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THE FRIENDS OF PENN STATE MEN'S HOCKEY, Inc. NEWSLETTER

FALL 2021

FROM PRESIDENT WENDY JO HARTSOCK

N-ICE 2B Back, Yes, that is what our current FOPSMH 2021-22 season button states (see picture). It is great to be back in Pegula to see our old and new friends along with members, players, and coaching staff. We are excited to watch and support our beloved Nittany Lions, we have a few games under our blades, and everyone is settling into their new positions and playing on the ice. The new players (Copeland, Dorr, Dyck, Dzhaniyev, Kirwan, Mack, Schoen) fit in quite well and we are excited to see what they bring to the ice.

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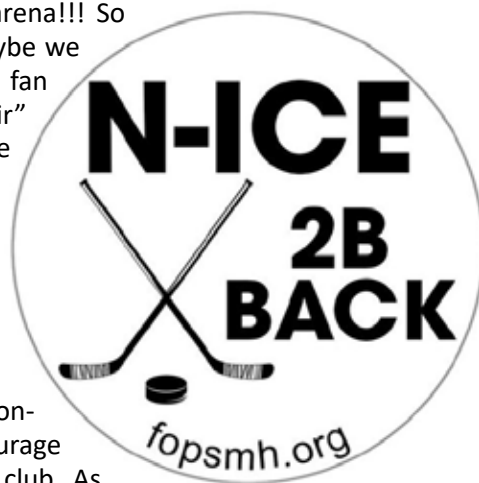
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Our FOPSMH Board of Directors has had some new faces added as well. We welcome Sara Becker, Vice President and Membership Chair, Stacey Kelley, Treasurer, and Wendy Rotz, Secretary. A few other new additions to our board include Mark Stephens and Brian Shull; you can see the names of the entire board on page 3 of this newsletter as well as on our website (fopsmh.org). We continue to assist Penn State Athletics with selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the home games; you can't miss us as we sport the chartreuse colored vests. The funds we raise from those sales continue to go towards our men's hockey scholarship (see page 4). We appreciate our fans and our loyal supporters who

continue to assist with this mission of providing financial support to our student-athletes.

There is a lot to learn about hockey history, and I found that some of these facts are very interesting. For example, when hockey was first played, frozen cow patties were used as the puck. Today, we see the black vulcanized rubber pucks used but did you know they are kept frozen before the game to prevent them from bouncing during play? One might think that playing on ice would keep them frozen, but that is not the case. One more exciting tidbit, supposedly "fan on the ice" means that when both teams' goalies are injured during a game, anybody can play the position – including a fan from inside the arena!!! So who knows, maybe we will see super fan Rich "Blue Hair" Seifert on the ice (hopefully not as we have very talented goalies and want them to stay safe and healthy).



As our season continues, we encourage you to join the club. As always, we will be looking into more ways to get together through game watching parties, annual socials, and maybe even something special for the New Year's Eve series; stay tuned, and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time, wjh21@psu.edu.

Chilly wishes in the arena,

Wendy Jo Hartsock, President

Friends of Penn State Men's Hockey, Inc.



Stephanie Corcino

Athletics at the highest levels are graceful and artistic – like a dance. Like a TANGO!



)) ON THE AIR WITH BRIAN TRIPP ((

Question: Congratulations on your excellent work on the football broadcasts. How have your broadcasting experiences over the years helped improve your reporting responsibilities, and vice versa?

BT: Thank you for the kind words. It's a great question. I think I'm naturally inquisitive, so whether it's reporting or play-by-play, I spend a lot of time preparing for each broadcast. I enjoy the process of researching players and teams and examining what can ultimately impact the outcome of the game. Really, the only difference between the assignments is the type of information and how I am delivering it to the audience. On the football sidelines, I can provide insight into on-field interactions, body language, and injuries because of my proximity to the action. Conversely, during hockey games, my top priority is to accurately describe the action. Then, hopefully, the background knowledge I've accumulated prior to the broadcast can provide context and value to what I'm observing in both situations. I think my varied career experiences and excellent education from Penn State's College of Communications help give me a great foundation for the job I'm doing on any particular day.

Question: Which broadcasters made the biggest/best impressions on you that led to your becoming a broadcaster yourself? What aspects of their performances did you most appreciate, and have you tried to incorporate any of their styles into your own broadcasts?

