

PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS

2017 LACROSSE GAME NOTES

GM 11: PENN STATE VS. MARYLAND | APR. 8 | 1 PM | MARYLAND STADIUM | COLLEGE PARK, MD.

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STAT COMPARISON

PENN STATE (NATL./CONF.)	CATEGORY	MARYLAND (NATL./CONF.)
14.70 (5/1)	Scoring Offense	13.50 (6/2)
23.20 (4/1)	Points/Game	21.00 (7/2)
.365 (3/2)	Shooting Percentage	.371 (2/1)
8.50 (6/1)	Assists/Game	7.50 (12/2)
.394 (22/5)	Man-Up Offense	.556 (2/2)
33.99 (6/1)	Ground Balls/Game	33.38 (9/3)
5.40 (56/5)	Caused Turnovers/Game	6.63 (33/2)
.667 (3/1)	Faceoff Win Percentage	.546 (18/3)

BY THE NUMBERS

24

After causing three turnovers against Ohio State, sophomore defender **Chris Sabia** leads all active Penn State players with 24 career caused turnovers.

7

The Nittany Lions moved to 10-0 with the win over then-No. 5 Ohio State. The win marked the seventh time that Penn State has earned 10 or more wins.

2

Penn State is one of two remaining undefeated teams nationally, entering Sunday's game at 10-0. Hofstra (9-0) is the only other undefeated team in the country.

1

Penn State ranks No. 1 in all three major polls this week (USILA, Maverik Media, USL/Nike). It marks the first time in Penn State men's lacrosse's program history.

GAME 11



10-0, 1-0 B1G	Record	6-2, 1-0 B1G
1/1	Ranking	6/8
W10	Streak	W2
W, 9-4 vs. Ohio State	Last Game	W, 15-8 vs. Michigan
Jeff Tambroni	Head Coach	John Tillman
167-80	Career Record	106-47
58-40	School Record	86-28
Rankings - USILA Coaches Poll/Maverik Media Poll		

GAME DETAILS

Date Faceoff	April 8 1 p.m.
Location:	College Park, Md.
Facility:	Maryland Stadium

Television:	Big Ten Network (tape delay)
Talent:	Joe Beninati (pxp), Mark Dixon (analyst)
Live Video:	http://gopsu.info/MLAXMDVideo
Live Stats:	http://gopsu.info/MLAXMDStats

2017 SCHEDULE

10-0 Overall | 1-0 Big Ten
7-0 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)	W, 9-4
4.8	at Maryland [*] (6/8)	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

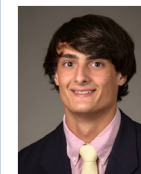
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SERIES HISTORY

Overall:	2-38
At Home:	2-15
On The Road:	0-19
Streak:	Maryland, Win 37
First Meeting:	1916 (L, 2-1)
Tambroni vs. Maryland:	0-3

PLAYER TO WATCH



CHRIS SABIA

#25

SOPHOMORE | DEFENSE | 6-2 | 185 HARLEYSVILLE, PA

Sabia, a Big Ten preseason honoree, has garnered recognition this season as a defensive stopper, creating havoc in the back half of the field for Penn State. The second-year defenseman leads the Nittany Lions in takeaways with 12 so far including a season-high three caused turnovers against Ohio State last week, for which he was named Big Ten Defensive POTW.

SATURDAY STORYLINES



10-0!

- ▶ With Penn State's victory over Ohio State, the Nittany Lions matched the longest single-season win streak with 10-straight.
- ▶ Penn State remained one of two undefeated squads nationally at 10-0. Hofstra (9-0) is the only other undefeated program nationally.



NITTANY LIONS LOOK TO BREAK STREAK

- ▶ Penn State will look to snap it's 37-game skid against Maryland Saturday.
- ▶ Despite the difficulties against the Terrapins historically, the two sides have met just three times in head coach **Jeff Tambroni's** seven-year tenure. Last time the two met in the regular season Maryland won 11-10 in OT.



KNEESE CLAIMS NATIONAL HONORS

- ▶ In addition to his pair of Big Ten weekly plaudits, freshman goalkeeper Colby Kneese was named Alpha Lacrosse National Player of the Week.
- ▶ Kneese logged 13 saves against Ohio State while allowing just four goals in the outing, the least ever in a Big Ten game.

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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
10-10	22	18	40	2	2



NOTES: National POTW after 6g, 3a vs. Cornell (2/18) ... Preseason All-America HM ... 2 game-winning goals a team-best.

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

GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
10-10	35	4	39	4	1



NOTES: National leader in goals (35), 2nd goals/game (3.50) ... 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
10-10	14	20	34	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
10-10	0	0	0	9	2



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
10-10	1	0	1	15	12



NOTES: Leads team in CT ... B1G DPOW after three CT's vs. OSU... 24 career CT's lead active PSU players.

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

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
10-10	0	0	0	11	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
10-0	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
10-0	0	0	0	20	3



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

LONG STICK MIDFIELD

#23 **TOMMY WRIGHT**
SO. | 6-0 | 195 | GARDEN CITY, NY

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
10-0	1	2	3	11	3



NOTES: Scored first goal of his career vs. Penn ... Logged assists against Cornell and Hobart ... On USA U19 Team this summer.

#31 **KEVIN FOX**
SO. | 5-9 | 170 | LONG ISLAND, NY

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT
10-0	0	0	0	18	5



NOTES: Spent time on faceoff wing ... Third on team in GB's, second on team in CT's.

MIDFIELD

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

GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
10-5	12	4	16	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
10-5	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
10-5	13	5	8	0	1



NOTES: 20-game point streak (28-6-34) ... Team-best eight career games with hat tricks ... 69 career goals leads team.

SECOND MIDFIELD

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

GP-GS	G	A	P	EMG	GWG
10-5	5	11	16	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
10-5	14	9	23	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
10-5	6	3	9	0	0



NOTES: 65 career points on 38g, 27a ... No pts vs. Fairfield snapped 6-game point streak ... Background in box lacrosse.

FACEOFF SPECIALISTS

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

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	F/O
10-0	1	1	2	16	4-10



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

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

GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	F/O
10-0	4	0	4	88	155-228



NOTES: 4th in DI in F/O pct. (.675) ... 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
7-0	0	0	0	16	32-46



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
10-9	546:22	91	9.99	105	.536



NOTES: 13 saves and 4 GA vs. Ohio State (.765 save pct.) led to B1G Specialist and Freshman of the Week ... National POTW (4/5).

▶ **NOTES**

PSU TOP BUCKEYES IN BIG OPENER

The Nittany Lions opened the Big Ten slate with a five-goal, 9-4, win over No. 5 Ohio State to begin conference play.

▶ Penn State relied on a strong defensive effort to overtake Ohio State. The Nittany Lions allowed just four goals, marking the first time since the 2014 season to allow four or less goals when the team beat Towson, 8-1, on April 12.

