PENN STATE FIELD HOCKEY



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Penn State Schedule (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Aug. 25	at Old Dominion	6 p.m.
Aug. 27	at Virginia	12 p.m.
Sept. 1	TEMPLE	6 p.m.
Sept. 3	WAKE FOREST	12 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Princeton	12 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Bucknell	7 p.m.
Sept. 15		5 p.m.
	vs. Delaware +	1 p.m.
	NORTHWESTERN *	5 p.m.
	MICHIGAN *	12 p.m.
Sept. 29	· ·	6 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Kent State	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Ohio State *	3 p.m.
Oct. 7	vs. California +	12 p.m.
Oct. 15	-	3 p.m.
Oct. 20		5 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Indiana *	12 p.m.
Nov. 2	Big Ten First Round	TBA
Nov. 3	Big Ten Semifinals	TBA
Nov. 5	Big Ten Championsh	
Nov. 10	NCAA First Rounds	TBA
	NCAA Quarterfinal	TBA
	NCAA Semifinal	TBA
Nov. 19) TBA
* Big Ten C + Neutral S	Conference Game	
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Big Ten Standings (As of 8/24)

Team	Conf.	Ovr.
Indiana	0-0	0-0
lowa	0-0	0-0
Maryland	0-0	0-0
Michigan	0-0	0-0
Michigan State	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	0-0	0-0
Ohio State	0-0	0-0
PENN STATE	0-0	0-0
Rutgers	0-0	0-0



Friday, Aug. 25 - Norfolk, Va., 6 p.m. ET Penn State (0-0) vs. Old Dominion (0-0) L.R. Hill Sports Complex Old Dominion leads all-time series, 16-15



Sunday, Aug. 27 - Charlottesville, Va. 12 p.m. ET
Penn State (0-0) vs. Virginia (0-0)
University Hall Turf Field
Penn State leads all-time series, 17-7

PENN STATE STATISTICAL LEADERS









GOALS ASSISTS POINTS SAVES

The Penn State field hockey team officially opens the 2017 season on the road against traditional season opening opponents Old Dominion and Virginia. Friday the Nittany Lions travel to No. 23 Old Dominion at 6 p.m., followed by a noon match against the No. 10 Virginia Cavaliers on Sunday afternoon in Charlottesville, Va.

OPENING WEEKEND VS RANKED OPPONENTS

Penn State is 9-5 in their season openers with ODU and UVA dating back to 2010. Old Dominion and Virginia have also been ranked on opening weekends during that span with Penn State claiming wins over both Top-10 squads UVA (No.8) and ODU (No.3) during the 2012 season that saw the Nittany Lions finish the season 18-4. Last season Penn State upset then-No. 5 Virginia at Field Hockey Complex by a score of 3-0.

OLD DOMINION SERIES HISTORY

Penn State is 15-16 all-time in their series with the Monarchs dating back to 1982. Penn State defeated to Old Dominion 6-2 in its last meeting on Aug. 26, 2016 during the season opening weekend.

SCOUTING OLD DOMINION

- Returning 17 players from last season's roster, the Lady Monarchs welcome back two all-conference honorees in Chrissy Horn and Danielle Grega.
- The team's leading-scorer in 2015 & 2016, Danielle Grega returns for the Lady Monarchs to begin her senior season after netting seven goals and







NFHCA POLL

(As of 8/24)

adding one assist last year.

() Indicates first-place votes

- The ODU field hockey team welcomes eight freshmen to the squad for the 2017 season.
- ODU's Danielle Grega was named to the Preseason All-BIG EAST Team, earning the accolade as a unanimous selection.

VIRGINIA SERIES HISTORY

Penn State is 17-7 all-time against the Cavaliers in their series dating back to 1980. Penn State upset then-No. 5 Virginia 3-0 in its last meeting on Aug. 28, 2016 during the season opening weekend in University Park.

SCOUTING VIRGINIA

- The Cavaliers finished the 2016 campaign with a 16-8 record, advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Princeton. The squad enters the season ranked No. 10 in the NFHCA preseason poll and selected to finish fifth in the ACC in a vote by the league's head coaches.
- Virginia has a veteran leader on the field in senior midfielder Tara Vittese. Vittese comes into the season as the returning leader in goals and assist totaling 15 and

- 11, respectively, in 2016.
- Virginia also returns the goalkeeper Carrera Lucas who started the final 20 games of the season in 2016, posting a 14-6 record and finished second in the ACC in saves per games (5.20).

CHEERING ON THE BLUE & WHITE

Penn State finished the 2016 season ranked No. 1 in average attendance in the nation. Penn State broke the Field Hockey Complex record with a total of 967 in attendance for a conference game against Maryland and was a part of the most attended game during the 2016 season as the Nittany Lions captured the Big Ten Tournament title against the very same Terrapins in College Park that was played in front of 969 fans.

