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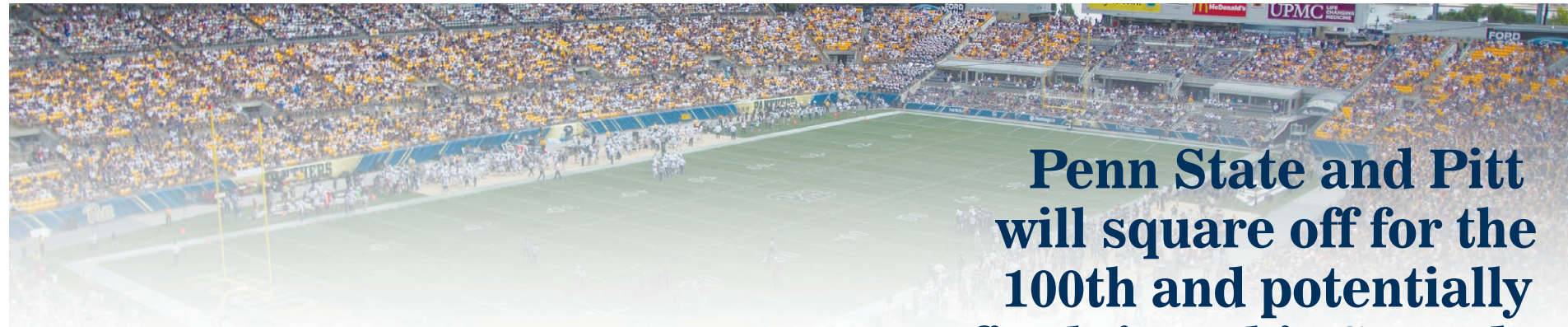
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**IS THIS THE END?**



**Penn State and Pitt  
will square off for the  
100th and potentially  
final time this Saturday  
at Beaver Stadium**

*For full coverage, see inside.*



# PENN STATE

## Nittany Lions (2-0)



No.	Name	Position/Elig.
1	KJ Hamler	WR/So.
2	Keaton Ellis	CB/Fr.
3	Donovan Johnson	CB/So.
3	Ricky Slade	RB/So.
4	Journey Brown	RB/So.
5	Tariq Castro-Fields	CB/Jr.
5	Jahan Dotson	WR/Jr.
6	Cam Brown	LB/Sr.
6	Justin Shorter	WR/So.
7	Jaquan Brisker	S/Jr.
7	Will Levis	QB/Fr.
8	John Dunmore	WR/Fr.
8	Marquis Wilson	CB/Fr.
9	Joey Porter Jr	CB/Fr.
9	Ta'Quan Roberson	QB/Fr.
10	Lance Dixon	LB/Fr.
10	TJ Jones	WR/Fr.
11	Daniel George	WR/Fr.
11	Micah Parsons	LB/So.
12	Brandon Smith	LB/Fr.
12	Mac Hippenhammer	WR/Jr.
13	Ellis Brooks	LB/So.
13	Michael Johnson Jr.	QB/Fr.
14	Sean Clifford	QB/So.
15	Michael Shuster	QB/Jr.
17	Grayson Kline	TE/Fr.
17	Garrett Taylor	S/Sr.
18	Shaka Toney	DE/Jr.
19	Trent Gordon	CB/Fr.
19	Isaac Rumery	QB/Fr.
20	Adisa Isaac	DE/Fr.
21	Noah Cain	RB/Fr.
21	Tyler Rudolph	S/Fr.
23	Weston Carr	WR/Fr.
24	DJ Brown	CB/So.
25	Daequan Hardy	CB/Fr.
26	Jonathan Sutherland	S/So.
27	Jaden Seider	S/Fr.
27	Aeneas Hawkins	DT/Fr.
28	Devyn Ford	RB/Fr.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
28	Jayson Oweh	DE/Fr.
29	Henry Fessler	WR/Fr.
29	John Reid	CB/Sr.
31	Denver Light	LB/Fr.
32	Dylan Forranto	S/Fr.
33	Corey Melzer	CB/Fr.
34	Shane Simmons	DE/Jr.
35	Justin Neff	S/So.
36	Jan Johnson	LB/Sr.
36	Makai Self	CB/Fr.
37	Drew Hartlaub	S/So.
38	Lamont Wade	CB/Jr.
39	Robbie Dwyer	LB/Fr.
40	Nick Eury	RB/Jr.
40	Jesse Luketa	LB/So.
42	Austin Sullivan	SN/Fr.
43	Trevor Baker	TE/So.
44	Joseph Appiah Darkwa	DT/Fr.
44	Cameron Pica	WR/So.
45	Charlie Katshir	LB/Fr.
46	Nick Tarburton	DE/Fr.
47	Tommy Friberg	TE/Fr.
47	Alex Furmanek	LB/Fr.
48	CJ Holmes	S/So.
49	Daniel Joseph	DE/Jr.
50	Max Chizmar	LB/So.
50	Will Knutsson	OL/Fr.
51	Hakeem Beamon	DE/Fr.
51	Dalton Daddona	OL/Fr.
52	Blake Zalar	OL/Fr.
53	Fred Hansard	DT/So.
53	Rasheed Walker	OL/Fr.
54	Robert Windsor	DT/Fr.
55	Antonio Shelton	DT/Jr.
55	Anthony Whigan	OL/Jr.
58	Evan Presta	DT/So.
59	Kaleb Kongius	OL/Fr.
62	Michal Menet	OL/Jr.
63	Collin De Boef	OL/Fr.
65	Hudson Morris	OL/Fr.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
68	Hunter Kelly	OL/Jr.
69	CJ Thorpe	OL/So.
70	Juice Scruggs	OL/Fr.
71	Will Fries	OL/Jr.
72	Bryce Effner	OL/Fr.
73	Mike Miranda	OL/So.
74	Steven Gonzalez	OL/Sr.
75	Des Holmes	OL/So.
76	Justin Kopko	OL/Fr.
77	Judge Culpepper	DT/Fr.
77	Sal Wormley	OL/Fr.
79	Caedan Wallace	OL/Fr.
80	Justin Weller	WR/So.
81	Cam Sullivan-Brown	WR/So.
82	Zack Kuntz	TE/Fr.
83	Nick Bowers	TE/Sr.
84	Benjamin Wilson	WR/Jr.
85	Isaac Lutz	WR/Jr.
86	Alec Berger	WR/Jr.
86	Brenton Strange	TE/Fr.
87	Pat Freiermuth	TE/So.
88	Dan Chisena	WR/Sr.
89	Colton Maxwell	WR/Jr.
90	Damion Barber	DT/So.
90	Rafael Checa	K/So.
91	Dvon Ellies	DT/Fr.
91	Chris Stoll	SN/So.
92	Jake Pinegar	K/So.
92	Smith Vilbert	DE/Fr.
93	Blake Gillikin	P/K/Sr.
94	Joe Calcagno	SN/So.
95	Vlad Hilling	K/Fr.
97	PJ Mustipher	DT/So.
97	Sebastain Costantini	K/P/Fr.
97	Carson Landis	K/P/So.
98	Bradley King	P/So.
98	Dan Vasey	DL/LS/So.
98	Jordan Stout	K/P/So.
99	Yetur Gross-Matos	DE/Jr.
99	Justin Tobin	K/Jr.

# Pittsburgh

## Panthers (1-1)



No.	Name	Position/Elig.
2	Maurice Ffrench	WR/Sr.
2	David Green	DL/Sr.
3	Jeff George Jr.	QB/Sr.
3	Damar Hamlin	DB/Sr.
4	Daniel Carter	RB/Fr.
4	Therran Coleman	DB/Jr.
5	Deslin Alexandre	DL/So.
5	Tre Tipton	WR/Sr.
6	Aaron Mathews	WR/Sr.
6	John Morgan	DL/Fr.
7	Jazzee Stocker	DB/Sr.
8	Calijah Kancey	DL/Fr.
8	Kenny Picket	QB/Jr.
9	Saleem Brightwell	LB/Sr.
9	Michael Smith	WR/So.
10	Keyshon Camp	DL/Jr.
10	Will Gragg	TE/Sr.
11	Dane Jackson	DB/Sr.
11	Taysir Mack	WR/Jr.
12	Paris Ford	DB/So.
12	Nick Patti	QB/Fr.
14	Will Gipson	WR/Fr.
14	Marquis Williams	DB/Fr.
15	Jason Pinnock	DB/Jr.
16	Jake Cortes	TE/Fr.
16	Nate Temple	DL/Fr.
17	Davis Beville	QB/Fr.
17	Rashad Weaver	DL/Jr.
18	Shocky Jacques-Louis	WR/So.
18	Eli Kosanovich	QB/Fr.
19	V'Lique Carter	WR/So.
20	Paris Brown	DB/Fr.
20	Wendell Davis	LB/Fr.
21	AJ Davis	RB/Jr.
21	Damarri Mathis	DB/Jr.
22	Vincent Davis	RB/Fr.
22	Brandon Hill	DB/Fr.
23	Todd Sibley Jr.	RB/So.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
23	Leslie Smith	LB/Fr.
24	Phil Campbell III	LB/Jr.
25	Kaymar Mimes	DL/Fr.
25	AJ Woods	DB/Fr.
26	Judson Tallandier	DB/Fr.
27	Bricen Garner	DB/Jr.
27	Gavin Thomson	WR/Fr.
28	Kylan Johnson	LB/Sr.
28	Kyi Wright	TE/Fr.
29	Joshua Junko	WR/Fr.
29	Albert Tucker	LB/So.
30	Brandon George	LB/Fr.
31	Erick Hallett	DB/Fr.
32	Sirvocea Dennis	LB/Fr.
34	Jacob Hunsinger	WR/Fr.
34	Amir Watts	DL/Sr.
35	Isaiah Stewart	WR/Fr.
36	Chase Pine	LB/Jr.
37	Brassir Stocker	DB/Fr.
37	Rashad Wheeler	FB/Jr.
38	Cam Bright	LB/So.
39	John Petrishen	DB/Sr.
39	Kyle Vreen	RB/Jr.
41	Jake Zilinskas	LB/Jr.
43	Elias Myers	FB/Fr.
44	Jason Collier	TE/Fr.
44	Elias Reynolds	LB/Jr.
45	Noah Palmer	DL/Fr.
46	Michael Vardzel	WR/Jr.
47	Kyle Nunn	LB/So.
48	Jackson Henry	LB/Fr.
49	Ethan Van Buskirk	P/Fr.
52	Jack Hansberry	LB/LS/Fr.
52	Kenny Rainey III	OL/So.
53	Jake Kradel	OL/Fr.
55	Chase Brown	OL/Sr.
56	Brandon Ford	OL/Jr.

