



PENN STATE FIELD HOCKEY 2025 GAME NOTES!

NOTES: September 24, 2025

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

#20 Penn State (4-3, 0-1 B1G)

vs. Michigan State (3-4, 0-1 B1G)

Friday, September 26, 4 p.m.

Series History: Penn State leads 39-10-0

#20 Penn State (4-3, 0-1 B1G)

at #6 Syracuse (6-2)

Sunday, Sept. 28, 12 p.m.

Series History: Penn State leads 24-7-1

2025 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

Fri. 29 at #3 Virginia L, 5-1

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 5 DELAWARE W, 3-2 (2 ot)

Sun. 7 #9 ST. JOSEPH'S W, 2-1 (ot)

Fri. 12 BUCKNELL W, 2-1

Sun. 14 KENT STATE W, 5-2

Fri. 19 at #10 Maryland* L, 1-3

Sun. 21 at Lafayette L, 2-3 (2 ot, ps)

Fri. 26 MICHIGAN STATE* 4 p.m.

Sun. 28 at #6 Syracuse 12 p.m.

OCTOBER

Fri. 3 at Michigan* 5 p.m.

Sun. 5 at Ohio State* 12 p.m.

Fri. 10 at Northwestern* 6 p.m.

Fri. 17 IOWA* 6 p.m.

Sun. 19 INDIANA* 12 p.m.

Fri. 24 at Lock Haven 3 p.m.

Sun. 26 at Princeton 12 p.m.

Fri. 31 RUTGERS* 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Thur-Sun. 6-9 2024 Big Ten Tournament TBA

Fri.-Sun. 14-16 NCAA Tournament

First/Second Rounds (site TBA) TBA

Fri-Sun. 21-23 NCAA Semifinals/Championship

(Durham, N.C.) TBA

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

THIS WEEK'S BREAKDOWN

	Penn State	MSU	SU
Overall Record	4-3	3-4	6-2
Conference Record	0-1	0-1	0-2
Goals Scored	16	18	32
Goals Per Game	2.29	2.57	4.00
Goals Allowed	16	19	9
Goals Allowed Per Game	2.29	2.71	1.12
Shots	89	96	125
Shots Per Game	12.7	13.7	15.6
Saves/Saves %	19/.543	32/.627	21/.700
Corners	47	55	46
Shutouts	0	1	1

THIS WEEK

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -- The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-3, 0-1 B1G) hosts Michigan State (3-4, 901 B1G) on Friday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m. in a B1G Network national telecast. Two days later, Penn State visits Syracuse (6-2) on Sunday, Sept. 28, for a 12 p.m. contest. Syracuse hosts Duke on Friday night while Penn State hosts Michigan State.

Penn State is coming off two tough road losses. The Nittany Lions opened up Big Ten play last Friday, falling 3-1 at Maryland. The team then ventured to Easton, Pa., and lost a hard-fought 3-2 double-overtime contest on penalty shots. Natalie Freeman and Joji Purdy lead Penn State with seven points each (both on three goals and an assist). Morgan Snyder checks in with six points off two and two. Keeper Aby Deverka has 19 saves and a 2.07 goals against average.

Michigan State will enter the week with a 3-4 mark, 0-1 in conference action. The Spartans lost to Michigan 5-0 on Friday and then dropped a 3-1 non-conference game to Miami, Ohio, on the road. The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series with the Spartans 39-10.

Syracuse, which hosts Duke Friday night while PSU hosts Michigan State, enters the weekend with a 6-2 mark. The Orange lost a hard-fought 2-1 overtime game to Wake Forest on Friday before falling to Virginia 2-1 at home. Penn State leads the all-time series 24-7-1.

The Nittany Lions hit the road for two Big Ten games next weekend. Penn State is at Michigan on Friday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. Two days later the Nittany Lions visit Ohio State on Sunday, Oct. 5, for a 12 p.m. contest.

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

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	University Park, Pa.
Founded	1855
Enrollment	47,261
Colors	Blue and White
Conference	Big Ten
Nickname	Nittany Lions
President	Dr. Neeli Bendapudi
Vice President of ICA	Dr. Patrick Kraft
Home Field	Char Morett-Curtiss Field at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex (1,086)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Lisa Bervinchak-Love (Penn State, 1989)
Career Record/Years	17-17/3rd year
Record at Penn State/Years	17-17/3rd year
Assistant Coaches	Ayla Halus-Johnson (Penn State, 2013) Amanda Dinunzio (Penn State, 2015) Ally Hammel (Boston Univ., 2019)
Dir. of Operations	Jodi Leydig

TEAM INFORMATION

2024 Record	8-9
2024 Big Ten Record	2-6
2024 Big Ten Tournament	0-0
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	17/7
Starters Returning/Lost	6/5
Newcomers	9
All-Time Record	760-314-37
All-Time Big Ten Record	151-76-1
All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record	34-22
NCAA Tournament Appearances	35
NCAA Tournament Record	27-39
NCAA Semifinal Appearances	8
NCAA Championship Game Appearances	2
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2022

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NOTES

NITTANY LIONS FALL 3-1 AT #10 MARYLAND; DROP 3-2 GAME ON PENALTY SHOTS AT LAFAYETTE

Penn State ventured out on the road for the first time in three weeks and lost two tough games on Sept. 19 and 21. The Lions fell 3-1 at No. 10 Maryland on Sept. 21 and then dropped a tough 3-2 double-overtime game on penalty strokes at Lafayette on Sept. 21.

NITTANY LION OFFENSE SURGES IN 5-2 WIN OVER VISITING KENT STATE

The Nittany Lions got goal from five different individuals in a strong 5-2 win over visiting Kent State on Sept. 14, notching their fourth straight victory. Morgan Snyder, Aubrey Semler, Joji Purdy, Ella Jennes and Natalie Freeman all scored for Penn State in the win.

PENN STATE DOWNS BUCKNELL 2-1

Penn State rode the momentum of a 2-0 halftime lead to a 2-1 victory over the Bucknell Bison on Sept. 12. Katelyn Strawser and Cooper Cutchins scored goals for the Nittany Lions and Aby Deverka tallied two saves.

PENN STATE TOPPLES NO. 9 ST. JOSEPH'S IN OVERTIME

The Penn State Nittany Lions took down No. 9 St. Joseph's 2-1 in overtime on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex. Anouk Knuvers scored in regulation and Olivia Marthins tipped in a Katelyn Strawser shot in overtime to lift the Lions to the win.

PURDY, JENNES LEAD LIONS OVER DELAWARE

Freshman Joji Purdy scored twice in regulation and Ella Jennes notched the game winner as Penn State posted a 3-2 double-overtime victory over visiting Delaware on Friday, Sept. 5.