B1G PLAYERS TO WATCH

The Big Ten Conference announced its 2017 field hockey preseason honors highlighted by seven All-Big Ten selections from last season, including Penn State's Aurelia Meijer, Skyler Fretz and Gini Bramley.

CHALLENGING SLATE

Penn State has again put together a toptier schedule, facing nine teams that were ranked in the 2017 NFHCA Preseason Poll, including conference-foes Maryland (6), Michigan (11), Northwestern (14), and Iowa (17). Along with the conference opponents, the squad also has matchups against Delaware (3), Princeton (8), Virginia (10), Wake Forest (15), and Old Dominion (23). Six teams (Kent State, Princeton, Virginia, Michigan, Delaware, Maryland) each made the 2016 NCAA Tournament.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT ON BTN

Penn State will play on BTN live Sunday, Oct. 15 starting at 3:00 p.m. as the Nittany Lions take on Maryland in College Park, Md. The crucial contest will be the Nittany Lion's third to last before the Big Ten tournament and is a rematch of last year's Big Ten Tournament Championship game that saw Penn State win its conference record seventh Big Ten tournament title. Penn State's game at Ohio State (Oct. 6) will also be streamed on BTN.

LEADERS OF THE PACK

Seniors Shay Cannon and Skyler Fretz were named the captains for the 2017

season.

NFHCA PRESEASON RANKINGS

The Penn State field hockey team opens the 2017 season ranked No. 7 in the nation as announced by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) preseason poll. North Carolina earned the No. 1 spot in the preseason poll with 1,137 points and 14 first-place votes, while Duke was right behind with 1,081 points and 15 first-place votes.

Defending national champion Delaware checks in at No. 3 in the preseason ranking with 1,003 points and seven first-place votes and was followed closely by Connecticut with 993 points and four first-place votes and Syracuse with 978 points to round out the top five.

The Nittany Lions at No. 7 are the second highest Big Ten team in the ranking right behind Maryland who checks in at No. 6.

Penn State is slated to compete against nine of the teams that are listed in the preseason poll, including the defending National Champion Delaware Blue Hens.

The Big Ten is represented by five teams in the poll including No. 6 Maryland, No. 7 Penn State, No. 11 Michigan, No. 14 Northwestern and No. 17 Iowa.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Penn State enters the 2017 season with four new faces in the Blue & White for the Nittany Lions. Freshman additions include Syd Dreisigmeyer, Clayre Smith and Emma Spisak while Bree Bednarski is a transfer from Michigan.

POSTSEASON TRADITION

The Nittany Lions return after making the NCAA Tournament field six of the last seven seasons. Penn State has been at the top of the Big Ten in those seasons as well, being named co-conference regular season champions in 2013 and the outright winner in 2012. The squad won the Big Ten Tournament in 2011, 2012 and 2016.

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Weekend Comparison

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		Penn State	Old Dominion	Virginia
	Overall Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Conference Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Goals Scored	0	0	0
	Goals Per Game	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Goals Allowed	0	0	0
	Goals Allowed Per Gam	e 0.00	0.00	0.00
	Shots-SOG	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Shots Per Game	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Shots Allowed Per Gam	e 0.0	0.0	0.0
	Saves Per Game	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Shutouts	0	0	0
	Corners Per Game	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Opp. Corners Per Game	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Points	2017 INDIVIDUAL SEASON HIGHS
	N/A0
Goals N/A	0
Assists N/A	0
Shots N/A	0
Saves N/A	N/A0

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION Location
TEAM INFORMATION
TEAM INFORMATION 2016 Record
COACHING STAFF
Head Coach Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State, 1979) Career Record/Years
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ON THE TURF AND IN THE CLASSROOM

The Penn State field hockey program had six student-athletes recognized by Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award. The list includes students from every institution and 38 different sports who have recorded a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.7 or higher for the previous academic year.