No.	Name	Position/Elig.
57	Bam Brima	DL/Fr.
57	Gabe Houy	OL/So.
58	Bryce Nelms	DL/Fr.
59	Carson Van Lynn	OL/So.
60	Owen Drexel	OL/So.
61	Brian Burgess	OL/So.
66	Shane Murphy	OL/Fr.
67	Jimmy Morrissey	OL/Jr.
68	Blake Zubovic	OL/Fr.
70	Nolan Ulizio	OL/Sr.
71	Bryce Hargrove	OL/Jr.
72	Liam Dick	OL/Fr.
74	Jerry Drake Jr.	OL/So.
76	Matt Goncalves	OL/Fr.
77	Carter Warren	OL/So.
80	Cameron O'Neil	WR/Fr.
81	Jim Medure	TE/Sr.
82	Jared Wayne	WR/Fr.
83	John Vardzel	WR/Fr.
84	Grant Carrigan	TE/So.
85	Garrett Bickhart	WR/So.
86	Nakia Griffin-Stewart	TE/Sr.
87	Habakkuk Baldonado	DL/Fr.
88	Dontavious Butler-Jenkins	WR/So.
90	DeAndre Jules	DL/Fr.
91	Patrick Jones II	DL/Jr.
91	Sam Scarton	K/Fr.
92	Tyler Bentley	DL/Fr.
93	Brandon Hurst	LS/Fr.
94	Cal Adomitis	LS/Jr.
95	Devin Danielson	DL/Fr.
96	Jared Campbell	P/Fr.
96	Chris Maloney	DL/Fr.
97	Alex Kessman	K/Jr.
97	Jaylen Twyman	DL/So.
98	Kirk Christodoulou	P/So.
98	Will Connelly	K/Fr.

# PSU’s offensive outlook after two weeks

By Evan Patrick  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Going into this season, it was uncertain what to make of this Penn State offense.

A first year starting quarterback and running back, and really no proven receiving threats outside of KJ Hamler and Pat Freiermuth.

After two games, the layout of this young Penn State offense is starting to take shape and the personnel is falling into place.

### Favorite Targets

KJ Hamler is leading receiver with 177 total yards on seven receptions.

Pat Freiermuth has been the most reliable target for Clifford, catching nine total passes for 124 yards.

Young quarterbacks often find security in targeting their tight ends and Clifford is not different.

The scoring has been spread out evenly for the receiving group — Freiermuth and Hamler each have two touchdowns to their names, while Jahan Dotson has also tallied a pair.

This balanced passing attack is a good sign for the offense since

it shows that Clifford can rely on multiple guys to get open, which will be key down the road when playing against Big Ten defenses.

“We have speed at almost every position, it’s pretty cool playing with guys who are as fast as you and faster than you.” Dotson said. “The tight ends are the fastest group of tight ends I’ve seen in all my football years.”

The speed of the receivers and tight ends has been on full display in the passing game thus far.

The offense has used a handful of double-move routes to get their playmakers in space and its paying off. Clifford has utilized the pump-fake on those double move routes extremely effectively while displaying solid accuracy on deep throws.

### Passing attack vs ground game

Through two games, the distribution between running and passing plays has been very even, with a slight emphasis on the passing game.

Penn State has run the ball 67 times while passing 59, but those numbers are a bit skewed in the sense that the team has won each

of the first two games by a wide margin, which incentives the run game late.

The Nittany Lions have scored 15 total touchdowns this season, and the split between rushing and passing has been strikingly even as well, with eight rushing touchdowns and seven passing.

The balance of this offense reflects the amount of trust between each of the position groups, knowing that each can rely on the other to make plays, no matter the play call.

“I think we’ve become very familiar with each other and [with] our playing style,” Dotson said. “The biggest thing we have is the brotherhood between the running backs, quarterbacks, receivers and tight ends. Just knowing that brotherhood is there, we’re all excited.”

### Running back by committee?

So far it has largely been a running back by committee approach from the Nittany Lions’ backfield, but there’s a good chance the distribution of carries could look a little different after Ricky Slade’s recent

performances.

Slade has only gained 21 yards in the two games so far, and fumbled on the opening drive of the second half against Buffalo, just as the offense was gaining momentum.

Running backs Noah Cain, Journey Brown and Devyn Ford all have more rushing yards than the sophomore starting back, and all have as many if not more touchdowns.

“We’d love to have someone

either jump out and be dominant, or we’d love for the whole group to play at a really high level.” Franklin said. After two games, Penn State’s most consistent runner has actually been its quarterback, Sean Clifford.

But as for running backs, the carries have been distributed evenly, with Noah Cain and Journey Brown having a slight edge.

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C.J. Holmes (48) and KJ Hamler (1) do a handshake during warmups



# THE FINAL SHOWDOWN?

*Penn State and Pitt have had a long and tumultuous history, but after 99 games, will the 100th be its last?*

By Dylan Jacobs  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State students probably view these matchups with Pitt as fun.

The past two years, it's been an opportunity for them to watch dominant wins by the Nittany Lions while comparing Pittsburgh to excrement with chants and signs.

People who have watched or played in the previous 96 meetings would consider this childish.

This Saturday marks the 100th meeting between Penn State and Pitt, and even though bragging rights are on the line, the intensity won't match the installments that came before it.

"It's changed," former Penn State quarterback Todd Blackledge told The Daily Collegian. "There's no way to compare it to what it used to be. I don't know if it could ever go back to what it used to be, which I think is unfortunate."

While Blackledge played during the early 1980s — the glory days of this series — the first time these schools matched up took place nearly 90 years before that.

Penn State hosted the first matchup on Nov. 6, 1893, winning 32-0.

Penn State dominated the first 15 matchups, going 12-3.

But once 1913 came around, the Panthers began to take control. Pitt went 20-1-2 from 1913-1938.

But ask any alumni or older fans, the rivalry picked up in the late '70s.

After years of dominance by Penn State in the late-60s and early-70s, Pitt started to get better and better, setting up a stretch of epic battles that became the talk of the town.

"It was the game without question every year. It was the must-win game..." Jay Paterno told the Collegian. "The joke was if you went 1-10 and the one was against Pitt or Penn State you were okay. The intensity was really, really high."

The intensity picked up when Dan Marino arrived at Pittsburgh, which led to the Panthers winning back to back games in 1979-80, the first time they had done that since 1948-49.

That game in 1980 is one that, even today, Blackledge can't shake off.

"One of the first memories I have is a bad memory," Blackledge said. "In the 1980 game, throwing an interception to Carlton Williamson late in the game when we were driving with a chance to potentially score a go-ahead touchdown... It basically ended the game. It was a mistake that I learned from and as painful as it was, it was something I've never forgotten."

It's safe to say Penn State got retribution the following season.

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1981's installment of the series has gone down as one of the biggest games in Penn State history.

The Panther's national title hopes hung in the balance as No. 1 Pitt took on No. 11 Penn State.

With the game being played in Pittsburgh, the Panthers were the easy favorite to win.

Pitt jumped out to a 14-0 lead, and then, as they say, the rest was history.

"We had a really good football team but lost a game to Miami and another to Alabama, but we knew we were a really good team," Blackledge said. "They jumped out on us 14-0 and we were able to come back, tie it up,



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**Pat Freiermuth (87)** high-fives students after the game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.

and take control of the second half. That game will forever be in my memory."

The Nittany Lions won the game 48-14, ending Pitt's title chase, and catapulting Penn State to its own title hopes the following year.

In 1982, Penn State squeaked by with a 19-10 victory, propelling the Nittany Lions to the National Championship. That three-year stretch saw dozens of NFL-caliber — and some even Hall of Fame-caliber — talent take the field, making each game must-see TV.

"It was always a national TV game," Paterno said. "Back then there wasn't a lot of national TV games, so that told you how big it was."

The intensity didn't really falter over the next decade, with some pretty memorable moments coming from these games, including a handful of physical face-offs.

"Two of the four years we had bench-clearing brawls," Paterno said, who played for Penn State from 1986-90. "When you're a freshman and you see a bench-clearing brawl, then you got a pretty good idea that this is pretty important."

Former quarterback John Shaffer, who played for Penn State from 1983-86, remembers an incident in 1986 that he still talks about to this day. Following a touchdown by D.J. Dozier, a Pitt player pulled him back, and then all hell broke loose.

"And so the momentum of all the people that were pursuing the play, kind of ended up with a lot of pushing and shoving," Shaffer told the Collegian. "There was metal bleachers to the left of that end zone. And we were kind of in that corner with guys kind of on top of guys. And I still remember [Steve Apke and I] kind of looked up, and we're not throwing punches, we're not moving or holding whatever, and I looked up and we started laughing like, 'What are we doing here?'"

They may have not wanted to be a part of it, but the other

players certainly did, which optimizes the animosity felt between everyone throughout the entire series.

"Even though I wasn't a kid who grew up in Pennsylvania," Blackledge said, "I knew how important it was to all of our players. So many of our players knew guys on the Pitt team, in some cases went to high school with them or played against them in high school. The fact that you had two major schools in the same state play every year in the last game of the year, it was just a huge rivalry game."

Shaffer's involvement in the rivalry began long before he began his Penn State career.

"Every Thanksgiving we would drive back for Thanksgiving with our extended family, but we would watch the Penn State game," Shaffer said. "It was the Penn State games that were snowing or Tony Dorsett or Dan Marino and all those guys. They were very great games to watch, but the rivalry always had significance for me because I have so much in my family from Western Pennsylvania."

That family aspect is what made this rivalry special.

Because of all of the family ties, Jay Paterno knew that his father took this game very seriously.

"When you play somebody every year and you have as many alumni in western Pennsylvania, he understood the value and importance of the game

to the alumni base, to the players, to the program," Paterno said. "He didn't prepare for it any different, but there was definitely a sense that this game would have more emotion. When the players have more emotion, he wanted them to be absolutely sure of everything they were doing."

Penn State won't call it one now, but back in the day, it was the rivalry.

"It has always been a rivalry," Shaffer said. "In the 70s and the early 80s, it was a really aggressive, competitive rivalry, where it was pretty even I think in terms

of who won, who lost, and there was some really great games."

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With the 100th meeting coming up on Saturday, what happens next?

In short, nothing. Penn State and Pitt don't have any more meetings scheduled at the time of writing.

Before 1992, Penn State and Pitt met almost every year. And then 2001 came and everything changed.

While the Nittany Lions and Panthers met on-and-off during the previous decade, 2001 started a 16-year stretch where the two teams did not play. Many credit those years for killing the rivalry.

"The fact that they stopped playing for a long period of time really as much as anything ended what it was," Blackledge said. "At the time I thought it was as good as any rivalry game out there and I was disappointed that it ended when it did. I know what the arguments are and what the economics of it are, what the different potential reasons to end it when it did. It was nice to see it come back for four years but it's not the same. That's Penn State's loss, that's Pitt's loss and it's college football's loss."

So why did they stop? The simple answer is conference alignment. For the universities' entire histories before 1991, they were independents.

And then in that year, Pitt — who already was a part of the Big East in basketball — joined the Big East for football.

In 1993 Penn State joined the Big Ten, making a matchup between the two schools more difficult. They were able to keep the series alive sparingly in the 90s, but once 2001 came around, that ended.

It wasn't for the lack of Paterno's effort.

"My dad for years wanted to get Pitt into the Big Ten because he wanted that season-ending game in our conference," Paterno said. "But because the way the Big Ten TV network is set up, it didn't give them any more TV sets because they already had the state of Pennsylvania."

Pitt couldn't get in the Big Ten, and a conference comprised of east coast programs sparked by Paterno couldn't get off the ground. So for 16 years, the

memories of the rivalry sat in the minds of fans with no new ones coming.

Until 2016.

The rivalry was renewed when Penn State and Pitt began a four-game, home-and-home series. There was plenty of hype surrounding the matchup, and the first one lived up to it.

Pitt squeaked by with a 42-39 win at Heinz field, and fans thought it could have been the start of something special.

Many thought they only scheduled four just to see where it went, with hopefully more on the way.

And then the next two games happened.

