-0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	1	1	0-0:00
2015	13-10	0	0	0	0	.000	14	0	4	3-2:30
2016	15-15	0	1	1	0	.000	14	4	9	2-2:00
2017	9-9	0	0	0	1	.000	6	1	3	3-2:00
Total	48-34	0	1	1	1	.000	36	6	17	6-3:30

TOMMY WRIGHT #23

SOPHOMORE | DEFENSE | 6-0 | 185
GARDEN CITY, NY. | GARDEN CITY

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

GAME	G	A	Pts	Sh	Up	GB	TO	CT
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
at Hobart	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
CORNELL	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
at Villanova	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
PENN	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	1
FURMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
CLEVELAND STATE	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
OHIO STATE								
at Maryland								
at Johns Hopkins								
RUTGERS								
at Michigan								

SEASON HIGHS

Points 1 3x, last vs. Penn (3/4)
Goals 1 vs. Penn (3/4)
Assist 1 2x last vs. Cornell (2/18)
Shots 1 4x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls 2 3x, last vs. Penn (3/4)
Caused Turnovers 1 3x, last vs. Cleveland State (3/25)

CAREER HIGHS

Points 1 4x, last vs. Penn (3/4/17)
Goals 1 vs. Penn (3/4/17)
Assist 1 3x, last vs. Cornell (2/18/17)
Shots 1 6x last vs. Cleveland State (3/25/17)
Ground Balls 3 vs. Hobart (2/13/16)
Caused Turnovers 1 3x last vs. Cleveland State (3/25/17)

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct.	GB	TO	CT	Pen
2016	6-0	0	1	1	2	.000	8	3	2	0-0:00
2017	9-0	1	2	3	4	.250	11	2	3	2-2:00
Total	15-0	1	3	4	6	.167	19	5	5	2-2:00

COMBINED STATS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-0	6-0	3-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	9-0	6-0	3-0	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Feb 04	ROBERT MORRIS	w 15-11	755
Feb 11	at Hobart	w 21-15	0
Feb 18	CORNELL	w 20-10	1221
Feb 25	at Villanova	w 17-12	1542
Mar 04	#8 PENN	w 14-13	625
Mar 07	FURMAN	w 12-10	368
Mar 11	at Harvard	w 15-12	0
Mar 17	FAIRFIELD	w 9-8	758
Mar 25	CLEVELAND STATE	w 15-8	2112

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	138-364	99-325
Goals scored per game	15.33	11.00
Shot pct.	.379	.305
Shots on goal-Attempts	244-364	197-325
SOG pct.	.670	.606
Shots/Game	40.4	36.1
Assists	82	43
MAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES		
Goals-Opportunities	13-30	10-19
Conversion Percent	.433	.526
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	138	99
Man-up	13	10
Man-down	0	0
Unassisted	56	56
Overtime	0	0
Goals scored average	15.33	11.00
GROUND BALLS		
	310	219
TURNOVERS		
	120	102
CAUSED TURNOVERS		
	42	50
FACEOFFS (W-L)		
	187-268	81-268
Faceoff W-L Pct.	.698	.302
CLEARARS		
	111-123	138-156
Clear Pct.	.902	.885
PENALTIES		
Number	19	30
Minutes	16:00	22:30
ATTENDANCE		
Total	5839	1542
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/973	3/514
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Gw	Up	Dn	GB	Faceoff
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9	34	4	38	78	1	4	0	10	0-0
1	Ament, Grant	9	21	18	39	43	2	2	0	12	0-0
10	Aponte, Nick	9	13	18	31	43	1	1	0	17	0-0
13	Spillane, Nick	9	13	9	22	35	1	2	0	8	0-0
39	Sutton, Mike	9	11	5	16	31	1	0	0	5	0-0
5	Hill, Kevin	9	11	4	15	28	2	4	0	3	0-0
8	Florence, Matt	9	8	3	11	21	0	0	0	4	0-0
6	Keenan, Ryan	9	5	10	15	21	0	0	0	7	0-0
35	Craig, Dan	9	5	3	8	25	0	0	0	6	0-0
29	Smith, Conor	3	4	1	5	7	0	0	0	0	0-0
40	Arceri, Gerard	9	4	0	4	11	0	0	0	88	155-224
9	McEvoy, Nick	9	3	1	4	4	0	0	0	13	0-0
14	Foulds, Dylan	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0-0
23	Wright, Tommy	9	1	2	3	4	0	0	0	11	0-0
42	Nowoswiat, Jimmy	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
24	Chambers, Tyler	7	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	7	0-0
25	Sabia, Christopher	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	13	0-0
16	Sexton, Matt	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
2	Connellan, TJ	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0-0
11	Donnelly, Matt	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
4	Isenberg, Chris	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
44	Lombardi, Billy	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	32-44
26	Fisher, Matthew	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0-0
20	Pearl, Hunter	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
37	Schaefer, Mitch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
7	Peck, Tanner	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0-0
22	Prestreau, Brian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
15	Black, Robby	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
27	Sutley, Barrett	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
33	Traynor, Tripp	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0-0
34	Kneese, Colby	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0-0
19	Schreiner, Will	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
41	Scollins, Trevor	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
38	Kreinz, Drake	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	0-0
31	Fox, Kevin	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	17	0-0
45	Triolo, Peter	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0-0
12	Butler, Tyler	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
43	Cardile, Nick	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0-0
Total		9	138	82	220	364	9	13	0	310	187-268
Opponents		9	99	43	142	325	0	10	0	219	81-268

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T
34	Kneese, Colby	9	486:22	87	10.73	92	.514	9-0-0
41	Scollins, Trevor	2	9:07	2	13.16	2	.500	0-0-0
19	Schreiner, Will	4	44:31	10	13.48	4	.286	0-0-0
Total		9	540:00	99	11.00	98	.497	9-0-0
Opponents		9	540:00	138	15.33	106	.434	0-9-0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	27	30	45	36	138
Opponents	20	19	25	35	99

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	28	28	22	20	98
Opponents	29	29	27	21	106

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	73	95	113	83	364
Opponents	83	82	65	95	325

Shots on Goal	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	56	59	72	57	244
Opponents	48	47	47	55	197

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Overall: 9-0 Conf: 0-0 Home: 6-0 Away: 3-0 Neut: 0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	up	dn	gb	t/o	ct	faceoff	pct	pen-min
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9-9	548	34	4	38	78	.436	54	.692	1	4	0	10	9	0	-	-	1-1.0
1	Ament, Grant	9-9	548	21	18	39	43	.488	30	.698	2	2	0	12	10	5	-	-	-
13	Spillane, Nick	9-5	303	13	9	22	35	.371	24	.686	1	2	0	8	3	1	-	-	-
10	Aponte, Nick	9-9	548	13	18	31	43	.302	29	.674	1	1	0	17	13	3	-	-	2-1.5
39	Sutton, Mike	9-4	245	11	5	16	31	.355	18	.581	1	0	0	5	9	0	-	-	2-2.0
5	Hill, Kevin	9-4	245	11	4	15	28	.393	21	.750	2	4	0	3	4	0	-	-	-
8	Florence, Matt	9-4	245	8	3	11	21	.381	12	.571	0	0	0	4	4	1	-	-	-
35	Craig, Dan	9-5	303	5	3	8	25	.200	14	.560	0	0	0	6	3	1	-	-	1-0.5
6	Keenan, Ryan	9-5	303	5	10	15	21	.238	13	.619	0	0	0	7	8	0	-	-	-
40	Arceri, Gerard	9-0	0	4	0	4	11	.364	8	.727	0	0	0	88	11	1	155-224	.692	-
29	Smith, Conor	3-0	0	4	1	5	7	.571	7	1.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	-	1-0.5
9	McEvoy, Nick	9-0	0	3	1	4	4	.750	4	1.000	0	0	0	13	2	1	-	-	-
23	Wright, Tommy	9-0	0	1	2	3	4	.250	3	.750	0	0	0	11	2	3	-	-	2-2.0
25	Sabia, Christopher	9-9	548	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	13	5	9	-	-	3-2.5
24	Chambers, Tyler	7-0	0	1	1	2	2	.500	1	.500	0	0	0	7	0	2	-	-	1-0.5
42	Nowoswiat, Jimmy	2-0	0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
16	Sexton, Matt	5-0	0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
14	Foulds, Dylan	1-0	0	1	0	1	2	.500	2	1.000	1	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
4	Isenberg, Chris	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
22	Prestreau, Brian	1-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
41	Scollins, Trevor	2-0	9	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
27	Sutley, Barrett	2-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
20	Pearl, Hunter	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
7	Peck, Tanner	2-0	0	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	2	1	0	-	-	-
44	Lombardi, Billy	6-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	16	0	0	32-44	.727	-
26	Fisher, Matthew	4-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	6	4	2	-	-	-
45	Triolo, Peter	9-9	548	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	6	1	3	-	-	3-2.0
43	Cardile, Nick	9-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	7	1	3	-	-	-
38	Kreinz, Drake	9-0	0	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	12	0	0	-	-	1-0.5
34	Kneese, Colby	9-8	491	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	12	3	0	-	-	-
33	Traynor, Tripp	9-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	19	4	2	-	-	-
31	Fox, Kevin	9-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	17	3	3	-	-	1-1.0
19	Schreiner, Will	4-1	48	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
15	Black, Robby	3-0	0	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
12	Butler, Tyler	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	1-2.0
11	Donnelly, Matt	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	-	-
2	Connellan, TJ	9-9	548	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	9	3	1	-	-	-
37	Schaefer, Mitch	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
Total		9	-	138	82	220	364	.379	244	.670	9	13	0	310	120	42	187-268	.698	19-16.0
Opponents		9	-	99	43	142	325	.305	197	.606	0	10	0	219	102	50	81-268	.302	30-22.5

##	Goalie	gp-gs	min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	shots faced
34	Kneese, Colby	9-8	486:22	87	10.73	92	.514	9	0	0	299
41	Scollins, Trevor	2-0	9:07	2	13.16	2	.500	0	0	0	6
19	Schreiner, Will	4-1	44:31	10	13.48	4	.286	0	0	0	20
Total		9	540:00	99	11.00	98	.497	9	0	0	325
Opponents		9	540:00	138	15.33	106	.434	0	9	0	364

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	27	30	45	36	138
Opponents	20	19	25	35	99

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	28	28	22	20	98
Opponents	29	29	27	21	106

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	73	95	113	83	364
Opponents	83	82	65	95	325

Attendance Summary	PSU	Opponent
Total	5839	1542
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/973	3/514
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

Shots on Goal	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	56	59	72	57	244
Opponents	48	47	47	55	197

CLEARs: Penn State -- 111-123 .902, Opponents -- 138-156 .885.
 MAN-UP OPPS: Penn State -- 13-30 .433, Opponents -- 10-19 .526.

STAT LEADERS

##	Points	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
1	Ament, Grant	9	21	18	39	43
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9	34	4	38	78
10	Aponte, Nick	9	13	18	31	43
13	Spillane, Nick	9	13	9	22	35
39	Sutton, Mike	9	11	5	16	31

##	Goals	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9	34	4	38	78
1	Ament, Grant	9	21	18	39	43
13	Spillane, Nick	9	13	9	22	35
10	Aponte, Nick	9	13	18	31	43
39	Sutton, Mike	9	11	5	16	31

##	Assists	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
1	Ament, Grant	9	21	18	39	43
10	Aponte, Nick	9	13	18	31	43
6	Keenan, Ryan	9	5	10	15	21
13	Spillane, Nick	9	13	9	22	35
39	Sutton, Mike	9	11	5	16	31

##	Ground Balls	GP	No.
40	Arceri, Gerard	9	88
33	Traynor, Tripp	9	19
31	Fox, Kevin	9	17
10	Aponte, Nick	9	17
44	Lombardi, Billy	6	16

##	Game-winning Goals	GP	No.
5	Hill, Kevin	9	2
1	Ament, Grant	9	2
39	Sutton, Mike	9	1
14	Foulds, Dylan	1	1
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9	1

##	Man-Up Goals	GP	No.
5	Hill, Kevin	9	4
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9	4
1	Ament, Grant	9	2
13	Spillane, Nick	9	2
10	Aponte, Nick	9	1

##	Man-Down Goals	GP	No.
44	Lombardi, Billy	6	16

##	Faceoff Pct.	GP	Won	Att	Pct.
44	Lombardi, Billy	6	32	44	.727
40	Arceri, Gerard	9	155	224	.692

##	Shots	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9	34	4	78	.436
1	Ament, Grant	9	21	18	43	.488
10	Aponte, Nick	9	13	18	43	.302
13	Spillane, Nick	9	13	9	35	.371
39	Sutton, Mike	9	11	5	31	.355

##	Shot Pct.	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
42	Nowoswiat, Jimmy	2	1	0	1	1.000
25	Sabia, Christopher	9	1	0	1	1.000
16	Sexton, Matt	5	1	0	1	1.000
9	McEvoy, Nick	9	3	1	4	.750
29	Smith, Conor	3	4	1	7	.571

##	Shots on Goal	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG	SOG%
3	O'Keefe, Mac	9	34	4	78	54	.692
1	Ament, Grant	9	21	18	43	30	.698
10	Aponte, Nick	9	13	18	43	29	.674
13	Spillane, Nick	9	13	9	35	24	.686
5	Hill, Kevin	9	11	4	28	21	.750

##	Shots on Goal Pct.	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG	SOG%
29	Smith, Conor	3	4	1	7	7	1.000
9	McEvoy, Nick	9	3	1	4	4	1.000
14	Foulds, Dylan	1	1	0	2	2	1.000
16	Sexton, Matt	5	1	0	1	1	1.000
42	Nowoswiat, Jimmy	2	1	0	1	1	1.000

##	Caused Turnovers	GP	No.
25	Sabia, Christopher	9	9
1	Ament, Grant	9	5
23	Wright, Tommy	9	3
45	Triolo, Peter	9	3
31	Fox, Kevin	9	3

##	Penalties	GP	No.
45	Triolo, Peter	9	3
25	Sabia, Christopher	9	3
23	Wright, Tommy	9	2
10	Aponte, Nick	9	2
39	Sutton, Mike	9	2

