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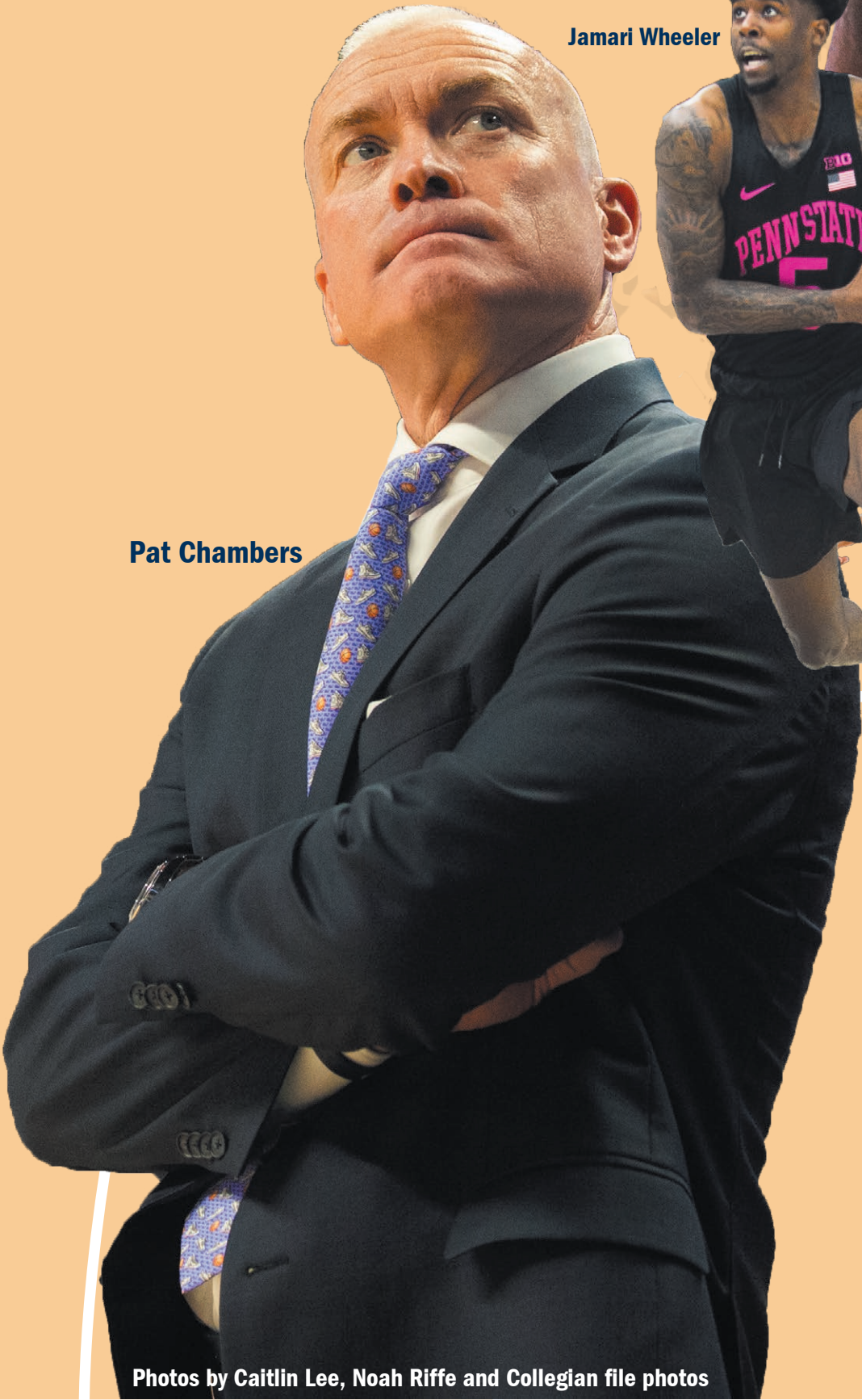
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# A ‘new era’ of Lady Lion basketball

By David Pollak  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Fans new and old have heard Penn State’s new motto since coach Carolyn Kieger took the reigns of the program. Kieger abides by the phrase, “It’s a new era for Penn State women’s basketball.” But what exactly entails that new era? For Kieger, it’s a style of hard-nosed, gritty, give-it-your-all style of basketball. Kieger made note of that after her team’s first game under the new system in the exhibition against Kutztown. “Every possession needs to be played as hard as you possibly can,” Kieger said. “I don’t think we’re grasping that yet and it’s going to take time.” Early on, Kieger accepted the fact that there were going to be some bumps in the road. In the Nittany Lions’ exhibition against the Golden Bears, they committed 27 turnovers. “I knew that if we wanted to play at the pace that we want to play, that there’s going to be some growing pains and that we’re going to turn the ball over,” Kieger said. “We’ll get after that and we’ll watch film to solve it.” However, despite the high amount of turnovers, Penn State remained consistent in sticking to the play style. The Nittany Lions’ insistence on pushing the pace for the entire game eventually took a toll on Kutztown. Kieger mentioned how her teams has grown significantly since the first day she’s stepped on campus. “We’ve gotten better in seven months but we’ve got a drastic way to go still, when it comes to effort and what it actually takes to be intense until the level that I want,” Kieger said. “That’s something that hopefully the next time you guys see us, it’ll be better and then after that, it’ll continue to get better every single game.” One player that fits this new play style is freshman guard is



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**Coach Carolyn Kieger** yells at the referee during Penn State women’s basketball’s game against Kutztown on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Bryce Jordan Center. The Lady Lions defeated the Golden Bears 64-44 in the exhibition match.