Penn State has dominated the last two games, with a 33-14 win at Beaver Stadium in 2017, and a 51-6 rout in Pittsburgh last year.

The luster has worn away, and now the question has arisen of whether the universities even want to play these games.

Pitt definitely does.

"Of course I do, but it doesn't matter what I think," Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi told reporters this week. "I think everybody in the state of Pennsylvania that's not sitting in a football office somewhere in this state would say, 'Hey, why don't we play this game?' ... Of course, we all want to play this game."

It's easy to understand why Pitt wants to play this game. It's their Super Bowl. They've had competitive seasons, but are seldom in title contention. It's a game that gives them serious bragging rights.

But Penn State, at this point, has national title aspirations. So they're scheduling games which helps to boost a potential College Football Playoff resume.

The Nittany Lions will face three potentially top-25 teams in Virginia Tech, Auburn and West Virginia in the coming years.

"Penn State needs to schedule to put themselves in a position to win the Big Ten or win national championships," Shaffer said. "So if scheduling Pitt allows them to be successful and play for a national championship every year, so be it, but I wouldn't just put Pitt on the schedule just to renew the rivalry, simply because I think they're probably some more important teams for Penn State to play."

Still, some miss the rivalry and what could have been.

"I've done all of those rivalry games where it's two teams in the same state but different conferences, like Georgia-Georgia Tech, Clemson-South Carolina, Florida-Florida State," Blackledge, who now calls college games for ABC, said.

"I've done all three of those games multiple times and there's an intensity about all of those games that's special. In an ideal world, that's what I would love to see Pitt-Penn State be, but I don't know if that's ever going to be a realistic possibility."

What makes it difficult is the scheduling differences between the Big Ten and ACC, which makes matchups like Georgia-Georgia Tech more difficult.

"One of the things that no one's really discussed is they play eight conference games. We play nine. That factors into scheduling philosophies," Franklin said.

"That has an impact on it and I don't think there's any doubt about it... if everybody was on a level playing field, if everybody was playing eight games... that would help."

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# A COACH’S DREAM

How PJ Mustipher translated hard work into production for Penn State football

By Benjamin Ferree  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Back in high school, PJ Mustipher remembers wrestling practice.

He remembers wearing a sweatshirt and sweatpants in an 80-degree gym.

He remembers making the time sacrifice to stay after practice, the drive to just keep going even when tired.

Mustipher did this all to win that one-on-one battle on the mat.

And now, in his sophomore year as a defensive tackle at Penn State, he is still winning one-on-one battles — and sometimes even one-on-two battles.

Now that he’s traded in the high school gym for the bright lights of Beaver Stadium, it’s still his behind-the-scenes work ethic which sets Mustipher apart.

“I think he is also the guy that has the right work ethic and the right mentality,” James Franklin said about Mustipher after Penn State’s victory over Buffalo. “He is a coach’s dream in terms of making corrections and holding yourself accountable.”

Mustipher has eight tackles in two games this season, including one for a loss against Buffalo.

And although he considers his performance against Buffalo one of the best games of his young career, Mustipher — who had 14 tackles all of last season — knows what he needs to do next.

Work.  
“That’s the type of guy I am,” Mustipher said. “Whether things are going good or bad, it doesn’t matter. I’m going to give 110 percent, every rep, every play.

“I’m just going to leave it all out on the line because I know that’s what the coaches want, that’s what my teammates want and that’s what the program needs in order to be successful. I’m just going to keep getting better and I’m going to see where it takes me.”

And so far, that work has taken Mustipher to a consistent rotational spot on a deep and talented Penn State defensive line which is among one of the best in the nation.



Caitlin Lee/Collegian

**Defensive tackle PJ Mustipher (93)** attempts to bring down Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson (3) during the 2019 Citrus Bowl at Camping World Stadium on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

At times, he flies under the radar and isn’t a player that is talked about on a weekly basis or a household name to Penn State fans.

But, given the intense culture which defensive line coach Sean Spencer has instilled, that’s likely to change soon.

“There is always competition and that’s the standard in our room,” Mustipher said. “Every day you have to go out there with a purpose and an expectation of wanting to be great.

“Everybody wants to play, that’s human nature, but for us to go where we want to go, everybody has to be ready and everybody has to work for that so when the opportunity does come in the bigger games they are prepared.”

The jump that Mustipher has made from last season to this year has been impressive.

Mustipher worked hard in the weight room all throughout the offseason and is now a much stronger, more physical player for Penn State on the interior.

The Owings Mills, Maryland

native mentioned how much easier he can handle double-teams. He feels this season he has the potential to be dominant, to be disruptive, something he couldn’t do his freshman year.

“The biggest thing for me was focusing on the little things,” Mustipher said. “I went outside and would hit the one-man sled, hit the sled in the weight room.

“For me it was all about repetition and getting as many reps in the offseason as I could so when the season and camp came around I was prepared and that muscle memory really started to kick in.”

And this change in Mustipher hasn’t gone unnoticed by his teammates. In fact, it’s impressed them.

“You know, the jump that P has taken from last year to this year, is like really cool to see,” fellow defensive tackle Antonio Shelton said. “Because first of all, it’s very hard to play as a true freshman, as a defensive tackle at this school and in this conference.

“So I think what P is, he took

his work ethic to a whole other level in the summer and the spring,” Shelton continued. “His effort is consistent. He’s going to play a hundred miles an hour from the snap to the whistle.”

And when you are known as a guy who will play at 100 miles an hour every play, it’s not hard to see why Franklin is a fan of the young lineman.

But Mustipher’s journey to this point hasn’t come without challenges and struggles.

This work ethic that has made Mustipher “a coach’s dream” didn’t just happen overnight, it was something built throughout his life.

“When you play really good, and you see the success happening, that makes you hungry, but when you don’t have that success it just makes you even more hungry,” Mustipher said. “So I think the trials and tribulations through life have helped me to work hard and maintain that focus and allow me to see that if I work hard the blessings will continue to happen so I just never let

off the gas pedal.”

A big part of this hunger that Mustipher has to get better — to be the best — comes from his family.

His father, Sam, played football at West Virginia, while his older brother, also named Sam, was an offensive lineman for Notre Dame from 2014-18.

But one of the other reason’s Mustipher has been so successful so quickly at Penn State is his ability to learn and his commitment.

Mustipher talked about the adjustments he had to make having a defensive playbook when he first arrived at Penn State and also his approach to practice.

“What I developed this year is my practice habits going out in high school for practice wasn’t really practice,” Mustipher said. “Here you have to practice every single day, no matter if it’s a walk through or not you’ve got to get the mental reps.

“Just knowing that I’ve got to give it all I’ve got every practice no matter what, how I’m feeling going into it.”

But just because Mustipher has this high level of hard work and dedication doesn’t mean that he doesn’t have a fun side.

Shelton said he gels with everyone on the team and described him as “a jolly dude, he’s like Santa Claus.” Shelton also said he always hears Mustipher before he sees him.

And as Mustipher continues to work, he is only going to get more dangerous.

Every day he learns something new and draws on old memories to motivate himself to be the best he can be every day.

And for that reason, Mustipher is going to be as familiar of a name as Yetur Gross-Matos for Penn State fans.

“He’s a guy we have a lot of confidence and a lot of belief in,” Franklin said. “He really approaches things the right way. He has a very humble approach.

“He just works too hard not to be successful.”

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MY VIEW | BENJAMIN FERREE

## PSU needs to sustain drives

With 3:16 left in the first quarter on Saturday, Buffalo started its fourth drive of the game at its own 16-yard line.



Caitlin Lee/Collegian

The Bulls concluded this drive with a field goal and gave the ball back to the Penn State with 9:42 left in the second quarter.

The Bulls ran a 19 play, 69 yard drive that took 8:34 off the clock.

This one drive was longer than Penn State’s entire time of possession in the first half.

The Nittany Lions’ offense has had a lack of drives this season and it’s something that should be concerning.

Their longest drive this season from a time perspective is 5:51 which occurred in garbage time against Idaho, an FCS opponent that is nowhere near as talented or on the same level as Penn State.

Against Buffalo, the longest drive the Nittany Lions put together was 2:39 and it resulted in a punt.

Penn State’s longest scoring drive was 1:54.

And even when looking at it in a plays perspective it’s not much better.

The most plays Penn State ran in a single drive against Buffalo was seven and that was on the 1:54 drive that ended in a field goal.

In their game against the Vandals, Penn State was on the field for a 14-play drive, but once again it was in garbage time when none of the starters were playing.

Penn State’s starting offense has yet to put together a drive that takes multiple plays and takes multiple minutes off the clock.

But what is the big deal with them not putting together long sustained drives?

I mean Penn State is 2-0 this season and have scored 124 points in those two games which the second most points scored in school history in the first two games.

The one big negative to not putting together drives is that

you are never going to win the time of possession battle.

And that was Buffalo’s plan and why it looked poised to upset Penn State. The Nittany Lions offense only had the ball for 17:28 of the 60 minutes on Saturday.

It’s very hard to get into a rhythm when you barely touch the ball and only run 46 offensive plays.

And a big reason why they haven’t run many plays is that the Nittany Lions offense has scored those points by being explosive, not consistent.

“I thought that we were able to get some explosive plays,” James Franklin said after Saturday’s game.

“I thought the inconsistency still stayed there, we just became more explosive in the second half.”

“We had a lot of big plays, touchdowns, one-play drives which puts our defense in a tough spot because they have to go right back on the field.”

And Franklin is absolutely correct, the Penn State offense didn’t all of a sudden play perfect football in the second half against Buffalo, it just got explosive.

Let’s look at Penn State’s offensive touchdowns on Saturday.

The first one was a 28-yard pass, the second was a 23-yard pass, the third was a two-yard run which was set-up by a 58-yard pass, there was another 28-yard pass, then a 56-yard pass.

Every single one, except for Noah Cain’s rush, was on a play for more than 20-yards.

And Cain’s touchdown was set-up by a huge play.

And don’t get me wrong, explosiveness by an offense isn’t a bad thing, it’s just that Penn State can’t rely on explosive plays.

As the Nittany Lions run into tougher competition, it won’t be able to count on 50-yard plus pass plays to win games.

At some point, Penn State’s will need a long drive, not only for themselves, but also for the defense.

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**Wide receiver KJ Hamler (1), wide receiver Jahan Dotson (5) and linebacker Micah Parsons (11)** celebrate after Dotson scored the first touchdown of the game against Buffalo at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 7.

## Dotson motivated by family in strong start

By Evan Patrick  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

During his freshman season, Jahan Dotson had to make sacrifices.

The former four-star recruit didn’t put up four-star numbers right away. He didn’t play in a few games and was not a top target when he did.

Dotson totaled 203 receiving yards on just 13 catches in eight games played — he’s on track to blow those numbers out of the water just a year later.

But that doesn’t compare to the sacrifices his family made in order for the receiver to get to where he is today — starting at receiver for Penn State.

“It was a big sigh of relief,” Dotson said about catching his first career touchdown last week against Buffalo. “I’ve been waiting all year, last year I played a little bit and I couldn’t get it but I got it this year in the second game, so that was pretty cool.”

“I just thought about my parents,” Dotson said. “As much as they’ve put in to that, I just wanted to [the touchdown] for them.”

The Nazareth, Pennsylvania, native had a career day against the Bulls, scoring his first two touchdowns as a Nittany Lion and racking up 109 total yards as

the game’s leading receiver.