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JENNES, KNUVERS AND MANNINO NAMED TO BIG TEN PRESEASON PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST

The Penn State veteran trio of Ella Jennes, Anouk Knuvers and Sophia Mannino have been selected to the 2025 Big Ten Field Hockey preseason Players to Watch list.

2025 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 9/22/25)

#	Team	B1G	.pct	Overall	.pct
1.	Iowa	1-0	1.000	7-1	.875
	Maryland	1-0	1.000	5-2	.714
	Michigan	1-0	1.000	5-2	.714
4.	Northwestern	0-0	.000	8-0	1.000
	Ohio State	0-0	.000	3-4	.429
	Rutgers	0-0	.000	4-4	.500
7.	Penn State	0-1	.000	4-3	.571
	Indiana	0-1	.000	4-4	.500
	Michigan State	0-1	.000	3-4	.429

NFHCA COACHES POLL (9/24/25)

Rk.	Team
1	Northwestern
2	North Carolina
3	Virginia
4	Harvard
5	Liberty
6	Syracuse
7	Duke
8	Princeton
9	Iowa
10	Maryland
11	UMass
12	Michigan
13	Wake Forest
14	Monmouth
15	St. Joseph's
16	Louisville
17	Yale
18	James Madison
19	Rutgers
20	Penn State

PRONUNCIATIONS

Aby Deverka -- deh-VERK-ah
Elise DeWan -- dee-WAHN
Ella Jennes -- ell-ah JENN-ess
Anouk Knuvers -- ah-NEWK kah-NEW-vehrs
Joji Purdy -- JOE-jee
Hannah Schreckengaust -- SHRECK-ehn-gaust

DEVERKA, KNUVERS AND STRAWSER NAMED TO NFHCA PRESEASON WATCH LIST

The Penn State trio of Aby Deverka, Anouk Knuvers and Katelyn Strawser have been named to the 2025 NFHCA Preseason Watch list.

ALLY HAMMEL JOINS NITTANY LION COACHING STAFF

Former Boston University All-American and U.S. Olympian Ally Hammel has joined the Penn State coaching staff heading into the 2025 season. She played at Boston University from 2015 through 2018. Hammel was a two-time National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) All-American, a two-time NFHCA Northeast Region Player of the Year and a two-time Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year. She joined the U.S. Women’s National Team in 2019 and competed internationally ever since. During her time with Team USA, Hammel competed in the FIH Pro League, the 2022 Pan American Cup and represented the United States in the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

B1G STAT LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL

POINTS

Natalie Freeman -- 7 -- 22nd
Joji Purdy -- 7 -- 22nd

SAVES

Aby Deverka -- 19 -- 6th

HONORS WON (2025)

ABY DEVERKA

NFHCA Preseason Watch List

ELLA JENNES

Big Ten Preseason Players to Watch

ANOUK KNUVERS

Big Ten Preseason Players to Watch
NFHCA Preseason Watch List

SOPHIA MANNINO

Big Ten Preseason Players to Watch

JOJI PURDY

Penn State Female Athlete of the Week (9/8/25)

KATELYN STRAWSER

NFHCA Preseason Watch List



HEAD COACH LISA BERVINCHAK LOVE



**LISA
BERVINCHAK LOVE**
2ND SEASON AS
HEAD COACH

31ST SEASON-OVERALL
(Penn State, 1989)

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

Bervinchak Love is entering her third season as the head coach in what will be her 32nd year on the Penn State staff. She began her Penn State coaching career in 1994, joining Morett-Curtiss' staff as an assistant coach, was eventually promoted to associate head coach, and has remained a fixture in the Penn State community since.

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

Her first season, 2023, saw Penn State finish the campaign with a 9-8 overall record, 4-4 in the Big Ten. Her team featured two All-Americans (Sophia Gladioux, first team; Mackenzie Allessie, third team) and the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year (Gladioux).

Penn State went 8-9 in her second season with a young and energetic lineup. Senior Phia Gladioux capped off her stellar career as a first team All-American and the regional Player of the Year.

"I am truly blessed and honored to be the next head coach for Penn State Field Hockey," said Bervinchak Love in February of 2023. "I want to thank Pat Kraft for giving me this opportunity and Char for all her support, mentoring and the friendship she has given me over the years. Char has been the heart and soul of this program for a long time, and I am truly grateful to have been by her side for 29 of those years. I will do my best to honor Char's legacy and the traditions of Penn State Field Hockey. We will continue to play with heart and strive to be the best both on and off the field. We Are!"

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

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

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

- * 32 NFHCA first-team All-Americans

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

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

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

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

She is married to her husband Steve Love. They have two daughters, Taylor and Kelsey.