Shay Hagans. Whether it is using her speed to push the pace or her peskiness on the defensive side of the ball, she’s a true embodiment of what Kieger wants from her team. “We forced them into 32 turnovers and 16 steals, which is great,” Kieger said. “Shay gave us a spark off the bench and I’m pleased with the minutes some people gave off the bench, as well.” Prying someone away from the success and her alma mater in

Marquette certainly isn’t easy to do in any manner. The Golden Eagles made the NCAA tournament the past three seasons, including a combined record of 76-26. However, Marquette was bounced in the second round of the NCAA tournament each of the last two seasons. So why would Kieger leave a program she played for that has had consistent success and multiple trips to the NCAA tournament? According to Kieger, it’s about

the history and possessing the same values as those here at Penn State. “First and foremost, I want to be at a place that wants to be elite and win national championships,” Kieger said. “The leadership here drew me to that and to surround yourself with those on the same mission as you is something that I want to be surrounded with every single day. I want to be held to a high standard and I think Penn State women’s basketball is a place that I can do that.” While the Lady Lions have work to do, Kieger is excited for the upcoming season and has a big vision for Penn State’s future. “This is a place where we can compete and become a top-five program,” Kieger said.

“Is it going to be easy? Are we going to do it tomorrow? Absolutely not. We have the structure, we have the support, we have the people that believe it and aren’t going to stop until we get there.” Kieger has high hopes and has a message for the fans heading into the season. “The first order of business is getting the team effort better,” Kieger said. “The second order of business is filling up the BJC. So, tell your friends because it’s about to be a fun ride, so we need to pack that place and people need to jump on the bandwagon now.”

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## Kieger’s first group of guards

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With its first regular season game on Tuesday against Towson, Penn State is preparing for its first season under coach Carolyn Kieger. There are plenty of new faces who will take the floor for the Nittany Lions this season, and Kieger will have choices to make in her rotation. Here are six players who are likely to feature in Penn State’s backcourt: **Jayla James, freshman** Freshman Jayla James split her high school career between Paul VI Catholic and Riverdale Baptist High School. James contributed to two WCAC championships and a state championship at Paul VI, as well as Paul VI’s ranking as the top-ranked high school in the 2016-2017 season, and was named Most Outstanding Player as a freshman. At Riverdale Baptist, she helped the team win an independent school national championship. James was ranked 22nd in her position by the Collegiate Girls Basketball Report. **Siyeh Frazier, senior** Senior Siyeh Frazier was the team’s second option when it came to scoring with 9.9 points per game in the 2018-19 season, starting in every single game of the season. Frazier also leads the team in



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**Guard Kamaria McDaniel (5)** shoots the ball during Penn State women’s basketball’s game against Kutztown on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Bryce Jordan Center.

steals and is tied for 11th in the Big Ten, averaging 1.6 steals per game and 48 total throughout the season. Frazier althe Big Ten Sportsmanship award. Frazier’s ability to fill out the stat sheet will be invaluable to the Lady Lions efforts this season. **Kamaria McDaniel, junior** Junior Kamaria McDaniel started five games and played in all games in the 2018-19 season. McDaniel averaged 9.7 points

per game, with six double-digit efforts in a row to close out the season. McDaniel also averaged 2.8 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game and shot 75 percent from the free-throw line. McDaniel tied for 11th in rebounds per game in the Big Ten and 13th in blocked shots per game in the Big Ten. **Mya Bemby, freshman** Freshman Mya Bemby is the all-time leading scorer and rebounder for West Orange High School, with 1,718 points and 1,068 rebounds throughout her high school career. During Bemby’s senior year, she led West Orange to a 21-4 season and accumulated three Essex County Player of the Year and team MVP awards each over her sophomore to senior seasons. The 2019 Blue Star Basketball Report

ranked Bemby as the 120th player in her position in the class of 2019 and 48th in her position by the College Girls Basketball Report. **Makenna Marisa, freshman** Freshman Makenna Marisa is someone who the Lady Lions will rely on heavily this season, according to Kieger. In high school, Marisa earned all-section honors four times, was named Pittsburgh Post Gazette player of the year and Pennsylvania 6A player of the year. Marisa led Peter’s Township to a 30-0 record and its first state championship. She was No. 17 in her position and No. 58 overall by the 2019 Collegiate Girls Basketball Report, and the Blue Star Basketball report ranked Marisa No. 64 overall. **Shay Hagans, freshman** Freshman Shay Hagans was the all-time leading scorer for Osbourn Park, with 1,420 points in her career. Hagans earned both all-conference and team MVP honors for all years of her high school career, as well as being named player of the year as a junior and senior.