BT: For as long as I can remember, I wanted to be a sports broadcaster. Growing up a Philly sports fan, I always listened to Harry Kalas (Phillies) and Merrill Reese (Eagles). Both had/have a remarkable ability to connect to the fans through their passion for the job and teams they represent. Because of my interest in broadcasting at such a young age, Harry and Merrill were the stars of each game, not the players. I think in my broadcasts you'll notice at times I emulate Doc Emrick, Joe Buck, and Sean McDonough. I think I've found my own style and voice, but I certainly

have taken parts of their broadcast styles and made them my own. Finally, I can't answer this question without mentioning all the great mentors I've had at Penn State. Of course, that starts with Steve Jones, who is an exceptional broadcaster but an even better representative of Penn State University. I'm fortunate to call him a good friend.

SAVE THE DATE

The Friends of Penn State Men's Hockey will be hosting a social on Saturday, January 22, 2022, after the Wisconsin game. Join your fellow FOPSMH members, enjoy light refreshments, get a chance to win prizes, and meet our players and coaches! Mark your calendars, and look for an email invitation in early January.

Question: Assuming you get back to broadcasting from away venues, what's the best part of going on the road with Penn State hockey?

BT: Easy answer! Getting to know the student-athletes, coaches, and staff members who work tirelessly to achieve success in athletics and academics. It's the people at Penn State that make this university special. I love learning about everyone's journey, family, and interests. I also really missed visiting some of my favorite restaurants in other Big Ten towns. We could do an entire Q&A on best and worst food joints in the conference.

Question: We Penn Staters are justifiably proud of the Roar Zone, what are some of the more noticeable or unique student sections in the Big Ten? Do any of their chants or routines stand out?

BT: No student-section surpasses the Roar Zone! They are absolutely the best. Michigan's Children of Yost create a great environment. It all starts with the white board they use pregame to write messages to the visiting players. At Kohl Center, after each Wisconsin goal, an older fan in the front row leads a chant that counts the number of goals scored. But if things aren't going their way, that gets old fast. Finally, Notre Dame's goal horn blast is incredibly loud. I'm startled every time the team takes the ice for pregame introductions.

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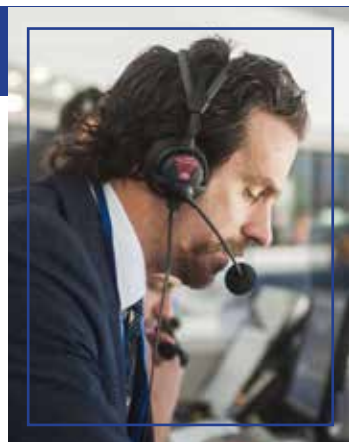
THE VOICE OF PEGULA, RODNEY MARTIN



Last season I was asked about the absence of fans in the building and if I thought it affected the players negatively. I answered that I didn't think it did. The team always has a lot to focus on during the game and not having fans in the seats was probably not at the top of the list. Well, if *my experience* with all of you back in the rink is any indication, I would like to amend the answer I previously gave. While the team (and I thankfully) was still able to "do the job" with no fans in the building, it was nowhere near as enjoyable as it is when there are folks in the stands.

I don't think it can be overstated just how amazing the atmosphere in Pegula can be on game nights. From my perch in the club level above Gate A, I can see just about everyone in the stands and the reactions - good or bad - to the events on the ice. I also have a terrific view of the Roar Zone and get to marvel at their...uh...antics (yeah, that's a good word) from pregame to the Alma Mater. Before we moved into the building, I was personally asked if I wanted to remain between the penalty boxes or move to the production booth on

the club level. It was an easy decision – the production booth provides clear sight lines to all areas of the rink and I don't have to deal with smelly hockey equipment throughout the game. Plus, that is where the goal horn button is, so, no brainer.



Next year will mark the tenth in Pegula and each and every time I walk into the building, it still puts a smile on my face. I feel so fortunate to be able to be the "voice" of Pegula and I hope to remain as such for as long as I can and as long as they will allow me to be. While having this position has opened other announcing opportunities for me on campus and in town, Pegula and Penn State Men's Hockey will always be my first love. I've said it before and I'll say it again, there is nothing that I have experienced like the feeling of the roar of the crowd after a goal and the resounding "PENN STATE" that follows the "We Are" at the end of my announcement.