##	Penalty Minutes	GP	No.
25	Sabia, Christopher	9	2.5
23	Wright, Tommy	9	2.0
12	Butler, Tyler	3	2.0
45	Triolo, Peter	9	2.0
39	Sutton, Mike	9	2.0

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Score	Min.	G	A	Pts	Sh	Sog	GW	UP	DN	GB	TO	CT	Faceoff	Pen-Min
Feb 04, 2017	ROBERT MORRIS	15-11	640	15	11	26	39	30	1	1	0	32	11	8	21-30	2-1.5
Feb 11, 2017	Hobart	21-15	600	21	13	34	42	31	1	2	0	44	11	2	27-38	2-2.0
Feb 18, 2017	CORNELL	20-10	599	20	13	33	48	34	1	1	0	44	16	4	25-34	2-1.0
Feb 25, 2017	Villanova	17-12	600	17	12	29	42	27	1	4	0	26	13	3	17-32	5-4.0
Mar 04, 2017	PENN	14-13	600	14	7	21	39	23	1	2	0	33	12	5	24-31	0-0.0
Mar 07, 2017	FURMAN	12-10	610	12	8	20	33	19	1	1	0	34	11	3	17-25	1-1.0
Mar 11, 2017	Harvard	15-12	600	15	7	22	37	25	1	1	0	33	20	7	23-31	2-2.0
Mar 17, 2017	FAIRFIELD	9-8	600	9	2	11	37	23	1	0	0	28	14	4	13-21	0-0.0
Mar 25, 2017	CLEVELAND STATE	15-8	610	15	9	24	47	32	1	1	0	36	12	6	20-26	5-4.5
		138-99	5459	138	82	220	364	244	9	13	0	310	120	42	187-268	19-16.0
Opponent				99	43	142	325	197	0	10	0	219	102	50	81-268	30-22.5

TEAM PER-GAME

Games played: 9

Shots per game: 40.44; Goals per game: 15.33

Assists per game: 9.11; Points per game: 24.44

Shot pct: .379; SOG pct: .670

Faceoff W-L pct: .698; Clear pct: 0.902

Date	Opponent	Score	Minutes	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Save%	W	L	T	Faced
Feb 04, 2017	ROBERT MORRIS	15-11	60:00	11	11.00	11	.500	1	0	0	29
Feb 11, 2017	Hobart	21-15	60:00	15	13.00	7	.318	1	0	0	34
Feb 18, 2017	CORNELL	20-10	60:00	10	12.00	9	.474	1	0	0	32
Feb 25, 2017	Villanova	17-12	60:00	12	12.00	18	.600	1	0	0	52
Mar 04, 2017	PENN	14-13	60:00	13	12.20	6	.316	1	0	0	32
Mar 07, 2017	FURMAN	12-10	60:00	10	11.83	8	.444	1	0	0	28
Mar 11, 2017	Harvard	15-12	60:00	12	11.86	15	.556	1	0	0	40
Mar 17, 2017	FAIRFIELD	9-8	60:00	8	11.38	12	.600	1	0	0	44
Mar 25, 2017	CLEVELAND STATE	15-8	60:00	8	11.00	12	.600	1	0	0	34
		138-99	540:00	99	11.00	98	.497	9	0	0	325
Opponent			540:00	138	11.00	106	.434	0	9	0	364

GAME 1 - vs. ROBERT MORRIS

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Robert Morris vs #15 Penn State (Feb 04, 2017 at University Park, Pa.)

Robert Morris (0-1) vs. Penn State (1-0) Date: Feb 04, 2017 • Attendance: 755 Weather:	Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
	Robert Morris	4	2	3	2	11
	Penn State	6	1	3	5	15

Robert Morris SCORING: GOALS: TOROK-ORBAN, Adrian 2; GIBSON, Marshall 2; SCHMIDT, Matt 2; YEPSEN, Carter 2; GIBSON, Tyson 1; MAJEWSKI, Shane 1; TOOMB, Jack 1.
ASSISTS: TOROK-ORBAN, Adrian 2; BOHL, Alexander 1; BRYANT, Zachary 1; GIBSON, Marshall 1; GIBSON, Tyson 1; SCHMIDT, Matt 1; SMITH, Eddie 1.

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: O'Keefe, Mac 7; Sutton, Mike 4; Ament, Grant 1; Aponte, Nick 1; Foulds, Dylan 1; Arceri, Gerard 1.
ASSISTS: Ament, Grant 5; Aponte, Nick 2; Hill, Kevin 2; Florence, Matt 1; Keenan, Ryan 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total	Saves by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Robert Morris	7	7	6	9	29	Robert Morris	3	8	2	2	15
Penn State	10	11	9	9	39	Penn State	3	2	4	4	11

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total	Turnovers by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Robert Morris	5	6	5	2	18	Robert Morris	2	7	4	2	15
Penn State	11	4	7	10	32	Penn State	4	2	3	2	11

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Robert Morris	1	1	0	0	2
Penn State	0	0	0	0	0

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Robert Morris	3-11	2-4	3-7	1-8	9-30
Penn State	8-11	2-4	4-7	7-8	21-30

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Robert Morris	6-6	4-5	5-6	2-2	17-19
Penn State	4-4	4-5	3-3	3-3	14-15

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Robert Morris	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-2
Penn State	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-3

Stadium: Holuba Hall
Penalties - Robert Morris 3/1:30; Penn State 2/1:30. Official's signature

Turning Point

Penn State turned the tide with 11:42 left to go in the fourth. After tying the game earlier, Robert Morris found themselves within a goal of Penn State at 11-10. Ament fed Foulds in open space, where the redshirt freshman scored for a two-goal advantage. The goal sparked a 4-0 run to secure the Penn State victory.

Difference Makers

- **Mac O'Keefe** - O'Keefe scored seven goals on 12 shots, marking the first time since 1983 a Penn State player has scored seven or more goals in a game.
- **Gerard Arceri** - Arceri won 66 percent of the game's faceoffs, going 21-of-30 at the faceoff "x" and added the first goal of the game to set the tone for the Nittany Lions.
- **Grant Ament** - Ament showed impeccable vision, being responsible for six total goals on five assists and a score of his own. Ament led four different players to score.

By Quarters

First Quarter

Arceri kick-started the Nittany Lions offense, winning the opening faceoff and scooping the ground ball himself before scoring nine seconds later. Arceri's goal sprung a 3-0 Penn State run, with O'Keefe scoring a man-up goal from Ament before Sutton scored his first goal of the game on a helper from Hill. RMU responded on a diving goal by Jack Toomb before Aponte and O'Keefe logged back-to-back goals, with Ament earning the assist for both. Robert Morris scored twice before O'Keefe logged his third goal. Torok-Orban scored his lone goal of the game with four seconds left in the opening frame.

Penn State 6, Robert Morris 4

Second Quarter

After an action packed first quarter, both sides slowed things down in the second. Robert Morris carried some momentum into the quarter, scoring 48 seconds in. Three minutes later, O'Keefe responded with his fourth goal on a pass from redshirt senior Matt Florence, bouncing it in for Penn State's lone score of the quarter. Robert Morris' Carter Yepsen scored his first goal of the day to bring the game within one before a scoreless stalemate for the final 8:44 of the half.

Penn State 7, Robert Morris 6

Third Quarter

Carter scored for the second time for the Colonials, tying the game, 7-7, at 11:06 in the third. Just over a minute later, Sutton responded, ripping the ball into the back of the net on a feed from Ament. PSU held the lead for four and a half minutes, when Robert Morris scored on an extra man opportunity to even the game. O'Keefe scored the next two, with Aponte and Ament dealing assists to give Penn State a 10-8 lead. The Colonials scored with 2:59 left in the third to pull back within one.

Penn State 10, Robert Morris 9

Fourth Quarter

Sutton logged his third score of the day to open the fourth, finding the top corner from deep to give PSU the two-goal lead. Robert Morris pulled it within one before Foulds scored on a pass from behind the net, courtesy of Ament for a 12-10 advantage. Sutton logged his fourth goal of the day on a pass from Hill with 6:08 left on the clock. Ament followed up the score with one of his own, dodging from behind the goal and making his defender stumble before beating the goalie. Junior midfielder Ryan Keenan dished the ball to O'Keefe for his seventh score, before a man-up goal from Robert Morris closed out the final quarter.

Penn State 15, Robert Morris 11

GAME 2 - at HOBART

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#15 Penn State vs Hobart (Feb 11, 2017 at Victor, N.Y.)

Penn State (2-0) vs. Hobart (0-1) Date: Feb 11, 2017 • Attendance: Weather: Indoors	Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
	Penn State	5	5	5	6	21
	Hobart	2	2	7	4	15

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: O'Keefe, Mac 4; Spillane, Nick 4; Ament, Grant 4; Hill, Kevin 4; Keenan, Ryan 2; McEvoy, Nick 1; Craig, Dan 1; Chambers, Tyler 1.
ASSISTS: Keenan, Ryan 3; O'Keefe, Mac 3; Spillane, Nick 3; Sutton, Mike 2; Aponte, Nick 1; Wright, Tommy 1.

Hobart SCORING: GOALS: Justin Scott 4; Bryan Hancock 3; Chris Aslanian 3; Stanny Gilbertson 2; Frank Brown 1; Tanner John 1; Kevin Murphy 1.
ASSISTS: Frank Brown 1; Eric Holden 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total	Saves by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	8	10	9	15	42	Penn State	4	1	1	1	7
Hobart	6	9	9	10	34	Hobart	1	2	3	4	10

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total	Turnovers by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	8	10	9	17	44	Penn State	4	3	3	1	11
Hobart	9	2	3	6	20	Hobart	3	3	1	1	8

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	0	1	0	0	1
Hobart	0	0	1	0	1

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	4-8	5-8	9-11	9-11	27-38
Hobart	4-8	3-8	2-11	2-11	11-38

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	5-6	5-5	1-1	1-1	12-13
Hobart	4-4	3-4	4-5	3-4	14-17

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	1-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	2-4
Hobart	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2

Stadium: Pinnacle Athletic
Penalties - Penn State 2/2:00; Hobart 4/3:00.
30-second Goals/Warnings (Violations) - Penn State 0/1 (0); Hobart 0/0 (0).
Officials: Thomas Sutton; Robert Gross; Chris Clark. Scorer: Ken DeBolt. Official's signature

Turning Point

With 13 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Hobart nearly erased a nine-goal deficit, as Justin Scott scored his fourth goal of the day to pull within two, 15-13. Penn State won the faceoff, but couldn't convert the initial shot. The Nittany Lions were resilient, riding the Hobart defense and forcing a Hobart turnover during the clear attempt. O'Keefe scooped up the groundball and found Hill for the score to push the Penn State lead to three.

Difference Makers

- **Nick Spillane** - Spillane had a career day, logging new career bests in goals (4), assists (3) and points (7). His seven points tied for the team's best.
- **Mac O'Keefe** - O'Keefe matched his point production from his collegiate debut, as the lefty attackman posted four goals and three assists to co-lead the Penn State offense.
- **Kevin Hill** - Hill took advantage of the extra-man opportunities, finding the holes in the defense with a pair of EMO goals. He added two even strength scores in a career outing.

By Quarters

First Quarter

Penn State opened the game's scoring, as a fast-paced clear led to Chambers' second career goal to put the Nittany Lions up, 1-0. Hobart responded before Hill scored his first goal of the game. Spillane found the back of the net with 4:11 left to go in the first, with Aponte finding the sophomore midfielder. 14 seconds later, Ament scored his first goal of the day before a Hobart timeout. Hill scored a man-up goal with 32 seconds left in the quarter, but Hobart logged one of its own 10 seconds later before the first frame finished.

Penn State 5, Hobart 2

Second Quarter

Just under two minutes into the second Keenan found O'Keefe in space to give Penn State a six-goal advantage. Hobart answered the call roughly two minutes later. A man-up goal from Hill with 10:28 to go in the second sparked a 4-1 Penn State run through the remainder of the quarter. O'Keefe found paydirt on back-to-back scores before Keenan logged his first of the season. Sutton and Keenan made passes to lead to the O'Keefe goals, while Spillane earned one of his three assists on the pass to Keenan.

Penn State 10, Hobart 4

Third Quarter

The two sides scored a combined 12 goals in the third frame of the game. It was the lone period in which Hobart out-scored Penn State, with the Statesmen holding a 7-5 advantage. Ament scored the first two goals of the quarter, both coming unassisted. A lone Hobart score broke up what would be a 4-1 run, as Keenan logged his second goal of the game with 7:51 left on the clock. 11 seconds later McEvoy made his collegiate scoring debut, giving Penn State a 15-4 lead. Hobart refused to break down, mounting an impressive 6-1 run to close out the quarter. The lone remaining Penn State score came courtesy of Craig off a pass from O'Keefe with 34 seconds left in the period.

Penn State 15, Hobart 11

Fourth Quarter

Hobart continued to strike, opening the final frame with a pair of scores. With 11:22 on the clock, Hill's fourth score made the lead 16-13. Spillane scored his second goal on the feed from O'Keefe to spark back-and-forth scoring between the two sides. Hobart scored before Spillane responded with his third goal less than a minute later. Hobart's Hancock registered Hobart's 15th goal, before O'Keefe, Ament and Spillane took the game out of question with three final goals over the last 2:53 of regulation.

Penn State 21, Hobart 15

GAME 3 - vs. CORNELL

Lacrosse Box Score (Final)
2017 Penn State Men's Lacrosse
Cornell vs #11 Penn State (Feb 18, 2017 at University Park, Pa.)

Cornell (0-1) vs. Penn State (3-0)	Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Date: Feb 18, 2017 • Attendance: 1221 Weather: 55 degrees and sunny	Cornell	0	3	2	5	10
	Penn State	2	5	7	6	20

Cornell SCORING: GOALS: Dowiak, Jordan 2; Mcculloch, Jake 1; Teat, Jeff 1; Duggan, Sam 1; Keith, Andrew 1; Fletcher, Connor 1; Petterson, Clarke 1; Estill, Charlie 1; Tarbell, Kason 1.
ASSISTS: Matthews, Ryan 1; Ward, Zach 1.