PENN STATE FIELD HOCKEY - 2025 ROSTERS

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
1	Natalie Freeman	M/F	Jr.	Ellicott City, Md./Garrison Forest School
2	Katelyn Strawser	F	So.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
3	Lara Pyle	MF	Fr.	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia/Brisbane
4	Madison Tambroni	M	Sr.	State College, Pa./State College
5	Riley O'Donnell	M	So.	Lansdale, Pa./Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
6	Kerry O'Donnell	M	So.	Lansdale, Pa./Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
7	Joji Purdy	F/M	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy
8	Morgan Snyder	B	So.	Fleetwood, Pa./Oley Valley
9	Morgan McMenamin	F	Sr.	Lafayette Hill, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
10	Olivia Marthins	F/M	Fr.	Haddonfield, N.J./Haddonfield
11	Madison Britton	M/D	So.	West Grove, Pa./Avon Grove
12	Carly Seal	M	So.	Westampton, N.J./Rancocas Valley
13	Aby Deverka	GK	So.	Houston, Texas/The Kinkaid School
14	Maren Brady	M	Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer
15	Aubrey Semler	F	Sr.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
16	Elise DeWan	D	Jr.	Collegeville, Pa./Methacton
17	Ella Jennes	F/M	Sr.	Aerdenhout, The Netherlands/Coornert Lyceum
18	Cooper Cutchins	M/D	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy
19	Mia Clarkson	GK	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy
20	Anouk Knuvers	B	Gr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
21	Brooke Weaver	M	Fr.	Lancaster, Pa./Manheim Township
22	Emmy McCulley	F/M	Jr.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
24	Hope Russo	M/F	Fr.	Summit, N.J./Oak Knoll
26	Hadley Hoffsmith	M	Fr.	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra
31	Hannah Schreckengaust	D	So.	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos
42	Sophia Mannino	M	Sr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	EL	Hometown/High School
14	Maren Brady	M	Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer
11	Madison Britton	M/D	So.	West Grove, Pa./Avon Grove
19	Mia Clarkson	GK	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy
18	Cooper Cutchins	M/D	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy
13	Aby Deverka	GK	So.	Houston, Texas/The Kinkaid School
16	Elise DeWan	D	Jr.	Collegeville, Pa./Methacton
1	Natalie Freeman	M/F	Jr.	Ellicott City, Md./Garrison Forest School
26	Hadley Hoffsmith	M	Fr.	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra
17	Ella Jennes	F/M	Sr.	Aerdenhout, The Netherlands/Coornert Lyceum
20	Anouk Knuvers	B	Gr.	's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands/Stedelijk
42	Sophia Mannino	M	Sr.	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
10	Olivia Marthins	F/M	Fr.	Haddonfield, N.J./Haddonfield
22	Emmy McCulley	F/M	Jr.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
9	Morgan McMenamin	F	Sr.	Lafayette Hill, Pa./The Episcopal Academy
6	Kerry O'Donnell	M	So.	Lansdale, Pa./Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
5	Riley O'Donnell	M	So.	Lansdale, Pa./Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
7	Joji Purdy	F/M	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy
3	Lara Pyle	MF	Fr.	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia/Brisbane
24	Hope Russo	M/F	Fr.	Summit, N.J./Oak Knoll
31	Hannah Schreckengaust	D	So.	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos
12	Carly Seal	M	So.	Westampton, N.J./Rancocas Valley
15	Aubrey Semler	F	Sr.	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
8	Morgan Snyder	B	So.	Fleetwood, Pa./Oley Valley
2	Katelyn Strawser	F	So.	Hummelstown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
4	Madison Tambroni	M	Sr.	State College, Pa./State College
21	Brooke Weaver	M	Fr.	Lancaster, Pa./Manheim Township

Head Coach: Lisa Bervinchak Love (Penn State '89); 3rd season as head coach, 32nd overall

Assistant Coaches: Ayla Halus-Johnson (Penn State '13); 3rd season at Penn State, 5th overall

Amanda Dinunzio (Penn State '15); 5th season at Penn State, 5th overall

Ally Hammel (Boston Univ., '19); 1st season at Penn State, 1st overall

STATISTICS

Penn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 21, 2025)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-3-0	4-0-0	0-3-0	0-0-0
CONFERENCE	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-2-0	4-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATT.
08/29/2025	at Virginia	L, 5-1	473
09/05/2025	Delaware	W, 3-2	440
09/07/2025	Saint Joseph's	W, 2-1	520
09/12/2025	Bucknell	W, 2-1	569
09/14/2025	Kent St.	W, 5-2	444
* 09/19/2025	at Maryland	L, 3-1	642
09/21/2025	at Lafayette	L, 3-2	0

TEAM STATISTICS	PENN STATE	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	16-89	16-79
Goals scored per game	2.29	-
Shot pct.	.180	.203
Shots on goal-Attempts	54-89	36-79
SOG pct.	.607	.456
Shots/Game	12.7	-
CORNER KICKS	47	43
PENALTY KICKS	2-3	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	1	6
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1,973	1,115
Dates/Avg per date	4/494	3/371
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-

##	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-ATT
11	Madison Britton	7	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
18	Cooper Cutchins	7	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0-0
13	Aby Deverka	7	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
16	Elise DeWan	3	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
1	Natalie Freeman	7	3	1	7	12	.250	8	.667	0	0-0
26	Hadley Hoffsmith	2	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
17	Ella Jennes	7	2	0	4	14	.143	7	.500	1	0-1
20	Anouk Knuvers	7	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0-0
42	Sophia Mannino	7	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0-0
10	Olivia Marthins	7	1	0	2	3	.333	3	1.000	1	0-0
22	Emmy McCulley	2	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
9	Morgan McMenamin	6	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
6	Kerry O'Donnell	6	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
5	Riley O'Donnell	1	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
7	Joji Purdy	7	3	1	7	19	.158	11	.579	0	0-0
3	Lara Pyle	7	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
12	Carly Seal	7	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0-0
15	Aubrey Semler	7	1	0	2	11	.091	7	.636	1	0-0
8	Morgan Snyder	7	2	2	6	9	.222	4	.444	0	2-2
2	Katelyn Strawser	7	1	2	4	6	.167	3	.500	1	0-0
4	Madison Tambroni	6	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
21	Brooke Weaver	7	0	1	1	4	.000	4	1.000	0	0-0
Totals		7	16	8	40	89	.180	54	.607	4	2-3
Opponents		7	16	13	45	79	.203	36	.456	2	0-0

##	GOALIE	GP	MIN	GA	GA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W-L-T	SHO
13	Aby Deverka	7	462:43	16	2.07	19	.543	-	0
Totals		7	462:43	16	2.07	19	.543	-	0
Opponents		7	468:25	16	2.05	37	.698	-	0

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	2OT	TOTAL
Penn State	3	4	-	-	7
Opponents	6	0	-	-	6

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	2OT	TOTAL
Penn State	18	18	-	-	36
Opponents	24	9	-	-	33

SAVES BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	2OT	TOTAL
Penn State	6	6	-	-	12
Opponents	9	5	-	-	14

CORNERS BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	2OT	TOTAL
Penn State	10	7	-	-	17
Opponents	11	4	-	-	15

FOULS BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	2OT	TOTAL
Penn State	9	6	-	-	15
Opponents	6	9	-	-	15



#18 PENN STATE 1, #3 VIRGINIA 5
Friday, Aug. 29, 2025 -- Charlottesville, Va.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (0-1, 0-0 B1G) lost a tough non-conference game at No. 3 Virginia (1-0) in the 2025 season opener for both teams. The Nittany Lions lost 5-1 to the homestanding Cavaliers after trailing 2-1 at the half.

Virginia controlled action early in the game, pressuring the Penn State zone in the first five minutes. Penn State's defense, anchored by sophomore goalie Aby Deverka, successfully defending an early penalty corner to keep the game scoreless. Katelyn Strawser and Aubrey Semler worked the ball into the Virginia circle with just under 10:00 to play, pressuring the Cav cage for the first time. Semler rocketed a hard shot from the right side at the Cavalier keeper minutes later and Penn State picked up its first penalty corner shortly thereafter. The Nittany Lion shot off the set slipped wide left with just over 7:00 left in the period. Virginia returned the ball to Penn State's side of the field and took a 1-0 lead when Sloan Davidson scored off a penalty corner with just under 4:00 on the clock. The Cavaliers added a second goal off a corner with 1:36 on the clock with Caroline Raynes finding the back of the cage to give the home team a 2-0 lead after the first period. Penn State came out quick in the second period, forcing a penalty corner just :38 into the stanza. The Nittany Lions got on the board with Natalie Freeman scoring off a Morgan Snyder assist at 14:16. The Nittany Lions held off a Virginia press after the goal and worked the clock down under the 10:00 mark. The teams battled in the midfield over the next few minutes as Virginia maintained its one goal lead. Penn State threatened with 5:00 on the clock but a Joji Purdy shot at 4:58 hit the left post. Penn State was awarded a penalty corner on review after the play, but Snyder's shot was blocked by the Cav defense and Virginia took over possession with 4:30 left in the half. Penn State's defense held, and the Nittany Lions went into the halftime break trailing 2-1.

