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COLLEGE HOCKEY

SPORTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

OHIO STATE 1, GOPHERS 1 OSU WINS SHOOTOUT 2-1 Friday 5-30 p.m. at Penn State (BTN)



Gopher forward Ryan Norman fell to the ice while being challenged by Buckeyes defenseman Wyatt Egge on Saturday.

Gophers tie with Ohio State

Minnesota missed a chance to secure home ice...

For the better part of the past month, the Gophers' hockey team has thrived by limiting errors and prevailing in low-scoring, grind-it-out games...

Ohio State (9-8-5, 12-8-2-4) secured the extra point in the standings in large part thanks to goalie Sean Romano, who made 34 saves through overtime and stopped seven of eight shootout attempts...

home ice not quite secured — as a positive. "The want to on both sides was there, and it was just hard-fought hockey," Lucia said...

got a five-on-three chance for 1:01 midway through the second period, but the Buckeyes' penalty kill led by Romano's six saves during the two-man drill, held strong. "We had some good looks," Lucia said...

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first four-game, regular-season series over Minnesota over Wisconsin (9-9-3, 20-2-2), which will have a bye in the WCHA quarterfinal next weekend as the conference champion, but the Gophers will play one goal in all four games...

WISCONSIN 1, GOPHERS 0 Wisconsin (10-1-1, 21-1-1) scored the lone goal in the first period on a power play. Gophers defenseman Matt Ryan was the only Gopher to have a shot on goal...

ROUNDUP

St. Cloud State rallies to beat Western Michigan

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his second shutout of the visiting Red Hawks in two nights, stopping 34 shots this time. He had 16 saves in UM-D's 4-0 win Friday here. Thomas put Jack Pochling's shot in the sixth minute of the third period...

Big Ten St. 10 Penn State 3, Michigan State 2 Alex Limoges' goal five minutes into the second period gave the Nittany Lions a two-goal lead, and they held on to lead the Spartans in East Lansing, Mich.

WCHA No. 5 MSU Marquette 4, Ferris State 2 Brad McClure and CJ Stevens scored in the final three minutes for the host Marquette to break a 2-2 tie.

Big Ten

31 Haskins, Milby Eysenhard got the next two goals for SCNU, getting the winner at 10:39. Austin Cain made 31 saves for the No. 15 Broncos.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Coffey decides on shoulder surgery

Gophers sophomore guard Austin Coffey will miss the remainder of the season because of right shoulder surgery, coach Brad Brown announced Saturday.

After a Jan. 3 victory over Illinois, Coffey was diagnosed with a humeral avulsion (HAGL) lesion, which is a ligament tear near the front of the shoulder. His initial timetable for recovery was six to eight weeks, but he returned after five games, Coffey is left-handed, so the injury didn't affect his shooting arm. He wore heavy tape on his right shoulder his last two games.

Defense, rebounding keys for U vs. Terps

Gophers know they can score a lot of points.

The Big Ten race With three regular season games left, the Gophers are in fourth place in the Big Ten — a half game out of first, one game out of second and two out of first in a top-four finish would give them a double bye in the conference tournament. Here is how the top half of the standings looked Monday afternoon.

Scoring hasn't been a problem for the Gopher women's basketball team. They rank second in the Big Ten averaging 82.3 points per game.

Whether it's through top-notch defense or their scoring, the Gophers haven't let ranked opponents ratttle them this season. For example, Michigan started the second half on 15-0 but Minnesota responded and won.

With that in mind, they'll need to focus on their defense and rebounding as they look to keep rolling in the Big Ten. The Gophers' 30 ranked Maryland on Sunday afternoon at Williams. "Those are our two big seniors," senior center Lucie said. "Because offensively, I think that we don't really need to focus on that. That just comes naturally for us."

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WOMEN'S GAMEDAY

U looking for first win vs. Terps

Preview: The Gophers (20-8, 9-6 Big Ten) are coming off a 58-47 victory over No. 23 Michigan on Wednesday at Williams Arena. The victory was the Gophers' sixth in the past seven games. The No. 17 Terrapins (24-13, 13) are coming off a 75-65 loss to Purdue at home Thursday. The loss ended a seven-game winning streak for the Terrapins, who have won 21 of 22 since opening the season 2-0. The Terrapins are 7-0 all-time against the Gophers. The teams met three times last season — twice in the regular season and once in the Big Ten tournament.

Playoffs to watch: Freshman G/F Destiny Pitts had 10 points and 12 rebounds on Wednesday — her fifth double-double of the season. Young center Kaitia Charles led for the Gophers team lead. Sophomore C/center Claudia Hubbard had 17 points, a season-high seven assists and five steals tying her career high. Sophomore G/Katia Charles leads the balanced Terrapins in scoring (17.8) and rebounding (8.3). Six players are averaging more than 10 points per game. Senior G Kristin Coffey leads the Big Ten (and is fifth in the nation) in free-point shooting percentage (.47.3).

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