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: Ament, Grant 6; O'Keefe, Mac 5; Smith, Conor 3; Aponte, Nick 2; Hill, Kevin 1; Sutton, Mike 1; Florence, Matt 1; Sexton, Matt 1.
ASSISTS: Ament, Grant 3; Aponte, Nick 3; Hill, Kevin 2; Black, Robby 1; Craig, Dan 1; Peck, Tanner 1; Sutton, Mike 1; Wright, Tommy 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Cornell	7	10	7	8	32
Penn State	13	13	12	10	48

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Cornell	5	4	3	2	14
Penn State	8	4	5	5	22

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Cornell	0	1	2	0	3
Penn State	1	0	0	0	1

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Cornell	3-3	1-9	3-10	2-12	9-34
Penn State	0-3	8-9	7-10	10-12	25-34

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Cornell	3-3	5-5	2-3	2-2	12-13
Penn State	5-5	3-3	4-4	1-2	13-14

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Cornell	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2
Penn State	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3

Stadium: Lacrosse Field
Penalties - Cornell 3/3:00; Penn State 2/1:00.
30-second Goals/Warnings (Violations) - Cornell 0/0 (0); Penn State 0/0 (0).

Official's signature

Turning Point

After going back and forth through the first quarter and a half, Penn State led 4-3 before O'Keefe scored at 2:55 on a feed from Ament to give the Nittany Lions a 5-3 lead. From there, Penn State felt a swing in momentum, scoring twice more courtesy of Hill and Ament before the end of the half for a strong 7-3 advantage headed into the break.

Difference Makers

- **Grant Ament** - Ament paved the way for the Nittany Lions offense, posting six goals and three assists for a career-best nine points. Ament scored a pair of goals late in the second quarter to help Penn State break open the lead.
- **Peter Triolo** - Triolo anchored the defensive unit, helping Penn State to hold Cornell to just five goals in the opening three quarters before subbing out.
- **Gerard Arceri** - Arceri went 15-of-21 at the faceoff "x" to help control play. After going 0-for-3 in the opening quarter he rebounded in the second, going 8-of-9 for the Nittany Lions.

By Quarters

First Quarter

The first quarter was defensive battle. While Cornell won all three faceoff attempts, the Penn State defense held tall, allowing for opportunities on the offensive end. Sutton opened the game's scoring, pump faking once before ripping it into the back of the net at 11:56. Penn State was scoreless for the next 10 minutes before Ament went high-to-low on a feed from Hill for the second goal of the game and his first man-up goal of the season.

Penn State 2, Cornell 0

Second Quarter

Not to be outdone, Cornell responded with a pair of goals to open the second in the first four and a half minutes of action. O'Keefe's first goal of the day came on a pass from Aponte for a brief 3-2 lead. Cornell tied the game before O'Keefe second and third goals of the game on assists from Craig and Ament respectively. 43 seconds later Hill scored off a dodge. With just over a minute left, Aponte passed from behind the net finding Ament in stride for a 7-3 advantage.

Penn State 7, Cornell 3

Third Quarter

Penn State outscored Cornell 7-2 in the third quarter in what would prove to be the most lopsided 15 minutes of the game. Ament opened the scoring with a quick fake before dumping the ball into the opposite side of the net. Less than three minutes later, Tommy Wright kicked the ball out to O'Keefe on a fast break for the score. Cornell responded before Penn State scored three straight, with each starting attackman netting one over the four-minute period. Cornell's Sam Duggan scored to break up the Penn State run, before the Nittany Lions scored five straight through the end of the third and into the fourth. Ament and Aponte both logged one more goal each before the end of the third.

Penn State 14, Cornell 5

Fourth Quarter

Matt Florence scored 34 seconds into the fourth, driving in from the right side. Smith scored 16 seconds later, logging his first career goal on a low shot. Ament followed up Smith's goal with one of his own, as Sutton found him with the pass. Penn State and Cornell swapped goals, with Smith and Sexton finding the back of the net. Cornell scored a pair of goals before Smith put away his third goal of the day. The Big Red put up one last goal with 33 seconds left on the clock before Penn State walked away with its third goal of the season.

Penn State 20, Cornell 10

GAME 4 - at VILLANOVA

Lacrosse Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
#9 Penn State vs Villanova (Feb 25, 2017 at Villanova, Pa.)

Penn State (4-0) vs. Villanova (0-3)	Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Date: Feb 25, 2017 • Attendance: 1542 Weather: Mostly Cloudy mid 60's	Penn State	2	5	7	3	17
	Villanova	1	4	3	4	12

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: O'Keefe, Mac 8; Ament, Grant 3; Spillane, Nick 2; Aponte, Nick 2; Arceri, Gerard 1; Craig, Dan 1.
ASSISTS: Ament, Grant 3; Spillane, Nick 3; Aponte, Nick 2; Keenan, Ryan 2; McEvoy, Nick 1; Sutton, Mike 1.

Villanova SCORING: GOALS: CURRAN, Jack 4; MCNAMARA, Devin 1; CUCCINELLO, CHRISTIA 1; FROCCARO, Joey 1; SEIBEL, Danny 1; NUGENT, Jared 1; HARDY, Timmy 1; NASLONSKI, Kurtis 1; KLUH, John 1.
ASSISTS: FROCCARO, Jake 2; MCNAMARA, Devin 2; CUCCINELLO, CHRISTIA 1; CURRAN, Jack 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	5	14	11	12	42
Villanova	14	12	14	12	52

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	5	9	8	4	26
Villanova	8	7	7	7	29

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	0	1	1	0	2
Villanova	0	1	1	0	2

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	1-4	6-10	6-11	4-7	17-32
Villanova	3-4	4-10	5-11	3-7	15-32

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	4-4	2-2	5-5	2-2	13-13
Villanova	4-5	2-2	2-2	6-6	14-15

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	1-4	2-2	0-0	1-2	4-8
Villanova	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-4

Stadium: Villanova Stadium
Penalties - Penn State 5/4:00; Villanova 8/6:00.

Official's signature

Turning Point

O'Keefe scored his first goal of the game with 6:15 left to go in the first on a feed from Ament. The score jump started a 6-0 run into the second quarter, with O'Keefe being responsible for four of the six goals.

Difference Makers

- **Mac O'Keefe** - O'Keefe set a new freshman record for goals in a game, logging a game-high eight goals on 11 shots. The eight goals are the third most in a single game for Penn State.
- **Grant Ament** - Ament supplemented O'Keefe's production, adding six points on three goals and three assists in Penn State's five-goal victory.
- **Colby Kneese** - Kneese logged his fourth win of 2017 behind an 18-save performance, marking the third most saves in a single game in the Jeff Tambroni era.

By Quarters

First Quarter

Villanova kicked off the scoring with Kuhl earning an unassisted goal. Penn State fired back, with O'Keefe scoring a pair of goals, both off passes from Ament in quick succession. Freshman goaltender Colby Kneese racked up six saves in the opening frame.

Penn State 2, Villanova 1

Second Quarter

O'Keefe refused to slow down in the second, ripping a shot into the back of the net for his third of the day with 13:40 left in the period. Craig logged his second goal of the season on a feed from Keenan to give Penn State a three-goal lead less than three minutes later. O'Keefe registered his fourth goal of the day under a minute later. Spillane scored on a quick pass from Aponte before Villanova responded with a score of their own. The score started a 3-0 run for the Wildcats. O'Keefe poured in his fifth goal of the day before Villanova tightened the gap to a two-goal game heading into the locker room.

Penn State 7, Villanova 5

Third Quarter

O'Keefe scored his sixth goal of the day under two minutes into the third. Villanova responded before Arceri scored off the next faceoff. Villanova scored at the 9:50 mark before Ament and Spillane tacked on a pair of goals within 30 seconds of each other. After a Wildcat score, Ament put up his second goal of the game to kick start a 3-0 run. Aponte scored his 50th goal of his career on a feed from Ament before scoring one of his own to round out the quarter.

Penn State 14, Villanova 8

Fourth Quarter

Villanova scored three times in the first half of the fourth quarter. O'Keefe fired back with a pair of goals, as Keenan and Sutton provided assists, setting a new freshman record. Aponte added an unassisted goal with three minutes remaining. Villanova added a score with a minute and a half left in the game before Penn State claimed the five-goal victory.

Penn State 17, Villanova 12

GAME 5 - vs. No. 8 PENN

Lacrosse Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
#8 Penn vs #5 Penn State (Mar 04, 2017 at University Park, Pa.)

Penn (2-1) vs.	Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State (5-0)	Penn	4	3	3	3	13
Date: Mar 04, 2017 • Attendance: 625	Penn State	1	3	7	3	14
Weather: Indoors						

Penn SCORING: GOALS: Dunn, Tyler 4; Mathias, Simon 3; Roesner, Alex 3; Hupfeldt, Reilly 2; Farrell, James 1.
ASSISTS: Hupfeldt, Reilly 1; Licciardi, Joe 1; Mathias, Simon 1; McGeary, Kevin 1; Santangelo, Chris 1.

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: Spillane, Nick 5; Hill, Kevin 2; Aponte, Nick 1; Florence, Matt 1; O'Keefe, Mac 1; Craig, Dan 1; Sutton, Mike 1; Arceri, Gerard 1; Wright, Tommy 1.
ASSISTS: Ament, Grant 3; Aponte, Nick 2; Florence, Matt 1; Keenan, Ryan 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total	Saves by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn	6	11	8	7	32	Penn	4	3	1	1	9
Penn State	6	13	14	6	39	Penn State	1	3	2	0	6

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total	Turnovers by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn	8	6	4	9	27	Penn	2	3	1	5	11
Penn State	5	8	10	10	33	Penn State	3	3	1	5	12

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn	2	1	1	0	4
Penn State	0	0	1	0	1

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn	1-6	2-7	2-11	2-7	7-31
Penn State	5-6	5-7	9-11	5-7	24-31

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn	7-7	5-6	3-3	4-4	19-20
Penn State	3-3	3-3	2-2	4-4	12-12

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Penn State	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-0	2-4

Stadium: Holuba Hall
Penalties - Penn 4/2:30; Penn State 0/0:00.
30-second Goals/Warnings (Violations) - Penn 0/0 (0); Penn State 0/0 (0).

Official's signature

Turning Point

The Nittany Lions held a 14-13 lead with just over a minute and a half remaining, when Penn's Kevin Chambers jarrred the ball into a scoring position. Senior midfielder Tyler Chambers jarrred the ball loose, and while McGeary recovered the loose ball, a pair of Nittany Lions forced McGeary over the midfield line to gain possession. The possession gave Penn just 30 seconds at the end of the game to try to equalize, but the Nittany Lion defense answered the call.

Difference Makers

- **Gerard Arceri** – Despite facing three different faceoff specialists, Arceri remained consistent at the faceoff 'x', going 24-of-31 while collecting a game-high 15 groundballs. Both his faceoff wins and groundballs marked season highs.
- **Nick Spillane** – Spillane set a new career high with five goals on six shots to lead all players in the scoring column. The five goals were one shy of his season output entering the game.
- **Midfield scoring** – Entering the game, Penn State saw 63 percent of its season scoring coming from the attack position. The attack line served as facilitators in the top-10 showdown, scoring just two goals, while seven midfielders accounted for the remaining 12 goals.
- **Transition opportunities** – The Nittany Lions made the most of their chances moving the ball from defense to offence, going a perfect 12-of-12 in clearing opportunities. Additionally, both Arceri and Wright found chances to score thanks to efficient play in the fast break.

By Quarters

First Quarter

The first frame opened with a strong Penn performance, leading to three goals within the opening six minutes. Penn State stopped the run with the most unlikely of goals, as Wright scooped up a groundball before going coast-to-coast and scoring his first career goal. The two sides were stagnant until Penn's Reilly Hupfeldt dodged from behind the net to score with 18 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Penn State 1, Penn 4

Second Quarter

Spillane made the game a two-goal contest 1:16 into the second quarter, firing from 10 yards out on an assist from Aponte for his seventh goal of the season. Penn scored a pair of goals before Aponte logged his lone goal of the contest on a feed from Keenan behind the net. Penn logged its seventh goal of the day before Florence kicked it out to O'Keefe, who scored with a shot from the wing.

Penn State 4, Penn 7

Third Quarter

The Nittany Lions would regain control of the game in an outrageous seven-goal performance during the third period. The Nittany Lions wasted little time, scoring 37 seconds into the frame, as Spillane scored his second goal of the day. Arceri won the ensuing faceoff, sprinted down field and fired home his third goal of the season just seven seconds later. Penn's Austin Kreinz, brother of Penn State midfielder Drake Kreinz, was called for a holding penalty, giving Penn State a 30-second man-up situation. Hill capitalized on the opportunity, tying the game following a pass from Ament. Penn scored the next two goals before a 4-0 run from the Nittany Lions. Penn State's run began at the 6:35 mark, where Florence dodged a pair of defenders before burying the shot. A little over two minutes later, Hill found the bottom corner of the net for the equalizer. Another penalty was assessed to the Quakers, followed by a shot from Spillane for his third goal of the contest along with Ament's third assist. Aponte kicked the ball to Sutton 41 seconds later, as the senior went low-to-high to give the Nittany Lions an 11-9 advantage. Penn tacked on a goal with eight seconds remaining to close out the quarter.

Penn State 11, Penn 10

Fourth Quarter

Spillane opened scoring in the final frame a minute in, scooping up a loose ball on a rebounded shot and dumping it in from close range. Penn responded with a score of its own just over three minutes later. Less than a minute afterwards Craig caught a pass from Ament and scored on the run for a two-goal advantage. A minute later Spillane juked his defender and scored the eventual game-winner. Penn made a run later, scoring twice at the 3:24 and 2:42 marks, but the Nittany Lion defense dug in over the remaining time to earn the fifth win of the season.

Penn State 14, Penn 13

GAME 6 - vs. FURMAN

Lacrosse Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Furman vs #3 Penn State (Mar 07, 2017 at University Park, Pa.)

Furman (1-6) vs.	Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State (6-0)	Furman	1	2	3	4	10
Date: Mar 07, 2017 • Attendance: 368	Penn State	3	4	4	1	12
Weather: High 50's, raining						

Furman SCORING: GOALS: Lou Yovino 3; William Holcomb 2; Stephen Wierzbicki 2; Jonah Moore 1; David Williamson 1; Graham Dabbs 1.
ASSISTS: Zach Scott 2; Finn Barry 1; William Holcomb 1; Jonah Moore 1.

