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**PENN STATE FOOTBALL**

**Outpouring of support**



**Fans set aside on-field rivalry to help Alabama relief efforts**

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**U**NIVERSITY PARK — If Penn State defeats third-ranked Alabama today at Beaver Stadium, the loss would not come close to the losses suffered by the Tuscaloosa area in April.

On April 27, tornadoes ripped through Alabama causing widespread damage and more than 200 deaths, including six University of Alabama students.

An EF-4 (wind speeds of 166-200 mph) tornado left a 6-mile path of destruction, with rebuilding costs estimated at more than \$100 million. "While the UA campus was spared any significant damage, there was massive destruction in surrounding areas with about 12 percent of the city of Tuscaloosa being

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destroyed," said Janet Griffith, assistant provost for communications at the university.

"We had 3,100 homes in the greater Tuscaloosa area which had to be razed and another 22,000 homes that had severe damage," said Riz Shakir, president of Project Team Up and an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama.

Project Team Up is a nonprofit organization formed to help Alabama tornado victims. The organization works in partnership with Alabama Coach Nick Saban's charity, Nick's Kids, which donated \$50,000 to Project Team

Up. Penn State and Alabama have played some classic games over the years, but

**Penn State vs. Alabama**

**Kickoff:** 3:30 p.m.  
**TV/Radio:** ABC-TV (Channel 12 on Atlantic Broadband); WVAM-AM 1430, WRKY-FM, 104.9, WTRN-AM 1340, WTRN-FM 100.7

**Kickoff weather:** Partly cloudy, 73  
**Season records:** Penn State 1-0 (No. 23 in AP poll), Alabama 1-0 (No. 3 in AP poll)

**All-time series:** Alabama leads 9-5

today marks the Crimson Tide's first visit to Beaver Stadium since 1989.

"There is a history to the rivalry with Alabama and a tradition that comes with it. It dates back to some classic matches between Coach [Paul "Bear"] Bryant and Coach [Joe] Paterno. They were treasures that add to the magnitude of the game," said Greg Myford, Penn State associate athletic director for business relations

and communications. "Placing the game in context with the other things that have occurred, we want them to know that the game is not bigger than what they had to endure."

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**Coroner: Victim was not on drugs**

Toxicology report shows woman found near train tracks was not on Blizzard

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**TYRONE** — A 25-year-old Tyrone mother of three who was killed after jumping from a train in June was not under the influence of illegal drugs at the time of her death, a toxicology report revealed.

A railroad crew discovered the body of Ashley D. Dively close to the railroad tracks near Thomas Town Road early in the morning of June 18.

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Blair County Coroner Patty Ross said Friday toxicology results for Dively, who died from blunt force trauma, came back negative, including a test for MDPV, the synthetic bath salts commonly known as Blizzard.

Ross was told Dively had said before her death that she was under the influence of the drug.

Ross said testing for Blizzard is a special request that costs an additional \$200. Anyone suspected of being on the drug at the time of their death is tested for MDPV, which can be detected in the system, she said.

Dively's family was upset with Ross and the Mirror after Dively's death for reporting the connection.

Ross said she stands firm that she was doing her job as coroner, which includes educating the public to prevent further deaths.

"I'm sorry if my initial report caused problems for the family," she said.

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Mirror photo illustration by J.D. Cavrich and Hannah Frank  
Caroline Gummo shows the benefit T-shirts being sold at Family Clothesline in State College. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts are going to Project Team Up to help with relief efforts in Alabama following tornadoes there this spring.

**FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL**

**Target employees volunteer to work Shanksville luminaria**

Ceremony will begin this evening

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Some employees of the local Target are participating in

today's ceremonies at the Flight 93 National Memorial site in Shanksville.

About 30 Target team members and their family members are volunteering to help with a luminaria service set for this evening.

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**Rain submerges area roads**

Flooding forces closure of Route 36 and Plank Road

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Heavy rainfall pounding the area Friday put several Blair County roads under water.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for north central Bedford County, western Blair County, Cambria County and southwestern Clearfield County until 10 p.m.

A second flash flood warning went out to northeastern Blair County, northeastern Cambria, southern Clearfield County and northern Huntingdon County until 11:15 p.m.

Meteorologist Greg Devoir said that about 8 p.m. the already-soaked ground from heavy rainfall throughout the week couldn't absorb the rain coming down Friday.

Logan Township Emergency Management Agency reported Route 36 was temporarily closed for flooding at about 7:20 p.m. Friday evening.

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