Virginia upped its lead to 3-1 with a goal early in the third period. The Cavaliers pressed the Nittany Lion defense through the 9:00 mark and the Lion defense held to keep the margin at two. Penn State then worked the ball into the Cavalier zone and forced a penalty corner with 6:59 on the clock and another seconds later, but Penn State's shots were blocked by the Virginia defense and the clock hit 6:30 with Penn State still trailing 3-1. Penn State withstood a Cavalier offensive burst with a under 2:00 the clock and then quickly moved the ball into the Cav circle to force another corner at :29. Aubrey Semler's shot off the Freeman pass was blocked and Penn State trailed by two after three periods. Penn State's defense held off an early Virginia burst in the fourth period but gave up a penalty corner with 12:06 on the clock. The Cavaliers upped their lead after forcing a corner with Amelie Rees scored off a penalty corner with 11:59 left to put Virginia up 4-1. Penn State eventually worked the ball into the Cav zone and forced a corner of its own, but Purdy's solid shot was blocked by the Virginia defense at 9:20. The clock ticked below the 5:00 mark with Virginia threatening the Penn State cage once more. Virginia forced a penalty corner at the 4:08 mark. Penn State's defense held, and the game continued with the Lions trailing 4-1. The home team picked up a late corer at 1:39 and another at 1:29 and a third at 1:17. The third effort proved effective for Virginia as Lauren Sloan knocked the ball past Deverka for a goal at 1:09, giving the Cavaliers the final margin of victory, 5-1.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	1	0	0	1
Virginia	2	0	1	2	5

STATS:	PSU	UVA
Shots	10	15
Corners	8	8

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: UVA – Sloan Davidson (Mia Abello); 3:43
1st: UVA – Caroline Raynes (unassisted); 1:36
2nd: PSU – Natalie Freeman (Morgan Snyder); 14:16
3rd: UVA – Suze Leemans (unassisted); 12:47
4th: UVA – Amelie Rees (Lauren Sloan); 12:01
4th: UVA – Lauren Sloan (Lauren Kenah); 1:09

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Aby Deverka	60:00	5	0
UVA: Nilou Lempers	60:00	1	5

#18 PENN STATE 3, DELAWARE 2 (2 OT)
Friday, Sept. 5, 2025 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (1-1, 0-0 B1G) downed visiting Delaware (0-3) in the home opener for head coach Lisa Berinchak Love's team. Penn State scored late in the second overtime period to post a 3-2 (2OT) win to even its record at 1-1.

Delaware threatened first, getting off two shots in the 9:00 window that Penn State goalie Aby Deverka made saves on. The Blue Hens were awarded the game's first penalty corner after the second at the 9:26 mark. Sophia Mannino blocked the ensuing shot and Penn State took over possession. The Nittany Lions moved the ball down into the Blue Hen zone, but Delaware's defense held as the clock moved to the 6:00 mark. Deverka made a kick save on a close shot at the 3:43 mark but the Hens picked up another penalty corner. Deverka made another save on the play and the game continued through the 3:00 mark in a scoreless tie. The Nittany Lions were hit with a green card early in the second period. The Lion defense fought off the player advantage to keep the game tied at 0-0. Penn State used a fast break to press Delaware goalie Gabby Prentice with Natalie Freeman nearly tipping a ball past the UD keeper. The Nittany Lions were awarded their first penalty corner on the play. Morgan Snyder's shot off the set was blocked by the Hen defense as the clock moved towards 9:00. The Nittany Lions picked up another corner at the 6:39 mark. Freshman Brooke Weaver forced a penalty corner at 2:03 with a drive from the right side of the circle. Elle Jennes' shot was blocked but Penn State maintained possession. The teams traded possessions in the final minutes of the half, and the game entered intermission tied 0-0.

Penn State held off a quick Delaware push to start the third quarter then both teams traded unsuccessful penalty corners, all in the first 4:00 of the second half. Freshman Lara Pyle nearly finished off a successful fast break at the 10:40 mark but the Hen defense held. On defense, Lion freshman Cooper Cutchins forced a turnover by the Hens at 9:25 allowing the Nittany Lions to move the ball back into the Delaware zone. Katelyn Strawser and Cutchins forced a corner at 8:34. The Nittany Lions got on the board first with Joji Purdy scoring off Morgan McMenamin's assist on a penalty corner. The Hens answered quickly, however, with Kate Fiest connecting on a penalty corner at 8:00 to tie the score at 1-1. Mannino forced another Lion corner with 2:20 left in the third. Aubrey Semler's shot off the play was blocked. Penn State had a Carly Seal goal reversed on review with 1:42 left in the period. Olivia Marthins forced another corner for the Nittany Lions at the 1:20 mark. The Lions picked up another quick corner at 1:14 but Madison Tambroni's tipped shot slipped wide and the game moved to the final period tied 1-1. Mannino forced a penalty corner at 10:34 in the fourth. Freeman's shot off the play was wide, but Penn State continued to pressure the Blue Hen defense, picking up another corner at 9:40. But the Delaware defense held off the Lions once again the game continued tied 1-1 past the 9:00 mark. A Nittany Lion turnover led to a Delaware corner at 7:30 but Penn State held off the effort. The Hens kept the ball in the Lion zone and picked up another penalty corner with 6:14 on the clock. Penn State stopped the play and eventually regained possession. After a Lion turnover, Snyder forced a Hen miscue and Penn State looked to move the ball downfield with 4:40 left. Weaver had a shot saved by Prentice at 2:40 and Freeman nearly tipped a ball past the Hen keeper as well. Purdy then knocked in a goal at 2:19 to put Penn State on top 2-1. Delaware quickly moved the ball downfield and forced a corner at 2:00. A Blue Hen goal waved off and the Lions maintained a one-goal lead. Delaware tied the game in the waning seconds with Alexa Michielsen scoring unassisted to send the game into overtime.