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: Spillane, Nick 2; Hill, Kevin 2; Craig, Dan 2; Aponte, Nick 1; Florence, Matt 1; Keenan, Ryan 1; O'Keefe, Mac 1; Sutton, Mike 1; McEvoy, Nick 1.
ASSISTS: Aponte, Nick 4; Ament, Grant 1; Florence, Matt 1; Keenan, Ryan 1; Spillane, Nick 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total	Saves by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Furman	6	7	5	10	28	Furman	3	0	3	1	7
Penn State	8	8	11	6	33	Penn State	1	3	2	2	8

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total	Turnovers by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Furman	4	7	8	6	25	Furman	4	1	4	0	9
Penn State	9	10	6	9	34	Penn State	3	5	1	2	11

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Furman	1	0	0	0	1
Penn State	0	0	0	0	0

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Furman	2-5	1-7	3-7	2-6	8-25
Penn State	3-5	6-7	4-7	4-6	17-25

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Furman	3-3	4-4	3-5	4-4	14-16
Penn State	4-4	2-2	5-5	1-1	12-12

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Furman	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
Penn State	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1

Stadium: PSU Lacrosse Field
Penalties - Furman 1/0:30; Penn State 1/1:00.
30-second Goals/Warnings (Violations) - Furman 0/0 (0); Penn State 0/0 (0).

Official's signature

Turning Point

With Furman on a 5-0 run, it felt that the Paladins had the momentum late in the fourth quarter with one score separating the game. With 44 seconds left on the clock Keenan shook his defender before dumping in the insurance goal for the Nittany Lions win.

Difference Makers

- **Nick Aponte** – The senior captain led the team in points, dishing the ball out with four assists while scoring a goal of his own in the win.
- **Dan Craig** – Craig put up a season-best pair of goals in the win, serving as a scoring threat from the midfield while converting on half of his shots.
- **Ryan Keenan** – Keenan found the back of the net when it mattered the most, scoring the final goal to put the game out of reach for Furman.
- **Billy Lombardi** – When rookie faceoff man Gerard Arceri went 7-of-12 from the faceoff 'x', the coaching staff chose Lombardi to serve as the faceoff man for the rest of the day. Lombardi answered the call, going 10-of-13 at the 'x'.

By Quarters

First Quarter

Penn State never trailed in 60 minutes with the Paladins, as Mac O'Keefe opened scoring for the game just over two minutes into the game. Aponte fed him the ball, good for his 100th career point. Furman's Stephen Wierzbicki responded at the 10:30 mark with a goal of his own. With 8:33 to go Aponte scored his lone goal of the game. Spillane buried his 12th of goal of the season with 6:36 left in the first before the two offenses stalled for the remainder of the quarter.

Penn State 3, Furman 1

Second Quarter

Furman scored once in the second before Penn State rattled off four-straight goals for a 7-2 lead. Florence was the first to score in the run, working off a pass from Ament. Aponte connected with Spillane for the second time of the day for a 5-2 lead. 11 seconds later McEvoy found the back of the net after scooping up the loose ball in the Penn State faceoff win. Sutton fired one home thanks to a crafty pass from Florence to round out the PSU run. Yovino tallied a goal for Furman with 2:16 left in the quarter for a four-goal Penn State advantage at the break.

Penn State 7, Furman 3

Third Quarter

Craig scored two of the first three goals to open the second half. Spillane found Craig, who ripped the shot home from five yards out. The lefty senior responded after a Furman goal, shooting from low to high off a feed from Keenan for a 9-5 Penn State edge. A toe-drag led to a bounce shot from Hill to make the score 10-5. The sophomore midfielder then put away what would be the game-winner with a man-up goal. Penn State's lead was cut to five with seven seconds left on the clock, marking the beginning of Furman's run.

Penn State 11, Furman 6

Fourth Quarter

The Paladins controlled the next 11 minutes, scoring four times over the span. The team's final two goals were unassisted before PSU responded with 44 seconds left to go. Keenan eluded the defender before scoring the insurance goal to secure the victory.

Penn State 12, Furman 10

GAME 7 - at HARVARD

**Lacrosse Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
#3 Penn State vs Harvard (Mar 11, 2017 at Cambridge, Mass.)**

Penn State (7-0, 0-0 Big Ten) vs. Harvard (4-1, 0-0 Ivy League)
Date: Mar 11, 2017 • Attendance: 3
Weather: 14 degrees and windy

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: O'Keefe, Mac 3; Florence, Matt 3; Ament, Grant 2; Sutton, Mike 2; Keenan, Ryan 1; Aponte, Nick 1; McEvoy, Nick 1; Sabia, Christopher 1; Hill, Kevin 1.
ASSISTS: Keenan, Ryan 2; Ament, Grant 1; Aponte, Nick 1; Chambers, Tyler 1; Craig, Dan 1; Sutton, Mike 1.

Harvard SCORING: GOALS: Palladino, J.T. 3; Cheek, Morgan 2; Mahon, Carney 2; Blynn, Peter 2; Edmonds, Tim 1; Lang, Joe 1; Evans, Spencer 1.
ASSISTS: Edmonds, Tim 2; Palladino, J.T. 2; Cheek, Morgan 1; Lang, Joe 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	6	9	13	9	37
Harvard	12	9	6	13	40

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	9	5	8	11	33
Harvard	5	6	7	10	28

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	1	0	0	0	1
Harvard	2	0	0	2	4

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	6-7	3-4	3-6	11-14	23-31
Harvard	1-7	1-4	3-6	3-14	8-31

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	3-6	3-5	4-4	3-3	13-18
Harvard	5-5	4-5	3-3	6-7	18-20

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-4
Harvard	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-2

Stadium: Stadium Bubble
Penalties - Penn State 2/0/0; Harvard 4/3/0.0.
30-second Goals/Warnings (Violations) - Penn State 0/1 (1); Harvard 0/0 (0).

Official's signature

Turning Point

Harvard made a daunting 3-0 run early in the fourth quarter to pull within one at the 8:11 mark. With 7:19 left to go, O'Keefe dodged from the right wing, beating his defender before picking off the corner for a two-goal lead. The scored triggered a 3-0 run in which he and Keenan both added goals for a 13-9 edge to put Penn State in the driver's seat.

Difference Makers

- **Mac O'Keefe** - O'Keefe scored a team-high three goals including two in a critical stretch to give Penn State a definitive lead in the fourth quarter.
- **Matt Florence** - Florence buried a season-best three goals for the Nittany Lions, tying for the most on the team during the game.
- **Gerard Arceri** - Arceri was a game changer at the faceoff 'x', going a strong 22-of-29 at mid-field for the Nittany Lions while gathering 14 groundballs, one shy of his career-best.
- **Chris Sabia** - Sabia led the Penn State defense, causing two turnovers while taking Harvard's Morgan Cheek out of the game, holding the attackman to just two goals while the junior averages four scores a game.
- **Man-down unit** - The man-down unit stood tall when called upon against the Crimson, allowing just one goal in four opportunities

By Quarters

First Quarter

Harvard opened the scoring in the first, as Peter Blynn found the back of the net at the 11:40 mark. Under a minute later Sutton responded. Florence gave Penn State its first lead of the day, ripping a shot into the back of the net from eight yards out. The Crimson equalized before getting called for an unnecessary roughness call with a hit on O'Keefe. Penn State capitalized on the man-up opportunity, with Ament finding the back of the net on a feed from Craig. The Crimson scored again on a bounce shot with eight seconds left on the clock to tie the game through the first 15 minutes.

Penn State 3, Harvard 3

Second Quarter

Harvard scored to open the frame. Penn State responded quickly, with Aponte kicking it out to Hill for the score. Less than a minute later the Nittany Lions won the faceoff, as Chambers found O'Keefe in space to score the go-ahead goal. Harvard won the next faceoff, but a deft stick save from Kneese kept Harvard off the board. The defense continued to shut down the Crimson, leading to a Harvard timeout with 6:22 remaining in the second. Neither team found the back of the net for the remainder of the quarter.

Penn State 4, Penn 7

Third Quarter

Harvard got called for a push and a hold on freshman midfielder Nick McEvoy, but rode out the minute of penalty time. It took half of the quarter for either side to score, before Harvard buried the game-tying goal. Penn State responded, scoring two in a row. McEvoy tallied the first goal, scoring his fourth of the season on a feed from Keenan. Less than a minute later Sutton kicked the ball into the middle of the zone, as Florence finished the shot for his second goal of the day and a two-score lead. Florence posted his third goal of the day with 2:45 left in the third, ripping the shot into the back of the net off the pass from Ament at the x. Ament made it a four-goal lead, as Keenan found the sophomore in space for the score.

Penn State 9, Harvard 5

Fourth Quarter

Harvard opened the fourth with a goal to cut the game to three. Sutton responded, finding the back of the net for the second time against the Crimson. Harvard rattled off three straight scores, forcing a Penn State timeout as the Nittany Lions held a 10-9 lead. O'Keefe stopped the run, dodging from the right wing before picking off the corner of the net. Penn State won the next faceoff before Keenan drove down the alley for a three-goal lead. O'Keefe buried his third goal of the game moments later after gathering a ground ball and dumping in the goal. Harvard's Joe Lang scored off his back foot for a three-goal game with 5:28 left in the game. Aponte fired back, scoring his first goal of the game following a dodge from behind the net to give Penn State the four-goal advantage. Harvard scored a pair of goals before Sabia buried the final goal with nine seconds on the clock.

Penn State 15, Harvard 12

GAME 8 - vs. FAIRFIELD

**Lacrosse Box Score (Final)
2017 Penn State Men's Lacrosse
Fairfield vs #2 Penn State (Mar 17, 2017 at University Park, Pa.)**

Fairfield (2-5) vs. Penn State (8-0)
Date: Mar 17, 2017 • Attendance: 758
Weather: 38 degrees

Fairfield SCORING: GOALS: Burke, Colin 4; Knostman, Jake 1; Ford, Travis 1; Fleming, Dave 1; Rodrigues, Joe 1.
ASSISTS: Beckwith, Dylan 1; Horning, Charlie 1; Knostman, Jake 1; Murray, Drew 1.

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: Aponte, Nick 2; Florence, Matt 2; O'Keefe, Mac 1; Keenan, Ryan 1; Sutton, Mike 1; Ament, Grant 1; Arceri, Gerard 1.
ASSISTS: Aponte, Nick 1; O'Keefe, Mac 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	14	7	5	18	44
Penn State	6	9	15	7	37

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	10	5	3	8	26
Penn State	4	6	10	8	28

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	0	0	0	0	0
Penn State	1	0	1	0	2

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	4-5	0-3	1-7	3-6	8-21
Penn State	1-5	3-3	6-7	3-6	13-21

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	3-3	4-5	3-4	4-5	14-17
Penn State	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-3	10-13

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Penn State	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1

Stadium: Lacrosse Field
Penalties - Fairfield 1/1/0.0; Penn State 0/0/0.0.
30-second Goals/Warnings (Violations) - Fairfield 0/0 (0); Penn State 0/0 (0).
Officials: Kevin Schaefer; Christopher Defelice; Jim Powers.

Official's signature

Turning Point

With the game knotted up, Sutton made dodged from behind the goal to bury the ball into the side netting for the game-winning goal with 3:07 left to play.

Difference Makers

- **Nick Aponte** - Penn State's captain stepped up when needed, finishing with a team-best three points on a pair of goals and an assist.
- **Mike Sutton** - Sutton scored the game winning goal, beating his defender and solidifying the win for the Nittany Lions.
- **Colby Kneese** - Kneese had a strong outing, allowing the fewest number of goals in a 60-minute performance this season for the Nittany Lions. He had 12 saves, including a big stop late in the fourth to give Penn State possession to ride out the remaining time.

By Quarters

First Quarter

Fairfield did well at the faceoff 'x' to open the game, scoring the first goal of the game just under five minutes in. After a save around the 7:30 mark, a fast break for the Nittany Lions resulted in Aponte's first score of the game. A pair of late Fairfield goals gave the Stags a two-goal lead after the first 15 minutes.

Penn State 1, Fairfield 3

Second Quarter

The majority of the second half was a stalemate, with both defenses denying goal scorers on either end. Penn State was the first team to score in the second, beginning with O'Keefe behind the net. The freshman scoped the field before kicking the ball to Florence who buried the shot in the back of the net with 1:56 remaining. With 14 seconds left on the clock, Ament lost his defender on a dodge from behind the net, scoring the narrow-angle shot for the tying score.

Penn State 3, Fairfield 3

Third Quarter

Fairfield scored first in the third period with 11:54 on the clock. Keenan answered the call, darting to the left side before ripping the shot. Fairfield responded before O'Keefe scored his 30th goals of the season from the right wing. The score began a 3-0 run for the Nittany Lions, with Florence scoring his second goal of the day on a pass from Aponte on the left. Aponte scored 22 seconds later to leave the third quarter with a two-goal lead.

Penn State 7, Fairfield 5

Fourth Quarter

Fairfield would not go down quietly, scoring three times in the fourth to take a one-goal lead. Arceri responded with a goal off the faceoff before Sutton's game-winner. A big stop from Kneese with 1:05 left allowed for the clear before Penn State rode out the time against a frenzied defense for their eighth win of the season.

Penn State 9, Fairfield 8

GAME 9 - vs. CLEVELAND STATE

Lacrosse Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook

Cleveland State vs #1 Penn State (Mar 25, 2017 at University Park, Pa.)

Cleveland State (3-7) vs.	Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State (9-0)	Cleveland State	2	2	1	3	8
Date: Mar 25, 2017 • Attendance: 2112	Penn State	4	3	4	4	15
Weather: 60 degrees, cloudy						

Cleveland State SCORING: GOALS: FRICKLETON, Jack 2; GLEESON, Noah 2; BAKER, Chase 2; WENDEL, Nick 1; MASI, Stephen 1.
ASSISTS: COPELAND, Tristen 1; LEWIS, Jake 1; WENDEL, Nick 1.