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**Guard Siyeh Frazier (4)** passes the ball during Penn State’s game against Kutztown on Friday, Nov. 1, at the Bryce Jordan Center.

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# LAMAR’S LEGACY

*In his final season at Penn State, Lamar Stevens looks to conquer the last stretch of a road less traveled*

**By Matt Lingerman**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Anyone who’s watched even a minute of Penn State basketball over the past three seasons knows Lamar Stevens.

At 6-foot-8, 225 pounds, he’s hard to miss not only because of his hulking figure, but also because his durability means he’s almost always on the floor and actively engaged on both ends of the floor. For a program which has yearned for a marquee player to create a winning culture, Stevens has been a model of consistency. He’s started each of Penn State’s 104 games since stepping on campus in 2016, and averages almost 33 minutes a night — meaning he’s been on the floor more than 80 percent of the time during his career at Penn State. Stevens has become an impact player at both ends of the floor with his mix of dominating size and graceful athleticism, and his name will appear in the Penn State record books long after his time in State College ends.

But when asked what it would mean to him if he surpassed Talor Battle as Penn State’s all-time leading scorer — a milestone which Stevens should hit fairly easily if his scoring numbers remain consistent with his career averages — the senior forward’s answer was blunt.

“Nothing if we don’t win,” Stevens said. “That’s my main focus. I just want us to win.”

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Chris McNesby met Stevens and his father, Lou Stevens, when Lamar was in eighth grade. At that time, Stevens was 6-foot-3 and becoming well known in the Philadelphia youth basketball circuit.

“I think wherever he was going to end up, you just saw someone that’s focused and hungry and just has a serious approach,” McNesby, who was the coach at Roman Catholic at the time, said.

Stevens spent his sophomore and junior years at Haverford School on the Main Line, during which he was named to the third- and second- PIAA Class AAAA All-State teams following his 10th and 11th grade seasons, respectively, and was teammates with Atlanta Hawks rookie Cam Redish and former Temple University standout Shizz Alston Jr.

But after Haverford’s coach left prior to Stevens’ senior campaign, he decided to transfer to Roman and spend his final high school season in the star-studded Philadelphia Catholic League.

“Going to Roman, he learned how to practice against other top notch talent,” Lou Stevens told The Daily Collegian. “And coach McNesby had won a lot, and he had a reputation and he kind of was on Lamar, and that taught him how to grow up a little... When he went to Roman, he was part of something and he learned how to be part of the team, which I think helped him grow.”

Stevens, along with fellow future Nittany Lions Tony Carr and Nazeer Bostick, helped lead the Cahillites to both a Catholic League title and state championship and was named the 2016 Philadelphia Player of the Year by the Daily News.

There was no shortage of suitors for Stevens during his recruiting process, including historically strong basketball schools like Villanova, Indiana and Maryland.

But among the offers was a unique opportunity.

Pat Chambers and Penn State not only wanted Stevens to become a Nittany Lion, but also for



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**Lamar Stevens** cuts down part of the net after the NIT Championship game against Utah on March 29, 2018.

Roman teammates Carr and Bostick to join him in Happy Valley.

As Stevens mulled over his decision with his family and coaches, McNesby pointed out to Stevens that Carr’s style of play meshed well with Stevens’, and that that success could continue at the next level.

Plus, as Lou Stevens acknowledged, Penn State gave his son the opportunity to take a prominent role from day one, and Lamar had taken a liking to Chambers.

But there was another aspect to Stevens’ decision.

“That was my vision, to come to Penn State and start my own legacy, start my own tradition,” Stevens said. “When I came here, that was my goal. I wanted to help shift the culture of Penn State basketball. I know a lot of people are big football fans, but Penn State as a group has a big fanbase, and just being able to represent the state that I’m from, represent a Philly guy like coach Chambers, at such a great school, that was always my goal.”

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Stevens enjoyed a consistent freshman campaign, but the team saw no postseason success, which remained Stevens’ goal.

“Lamar, he has always won for the most part,” Lou Stevens said. “Not always the championship, but his teams have always been successful, from Roman to AAU to ninth grade, eighth grade, he’s always done well, and he hates losing.”

During his sophomore season, Stevens cemented himself as one of the more dominant players in the conference, ranking second on the team in scoring with 15.2 points per contest and rebounds per game with 6.1 en route to earning an All-Big Ten honorable mention.

Penn State reached the NIT, and Stevens found a new gear.

He finished the season with seven consecutive double-figure scoring outings, including a game-high 28 points in the final game to lead the Nittany Lions to the program’s second NIT championship while also being named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player.