▶ The Nittany Lions had a season-best 12 caused turnovers in the outing. The mark ranks tied for fifth most in a game during head coach **Jeff Tambroni's** seven-season tenure with Penn State. It was the first time since March 22, 2014 that the team had done so, in which the squad forced 16 turnovers against Albany, the most in Tambroni's tenure. Sophomore defender **Chris Sabia** and classmate **Kevin Fox** both logged multiple caused turnovers with three and two, respectively.

▶ In the cage, freshman goaltender **Colby Kneese** had an impressive outing, making 13 stops while allowing a career-low four goals. Kneese turned away 76.5 percent of the shots on goal, marking the best single-game save percentage since three-time All-American **Austin Kaut** logged a .917 save percentage (11 saves, 1GA) vs. Towson on April 12, 2014.

▶ On the offensive end, eight players contributed in the scoring column, with seniors **Mike Sutton** (2g) and **Nick Aponte** (1g, 2a) contributing multi-point games. Redshirt-senior midfielder **Drake Kreinz** logged his first goal of the season.

▶ Penn State's win over Ohio State made the team 1-0 in the Creator's Trophy standings, while dropping Michigan to 0-1. With a win over Michigan on April 30, Penn State would claim it's fourth title in the award's six-season history. Penn State is now 9-2 all-time in Creator's Trophy games.

SABIA, KNEESE LOCK UP BIG HONORS

Penn State claimed three of the four honors in the Big Ten's ninth installment of the 2017 Big Ten weekly awards. Sophomore defender **Chris Sabia** claimed Defensive Player of the Week, while freshman goalie **Colby Kneese** was named both Specialist of the Week and Co-Freshman of the Week.

▶ Sabia earned his recognition following a performance in which he logged three caused turnovers and a pair of groundballs while spearheading the Nittany Lions' defense. The three caused turnovers tie a Penn State record for most caused turnovers in a single Big Ten game and rank tied for third most in a single Big Ten season. Sabia's 24 career caused turnovers lead active Penn State players.

▶ Kneese logged 13 saves and allowed just four goals against Ohio State while logging four groundballs in the outing. His 13 saves tied for third most in a Big Ten game, while his single-game save percentage (.765) was the best by a Penn State player in a Big Ten game all-time.

▶ Penn State's 15 total Big Ten weekly honors lead all teams in 2017. Ohio State (seven) has the second most weekly award recipients, followed by Maryland and Rutgers (six).

NITTANY LIONS UNBEATEN STILL

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

▶ Following Penn State's win over Ohio State, the Nittany Lions continue the best start in program history at 10-0. Prior to the 2017 season the best record to begin a season at Penn State was 7-0, achieved by the 1992 team.

▶ With the win, Penn State remained one of two undefeated squads nationally at 10-0. Hofstra (9-0) is the only other undefeated program nationally.

▶ With Penn State's victory over Ohio State, the Nittany Lions matched the longest single-season win streak with 10-straight. The win also saw Penn State

earn its seventh ever season with double-figure wins.

▶ With the win two weeks ago against 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 a win against Maryland, Penn State would tie the record for most consecutive wins and break the record for most consecutive wins in a single season with 11 in a row. The win would also mark the third season in program history winning 11 or more games. In Penn State's three NCAA tournament appearance seasons, the Nittany Lions only reached 10-plus wins once.

KNEESE NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

In addition to his pair of Big Ten weekly plaudits, freshman goalkeeper **Colby Kneese** was named Alpha Lacrosse National Player of the Week by Inside Lacrosse for the eighth such award of the season.

▶ Kneese is the second player this year to earn Alpha Lacrosse National Player of the Week honors, with sophomore attackman **Grant Ament** earning the award on Feb. 22. The duo are the only two Penn State men's lacrosse players to earn the award.

▶ Kneese logged 13 saves and allowed just four goals against Ohio State while logging four groundballs in the outing. His 13 saves tied for third most in a Big Ten game, while his single-game save percentage (.765) was the best by a Penn State player in a Big Ten game all-time.

OFFENSE AMONG NATION'S BEST

Two thirds into the 2017 regular season the Nittany Lion offense continues to be one of the best in the nation statistically.

▶ Penn State ranks third in the country statistically in shooting percentage as of April 4, firing the ball at a .365 clip. Four players in **Grant Ament** (.468, 15th), **Mac O'Keefe** (.402, 500th), **Nick Spillane** (.378, 68th) and **Kevin Hill** (.375, 70th) all rank in the top 70 nationally.

▶ Of the over 70 Division I programs, Penn State finds itself also ranked among the top seven in the country in scoring offense (fifth, 14.70 goals per game), points per game (fourth, 23.20) and assists per game (seventh, 8.50). Penn State leads the Big Ten in scoring offense, points per game and assists per game while ranking second in the big Ten in shooting percentage.

▶ In addition to its national prominence, Penn State's goals per game, points per game and assists per game figures are all the best during the Jeff Tambroni era to date, with the team on pace to break the Tambroni-era records for single season goals (178) and assists (106).

▶ 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 (4.00 ppg, 2.20 gpg, 1.80 apg) is the lone player to rank among the top 150 in all three categories, ranking 23rd nationally in points per game while coming in the top 50 in both assists per game and goals per game. O'Keefe (3.90 ppg, 3.50 gpg) ranks top 25 in both goals per game and points per game, while **Nick Aponte** (3.40 ppg, 2.00 apg) and **Spillane** (2.30 ppg, 0.90 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 1.10 per contest.

SEASON HONORS

Grant Ament

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

Nick Aponte

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

Gerard Arceri

- ▶ Tewaaron 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

Colby Kneese

- ▶ Big Ten Specialist of the Week (4/4)
- ▶ Big Ten Freshman of the Week (4/4)
- ▶ Alpha Lacrosse National Player of the Week (4/5)

Chris Sabia

- ▶ Big Ten Preseason Honoree
- ▶ Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (4/4)

Nick Spillane

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

Peter Triolo

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

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 Kalauza
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	518-512-8 (.499)
Big Ten Record	5-6
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 (Apr. 3)	1	1	1	3
Week 9				
Week 10				
Week 11				
Week 12				

▶ **NOTES**

APONTE, AMENT AND SUTTON STREAKING

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

▶ After logging a goal and two assists against Ohio State, Aponte has recorded at least one point in each of his last 42 contests, dating back to April 5, 2014.

▶ Aponte's streak is good for eighth in the country. Denver senior Connor Cannizarro lead the country with 50 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 25-game streak entering the game against Maryland, good for 19th nationally.

▶ With a two-goal performance against Ohio State, senior **Mike Sutton** added his name to the list of D1 players with at least one point in 20 consecutive games.

▶ Of the 27 players in Division I to have tallied a point in 20 consecutive games, only five schools (Penn State, Denver, Duke, Harvard and Air Force) have multiple players on the list. Penn State is the only school to have three players with a 20-plus game point streak.

