

Paterno, PSU prepare to tackle Ohio State

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It seemed Nittany Lion coach Joe Paterno couldn't find enough good things to say about Ohio State.

He said he thinks the Buckeyes' defense, which returns 10 starters from the 1995 group, is better than it was last season.

"They're one of the better defensive teams I've seen in a while," Paterno said.

And offensively, he thinks they can be just as good as they were a year ago, despite losing three players who were first-round NFL draft picks.

Once again, Penn State's undersized defensive line will face an offensive line that averages just under 300 pounds per man. Paterno was asked how his defense will combat Ohio State this weekend when the No. 3 Buckeyes host the No. 4 Lions.

Media member: "Ohio State's offensive line has been just pushing people down the field. What makes you think that you guys can stop that from happening on Saturday?"

Paterno: "I didn't say we could."

Media member: "Is there anything that makes you believe you can?"

Paterno: "No."

The coach wasn't shy in complimenting the Ohio State offense. He said the Buckeyes have a "great" offensive line, a "great" tailback, two "outstanding" tight ends and "good" wide receivers.

Paterno said the team came out of the Wisconsin game in "good shape" as far as injuries are concerned. Linebacker

Jim Nelson, who bruised a knee against the Badgers, practiced Monday.

Meanwhile, offensive tackle Jason Henderson, who broke the first metatarsal in his right foot during the season opener against Southern California on Aug. 25, practiced Monday for the first time since the injury.

"Whether Henderson will be ready or not (by Saturday)," Paterno said, "I'm not sure."

Paterno, though, said defensive tackle Floyd Wedderburn is ready to play.

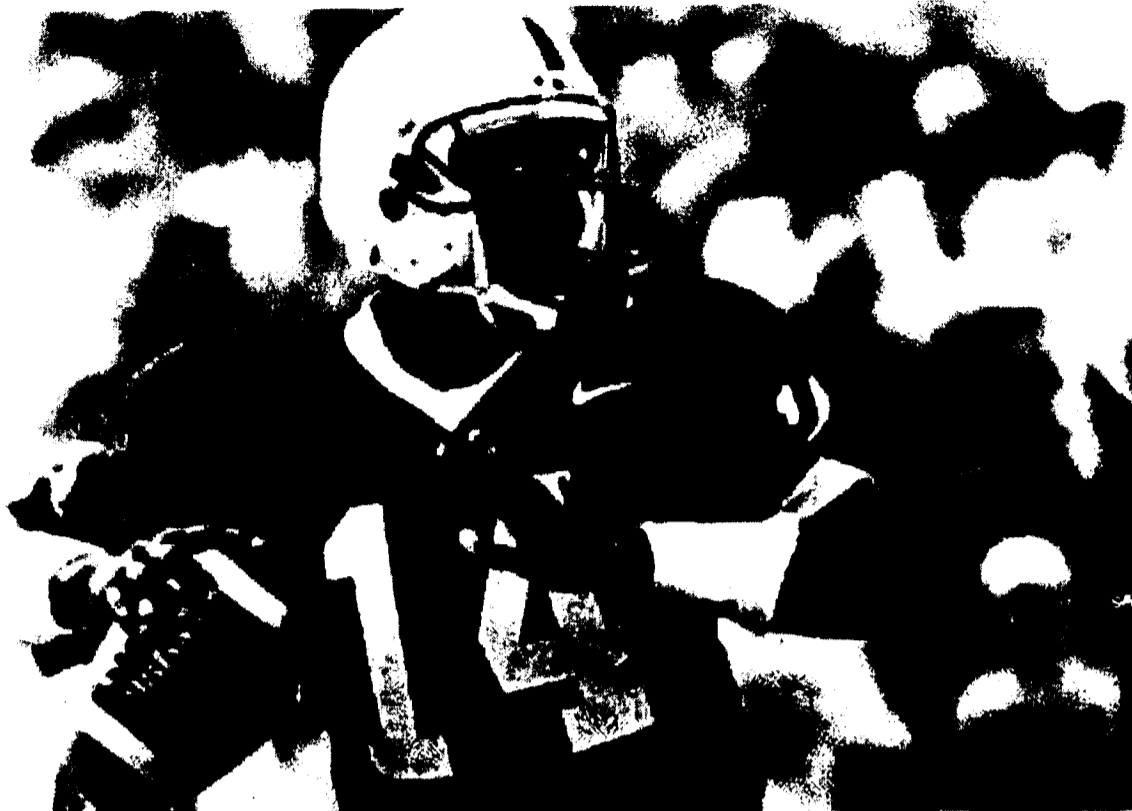
All in the family, Paterno is now coaching outside linebacker Aaron Collins after having coached Aaron's brother and fellow linebacker Andre from 1986-89.