The subsequent offseason, however, saw the team lose both members of its starting backcourt — Shep Garner to graduation and Carr to the NBA Draft — and Bostick, who transferred to Saint Peter’s after playing sparingly for Penn State.

Stevens became the Nittany Lions’ unquestioned leader and most important player heading into his junior year, with eyes set on improving upon the previous season’s successes.



Collegian file Photo

**Lamar Stevens** dunks the ball against Colgate on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018.

At the same time, Penn State hired Kevin Freeman — who won the NCAA Tournament both as a player and a coach with UConn — to be an assistant coach.

A power forward himself, Freeman immediately took to Stevens.

“I remember seeing him shoot, I was peeking through a window by the weight room, and just his overall physique, he looked like an NBA player already,” Freeman told the Collegian. “His build, it just jumped off the page for me.”

Even with Stevens leading the way, Penn State got off to an 0-10 start in Big Ten play, all but ending the team’s NCAA Tournament hopes.

“It wasn’t easy,” Lou Stevens said. “But, you know what, but he never complained a lot, if I’m thinking back to it. I know he was disappointed and didn’t like the losing... He just kept looking forward and in his mind they were going to turn it around sooner or later.”

The Nittany Lions did eventually turn it around, winning seven of their final 10 conference games and even earning a first-round bye in the Big Ten tournament.

But after being bounced by Minnesota in the first game, Penn State was sent home without a postseason berth, and Stevens had a decision to make.

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Because NCAA adjusted its rules last year, Stevens was able to hire an agent during the pre-NBA Draft process as he decided whether or not he wanted to return to Penn State for his final year of collegiate eligibility.

Although he wasn’t invited to the combine, between six and eight teams had him work out and showed some interest in the power forward.

Stevens’ decision to stay, like his decision to commit to Penn State nearly four years ago, was multifaceted.

Stevens and his family wanted him to complete his education at Penn State, and as McNesby said, the opportunity to play professionally isn’t going anywhere.

But one of Stevens’ goals prior to college was to make an NCAA Tournament, and Penn State hasn’t done that since 2011.

“He still had unfinished business at Penn State,” McNesby said. “And I think he really wants to accomplish something special... Winning the NIT was great. But this is going to be something I think that will set Lamar, and coach chambers apart. Kind of like validating that whole process.”

And so for one more year, Stevens will remain that picture of consistency.

“What a powerful statement he made this summer, Lamar and his family, by returning for his senior season,” Chambers said at Big Ten media day in October. “They value an education. They value that degree. But they also have a belief in our staff, and Lamar has a belief in the guys in that locker room. It’s powerful. That’s a leader. That’s a pioneer. It’s an outlier. And for Penn State, we need guys like that.”

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Penn State, more so now than ever, will go as Lamar Stevens goes.

Stevens wants his legacy to be that of a winner, meaning that fulfilling his individual goals has a symbiotic relationship with the success of his team.

His father — who is Widener’s all-time leading scorer and a member of both the Division III Middle Atlantic Conference and Philadelphia Small College Basketball Hall of Fame — understands the impact that four years can have on a program.

He said people still remember

him from his own playing days, and for Lamar to potentially bring Penn State’s program to new heights will mean the same, but on a larger scale.

“I joke with him, ‘If you get this team to the Tournament, you know, they may have a statue of you,’” Lou said with a laugh. “It’ll be you, Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lion.”

“I think he has the hunger in himself already, to want to win and get to the NCAA Tournament, and to be considered possibly the greatest player to ever play at Penn State,” Freeman added. “I think he can become — and this is a big one now — he can become the Saquon Barkley, the Penn State basketball equivalent.”

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State is a more experienced and deeper team than it was last year, or in any season Stevens has been a part of the program.

He’s learned how to lead — whether that be pulling from the front or pushing from the back — and has embraced his role.

“I think he’s a great listener,” Freeman said. “If you ever talk to Lamar, he’s going to listen first before he responds. He listens to his teammates, he’s always absorbing, he’s always watching, he’s always wanting to get better. I think those things make him a great leader.”

Simply returning to Penn State for his final year was a choice which solidified not only his importance to the program, but the program’s importance to him. His presence alone is the difference between Penn State being an NCAA Tournament contender or not, and his decision to come back was influenced in part by his desire to get his team over that hump.

“I’ve taken great pride in representing this university that’s been great to me,” Stevens said. “I feel like I owe the fans, owe the school so much, that I want to be able to give that back to them on the court with my play, and hopefully bring success to this program.”

His teammates know that, too. “He wanted to come back and make a legacy, make a name,” senior forward Mike Watkins said. “I respect him for that, and as a team, we’re on board.”

Part of what Stevens has learned, he said, is that part of leadership is knowing when to let his teammates step up. There will be nights when Stevens’ statline doesn’t jump off the page, but if Penn State won the game, he’ll be satisfied.

From an individual perspective, this season also gives Stevens a chance to further develop his game for the next level — but not at the expense of a win.