Dotson’s parents have been a constant motivator in his time playing football.

“My biggest motivator has to be my parents just because they’ve sacrificed everything for me while growing up,” Dotson said. “They’ve been driving me all over the country for football camps, just taking me everywhere I could possibly go to better myself, better my future, so I feel like I owe it all to them.”

Dotson’s motivation and work ethic are paying off as it’s quickly becoming apparent that he is poised to make a leap from year one to year two. He’s come into his own as the perfect complement to star receiver and fellow sophomore KJ Hamler.

“It’s pretty cool to be out there with a guy like KJ just because he’s such a playmaker,” Dotson said. “You never know what he’s gonna do when he gets the ball in his hands, he could break 90 yards on one play... he opens everything up for other guys.”

When Dotson was recruited out of high school, he wasn’t the top receiver in Penn State’s 2018 class, that would be Justin Shorter — the No. 1 wide receiver recruit in the country.

But Dotson has shown more

promise than Shorter in their first two seasons in Happy Valley. Shorter redshirted as a freshman while Dotson proved he was reliable enough to forgo his redshirt eligibility and play in more than the four allotted games. Now, this season, Dotson has been targeted more often than Shorter and has over 70 more yards in two games.

Despite not playing much last year, he’s finally come into his own and his teammates are starting to take notice.

“His routes are so crisp and so clean,” sophomore tight end Pat Freiermuth said. “The way he handles his business every single day, comes in and gets better, its credit to him and credit to his work ethic.”

Even though he was a four-star recruit, he doesn’t take anything for granted and even makes the little things look impressive.

“People don’t know but Jahan’s a freak,” freshman defensive end Jayson Owhe said. “He’s fluid and natural, he just does little stuff that would take a lot of people a lot of energy to exert, but he just does it so smoothly and nonchalant.”

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Collegian file photo  
**Cornerback John Reid (29)** avoids Pitt defensive back Ryan Lewis (38) to advance the ball during their game at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016. Penn State lost 42-39.



Aabha Vora/Collegian  
**Running back Miles Sanders (24)** celebrates and sings the Penn State alma mater after the football game against Pitt at Heinz Field on Saturday, Sept 8, 2018. No. 13 Penn State defeated the Panthers 51-6.

# A PITT-IFUL ENDING



Collegian file photo  
**Quarterback Trace McSorley (9)** makes a pass during the game against Pitt at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017.



Collegian file photo  
**Penn State coach James Franklin** hugs Pittsburgh coach Pat Narduzzi after the game against the University of Pittsburgh at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 Penn State defeated Pitt 33-14.

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PLAYERS  
TO WATCH

Penn State:  
Jahan Dotson

Dotson is fresh off a breakout performance against Buffalo, where the sophomore hauled in his first two career touchdown passes. Dotson is quickly shaping up to be one of Sean Clifford’s favorite targets and could play a big role in the rivalry game.

Pitt:  
Jimmy Morrissey

Morrissey is in his third season as the starting center for the Panthers and he will be tested plenty on Saturday. Morrissey was third-team All-ACC last season and will be looking to make his mark on this game going against Penn State’s talented defensive tackles.

BY THE  
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Saturday’s match up between the two longtime rivals will be the 100th meeting between the two teams. Penn State currently leads the series record going 52-43-4 in the previous 99 meetings.

3.5

Yetur Gross-Matos already has 3.5 sacks this season which is tied for fourth in the FBS.

124

Penn State has scored 124 points in its first two games of the season which is the second highest total in its first two games in school history.

15

Penn State has won 15-straight non-conference regular-season home games dating back to the Nittany Lions win over Kent State in 2013.

Dylan Jacobs



**Jacobs**  
What to watch for: This is essentially Pitt’s Super Bowl. Who knows what its season will be, but this is the game they will care about the most. With Penn State’s recent first half struggles, the Panthers will have a chance to stay in the game and pull off a major upset in Beaver Stadium. The Nittany Lions need a fast start.

Score: Penn State 35, Pitt 14



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Pitt head coach Pat Narduzzi stands on the sideline before a game.

How successful has Pitt really been?

By Caleb Wilfinger  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

When Penn State takes the field at Beaver Stadium on Saturday for its final nonconference test, it will do so against a familiar foe.

The Nittany Lions will take on Pitt for the 100th (and potentially final) time this weekend, culminating a four-year series dubbed as “The Keystone Classic.”

The intrastate series resumed in 2016 at Heinz Field after a 16-year hiatus, with the Panthers winning a thriller, 42-39.

Since then, Penn State has taken each of the last two meetings, with last year’s 51-6 drubbing in Pittsburgh being an early highlight in what was otherwise a disappointing season for the Nittany Lions.

While the renewal of the rivalry has coincided with Penn State’s rise back to national prominence, Pittsburgh has also seen a noticeable change in the perception of its program in college football circles.

A lot of this has to do with the success the Panthers achieved on the field in the beginning of coach Pat Narduzzi’s tenure.

Narduzzi is a lightning rod for controversy but he can show

better results than most after his first four years as a head coach.

In 2015, Pittsburgh improved from six to eight wins in his first season as a coach.

The following year, the Panthers knocked off eventual national champion Clemson in Death Valley on a last-second field goal, en route to an 8-5 season.

In 2017, the Panthers beat then-No. 2 Miami in Kenny Pickett’s first start as a freshman, and they followed that up last year with four straight wins and their first-ever ACC-Coastal division title.

Pittsburgh has a division title and two top-five wins under Narduzzi, which seems like a solid foundation for building a winning culture.

However, the Panthers have also regressed in each of the last two seasons, leaving the program in an interesting state of limbo.

The Panthers haven’t been a bad team under Narduzzi per se, but the coach only holds a record of 29-25 at Pittsburgh, including a 1-1 start to the 2019 campaign. Sure, he led the Panthers to eight wins apiece in his first two seasons at the helm, but those teams had James Connor and Nathan Peterman, among others.

That win over Miami looks great on paper, but the Hurricanes collapsed shortly

thereafter and Pittsburgh only finished with a record of 5-7 in 2017. In fact, the Panthers won just six games last year on their way to a divisional crown in what was an otherwise ugly year for the Coastal division.

All of this begs the question; just how successful will Pittsburgh be under Pat Narduzzi in 2019?

This season, the Panthers will look to compete for a second consecutive ACC-Coastal division championship, and Narduzzi is going to lean on his experienced quarterback to do so.

The Panthers return with Pickett at quarterback for a second full season at the helm of this offense, in addition to bringing back just about every wide receiver.

Their secondary is loaded with experience as well, with two potential future NFL players on the depth chart in Damar Hamlin and Paris Ford.

On the other hand, Pittsburgh lost just about all of its best players from a year ago.

Running backs Qadree Ollison and Darrin Hall combined for over 2,300 yards and 21 touchdowns.

That pairing is gone, as are four starters on the offensive line, two of last year’s top three defensive linemen, and three of last year’s

top four linebackers.

Pittsburgh’s inability to run the ball showed in its first two games, especially in a season-opening loss to Virginia.

The Panthers’ leading rusher is A.J. Davis, who has 114 yards on 21 attempts.

As a team, Pittsburgh struggled to pick up yardage through the first two weeks, as it only averaged 3.6 yards per carry against Virginia and Ohio.

The Panthers have impressed on defense, holding both teams to under 200 yards through the air in their first two games.

However, they have yet to face an offense with the level of dynamic athletes and playmakers that Penn State possesses.

So the running game and the offensive line, two previous strengths of the team, have gotten noticeably weaker, while the quarterback and receiver positions are stronger than they’ve been in recent years.

Above all, the Panthers remain a mystery.

Will they be able to take that coveted next step under Narduzzi, or will the program be mired in mediocrity for the foreseeable future?

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Brandon Smith continues linebacker legacy

By Caleb Wilfinger  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State has had a storied history of talent and success at the linebacker position. They’re not called ‘Linebacker U’ for nothing.

Thus far, the 2019 season has been no different.

Heading into this year’s campaign, the Nittany Lions were expected to have one of the best linebacker groups in the country.

This particular unit features a strong blend of talented and experienced veterans to stabilize the front seven, with Micah Parsons, Jan Johnson and Cam Brown at the helm of one of the nation’s best defenses. Ellis Brooks and Jesse Luketa are some of the first reserves used in game action, and each player has made significant strides since arriving on campus in 2017, and 2018 respectively.

But it’s one of the younger newcomers to the linebacking core who has already managed to strike fear into the hearts of opposing offenses.

True freshman Brandon Smith might not have started the season on the top of the depth chart, but it did not take long for the Louisa, Virginia, native to make a positive

impression. Just a few short weeks into the campaign, Smith has already garnered the respect and attention of his teammates and coaches.

“I don’t think there’s any question that he can run and hit, obviously,” James Franklin said. “You saw it on high school tape. We saw it in training camp. We’ve seen it in practice, and now we’ve seen it in games. It doesn’t surprise me [that Smith has played well], and we’re really excited about his future.”

In Penn State’s season-opener against Idaho, Smith made a play that illustrated why he was ranked as the top defensive player in the state of Virginia a year ago.

With time winding down in the fourth quarter, and the result already well in hand for the Nittany Lions, Idaho running back Kiahn Martinez caught a short pass at the Penn State 42 yard-line and turned upfield. He was quickly met by Smith, who seemingly came out of nowhere and delivered a massive hit that erased Martinez and sent the Penn State sideline into a frenzy.

It was a play that Brooks — a third-year veteran who has been responsible for accounting for the freshman — had been waiting for Smith to make.

“The biggest thing that stands

out to me [about Smith] is when he does decide to play fast, as fast as he’s capable of, I think he’s one of the more explosive linebackers in our group, honestly,” Brooks said. “When he does open up and run and show that speed, I would say that he’s really explosive. He has good instincts. He knows how to find the ball.”

Smith’s impressive size and speed has already put the first-year linebacker on a fast track for more time on the field in what is an already loaded group.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pounder was credited with three solo tackles, one of them which was a tackle for loss, in the victory over Idaho. But the inexperienced freshman was eager to prove that his performance in his collegiate debut was anything but a fluke.

Smith posted three tackles the very next week in Penn State’s win over Buffalo and was on the field for more snaps than any other freshman on the defensive side of the ball.

“Overall, he’s been really impressive,” Franklin said. “He’s handled [the transition to college football] really well, he’s very mature, very competitive, and very hard-working.”

With each week, and each impactful play, Smith is becoming more and more of a known commodity, and the Penn State

coaching staff is eager to see how he develops over the course of a full season at the collegiate level.

In fact, it appears that Franklin, Brent Pry and co. intend to give Smith significant playing time this season in order to get the required amount of in-game experience he needs to grow.

The former five-star recruit is undoubtedly taking the necessary steps that will eventually make him a staple on this defense, and it’s likely that Smith will continue to see some crucial playing time for the Nittany Lions as the season unfolds.

“Obviously, he hasn’t gotten to the point where the game has slowed down for him, and he’s a 100 percent confident pre-snap so that post-snap he can play as fast and as aggressive as he wants to and we need him to,” Franklin said. “He also needs to recognize what the offense is trying to do in terms of trying to put him in binds, in terms of his reads and trying to get his eyes dirty in terms of what he’s looking at.”

“I think as those things continue to clear up for him and he gets more comfortable and more confident with his responsibilities, there’s no doubt that he’s got a very bright future.”

