

SPORTS

Penn State crushes Coastal Carolina

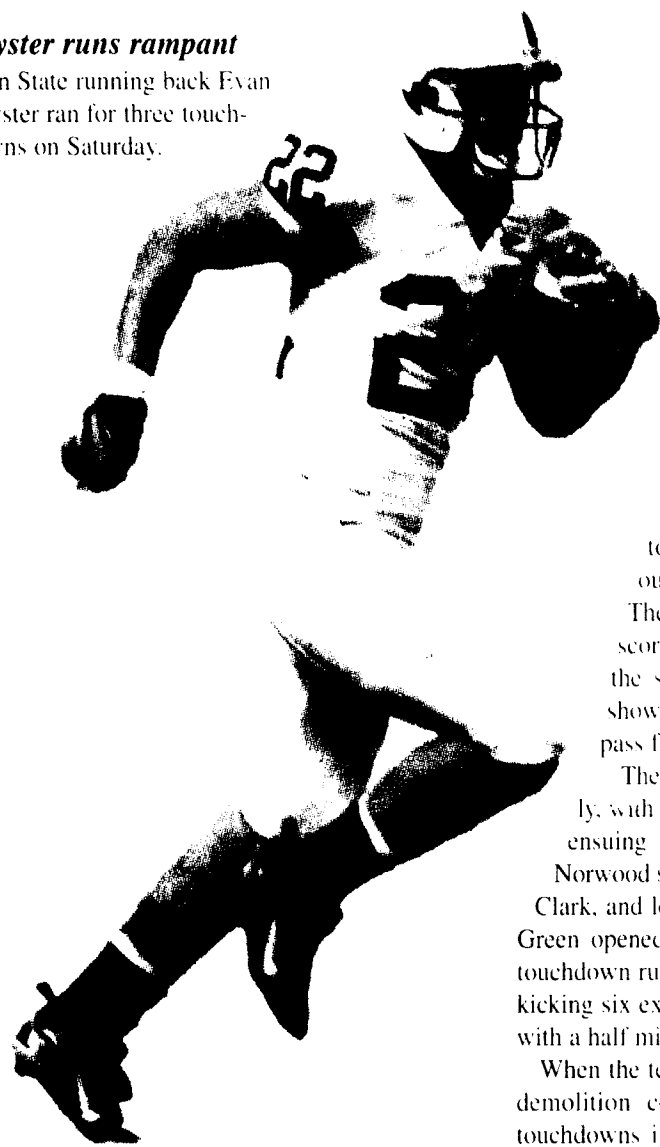


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Royster runs rampant

Penn State running back Evan Royster ran for three touchdowns on Saturday.



Coming out of Penn State's 61-10 rout of the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, the only question remaining is whether the Nittany Lions are as good as they looked. The Chanticleers, a division I-AA team, made Happy Valley that much happier as Penn State summarily tossed them out of the game.

The game was opened by a pair of touchdown runs from six and two yards out by PSU running back Evan Royster. The pair of touchdowns would seal the scoring for the first quarter. Shortly after the start of the second, Coastal Carolina showed a flash of promise, with a 33 yard pass from quarterback Zach Maedowall.

The Nittany Lions struck back immediately, with Senior Derrick Williams returning the ensuing kickoff 89 yards to paydirt. Jordan Norwood scored on a five-yard pass from Daryll Clark, and less than three minutes later, Stephfon Green opened the gap to 7-35 with a seven-yard touchdown run. Kevin Kelly, who had a busy night kicking six extra points, nailed a 21-yard field goal with a half minute left before halftime.

When the teams took the field after halftime, the demolition continued. Penn State scored three touchdowns in the third quarter: another each for Royster and Green, then one for defensive back/safety/runningback/wide receiver Chaz

Powell. Brandon Beachem scored the last touchdown of Penn State's merciless run of the board.

After 52 unanswered points, the Chanticleers hit a field goal as time expired to bring their score to double digits.

Clark, who started as Penn State's quarterback, went 11 of 14 for 146 yards, his sole touchdown pass to Norwood being the highlight of his first start for the Nittany Lions.

"When you first start, you want everything to go right," the senior said. "I don't think I got touched today."

The Nittany Lions' punishing ground attack likely diverted some of the heat from their new starter. The Penn State runners combined for 334 yards and five touchdowns. "I always told myself to set goals," said Green, a promising Penn State freshman. "My goal was to get three (touchdowns) and I got two. I tried to catch up with Royster when he got three. Two was my real goal, and I got that."

When players are setting goals for three touchdowns, the teams may be a tad bit mismatched. Coastal Carolina coach David Bennett had nothing but great things to say about the team that collectively sat his team down and taught them how to play football. "They are a good football team," said Bennett. "They are one of the best in the country. I think they will be top ten in the country."