He’s been open about working to improve his 3-point shot — he enters this season as a career 28 percent shooter from beyond the arc — but part of what sets him apart offensively is his willingness to take what defenses give him. Stevens won’t take ill-advised shots in the interest of stat-padding, because individual success to him is team success. If someone else gets hot, Stevens said he wants them to lead at that moment.

That’s a sign of leadership in and of itself.

Stevens’ style of play is somewhat old-fashioned in terms of his gifted midrange game and relentless finishing around the rim, paired with the fact that he’s allergic to complacency suggest he hasn’t yet reached his offensive ceiling.

“I come in at seven in the morning, and he’s got a full lather going,” Freeman said. “Full, all-out sweat, he’s already worked out for an hour-and-a-half, and now we have practice an hour later... How he approaches each and every day, that’s something to be said not just for a collegiate athlete, but also as a pro.”

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After an emphatic dunk or block, the North Wales, Pennsylvania, native often flexes and sometimes yells loud enough that it can be heard at the top of the Bryce Jordan Center’s first level.

Lou Stevens said he doesn’t know where that emotion comes from, and jokes that perhaps his son got it from his mother, Kim.

But it’s become a hallmark of Stevens’ on-court persona.

“He’s very competitive,” McNesby said. “He doesn’t like to lose. He wears it on his sleeve. He’s a winner. Any frustrations are because he has high expectations of himself and his teammates.”

But off the court, Stevens is laid back and calm. He answers questions thoughtfully and understands that being the face of program is about more than producing results.

“He speaks to everyone,” Freeman said. “It could be a kid running over to get an autograph, it could be one of my sons running up to him, he’s gonna take a minute to talk to you — and not just a casual conversation. He’s gonna have a deep conversation. And I’m sure it wears and tears on him, but that’s the kind of person he is and the kind of heart he has.”

Stevens’ statistics will likely be impressive come the end of his final season, but his true impact on the program won’t be quantifiable by a high points per game average or a series of double-doubles.

Instead, it will be solidified by the state of the team once he leaves after the season ends. Should he complete his goal and lead Penn State to an NCAA Tournament berth, the effect would be profound. It could attract more quality recruits and should increase the basketball fan base at a university which will always live and die by the gridiron.

And for a father who has been involved at each step of the process, it would be “like a dream.”

“He came into this school, somewhere that wasn’t the beaten path,” Lou said. “You took your own path. And you did it. So, not many people can say that, sometimes people go off and the journey is rougher than it could be and sometimes they don’t hit their goal. To say he got to the Tournament, forget making the pros or anything, you accomplished what you wanted to do. You’ve helped put this university on the map for basketball.”



# B1G Basketball Preview

By Collegian Basketball Staff  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The 2018-19 season was an eventful one for the Big Ten. The conference was at the top of the college basketball world for most of the season, sent more teams (eight) to the NCAA tournament than any other league and was represented at the Final Four by Michigan State. Big Ten play won't start until December, and while the league might not be quite as deep as last season, there is plenty of reason to be optimistic the conference will be just as competitive from top to bottom. *Let's take a look at each team's outlook heading into the season.*

## MICHIGAN M

**Head coach:** Juwan Howard (1st season)  
**Key players:** Xavier Simpson, John Teske, Isaiah Livers

**Season outlook:** The Wolverines will begin a new era this season under first-year head coach Juwan Howard who was brought in after John Beilein's departure for the Cleveland Cavaliers. After building a defensive culture Michigan, it should be interesting to see how Howard changes the game plan for the Wolverines and how he adjusts on the offensive end as well with the losses of Jordan Poole, Ignas Brazdeikis and Charles Matthews. But after coming off a 30-7 season with a sweet sixteen appearance, expectations are still there for the Wolverines to make a run at the tournament with the talents of Xavier Simpson, John Teske and returning. A key area to watch for will be Michigan's shooting from distance. Its offense has usually relied on capable wing shooters to consistently knock down jumpers but with the lack of a go to long-range scoring threat, the returning Isaish Livers will have to step up for the Wolverines to be successful.

By Justin Morganstein

## IOWA

**Head coach:** Fran McCaffery (10th season)  
**Key players:** Luke Garza, Joe Wieskamp

**Season outlook:** Iowa got off to a hot start in the 2018-19 season, posting a strong 21-6 record before falling into a bit of a rut. The Hawkeyes got into the NCAA tournament and lost in heartbreaking fashion to Tennessee in the round of 32. Two of the starters from the team a year ago aren't returning this year, most notably leading scorer Tyler Cook, but the team retains an experienced backcourt and a quality big man in Luke Garza this season. Joe Weiskamp and Jordan Bohannon could be one of the Big Ten's best guard pairings but Bohannon's status is still up in the air after a hip injury late last season required the senior to have offseason surgery, and he hasn't decided if he will try and play this year or take a medical redshirt. If Bohannon makes it back onto the court for the season, and he looks like his old self, this Iowa team could turn some heads this season. If not, there's a lot of unknown for the Hawkeyes.