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Caleb Wilfinger



**Wilfinger**  
What to watch for: Unlike the first two weeks, there is less of an obvious talent disparity between the two sides. However, Pittsburgh played some uninspired football in splitting its first two games at home. Look for Penn State’s offense to cause all sorts of problems for a reeling Pittsburgh defense especially in the running game.

Score: Penn State 38, Pitt 17

Ben Ferree



**Ferree**  
What to watch for: Penn State needs to establish a run game against Pitt early and a big part of that is the offensive line play. Buffalo loaded the box and forced the Nittany Lions to throw the ball. Penn State will be much more successful offensively if it can run the football and get Ricky Slade more involved in the offense.

Score: Penn State 33, Pitt 6

Evan Patrick



**Patrick**  
What to watch for: It will be interesting to see what kind of emphasis James Franklin’s side has on producing in the first half after a lackluster opening 30 minutes a week prior. If Penn State is making plays early on offense, it will be a long day for Pitt. Pitt needs to keep this game close for as long as they can.

Score: Penn State 48, Pitt 13

Guest Picker:  
Jack R. Hirsh



**Hirsh**  
What to watch for: After a slow first couple games to start the year, this game might be make or break for Ricky Slade to pull away from the logjam at running back. Facing his own challenge, Curt Warner came off injury in the 1981 matchup to rush for 104 in that game.

Score: Penn State 48, Pitt 14



# ‘ORDINARY AMERICANS’

*Those who died on Flight 93 remembered in Shanksville memorial service*

By Lauren Fox  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

SHANKSVILLE — Reverend Paul Britton lost his sister, Marion, on United Flight 93, yet he derived meaning from an optimistic Albert Einstein quote as he spoke at the 18th annual Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville on Wednesday.

“One [way to view life] is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle,” Britton said. “Today, we celebrate a miracle.”

After the passengers on United Flight 93 became aware of the attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon — and that their plane was also hijacked and headed for the nation’s capital — they made the decision to fight back against the terrorists and crashed the plane in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, ending their own lives.

The memorial service packed the field with families, community members, veterans and others who traveled to honor the lives lost 18 years ago on Flight 93.

Among those in attendance included Vice President Mike Pence, his wife, Karen, and the President of Guinea, Alpha Conde. The two sat alongside the families who lost a loved one on the flight.

As Pence addressed the audience, he said that remembering the passengers and crew on Flight 93 was a personal experience for him and his family. The terrorists likely intended to crash into the Capitol in Washington, D.C. — which Pence was in at the time the plane would have crashed, had the passengers not taken over.

“I say from my heart, I will always believe that I, and many others in our nation’s capital, were able to go home that day and hug our families because of the courage and selflessness of your families,” he said, looking directly to the section of Flight 93 families as he spoke.

“You honor us with your presence and America stands with you,” Pence said to the families. He also took a moment to honor the memories of those whose lives were lost at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center on the same day — almost 3,000 people.

Pence then highlighted some of the individuals aboard the flight. Deora Bodley — the youngest passenger on the flight at just 20 years old — was a student at Santa Clara University, volunteered at her local animal shelter and aspired to one day work as a child psychologist.

Wanda Green was a flight attendant on board. She was the mother of two children and had worked at United Airlines for 29 years. She was described as “the beacon of her church” and dreamed of one day opening her own real estate business after retiring from United Airlines.

“They were ordinary Americans,” Pence said, “but their heroism would inspire the nation.”

Ed Shaffer, a retired veteran from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was one of the many people in the audience at the memorial. He said he felt a sense of “pride” hearing the speakers talk about the people on Flight 93.

“I’m a veteran, so I wanted to come and pay my respects,” Shaffer said. “I think [Flight 93] is the first battle we’ve won on the War on Terror, to not let them hit that Capitol.”

Pence also spoke of the time he visited the memorial two years ago, and saw a book that belonged to passenger Todd Beamer entitled “A Life of Integrity” by Dr. Howard Hendricks.

He was so struck by the symbolism of the book and what it represented about its owner that he decided to purchase a copy for himself, and has kept it on board with him on Air Force 2 ever since.

“[It] perfectly represented what the men and women of Flight 93 demonstrated on that day,” Pence said.

The memorial was led mainly by Flight 93 National Museum Superintendent Stephen Clark, who spoke on behalf of the National Park Service to say he was “honored” and “humbled” to host a memorial for the 40 people on board who lost their lives.

Many of the distinguished speakers at the memorial expressed their admiration of those boarded on the flight, and the unity they displayed.

“When they boarded that flight in Newark, New Jersey, they came from an array of ethnic and racial backgrounds,” Mitchell Zuckoff, an author and professor of journalism at Boston University, said. “They practiced a variety of religions. They held a range of political views, and then at 9:28 a.m., when confronted by terrorist hijackers, these 40 strangers set aside individual interests.”

One passenger, Jeremy Glick, told his wife on the phone that the passengers and crew members aboard the flight decided to take a vote on whether or not to raid the cockpit.

“How American is that?” Zuckoff said about the vote. “Facing an existential crisis, they decided to vote on a response.”

Zuckoff said those passengers and crew members were “a glimmer of hope at a terrible moment.” He added that the residents of Somerset County at the time of the crash were, as well.

“They didn’t ask who was on board the plane or where they were from or how they prayed,” Zuckoff said. “They only asked: ‘How can we help?’”

Secretary of the Department of the Interior David Bernhardt also spoke at the event prior to the speech from Pence.

“This year, young Americans who are born after the attacks have enrolled in college, where they will join many peers have no direct memory of what transpired,” Bernhardt said. “For them, 9/11 is a historical event, a date like so few others that is permanently ingrained in our own memory.”

As audience members wiped tears from their eyes, the speakers left them with a message of hope, perseverance and unity.

“For the story of Flight 93, some details will be forever lost to history, lost when the plane struck the ground. I’ve made my peace with that — more than that — I’ve embraced it. And I urge you to do so, as well,” Zuckoff said. “The result is that we are compelled to celebrate every man and every woman aboard that plane equally and collectively.”

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## REMEMBERING, 18 YEARS LATER



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**Flags** cover Old Main Lawn in remembrance of the lives lost to the 9/11 terror attacks on Wednesday, Sept. 11.



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**A student** takes photos of the flags on Old Main Lawn in remembrance of the lives lost to the 9/11 terror attacks on Wednesday, Sept. 11.



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**Flags** cover Old Main Lawn in remembrance of the lives lost to the 9/11 terror attacks on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

# ‘Silver lining’: 9/11’s lasting impact

**Connor Donlon**  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Though it has been 18 years since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, members of the Penn State community still urge others not to forget. Since many immediately think of the attack on the twin towers and the Pentagon, it is easy to overlook Flight 93. On that day nearly two decades ago, Flight 93 was headed from Newark, New Jersey to San Francisco, California when the plane was hijacked by four men at approximately 9:28 a.m. At 10:03 a.m., the plane crashed into a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, killing all on board. Max Myers, president of the College Republicans, remembers that emotion-filled day in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Myers (senior-economics and political science) grew up in Somerset County and spent his summers mowing lawns in Shanksville. Growing up in a small town in Pennsylvania, Myers never believed the place he called home would be impacted by a terrorist attack. For many across the country, it was the first day of school. The sky was painted baby blue as summer drew to an end. However, the first day of school was abruptly cut short for many as American people were brought to their knees. Myers recalls picking up his older brother from kindergarten then going to the crash site. “I remember going there not too long after, pieces of the plane everywhere,” Myers said, “The county coroner was my track coach growing up and he identified all of the bodies. It’s a little bit surreal going to a Smithsonian-level Museum.”

**“I like to look at the silver linings of it as with all tragedy. It really brought my hometown [of Somerset County] together.”**

**Max Myers**  
Penn State senior

“A town like Somerset, we never thought that would be attacked by terrorists,” he said. Within hours of the devastating crash, reporters and volunteers alike gathered at the destruction of Flight 93. “There were people from the town, reporters... showing up, asking to help asking to volunteer. A makeshift memorial was set up within five or six hours of the crash, bringing out stuffed animals, food and drinks for the first responders,” Myers said. Despite the death and destruction, Myers tries to find hope in a time of despair and urges people to remember those who have perished. “I like to look at the silver linings of it, as with all that tragedy. It really brought my hometown together as a community,” Myers said. “I think it’s really important to remember [9/11] especially in today’s politics, and the way that we handle foreign policy and national pride...and what could happen when things go wrong and you know, things of that nature.” As president of College Republicans, Myers added he wants to keep the memory of 9/11 alive. In a similar sentiment, Skyler Dixon, a member of Students Supporting Israel, also implored others to remember the events of Sept. 11. Students Supporting Israel hosted an event outside the HUB-Robeson Center to commemorate 9/11. Students were invited

to place American flags in cups full of sand. “We ask them if they would like to place a flag in the cup in solidarity with 9/11,” Dixon (senior -biobehavioral health) said. Dixon also noted that apart from the flags placed on Old Main, there was no real ceremony held at Penn State in memory of 9/11. “I think it’s important because I haven’t seen anyone else do like any kind of thing today for 9/11,” Dixon said. Sean Semanko, president of the Penn State chapter of Turning Point USA, noted how 9/11 has shaped the worldview of an entire generation and changed the country forever. “That was a pretty dramatic event for our country to have lost thousands of innocent lives and great first responders,” Semanko (senior - advertising) said. “It’s obviously shaped like our whole world, everything is changed because of it. I mean, a small example is that you can’t go to an airport the same way, you can’t travel the same way.” Like Myers and Dixon, Semanko also believes it is imperative that America does not forget Sept. 11. “We should never forget it because obviously, so many innocent people died of something that obviously should never have happened,” Semanko said. “There are times when, unfortunately, we have to fight back, but hopefully it never happens again.”

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## Students, faculty remember their Sept. 11, 2001

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This year marks 18 years since the largest terrorist attack in the history of the United States, and it still affects people’s lives to this day. Everyone who was old enough to watch the twin towers collapse on television or hear the news of the crashes in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. remember exactly where they were or what they were doing when the attacks happened. Jackie Dillion-Fast, global news collections and services coordinator at Penn State’s Paterno Library, remembers the day started joyfully and full of excitement, and quickly changed to terror and panic. “My daughter was 6 years old and was starting her first day of school in a special program for homeschooled kids. All of the parents were sitting around while the children were settling in, and preparing for class when a parent who had seen the first plane crash ran in and told us,” Dillion-Fast said. “As parents trickled in, we’d hear more bits and pieces. As it got worse and worse, we’d grow more panicked, but had to bottle it up for the sake of not startling the children.” Dillion-Fast’s panic worsened as contact with her husband was cut off due to military protocol. “There was a panicked sense of, ‘We have to go somewhere, we have to do something,’” Dillion-Fast said. “My husband was on a military base in northern California, and they immediately shut down the base. There was no communication in or out because they knew as much as the rest of America did.” Amanda Means said that although she was just a child, the repercussions of 9/11 plane hijackings could have resulted in the loss of her father. “My mom says that we were in the living room watching television when the attack started and she immediately feared that my father was in danger

because he was a pilot,” Means (junior-kinesiology) said. “My father was flying domestically, but since some flights are grounded and others had to fly for hours, my mom had no idea where he was.” The terrorist attacks on 9/11 have left a lasting impact on not just Americans, but international students as well, including Amin Davoodi. “I was 15 years old and living in my home country on Iran when the attack transpired. Watching the attack, my family, my friends and I were extremely saddened and angered because we knew the consequences that would arise,” Davoodi (graduate-education) said. “Anytime that somebody from a certain religious background or ethnicity does something horrific like that, it influences everybody.” Davoodi, who was studying English extensively at the time of the attacks, said he felt profiled even in school by his pen pals. “I had all of these pen pals abroad that I feared were going to change the way they treated me because I was from Iran, and honestly speaking, I lost contact with most of my pen pals,” Davoodi said. “Learning English was already hard enough, as there were barely any native English-speaking people, but following the attacks, tourists stopped coming to my country because it was in the Middle East.” The visiting doctoral student from Texas A&M University feared that due to the attacks, people’s view of him would jeopardize his long term plan to study, reside and travel in America. “I still feel the consequences and influence of the attack on my personal life,” Davoodi said. “Since I am Middle Eastern, I only get my student visa for two years instead of the typical five for doctoral students. I’m also only allowed single entry to the United States rather than multiple visa entry like other countries. To this day, my wife and I are still pulled aside at airports as well.”