NATIONAL POINT SCORING STREAK

ACTIVE PLAYERS

#	Gm	Player, School, Pos	G-A-P during	Started
1.	50	Connor Cannizarro, Denver, Sr., A	136-76-212	4/19/14
2.	49	Jack Bruckner, Duke, Sr., A	121-40-161	5/26/14
3.	48	Justin Guterding, Duke, Jr., A*	125-72-197	2/7/15
4.	47	Matt Rambo, Maryland, Sr., A	102-68-170	2/14/15
5.	46	Dylan Molloy, Brown, Sr., A	162-103-265	4/19/14
8.	42	Nick Aponte, Penn State, Sr., A	60-54-114	4/5/2014
19.	25	Grant Ament, Penn State, So., A	42-52-94	2/6/2016
26.	20	Mike Sutton, Penn State, Sr., M	28-6-34	3/8/2016

SCOUTING THE TERRAPINS

Penn State is set to face its third top-20 opponent of the season and its second in as many weeks on Saturday, as the Nittany Lions take on Maryland (6-2, 1-0 Big Ten). The Terrapins enter Saturday on a two-game win streak after a pair of sure-handed wins over Michigan (15-8) and North Carolina (15-7).

▶ The Maryland attack is led by the trio of Matt Rambo (19-17-36), Colin Heacock (13-9-22) and Dylan Maltz (17-2-19). Rambo took home Second Team All-America honors last season while Heacock was an honorable mention.

▶ Maryland's defense is headlines by 2016 First Team All-American short stick defensive midfielder Isaiah Davis-Allen (1-0-1) and third team selection Tim Muller (2-0-2). The duo leads a defense that has limited opponents to 8.56 goals per game, good for 17th nationally despite Maryland's rigorous schedule.

▶ The Terrapins make the most of their extra man opportunities, with their 55.6 percent man-up success rate rankign second nationally behind only Johns Hopkins. Heacock's five man-up goals rank 10th nationally and lead the Big Ten.

▶ **Last time against the Terrapins:** The last time the two sides met Maryland earned a 16-9 win against the Nittany Lions in the Big Ten tournament semifinals. Senior **Nick Aponte** led the way for Penn State with four points on four goals, but four goals from the Terps' Connor Kelly and three a piece from Rambo and Heacock led Maryland to the championship before earning the league title.

PENN STATE IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS

Penn State rose again this week in the national polls, coming in as a consensus No. 1 selection.

▶ With the No. 1 ranking in the Maverik Media poll, Penn State earned a consensus No. 1 ranking for the first time in program history.

▶ With its No.1 ranking in the USILA coaches poll, Penn State is ranked within the top five for the sixth consecutive week. five 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 14 consecutive USILA coaches polls, the last time being unranked being March 21, 2016.

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
 Ohio State: Tanner Peck, Jr., M

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 (35) and averages 3.50 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 (8.80) and faceoff percentage (.675). Arceri's groundball figures and 67.5 percent success rate on faceoffs rank third nationally. The rookie leads freshmen nationally in both categories.

ARCERI ADDED TO 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 1 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**.

2017 STAT LEADERS

Points	Grant Ament	40
Goals	Mac O'Keefe	35
Assists	Nick Aponte	20
Shots	Mac O'Keefe	87
Shot Pct. (min. 10 sh)	Grant Ament	.468
Man-up Goals	Mac O'Keefe/Kevin Hill	4
Ground Balls	Gerard Arceri	88
Caused TO's	Chris Sabia	12
GAA	Colby Kneese	9.99
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	3/18
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	7/14
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	7
	Ryan Keenan	9
	Brian Prestreau	10
50 goals	Matt Florence	5
	Grant Ament	9
	Dan Craig	13
	Mac O'Keefe	15
	Kevin Hill	24
75 goals	Mike Sutton	6
	Nick Aponte	17

CAREER ASSISTS

Milestone	Name	No. To Go
25 assists	Ryan Keenan	2
	Matt Florence	10
50 assists	Dan Craig	23
75 assists	Grant Ament	23
	Nick Aponte	48

CAREER POINTS

Milestone	Name	No. To Go
50 points	Ryan Keenan	11
	Mac O'Keefe	11
100 points	Grant Ament	6
	Mike Sutton	19
	Dan Craig	35
	Matt Florence	39
150 points	Nick Aponte	33

▶ NOTES

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)

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.

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.

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.

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.

AROUND THE BIG TEN

STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Penn State	1-0	1.000	10-0	1.000
Maryland	1-0	1.000	6-2	.750
Johns Hopkins	1-0	1.000	6-3	.667
Ohio State	0-1	.000	9-2	.818
Michigan	0-1	.000	8-2	.800
Rutgers	0-1	.000	8-2	.800

THIS WEEK

Apr. 8, 2017
Penn State at Maryland 1:00 pm
 Rutgers at Michigan 1:00 pm

Apr. 9, 2017
 Johns Hopkins at Ohio State 7:00 pm

WEEKLY B1G AWARD WINNERS (Apr. 4)

Offensive Player: Kyle Marr, Johns Hopkins

▶ Scored five goals in the Blue Jays' 12-6 win against No. 10/7 Rutgers

Defensive Player: Chris Sabia, Penn State

▶ Anchored a Penn State defense that allowed a season-low four goals in a win against No. 5/5 Ohio State with three caused turnovers and two groundballs.

Specialist: Colby Kneese, Penn State

▶ Tallied 13 saves in the cage and limited No. 5/5 Ohio State to just four goals in the Nittany Lions' victory

Co-Freshman: Jared Bernhardt, Maryland

▶ Scored three goals and added one assist in the Terrapins' win over No. 19/RV Michigan

Co-Freshman: Colby Kneese, Penn State

▶ Tallied 13 saves in the cage and limited No. 5/5 Ohio State to just four goals in the Nittany Lions' victory

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

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

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

Mar. 21
 O: Eric Fannell, OSU Mar. 28
 D: Ben Randall, OSU O: Kyle Marr, JHU
 S: Jake Withers, OSU D: Tim Muller, UMD
 F: Tre LeClaire, OSU S: Dan Morris, UMD
F: Tre LeClaire, OSU/Mac O'Keefe, PSU

CONFERENCE LEADERS

as of 4/7/17

Statistic	Name, School	Value
Assists/Game	Matt Rambo, UMD	2.13
CT/Game	Michael Rexrode, RU	1.90
Faceoff Win %	Gerard Arceri, PSU	.675
Goals/Game	Mac O'Keefe, PSU	3.50
GAA	Tom Carey, OSU	6.77
GB/Game	Gerard Arceri, PSU	8.80
Man-Up Goals	Colin Chell, OSU	5
	Austin Shanks OSU	
	Colin Heacock, UMD	
Points/Game	Matt Rambo, UMD	4.50
Save %	Tom Carey, OSU	.579
Saves/Game	Dan Morris, UMD	11.00
Shot %	Brent Noseworthy, UM	.517

CAPS indicates national leader.

▶ **NOTES**

TEAMMATES FOR LIFE

The Nittany Lions put their team mantra of "Team-mates for Life" into action this season, as head coach **Jeff Tambroni** along with Penn State men's lacrosse alums Gary Martin and Rich Makover and faculty partner Andy Gustafson formed the team's first ever mentorship program this fall.

▶ The project has been in the works with two years, with this season's program being the first year of implementation. The mentorship program pairs current Penn State men's lacrosse student-athletes with an alumni of the program based on their career goals, majors, and geographical location.