By Evan Patrick



## INDIANA

**Head coach:** Archie Miller (3rd season)  
**Key players:** Devonte Green, Rob Phinisee

**Season outlook:** The Hoosiers entered the 2018-19 season as one of the most talked-about teams in the nation, thanks to the addition of Romeo Langford and the presence of Juwan Morgan. While it seems odd to suggest that Indiana will be better without either player, I do think that Archie Miller's squad will benefit from a lack of preseason hype. The Hoosiers were decimated by injuries and poor shooting a year ago, but things should flow a lot smoother this time around. Devonte Green and De'Ron Davis form a veteran core that will be the backbone of the team, while sophomore Rob Phinisee should make a leap in his second season. In addition, former top-60 recruit Jerome Hunter is finally healthy and should bring versatile scoring on the wing. Indiana might not make the NCAA tournament, but fans should feel optimistic for the program's future.

By Caleb Wilfinger

## ILLINOIS

**Head coach:** Richard Pitino (6th season)  
**Key players:** Jordan Murphy, Amir Coffey

**Season outlook:** There is a lot to love about Illinois. Last season, I wrote extensively about the potential of this team and the Illini enter this season with the most optimism surrounding the program in some time. On one hand, Illinois is coming off a 12-win season, but it returns four starters from a team that started to click after a disastrous first half of the year. Ayo Dosunmu and Trent Frazier create one of the best guard duos in the country, and Giorgi Bezhanishvili showed tremendous potential in the second half of last season. Brad Underwood's team plays a fast-paced system that is meant to create havoc on both sides of the ball. However, the Illini had numerous problems on the defensive end a season ago, ranking toward the bottom of the league in defensive efficiency and defensive effective field-goal percentage. If Illinois is to take the next step as a program, it'll have to tighten up defensively against the best of the Big Ten.

By Caleb Wilfinger

## N

**Head coach:** Fred Hoiberg (1st season)  
**Key players:** Haanif Cheatham, Matej Kavaz

**Season outlook:** There's a whole lot of new faces in Omaha and the most notable is the man in charge. Fred Hoiberg was fired by the Bulls' front office after coaching the NBA team for three full seasons, and now he's at the helm of a Nebraska program that only returns two players from a season ago — yes, the Cornhuskers lost 11 players from last year's squad. This team has lost just about everything it had from last season and is building its way back up with the addition of six, three-star recruits and five transfers.

By Evan Patrick

## NEBRASKA

**Head coach:** Matt Painter (15th season)  
**Key players:** Matt Haarms, Nojel Eastern

**Season outlook:** Replacing a backcourt which provided so much scoring in Carsen Edwards and Ryan Cline is no small task, but Matt Painter's team is built to avoid a slump following the duo's departure. Matt Haarms and Nojel Eastern, who are listed at 7-foot-3 and 6-foot-6, respectively, could give opposing offenses headaches with their reach, but both will have to step up on the offensive end to get the Boilermakers back where they want to go. If that happens, watch for Purdue — a team which shared a portion of the Big Ten regular season title and narrowly missed out on a Final Four appearance a year ago — to compete with Michigan State for the class of the Big Ten.

By Matt Linger

## PURDUE



## WISCONSIN

**Head coach:** Greg Gard (5th season)  
**Key players:** D'Mitrik Trice, Brad Davison

**Season outlook:** Unfortunately for Wisconsin, much of its offense has been depleted as both Ethan Happ and Kahlil Iverson moved on from the program. But a new core will step into their place for the 2019-20 season. D'Mitrik Trice, Brad Davison and Nate Reuvers are all returning and will look to keep Wisconsin relevant in both the conference and national scene. This very well could be the biggest challenge for coach Greg Gard in his short tenure at Wisconsin, as creating offense could be an issue that arises rather quickly.

By Justin Morganstein

## MICHIGAN STATE



**Head coach:** Chris Holtmann (2nd season)  
**Key players:** Kaleb Wesson, CJ Jackson

**Season outlook:** It could be a very rough winter in Columbus. Chris Holtmann is a hall of fame coach in my book, but there just isn't much on this roster that gets you excited. Kaleb Wesson is the most talented guy on this team, but he is hardly a volume scorer, something that this team desperately needs. Expect to see a lot of games in the 50's and a lot of empty seats at Value City Arena as the season goes along.

By Caleb Wilfinger

## OHIO STATE



**Head coach:** Mark Turgeon (9th season)  
**Key players:** Anthony Cowan, Jalen Smith

**Season outlook:** After a successful year with its young core gaining plenty of experience, Maryland will look to be a true contender in the Big Ten in the 2019-20 season. The No. 7 ranked Terps led by Mark Turgeon, have many of their stars returning this season, which includes four of the five starters from last year and its only major loss was Bruno Fernando who took his talent to the NBA draft. But Maryland despite, its unanticipated success, still failed to make a deep run in the NCAA tournament. Senior Anthony Cowan will run the offense from the backcourt while forward Jalen Smith will use his versatility to score from both the perimeter and inside in what is sure to be an explosive Terp offense.