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# It was a good run, but the current Penn State-Pitt series had to end

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Sometimes common sense has to outweigh nostalgia. People love looking back and reminiscing about the good old days and reliving their younger years. Take for example, the Penn State-Pitt football series. It’s a rivalry that’s had 99 different meetings and loads of different results, but recently has left a lot to be desired. The peak of the series came in 1981 when then-No. 11 Penn State beat then-No. 1 Pitt by a score of 48-14 in Pittsburgh — a certain generation would love to go back to that time. But as historic as the rivalry may be in terms of longevity, and as much as some might like to go back to 1981, the merits of the “rivalry” from a football perspective seem to be fading. The most recent incarnation of the series began in 2016, which ended a 16-year gap, with 2000 marking the last time the two sides played each other. Penn State has beaten Pitt by an average of 32 points over the last two meetings including a 51-6 rout last season at Heinz Field.

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### The Nittany Lions are finally serious about wanting to make the College Football Playoff

This season’s game will be the 100th in the series and, mercifully, the last for a long time. It marks the end of a four-year agreement which saw each team host two games and saw Penn State win handily in two out of the three meetings thus far. Penn State’s dominance alone is enough to negate furthering this series, but it lost its luster long before that. The majority of people at this school likely don’t remember the rivalry before the recent revival attempt and just simply can’t have the same emotional attachment, either. When more than a decade passes between meetings, a rivalry loses steam. A different generation might remember Dan Marino and Todd Blackledge. We got Trace McSorley against...Kenny Pickett. See a difference? We’re sure there were noble intentions about wanting to genuinely reignite and reinvigorate this rivalry and

make it football worth playing, but Penn State seems to have gotten the message that it’s a lost cause. As it stands now, Pitt has been Penn State’s only regularly scheduled nonconference game against a Power Five opponent since the Nittany Lions beat Syracuse 23-17 at MetLife Stadium in 2013. James Franklin’s squad has reversed that trend and scheduled home and home series with ACC school Virginia Tech (2020, 2025), perennial SEC powerhouse Auburn (2021-22) and Big 12 mainstay West Virginia (2023-24). Raising the level of non-conference competition is important if for no other reason than it aids Penn State’s chances at making the College Football Playoff. The Playoff committee has indicated that, short of winning the Big Ten, you won’t be making the Playoff since only two Big Ten teams — Ohio State and Michigan State — have made it since the Playoff’s inception.

(Though a particularly painful exception comes by the way of Ohio State’s qualification in 2016.) Ohio State made it twice with one-loss teams, but the Buckeyes played strong non-conference games against Virginia Tech and Oklahoma, while Michigan State played Oregon when the Spartans made the playoff. That bodes well for Penn State of the future for actually scheduling one strong nonconference opponent, but with Pitt being the Nittany Lions’ sole Power Five opponent, they were disadvantaged from the beginning. Those games might not have the “rivalry” factor of a Penn State-Pitt game, but for so long the rivalry has been manufactured by various forces that seem to think just because two in-state teams are playing each other, it’s a rivalry. It’s unfortunate to be the bearer of bad news, but there has to be some semblance of competitive balance to the games — that’s simply not going to happen

until Pitt improves, and there’s just no telling when that will happen. Until then, any continuation of the series would almost exclusively benefit Pitt and would pose negligible benefit to Penn State. The other factor is the Big Ten’s mandate on nine conference games instead of the standard eight. This makes games against quality nonconference opponents that much more important to potentially making the playoff. With only three nonconference games, Penn State can’t afford to say ‘Well, Pitt is a Power Five program, so that will have to do.’ There has to be some degree of competitiveness. It’s a tough pill to swallow, but it’s clear after 2017 and last season — the attempts to jump start the Penn State-Pitt rivalry are futile. Any further games between the two would once again be so far down the road that the next generation likely won’t get the significance either. While it may anger some, it’s good Penn State made a football decision and showed it seriously wants to make a College Football Playoff — something fans will come to yearn for more than a meaningless game against Pitt.

MY VIEW | Madeline Messa

## Nearly two decades later the tragedy of 9/11 still persists



Eighteen years ago, the collapse of the World Trade Center at the hands of terrorists claimed 3,000 lives. Today, the death toll from the tragedy that occurred nearly two decades ago continues to climb. First responders performed their duties when hijacked planes devastated the nation on 9/11, and they are still suffering as a result. Asbestos and other carcinogens were released into the air among the debris, permanently harming whoever’s lungs they were inhaled into. In February, the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, or VCF, was forced to limit their payments to victims by 50 to 70 percent because the number of sick survivors had skyrocketed. Latency periods allowed diseases to lie dormant for years and to expose themselves to survivors unexpectedly. Fortunately, the President signed the permanent authorization of the VCF in July to fully fund the program so it may continue its mission to “provide compensation for any individual ... who suffered physical harm or was killed” following 9/11. However, there is still more to be done. Beautiful memorials were constructed to pay respects to the fallen, but there is neglect toward the health of living survivors. The New York Times quoted a

woman whose husband died because of cancer related to 9/11 as saying, “We are yesterday’s news.” Although President Donald Trump extended the VCF, he has otherwise acted nonchalant regarding 9/11. As a then-candidate, he did not correct himself after a 2016 rally where he called the tragic day the name of a convenience store. He “watched our police and firemen down at 7/11,” he said. Three days before the commemoration of 9/11, he canceled a secret meeting he had scheduled with the Taliban at Camp David that would likely have been viewed as a blatant act of disrespect. The number of victims in need of medical aid and compensation can rise exponentially. Dormant cancers are one of the many health risks that anyone who was on site after or during any of the attacks on Sept. 11 were exposed to. A study published days ago affirms firefighters who were present at Ground Zero have an increased risk of heart disease. The finding corroborates the common argument that the health issues included under coverage must be expanded. The government-run sister program to the VCF, the World Trade Center Health Program, has a cap on the number of responders it will cover as well. The cap of 75,000 seems high at first glance, but it is worth knowing that it was already raised after the original cap of 50,000 was reached. With health problems suddenly appearing rapidly, the new cap

will soon be reached and will be an unnecessary barrier to the benefits responders need and deserve and will surely have to be raised in the future yet again. Programs and funding can prevent even more deaths than have already occurred, so long as they are inclusive. I have been told the day after 9/11 was a day of kindness. Flags sold out in stores as patriotism was on full display, drivers were cautious as they looked out for each others’ safety and everyone was respectful. A divisive tragedy resulted in a unified country. Today, 18 years later: should be no different. It also shouldn’t take remem-

bering a day of tragedy to treat each other well. Although time has passed, the effects of 9/11 remain. Respects are paid to those who died, but they should also be given to those who did not. Programs and funding are fundamental to 9/11 victims and , but senseless caps and limits to what and who they cover show disregard and cause survivors to feel like “yesterday’s news.”

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Flags cover Old Main Lawn in remembrance of the lives lost to the 9/11 terror attacks on Wednesday, September 11.

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# Ally Schlegel is living her dream

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When they were kids in Parker, Colorado, Ally and Drew Schlegel spent most of their time together outside.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

They took after their father, a former Kentucky football player who fostered a love for the outdoors in his children.

Whether it was playing pick-up sports in their neighborhood or hiking with their dad, the duo tended to stay away from the indoors.

“Me and my brother just grew up as kids that were always outside, always playing on the street,” Schlegel said. “We’re just kind of, you know, little rugrats.”

Nearly two decades later, the partners-in-crime are no longer geographically close, but they still spend most of their time outside.

Drew followed in their father’s footsteps and became a fullback at Kentucky. Ally wanted to join Pop Warner too, but not even a PowerPoint presentation was enough to convince her parents to let her try out.

Instead, she used her athletics gifts playing soccer. Now in her redshirt season with Penn State women’s soccer, it’s fair to say her parents made the right call.

“I started playing soccer, I think I was like five or six years old,” Schlegel said. “I started playing after my brother started playing and I wanted to be like him.”

Fast-forward to Schlegel’s high school years, she was recruited and committed to Penn State after a stellar ninth-grade campaign.

But after an ACL tear derailed her sophomore season, Schlegel had to face the reality that if she wanted to continue climbing the U.S. Soccer Federation ladder, her days of high school soccer would have to end.

“I love my high school, I had the best time but I also tore my first ACL in high school, so I was out for my sophomore and junior year,” Schlegel said. “And then senior year, because of [the United States Development Academy], they wouldn’t let me play high school.



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Midfielder Ally Schlegel (34) celebrates after scoring the second goal against James Madison.

“I think overall, it was just a better decision just to play club. I thought ... that being with my club was just a better opportunity for me to get better.”

Her standout performances and her involvement with the Development Academy also earned her a spot in the USWNT youth setup — and ultimately captaincy of the Under-18 team she played for.

“Going to camp and playing for my country were some of the best experiences I had,” Schlegel said. “Representing your country is not something that you always get to do and not something that everyone gets to do, so I think there’s a pride and a really big blessing that comes with that.”

But Schlegel saw herself playing at Jeffrey Field before she earned these accolades.

In fact, she committed to Erica Dambach’s program — somewhat hastily — at 15.

“I think it is the best and biggest relief ever that my impulsive decision really was the best impulsive decision ever,” Schlegel said. “After [Penn State goalkeeper] Kat [Asman] had texted me and I had that dream and woke up and told my mom

‘Well, I’m doing it.’”

All the convincing and the Penn State dream aside, Schlegel has truly found the place she belonged.

“I think in my heart, I was like, something told me to do this and I’m doing it,” she said. “Everything was just a pleasant surprise. I knew that I was surrounding myself with the best people, so everything else like the academics and you know, all that that comes with it was just like the best little gifts.”

But after waiting three years after committing to Penn State to finally don the blue and white, a knee injury pushed her Nittany Lion debut back another year.

She had her second ACL tear in her first year with the Nittany Lions before even playing a match. After the injury, she remained with the team as she started her rehab and was awarded Rookie of the Year without logging a single minute.

Her mere presence was enough to make an impact on her coaches and teammates.

“[Winning rookie of the year] was just such a great feeling knowing that although I couldn’t necessarily put my efforts onto the field, the things I was doing off

the field and the rehab that I was doing, all the things I was doing as a teammate mattered,” Schlegel said. “As an injured person, you sometimes think that you don’t matter, but you do.”

Dambach also had high praise for Schlegel and her mindset on taking on the redshirt year.

“Talk about embracing your role and really making sure you can have an impact regardless of your number of minutes,” Dambach said.