After Aaron's three-sack, 13-tackle performance against Wisconsin last weekend, is the younger linebacker as good as his bigger brother currently playing for the Cincinnati Bengals?

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Paterno said. "If I tell you Andre's better, Aaron will be mad at me. If I don't say they're both good, their mom will be mad at me. I'll just say they're both good."

Aaron was at his best against the Badgers. Frequently blitzing, the 6-foot, 233-pound redshirt junior was in the Wisconsin backfield all



Wally's World. Penn State quarterback Wally Richardson looks downfield against Wisconsin.

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afternoon.

"He can accelerate," Paterno said. "He has good judgment."

And so does Paterno - in using diplomacy.

Overtime is not good

Before the season, Paterno said he didn't like the new overtime rule being implemented in Division I-A college football. Now five games into the year, he still isn't a fan of overtime.

"I don't like it because we put in the two-point play to eliminate ties," he said.

In the new overtime format, each team gets the ball at its

opponent's 25-yard line with an opportunity to score. The overtime continues until one team outscores the other after an equal number of possessions, meaning a game could extend to two, three or even more extra periods.

A television game that already lasts more than three hours could become a four- or five-hour affair.

"I don't get paid by the hour," Paterno said with a laugh. "I think it's ridiculous. I just don't see any reason for it."

The coach also thinks overtime could possibly lead to

more player injuries. The first-string players, already tired from playing four quarters, will be even more fatigued in the extra session or sessions.

"You're going to play kids too long when you get in the situation with more than one or two overtimes," he said.

Paterno obviously hasn't played for ties during his coaching career. Of the 358 games he's been Penn State's coach, the Lions have tied three times, the last coming against Maryland in 1989.

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Golfer's finish fifth in tourney

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Led by senior Dave Koster and junior Chris Donalies the golf team continued to make a name for themselves and Behrend.

"I think we went out and made some people aware of our improvement and caliber of play" said Coach Herb Lauffer.

Behrend finished fifth overall (12 teams), just three strokes behind fourth place finisher York.

Chris Donalies complimented Koster's performance with a 160, in the 36 hole, two day tournament.

The field included some of the

best competition in Division III

"The field of teams included several very strong programs. Allegheny, Rochester and Binghamton are among the elite in Division III" said Lauffer.

Individually, the Behrend golfers also turned some heads with their play. Both Dave Koster and Chris Donalies finished in the top fifteen placing tenth and thirteenth, respectively.

"I was pleased with the effort given by the team" said Coach Lauffer. "Brad Johnston did a tremendous job of coming back from a 95 to shoot a 84 on Monday."

Golf Scores

Dave Koster	79	78
Chris Donalies	79	81
Matt Curry	80	84
Mark Kacprowicz	89	86
Brad Johnston	95	84

The tournament was played at The Links at Hiawatha Landing, a challenging course with rolling hills and many twists and turns.

"Hiawatha Landing was ranked as one of the top public golf courses by *Golf Digest*" added Lauffer.

Major League Playoff Picture

Tuesday		Wednesday	
Baltimore	10	Baltimore	7
Cleveland	4	Cleveland	4
Texas	6	Atlanta	2
New York	2	LA.	1
St. Louis	3	New York	5
San Diego	1	Texas	4



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