By Justin Morganstein

## MARYLAND



# SUPERSTAR SETH

*Freshman forward Seth Lundy is already getting comparisons to Lamar Stevens, setting up a potential star career at Penn State*

By Justin Morganstein  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Coming off a disappointing season in 2018-19, Penn State has replenished its core with both offensive and defensive versatility.

And as critical as both of those aspects are, it just so happens that these elements are shown in one new piece for the Nittany Lions. Immediate comparisons have been drawn between pre-season All-Big Ten nominee Lamar Stevens and freshman forward Seth Lundy, as the pair has plenty in common, including their special combination of size, strength and athleticism.

“He reminds me a lot of me as a freshman,” Stevens said. “He can just impact the game in so many ways and he is going to be really good for us.”

But something else which is similar between the two is that Lundy attended basketball powerhouse Roman Catholic High School in the Philadelphia Catholic League, the same institution as the current Nittany Lion star Stevens.

Stevens and Lundy won the Pennsylvania PIAA Class AAAA championship in their one high school season together in 2016 with former Penn Stater players Tony Carr and Nazeer Bostick.

But even when one was a freshman and one was a senior, the two Cahillite stars formed a bond at Roman that would be rekindled years later in State College.

“The Catholic League is the best league in Philly,” Stevens said. “It prepares you to play big-time college basketball, and just playing in those environments it prepares you for times like this



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**Forward Seth Lundy (1)**, poses during Penn State’s media day at the Bryce Jordan Center on Oct. 7.

season.”

Lundy will be providing some essential size to a Penn State team which will play its fair share of physical basketball, as the Big Ten has proven to be one of the more physically demanding conferences in the country.

This will allow Pat Chambers to have the luxury this season of being able to go with different styles of lineups when bringing Lundy off the bench.

And while Lundy’s athleticism and talent excite Chambers and

the rest of the coaching staff, they know that his development into the Nittany Lions’ next cornerstone will take time, and patience will be key.

“I think Seth Lundy is in an awesome position,” Chambers said. “In years past we would have to start Seth, but now we can bring him along and be patient with him as he follows a guy like Lamar Stevens.”

But as Lundy’s game is still raw and inexperienced, his confidence, like Stevens’, is at an all-time high. The Paulsboro, New Jersey, native plans to use his big frame to his advantage all season and can do some things

for this Penn State team that could propel it to its first NCAA tournament berth since 2011.

“I feel I can play any position on the court,” Lundy said. “Coach always tells me if you get a rebound just go, and defensively I feel that I can guard the one through the five.”

His coached vouched for this statement as he has seen this with the development of his current star in Lamar Stevens

“Seth can play the guard spot and the small forward spot,” Chambers said, “so that is a luxury to have.”

Lundy also looks to add a competitive spirit to the locker room

which already has plenty of it.

His fiery mentality paired with the rest of the team’s willingness to put in the work, will present a winning atmosphere that will only get better as the experienced veterans have passed these ideas down to those who are new in the program.

“When I first came to the team I could tell the confidence was high,” Lundy said. “The guys know that we are going to be playing in March and I love to be on a team like that because in my background all I’ve done is win and I am not coming here to lose.”

With the leaders and veterans sharing the same winning goals like Stevens and Lundy, this team is poised to prove doubters wrong and compete in the Big Ten night in and night out.

Expect Lundy to start the season off with significant minutes coming off the bench, but as the year rolls along, it would not be surprising if Lundy’s versatility allows him to slide into the Penn State starting lineup and contribute big minutes as a true freshman.

But as Chambers said, they want to be patient with a talent like Lundy’s, as the 19-year-old has potential to be the future of the Penn State program.

“[Lundy] is gonna be next,” Stevens said. “He’s gonna be the next guy to step up for this program, along with Jamari and MJ, but Seth has a little bit extra of my attention just because of our history and how close we are. I try to bring it every day in practice not just for me, but for guys like Seth to make sure they’re ready.”

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# Bigar's Stars

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**ARIES** (3/21-4/19) ★★★★★ Use innate stress to push yourself a little harder than usual. You will love the end results. Once you get going, you achieve far more than you thought possible. A loved one or partner starts reflecting your energy. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

**TAURUS** (4/20-5/20) ★★★ Pressure builds to make an impression on others. What you need to recognize is that you do anyway. Work with a boss or an enthusiastic partner to complete or perfect a project. Funnel your energy into this endeavor. Tonight: Absolutely what you want.

**GEMINI** (5/21-6/20) ★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance who you care about. You wonder about the best way to handle a problem; verbalize what the issue might be. Creativity surges if you open up to a solution. Tonight: Break a pattern.

**CANCER** (6/21-7/22) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating can push your interests ahead. You could want to do something very different. Lighten up and proceed on a new path. You will gain another person's support once he or she sees the results! Tonight: Be a team.

**LEO** (7/23-8/22) ★★★★★ Be more forthright and direct in your choices. You could be met with equal clarity, which will benefit you far more than you think. With others, you could manifest a long-term goal or idea. Tonight: Off with friends.