“Even though she had to redshirt due to injury, she put the time and invested in her teammates enough that at the end of the season, they voted her rookie of the year. It tells you everything you need to know about Ally Schlegel.”

It was also an important opportunity for Schlegel to reshape herself as a person and a teammate.

During her redshirt year, her teammates really kept her engaged as her mind was going other places with her injuries.

It helped her realize her existence is not limited to the sport she loves.

“I had a great time learning how to be a teammate and learning how to make myself matter in a different aspect other than soccer,” Schlegel said. “I think that a lot of times for us, our identity gets worked in the athlete that we are, and especially being able to play.”

She also credited her class of

“I started playing after my brother started playing and I wanted to be like him.”

Ally Schlegel  
Forward/Midfielder

## Five duals to watch for PSU

By Jake Aferiat  
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Penn State’s quest for a ninth NCAA title in 10 years begins in just under two months and starts when the Nittany Lions welcome the Navy Midshipmen to Rec Hall on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

They’ll also look to extend their dual meet winning streak which currently sits at 59 consecutive matches dating back to Feb. 22, 2015.

Cael Sanderson’s squad will compete in 14 dual meets for the fourth straight year, including a matchup against Ohio State at the Bryce Jordan Center.

As Penn State looks remain atop the collegiate wrestling world, here are the five duals to watch this season:

### Penn State at Arizona State, Nov. 22

The Sun Devils came to Rec Hall last year as the No. 9 team in the country and got trounced 41-3 despite boasting an impressive lineup with five ranked wrestlers, including Mark Hall’s longtime foe Zahid Valencia.

Penn State picked up seven

bonus point wins, including a major decision from former three-time NCAA champion Jason Nolf and a pin his fellow former three-time NCAA time champion Bo Nickal.

The Nittany Lions will need to replace those two, but even without them in the lineup, Penn State beats its opponents by an average margin of over 25 points on the road, so the trip to Tempe likely won’t provide much resistance.

Arizona State returns the three-time All-American and two-time NCAA champion Zahid Valencia as well as his brother and fellow NCAA qualifier Anthony, plus All-Americans Tanner Hall and Josh Shields.

Even though Arizona State returns many of its mainstays and integral wrestlers, with Penn State’s lineup featuring Anthony Cassar and Shakur Rasheed again as well as Vincenzo Joseph and possibly Mark Hall and Kyle Conel, the Nittany Lions likely have the edge, though it could be closer than last year’s dual.

### Penn State at Lehigh, Dec. 6

This is another matchup where Penn State had a wide edge last year but where things could again be closer than in year’s past.

The Nittany Lions shutout Lehigh 42-0, though the Mountain Hawks were missing several ranked wrestlers due to injury, thus making the score more lopsided.

There is hope for the Mountain Hawks though.

The last time Penn State traveled to take on Lehigh on Dec. 3, 2018, the Nittany Lions eked out just a 23-19 victory thanks to a timely decision by Anthony Cassar to give Penn State a 20-19 lead, its first of the match, in the second to last bout.

Penn State was without Vincenzo Joseph, Nick Lee’s redshirt had yet to be lifted and Roman Bravo-Young wasn’t on Penn State’s team at that point, but the Nittany Lions certainly did show an uncharacteristic vulnerability.

It likely won’t be as close this time around, but the Mountain Hawks return NCAA qualifiers in Josh Humphreys, Luke Karam and Jake Jakobsen as well as All-Americans Jordan Kutler and Jordan Wood, so a few upsets aren’t out of the realm of possibility.

### Penn State at Iowa, Jan. 31, 2020

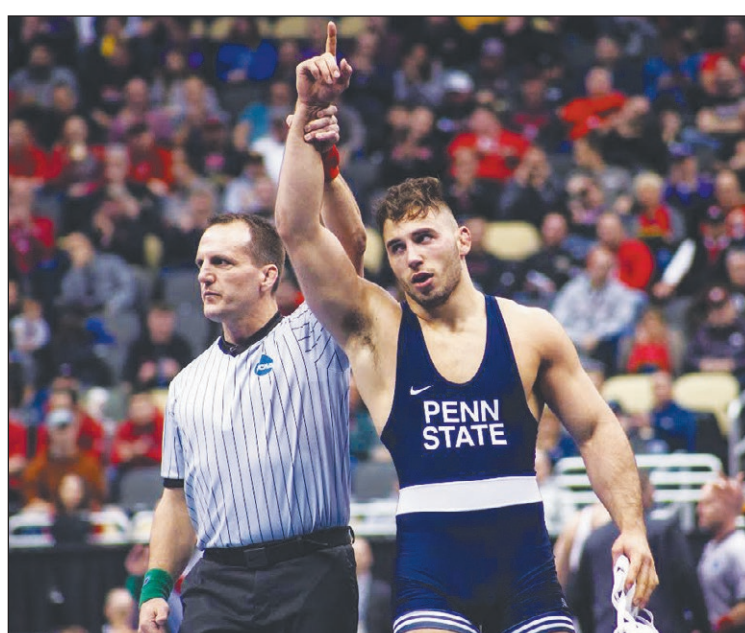
Penn State last wrestled Iowa on Feb. 10, 2018 at the BJC and won 28-13, though Iowa’s Alex Marinelli upset then-two-time reigning NCAA champion Vincenzo Joseph to keep it competitive.

The Nittany Lions last traveled to Iowa City on Jan. 20, 2017 and Penn State won by 15 points again, downing the Hawkeyes 26-11.

Iowa’s lineup features two-time NCAA champion Spencer Lee and All-Americans Austin DeSanto, Michael Kemerer, Pat Lugo and Marinelli.

Lee (125), DeSanto (133), Lugo (149) and Kemerer (157) are all at weights where Penn State has either struggled recently or has wrestlers who are fairly inexperienced, which could bode well for the Hawkeyes and could potentially tip the scales in their favor.

The Nittany Lions will still boast Anthony Cassar, Shakur Rasheed, Nick Lee, Mark Hall



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Anthony Cassar (285 lbs.) wins his bout at the 2019 Division 1 NCAA Wrestling Championships, at the PPG Paints Arena on Friday, March 22.

and Vincenzo Joseph, but this could likely be one of the closest duals Penn State has this season.

### Penn State at Wisconsin, Feb. 7, 2020

The Badgers came to Rec Hall last season and kept it close, losing 24-13 and upsetting two-time All-American Nick Lee and NCAA qualifier Brady Berge while Penn State was without Shakur Rasheed and Vincenzo Joseph.

This year, the Badgers added former NCAA champion at 133 pounds Seth Gross while returning All-Americans Trent Hillger, Evan Wick and NCAA qualifiers Tristan Moran and Cole Martin.

Martin upset Berge while Moran upset Nick Lee and Wick beat Mason Manville who substituted for Vincenzo Joseph, which helped keep things close for the Badgers.

Lee went on to finish as an All-American for the second straight year and Berge qualified for his first NCAA tournament and they will look to avenge those losses and while Gross’ edition helps, it likely won’t be enough to overcome some of the mainstays in Penn State’s lineup.

### Penn State vs. Ohio State, Saturday Feb. 15, 2020

This is likely the most

players – Asman, Maddie Myers, Rachel Wasserman, Caitlin Haislip and Kelli Beiler – for being her “bouncing board” whenever she needed something.

“They were just good to have, because not only could they support me, but they could also give me that tough love at times when needed,” she said.

With all the injuries and rehab behind her, Schlegel is flourishing in her maiden season of college soccer.

She has scored a goal in four straight games, often important ones to clinch a positive result.

She also received Big Ten accolades as Freshman of the Week two weeks in a row, while picking up the Offensive Player of the Week award this week.

She brings tenacity and flexibility to the team as a workhorse and pressing hard no matter if she is playing striker or even defensive midfielder from the first to the 90th minute.

Dambach has even called her out for almost throwing her body in harm’s way too much.

It all came natural to her, though, as Penn State exemplified that blue collar attitude and fighting along with her teammates on the pitch.

“For me, any ball that I put my body on the line for is just knowing that there is a teammate that was running down the line, that was working just as hard to get that ball off and I can put my body on the line for them,” Schlegel said. “All of that just comes from being competitive and wanting to be the best for the team and hoping that we can win together.”

Schlegel also credited her teammates for putting her in the position to succeed with her hot streak and also actively thinking about how she could keep it on.

However, it was the positive results and being back that counts the most for her.

“I think it’s been rewarding,” Schlegel said.

“I think being able to be a contributing part right now has been very confidence-boosting and just a big part for me getting back to my old ways and looking forward to the future growing and becoming a better player.”

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Penn State’s Nick Lee puts Iowa’s Vince Turk on the mat in the match at the Bryce Jordan Center on Feb. 10, 2018.

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# Borland Project Space emphasizes sustainability

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Room 125 of the Borland Building brings Penn State students, faculty and community members together to witness non-traditional art forms focused on sustainability practices in research.

Founded in 2015, the Borland Project Space (BPS) is an initiative the College of Arts and Architecture began, which celebrates research in the arts.

“It’s a space where Penn State faculty, staff and students can activate their research,” Trishia Berish, program manager, said. “We do that in a gallery setting, so our goal is to bring transparency to the research process.”

BPS was created by Andrew Schulz, the former associate dean of research in the College of Arts and Architecture, as a way to share arts research practices with the rest of the community.

The space focuses on projects that showcase different phases of the research process, highlighting each area for the public.

“[Then] we come together and celebrate the end of [a project]

with a reception,” Berish — who is in charge of promotional material, graphic design elements and planning events for BPS — said.

Throughout the 2019-20 academic year, BPS will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year is the first year BPS will have a theme — sustainability.

“I’m really excited about the sustainability approach for this year,” Berish said. “I think it’s going to be an important part of bringing Penn State students, faculty and staff together for the greater good.”

The idea came to Ann Tarantino, assistant professor of art and Borland Project Space director, after looking through project proposals for this year. She realized that most of them are related to the 17 goals of sustainable development created by the United Nations.

“The sustainability kind of emerged on its own,” Tarantino said.

All projects this season will incorporate an element of sustainability, including topics of climate change, social justice, historic

and cultural preservation.

“We want to showcase projects in following with the Penn State’s sustainability institute motto; striving for human health and happiness, environmental quality and economic well-being for everyone,” Berish said. “We’re trying to create a unique experience with visitors that aligns with that.”

The theme goes beyond the idea that sustainability is limited to recycling and reducing consumption, Tarantino said. The goal is to create a holistic way of thinking about sustainability.

“I hope our season of programs communicates that there is a direct relationship of the arts to sustainability questions, and that artists, musicians, actors and designers are all working through these questions,” Tarantino said.

The projects range from one to four weeks long, including a three week workshop geared toward educators and incorporating sustainability into their practices.

The Campus Art Initiative will kick-off the projects on Oct. 1st and last until Oct. 10. The initiative will display proposals from eight different artists regarding their upcoming projects.

Another project, the Clay Cafe, originated from two graduate students who work with ceramics in the School of Visual Arts. The students built the idea off of a project they began last year where they displayed handmade ceramics in an office building in the School of Visual Arts.

The students also hosted nightly programs pertaining to questions prompted by the display.

One evening, they invited the Tea Institute to do a presentation on traditional practices in Asian culture regarding preparing and drinking tea.