This past year and a half has been absolutely grueling. I think that for many, it has provided an opportunity to evaluate their perspective on things. I know that it has made me much more appreciative of the relationships and opportunities that I have. I am even more grateful to be able to get away even for a little bit of time and be a part of a fantastic production crew and to help make the game better in some small way for the Penn State faithful. Win or lose, it is always a "Great Day for Hockey" in the Valley. And seeing you all again, it makes it even better...We Are!



Think the Lions aren't glad the fans are back?

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WHY WE DO THIS

For the 2nd consecutive season, Connor McMnamin has been designated as the recipient of the FOPSMH Men's Hockey Scholarship. A junior forward from Collegeville, PA, he previously played in the USHL with the Sioux City Musketeers (2016-2017) and the Tri-City Storm (2017-2019). His major is Energy Business Finance, and he was an Academic All-Big Ten selection in 2020-21.

McMnamin joins former Penn State captain Brandon Biro as the only players to have received this honor. Biro, a forward from Sherwood Park, Alberta, held this scholarship during each of his 4 years as a Nittany Lion. Before coming to Penn State, he played 2 seasons with the Spruce Grove (Alberta) Saints of the AJHL. A 3-time All-Big Ten Academic honoree, Biro majored in Business Management. He currently is in his second season with the storied Rochester Americans of the AHL.

Two different players, two different backgrounds. But

lots of similarities – athletically AND academically. And much of their success on and off the ice is due to the financial support they have received from Penn State through the FOPSMH Men's Hockey Scholarship.

The FOPSMH Men's Hockey Scholarship is made possible in large part by you, our members, and fans who have supported and participated in many of our current and previous fundraising activities in a variety of ways. In addition to annual dues, many of you donate additional sums on your membership applications, and have participated in various raffles. Today the largest component of the FOPSMH fund raising activities is the 50/50 raffle program, staffed by FOPSMH members. So when you see the annual announcement of the scholarship recipient, take a moment to congratulate yourself for supporting the Nittany Lion hockey program in general, and, more importantly, permanently impacting the life of a Penn State student-athlete.

On The Air with Brian Tripp

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Question: When preparing for a broadcast, do you take into consideration the officials assigned to the game? Are you able to determine their tendencies based on their previous performances?

BT: We don't know who will be officiating until about two hours prior to the game. The Big Ten rotates a group of officials throughout the season. Penn State typically has the same crew roughly 3 series in a season. Each crew does have tendencies, but there's a lot of consistency among officials throughout the Big Ten. It's not something we typically discuss.

Question: All broadcasters have experienced an "oops" moment. What's your most memorable one?

BT: Two quickly come to mind. Fortunately, both are relatively harmless. First, I was broadcasting a baseball game at Kent State and lost a ball in the lights. I called it a home run despite it being caught in right field. Second, I was reading a text message from a friend when we opened a broadcast. Instead of introducing myself and my broadcast partner, I said myself and my friend's name on-air! He appreciated the shoutout! Ha!

MUSIC CITY MASTERPIECE

On Halloween Eve, the Nittany Lions ignored the goblins, played in one of the signature games in their brief history, and earned a milestone 6-4 triumph in a contest in which they never trailed. What made this victory so momentous? Well, their opponent was college hockey blueblood North Dakota, ranked 6th nationally, and the game was the showcase U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game.

North Dakota's hockey accomplishments are legendary. They have won 8 national championships, participated in 22 Frozen Fours, and produced a 7-3-1 record in previous Hall of Fame Games. Among their distinguished alumni are T. J. Oshie, Jonathan Teows, and Zach Parise.

But history can't skate or check or score or defend. Penn State's players led UND's players for the final 55 minutes and 58 seconds of play, and Gadowsky's guys turned the showdown into a hoedown.

NEW FACES

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Nittany Lion men's hockey season. After last season, this one couldn't come fast enough. Here's a look at the guys who will be suiting up in blue and white for the first time. As their predecessors can verify, the next four years will go quickly, and will present successes and disappointments and thrills and frustrations. More than that, the years will bring indelible memories and lifetime friendships. So let's get to it.