Overtime began with Penn State pushing the ball into the Hen zone. But Delaware forced a turnover and took possession with 8:20 on the clock. Pyle intercepted a deep pass in front of the Lion cage at 7:50 to allow the Lion defense to reset and regain the ball. The teams traded possessions as the clock moved below the 4:00 mark. Delaware drove the ball into the Penn State zone with 2:30 left. Penn State's held through the 1:00 mark until the Lions regained the ball at :35. The game moved into a second overtime period tied 2-2. Penn State pressed the UD cage early in the second overtime but could not score. Delaware returned the ball to the Lion zone and Penn State stopped the charge at 6:48. Martins had a shot at 5:06 knocked away by the UD keeper. Penn State pressured the Delaware cage and Marthins forced a corner at 3:49. Jennes' shot was blocked and Penn State picked up another corner. The Nittany Lions ended the game seconds later when Elle Jennes scored unassisted after the corner, giving Penn State the 3-2 (2OT) win with 3:33 on the clock.

Penn State outshot Delaware 16-10 and had a 12-6 edge in penalty corners. Deverka had six saves for Penn State and Prentice had four for Delaware.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	OT	OT	F
PSU	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
Delaware	0	0	1	1	0	0	2

STATS:	PSU	UD
Shots	16	10
Corners	12	10

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
3rd: PSU – Joji Purdy (Morgan McMenamin); 8:26
3rd: UD – Kate Fiest (Iris Bekker, Livia van't Hek); 8:00
4th: PSU – Joji Purdy (unassisted); 2:19
4th: UD – Alexa Michielsen (unassisted); 0:43
2OT: PSU – Elle Jennes (unassisted); 3:33

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Aby Deverka	76:27	2	6
UD: Gabby Prentice	74:27	3	4

#18 PENN STATE 2, #9 ST. JOSEPH'S 1 (OT)
Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (2-1, 0-0 B1G) toppled No. 9 St. Joseph's (2-1) in its second home game of the weekend. Penn State nabbed a 2-1 (OT) victory over the Hawks, winning its second overtime game of the weekend to improve to 2-1 on the year.

St. Joseph's pushed the ball into the Lion circle at the 14:05 mark to start the game and kept pressure on the Nittany Lion defense until Anouk Knuvers forced a turnover. St. Joseph's regained the ball and forced the game's first penalty corner at 11:31 and another at 11:25. The Penn State defense blocked both shots and the Lions regained the ball at the 11:00 mark. Sophia Mannino moved the ball into the SJU circle for a moment, but the Hawk defense held until Ella Jennes forced a corner for Penn State at 9:13. St. Joseph's keeper Paige Kieft made a stick save on Morgan Snyder's shot to keep the game scoreless with 8:58 on the clock. Penn State was awarded another corner after the play and Knuvers scored unassisted off the play to give the Nittany Lions a 1-0 lead at 8:51. Penn State gave up a green card at 5:32 and the Lions killed the player advantage to hold their lead. St. Joseph's forced a corner at 2:06 and Mannino broke up the play. St. Joseph's got on the board at the :39 mark when Ava Smith took an Alison Buffington pass and found the back of the cage to tie the game at 1-1. Penn State immediately picked up a corner with :27 on the clock. Joji Purdy and Knuvers both had shots knocked away by Kieft and the game moved to the second stanza tied 1-1. The second period began with a push by the visitors, but Penn State held off the effort and took control of the ball. Cooper Cutchins and Mannino worked the ball down the sideline, but SJU forced a turnover at 12:40. The teams battled evenly through the 10:00 mark, working in the midfield. Penn State pressured the SJU circle with 8:00 left in the half and kept the ball on the SJU side through the 5:00 mark. The Hawks regained possession and moved the ball down to the Lion side at the 4:00 mark. Penn State keeper Aby Deverka kicked aside an SJU shot at 1:40 and Penn State took control of the ball briefly, but SJU kept the ball on the Lion side of the field for the remainder of the half. Penn State's defense held, however, and the game moved to halftime tied 1-1.

The Hawks began the third period pressuring the Lion circle. Penn State's defense held off the Hawks through the 11:00 mark but SJU continued to control the ball on the Lion side of the field. The Hawks

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forced a corner with 9:57 on the clock. Deverka made the save on the ensuing shot, but SJU kept the ball. Penn State moved the ball to the SJU side with 8:30 on the clock. Cutchins worked a pass through the Hawk circle, but SJU defended the drive and the game remained tied with 7:40 left in the third period. The Hawks picked up another corner at 7:16 and the Nittany Lions defended the play. Purdy stole a pass and rocketed a shot at Kieft with 4:25 on the clock and the Hawk goalie made a slapping save to keep the game tied. The Loins got called for a green card at 3:46 but easily killed the player edge, sending the game to the final period knotted at 1-1. Penn State began the fourth period with a yellow card at 14:42, giving SJU the player advantage for 5:00. The Penn State defense worked over 3:00 off the edge before SJU got hit with a green card at 11:19. With the teams at even strength, St. Joseph's pressured the Lion circle, but the PSU defense held. Both teams hit full strength at the 9:19 mark with the game still tied at 1-1. The Hawks maintained control of the ball through the 7:00 mark but Knuvers and the Lion defense were equal to the task. St. Joseph's got hit with a yellow card at the 4:38 mark, giving the Nittany Lions a player advantage for the remainder of regulation. The teams battled in the midfield through the 2:30 mark. St. Joseph's moved into the Lion zone at 1:20 and forced a penalty corner with :57 on the clock. Penn State defended the shot and then another late shot sailed wide, sending the game to overtime.

St. Joseph's worked the ball into the Lion zone to start overtime and Penn State held, forcing a turnover at 8:20. Penn State then pushed into the Hawk circle with 7:25 on the clock but a turnover gave the ball back to SJU. Brooke Weaver's steal with 4:30 on the clock stopped a Hawk fast break and allowed Penn State to push the ball into the SJU zone. The Nittany Lions then finished off the drive with Katelyn Strawser rocketing the ball towards the Hawk cage and freshman Olivia Marthins tipping in the game-winner at the 3:34 mark in overtime, giving Penn State the 2-1 (OT) win.