▶ The program currently serves sophomores through seniors, with plans to expand to the freshman class in the coming academic year.

PENN STATE DEFEATS CLEVELAND STATE

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

▶ With the win two weeks ago against 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 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.

O'KEEFE TABBED B1G 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.

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 take-aways 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.

STREAKS

POINTS (Minimum five games)

Games	Player	G-A-P	Started
42	Nick Aponte	60-54-114	4/5/14
25	Grant Ament	42-52-94	2/6/16
20	Mike Sutton	28-6-34	3/8/16
10	Mac O'Keefe	35-4-39	2/4/17

GOALS

Games	Player	Goals	Started
10	Mac O'Keefe	35	2/4/17
7	Nick Aponte	13	2/18/17
6	Mike Sutton	8	3/4/17
4	Grant Ament	8	3/11/17

ASSISTS

Games	Player	Assists	Started
10	Nick Aponte	20	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
	Fairfield	10-17
	Cleveland State	17-21
	Ohio State	0-4
Lombardi	Hobart	5-7
	Cornell	10-13
	Furman	10-13
	Harvard	1-2
	Fairfield	3-4
Kreinz	Cleveland State	3-5
	Ohio State	0-2
	Ohio State	4-10
	Ohio State	0-1

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
	Harvard*	15	12	60:00
	Fairfield*	12	8	60:00
	Cleveland State*	10	7	48:32
	Ohio State*	13	4	60:00
Schreiner	Robert Morris*	3	6	21:15
	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)
	Drake Kreinz	Ohio State (4/2)

▶ 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 BIG 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.

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 players 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.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

(as of 4/3/17)

ASSISTS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Nick Aponte	19	2	2.00
Grant Ament	28	3	1.80
Ryan Keenan	94	11	1.10
Nick Spillane	121	13	0.90

CAUSED TURNOVERS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Christopher Sabia	59	5	1.20

FACEOFF WIN PERCENTAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Gerard Arceri	4	1	0.675

GOALS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Mac O'Keefe	2	1	3.50
Grant Ament	48	5	2.20

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Colby Kneese	34	5	9.99

GROUNDBALLS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Gerard Arceri	3	1	8.80

MAN-UP GOALS

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Kevin Hill	26	4	4
Mac O'Keefe	26	4	4

POINTS PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Grant Ament	23	2	4.00
Mac O'Keefe	25	3	3.90
Nick Aponte	45	5	3.40
Nick Spillane	145	18	2.30

SAVE PERCENTAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Colby Kneese	24	4	0.536

SAVES PER GAME

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Colby Kneese	32	3	10.50

SHOOTING PERCENTAGE

Player	Nat'l Rk.	Conf Rk.	Value
Grant Ament	15	4	0.468
Mac O'Keefe	50	9	0.402
Nick Spillane	66	11	0.378
Kevin Hill	68	12	0.375

CAREER VS. MARYLAND

NAME	GP-GS	G	A	P	GB	CT	F/O
G. Ament	2-2	3	1	4	3	1	-
N. Aponte	3-3	6	3	9	2	0	-
M. Aronow	3-2	1	0	1	2	1	-
T. Chambers	3-0	0	0	0	1	0	-
D. Craig	3-3	0	3	3	1	1	-
M. Donnelly	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
M. Florence	3-3	1	1	2	4	0	-
K. Fox	2-0	0	0	0	2	0	-
K. Hill	2-0	2	0	2	1	0	-
C. Isenberg	2-0	0	0	0	1	0	-
R. Keenan	3-0	1	1	2	2	0	-
D. Kreinz	2-0	0	0	0	1	0	8-23
B. Lombardi	2-0	0	0	0	4	0	10-27
T. Peck	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
B. Prestreau	2-1	0	0	0	1	0	-
C. Sabia	2-2	0	0	0	4	3	-
M. Sexton	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
N. Spillane	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
B. Stern	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
M. Sutton	3-3	7	0	7	3	0	-
T. Traynor	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	-
P. Triolo	3-3	0	0	0	2	1	-
NAME	GP-GS	MIN	GA	SV	W/L		
W. Schreiner	2-2	124:00	27	16		0-2	

▶ 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.

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.

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

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 McDonough 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.

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 Nostrand (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.



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.

▶ NOTES

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.

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 McDonough 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.

THE LAST TIME

PENN STATE...

Scored 5 or less goals	4/4/15	at #3 Maryland (5-12)
Scored 6-9 goals	4/2/17	vs. #5 Ohio State (9-4)
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	4/2/17	vs. #5 Ohio State (9-4)
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	4/2/17	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	4/2/17	vs. #5 Ohio State (9-4)
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	4/2/17	vs. #5 Ohio State (9-4)
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	4/2/17	39 vs. #5 Ohio State (9-4)
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	4/2/17	35 vs. #5 Ohio State (9-4)
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

58-40	under Jeff Tambroni
18-16	All-time at Penn State Lacrosse Field
22-11	In true road games the past four seasons

IN 2017...

7-0	at home
3-0	on the road
0-0	at neutral sites
0-0	in overtime
6-0	when leading after one quarter
2-0	when tied after one quarter
2-0	when trailing after one quarter
8-0	when leading at halftime
1-0	when trailing at halftime
1-0	when tied at halftime
10-0	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
5-0	when opponent scores first goal
7-0	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
1-0	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
1-0	when losing faceoff battle
2-0	against ranked opponents
8-0	against unranked opponents
0-0	against higher-ranked opponents
10-0	against lower-ranked opponents
2-0	when scoring less than 10 goals
8-0	when scoring 10 or more goals
3-0	when allowing less than 10 goals
7-0	when allowing 10 or more goals
1-0	on Tuesday
1-0	on Friday
7-0	on Saturday
1-0	on Sunday
9-0	on turf
6-0	playing outdoor
4-0	playing indoor
9-0	during the day
1-0	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	2	2	3	2			9
Ohio State	2	1	0	1			4
Penn State							
Maryland							
Penn State							
Johns Hopkins							
Penn State							
Rutgers							
Penn State							
Michigan							
PENN STATE	29	32	48	38			147
OPPONENTS	22	20	25	36			103

HEAD COACH JEFF TAMBRONI



SEVENTH YEAR | HOBART '92

CAREER RECORD: 167-80 (.676) | AT PENN STATE: 58-40 (.592)

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	10-0	1.000	1-0	1.000	
<i>At PSU</i>	<i>58-40</i>	<i>.676</i>	<i>23-11</i>	<i>.676</i>	

Career 167-80 .676 72-22 .766
 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	4-5	4/2/2017 (W, 9-4)
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
		Ohio State	4/2/2017
10	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	4-5	4/2/2017 (W, 9-4)
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

BRANDON STERN #36

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

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Table with columns: GAME, G, A, Pts, Sh, Up, GB, TO, CT. Rows include games at Hobart, Cornell, Villanova, Penn, Furman, Harvard, Fairfield, Cleveland State, Ohio State, Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Rutgers, Michigan.

SEASON HIGHS

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points N/A
Goals N/A
Assist N/A
Shots N/A
Ground Balls 1
Caused Turnovers 1

CAREER STATS

Table with columns: Year, GP-GS, G, A, Pts, Sh, Pct., GB, TO, CT, Pen. Shows 2016 and 2017 stats and a total row.