The drubbing marks Joe Paterno's 373rd career victory with Penn State, tying Florida State coach Bobby Bowden for most all-time amongst major

college coaches.

"I haven't even thought about it and I'm not going to," said Paterno. "I can only say it so many times. It's not a big deal to me. I just can't seem to get that across." JoePa is now in his 42nd season as Penn State's head coach, and 57th as a staff member - the same amount of games that Coastal Carolina has played as an organization.

This weekend, the Nittany Lions will take on the Oregon State Beavers in Happy Valley. This will be the first time that the teams have met.

Based on the statistics from the first week, Penn State has a huge advantage on the ground: the Nittany Lions gained 334 yards while Oregon State only gained 86. This week, Penn State will run up against the best run defense in 2007 - Oregon State held their opponents to 2.1 yards per carry.

Of course, the Beavers faced a more formidable opponent than Coastal Carolina: they fell 28-35 to Stanford.

Wide receivers Sammie Stroughter and Shane Morales will play a key role for the Beavers in the matchup. Oregon State has to go to the air to move the ball this week, and the two combined for 308 yards and three TDs last week.

However, if the Beavers rely too much on their passing game, the Penn State defense will have a field day with sophomore quarterback Lyle Moevao. They must balance his arm with their ground game in order to move the ball against Penn State's stingy defense.

**ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**



**Brooke Gallentine
Women's Volleyball
Junior**

Penn State Behrend junior Brooke Gallentine (Mt. Pleasant/Southmoreland) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of September 4, 2008.

In 15 games, Gallentine has 123 assists and 29 digs. She logged 45 in the 3-2 win over St. Mary's.

The Penn State Behrend women's volleyball posted a 3-1 mark in its opening tournament of 2008 at the Thomas More Tournament. Behrend handled Earlham, St. Mary's and Kenyon and lost to the host Thomas More.

Next up for the blue and white will be the Behrend Invitational. Behrend has four teams coming to Erie, PA for its tournament this Friday and Saturday. For a full schedule please go to the volleyball schedule page.

**Sports at Behrend
This Weekend**

Friday, September 5, 2008

- Behrend's volleyball team will host a Behrend Invitational at 3:30. They will face D'Youville and Notre Dame.
- The Behrend Women's Tennis team will host Frostburg at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6, 2008

- Day two of the Behrend Volleyball invitational will feature games against Daemen and Fredonia.
- The Women's tennis team will host a Behrend Invitational, with matches at 10:00 a.m. vs. Bethany and at 1:00 p.m. against Geneva, with playoff matches at 2:30 and 4:00 p.m.

**THREE PSU PLAYERS
SUSPENDED FROM
SATURDAY'S GAME**

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Three Penn State football players will not suit up for Saturday's game against Oregon State: Maurice Evans, Abe Koroma and Andrew Quarless.

While no charges have been filed at time of publication, Head Coach Joe Paterno suspended the three after marijuana was found in their apartment.

"They have responsibility to their teammates," Paterno said on his radio show Thursday night. "And if they do something as dumb as it appears they did, and I'm not saying if they did or they didn't yet, but even being close to that kind of thing, I'm not going to play any one of those three kids this weekend."

Police were called to an excessively loud party and found the drugs in their search of the rooms. The investigation is still ongoing.

The apartment was also shared by cornerback A.J. Wallace, who Paterno said was not involved in the situation. Wallace will be allowed to play against Oregon State this weekend.

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Detroit at Atlanta	Det.	Det.	Det.	Det.	Det.
Cincinnati at Baltimore	Balt.	Cinci.	Balt.	Cinci.	Cinci.
New York Jets at Miami	NYJ	Miami	NYJ	NYJ	Miami
St. Louis at Philly	Philly	Philly	St. Louis	Philly	Philly
Tampa Bay at N.O.	N.O.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	N.O.
Kansas City at N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.
Chicago at Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Chicago	Indi.
Arizona at SF	Arizona	S.F.	Arizona	Arizona	S.F.
Carolina at SD	S.D.	S.D.	S.D.	S.D.	S.D.
Tie-Breaker	(+11)	(+4)	(+10)	(+14)	(+4)
Dallas at Cleveland	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Cleveland	Clev.
NCAA	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Ryan	Chris
Oregon St at Penn St	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
BYU at Washington	BYU	Wash.	Wash.	BYU	Wash.
Utah State at Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Wake Forest at Ole Miss	Wake	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Wake
Georgia Tech at BC	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	BC	BC
Year-to-date Totals:	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

And by "Experts," we mean "People who publish a newspaper weekly."

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