

## Nittany Lions Take Down Hampton, 69-65, in CBI Opener

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Four Nittany Lions posted double figures in scoring as the Penn State men's basketball team defeated Hampton, 69-65, in the first round of the College Basketball Invitational. D.J. Newbill (Philadelphia, Pa.) set the pace for the Blue and White, notching a team-high 19 points while Brandon Taylor (Tabernacle, N.J.), Tim Frazier (Houston, Texas) and Geno Thorpe (Pittsburgh, Pa.) also reached double figures.

Taylor flirted with a double-double, scoring 14 points and pulling down nine boards, Frazier posted 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds and Thorpe added a career-high 10 points and five rebounds.

With the win, Penn State (16-17 overall) advances to the quarterfinals of the CBI Tournament where it will take on Siena in a Monday night matchup at the Times Union Center in Albany, N.Y.

The Nittany Lions shot 40.5 percent (17-of-42) from the field, 29.4 percent (5-of-17) from three-point range and 75.0 percent (30-of-40) from the free throw line. Penn State dominated the boards on the night, grabbing 42 rebounds while holding the Pirates to 18, the lowest for any PSU opponent this season.

Brian Darden led the charge for the Pirates, dropping a career-high 22 points on 5-of-7 from the field, including four three pointers. Deron Powers also reached double figures, posting 19 points for HU. Hampton shot 41.3 percent (19-of-46) from the floor, 42.9 percent (6-of-14) from beyond the arc and 72.4 percent (21-of-29) from the charity stripe.