First - who's gone? Evan Bell, Tim Doherty, Bobby Hampton, Will Holtforster, Alex Limoges, Max Sauve, Sam Sternschein, Alex Stevens, Aarne Talvitie.

And now - who's new? (from information posted on gopsports.com). Seven players are new to the roster. Of these, 5 are freshmen, 1 is a sophomore, and 1 is a grad transfer. Four of the 5 freshmen played last season in the USHL, while the 5th played in the Alberta Junior Hockey League. There is only one defender and one goaltender among the newcomers.

WELCOME TO HOCKEY VALLEY

Doug Dorr – GOALTENDER

Sophomore // 6'4" // 200 lbs // #30
Pittsburgh, PA // Youngstown Phantoms (USHL)

Dorr split the 2019-20 season between four teams in three leagues, ending with the Utica Jr. Comets of the National Collegiate Conference. He finished the 2018-19 campaign with the Topeka Pilots of the NAHL, and spent the 2017-18 season with the Pittsburgh Penguins Elite U18 team.

DORR ON PENN STATE: "After visiting State College for the 2019 Penn State Whiteout vs. Michigan, it became my dream to attend and compete for The Pennsylvania State University."

Carson Dyck – FORWARD

Freshman // 6'0" // 180 lbs // R // #7
Lethbridge, Alberta // Okotoks Oilers (AJHL)

Dyck played the past three seasons with the Okotoks Oilers, skating in 121 games and scoring 16 goals while adding 54 assists. He served as team captain in 2020-2021, led his team to a 7-1 record before the remainder of the season was canceled, and had a team best nine points on three goals and six assists. He also led the Oilers to the South Division finals in 2018-19.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Assistant Coach Matt Lindsay, who came to Penn State with Guy Gadowsky from Princeton in 2011, is the new Assistant Coach at UMass Amherst. We at FOPSMH want to thank Coach Lindsay for his tremendous contributions to the program, and wish him continued success in his new position.

DYCK ON PENN STATE: "I chose Penn State because it embodies an ultra-competitive culture combined with a strong sense of togetherness, and had everything I valued in a program."

COACH GADOWSKY ON DYCK: "Carson is an extremely intelligent and reliable player in all zones, he is a great leader who does a lot of little things to help you win hockey games."

Ryan Kirwan – FORWARD

Freshman // 6'2" // 195 lbs // L // #11
DeWitt, NY // Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)

Kirwan played the 2020-21 season with the Green Bay Gamblers of the USHL, ranking second on the team with 21 goals while adding 16 assists in 50 games. He was named to the 2019-20 USHL All-Rookie Team. Kirwan spent the 2018-19 season with Little Caesars U16 team, capturing the Michigan State Championship and leading the team with 58 goals and 101 points in 71 games.

KIRWAN ON PENN STATE: "Ever since I was a kid, I dreamt of attending Penn State. The facilities are the best in college hockey and no rink gets louder than Pegula Ice Arena. The coaching staff is top-notch, and it was an easy decision for me to make."

COACH GADOWSKY ON KIRWAN: "Ryan is a big left wing with a hard, heavy shot and he has the unique ability to get that shot off from anywhere on the ice."

Editor's note: Kirwan scored Penn State's first goal of the season in the first period of the opener vs. LIU, and minutes later assisted on Chase McLane's goal. LIU never caught up.

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GAME ACTION

photos by Stephanie Corcino



Chase McLane scores Penn State's 2nd goal in the season opener vs. LIU.



Oskar Autio (35) and Paul DeNaples (3) repel this Shark attack as the Lions prevail 3-1.



Here's how Xander lights the Lamppa in game 2 after taking a perfect feed from Christian Sarlo (not shown).



Later, Sarlo (10) scores what would prove to be the game winner on a breakaway after leaving the penalty box, and the Lions sweep the 2-game set with the Sharks.



Lion goalkeeper Oskar Autio keeps it close in the series opener with Canisius.



Chase McLane (17) and Danny Dhzaniyev (13) do everything they can in the 4-1 loss to the Golden Griffins.

GAME ACTION

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It's in!!! Freshman Danny Dzhaniev scores his 2nd goal of the season as Penn State looks for payback for the previous night's loss.



Tyler Gratton (28) takes the feed from Dzhaniev (13) and scores in the 5-2 Penn State victory.