Penn State SCORING: GOALS: Ament, Grant 4; O'Keefe, Mac 4; Aponte, Nick 3; Smith, Conor 1; Hill, Kevin 1; Sutton, Mike 1; Nowoswiat, Jimmy 1.
ASSISTS: Ament, Grant 2; Aponte, Nick 2; Spillane, Nick 2; Craig, Dan 1; Kreinz, Drake 1; Smith, Conor 1.

Shots by period	1	2	3	4	Total	Saves by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Cleveland State	11	10	5	8	34	Cleveland State	4	4	6	3	17
Penn State	11	8	19	9	47	Penn State	4	3	3	2	12

Ground balls/prd	1	2	3	4	Total	Turnovers by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Cleveland State	8	7	4	4	23	Cleveland State	2	3	2	5	12
Penn State	9	8	13	6	36	Penn State	5	2	2	3	12

F/O violations by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Cleveland State	2	0	0	1	3
Penn State	0	1	0	0	1

Faceoffs by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Cleveland State	2-7	1-6	1-6	2-7	6-26
Penn State	5-7	5-6	5-6	5-7	20-26

Clears by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Cleveland State	4-6	3-4	4-4	5-5	16-19
Penn State	2-3	4-4	3-3	3-3	12-13

Extra-man opps	1	2	3	4	Total
Cleveland State	1-1	0-1	0-2	2-2	3-6
Penn State	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2

Stadium: Lacrosse Field

Official's signature

Penalties - Cleveland State 2/2:00; Penn State 5/4:30.

30-second Goals/Warnings (Violations) - Cleveland State 0/0 (0); Penn State 0/0 (0).

Officials: Nicholas Tropiano; Tim Checchia; Lawrence French.

Turning Point

Penn State made sure to own the momentum from the jump, with each of its starting attackmen in Ament, Aponte and O'Keefe logging goals in the first three minutes of play.

Difference Makers

- **Grant Ament** – Ament posted a team-best six points on four goals and two assists. The sophomore had no trouble creating offense on his own, with three of his four goals coming unassisted.
- **Mac O'Keefe** – O'Keefe continued to show why he is one of the nation's premier goal-scorers, finding the back of the net four times in during the game.
- **Faceoff unit** – Arceri and Lombardi played a large role in the Nittany Lions' success, winning 77 percent of the faceoffs to help Penn State to the seven-goal win.
- **Groundball game** – The Nittany Lions claimed most of the 50-50 balls, winning the battle for loose balls by 13, leading the category wire-to-wire.

By Quarters**First Quarter**

Penn State opened the first quarter with a quick trio of goals, courtesy of each of its starting attackmen in the first three minutes. O'Keefe struck first on a quick pass from Aponte. Aponte then buried one of his own on a kick out from Ament. Less than a minute later Aponte returned the favor, dishing the ball to Ament on a fast break for the score. Cleveland State responded with a man-up goal to make it 3-1 at the 10:02 mark. Less than 30 seconds later, Ament hit a pump fake before scoring his second goal of the day. Cleveland State scored with just over two minutes left to wrap up the first quarter scoring.

Penn State 4, Cleveland State 2**Second Quarter**

Hill scored his 11th goal of the 2017 campaign, humming the ball past the goalie roughly five minutes in. Penn State found the back of the net again with 7:20 left in the quarter, as Aponte scored his second of the game. Just 16 seconds later O'Keefe made it a 3-0 run, as Kreinz found the rookie for a one-on-one opportunity with Cleveland State's goalie. Cleveland State scored twice before Penn State headed to the locker room with a three-goal lead.

Penn State 7, Cleveland State 4**Third Quarter**

Cleveland State logged its third consecutive goal to open the third frame. With the two-goal lead, Penn State opened a 4-0 run over the course of the third quarter. The streak began as Craig swung the ball from the right side to O'Keefe, who posted his third score of the day. Ament then logged back-to-back goals, dodging from behind the net for both scores. O'Keefe scored again with 28 seconds left in the quarter, as a stumbling Spillane got the pass off, allowing O'Keefe to rip the shot into the back of the net.

Penn State 11, Cleveland State 5**Fourth Quarter**

Cleveland State capitalized on a man-up opportunity to open scoring in the fourth. Penn State then scored it's flashiest goal of the game, as Ament whipped a behind-the-back pass to find Aponte for the easy score. Sutton made it a seven-goal advantage with 13:15 left on the clock, rifling the shot from distance on an assist from Smith. Gleeson logged his second goal of the day for CSU before Spillane kicked the ball to Smith who scored his first goal of the day on a point-blank shot. Nowoswiat wrapped around the goal for his first score of the season before a late man-up goal from the Vikings closed the gap to seven at the end of the game.

Penn State 15, Cleveland State 8

GAME 10 - vs. OHIO STATE

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PENN STATE MEN'S LACROSSE FRESHMAN GERARD ARCERI FINDS SUCCESS IN FACEOFF X

Andrew Rubin | The Daily Collegian | Feb. 22, 2017

Freshmen who can make an instant impact, especially at critical positions, are what every collegiate coaching staff craves.

No. 10 Penn State has three freshmen who are making a huge difference on the field so far this year; one of whom is Gerard Arceri.

Arceri emerged from a preseason competition to win the Nittany Lions' starting job over established veterans, and so far, Arceri has been one of Penn State's most valuable players. The St. James, New York native has gone an incredible 58-of-82 at the faceoff X, winning 70.7 percent of the draws he has taken through three games.

The freshman came in and exceeded almost everyone's expectations after his first 82 draws. Arceri's understanding of the game and ability to adjust from draws in high school compared to college has made him a key component in Penn State's lineup.

"His approach is very cerebral," head coach Jeff Tambroni said. "He understands this position better than anyone I've ever been around."

In a short period of time, Arceri has recognized the changes that he has to make to his game and implemented them successfully.

"In comparison to high school, the speed of the play, and I think the amount the wings, play a huge factor on the faceoffs," Arceri said. "In high school, I did the faceoff kind of just me on my own; I never thought about using my wings too much. In college it is really a faceoff unit. You have to have your wing guys on the same page as you."

Part of the reliance on the wings may come down to someone like Arceri, who could easily dominate most of the players he went up against before reaching the collegiate level. Now, he has to search for advantages, realizing it is a lot harder to win a faceoff on his own.

Every practice, Arceri works with his wing on improving the faceoff unit. They have a couple of different plays, drawn up by assistant coach Chris Doctor, which they use.

"Coach Doc. has these three specific set plays called rock, paper, scissors," Arceri said. "It makes it a lot easier to have me and my wingmen on the same page. Throughout practice we really work on it a lot."

We have specific calls that my wingmen can make during the faceoff," Arceri said. "There are two calls. It is usually six or goose."

Arceri elaborated on which each of the calls are.

"Six would be say I'm in a scrum throughout the faceoff. I would literally just pop it back to them. They'd be right behind me. I would try to get that ball out to a space where they can go and get it, where goose is kind of the same thing but just forward. So say the ball pops up forward, I can just flick it back to them in a spot I know they are always going to be. It really helps a lot throughout the faceoff."

Another aspect of Arceri's game is his ability to make in-game adjustments, which was clear on Saturday against Cornell. After starting 0-for-3, he went 15-of-18 for the remainder of the game.

Tambroni has said how some days, it takes Arceri a couple of draws to get going, and then he can be dominant.

"I think, especially with the difference between college and high school, you kind of have to know what your guy is doing. Get into a groove," Arceri said. "I try to read my opponent. It probably takes about four faceoffs before I know exactly what my guy is going

to do."

Doctor, who primarily works with the specialist, talked about how Arceri has clearly demonstrated that film is a big part of his game and that the freshman prepares himself week-to-week as well as anyone on the team.

"He is definitely heavily involved in film, whether it is his own film or his opponent's film," Doctor said. "You don't have to ask him, you don't have to prod him, he is already doing it."

DEPTH BUILDS STRENGTH IN GOAL

Maria Canales | GoPSUSports.com | Feb. 22, 2017

No. 10 Penn State men's lacrosse has talent and depth between the pipes this season, thanks to a capable quartet of goalies and targeted instruction from the coaching staff.

Junior Will Schreiner, sophomore Trevor Scollins, and a duo of freshmen in Colby Kneese and Jack Rusbuldt, make up the Lions' skilled group of goalies. Each Nittany Lion has their own unique playing style that they've molded to their individual strengths, bringing something different to help strengthen the unit as whole.

The two goalies that have seen the most playing time this season, Kneese and Schreiner, have almost opposite styles between the pipes. Schreiner likes to draw the opposing team's offense to get them to shoot the ball in a way he knows he can save.

"For example, if I'm on the left side of the net it's easier at that point to make a stick-side save," Schreiner said. "So I might hug the pipe a little bit longer."

Schreiner said his style of goaltending is more common from Philadelphia-area players and that he has played that way his whole life. Former Penn State men's lacrosse standout and decorated goalie, Austin Kaut, is a notable baiter in net also.

Schreiner earned the first start of the 2017 season against Robert Morris, helping the Nittany Lions to a 15-11 victory.

Kneese, on the other hand, tends to wait for a shot before reacting. Head coach Jeff Tambroni praised Kneese's quick hands and said his natural instinct in net is a great sign of things to come for the young player.

"I hope his preparation includes confidence," Tambroni said. "It's been a long preseason for him since he walked on campus, just trying to fit in here at Penn State. Then to try and find his way on the team and put himself in a position to realize a position of playing time, and then to earn the starting spot and to have some struggles in his first start only to back it up with a much stronger performance."

Kneese earned his first start February 11 in a 21-15 win against Hobart. He also started between the pipes last Saturday against Cornell, helping the Nittany Lions secure a 20-10 win.

Despite strong performances from both goalies so far, Tambroni said he is still likely to use the two-headed monster of Schreiner and Kneese in net, opting to wait a few more games before making a final choice of a starter.

For the goaltending unit, preparing for games is how victories are secured. Assistant coach Chris Doctor broke down the preparations the goalies make during the week.

"They usually have an individual session during the week," Doctor said. "Sometimes guys will come in before practice starts or in the morning and they'll get half an hour of extra work. All four of them do that."

Doctor said during practices, all the goalies have time to warm up in net, and then break up into stations where they're needed. Some of them will work with Tambroni with the offense shooting on them while

another goalie might work with associate head coach Peter Toner focusing on defensive game plans. To finish out practice, the whole team works on live drills, such as man-down scenarios, half-field exercise and riding and clearing segments.

Doctor said that when he's not working with his faceoff players he tries to give the goalies extra attention and help with any developmental exercises. He also praised the veteran defense in aiding whichever goalie is in net at the time, especially Kneese as a freshman.

"We've communicated to Colby that he is the goalie, obviously, but he's just another member of our defense," Doctor said. "Knowing that he doesn't have to take on the burden of being the best part of our defense, his role is to just be one of seven guys that communicates and talks through things and help keep the ball out of our net."

Doctor said that as a freshman seeing a lot of playing time between the pipes, it's important for Kneese to know he's not alone, adding that all four of the goalies encourage one another to play their best.

"Some of them are classmates, some of them are older," Doctor said. "Will is the oldest guy we have so he's kind of the teacher, Jack and Colby are the younger ones, and Scollins is a little bit of both. It's a unique situation to have four guys who are not only close in age, but also as a group. It's fun to have a competition knowing that guys are pushing each other every day."

IS THIS THE SEASON THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IN HAPPY VALLEY?

Patrick Stevens | US Lacrosse Magazine | Feb. 23, 2017

The signs were there last year, when Penn State averaged almost a dozen goals a game, knocked off Denver and played almost everyone it encountered tough.

The Nittany Lions didn't make the NCAA tournament, but with only one starter departing, there was some promise in Happy Valley.

It still had to happen, though. The wait for the breakout might — might — be over as No. 10 Penn State (3-0) ranks second in the country with 18.7 goals per game with the help of a lot of holdovers coupled with the arrival of freshman Mac O'Keefe.

"You've got eight of the nine playing who played for us last year," coach Jeff Tambroni said. "That kind of maturity and chemistry is playing a role. These guys are fairly familiar with the offense also familiar with each other. They each got a little bit better. They're collectively doing a better job of managing their tasks on a day-to-day basis. Add Mac to that group of eight guys and he only increases the productivity and efficiency of the offense."

O'Keefe, a member of last year's U.S. under-19 national team, is an obvious headline with 16 goals and three assists in his first three college games, while Grant Ament (11 goals, eight assists) is following up on a promising freshman year during which he led Penn State with 54 points.

Eight players already have multiple goals, though Tambroni points to another factor in bolstering the offense. Gerard Arceri has won 70.7 percent of his faceoffs just a year after the Nittany Lions won 47 percent of their attempts.

"We hoped we would be a bit better, and the other side of it is faceoffs," Tambroni said. "Look at Gerard Arceri as a freshman faceoff man. He is a big reason that are season has gone as it has. We're winning a lot more faceoffs. He's provided a huge boost, and it's just provided more opportunities and more touches on offense. The more opportunities they get, the more productive they are."

And that makes it more likely this could be the season so many have anticipated since Tambroni left Cornell for Penn State after the 2010 season. Penn State

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made the NCAA tournament in 2013 but went 20-22 over the next three years.

Last year could have unfolded differently were it not for consecutive one-goal losses to Maryland, Johns Hopkins and Rutgers (the latter two in overtime) in April. Flip two of those results, and Penn State has 10 victories and a strong NCAA tournament case.

"We were getting a lot closer," Tambroni said. "We were competitive against Denver, competitive against Maryland, competitive against Hopkins, competitive against Rutgers --- playoff-caliber teams --- but we weren't getting over the top. We felt we were competitive enough to be in every game. We had a couple unfortunate and extenuating injuries and the tragedy to our goalie [the late Connor Darcey]. It was just too much for us to overcome with a young team."

These Nittany Lions aren't devoid of experience with four seniors starting. But their leading scorer, faceoff man and goalie (Colby Kneese) are all freshmen. They could plateau as the year unfolds.

Tambroni is reluctant to get too far ahead of things so early in the season, but he is unmistakably upbeat about the early returns as Penn State enters Saturday's trip to Villanova.