BARRETT SUTLEY #27

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

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Table with columns: GAME, G, A, Pts, Sh, Up, GB, TO, CT. Rows include games at Hobart, Cornell, Villanova, Penn, Furman, Harvard, Fairfield, Cleveland State, Ohio State, Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Rutgers, Michigan.

SEASON HIGHS

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

CAREER STATS

Table with columns: Year, GP-GS, G, A, Pts, Sh, Pct., GB, TO, CT, Pen. Shows 2017 stats and a total row.

MIKE SUTTON #39

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

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Table with columns: GAME, G, A, Pts, Sh, Up, GB, TO, CT. Rows include games at Hobart, Cornell, Villanova, Penn, Furman, Harvard, Fairfield, Cleveland State, Ohio State, Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Rutgers, 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
Ground Balls 5 vs. Penn (2/28/15)
Caused Turnovers 2 vs. Rutgers (4/19/15)

CAREER STATS

Table with columns: Year, GP-GS, G, A, Pts, Sh, Pct., GB, TO, CT, Pen. Shows 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 stats and a total row.

TRIPP TRAYNOR #33

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

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Table with columns: GAME, G, A, Pts, Sh, Up, GB, TO, CT. Rows include games at Hobart, Cornell, Villanova, Penn, Furman, Harvard, Fairfield, Cleveland State, Ohio State, Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Rutgers, Michigan.

SEASON HIGHS

Points -
Goals -
Assist -
Shots -
Ground Balls 4 vs Fairfield (3/17)
Caused Turnovers 1 3x, last vs. Ohio State (4/2/17)

CAREER HIGHS

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

CAREER STATS

Table with columns: Year, GP-GS, G, A, Pts, Sh, Pct., GB, TO, CT, Pen. Shows 2015, 2016, 2017 stats and a total row.

PETER TRIOLO #45

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

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Table with columns: GAME, G, A, Pts, Sh, Up, GB, TO, CT. Rows include games at Hobart, Cornell, Villanova, Penn, Furman, Harvard, Fairfield, Cleveland State, Ohio State, Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Rutgers, Michigan.

SEASON HIGHS

Points -
Goals -
Assist -
Shots 1 vs. Cleveland State (3/25)
Ground Balls 5 vs. Ohio State (4/2)
Caused Turnovers 1 3x, last vs. Cornell (2/18/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points 1 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Goals N/A
Assist 1 vs. Robert Morris (2/6/16)
Shots 1 vs. Cleveland State (3/25/17)
Ground Balls 5 2x, last vs. Ohio State (4/2/17)
Caused Turnovers 2 vs. Villanova (2/27/16)

CAREER STATS

Table with columns: Year, GP-GS, G, A, Pts, Sh, Pct., GB, TO, CT, Pen. Shows 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 stats and a total row.

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SOPHOMORE | DEFENSE | 6-0 | 185
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GAME-BY-GAME STATS

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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

Table with columns: Year, GP-GS, G, A, Pts, Sh, Pct., GB, TO, CT, Pen. Shows 2016, 2017 stats and a total row.

COMBINED STATS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	10-0	7-0	3-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	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
* Apr 02	#5 OHIO STATE	w 9-4	3172

#	PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Gw	Up	Dn	GB	Faceoff
3	O'Keefe, Mac	10	35	4	39	87	1	4	0	11	0-0
1	Ament, Grant	10	22	18	40	47	2	2	0	16	0-0
10	Aponte, Nick	10	14	20	34	47	1	1	0	21	0-0
13	Spillane, Nick	10	14	9	23	37	1	2	0	8	0-0
39	Sutton, Mike	10	13	5	18	35	1	0	0	5	0-0
5	Hill, Kevin	10	12	4	16	32	2	4	0	7	0-0
8	Florence, Matt	10	8	3	11	23	0	0	0	4	0-0
35	Craig, Dan	10	6	3	9	29	0	0	0	6	0-0
6	Keenan, Ryan	10	5	11	16	26	0	0	0	10	0-0
29	Smith, Conor	3	4	1	5	7	0	0	0	0	0-0
40	Arceri, Gerard	10	4	0	4	11	0	0	0	88	155-228
9	McEvoy, Nick	10	3	1	4	4	0	0	0	13	0-1
14	Foulds, Dylan	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0-0
38	Kreinz, Drake	10	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	16	4-10
16	Sexton, Matt	5	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	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	15	0-0
42	Nowoswiat, Jimmy	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
23	Wright, Tommy	10	1	2	3	4	0	0	0	11	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
34	Kneese, Colby	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0-0
12	Butler, Tyler	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
15	Black, Robby	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
11	Donnelly, Matt	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
31	Fox, Kevin	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	18	0-0
33	Traynor, Tripp	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0-0
2	Connellan, TJ	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0-0
43	Cardile, Nick	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0-0
45	Triolo, Peter	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	0-0
26	Fisher, Matthew	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0-0
44	Lombardi, Billy	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	32-46
7	Peck, Tanner	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0-0
20	Pearl, Hunter	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
27	Sutley, Barrett	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
37	Schaefer, Mitch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
4	Isenberg, Chris	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
22	Prestreau, Brian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Total		10	147	85	232	403	10	13	0	344	191-285
Opponents		10	103	44	147	360	0	10	0	253	94-285

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	147-403	103-360
Goals scored per game	14.70	10.30
Shot pct.	.365	.286
Shots on goal-Attempts	265-403	214-360
SOG pct.	.658	.594
Shots/Game	40.3	36.0
Assists	85	44
MAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES		
Goals-Opportunities	13-33	10-19
Conversion Percent	.394	.526
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	147	103
Man-up	13	10
Man-down	0	0
Unassisted	62	59
Overtime	0	0
Goals scored average	14.70	10.30
GROUND BALLS		
	344	253
TURNOVERS		
	132	120
CAUSED TURNOVERS		
	54	56
FACEOFFS (W-L)		
Faceoff W-L Pct.	191-285	94-285
	.670	.330
CLEARs		
Clear Pct.	130-144	154-174
	.903	.885
PENALTIES		
Number	20	34
Minutes	17:00	25:00
ATTENDANCE		
Total	9011	1542
Dates/Avg Per Date	7/1287	3/514
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T
34	Kneese, Colby	10	546:22	91	9.99	105	.536	10-0-0
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		10	600:00	103	10.30	111	.519	10-0-0
Opponents		10	600:00	147	14.70	118	.445	0-10-0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	29	32	48	38	147
Opponents	22	20	25	36	103

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	34	32	24	21	111
Opponents	30	31	32	25	118

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	77	106	126	94	403
Opponents	97	88	71	104	360

Shots on Goal	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	59	63	80	63	265
Opponents	56	52	49	57	214

BIG TEN STATS

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

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
* Apr 02	#5 OHIO STATE	w 9-4	3172

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
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SHOT STATISTICS

Goals-Shot attempts	9-39	4-35
Goals scored per game	9.00	4.00
Shot pct.	.231	.114
Shots on goal-Attempts	21-39	17-35
SOG pct.	.538	.486
Shots/Game	39.0	35.0
Assists	3	1

MAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Goals-Opportunities	0-3	0-0
Conversion Percent	.000	.000

GOAL BREAKDOWN

Total Goals	9	4
Man-up	0	0
Man-down	0	0
Unassisted	6	3
Overtime	0	0
Goals scored average	9.00	4.00

GROUND BALLS

GROUND BALLS	34	34
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TURNOVERS

TURNOVERS	12	18
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CAUSED TURNOVERS

CAUSED TURNOVERS	12	6
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FACEOFFS (W-L)

FACEOFFS (W-L)	4-17	13-17
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Faceoff W-L Pct.