Shay Cannon	Jr.	Biobehavioral Health
Carly Celkos	Sr.	Rehabilitation And Human Services
Colleen Conway	So.	Mathematics
Kirsten Gochnauer	Sr.	Biobehavioral Health
Cassa Kline	So.	Biobehavioral Health
Lisa Winters	Jr.	Business Administration

PSU's 2017 Record When
Playing At Home0-0
Playing On The Road
Playing On A Neutral Field0-0
Leading At The Half
Trailing At The Half
Tied At Halftime
PSU Scores First
Opponent Scores First0-0
In Overtime Matches
Scoring At Least 3 Goals0-0
Scoring At Least 4 Goals0-0
Scoring Fewer Than 4 Goals
Scoring Fewer Than 3 Goals
Holding Opponents To Fewer Than 4 Goals
Holding Opponents To Fewer Than 3 Goals
Allowing 4 or More Goals0-0
Outshooting An Opponent0-0
Being Outshot
Even Shots With An Opponent
Attempting At Least 5 Penalty Corners0-0
Attempting At Least 10 Penalty Corners
Attempting Fewer Than 5 Penalty Corners
Allowing Fewer than 10 Penalty Corners0-0
Allowing Fewer than 5 Penalty Corners0-0
Allowing 10 or More Penalty Corners
PSU's 2017 Monthly Record
August0-0
September
October0-0
November0-0

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	PENN STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER											
No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (Previous School							
1	Syd Dreisigmeyer	M	FR	5-3	Mummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin							
2	Emily Klingler	F	JR	5-2	Selinsgrove, Pa./Selinsgrove							
3	Alexis Horst	F	RS FR	5-4	Port Trevorton, Pa./Selinsgrove							
4	Emma Spisak	M	FR	5-2	Boiling Springs, Pa./Boiling Springs							
5	Jenny Rizzo	GK	JR	5-8	Hershey, Pa./Hershey							
6	Bree Bednarski	F	SO	5-3	Wyoming, Pa./Wyoming Area							
7	Maddie Morano	M	SO	5-4	Hammonton, NJ/Eastern Regional							
8	Lisa Winters	F/M	JR	5-8	Hershey, Pa./Hershey							
9	Lauren McNally	В	JR	5-9	Marmora, N.J./Ocean City							
11	Skyler Fretz	В	SR	5-5	Oley, Pa./Oley Valley							
12	Clayre Smith	M/F	FR	5-3	Honesdale, Pa./Honesdale							
13	Delani Higgins	M/B	JR	5-7	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin							
14	Cassie Kline	F/M	JR	5-3	Millersville, Pa./Penn Manor							
15	Cori Conley	В	RS JR	5-5	Oak Park, III./Oak Park and River Forest							
16	Shay Cannon	F	SR	5-8	Wilmington, Del./The Tatnall School							
17	Bes Bovelander	В	SO	5-7	Overveen, Netherlands/Kennemer Lyceum							
18	Moira Putsch	F	JR	5-5	Media, Pa./Academy of Notre Dame							
19	Mary Nell Smith	F/M	JR	5-2	Dauphin, Pa./Central Dauphin							
20	Madison Hutson	M/D	RS FR	5-11	Gloucester Point, VA/Gloucester							
21	Colleen Conway	GK	JR	5-8	Franklin Lakes, N.J./Oak Knoll School							
22	Abby Myers	F/M	RS FR	5-7	Hartland, WI/Arrowhead							
23	Aurelia Meijer	M/F	JR	5-10	Hattem, Netherlands/Gymnasium Celeanum							
26	Haley Kerstetter	В	Sr.	5-4	Selinsgrove, Pa./Selinsgrove							
28	Gini Bramley	M	JR	5-2	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lower Dauphin							
33	Katie Dembrowski	M	JR	5-8	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra							

Head Coach: Charlene Morett-Curtiss (Penn State '79), 31st Season

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State '89), 24th Season

Assistant Coach: Stuart Smith (Ohio State '08), Eighth Season **Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Simon Blanford, Second Season

		2017 Statistical Bankings	
Catamani	Stat	2017 Statistical Rankings NCAA Rank	B1G Rank
Category		NCAA Rank	DIG Hank
Scoring Average	0.00	0	0
GAA	0.00	0	0
Scoring Margin	0.00	0	0
Goals Per Game	0.00	0	0
Assists Per Game	0.00	0	0
Penalty Corners/G	0.00	0	0
Points Per Game	Stat	NCAA Rank	B1G Rank
N/A	0.0	0	0
Goals Per Game	Stat	NCAA Rank	B1G Rank
N/A	0.0	0	0
Assists Per Game	Stat	NCAA Rank	B1G Rank
N/A	0.0	0	0
Save Percentage	Stat	NCAA Rank	B1G Rank
N/A	0.0	0	0
Goals Against Average	Stat	NCAA Rank	B1G Rank
N/A	0.0	0	0

Nittany Lions By...