"This is a fun group to be with," Tambroni said. "They've really bought into the approach of working hard and getting better. There's optimism. Hopefully, this will be a year we take the step forward that we haven't been able to take the last couple years."

PENN STATE OFF TO HISTORIC START AFTER 17-12 WIN OVER 'NOVA

Joe Santoliquito | Inside Lacrosse | Feb. 25, 2017

The heart of Penn State's lacrosse team can be a little erratic. The Nittany Lions are like a spool of thread that unwinds gradually, and then, a quick tug and before you can blink, they roll at you in waves. Then they'll hibernate for a spell, and attack again.

It's understandable considering that of Penn State's starting lineup, eight are either freshmen or sophomores. So uneven play can be expected when the hub are freshman faceoff man Gerard Arceri, freshman attack Mac O'Keefe, who should be the nation's leading scorer after this weekend (24 goals in four games) and freshman goalie Colby Kneese.

Against Villanova on Saturday, before a nice traveling crowd of Penn State supporters, the Nittany Lions carried on their rhythmic ways, with their quick-strike offense far exceeding their sporadic lapses in a 17-12 victory—behind a Penn State freshman-record eight goals from O'Keefe (on 11 shots).

Penn State, ranked No. 10 in the Maverik Media Poll, is 4-0 for the first time since 1992. Villanova, a talented team going through an early rough patch, remains winless at 0-3.

"I think it's a momentum that we have right now, going hard in practice and it's really paying off," O'Keefe said. "The one thing we wanted to focus on today is getting out of those lulls. We had them in the third quarter in our first two games and we let everything go. We're working on the times we (take their energy dips). It's there. We are young, but the older guys are pulling us together. We are trying to get better every day."

Penn State trailed once, 1-0. After Villanova scored the first goal (John Kluh, unassisted), Penn State replied by scoring six unanswered goals to seize control of the game. With 9:21 left in the first half, the Nittany Lions looked as if they were going to run away and hide. Villanova went 18:33 between goals, but Kneese also had a lot to do with that, making 11 saves in the first half—and 18 for the game.

Then the lull came.

"I think we can do a lot of things this year, we focus

more on what we have to do to get better," Kneese said. "Our defensive focus is inside-out, and that gives our offense time to come together and establish themselves. We have everyone right now working together. We have the confidence to take on anyone lined up against us."

Villanova scored four of the game's next five goals, drawing to within 7-5 at halftime. Penn State answered that by scoring seven of the game's next 10 goals in the third quarter, once again grabbing command.

"Their offense is really, really good, but their goalie was the reason they won," Villanova coach Michael Corrado said. "I like what we're getting on offense. We're getting good shots. We're not taking advantage of our opportunities the way we need to, and the last two games we've had a spurt in the third quarter when the other teams gets a four-, five-goal run on us. We have to figure out a way to limit those runs."

What's frightening is that as Penn State matures its lapses will become shorter and further spread out. Nittany Lions coach Jeff Tambroni says his team isn't close to where it could be. An though his underclassmen have made great strides in the short time that they've been playing Division I lacrosse, it's been the foundation of seniors Nick Aponte, Matt Florence, Dan Craig, Peter Triolo and Mike Sutton that have set the foundation.

"It is an interesting perspective historically beginning 4-0. We are doing it with a young team, but a young team led by a veteran group," Tambroni said. "These guys aren't where they are without Nick Aponte, Danny Craig, Matt Florence, Michael Sutton and Peter Triolo. They might not be getting the recognition as the other guys, but they're our steady pieces every day. They understand how to lead, how to practice, and those contributions may not always show up on a stat sheet, but they show in how we're playing."

"They've made it easier for the younger guys and we're excited the younger guys are playing with so much confidence. Last year, we tried to pick up the pace of our game, but it just wasn't conducive for us the way we were facing off and maintaining possessions. This year, we have Mac O'Keefe, another year of Grant Ament and Nick Spillane, grouped with those seniors. Kneese is making big saves at the other end, and the pieces are falling into place."

"We wanted to play at a certain pace and build a certain identity. We're getting there. I still think we're growing. I still think we need some pieces that need to develop. We beat what I think is a very good Villanova team. We'll go home and have humility and hunger, and think about Penn coming up."

PENN STATE'S MAC O'KEEFE IS LIGHTING UP THE NATION

Joe Santoliquito | Inside Lacrosse | Mar. 2, 2017

It served as his own private shot incubator. It still does, to a degree. Mistakes, and there were many, were tangible. The brown wooden fence in Mac O'Keefe's backyard took the brunt of each miss. The fence, which has since been restored, was at one time in shambles. Pocked by white, round blotches and splintered in other areas, O'Keefe's backstop took a beating through the years. The family dog would go in and out because the fence had so many gaping holes in it.

That fence is where it started. Where the vision and precision began. The moves against imaginary defenders. The perfected lefty release.

Now the rest of the country is finding out what that fence has long known — that O'Keefe has honed his shot for hours and hours and hours.

It's still early, four games into the 2017 season, and one name stands above the nation in scoring — the sweet-shooting Penn State freshman who has broken all kinds of program records and is bound to break more. Through the Nittany Lions' 4-0 start, their best

since 1992, O'Keefe leads in the nation with 24 goals, averaging a nation-best 6.00 goals a game (the next highest is 4.5). His eight goals in Penn State's 17-12 victory at Villanova last Saturday tops all Division I players for goals scored in a game, outdoing his previous best of seven goals against Robert Morris on Feb. 4.

O'Keefe, out of Syosset High School, near the border of Nassau and Suffolk County, N.Y., didn't see this coming. Neither did his coach, Jeff Tambroni. But the word is spreading, and moving fast. After Penn's 11-10 upset over Virginia last Saturday, talk of "No. 3" — O'Keefe — was a hot topic among the Quakers. The Nittany Lions, ranked No. 5 in the Maverik Men's Division I Media Poll, will be hosting the Quakers, ranked No. 8, this Saturday at 12-noon in a clash of contrasting styles. It pits the high-octane offense of Penn State (No. 2 in the nation in scoring averaging 18.25 goals a game) against one of the nation's stingiest defenses in Penn (No. 9 in the country giving up 7.5 goals a game).

Penn's top priority will be watching where No. 3 is at all times.

It comes with the territory of being recognized as one of the best, a talent the 6-foot, 180-pound O'Keefe started in his backyard, getting lost in countless hours of shooting and learning the nuances of the game from his father Brian, an accomplished collegiate player at Fairleigh Dickinson who went on to play indoors in the National Lacrosse League.

Maybe those practice sessions has something to do with Mac's uncanny accuracy. Against Villanova, he scored eight goals on 11 shots. He's No. 9 overall in the country in shooting accuracy, with 24 goals on 41 shots (.585). Like his 24 goals, his 41 shots are also a national high.

"I've broken a few of the neighbors' windows shooting over the years," O'Keefe recalled with a laugh. "I would shoot, and shoot, and shoot for hours. One thing I would do is envision myself making plays before a game, go over things I would do in tight situations. The net is still there in my backyard. I still shoot there. I think the accuracy comes from consistency and a work ethic. I'm never really satisfied with my shot."

"I'm always working after practice trying to make it better. I think it's worked for me. But my freshman and sophomore years in high school, I didn't score like this. My junior year I hit a growth spurt and I was with Alex Concannon (of Johns Hopkins), and we worked pretty well together. My junior year is when I really came out of my shell and turned a few heads and created a role. But I really didn't see this coming. It's still surreal to me what has been going on, but I really couldn't do anything without my linemates, Nick Aponte and Grant Ament."

An interesting point that bears out statistically: Penn State is No. 2 in the nation in assists/per game (12.25), just behind Brown (12.50).

"I think the chemistry started (between himself, Ament and Aponte) the first few weeks of practice, getting to know them and their tendencies with me," O'Keefe said. "They were figuring me out and finding me, and the same thing with me and them. We really gelled together pretty well. If I just flash my stick a half second, or I make eye contact with them, they're going to throw me the ball. It's insane, and it's the other way around. I couldn't do this without my teammates."

"It's awesome that they have that kind of trust in me. I know that I'm not going to have eight goals every single time I'm out on the field, and if they try and take me out of the game, there are two other guys that can get to the net extremely well. If anyone tries to take away one part, there are two other guys that can do the job. All of this attention is awesome right now. I try not to let it get to my head and focus on what we can do every day to get better. But you're talking about college kids on their phones, and it is all around us. Personally, I try the best I can to focus on what we can

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do, rather than what people are talking about.”

Tambroni found O’Keefe through the summer recruiting circuit. He liked O’Keefe’s lacrosse background and his father’s experience in box lacrosse.

“Mac really grew up as much in the indoor game as he did the outdoor game,” Tambroni said. “He’s played up in Canada quite a bit. His skill set comes from his father’s experience, and not just the skill set, but his father passed along the passion to Mac. It shows every day I see him practicing.”

Tambroni says O’Keefe is more of a scorer than a shooter, which again could come from his box lacrosse roots, since the indoor game relies on precision, because the goals are so small and the goalie equipment is so large.

“The indoor game requires certain deception in how you shoot the ball, it requires a certain mentality with no fear of failure, because you’re probably going to miss more than you’re going to make, so you’re willing and courageous enough to keep shooting in the indoor game without perfection, and Mac has lot of that,” Tambroni said. “Mac’s range is anywhere between 15, 16 yards and in, but he’s become a very deceptive and intuitive shooter. He understands what it means to tilt his body certain ways and shoot the ball in certain spots.

“His raw ability to develop velocity with his mindset as a scorer combines a lot of ways. Seeing Mac score eight goals is not uncommon. That’s a direct result for how much time he spends on his craft. He spends hours upon hours shooting. He just loves to shoot.”

Now come the steps ahead. Slaying the world in March is much different from being there when it counts in May.

The Nittany Lions have a nice team, a squad certainly worthy of an NCAA tournament berth. Where Penn State goes from here may depend on O’Keefe’s progression.

“I would be lying if I said I thought Mac would have this type of impact at this point of his career,” Tambroni said. “Mac’s earned the respect of his older teammates through his work in the classroom, in the weight room and on the field. I remember during the fall the second time he had the ball, he had an assist with a behind-the-back pass. That’s when it sinks in you have someone a little different here. That tells you he has the confidence and ability to make a play like that. He’s loosened everyone up. Being creative is one thing, being able to do it something else.

“Another plus is Mac is a humble kid, and that’s his mom and dad. He doesn’t get too carried away with anything. It’s also important to know he has a group of seasoned players around him. They’ve mentored him and allowed him to be in this position. We have a mature enough team, which understands the potential minus the interference of the outside world, that isn’t overwhelmed or concerned with what’s going on. It’s nice to be recognized. The objective for this week is to make sure that we understand that our performance is going to equal our potential, minus interference. We have to stay true to who we are.”

Which right now is a dangerously good team led by a dangerously good freshman no one saw coming.

MAC O’KEEFE’S BOX EXPERIENCE MADE HIM A BETTER FINISHER

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It’s only five games into his freshman season, but 25 goals, the ability to get his hands free in phone booth-type small spaces, and a shooting range from 15 yards, anywhere on the field, has drawn Penn State rookie attackman Mac O’Keefe some deserved attention.

His five goals per game average for the undefeated and third-ranked Nittany Lions (5-0) currently leads

the nation. He scored seven against Robert Morris in his college debut, and O’Keefe’s eight goals against Villanova, in just his fourth game, set a Penn State freshman record.

The Lions’ offense has averaged 17.40 goals per game, second best in NCAA Division I behind Brown (17.67). And after a 14-13 comeback win on Saturday at home against Penn, Penn State is 5-0 heading into a Tuesday afternoon game with Furman, and it is off to the program’s best start since 1992.

To say O’Keefe’s filled the finishing role left open by graduated senior TJ Sanders is an understatement. The rare Long Island product (Syosset, N.Y.) with youth box lacrosse experience, the 19-year-old, 6-foot, 180-pound lefty complements dodgers Grant Ament, a sophomore, and Nick Aponte, the team’s solo senior captain, on Penn State’s attack. The latter two are confident tossing passes the freshman’s way.

Ament (14 goals, 14 assists) and O’Keefe, shooting 52 percent, are tied for the team lead with 28 points. Aponte has six goals and 10 assists.

“If I get my hands free and they beat their guy,” O’Keefe said of his attack-mates, “it works out really well.”

O’Keefe’s father, Brian, played professionally in the National Lacrosse League for the New York Saints and Anaheim Storm and the younger O’Keefe has indoor league experience, and in Canada.

“From about 15 and in, he’s normally lights out,” said Ament, a sophomore who last year led the Lions in points with 54 points. “He’s an incredible shooter, and he brings a lot of creativity to my game and I think Nick’s game.”

O’Keefe showed that game too with the gold-medal-winning U.S. under-19 men’s national team this summer in Canada. O’Keefe scored 11 goals with four assists in six games at the Federation of International Lacrosse U19 World Championship. He often scored through tight coverage with his stick blasting into opponents on his follow-through, or by shooting wormburners, or high heat.

Penn held O’Keefe to his lowest-scoring output of the season, one goal on seven shots, on Saturday, and he expects more attention from defenses moving forward. The Quakers didn’t slide from him, but in a sign of how deep and balanced the Penn State offense may be this year, it got five goals from midfielder Nick Spillane, three assists from Ament, and seven other players scored. Fellow freshman Gerard Arceri won 24 of 31 faceoffs to give Penn State plenty of possessions and the offense cashed in to rally from a 7-3 second-quarter deficit.

“It shows how much trust we have in one another,” O’Keefe said, “and how much chemistry we’ve built since they beginning of the year. We’re working at that every day, and I think it’s getting better every day.”

NO. 3 PENN STATE HOLDS OFF HARVARD 15-12

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No. 3 Penn State used two second half runs to surge past previously undefeated Harvard 15-12.

Freshman wunkerkind Mac O’Keefe continued his prodigious goal output and finished with a hat trick, including two key tallies to stifle Crimson runs in the first and second half. Harvard battled back in the third and fourth quarters, but fell just short of taking out the Nittany Lions under a bubble at Harvard.