Faceoff W-L Pct.	.235	.765
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CLEARS

CLEAR PCT.	19-21	16-18
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Clear Pct.

Clear Pct.	.905	.889
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PENALTIES

Number	1	4
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Minutes

Minutes	1:00	2:30
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ATTENDANCE

Total	3172	0
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Dates/Avg Per Date

Dates/Avg Per Date	1/3172	0/0
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Neutral Site #/Avg

Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	
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##	PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Gw	Up	Dn	GB	Faceoff
39	Sutton, Mike	1	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0-0
3	O'Keefe, Mac	1	1	0	1	9	0	0	0	1	0-0
1	Ament, Grant	1	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	0-0
38	Kreinz, Drake	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	4-10
35	Craig, Dan	1	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0-0
13	Spillane, Nick	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
10	Aponte, Nick	1	1	2	3	4	0	0	0	4	0-0
5	Hill, Kevin	1	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	0-0
33	Traynor, Tripp	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
34	Kneese, Colby	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0
40	Arceri, Gerard	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-4
43	Cardile, Nick	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0-0
44	Lombardi, Billy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-2
31	Fox, Kevin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
25	Sabia, Christopher	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0
23	Wright, Tommy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
9	McEvoy, Nick	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1
8	Florence, Matt	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
6	Keenan, Ryan	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	3	0-0
2	Connellan, TJ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
45	Triolo, Peter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0-0
	Total	1	9	3	12	39	1	0	0	34	4-17
	Opponents	1	4	1	5	35	0	0	0	34	13-17

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T
34	Kneese, Colby	1	60:00	4	4.00	13	.765	1-0-0
	Total	1	60:00	4	4.00	13	.765	1-0-0
	Opponents	1	60:00	9	9.00	12	.571	0-1-0

Goals by Period

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	2	2	3	2	9
Opponents	2	1	0	1	4

Saves by Period

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	6	4	2	1	13
Opponents	1	2	5	4	12

Shots by Period

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	4	11	13	11	39
Opponents	14	6	6	9	35

Shots on Goal

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Penn State	3	4	8	6	21
Opponents	8	5	2	2	17

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Overall: 10-0 Conf: 1-0 Home: 7-0 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	10-10	608	35	4	39	87	.402	57	.655	1	4	0	11	9	0	-	-	1-1.0
1	Ament, Grant	10-10	608	22	18	40	47	.468	33	.702	2	2	0	16	12	5	-	-	-
13	Spillane, Nick	10-5	303	14	9	23	37	.378	25	.676	1	2	0	8	3	1	-	-	-
10	Aponte, Nick	10-10	608	14	20	34	47	.298	31	.660	1	1	0	21	13	4	-	-	2-1.5
39	Sutton, Mike	10-5	305	13	5	18	35	.371	22	.629	1	0	0	5	11	0	-	-	2-2.0
5	Hill, Kevin	10-5	305	12	4	16	32	.375	23	.719	2	4	0	7	5	1	-	-	-
8	Florence, Matt	10-5	305	8	3	11	23	.348	12	.522	0	0	0	4	5	1	-	-	-
35	Craig, Dan	10-5	303	6	3	9	29	.207	16	.552	0	0	0	6	3	1	-	-	1-0.5
6	Keenan, Ryan	10-5	303	5	11	16	26	.192	16	.615	0	0	0	10	8	1	-	-	-
40	Arceri, Gerard	10-0	0	4	0	4	11	.364	8	.727	0	0	0	88	11	1	155-228	.680	-
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	10-0	0	3	1	4	4	.750	4	1.000	0	0	0	13	2	1	0-1	.000	-
14	Foulds, Dylan	1-0	0	1	0	1	2	.500	2	1.000	1	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
38	Kreinz, Drake	10-0	0	1	1	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	1	0	0	16	0	1	4-10	.400	2-1.5
16	Sexton, Matt	5-0	0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
23	Wright, Tommy	10-0	0	1	2	3	4	.250	3	.750	0	0	0	11	2	3	-	-	2-2.0
24	Chambers, Tyler	7-0	0	1	1	2	2	.500	1	.500	0	0	0	7	0	2	-	-	1-0.5
25	Sabia, Christopher	10-10	608	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	15	5	12	-	-	3-2.5
42	Nowoswiat, Jimmy	2-0	0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
22	Prestreau, Brian	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
4	Isenberg, Chris	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
41	Scollins, Trevor	2-0	9	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
27	Sutley, Barrett	2-0	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
20	Pearl, Hunter	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
7	Peck, Tanner	2-0	0	0	1	1	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	2	1	0	-	-	-
44	Lombardi, Billy	7-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	16	0	0	32-46	.696	-
26	Fisher, Matthew	4-0	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	6	4	2	-	-	-
45	Triolo, Peter	10-10	608	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	11	2	3	-	-	3-2.0
43	Cardile, Nick	10-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	10	3	4	-	-	-
34	Kneese, Colby	10-9	551	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	14	3	0	-	-	-
33	Traynor, Tripp	10-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	20	4	3	-	-	-
31	Fox, Kevin	10-0	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	18	4	5	-	-	1-1.0
19	Schreiner, Will	4-1	48	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
15	Black, Robby	3-0	0	0	1	1	1	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
12	Butler, Tyler	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	1-2.0
11	Donnelly, Matt	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	-	-
2	Connellan, TJ	10-10	608	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	9	3	2	-	-	-
37	Schaefer, Mitch	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
Total		10	-	147	85	232	403	.365	265	.658	10	13	0	344	132	54	191-285	.670	20-17.0
Opponents		10	-	103	44	147	360	.286	214	.594	0	10	0	253	120	56	94-285	.330	34-25.0

##	Goalie	gp-gs	min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	shots faced
34	Kneese, Colby	10-9	546:22	91	9.99	105	.536	10	0	0	334
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		10	600:00	103	10.30	111	.519	10	0	0	360
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CLEARs: Penn State -- 130-144 .903, Opponents -- 154-174 .885.
 MAN-UP OPPS: Penn State -- 13-33 .394, Opponents -- 10-19 .526.