CLASS

Seniors (4): Shay Cannon, Skyler Fretz, Delani Higgins, Kasey Morano

Juniors (13): Cori Conley, Cassie Kline, Jenny Rizzo, Gini Bramley, Lisa Winters, Moira Putsch, Aurelia Meijer, Lauren McNally, Emily Klingler, Katie Dembrowski, Colleen Conway, Mary Nell Smith

Sophomore (3): Bree Bednarski, Bes Bovelander, Madison Morano

Freshman (8): Abby Myers, Madison Hutson, Kristiina Castagnola, Alexis Horst, Emma Spisak, Clayre Smith, Syr Dreisigmeyer

STATE/COUNTRY

Delaware (1): Shay Cannon

Illinois (1): Cori Conley

The Netherlands (2): Bes Bovelander, Aurelia Meijer

New Jersey (5): Kristiina Castagnola, Colleen Conway, Lauren McNally, Kasey Morano, Madison Morano

Pennsylvania (16): Bree Bednarski, Gini Bramley, Katie Dembrowski, Syd Dreisigmeyer, Skyler Fretz, Delani Higgins, Alexis Horst, Cassie Kline, Emily Klingler, Moira Putsch, Jenny Rizzo, Clayre Smith, Mary Nell Smith, Emma Spisak, Lisa Winters

Virginia (1): Madison Hutson Wisconsin (1): Abby Myers

POSITION

Goalkeeper (2): Colleen Conway, Jenny Rizzo

Back (5): Bes Bovelander, Kristiina Castagnola, Cori Conley, Skyler Fretz, Lauren McNally

Midfield (11): Gini Bramley, Shay Cannon, Katie Dembrowski, Syd Dreisigmeyer, Delani Higgins, Madison Hutson, Aurelia Meijer, Madison Moreno, Clayre Smith, Emma Spisak

Forward (7): Bree Bednarski, Alexis Horst, Cassie Kline, Kasey Morano, Abby Myers, Mary Nell Smith, Lisa Winters

Pronunciation Guide

Lisa Bervinchak-Love: BUR-vin-Chalk

Gini Bramley: Jinny

Bree Bednarski: bed-nar-ski

Syd Dreisigmeyer: DREE-cigg-myer

Aurelia Meijer: Myer Charlene Morett: More-ETT

Moira Putsch: MORE-uh P-utch (Like Dutch)

Support Staff

Sports Nutritionist: Kristine Clark Strength Trainer: Anna Zamora

Marketing: PJ Mullen

Athletic Game Management: Amy Ridenour

Strategic Communications: Jeff Smith **Athletic Trainer:** Renee Messina

Academic Advisor: Kaleena Davidson

Booster Club: Cathi Alloway/Karen Dinunzio

Associate A.D./SWA: Charmelle Green

Staff Assistant: Vickie Taylor Sports Psychologist: Carl Ohlson Faculty Representative: Mike Poorman



Both a USFHA and NFHCA Hall of Fame inductee, as well as being inducted to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Charlene Morett-Curtiss ranks as the longest tenured coach in the Big Ten and the sixth-longest tenure at a single school in Division I field hockey history with 30 seasons completed as head coach of the Penn State field hockey program. Morett-Curtiss boasts a remarkable resume covering her time both as the leader of the Nittany Lions. Over the last eight years, Morett-Curtiss has led the Nittany Lions to three Big Ten regular season titles, three Big Ten Tournament championships and seven NCAA Tournament appearances.

She also ranks as one of the top players in program history, as she was a three-time first-team All-American and an Olympic medalist.

Morett-Curtiss currently ranks fifth all-time in Division I history in wins with 500 and is one of just six DI coaches to accumulate 400 career wins. She has led the Nittany Lions to the NCAA Tournament in 25 of her 28 years at the helm and has helped maintain the program's distinction as the No. 3 ranked school in all-time NCAA Tournament appearances with 30.

Morett-Curtiss' teams have also produced a run of success in Big Ten games that is unparalleled since Penn State joined the conference in 1992. Since that time, the Nittany Lions own the most Big Ten regular season wins, the highest Big Ten regular season and tournament winning percentage, the most Big Ten Tournament titles and the most Big Ten Tournament wins.

Morett-Curtiss' 2002 and 2007 teams reached the National Championship game, her 1990, 1991 and 1993 teams reached the NCAA Semifinals, and her 1988, 1992 and 1994 squads missed joining the Elite Foursome after one-goal losses in overtime. She has guided the Nittany Lions to seven Big Ten Championships (1993, 1997, 1998, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2013), six Big Ten Tournament titles (1995-1998, 2011, 2012, 2016) and two Atlantic 10 Conference championships (1989, 1990).

