

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Allison Mudrey

SPORT: Women's Tennis

CLASS: Senior

DATE: Sept. 10, 2007

Allison Mudrey (Hermitage/Hickory) has been named the Enterprise Rent-A-Car athlete of the week for the week of Sept. 3, 2007.

Mudrey was victorious in both of her matches at the Behrend Invitational. In her first match of the day, she defeated Ashley Current from Bethany and went on to face Jill Halama from Geneva for the championship. The Behrend Lions went on to defeat Geneva 3-2 and finish number one for the day.

Next up for women's tennis, they travel to Fredonia to take on the Blue Devils on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 3:30 p.m.

The Enterprise Rent-A-Car Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports Information Staff.

Penn State defense shuts down Irish

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A record-setting, sold-out crowd of 110,078 fans packed into Beaver Stadium on Saturday night and witnessed No. 12 Penn State dismantle Notre Dame 31-10. Surrounded by the very first all-stadium white-out in Penn State history, senior wide receiver and co-captain Terrell Golden described the stadium as a blur of white. Amid the intense atmosphere the Nittany Lions recorded their second victory of the young season and in doing so they were able to get revenge.

Led by their nationally ranked defense, the Nittany Lions were able to manhandle the Irish and their freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen, getting payback for last season's uneven 41-17 loss at South Bend. Penn State held the young quarterback to 144 yards passing and one interception. Offensively, the visiting Fighting Irish were held to nine first downs and zero yards rushing on 26 carries. Penn State's swarming defense recorded six sacks for minus 50 yards.

Ranked No. 1 in the nation in rushing defense, Penn State has allowed an impenetrable minus 1.5 yards per game so far this season. The Nittany Lions defense hasn't allowed an offensive touchdown yet this season and in their first two games combined have given up a total of only three points and 258 total yards.

Offensively, the Nittany Lions started off slow, turning the ball over with an interception that was returned 73 yards for a score. Junior wide receiver Derrick Williams brought the team back to life, however, returning a punt 78 yards for a touchdown with less than a minute left in the first quarter. Williams' return, a beautiful balance of speed and grace, was chosen as a nominee for ESPN's Pontiac Game Changing Performance. Senior tailback

Austin Scott recorded his fourth career 100-yard game, handling a career high 28 carries for a career high 116 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Senior quarterback Anthony Morelli completed 12 of 22 passes for 131 yards and one touchdown.

Nonetheless, it was the defense that took center stage in the team's decisive victory. Fueled by the second largest crowd in Beaver Stadium history, the defense wrecked havoc on the young Irish offense, which were whistled for a total of 14 offensive penalties. Against the

Irish, senior All-American and team co-captain Dan Connor thrived. Connor recorded a game-high 12 tackles and has been selected as the Walter Camp Football Foundation's National Defensive Player of the Week. Connor's performance also merited him Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The Nittany Lions look to continue their dominance this upcoming weekend as they host the Buffalo Bulls for the conclusion of their three-game home stand. The 1-1 Bulls who are coming off of a 42-7 victory over the Temple Owls will meet the Nittany Lions for the first time since 1900. The Bulls, who are coming off of a dismal 2-10 2006 season look to make vast strides of improvement this season under second year head coach Turner Gill. Kickoff is set for noon at a sold out Beaver Stadium.



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The Lions recorded six sacks against the Irish.

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