STAT LEADERS

##	Points	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
1	Ament, Grant	10	22	18	40	47
3	O'Keefe, Mac	10	35	4	39	87
10	Aponte, Nick	10	14	20	34	47
13	Spillane, Nick	10	14	9	23	37
39	Sutton, Mike	10	13	5	18	35

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13	Spillane, Nick	10	14	9	23	37
10	Aponte, Nick	10	14	20	34	47
39	Sutton, Mike	10	13	5	18	35

##	Assists	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
10	Aponte, Nick	10	14	20	34	47
1	Ament, Grant	10	22	18	40	47
6	Keenan, Ryan	10	5	11	16	26
13	Spillane, Nick	10	14	9	23	37
39	Sutton, Mike	10	13	5	18	35

##	Ground Balls	GP	No.
40	Arceri, Gerard	10	88
10	Aponte, Nick	10	21
33	Traynor, Tripp	10	20
31	Fox, Kevin	10	18
44	Lombardi, Billy	7	16

##	Game-winning Goals	GP	No.
5	Hill, Kevin	10	2
1	Ament, Grant	10	2
10	Aponte, Nick	10	1
14	Foulds, Dylan	1	1
38	Kreinz, Drake	10	1

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

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

##	Faceoff Pct.	GP	Won	Att	Pct.
44	Lombardi, Billy	7	32	46	.696
40	Arceri, Gerard	10	155	228	.680
38	Kreinz, Drake	10	4	10	.400

##	Shots	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
3	O'Keefe, Mac	10	35	4	87	.402
1	Ament, Grant	10	22	18	47	.468
10	Aponte, Nick	10	14	20	47	.298
13	Spillane, Nick	10	14	9	37	.378
39	Sutton, Mike	10	13	5	35	.371

##	Shot Pct.	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
25	Sabia, Christopher	10	1	0	1	1.000
16	Sexton, Matt	5	1	0	1	1.000
42	Nowoswiat, Jimmy	2	1	0	1	1.000
38	Kreinz, Drake	10	1	1	1	1.000
9	McEvoy, Nick	10	3	1	4	.750

##	Shots on Goal	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG	SOG%
3	O'Keefe, Mac	10	35	4	87	57	.655
1	Ament, Grant	10	22	18	47	33	.702
10	Aponte, Nick	10	14	20	47	31	.660
13	Spillane, Nick	10	14	9	37	25	.676
5	Hill, Kevin	10	12	4	32	23	.719

##	Shots on Goal Pct.	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG	SOG%
29	Smith, Conor	3	4	1	7	7	1.000
9	McEvoy, Nick	10	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
25	Sabia, Christopher	10	1	0	1	1	1.000

##	Caused Turnovers	GP	No.
25	Sabia, Christopher	10	12
31	Fox, Kevin	10	5
1	Ament, Grant	10	5
10	Aponte, Nick	10	4
43	Cardile, Nick	10	4

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

##	Penalty Minutes	GP	No.
25	Sabia, Christopher	10	2.5
23	Wright, Tommy	10	2.0
45	Triolo, Peter	10	2.0
12	Butler, Tyler	3	2.0
39	Sutton, Mike	10	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
Apr 02, 2017	OHIO STATE	9-4	600	9	3	12	39	21	1	0	0	34	12	12	4-17	1-1.0
Penn State		147-103	6059	147	85	232	403	265	10	13	0	344	132	54	191-285	20-17.0
				103	44	147	360	214	0	10	0	253	120	56	94-285	34-25.0

TEAM PER-GAME

Games played: 10

Shots per game: 40.30; Goals per game: 14.70

Assists per game: 8.50; Points per game: 23.20

Shot pct: .365; SOG pct: .658

Faceoff W-L pct: .670; Clear pct.: 0.903

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
Apr 02, 2017	OHIO STATE	9-4	60:00	4	10.30	13	.765	1	0	0	35
Totals		147-103	600:00	103	10.30	111	.519	10	0	0	360
			600:00	147	10.30	118	.445	0	10	0	403

GAME 1 - vs. ROBERT MORRIS

Lacrosse Box Score (Final) The Automated ScoreBook

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

Table with Lacrosse Box Score (Final) details for Robert Morris vs #15 Penn State, including scores by period and totals.

Robert Morris SCORING: GOALS: TOROK-ORBAN, Adrian 2; GIBSON, Marshall 2; SCHMIDT, Matt 2; YEPPSEN, 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.

Table with Shots by period and Saves by period for both teams.

Table with Ground balls/prd and Turnovers by prd for both teams.

Table with F/O violations by prd for both teams.

Table with Faceoffs by prd for both teams.

Table with Clears by period for both teams.

Table with Extra-man opps for both teams.

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 trying 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.

By Quarters

First Quarter

Arceri kicked-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

Lacrosse Box Score (Final) The Automated ScoreBook

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

Table with Lacrosse Box Score (Final) details for #15 Penn State vs Hobart, including scores by period and totals.

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.

Table with Shots by period and Saves by period for both teams.

Table with Ground balls/prd and Turnovers by prd for both teams.

Table with F/O violations by prd for both teams.

Table with Faceoffs by prd for both teams.

Table with Clears by period for both teams.

Table with Extra-man opps for both teams.

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 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:
Weather: 14 degrees and windy

Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	3	2	4	6	15
Harvard	3	1	1	7	12

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

Saves by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	4	3	4	4	15
Harvard	2	3	4	1	10

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

Turnovers by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	6	4	3	7	20
Harvard	3	6	2	2	13

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-goal 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

Score by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	3	0	2	3	8
Penn State	1	2	4	2	9

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

Saves by period	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	3	4	3	4	14
Penn State	2	5	2	3	12

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

Turnovers by prd	1	2	3	4	Total
Fairfield	3	3	3	3	12
Penn State	1	4	5	4	14

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

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

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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

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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?

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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

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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 in 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 constrictions, 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

Paddy Cotter | The Daily Collegian | Mar. 19, 2017

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

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

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

Gary Lambrecht | US Lacrosse Magazine | Mar. 30, 2017

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

Paddy Cotter | The Daily Collegian | Mar. 30, 2017

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.

PENN STATE USES DEFENSE TO BEAT OHIO STATE, KEEP RECORD PERFECT

Gordon Brunskill | Centre Daily Times | Apr. 2, 2017

After losing every single faceoff in the first half, the Penn State men's lacrosse team picked just the right time to turn around those misfortunes.

Clinging to a one-goal lead to start the second half, Drake Kreinz won the faceoff, sprinted down the field and within eight seconds found the net.

The defense did the rest.

Thanks to a run of six straight goals, highlighted by Kreinz's sprint, No. 2 Penn State turned aside No. 5 Ohio State 9-4 Sunday night at the Penn State Lacrosse Field to open the Big Ten season.

"We just finally played a full 60-minute lacrosse game," senior defender Peter Triolo said. "We knew we had all the components to be a successful team and a top-tier team in the NCAA."

Winning the top-five showdown, coupled with No. 1 Notre Dame's loss to Syracuse on Saturday, means the Nittany Lions (10-0) could vault to the top of the national rankings Monday. They join Hofstra as the only undefeated teams remaining in Division I.

While they are trying to ignore "the noise" of the rankings, as Triolo described it, they also put on a scintillating display in front of a record 3,172 fans.

"It was definitely hard to control emotions," Triolo said. "It's a 7 o'clock game at night and you wake up in the morning and you are ready to go. I woke up at 7:30 this morning and I couldn't fall back asleep I was so excited for this game."