The Crimson started strong, scoring the game’s first goal by using their speedforce-infused dodgers to put PSU on the back foot from the jump. A goal from Harvard’s Peter Blynn (2G) at just after the 12-minute mark opened the occasion, but was quickly matched

by PSU senior Matt Sutton’s (2, 1) tally minutes later.

The two teams continued to trade goals in the opening stanza thanks to the perfect storm of Harvard’s voracious ride and Penn State’s command of the face-off X — though one begat the other.

“At the X, they were out playing us,” Harvard head coach Chris Wojcik said. “I thought we needed to be better on the ground and make it up on the ride. I thought we really showed that in the first half. We rode really well, got the ball back and it was a pretty even back and forth first half.”

Were it not for the execution of the Penn State offense and the efficiency of Gerard Arceri — who went 22-29 at the X — the first half would have belonged to the Crimson. Harvard won the hustle game even though the numbers may not have indicated their efforts off the ground.

“Harvard did a really good job off the ground and in their ride,” Penn State head coach Jeff Tambroni said. “They created extra possessions, got to the ball. Harvard does a really good job of packing the box. They keep all six guys around the midline and I think we were just slow in our formation the clear. When you do that, then the clock starts ticking and you start to play with more urgency than need be and make poor decisions — and I thought that was exactly what happened.”

Penn State led 6-5 at the break, and although spectators were not allowed due to space restrictions, were an audience present they would have felt that the momentum was with the losing team at that juncture. The Crimson had PSU reeling as goalkeeper Robert Shaw had five of his 10 saves at the break, including a controlled save on an absolute rocket by Matt Florence (3G) near the end of the first half. Shaw’s counterpart, Colby Kneese, ended up outdueling him, however, finishing with 15 saves — with two key stops in the second half that quelled Harvard runs.

“I think [Kneese] bounced back,” said Tambroni. “I don’t think our Tuesday game was his best performance and I think he would be the first to admit that. He practiced really well in the latter part of the week and he seemed really focused coming into the facility. It’s not an easy place for either goalie to see the ball, but I thought he really stepped up, which says a lot about his confidence and character.”

Tactically, the story of this game for Penn State revolved around the play of defenseman Chris Sabia (1G, 2GB, 2CT), who was called on to smother Harvard attackman Morgan Cheek whenever he was on the field. Sabia had his hands full trying to contain Cheek, who is as dynamic as he is creative dodging with the ball. Cheek’s line of two goals and one assist could have been much gaudier had the PSU defense surrendered to the army of picks that Harvard used to free up Cheek, but they switched and stuck valiantly as a unit and forced Harvard to rely on other players for creative flourish in settled sets.

“Morgan Cheek is an extremely impressive lacrosse player,” said Tambroni. “The fact that we’re talking about a young man who had a couple goals today as being ‘limited’ or ‘shut down’ says a lot about who he is. We’re proud of the way Chris [Sabia] played and competed; we tried to put him somewhat on an island, but I think the entire defense really stepped up and covered him well.”

Penn State only began to pull away midway through the third quarter thanks to a four-goal run that included two goals from senior midfielder Matt Florence, one that he stuck from far out on a diving Shaw, who had come out of the crease to guard Grant Ament (2G, 2A) after his defender was hung up on the other side of the cage. However, Harvard wasn’t ready to capitulate.

Back to back unassisted goal from JT Palladino cut PSU’s lead to just two goals at the 10:00 mark of the final quarter, the second of which was a remarkable effort as the midfielder fell down after absorbing a hit

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and torquing his body into shooting position to finish. Another goal from Blynn a minute later put Harvard within one, but O'Keefe scored right off of the next face-off, and then completed his hat trick with a garbage goal fired in from a clustered scrum that Shaw didn't clock until it was behind him. Cheek scored his two goals as the quarter came to a close, but they were not enough as his nemesis Sabia scored a goal of his own with nine seconds remaining to put an exclamation point on the victory for PSU.

Though Harvard didn't come away with the win, it was not an easy game for Penn State despite dominating the face-off X and showcasing a top offense.

"We're fairly young, I think Morgan [Cheek] has been our key catalyst offensively," said Wojcik. "I thought we got some production from guys around him today which was great. Great to get JT [Palladino] back for his first game [of the season] — he finished some plays for us. I think it was a great effort from our team; they really continued to respond when we went down and kept fighting until the end."

For Penn State, this contest certainly showcased the capability of their offense. Exploding for three- and four-goal runs is a boon for any team, though there are still nuances (clearing, turnovers, recovering on defense) that elude this team.

"I thought we were doing a great job defensively, but they were playing very connected," Tambroni said. "I thought our offense was being a little bit impatient. We pulled the trigger long before we should have, before we got a good angle or a high percentage shot. I thought in the fourth quarter, Harvard played with a lot of emotion, and I think we got a little tight, but they did a great job of just playing hard; they had no reservations — just went out hard and competed."

PENN STATE MEN'S LACROSSE OFF TO BEST START IN PROGRAM HISTORY

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While Nick Aponte and his Penn State teammates try not to get caught up in the attention that comes with an undefeated start, they're also embracing their new reality as one of the top men's lacrosse teams in the country.

Aponte said the Nittany Lions look to limit the "noise" — like the team's spot in the national rankings — after earning a hard-fought 9-8 victory over Fairfield on Friday at Penn State Lacrosse Field to clinch the best start in program history. The Nittany Lions, who improved their record to 8-0, survived the upset bid against the Stags in a game that reinforced the type of effort they can expect from opposing teams this season.

Fairfield (2-5) never backed down against Penn State, and the Stags' sideline erupted after every goal by jumping up and shoving each other in celebration.

"It's awesome to be the hunted," Aponte said.

With the win, this year's Nittany Lions replaced the 1992 team's 7-0 start as the best in program history. Penn State is also among the nation's best, as the Nittany Lions are ranked No. 1 in the US Lacrosse/Nike Poll, No. 2 in the USILA Coaches Poll and No. 3 by Inside Lacrosse. After going a combined 20-22 over the last three seasons and missing the NCAA tournament each time, Penn State is building the foundation toward establishing itself as an elite program.

"We've been here for four years," said senior Mike Sutton, who scored the game-winning goal Friday. "And we're all trying to make a statement here."

Penn State coach Jeff Tambroni, who is in his seventh season at the helm, took the job after leading Cornell to three final fours and a national championship game appearance in 10 years.

Tambroni arrived in University Park thinking, "This could be one of the greatest places" to play college

lacrosse, saying he saw that potential due to the combination of the school's educational opportunities and its passionate fan base. There are few places like it, Tambroni said, and with hard work, he feels the Nittany Lions can make his vision a reality.

"I think at least the compass is pointed in that direction," Tambroni said, "but I know we got a ton of work to put ourselves in the position to truly start to feel comfortable that it's where we think it needs to be or should be."

Aponte and his fellow seniors bought into their coach's vision.

Those players now serve as the leader's for this year's team. And Tambroni feels leadership will determine whether or not Penn State makes the most of its historic start. The coach said his players need to maintain a "growth mindset," looking to continue to improve and saving the reflection on their accomplishments for after the season.

"If our leadership truly believes that there is something that they can improve on every day, we'll continue to get better," Tambroni said. "If they don't, we're going to become complacent and be in a position to probably get beat by just about anybody."

That was clear Friday against Fairfield.

On the field, the Stags jumped out to a 3-1 lead after the first quarter and led 8-7 in the fourth. On the sideline, the Stags celebrated every goal and defensive stop while constantly offering support for their teammates and trying to get under the skin of Penn State's players.

Senior Christopher Giorgio served as the primary instigator.

He urged his teammates to keep the energy on the sideline, praised big plays by Fairfield and took aim at the Nittany Lions. Early in the second quarter, with Fairfield ahead 3-1, Giorgio shouted, "You can't see missiles, buddy" to Penn State goalie Colby Kneese. After Fairfield took a 4-3 lead following a turnover by Mac O'Keefe, Giorgio let him know about it, yelling, "That's on you, O'Keefe."

Aponte said the Nittany Lions haven't dealt with that much heckling this season, but he knows it comes with the territory.

"It's a good feeling," Aponte said, "because that means we're doing something right to get to that spot where we want guys and other teams to just come at us with everything."

MAKING HISTORY STARTED LONG AGO FOR PENN STATE MEN'S LACROSSE

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Nick Aponte couldn't quite pinpoint the exact reasons Penn State had made history, after the team set a program record with an 8-0 start to the season.

When the asked what went into making history, the senior paused.

"A lot," Aponte said. "A lot, a lot."

The senior had certainly seen a lot over his nearly four years as a Nittany Lion. During his freshman year, he was in the trenches as his team was denied a chance to make a mark in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament. He participated in the Big Ten's first lacrosse season in 2015. He celebrated when his team upset No. 1 Denver and grieved when his teammate, Connor Darcey, died in a car accident in the summer of 2015. Those are just a few moments that led the Nittany Lions to this historic mark.

"We've been through a lot of struggles over our years," Aponte said.

Aponte's journey started with Jeff Tambroni. The coach was in his third year as head coach of the Nittany Lions after replacing Glen Thiel, who had coached the program for 33 years. Thiel had the longest tenure in the program's 103-year history and led his team to a 7-0 start in 1992 before falling to Towson. The next longest tenure was held by his father, Nick Thiel, who coached Penn State for 22 years.

Tambroni was starting to mold an image of what he wanted his program to become after his third season, and Aponte's recruiting class was the basis of bringing that image to fruition.

"One of the biggest reasons was to start that new program," Aponte said, referring to why he chose Penn State. "I saw this as a potential team to be one of the best."

However, Tambroni sold his program to recruits by selling the university. He based his message off of his own belief that Penn State was one of the greatest environments in college lacrosse to be a student and an athlete. That message, which Tambroni still delivers today, has resonated with high-profile recruits.

But recruiting was just the beginning. The road to reaching this success wasn't easy for this year's senior class.

"We're digging every day over the fall, over the spring, for four years," Aponte said "And we're finally getting some results."

After Darcey's fatal car accident, a new element was added to the team. The meaning of being a teammate was amplified, and Tambroni's image of what he wanted the program to become was even clearer.

Saturday was the culmination of the hard work and heartbreak the Nittany Lions had suffered, but it almost didn't happen. The Nittany Lions were tied with Fairfield, 8-8. The historic streak was in the balance as the last few minutes leaked off the scoreboard.

After freshman goalie Colby Kneese stunted a long possession by the Stags with a series of saves, senior Mike Sutton made a bounce shot that hit the top shelf of the net. That goal was the last of the contest and sealed this 2017 squad into Penn State athletics history.

The culture that has been created through Tambroni's message and Aponte's authentic leadership is bound by certain values.

One of the most important for this year's team is ignoring the noise. Rankings, historic streaks and media criticism can get in the way of winning.

"There are some believers; there are plenty of doubters out there," Tambroni said. "So I think it's important for our guys just to focus on getting better day to day."

Tambroni and Aponte know what's ahead. The Big Ten is the strongest it has ever been, and a huge target will be on the backs of the top-ranked Nittany Lions at the start of conference play.

"There still needs to be a growth mindset," Tambroni said. "It's important for our guys to look less about the historical perspective and save that for when the season is complete."

DRAKE KREINZ THRIVING AFTER MOVE FROM THE FACEOFF X TO DEFENSIVE MIDDIE IN FINAL SEASON

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Now in his redshirt senior season, Drake Kreinz has seen his role change throughout his Penn State career — from being recruited as an offensive middle, to jumping in at the faceoff X and now playing his final

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season as a short stick defensive middle.

Coach Jeff Tambroni described him as an "old soul," someone that has had an impact on this Nittany Lions team in ways that can't be measured statistically.

"He has got some years on him right now. He has become a sounding board for our team in a lot of ways, not necessarily just the faceoff X," Tambroni said. "He has been through it. Last year's injury certainly provided him some perspective.

"The passing of his teammate provided him some perspective that is now being passed onto the next generation. A lot of stuff that is probably not statistically worthy, but really helps out the camaraderie, chemistry and development of our locker room."

Kreinz came in as a freshman in 2013 and redshirted after playing as an offensive middle in high school. He then spent the 2014 and 2015 seasons as the Nittany Lions' primary faceoff man.

In 2014, Kreinz's redshirt freshman season, he went 140-of-211 at the X, winning 61.1 percent of the faceoffs he took.

A year later, as the team struggled through a tough 5-9 campaign, Kreinz stayed above 50 percent and won 129 of the 237 faceoffs, finishing the season at 54.4 percent.

Then injury struck, Kreinz only made two appearances and took 20 faceoffs during the 2016 season, as he was dealing with a foot injury. When he hurt his foot again, and the Nittany Lions had several other faceoff options and a shortage at defensive middle, it was decided that Kreinz was going to move back to middle for his final season.

"At the time, there was only one healthy defensive middle, which was Tripp Traynor," Kreinz said. "We had about three healthy faceoff guys. So I just looked at that as an opportunity to run around at practice a little bit more and then ended up sticking with it. And then continue to stick with it, especially as the faceoff guys do really well. So I just continued to stay at the defensive end and help anyway I could."

Kreinz has taken his two years of faceoff experience at the collegiate level and helped freshman faceoff man Gerard Arceri prepare for contests. Arceri has quickly developed into a huge difference maker for the Nittany Lions. He doesn't have the benefit of experience against any of the faceoff men that Penn State has or will face in 2017.

Many of Penn State's opponents remain consistent on a year-to-year basis, so Kreinz can give Arceri personal pointers headed into matchups.

"A lot of [how I can help Arceri] is seeing little tendencies of guys that I have played that Gerard may be going up against," Kreinz said. "A lot of these guys are seniors that I have played for the last two years, so a lot of it is little tendencies that he might not have picked up on film. Also I'll go work with the faceoff guys a little bit and throw in my two cents anyway I can to help him and Billy [Lombardi] out for game day."

In game, Kreinz has better instincts to assist the faceoff man that most middies have out on the wings. A big part of taking faceoffs at the collegiate level, and something that Arceri has spent a lot of time on, is working the wings into the faceoffs to help pick up ground balls.

Since Kreinz is well versed at the position, he can better assist Arceri than most of the middies, not only on Penn State, but across the country. "The communication, having the sense on where the ball may go, who has the ball in the clamp, because sometimes it is really hard to see who has the advan-

tage in the faceoff," Kreinz said. "Being at the X, being in there do the faceoffs, you have a sense of where the ball may go, or where it may pop out. It definitely helps a lot."