One of the best teachers of the game, Morett-Curtiss' success at PSU has led to numerous coaching honors. She has been voted the Mideast Region Coach of the Year seven times (1990, 1991, 1993, 2000, 2005, 2007 and 2010), The Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in 1989 and the Big Ten Coach of the Year six times (1993, 1998, 2005, 2008, 2012, and 2016)

Morett-Curtiss' teams have not only excelled on the field but also in the classroom. Penn State has produced 216 Academic All-Big Ten selections since 1992 and is the only school in the Big Ten to have 10 or more Academic All-Big Ten selections for 14 of the past 15 seasons. The 2012 squad produced a record 16 athletes named Academic All-Big Ten. Additionally, a record 16 members of the team were named to the NFHCA National Academic Squad in 2008, a then-record 14 the year before, and in the two years previous to that, a total of 12 players were named to the squad in each season.

Three different student-athletes have received Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors since 2000, and Kelsey Amy (2011-12) and Laura Gebhart (2014) have given the Lions first-team representation following three of the past four seasons.

During the 2008-09 school year, the Nittany Lions were also winners of the Penn State Highest GPA Academic Award given to the team with the highest overall GPA and the Varsity 'S' Women's Team GPA honor. Most recently, the team boasted the highest women's GPA for the 2013-14 season. The program has also earned public recognition from the NCAA during the last eight consecutive seasons for high scores in the Academic Progress Rate (APR) compilation, and has been recognized in nine out of the 10 years of the program.

Morrett-Curtiss continued the program's winning tradition from the start, leading her first 14 teams into the NCAA Tournament to give Penn State 19-straight NCAA appearances from 1982-00. Morett-Curtiss has enjoyed a winning record in 27 of her 30 years with just two losing seasons. Under Morett-Curtiss and Gillian Rattray before her, Penn State amassed 32-straight years with at least 10 or more wins.

Since Penn State's entry into the Big Ten in 1992, Morett's program has produced more First Team All-Big Ten selections, Big Ten Defensive Players of the Year, Big Ten Athletes of the Year and Big Ten Freshmen of the Year than any other program. Penn State's 10 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honorees are five more than any other school.

Morett-Curtiss' players earn national recognition on a yearly basis, 11 of whom have been named two-time first team All-Americans, with Amy being the most recent in 2012. Gebhart became Morett-Curtiss' first four-time All-American in 2014. Her teams dominate the national scene, consistently ranking among the Top 10 in the national polls. Penn State was ranked in the Top 10 of the STX/NFHCA poll for 32 consecutive weeks from the first poll of the 2005 season ending with the second poll of 2008. The squad also achieved a No. 1 ranking in the STX/NFHCA poll for the

CHARLENE MORETT-CURTISS YEAR-BY-YEAR

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

 1984
 13-4-1
 .750

 1985
 10-5-5
 .625

 1986
 11-7-2
 .600

1986	11-7-2	.600
At Pe	nn State (30	years, 466-183-8, .718)
1987	14-5-2	.714NCAA Tournament
1988	15-6-1	.705 NCAA Quarterfinals
		Atlantic 10 West Champions
1989	18-3-1	.841NCAA Tournament
		Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
		Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1990	21-4	.840NCAA Semifinals
		Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions
		Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions
1991	18-3-1	.841 NCAA Semifinals
1992	16-5-1	.750 NCAA Quarterfinals
1993	20-2	.909NCAA Semifinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
1994	13-7-2	.636 NCAA Quarterfinals
1995	15-9	.625 NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1996	14-9	.609NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1997	18-6	.750 NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1998	18-5	.783 NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
1999	17-5	.773NCAA Tournament
2000	17-6	.739NCAA Tournament
2001	12-7	.632
2002	19-5	.792 NCAA National Finalist
2003	18-7	.720 NCAA Quarterfinals
2004	10-10	.500
2005	17-4	.810NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2006	16-6	.727 NCAA Quarterfinals
2007	16-8	.667 NCAA National Finalist
2008	13-7	.650NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2009	7-13	.350
2010	14-6	.700NCAA Tournament
2011	17-6	.739 Big Ten Tournament Champions
		NCAA Quarterfinals
2012	18-4	.818 NCAA Quarterfinals
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
		Big Ten Tournament Champions
2013	13-6	.684NCAA Tournament
		Big Ten Regular Season Champions
2014	16-6	.727 NCAA Quarterfinals
2015	9-10	.474
2016	17-3	.850NCAA Tournament
33 Yrs	500-199-17	.71526 NCAA Appearances

first time in program history. Since 2005, PSU has finished in the Top 10 of the poll in all but just two seasons, ranking as high as No. 3 in 2012 and ranking sixth last season.