Penn State outshot St. Joseph's 9-8. The Hawks had a 6-3 edge in corners. Deverka had two saves for Penn State and Kieft had four for the Hawks.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	OT1	F
PENN STATE	1	0	0	0	1	2
St. Joseph's	1	0	0	0	0	1

STATS:	PSU	SJU
Shots	9	8
Corners	3	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: PSU – Anouk Knuvers (unassisted); 8:51
1st: SJU – Ava Smith (Alison Buffington); 0:39
OT: PSU – Olivia Marthins (Katelyn Strawser); 3:34

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Aby Deverka	66:24	1	2
SJU: Paige Kieft	66:24	2	4

#17 PENN STATE 2, BUCKNELL 1

Friday, Sept. 12, 2025 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (3-1, 0-0 B1G) downed visiting Bucknell (2-3) in non-conference field hockey action Friday at Char Morett-Curtiss Field. The Nittany Lions rode a two-goal halftime lead to a 2-1 victory over the visiting Bison.

Penn State spent the first minutes of the game pushing back an early Bucknell press. The Nittany Lions worked the ball into the Bison zone at the 12:15 mark. Bucknell held off Penn State through the 10:00 mark and the game continued in a scoreless tie to the first period's midway point. Natalie Freeman made a deep drive towards the Bison cage, forcing a scramble that ended with an unassisted goal by Nittany Lion sophomore Katelyn Strawser at 7:32. Seconds later, the Nittany Lion offense pressured the Bison cage again and were awarded a penalty stroke at 6:18. Bucknell keeper Sarah Althouse made a diving save on Ella Jennes' shot to keep the score at 1-0 in Penn State's favor. The Nittany Lions forced the game's first penalty corner at 4:50 but the Bison defense blocked the PSU shot. Penn State kept pressure on Bucknell's defense, keeping the ball in the Bison zone through the 4:00 mark before Bucknell was able to break down the left sideline and move into Penn State territory. Penn State recovered and moved downfield. Brooke Weaver forced a corner at 2:35 but Penn State's ensuing shot slipped wide, and the Nittany Lions carried a 1-0 lead into the second quarter. The second period began with Penn State forcing a penalty corner at 14:27 and the Bison blocked the Lion shot that followed. The Bison moved the ball into the Penn State circle with 12:00 on the clock, forcing Anouk Knuvers and the Penn State defense into action. Knuvers stole a pass at 11:30, allowing Penn State to reset on the clear. Phi Mannino worked the ball down the sideline as Penn State pushed action into the Bison zone. The visitors held on defense and action moved past the 9:00 mark with Penn State holding a 1-0 lead. The team battled in the midfield through the 6:00 mark before Morgan McMenamin worked the ball into the Bison circle. But BU was able to regain possession. Penn State had a shot sail wide at 2:30 but the Nittany Lions maintained possession. Defender Cooper Cutchins, pushing the circle during the press sailed a shot past the Bison goalie to give Penn State a 2-0 lead at 1:51, a lead the team carried into the locker room.

The Nittany Lions began the third period by moving into Bucknell zone. Aubrey Semler fired a shot from the left side that just missed the Bison cage. Seconds later, Strawser knocked the ball towards goal and Althouse made the save, keeping the score 2-0 in Penn State's favor with 11:45 on the clock. Natalie Freeman worked the ball back into the Bison zone after the save and forced a corner at 11:09 but Bucknell held defensively. Bucknell was able to force its first penalty corner with 8:07 left in the third period. BU's Kira Leclercq fired off a shot on the play and Penn State keeper Aby Deverka kicked the ball aside to keep Penn State up by two. Bucknell forced another corner at 4:42. The Bison got off two shots on the corner but the first was blocked by the Lion defense and the second was wide. Bucknell got hit with a green card at 2:33 and Penn State quickly pushed the ball into the Bison circle. But Bucknell's defense held, and Penn State led 2-0 after three. Penn State forced a quick penalty corner and Althouse made a save on Semler's shot after a scramble, all in the first minute. Bucknell then moved action into the Nittany Lion zone, but Penn State's defense held and moved action back to the BU side with 12:00 on the clock. The Bison defense regained possession and the visitors moved downfield, forcing a corner at 10:55. Penn State blocked the next shot, but BU picked up another quick corner. Another block by PSU led to another Bison corner, and the patter (block/corner) repeated once more. This time, the Bison connected with Leclercq tipping in a Nicky Punt shot to cut

Penn State's lead to 2-1 at 10:28. Deverka made a save on a Bison shot at 9:00 to keep Penn State on top but Bucknell's offense regained the ball and pressured the Lions once more. Sophia Mannino forced a turnover at 8:25 and Penn State was able to reset on offense. The teams battled evenly until Penn State gave up a green card at 5:09. The Nittany Lions worked the player edge off and maintained their 2-1 lead through the 2:00 mark. Penn State was able to hold off the late Bucknell push and walked away with the 2-1 victory.

Penn State outshot Bucknell 10-8. Bucknell had a 6-5 edge in penalty corners. Althouse had three saves for the Bison and Deverka two for Penn State.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	BU
Shots	10	8
Corners	5	6

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME

1st: PSU – Katelyn Strawser (unassisted); 7:32
2nd: PSU – Cooper Cutchins (unassisted); 1:51
4th: BU – Kira Leclercq (Nicky Punt); 10:28

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Aby Deverka	60:00	1	2
BU: Sarah Althouse	60:00	2	3

#17 PENN STATE 5, KENT STATE 2

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025 -- University Park, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-1, 0-0 B1G) dominated visiting Kent State (1-4) in non-conference field hockey action Sunday, wrapping up a string of four straight home games. The Nittany Lions rolled to a 5-2 win over Kent State, riding the strength of 25 shots and goals from five different players.

Natalie Freeman began the game by charging into the KSU circle and forcing a penalty stroke at the 14:28 mark. Morgan Snyder knocked the penalty in, and Penn State led 1-0 early. But Kent State immediately answered back. The Flashers moved quickly into the Penn State circle. Lion keeper Aby Deverka made a save on a quick Kent State shot but Maybriitt Duwel knocked the rebound past Deverka to tie the game at 1-1 with 13:28 on the clock. Sophia Mannino rifled off a shot that KSU keeper Allison Wood saved. Penn State was awarded the game's first penalty corner afterwards. Wood made a diving save on Joji Purdy's ensuing shot and the game continued tied 1-1 at 4:45. Katelyn Strawser had a close shot kicked aside by Wood with :50 on the clock. Kent State worked the ball downfield and forced a late penalty corner with just :03 on the clock. The Penn State defense blocked two shots off the corner, and the game ended the first quarter in a 1-1 tie. Deverka made a save on a tight Flash tip at the 11:30 mark as the second period began with Kent State on offense. Penn State moved the ball into the KSU circle right after the save and Aubrey Semler had a shot just miss to the left with 11:45 on the clock. The Nittany Lions roared downfield on a fast break at 9:30 with Semler leading the charge. The Lion senior moved to the left of the cage and rocketed a backhand past Wood to give Penn State a 2-1 lead with 9:13 on the clock. The Lions kept pressure on KSU's defense. Purdy forced Wood into a save and McMenamin just missed wide on the rebound as the clock hit 8:00. The teams battled evenly for the remainder of the second period and the game went to halftime with Penn State leading 2-1.