Eight different Nittany Lions netted goals, with two scores for Mike Sutton and one each for Kreinz, Nick Aponte, Mac O'Keefe, Nick Spillane, Dan Craig, Kevin Hill and Grant Ament.

It was the defense that made the win possible, shutting out the Buckeyes over a span of 37:23. Freshman goalkeeper Colby Kneese made 13 saves, but got a lot of help from his teammates.

"It was unbelievable," Kneese said. "We scouted three of their best players and they probably had under eight shots. When all their second guys are getting off shots from distance, that's just part of my job that I have to do."

He was tested, though, with a number of denials on high-quality Ohio State (9-2) attempts for the fewest goals allowed in a game by the Lions this season.

"He looked like he was seeing the ball very well," Penn State coach Jeff Tambroni said. "They've got some really sharp shooters on that team, so that's not an easy task. But I thought he was surrounded by a group of defenders that really just competed with a ton of heart tonight."

The decisive shutout span lasted from 10 seconds into the second quarter, when Ryan Terefenko scored to give the Buckeyes a 3-2 lead, to the 7:27 mark of the fourth quarter, when Tre Leclair scored his second goal of the game as his team trailed 8-4.

Meanwhile, Penn State was horrendous in faceoffs in the

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first half, losing all nine draws, but somehow still had a lead at intermission.

"We just kind of held our ground early in not winning any faceoffs," Tambroni said. "Credit the defense because that could have gotten out of hand early with the way they were facing off."

Then it was time for Kreinz to turn his magic, winning that opening draw and racing to his first goal of the season.

"That was a huge momentum boost for our guys," said Tambroni, whose team won just 4 of 17 draws for the night.

"We weren't going to do anything different than we started the game," Krienz said. "We just wanted to put a full game together."

The victory starts a run of the final five games of the regular season all against ranked teams, and all in the Big Ten. Three are on the road starting with a trip to No. 9 Maryland on Saturday, while only one home game remains.

The Nittany Lions could not ask for a better way to start the final stretch.

"We knew it was going to be an emotional night," Tambroni said. "I thought the atmosphere was phenomenal here tonight."

PENN STATE MEN'S LACROSSE NO. 1 IN EVERY MAJOR POLL FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

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For the first time in program history, the Penn State men's lacrosse team is No. 1 — across every major poll.

The Nittany Lions received 24 of 34 first-place votes in the Inside Lacross poll and, in the USILA Coaches poll, they received 14 of 16 such votes. In the Nike/USL poll, Penn State also remained No. 1.

The rankings were released Monday. The Nittany Lions were previously No. 2 in the first two polls.

Penn State (10-0) has already made history with its perfect start. Before this season, its best-ever beginning came in 1992 when it started 7-0.

In a lot of ways, this dream season has shocked many in the lacrosse world.

The Nittany Lions were 20-22 over the last three seasons and missed the NCAA tournament each time. Now, they've already cranked out wins against No. 6 Army, No. 9 Ohio State, No. 18 Villanova — and two other teams, Navy and Penn, receiving votes in the polls.

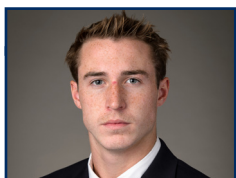
One of the key reasons for the turnaround has been Penn State's underclassmen. Freshman Mac O'Keefe is second nationally in scoring (3.5 goals per game), while sophomore Grant Ament — who's second on the team in scoring — is 15th nationally in shot percentage. He's finding the back of the net on 46.8 percent of his attempts.

The Nittany Lions have just four games left in the regular season. Their next test, against No. 8 Maryland, will take place on the road at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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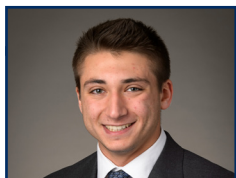
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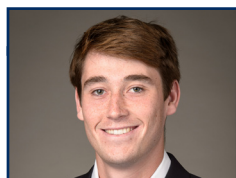
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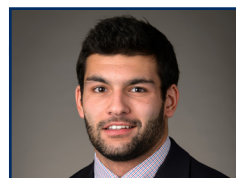
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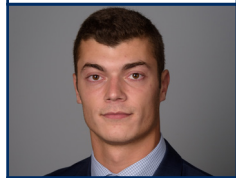
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#11 | SO. | MIDFIELD



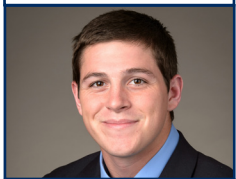
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#26 | FR. | MIDFIELD



MATT FLORENCE
#8 | RS-SR. | MIDFIELD



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#31 | SO. | DEFENSE



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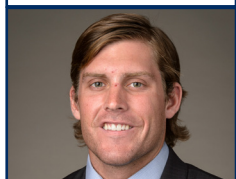
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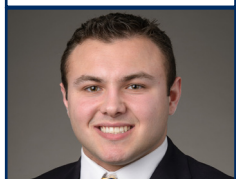
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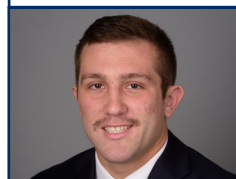
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DEAN LAMELA
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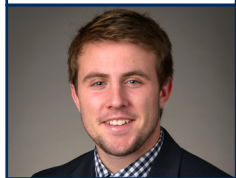
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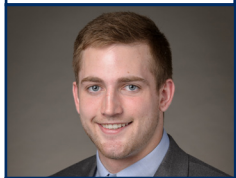
JIMMY NOWOSWIAT
#42 | SO. | ATTACK



MAC O'KEEFE
#3 | FR. | ATTACK



HUNTER PEARL
#20 | JR. | GOALIE/DEF



TANNER PECK
#7 | JR. | ATTACK



BRIAN PRESTREAU
#22 | SR. | MIDFIELD



JACK RUSBOLDT
#28 | FR. | GOALIE



CHRIS SABIA
#25 | SO. | DEFENSE



MITCH SCHAEFER
#37 | FR. | MIDFIELD



WILL SCHREINER
#19 | JR. | GOALIE



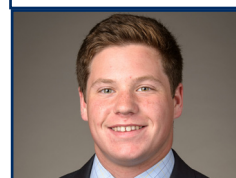
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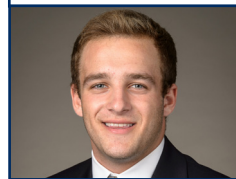
MATT SEXTON
#16 | RS-SR. | MIDFIELD



CONOR SMITH
#29 | FR. | ATTACK



NICK SPILLANE
#13 | SO. | MIDFIELD



BRANDON STERN
#36 | SO. | MIDFIELD



BARRETT SUTLEY
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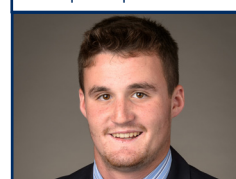
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PETER TRIOLO
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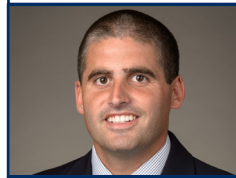
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