Under Morett-Curtiss' tutelage, five of her players have been named Big Ten Athlete of the Year -- Traci Anselmo, Jen Coletta, Heather Gorlaski, Tracey Larson and Kiley Kulina. Six players have been voted the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year -- Natalie Berrena, Dawn Lammey, Larson, Tara Maguire, Allison Scola and Kelsey Amy. In 2012 and 2013, Brittany Grzywacz was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, earning the ninth and 10th Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors from Penn State, joining Anselmo, Gorlaski, Becca Main, Jill Martz, Jill Pearsall and

 $\mbox{\rm Jen Long},$ $\mbox{\rm Long},$ $\mbox{\rm Anselmo}$ and $\mbox{\rm Grzywacz}$ are the only Lions to earn the honor twice.

A number of Morett-Curtiss' players - past and present - have played at an elite level with the United States program, with Larson earning a spot on the U.S. National Team for three consecutive seasons. Another former Nittany Lion, Eleanor Stone, has been on the national team for a total of seven different seasons. Eight former players have competed on the U.S. National Team, while several others have played on various levels of national teams. In the spring of 2007, Long and Scola represented the U.S. on the U-21 team's tour of China. Morett-Curtiss attended with them as the Chef de Mission for U.S. Field Hockey. Additionally, Long and Scola, along with All-America alum Larson, helped the East team capture the U.S. Open Regional Championship in the summer of 2007. Gebhart, a 2014 graduate is one of the latest Nittany Lion to rise through the ranks at the national level. She has competed for the U.S. at the Junior World Cup in Germany in the summer of 2013 and was named to the 2013-14 U.S. National Team in May 2013. Amanda Dinunzio, a recent graduate (2015) is the latest Nittany Lion to rise through the ranks at the national level. She was named to the 2016-17 U.S. National Team in August 2016.

Recent alums Laura Kassab, Jessica Longstreth and Brittany Grzywacz were all members of the U.S. National Indoor Hockey Team, as well, which current senior Bethany Mink joined in 2015. Scola was on the U.S. Development Squad after being named to the team in June of 2009. In addition, Long and Amy competed for team PA in USA Field Hockey's National Championship in June 2014. Recently, Carly Celkos, Skyler Fretz, Laura Gebhart), Bethany Mink, Kasey Morano and Moira Putsch,

Under Morett-Curtiss' leadership, the Nittany Lions reached the NCAA Quarterfinals in 2014 for the third time in the past three seasons. The Lions opened the season with wins over No. 9 Old Dominion and No. 6 Virginia before dropping an overtime contest on the road at hird-ranked and eventual national champion UConn. Other notable wins included No. 14 Princeton, No. 18 Michigan State, No. 14 Temple, No. 18 Northestern and No. 19 Michigan State, while none of the Lions' six losses were to unranked teams. Gebhart and Taylor Herold both garnered All-America and first-team All-Big Ten honors, while Gebhart also added Academic All-America honors.

The Nittany Lions earned their second-consecutive Big Ten regular season title and third-straight Big Ten title in 2013, while also appearing in the NCAA Tournament. The squad defeated five ranked opponents, including No. 8 Old Dominion, No. 3 Princeton, No. 16 Delaware, No. 10 Northwestern and No. 19 Iowa. The squad featured two NFHCA Division I All-Americans in Grzywacz and Gebhart, the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, six All-Big Ten selections and 12 Academic All-Big Ten honorees.

In 2012, the team captured both the Big Ten regular season and Big Ten Tournament crowns in the same season for the third time in her illustrious career. Morett-Curtiss reached a coaching milestone during 2012, as she recorded her 400th win as a head coach of Penn State in a 7-1 defeat of No. 24 Indiana on Sept. 21. The Nittany Lions' record of 18-4 (.818) was the fifth-best mark of Morett-Curtiss' career. Penn State earned a 5-record in Big Ten regular season play before defeating lowa and Michigan for a second time in the Big Ten tourney on the way to the title. Morett earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors for the fifth time in her career for the standout season. The Lions made it to the NCAA Quarterfinals for the second consecutive season after defeating Albany 2-1 in the opening round. Morett-Curtiss' 2012 squad featured the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, five NFHCA All-Americans, four All-Big Ten selections, three Big Ten All-Tournament Team members and a program record 16 Academic All-Big Ten honorees.

In 2011, Penn State was crowned the Big Ten Tournament champions after defeating the Michigan Wolverines on Nov. 6 in the Championship game. It was Penn State's first Big Ten Tournament title since 1998. The Big Ten champion Nittany Lions finished the season with a 17-6 overall record and also earned an NCAA first round victory over the Northeastern Huskies. Morett-Curtiss had three players recognized with NFHCA All-America honors.

Following an up-and-down 2009 season, Penn State rebounded in fine fashion in 2010. Finishing with a 14-6 record, the Lions won seven more games than they did in 2009, which marked the second-largest improvement in the nation. Guiding the squad to a berth in the NCAA Tournament, Morett-Curtiss earned NFHCA Mideast Region Coach of the Year honors and helped three of her players earn All-America honors.