Semler began the third period pressing the Flash cage and forcing Wood into another save. The Lions picked up a quick penalty corner at 14:15 but the KSU defense held, and the Flash moved the ball down to the Nittany Lion side of the field briefly. Elle Jennes forced a turnover and Natalie Freeman drove downfield, leading to a Lara Pyle shot that just missed left. Penn State gave up a green card at 11:37. But Penn State picked up the pressure a player down and worked action into the KSU circle. As the card expired, Freeman tapped a ball towards the cage, but Wood made a diving save to keep the score at 2-1 with 9:05 on the clock. Penn State got hit with another green card at 6:12. Purdy moved the ball into the KSU circle, however, and picked up a Lion corner with 5:42 on the clock. Snyder fed Purdy, who knocked in the goal at 5:31 to give Penn State 3-1 lead. The Nittany Lions continued to control possession and picked up another corner at 3:47. Snyder's shot was blocked on the play, but the Lions quickly forced another corner. The Flash defense held as time moved below 3:00. Penn State led 3-1 after three quarters. Kent State picked up a quick penalty corner to start the fourth, getting the call at 14:39. But Penn State called for a review and the call was reversed, giving the Nittany Lions possession. Kent State forced a turnover at 13:00 and moved into the Lion zone. Eva Usoz dribbled left to right and knocked in a goal at 12:23 to cut the Penn State lead to 3-2. Penn State nearly answered seconds later but a Mannino to Freeman play just missed the KSU cage with 10:45 left to play. Olivia Marthins and Mannino forced a corner with 9:44 on the clock and Lara Pyle forced another corner on the ensuing scramble. Penn State connected on the corner play with Jennes scoring off assists from Freeman and Strawser to give PSU a 4-2 lead at 9:27. Penn State had a fifth goal overturned on review at 6:13 but was awarded a corner. Wood made a save on Semler's shot and the Lions were awarded another corner. Kent State's defense held, and the Nittany Lions garnered another corner. The ensuing shot was wide. Kent State pulled their goalie, and the Nittany Lions quickly took advantage with Freeman finding the empty net off a Purdy pass at 5:17. Marthins forced another Lion corner with 1:38 to play. The Flash defense held and worked the ball downfield, forcing a penalty corner with :52 on the clock. Deverka made a save on the ensuing scramble and KSU picked up another corner at :19. Penn State defended the play and walked off with a 5-2 win.

The Nittany Lions outshot the Flash 25-9 and had an 11-3 edge in penalty corners. Deverka had three saves for Penn State and Wood had 11 for Kent State.

GAME RECAPS

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	1	1	1	2	5
Kent State	1	0	0	1	2

STATS:	PSU	KSU
Shots	25	9
Corners	11	3

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: PSU – Morgan Snyder (penalty stroke); 14:28
1st: KSU – Maybritt Duwel (unassisted); 13:28
2nd: PSU – Aubrey Semler (unassisted); 9:13
3rd: PSU – Joji Purdy (Morgan Snyder); 5:31
4th: KSU – Eva Usoz (unassisted); 12:23
4th: PSU – Ella Jennes (Natalie Freeman, Katelyn Strawser); 9:27
4th: PSU – Natalie Freeman (Joji Purdy); 5:17

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Aby Deverka	60:00	2	3
KSU: Allison Wood	59:34	4	11
Team	0:26	1	0

#16 PENN STATE 1, #10 MARYLAND 3
Friday, Sept. 19, 2025 -- College Park, Md.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-2, 0-1 B1G) lost a tough 3-1 game to Maryland (5-2, 1-0 B1G) in the Big Ten opener for both teams. The Nittany Lions picked up a goal from senior Sophia Mannino in the road loss in College, Park, Md.

Maryland controlled action early in the game, keeping the ball on the Penn State side for the first part of the opening period. Penn State took control of the ball at 6:30 and moved into the Maryland circle, pressing the Terrapin cage for the first time as the clock moved below the 5:00 mark. Maryland's defense held for a bit, but Penn State forced the game's first penalty corner at the 3:27 mark. The Lions did not connect on the corner and Maryland moved the ball downfield where the Terrapins picked up their first corner at 1:21. The Penn State defense blocked the ensuing shot and Maryland picked up another corner at :13. The Terrapins connected on the play with Josie Hollamon scoring at the :06 mark to carry a 1-0 lead into the second period. The Terrapins picked up an early corner to start the second period with a shot sailing wide at the 13:00 mark. Penn State fought to regain possession and briefly moved action to the Maryland side of the field, but the home team was able to regain the ball and pushed action into the Lion circle, picking up another corner with 9:55 on the clock. The Nittany Lion defense held, and Penn State worked to break through the Maryland press. Penn State cleared the ball from in front of goalie Aby Deverka and the Nittany Lion cage at 8:00 and moved into the Maryland zone. Anouk Knuffers sent a long pass into the Maryland zone at 4:10, just missing a connection with Natalie Freeman. The Nittany Lion defense pushed back on a Maryland drive with Deverka and freshman back Cooper Cutchins keeping the Terrapins from taking a 2-0 lead at 3:15. Maryland forced another corner at 2:39 and Deverka made two saves in a scramble in front of the net. Penn State was able to move the ball into the Terrapin zone in the final minute, but Maryland was able to regain the ball, worked action down to the Lion end and picked up a penalty corner with just :06 on the clock. The Penn State defense held, and the Nittany Lions trailed 1-0 at halftime.