This year, Clay Cafe will be on display in January. The space will be turned into a lounge for reflection and mindfulness where people can come and sip tea or coffee



Courtesy of Tricia Berish

**The Borland Project Space** focuses on non-traditional art forms to promote sustainability.

from a ceramic cup in a peaceful environment.

Last year, Sue Uhlig, a PhD candidate in Art Education, held a project entitled, “Between Order and Disorder.” She will hold recurring projects with similar themes every year. “A Return to Order and Disorder” is anticipated for 2020.

“Both [projects] use the ‘Wunderkammer,’ or cabinet of curiosities, as a framework to question the value of objects, the nature of collecting and the entangled narratives that interconnect humans with other things,” Uhlig said.

Her project invites participants to place an object in a “collaborative cabinet,” exploring the importance of items commonly overlooked. Objects may be moved, taken or contributed to the display — creating a dynamic collection.

“At the conclusion of the exhibition, some objects will be given away to contribute to a gift economy,” Uhlig said.

There will be a series of sustainability roundtable discussions as well, organized by Mihyun

Kang, assistant director for sustainability in the College of Arts and Architecture and research professor within the Stuckeman School.

The discussions will be held monthly, and the first one will be from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 14. The purpose of these discussions is to raise awareness around sustainability in educational practices.

Tarantino said Kang also plans on inviting guest researchers to the roundtable discussions throughout the year.

BPS will incorporate music into the space through a partnership with the School of Music to produce the pitch exploration lab. The lab will share research related to music, the brain and psychology.

In November, BPS plans to partner with the School of Music and the School of Visual Arts to create an art installation accompanied by a performance from the Penn State choir.

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**The Penn State community** discusses art research at the Borland Project Space.



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- 17 Regroup, as a company
- 19 1968 hit *Harper Valley* \_\_\_\_
- 20 Quitter's word
- 21 Lamb's pen name
- 22 Part of AARP (Abbr.)
- 23 At full speed
- 25 Bar, legally
- 28 Skating jumps
- 30 Snout
- 32 Scouting outing
- 33 Ambition
- 35 Equipment
- 37 Puppy's bite
- 38 "In the Heat of the Night" actor Poitier
- 41 Drag, as a lake
- 43 Rep.'s counterpart
- 44 Miners' finds
- 46 Compass pt.
- 47 Free ticket
- 49 Dine
- 50 Fort Knox bar
- 54 *Wonderland* girl
- 56 Frolics
- 59 Kimono sash
- 60 Soft drink
- 62 Booty
- 63 Employ
- 64 Urban center

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- 4 Vamoose
- 5 Boxing venue
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- 7 EU language
- 8 Brink
- 9 Cast out
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- 12 Dutch city
- 13 Dried coconut meat
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- 34 Paltry
- 36 Fight back
- 38 Close, as an envelope
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# Bigar's Stars

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**ARIES** (3/21-4/19) ★★★ You notice a change of tune. You have a lot you'd like to contemplate before making a decision, yet someone is pushing you hard to make this decision. After a certain point, you might become unavailable. Tonight: Taking a much-needed personal night.

**TAURUS** (4/20-5/20) ★★★★★ You hear good news through a friend or in a meeting. You feel nearly blessed. The person delivering the news is always upbeat. Others find you have become more whimsical. Touch base with a dear friend to share news! Tonight: Celebrating.

**GEMINI** (5/21-6/20) ★★★ You experience a high level of tension, not so much from what is being dropped on you as from what you judge you must do to meet certain demands. Ask yourself if the other parties have the same expectations. Tonight: Could be a long night.

**CANCER** (6/21-7/22) ★★★★★ You express a lot of feelings and are understanding of a situation. You can also identify with others easily when you stop and consider their concerns. A friend could change his or her tune at the last moment! Tonight: Going for what you want.

**LEO** (7/23-8/22) ★★★★★ You might be overly excited about a new possibility involving a favorite person. You could get a kickback from someone you really care about. This person wants to keep your focus on him or her, not on anyone else. A boss could be full of surprises. Tonight: Be a duo.

**VIRGO** (8/23-9/22) ★★★★★ Others seek you out, making you feel on top of the world. Still, you might question whether a loved one has an agenda that he or she has not revealed. In a sense, this person is too nice for words at the moment. Just be aware and enjoy the moment. Tonight: Go with the flow.

**LIBRA** (9/23-10/22) ★★★★★ You might be overloaded in dealing with a problem that could be affecting your day-to-day life. Don't hesitate to express your concerns to the other parties. You hear news at the last minute. You might be pleased by what you hear. Tonight: Know when to retreat.

**SCORPIO** (10/23-11/21) ★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when you are dealing with others. You express unusual concern and energy around a project or a child. Your interest and concern make the other party feel very cared about. You find a key person unstable. Tonight: Go with the moment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (11/22-12/21) ★★★★★ Be more sensitive to domestic matters and to checking out an expenditure. You might be considering remodeling or buying a new home. Take your time, as the decision has long-term implications. Tonight: Happily heading home.

**CAPRICORN** (12/22-1/19) ★★★★★ You speak your mind, and though you might not be as direct as you need to be, the other parties get the gist of what you are thinking. Share more of what is intended to make a situation run smoothly. Understand where others are coming from. Tonight: Stop at a favorite spot on the way home.

**AQUARIUS** (1/20-2/18) ★★★ Be aware of your spending and its long-term implications. You could feel that a situation is out of control, especially where your finances are involved. Saying no could be difficult. Tonight: Blurring out your feelings.

**PISCES** (2/19-3/20) ★★★★★ You can convince nearly anyone of how on-target you are. Clearly, a boss or higher-up makes strong demands, and a loved one also could be demanding. Test your charm and your ability to juggle. Tonight: All smiles.



# Seven years of encouraging empathy

Graduate student Brett Green shaved his head, revealing a scar from a past surgery. In doing so, he hopes people will remember to be empathetic to anyone around them.

By Lilly Forsyth  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Wayne Knepper set the hair clipper down on the table and ran his hands over his neighbor’s freshly shaven head. Little puffs of sandy brown hair fell onto the white bedsheet set up on the dining room floor.

The neighbor Brett Green had convinced Knepper to do the honor of shaving off all of Green’s hair for one purpose: to share a story of empathy.

Seven years ago, Green, a current Penn State graduate student, was diagnosed with a rare germinoma — a type of brain cancer — which was irradiated in the span of several months.

Having grown his hair out for several years, the 27-year-old felt the need to do something for a greater cause of encouraging solidarity, so he decided to donate his hair to Wigs for Kids. In doing so, he would reveal the slight bump and U-shaped scar on his head.

“At first, I wanted to do it just to donate my hair, but I thought it would be really nice to donate to someone currently going through cancer,” Green said. “Somewhere along the way, [I thought] this could really tie into a life lesson.”

Green also penned a letter of empathy to fully voice his experiences and hopes for responses to his action.

“My entreaty for you is to make a point of checking in with one another; be on the lookout for when under the surface things might not be right and strive to be the kind of person others will know they can seek for support,” Green wrote in the letter.

“Reaching out is hardest when you feel lost under the weight of your struggles, and if you can think of a time you’ve felt this way, chances are the greatest help came when someone noticed from the outside and broke through your dark days to lift you up.”

He discussed the “knee-jerk”



Courtesy of Lilly Forsyth/Collegian

Graduate student Brett Green, 27, poses for a photo before shaving his head in a message to encourage empathy on Sept. 7.

response of “I’m fine” that most people give to the question “How are you?” He noted that his friend combats this dilemma with “How

are you really?”

“The burdens that weigh us down range from an isolated rough week to trauma that is never forgotten, but any silent suffering across the spectrum is a place where we can empathize,” he wrote.

Green’s complete letter is available at [sites.psu.edu/brettgreen/empathy/](https://sites.psu.edu/brettgreen/empathy/).

Though this specific mission began about three years ago, it was during one trip to Seattle that sparked Green’s mission to be empathetic.

### Walking among strangers

Green, his brother and his parents strolled through Seattle, days after Green got an MRI

scan that would soon inform the family if the tumor growing in Green’s head was benign or cancerous.

His journey to Washington began with symptoms of double vision. After his condition did not correct itself, the family investigated a little deeper.

After seeing multiple medical professionals, the possibility of cancer finally came about.

So as they ventured through the Seattle streets as a seemingly normal family from outside perspectives, the group realized the strangers among them had no idea what their family was experiencing.

The circumstances with Green especially struck close to home for his father Dan because his mother — Green’s grandmother — died from breast cancer that metastasized in her brain when Dan was 14 years old.

Wandering in Washington, his parents had been focusing only on their son’s health, but they then understood similar issues could be true for anyone else around them.

“You know, if you get cut off by a car, you never know if they’re just being obnoxious or if they just got a phone call that their mother was at the hospital and they’re dying,” Green’s mother Linda said.

### Living with ‘quirky’

#### inspiration

Both of Green’s parents work with Union Gospel Mission, a charitable organization that aids those who are homeless or impacted by addiction.

As a former county commissioner, Dan was “all about service.”

But Dan and Linda said their son has had always had a generally positive outlook on life.

“He wants to give back,” Dan said. “He wants to make a difference in the world.”

Dan said a high school teacher once described his son as “quirky,” which Linda clarified was “never in a bad way.”

Through laughs, the pair told a story of Green joking with an employee at Subway just three days after brain surgery.

For context, the surgery required doctors to shave a stripe along the front right side of Green’s head.

In the sandwich shop, Green said he first told a cashier that a scar on his hand was why one shouldn’t run with scissors.

After a beat, he said “just kidding” — and proceeded to swipe his hand along the shaved strip on his head, announcing, “This is why you don’t run with scissors.”

“He loved to be able to catch people off guard and make them

laugh,” his mother said.

Green also has a “parlor trick” that includes placing a compass near the shunt in his head, which turns the needle.

“I think he would want other people to be comfortable being different and not feel like they couldn’t just be himself,” Linda said.

The whole time her son faced cancer, Linda said she can only remember one day in which he

had the mentality of “Why did this happen to me?”

She recalled a moment when she captured a picture of him frowning. Green immediately asked her to retake the photo, this time of him smiling so “no one would worry about him.”

This optimistic mentality also translated to one of his catchphrases: “I’ve had worse.”

“If I stub my toe or something and I’d be, like, ‘I’ve had worse,’ or any minor mishap, I would drop that phrase,” Green said.

“It became a running joke because I wanted to see if I could find a time to say every day.”

### Sharing empathy

On his bag, Green carries a large white pin that reads

“survivor.” When he first got this button at a 5k race, he said he was unsure if he wanted one because he didn’t want it to seem like he was bragging about his experience with cancer.

But eventually, he wore it in hopes of sparking conversations, helping a family going through a similar situation, or just educating those that were curious.

Now bald, with his scar prominently showing, Green said he is “half flying by the seat of [his] pants.”

“I think it’s better to do something when you have the opportunity than to wait for a perfect time that probably never was going to be that perfect time.”

However, Green repeatedly said this story of empathy does not

revolve around him surviving cancer. “It’s about your friends, neighbors, coworkers and classmates; about many misfits, troublemakers, addicts and rebels,” Green wrote in his letter.

“If after reading this you try to feel what is going on in those lives and lend your hand, I will be glad, and we will all be the better for it.”

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Brett Green, 27, tries on his frequently worn bandana post-shave to see how loose it would be on Sept. 7.



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Graduate student Brett Green, 27, has his head shaved by his neighbor Wayne Knepper on Sept. 7.

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