In 2008, Morett-Curtiss led the Nittany Lions to the Big Ten regular season title, their first conference championship since 2005. The squad was eventually awarded an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament where it fell to a tough Princeton squad, 2-0. Morett was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the fourth time.

The squad enjoyed plenty of success in the mid-2000s as well. In 2007, after defeating Virginia for the second time in the season with a win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Penn State stunned second-ranked Maryland on the Terps' home field to advance to the NCAA Semifinals. The Nittany Lions then came back to the same field five days later and knocked off third-ranked Wake Forest in the National Semifinals, the program's first-ever win over the Demon Deacons, to advance to the National Championship game. The memorable run included three wins over ACC teams for the shot to play for the national title.

Despite the season ending with a loss to top-ranked and undefeated North Carolina in the title game, four Nittany Lions were named NFHCA All-Americans. One year earlier in 2006, Morett led the Nittany Lions to their first appearance in the Big Ten Tournament Championship game since 2003. She also won her 350th career game with a 1-0 win over Connecticut on September 3, 2006.

In 2005, the Nittany Lions won 17 consecutive games to tie a program record en route to a Big Ten regular season crown, their first conference title since 1998. Berrena, a senior, was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and three other Nittany Lions were honored as All-Big Ten. Morett-Curtiss won her 300th game as Penn State head coach, a 5-0 decision

over Temple on September 14. She was named Mideast Region Coach of the Year for the fifth time in her career and was recognized as the Big Ten Coach of the Year for the third time.

In 2002, Morett-Curtiss guided the Nittany Lions on a memorable NCAA Tournament run. Penn State opened with back-to-back wins over Kent State and Princeton in the opening rounds played at Penn State before defeating No. 1 ranked Old Dominion, 3-2, to advance to the NCAA National Championship game for the first time in program history. While Penn State dropped the title game, 2-0, to Wake Forest, the year went down as one of the greatest seasons in program history, as four players were recognized with STX All-America honors and five earned All-Big Ten status.

Morett-Curtiss led the 1993 squad to the university's first outright Big Ten Championship in any sport. The team won 15-straight games, a record at the time. The most notable upset was a 2-1 victory at Old Dominion which ended the Monarchs' 66-game win streak. Since then, Morett-Curtiss has led her Lions to five more regular season titles and an unprecedented four straight Big Ten Tournament crowns from 1995 through 1998. Penn State won its sixth tournament title in 2012.

A 1979 graduate of Penn State, Morett-Curtiss was an outstanding field hockey player and the program's only three-time first team All-American. Captain of the undefeated 1978 team, Morett-Curtiss was a phenomenal scorer, netting 50 goals in four years and was the first Lion to score five goals in a game. She held that record for 21 years. After leaving Penn State, Morett-Curtiss continued to play field hockey at the national level and in 1982, she was named the USFHA's Co-Athlete of the Year. In June 2014, Morett-Curtiss and her teammates from the 1984 squad were inducted into the U.S. Field Hockey Hall of Fame.

A two-time Olympian, Morett-Curtiss played in more than 100 international matches. Morett-Curtiss remained in Happy Valley as a graduate assistant to train for the 1980 Olympics. Unable to participate in the 1980 Moscow Games due to the U.S. boycott, Morett-Curtiss remained loyal and enthusiastic to the U.S. team, traveling all over the world in international competition in preparation for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, where she won a bronze medal. Morett-Curtiss was also awarded a Congressional Gold Medal as part of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team when the U.S. Congress officially awarded the medals more than 27 years after the boycotted games. In June 2014, Morett-Curtiss and her teammates from the 1984 squad were inducted into the U.S. Field Hockey Hall of Fame.

Also an All-American lacrosse player in Happy Valley, Morett-Curtiss was one of the nation's top scorers in the sport when Penn State won its second consecutive USWLA National Championship. She also played for the 1978 and 1979 United States Women's Lacrosse Association National Champion teams. Morett-Curtiss was a member of the U.S. Lacrosse team and earned Most Valuable Player at the 1979 USWLA National Championship, where the Nittany Lions defeated the University of Massachusetts.

After completing her undergraduate degree in physical education, she worked for one year as a graduate assistant at PSU, helping the Lions become National Finalists in field hockey and National Champions in lacrosse.

Beth Anders then tabbed Morett-Curtiss as her assistant in 1980 at Old Dominion, where she would coach for four years. During that time, Morett-Curtiss helped the Monarchs reach three-straight National Championship games, and in the process, Anders served as a positive mentor for Morett-Curtiss' future success.

