Wisconsin dominated 7-3, left with Paul Bunyan’s Axe, the Big Ten West championship and a berth in the College Football Playoff. As that would've played in the Rose Bowl.

But that spot was placed in jeopardy, because Wisconsin had to play Ohio State, for the second time this season, in the Big Ten Championship.

Ultimately the College Football Playoff Committee got it right by placing Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl and Penn State in the Cotton Bowl.

Teams should not be penalized for playing in conference championship games, in the same way that teams shouldn't be rewarded for not playing.

The committee placed Wisconsin ahead of Florida and Penn State in their rankings at the end of the regular season. This leaves Wisconsin, now the No. 2 team in the country, shouldn't move them behind those two teams that didn't play at all.

And the jury's still out on Wisconsin.

The same argument should be made for Georgia, Utah and Baylor. All of these teams were deemed worthy of the Alabama, Ohio State and Penn State ahead in the rankings.

If this isn't the case, the committee is hurting teams, not just for winning games in the regular season, but also the extra games, the conference championship games.

Wisconsin has played in one conference title game, and another game, that game was played in the Cotton Bowl, which they won.

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Bernie Sanders is right to take on Major League Baseball

Bernie Sanders has made corporate greed his public enemy number one. He rails against it at every opportunity, and he’s well known for his top-down perspective on the top-heavy echelons of power sharing their wealth.

It’s a peaceful message, and one which Sanders has articulated quite well in his recent interviews. Recently, Sanders took a shot at an unfair corporation, but one that is certainly one of the lesser offenders in the corporate world — Major League Baseball. Indeed, most would agree the MLB has an apathetic stance of fairness, but how do they stand against the greedy owners who insist on having a hand in all facets of the franchise, and the billionaire MLB owners who insist on having a hand in all facets of the game.

There’s one quote of Sanders’ that really stands out to me. While he did for his community in terms of his investments, giving himself a moral identity and even going so far as to call a social phenomenon. He says, “There is no cause forSand- ers’ that really stands out through and through. What he does as well as has done so often before, he issues a moral challenge to those who might consider it to uphold the classical systems in our country, and he spares no expense in including the MLB in his attacks.

I’m not saying minor leaguers need to make millions of dollars a year, but they deserve to be paid better than poverty-level wages.

— John Alerat

OUR VIEW

Students will benefit from Penn State’s new policy only if they are willing to put in the work

Students will benefit from Penn State’s new grade forgiveness policy only if they are willing to put in the work for an achievement of a specific grade. However, grade forgiveness also provides students the ability to change their grade if they take courses through re-taking taking a course, with the hope of growing from their past mistakes.

Also, given that grade forgiveness can only be used on a maximum of two courses, it realistically could only improve upon roughly one semester’s worth of classes — still many credits, but not enough to save an entire degree.

After the announcement of this policy, some Penn State alumni voiced strong reactions, saying that grade forgiveness was not an option while they were students. While they have every right to be frustrated over the fact that they could not have benefited from grade forgiveness, there is no reason they should want to have the opportunity from current Penn State students. The implementation of this new policy is only the first university to implement a grade forgiveness program.

Many Big Ten schools — such as Ohio State University, University of Michigan, Rutgers University and Indiana University — have already adopted policies of their own.

Other universities’ policies vary with regards to qualifications for forgiveness, but the most part give students a second chance to improve their GPAs. Grade forgiveness provides students with a second chance to pass a course from fail, and then hopefully try again and succeed at a better grade. If a student is willing to put in the work to understand that stu-

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Penn State advances to third round

**SPORTS**

Penn State senior goalie Kendal White sets a new landmark in her Penn State career in Saturday night’s tournament matchup against Towson, in becoming the first goalie in Penn State history to make 48 saves in a game.

Towson was able to bring the deficit down to two, but the Tigers were unable to get any closer than that.

Jones also snapped a three-game losing streak in the all-time against the Wolverines, while Yanni also snapped a three-game losing streak in the all-time against the Wolverines.

Towson took the first set 25-21, with the second set being 25-17, leaving the third set 25-19. The Nittany Lions were able to take control of the match and the tournament as a whole.

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**MY VIEW**

GIANNA GALLI

Despite ultimately losing to the Tigers, the clearly well-prepared Tigers had quite the comeback effort, leaving the Nittany Lions wanting more.

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TIGER TAKEDOWN

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The Hagerstown, Maryland, native didn’t necessarily set out getting the mat on fire, but to win the dual this year and get ready for his senior season.

"I know the plan is to get better and to be the version I will be in March," Brooks said. "I’m excited to see how that translates and to wrestle at Rec Hall, to compete as a senior.""It was fun. Honestly, when we step on the mat and take our time off the mat, it feels good," Sanderson said. "It was just excited for him. He’s getting better every single day. We feel he can contend for a national title." 

South Dakota native went on to partner with Brooks, who turned in a well-rounded performance as the team continued its success in the first half of the season. Sanderson understands his potential and is as solid a coach as there is in the sport, and not many people know that the dominant wrestler in the country is waiting to get on the mat. Sanderson is making sure Brooks understands that he has an elite wrestler in him who is ready to take his next step.

Sanderson coaxed a new nickname for him in spring practice. "B-Money said that he was putting in the work to wrestle at Rec Hall, and he’s a guy who is always thinking about winning a national title," Sanderson said. "With three months of college left, he has to jump a couple levels. He’s on his game right now, and he’s been working hard so just seeing him compete on his level. That’s all we can ask for."

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