Aubrey Semler took the ball early in the third period and pushed to the Maryland cage, reeling off a shot that forced Maryland goalie Alyssa Klebasko into making a save at 14:00. Maryland took control of the ball and worked action to the Penn State side, and the Nittany Lions gave up a green card with just over 10:00 left in the period. Maryland forced a corner at 10:01 The Lions blocked the shot and took over possession. Deverka made a nice kick save at 8:20 and the Maryland picked up a corner at 8:14, their eighth of the game. Jordyn Hollaman picked up the goal, scoring off the set play at 8:08 of the third to give the Terrapins a 2-0 lead. Maryland picked up a yellow card at 6:39. Sophia Mannino broke up another Maryland fast break with 5:18 on the clock, looking to pressure the Terrapin cage. But Maryland's defense was equal to the task and regained possession. Semler picked up a loose ball at the 1:00 mark and drove downfield but Maryland defended the fast break and Penn State trailed 2-0 after three. Penn State began the fourth period moving the ball downfield into the home zone, but Maryland quickly regained the ball and moved into the Lion circle, picking up another corner at 13:25. The Terrapin shot off the corner play was wide. Maryland had a shot sail wide at 11:45. Deverka made another save at 11:04 as Penn State worked to remain within striking distance. Morgan McMenamin briefly moved into the Terrapin circle at 9:50 but the Terps held and moved back into the Lion zone. Maryland took a 3-0 lead when Feliz Kuhne scored at 9:07. Penn State gave up a green card at 6:48 and Maryland picked up a yellow at 5:00. Nittany Lion Sophia Mannino got Penn State on the board with an unassisted goal off a strong backhand at 2:19 to cut the lead to 3-1. The Nittany Lions continued to pressure the Terrapin cage in the final minutes, but the two-goal lead held for Maryland as Penn State dropped the 3-1 contest in College Park. Maryland outshot Penn State 20-3 and had a 9-1 edge in penalty corners. Deverka had four saves for the Nittany Lions and Klebasko had one for Maryland.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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

STATS:	PSU	MD
Shots	3	20
Corners	1	9

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: MD – Josie Hollamon (Fleur Knopert); 0:06
3rd: MD – Jordyn Hollamon (Maci Bradford, Annemijn Klijnhout); 8:08
4th: MD – Feliz Kuhne (Annemijn Klijnhout); 9:07
4th: PSU – Sophia Mannino (unassisted); 2:19

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Aby Deverka	60:00	3	4
MD: Alyssa Klebasko	60:00	1	1

#16 PENN STATE 2, LAFAYETTE 3 (2OT, PS)
Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 -- Easton, Pa.

The Penn State Nittany Lion field hockey team (4-3, 0-1 B1G) played its third overtime game of the year and lost 3-2 on penalty strokes at Lafayette (5-3) in a non-conference battle. The Nittany Lions got goals from Natalie Freeman and Morgan Snyder in the close road loss on Sunday in Easton, Pa

The opening period began with Lafayette working the ball downfield quickly. Lea Good took a shot that Nittany Lion keeper Aby Deverka knocked aside for her first save of the game, less than ninety seconds into the contest. The Leopards kept pressure on Penn State and eventually took an early lead when Lena Thedrian took an assist from Good to give Lafayette a 1-0 lead at 6:23. Nittany Lion Natalie Freeman got off Penn State's first shot on goal, forcing LC keeper Raffi Fragomeni into a save at the 4:02 mark. Penn State picked up a corner with just over 3:00 left in the period but could not connect on the ensuing play. Lafayette immediately moved action down to the Nittany Lion end of the field and pressed the Penn State cage. The Lion defense held, and Penn State trailed 1-0 after the opening period. The teams battled evenly for the opening minutes of the second period, trading possessions past the 10:00 mark. Penn State tied the game at 8:56 when Natalie Freeman scored, off a Brooke Weaver assist, to knot the contest at 1-1. The Nittany Lions picked up a penalty corner late in the second period. Ella Jennes' shot was saved by Fragomeni at 1:02 and the contest moved to intermission tied at 1-1.

Lafayette opened the second half with a shot towards the Lion cage that sailed wide at the 12:15 mark. Freeman answered with a shot four minutes later, forcing Fragomeni into another save. Penn State pressured Lafayette for the next few minutes, forcing a penalty corner and then a penalty stroke at the 7:38 mark. Sophomore Morgan Snyder knocked the ball past Fragomeni on the free shot and Penn State led 2-1 midway through the third. Snyder's goal was the lone score of the third period and the Nittany Lions led by one after three. Penn State gave up a green card just :14 into the fourth period, giving Lafayette an early player advantage. But the Leopards gave up their own green card a minute later to even the sides. Nittany Lion Joji Purdy had a shot slip just wide at the 12:51 mark. The Nittany Lions forced a penalty corner at 9:58. Purdy's shot off the set was blocked by the Lafayette defense and the game continued with the Nittany Lions up by one through the 9:00 mark. Lafayette was hit with another green card at 7:49. Olivia Marthins' shot was saved by Fragomeni seconds later. Penn State picked up a penalty corner the 4:00 mark but could not connect on the play. With the game entering its final minute, Lafayette moved into the Lion circle and the Penn State defense blocked a Leopard shot. The home team was awarded a penalty corner at :43. The Leopards connected on the play with Lauren Kurek scoring at :37 to tie the game at 2-2 and send action into overtime.

Penn State had a chance to win it 4:00 into overtime but Fragomeni made a nice save on Weaver's shot to keep the game knotted at 2-2. Lafayette moved downfield after taking possession and forced a corner at 5:24. The Lion defense held on the play and action moved to the extra period's midway point. Lafayette was hit with a yellow card with just over 2:00 left in the overtime period. The first extra period ended with the score still 2-2. Penn State retained a player advantage to start the second overtime period. Mirroring the first OT period, Weaver forced Fragomeni into a save just 1:04 into the second extra stanza. Freeman's shot on the scramble missed high and the Leopards regained the ball. Lafayette moved downfield quickly and forced a penalty corner at 7:32. The Lion defense blocked the ensuing shot and Deverka made a save on a quick second shot to keep the Nittany Lions alive. Penn State moved into the Lafayette circle and Freeman had a shot blocked by the LC defense. The Nittany Lions were awarded a penalty corner at 5:05. Snyder's shot was saved by Fragomeni and the game continued on. Neither team threatened in in the final seconds and the game ended the second overtime tied 2-2, moving to penalty shots. The Leopards took an early lead in the penalty stroke session and rode that momentum to the win, 3-2 on penalty shots. Penn State outshot Lafayette 16-9 and had a 7-5 edge in corners. Deverka had two saves for Penn State while Fragomeni had nine to spark the Leopards.

GAME BREAKDOWN

SCORING:	1	2	3	4	OT1	OT2	PS	FINAL
PENN STATE	0	1	1	0	0	0	0 (1)	2
Lafayette	1	0	0	1	0	0	2 (1)	3

STATS:	PSU	LC
Shots	16	9
Corners	7	5

SCORING SUMMARY (goal/assist) – TIME
1st: LC – Lena Thedrian (Lea Good); 7:23
2nd: PSU – Natalie Freeman (Brooke Weaver); 8:56
3rd: PSU – Morgan Snyder (penalty stroke); 7:38
4th: LC – Lauren Kurek (unassisted); 0:37
PS: LC – Wins 2-0 (1 round left)

GOALKEEPERS:	MIN	GA	S
PSU: Aby Deverka	80:00	2	2
LC: Raffi Fragomeni	80:00	2	9