In 1984, Morett-Curtiss was named head field hockey and lacrosse coach at Boston College. She immediately lifted the Eagle field hockey program into the Top 20 and won an Eastern College Athletic Conference title in her first year.

When Penn State legend Gillian Rattray retired from coaching in 1987, Morett-Curtiss returned to her alma mater to take over for her mentor, inheriting a program with 17-straight winning seasons and five-straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

Morett-Curtiss served as the USFHA Vice President of Coaching. She had the honor of presenting the Hall of Fame honor to her mentor, Rattray when she was inducted into the Hall in 2006. On the international level, she spent three years as an assistant coach with the United States National Team traveling to the Pan Am Games, Ireland and Argentina. She was also an assistant coach with the U.S. Under-21 squad that competed in Spain. Morett-Curtiss has coached U.S. squads that won medals at Olympic Festivals in Houston, Minneapolis and Los Angeles. She recently served at the USFHA Board of Directors. Morett-Curtiss was instrumental in developing field hockey in State College by starting a youth field hockey program for local elementary school children. This program continues to thrive and inspire young players to participate in field hockey.

Morett-Curtiss' has earned her Level III Coaching Certification from U.S. Field Hockey. She spent two years as the head coach for Pennsylvania High Performance Region, and has also coached at FDIC and presented Level I coaching certification courses in both Pennsylvania and California. Morett-Curtiss was the keynote speaker at the 2015 NFHCA Coaches Convention in Naples, Florida.

She is an avid runner and golfer in her free time. Morett-Curtiss has been active in local charity events such as Coaches vs. Cancer, and the Women's Breast Cancer Tournament.

A native of Aldan, Pa., Morett-Curtiss is a graduate of Lansdowne-Aldan High School and a member of the Delaware County Hall of Fame. She is one of seven children (five brothers and one sister) of the late Eleanor and Chalmers Morett. She married Douglas Curtiss in February 2014.

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	Game-by-Game Starting Lineups													
Date	Opponent	W/L :	Score	Forward	Forward	Forward	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Midfield	Back	Back	Back	GK
8/25/17	at Old Dominion													
8/27/17	at Virginia													



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Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 23, 2017) **All games**



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Aug 28 #5 VIRGINIA	W W	3-0 538		Klingler, Emily	14	2 0	4	4 .500	3 .750		0-0	0
Sept 2 at Temple	W	8-1 613		Gochnauer, Kirsten	20	2 8	12	13 .154	8 .615			1
Sep 04 vs #9 ALBANY		3-1 207		Rizzo, Jenny	20	0 0	0	0 .000	0 .000			0
Sep 11 LOCK HAVEN	W	4-1 646		Celkos, Carly	20	1 3	5	13 .077	4 .308			1
Sep 13 BUCKNELL	W	9-1 527		Morano, Madison	20	1 3	5	8 .125	6 .750			1
* Sep 16 at #16 Iowa	W	4-3 195		Winters, Lisa	4	0 0	0	2 .000	2 1.000			0
Sep 17 vs Ball State	W	7-0 50		McNally, Lauren	5	0 0	0	1 .000	0 .000			0
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* Sep 25 at #8 Michigan		3-1 586		The state of the s	20	0 0	0	0 .000	0 .000		0-0	5
* Sep 30 MICHIGAN ST		4-1 545		, ,	20	0 1	1	1 .000	1 1.000			0
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* Oct 06 OHIO STATE	W	2-0 506			3	0 0	0	0 .000	0 .000		0-0	0
* Oct 16 #6 MARYLAND		4-5 967			20	11 0	22	32 .344	23 .719		0-0	0
* Oct 21 at RU	W	4-1 217		•	16	0 1	1	1 .000	1 1.000			0
* Oct 28 INDIANA	W	3-2 677			20	16 20	52	52 .308	29 .558		0-0	0
Nov 03 vs INDIANA	W	3-1			16	1 0	2	5 .200	3 .600			0
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Nov 06 at #3 Marylan		2-1 969	23	•	19	11 12	34	71 .155	45 .634			0
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PENALTY CORNERS	164	71										
PENALTY STROKES	0-1	1-1		oals by Period	1st		Total					
PENALTIES				enn State	33		78					
Green cards	20	17		ponents	13	17	30					
Yellow cards	5	5										
Red cards	0	0		nots by Period	1st		Total	_				
ATTENDANCE				enn State	181	181	362					
Total	5765	2851	Op	ponents	83	91	174					
Dates/Avg Per Date	11/524	6/475										
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/86			ives by Period	1st		Total					
				enn State	39		84					
			Op	pponents	81	71	152					
			Co	orners by Period	1st	2nd	Total					
				enn State	79		164	•				
			Op	ponents	29	42	71					