

THE PENN STATE LADY LIONS: JOURNEY TO THE TOURNAMENT

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Today, 14 hopeful teams come to the 26th Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament in search of victory. Some teams come in search of redemption, others come to uphold a reputation, but this year Penn State comes to show the world what they've got.

This article is a quick recap of the Lady Lions @ the Fighting Illini game on February 24th, 2019. It will give you an idea of how the Lady Lions have played throughout the season. Penn State comes away with their 5th divisional win and keeps their winning streak alive. Some of the Lady Lions came away with some career highs.

The game started with the Fighting Illini getting a slim lead in the first three minutes. Soon Travascio-Green put up a three -pointer to wrap-up the Lady Lions' nine-point scoring run just before the first media timeout. Towards the end of the first half the Lady Lions shooting got on fire as they sank four more three-pointers, two made by Travascio-Green. The Lady Lions went into half time 26-16 Penn State leading.

During the second half they were not as on fire as the first half but kept scoring against the Fighting Illini. At the end of the third the Fighting Illini

were trailing by four points, but Penn State went right back up with an eleven-point run. McDaniel and Travascio-Green's three-pointers kept the Lady Lions' streak alive. This put the Lady Lions on top heading into the final 10 minutes.

In the fourth quarter the Fighting Illini tried to put a fork in the road of victory for the Lady Lions. In three minutes, the Fighting Illini put up twelve-points cutting the Lady Lions lead to seven points. Amari Carter hit a key shot and snapped Illinois scoring streak. The Lady Lions held the Fighting Illini to five points in the final minutes and won the game. The final score was 76 - 65.

The Lady Lions had a few records in this game. First, Travascio-Green scored 19-points which is a season high for her. Second, McDaniel recorded her second 20-plus point effort of the season. Finally, The Lady Lions scored 26-points in the first quarter tying their highest-scoring in the first quarter this season. And the Journey continues...