Kevin Wall (21) gets the first of his 2 goals to start the scoring in the opener against Niagara. It was all the Lions needed in a 4-0 victory.



Oskar Autio stymies Niagara's attempt at a comeback and earns his first shutout of the season.



In the series finale, Tyler Paquette (23) opens the scoring with this blast and the Lions never trailed, ultimately winning 6-2 behind goalkeeper Liam Souliere.



He's done it!!! Kevin Wall (21) gets the hat trick (the 10th in Lion history) in game 2 vs. the Purple Eagles. It's his 5th goal of the series and 6th of the season.

NEW FACES

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Ben Schoen – FORWARD

Freshman // 5'8" // 150 lbs // R // #12

Maumee, OH // Youngstown Phantoms (USHL)

Schoen played the past three seasons in the USHL (mostly with the Youngstown Phantoms) but completed the 2020-21 campaign with the Tri-City Storm following a midseason trade. In 41 games combined between the two clubs, Schoen scored 17 goals and added 13 assists and helped the Storm to the Western Conference regular-season championship. In 125 total USHL contests he registered 78 points on 29 goals and 49 assists. Prior to his time in the USHL, Schoen spent two seasons with Little Caesars (2016-18) scoring 42 goals with 50 assists in 87 games.

SCHOEN ON PENN STATE: "I chose Penn State because of the culture of the team, the coaching staff, and the incredible atmosphere at Pegula Ice Arena."

COACH GADOWSKY ON SCHOEN: "Ben is a creative centerman with an extremely high hockey IQ. He will fit right in with his hockey sense and playmaking ability."

Danny Dzhaniev – FORWARD

Freshman // 5'4" // 145 lbs // L // #13

Brooklyn, NY // Dubuque Fighting Saints (USHL)

Dzhaniev recently finished his first and only season with the Dubuque Fighting Saints of the USHL, ranking third on the team with 18 goals and adding 18 assists in 49 games. He is a product of the United States National Team Development Program, and was a member of the U17 team that captured the Five Nations Tournament crown in Sweden in 2019.

DZHANIYEV ON PENN STATE: "Penn State has always been my dream school to go to. The facilities are incredible, the coaches are unbelievable people, and Penn State has the best fans in all of college hockey."

COACH GADOWSKY ON DZHANIYEV: "Danny is a smaller wing with a very high hockey IQ and a strong skill set, he is a fun player to watch."

Ben Copeland – FORWARD

Senior // 6'1" // 185 lbs // R // #14

Edina, MN // Colorado College (NCHC)

Copeland began his collegiate career at Colorado College (Guy Gadowsky's alma mater) where he amassed 17 goals and 33 assists in 97 games over the past three seasons. In 22 games during the 2020-21 season, Copeland finished second on the team with 11 points on 4 goals and 7 helpers. Prior to his time in Colorado Springs, he played two seasons in the USHL for the Waterloo Blackhawks.

COPELAND ON PENN STATE: "I chose Penn State because of the amazing school spirit and the development I will get under head coach Guy Gadowsky."

COACH GADOWSKY ON COPELAND: "Ben makes a lot of plays and will really add to our team speed by how he skates. It is always great to add a character player with previous collegiate experience to our lineup."

Simon Mack – DEFENSEMAN

Freshman // 5'10" // 180 lbs // R // #4

Brockville, Ontario // Des Moines Buccaneers (USHL)

After sitting out the 2019-20 season due to an injury, Mack finished his first season with the Des Moines Buccaneers of the USHL in 2020-21 after spending the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons with his hometown Brockville Braves of the CCHL. In 108 career games with Brockville, Mack collected 66 points on eight goals and 58 assists, including a 44-point season (4G, 40A) during the 2018-19 campaign. Mack was selected for Team Canada East in the World Junior A Challenge and was nominated for the Brockville and Area Sports Person of the Year Award.

MACK ON PENN STATE: "The campus, facilities and people that I met when visiting Penn State for the first time were the most impressive. The recent success of the team and the knowledge of the coaching staff helped me decide that this was the place I wanted to play. Penn State's academic history was also a great fit for my educational pursuits."

COACH GADOWSKY ON MACK: "Simon is a smooth skating defenseman who is also very smart with the puck. Those natural attributes allow him to be effective with minimal risk."