Kreinz has to spend a lot more time studying opponents on film in his new position than he did when he was taking faceoffs. Breaking down and scheming for a new offense each week takes more time than just studying the opponents' faceoff man.

While Kreinz may have a totally different routine when it comes to studying opponents than he did as a faceoff man, he has the same routine when it comes to conditioning.

"As far as off the field training, nothing has changed. The weight lifting is still the same. Obviously you have to do a little more running, so maybe a little more long distance," Kreinz said. "On the field it has changed a ton. Ninety percent of the defense you play is off the ball, so just knowing the slide packages, knowing what hands guys are. As far as film preparation, that has to go up quite a bit."

NITTANYNS LIONS EXCITED FOR A STACKED BIG TEN

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Up at State College, where Penn State continues to extend the best start in school history and is ranked No. 1 for the third consecutive week, Nittany Lions head coach Jeff Tambroni is all about perspective.

Are the Lions really as good as their 9-0 record suggests?

"Our guys are cautious and optimistic," Tambroni said. "They're realistic about what we've accomplished so far. We've learned a lot from last year's team. We understand much more about managing expectations each and every week.

"We've established a mindset. We're about yearning to get better each week. Our senior class has done a good job of creating a compass that's been moving forward since August. We sprinkle in a dose of humility day in and day out. Nobody feels like we've arrived."

The arrival of Big Ten conference play should keep Penn State in line. The conference posted a non-league record of 44-8, with five of those combined losses absorbed by Johns Hopkins and Maryland, whose always-nasty schedules reflect that number.

The entire conference remains ranked, including No. 9 Rutgers, which won its first eight games for the first time since 1955, before getting upset by Delaware last week.

The arrival of No. 7 Ohio State (9-1) at University Park on Sunday night – in one of the more unexpected, midseason marquee games one could have imagined six weeks ago – underscores the urgency of the tests that await the Nittany Lions, who have not beaten a team currently ranked.

The Buckeyes, off to their second-best start in program history, already have beaten No. 8 Denver and No. 15 Towson in the same week.

In Tambroni's eyes, this year's Penn State team, which last year limped home with an 8-7 record by suffering consecutive, one-goal losses in April against Maryland, Hopkins and Rutgers before getting walloped by the Terps in the Big Ten tournament semifinals, is simply a different animal.

It starts with the fact that three freshmen – attackman Mac O'Keefe, goalie Colby Kneese and faceoff specialist Gerard Arceri – have reinvigorated a squad featuring a 10-man senior class led by all-conference attackman and team captain Nick Aponte.

O'Keefe, the highly-touted recruit out of Syosset (N.Y.) who played on the U.S. U-19 team last summer, has been as good as advertised as a finisher. His 34 goals (on 43.6 percent shooting) lead the country. Aponte and sophomore Grant Ament each have fueled O'Keefe's surge with 18 assists, while Ament has netted 21 goals on 49 percent shooting.

The Nittany Lions have won 69.8 of their faceoff attempts, largely because of Arceri, who has ignited the runs that have elevated the offense to fourth in Division I with an average of 15.33 goals per game.

Kneese (10.73 GAA, .514) beat out incumbent Will Schreiner for the job and has started all but one game. He has helped Penn State preserve one-goal wins over then-ranked Penn and Fairfield, and his 15 saves put away Harvard in a 15-12 victory.

Penn State might be the deepest at midfield ever under Tambroni, who has switched his top two lines back and forth in the rotation repeatedly, an approach that has yielded impressively balanced results. Sophomore Nick Spillane leads one group with 13 goals and 22 points. Senior Mike Sutton (16 points) leads the other group, with sophomore Kevin Hill (15 points) right behind him.

All signs point to a Big Ten that is capable of beating each other up in the coming weeks.

"[The conference] looks like a gauntlet of bluebloods and currently successful teams," Tambroni said. "Balance and depth have been keys for us so far. We need more of that going forward. But I like where we are as a competitive group. Every day, whether it's in practice or in games, we're enjoying the moment and managing our expectations in the moment."

Tambroni credits the Lions' approach to Dr. Patricia Lally, a sports psychologist who has worked with the team since last fall. After last year's late fade, Tambroni thought the Lions failed to handle the losing that snowballed.

"It took us two or three days to bounce back from the [overtime] loss to Maryland," he said. "The next week, Johns Hopkins [with an overtime win] took advantage of a team that wasn't prepared mentally.

"What Dr. Lally has done is reframe what 'fear of failure' means. Her point is that whether it's through winning or losing, you should always embrace the opportunity to get better. I think that message has hit a home run with this group. But a lot more will be told in the next couple of months."

MAC O'KEEFE'S EARLY SUCCESS REMINISCENT OF FATHER'S DOMINANCE 30 YEARS AGO

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Brian O'Keefe was about to watch his son, Mac, play in his ninth collegiate game. Brian, who seems to know everyone in the stands, never misses an opportunity to watch his son play.

But when asked whether Mac, currently the nation's leading scorer with 34 goals, would top his own nine-goal game, he smirked.

"No," Brian said. "I'm going to say no."

Penn State's Mac O'Keefe has burst onto the college lacrosse scene.

The freshman is on pace to break the program's single-season record of 49 goals, which was set by Bill Hess in 1957. Against Villanova earlier this season, Mac fell just two goals shy of Penn State's single-game record of 10 goals, accomplished by Rich Russo in 1983.

Even so, Brian is fairly certain that his son won't surpass the nine-goal mark he set with Fairleigh Dickinson in 1986.

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Mac's march to the record books is eerily similar to what Brian accomplished during his collegiate career.

Brian played at Syosset High School in New York, the same school that Mac later tallied a county-high 63 goals during his junior year. Brian's high school coach became the head coach of Fairleigh Dickinson, a small Division III school, bringing the attackmen with him.

Over his three years as an attackman, Brian recorded 251 points, which ranks second all-time in program history. He had a school-record 16-point performance — nine goals and seven assists — against Widener in 1986, the same season he scored a ridiculous 64 goals.

But due to the fluctuating needs of a lower-level lacrosse program, Brian switched to goalie during his senior year. In a game against Rutgers in 1987, he made a school-record 45 saves. He was three saves away from setting an all-time NCAA record that would have stood to this day. Brian was inducted into the Fairleigh Dickinson Hall of Fame in 2000.

He played a few years of professional box lacrosse following his college career before deciding to return to his hometown of Syosset, New York.

Coming from a lacrosse background, it made sense for Mac to fall in love with the game.

However, Mac was a sport polygamist in his earlier years.

He played baseball, football, hockey and lacrosse. At the time, choosing which sport to focus on was tough for the 14-year-old, but time constraints forced him to select one. The final decision was a relief for his exhausted parents.

"Ice hockey was about four or five days a week, so I wasn't really that upset when that stopped," Brian said. "Trust me, it was OK."

Brian coached his son's club lacrosse teams and used his box lacrosse background to mold Mac's style.

"He's always instilled those box lacrosse values into me," Mac said. "He's always had a stick in my hand from a young age. It's really been a big part of my development."

Box lacrosse features a much quicker and high repetition environment than standard field lacrosse. A smaller goal gives a shooter less net to work with, forcing an attacker to create goals with limited options.

"You have to think very quickly and be able to make decisions under duress in box," O'Keefe said. "I thought that would give him an advantage."

Those box lacrosse values became coupled with what became Mac's most dangerous weapon: his shot.

"He shoots the ball better than I ever did," Brian said. "I think kids in general shoot the ball better than their ancestors shot the ball. The mechanics of shooting, the sticks, and look — he's put in far more time than I ever did shooting."

The commitment to improving his shot masked Mac's undersized frame early in high school. The 5-foot-10, 160-pound then-sophomore was overlooked by top-tier college lacrosse programs. Just like those teams, Brian wasn't sure how good his son was. But Mac's outstanding junior year erased that doubt.

He led his team to the state semifinals and demonstrated the maturity needed to compete at the next level. A day after the county championships, during his senior year, Mac went from sporting his high school's colors to his nation's colors. Mac's play during his final years of high school earned him a spot on the U.S. Men's Lacrosse U19 team.

"They were playing against some pretty high level competition," Brian said. "If you belong in there, I guess you're doing OK."

His "OK" performances assured what Penn State head coach Jeff Tambroni had already thought: Mac was a special talent. In the summer before his sophomore year, Mac verbally committed to the Nittany Lions.

Instead of basing his recruiting message on winning national championships, Tambroni made the Penn State community his selling point.

"Lacrosse was far secondary," Brian said. "For me and my wife, the culture of the kids is what I want my son surrounded by. Every kid has been fantastic. That was very important to me. Much more than lacrosse."

Ohio State and Maryland took a shot at getting Mac to join their respective programs, but one family friend had been advertising Happy Valley to the O'Keefe's since Mac was just starting to cradle the ball.

The friend, Artie Berry, played for the Nittany Lions in the mid-1980s and was persistent about sending Mac to Penn State.

"That guy's been drilling it in my head since Mac was in fourth grade about coming to Penn State," Brian said.

It didn't take long for Mac to leave an impression on the program. Tambroni has deemed Mac the best shooter he's ever had, which is high praise from a coach who's been in college lacrosse for around two decades.

In the modern college lacrosse recruiting world, if you don't have a high-level program offer by 10th grade, you have every reason to worry.

The Nittany Lions' most recent recruit is an eighth grader.

"When I got recruited to be honest, I was pretty small and undersized," O'Keefe said. "Not too many schools were calling my name, so to have [Tambroni] call my name... I knew immediately this is where I wanted to go."

For many, adjusting to college can be difficult under the pressure of high-level college athletics.

"This whole collegiate athletic world is a little bit shell-shocking honestly, and it takes a while to get used to it," senior teammate Peter Triolo said. "It took me my whole freshman year just from academics to playing on the field. Seeing Mac come to the field every day with an open mindset just wanting to get better — it's great to see."

After adjusting to the physical and incredibly fast pace of college lacrosse during practice in the fall, O'Keefe found his niche in arguably the best attacking corps in the nation.

Senior Nick Aponte and sophomore Grant Ament were preseason All-American honorees and have been superb in feeding and opening shooting lanes for the freshman. The duo has combined for 36 assists, many of which have resulted in O'Keefe goals.

But even playing alongside talented teammates, O'Keefe's six goals per game through the first four contests exceeded people's expectations, including his father's.

"No, no, certainly not," Brian said when asked if he expected his son to have this kind of start to his college career. "I thought if he got the opportunity to play with the attackmen here that some really good things could happen. Those two guys, Nick and Grant, are expert distributors of the ball and really heads up and unselfish guys. He's been able to benefit from their expertise."

Defenders have certainly taken note of the freshman's abilities, using strategic slides to prevent O'Keefe from finding any open net. However, that has only done so much, as Mac has scored in all nine games.

A daunting Big Ten schedule awaits the undefeated, No. 2 Nittany Lions (9-0). And the O'Keefe's will be there along the way to witness.

Brian sees a lot of himself in the kid that is taking over the college lacrosse world. Just like his father, Mac is very left-handed. And just like his father, Mac has the grittiness and style of a box lacrosse player. But, to Brian, the comparisons are starting to thin.

"I can't really compare with what he's been able to do," Brian said, adding with a slight chuckle, "but I also didn't play with Grant Ament and Nick Aponte or Nick Spillane, and those guys."

Brian's nine-goal mark has survived nine games, but by the looks of it, Mac seems poised to top it.

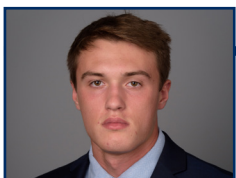
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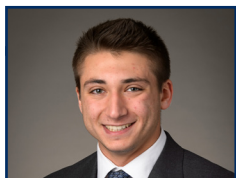
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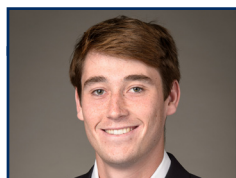
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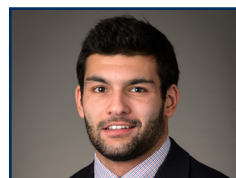
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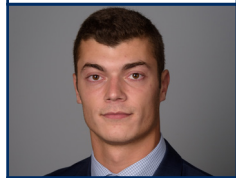
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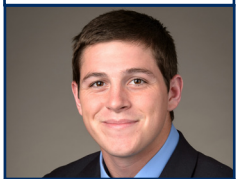
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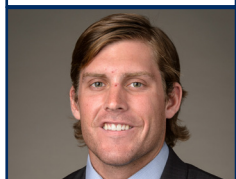
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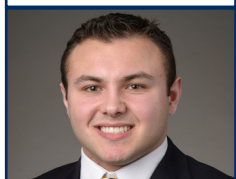
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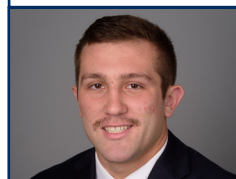
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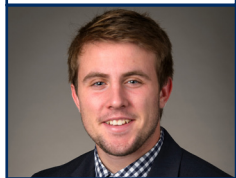
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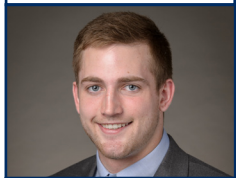
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#7 | JR. | ATTACK



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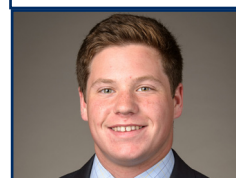
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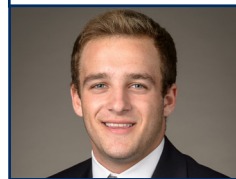
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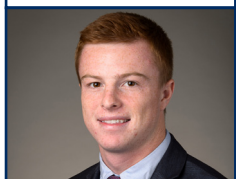
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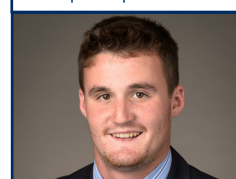
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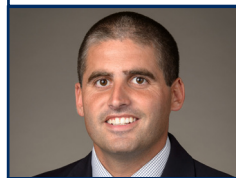
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