**VIRGO** (8/23-9/22) ★★ Pace yourself. You sense a high amount of volatility and energy around you. Try to stay on course yet incorporate good ideas from others. Expenses need to be monitored tightly with so much going on right now. Tonight: Going to the gym.

**LIBRA** (9/23-10/22) ★★★★★ Your creativity remains high. No matter what occurs, you find a solution. A child, new love interest or an unusually wild idea could punctuate your day. Complete what has to be done. Tonight: Slow down gradually.

**SCORPIO** (10/23-11/21) ★★★ Pressure builds around the homefront. You might have different ideas from a friend or loved one. This energy also could be focused on a property investment. You might need some time to do research and come to a viable conclusion. Tonight: Time to be frisky.

**SAGITTARIUS** (11/22-12/21) ★★★★★ You see a lot going on around you that up until now has been close to invisible. You might think a friend is acting in an overly pushy manner. Both of you have a lot of strength and drive. Tonight: Go with spontaneity.

**CAPRICORN** (12/22-1/19) ★★★ The costs of handling a personal matter could be far greater than you anticipated. Get to the bottom of the problem before making any decisions. This issue could be coloring your outlook. Tonight: Your treat.

**AQUARIUS** (1/20-2/18) ★★★★★ Many people turn to you for various reasons. If you have a project or an important meeting, you will have to work at not being distracted by others. You seek unusual information, and it will come toward you. Tonight: As you like it.

**PISCES** (2/19-3/20) ★★★ Take your time if you feel off. A situation might not work the way you would like if you push right now. A partner or associate could be demanding. Don't respond and you could prevent an argument. Tonight: As you like it.



# Breaking down Kieger’s first batch of forwards

**By David Pollak**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

As Penn State embarks on its 2019 campaign, its roster lists just four forwards, compared to nine guards.

The Nittany Lions are coming off a 12-18 season and have a young core at the forward position with only one upperclassman.

First-year coach Carolyn Kieger will have to work without having the luxury of multiple options for the forward positions, as she does with her guards. All four listed forwards will most likely see the floor on a consistent basis for the Lady Lions.

**Alisia Smith, junior**

Smith returns as one of Penn State’s most viable scoring options in general from last season.

In Smith’s freshman season, she averaged 5.2 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. Last year, she averaged 9.5 points and a team-best 7.1 rebounds per game before suffering a season-ending injury in February.

The 6-foot-3 forward’s 7.1 rebounds per game was the 11th best in the Big Ten last season. Smith will be a key player to track throughout the season coming off that season-ending injury.

Smith will most likely play at the four for the Lady Lions and is shifty with creating space for her shot around the basket.



**Bexley Wallace (43)** gets the rebound during the Penn State women’s basketball game against Jacksonville at the Bryce Jordan Center on Sunday Dec. 2, 2018. Penn State defeated Jacksonville 80-61.

If Penn State is going to have a bounceback season in Kieger’s first year at the helm, Smith will have a large part in that.

**Lauren Ebo, sophomore**

Ebo, who saw 29 appearances in her freshman season, is the most-likely candidate to play the five for Penn State.

The 6-foot-4 forward averaged 5.7 points, 5.8 rebounds per game and shot 46.7 percent from the

field last season.

Ebo’s 5.8 rebounds per game was the second best behind Smith for Penn State in 2018.

Ebo’s experience will be beneficial for Penn State, who’s a fairly young team to begin with. With a physical conference like the Big Ten, the Lady Lions will need Ebo on the court to lock down the paint.

**Anna Camden, freshman**

Camden comes into the season as a potential breakout player for the Lady Lions.

The Downingtown, Pa. native is the all-time leading scorer at The Shipley School with 1,535 points. Over her career, she nearly averaged a double-double with 15 points and 9.4 rebounds per game.

Camden can not only score in the paint, but she possesses a jumper too and can be utilized as a stretch four for Penn State.

According to the Blue Star Basketball Report, Camden was ranked the No. 82 best player in the country and was a two-time First Team All-state honoree.

The 6-foot-3 forward adds another viable scoring option for Penn State’s bigs and can help alleviate the load off of Smith and Ebo’s shoulders.

**Bexley Wallace, sophomore**

Wallace averaged 7.5 minutes per game in the 26 appearances she made for the Nittany Lions, including two starts.

Wallace provides experience at the international level, where she represented the USA in the U16 squad for the 2015 FIBA U16 championship.

It’s likely that Wallace will

play the role of coming off the bench to give her fellow forward teammates a breather and bring a physicality aspect to the game.

If Wallace can take her experience from last season and translate that into productive minutes off the bench, it can be a welcomed boost to Penn State.

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**Forward Alisia Smith (1)** looks to take an inside shot during the game against Rutgers at the Bryce Jordan Center on Sunday Jan. 27.



**Forward Lauren Ebo (33)** gets a rebound during the women’s basketball season opener against Providence in 2018.



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