

SPORTS

Penn State Football

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Penn State managed to push aside their opponent as well as their off-field issues in a 44-14 rout of Oregon State last Saturday.

Before the game, Maurice Evans and Abe Koroma were suspended for off-field problems. According to reports, police investigated an apartment belonging to four Penn State players and found marijuana. Though the investigation was still pending, Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno suspended Evans, Koroma and a third teammate, Andrew Quarless. Quarless suited up for the game, though, without an explanation from Paterno.

Team captain Josh Gaines knew what the biggest challenge heading into the game was: pushing aside off-field problems and making sure his team was ready to play. "We got to go out and focus on football," said the defensive end.

And they did just that. Quarterback Daryll Clark, who had an exceptional game last week against Coastal Carolina, threw for 215 yards and completed 14 of his 27 attempts. Clark also rushed for 61 yards, showing off his potential as a Tebow-esque quarterback. He helped the

Nittany Lions with his legs in several crucial situations.

Evan Royster, for the second consecutive week, rushed for an impressive three touchdowns. He ran for 141 yards, more than half of Penn State's total offense.

With a total of six touchdowns in two games, Royster is quickly beginning to look like one of the nation's premier runningbacks. He gained 141 of Penn State's 239 total yards on offense, and did the best job of the night in carrying the Nittany Lions' attack.

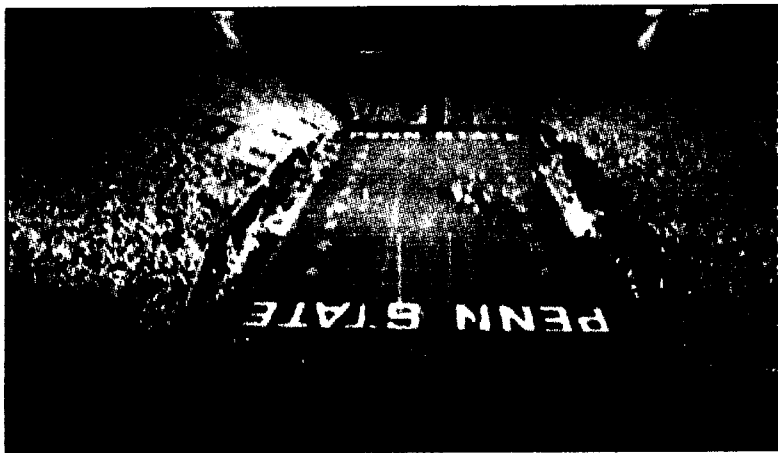
Penn State wide receiver Jordan Norwood had a commendable game with eight recep-

tions for 116 yards and one touchdown. Wide receiver Mickey Shuler also contributed to the win with three receptions for 48 yards, including a great endzone catch for a 5-yard score.

For Oregon State, the brightest spot seemed to be their runningback, Jacquizz Rogers. He added a fourth quarter touchdown to his 99 yards, and severely out-performed the rest of his team. Kyle Moevao gave up two interceptions to the Nittany Lions' defense, and passed 21 of 45 for 250 yards.

With this win, Paterno briefly passed Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden for the NCAA all-time wins record. Later that day, Bowden's Seminoles destroyed Western Carolina in a 69-0 rout, evening the race again.

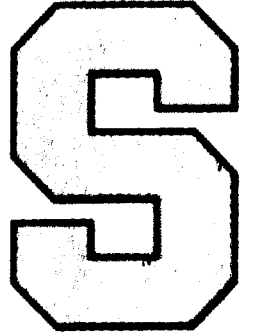
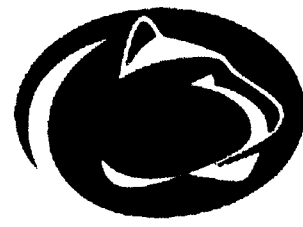
Paterno continues to downplay the record, but expect it to become a heated match as Penn State nears tougher matches on their schedule. Syracuse may not be a tough opponent, but Illinois the following week will present a threat to the 2-0 Nittany Lions.



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Beaver Stadium was less than welcoming to the visiting Beavers.

This week's matchup



**#17 PENN STATE
VS
SYRACUSE**

3:30 P.M. ET, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

**"Cheers."
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Sports at Behrend

Saturday, September 13, 2008

- The Behrend Women's Soccer team(0-3-1) will take on Westminster at 1 p.m. Westminster boasts a 3-1-1 record entering the match.
- Behrend's Men's Soccer(3-2) will face Westminster's men (3-2) at 3 p.m.
- The Men and Women's Cross Country team will host a Behrend invitational. Students should arrive prior to 11 a.m. at the Behrend fields.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

- Penn State athlete of the week Karen Hobough and the undefeated Behrend Women's Tennis team(5-0) will face Fredonia on the Behrend courts at 3:30 p.m. Fredonia enters the match with two wins and four losses. Their most recent defeat came from Behrend, who defeated them 2-7 on their home court on Sept 10.

PIRATES FACE ANOTHER DISAPPOINTING SEASON

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Well, it's September, and for Major League Baseball that means crunch time for teams looking to make the playoffs. Unfortunately, the Pittsburgh Pirates aren't one of those teams. As of September 10, the Pirates' record is 60-84, which places them in last place in the Central Division of the National League, and they are currently riding a 4-game losing streak. This will be the 16th consecutive losing season for the Bucs. This season will tie a record for the most consecutive losing seasons in a professional sport.

The record was previously held by the 1933-48 Philadelphia Phillies. This isn't the only bad luck the franchise has had or will experience this year. In August, the Pirates lost 2-time All-Star selection Jason Bay. He was part of a three-team deal between the Boston Red Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and Los Angeles Dodgers. Bay was picked up by the Red Sox to replace left fielder Manny Ramirez who was shipped to Los Angeles.

Along with the loss of Bay, the Pirates will also have to finish the season without shortstop Jack Wilson. On Sept 7, Wilson had an X-ray on what was thought to be a sprained right index finger.

Unfortunately, the X-ray showed a hairline fracture in the finger which will keep Wilson from doing anything for the next six weeks. The season will be over before he will get a chance play again.

Also, in a game against the Houston Astros on Sept 9, second baseman Freddie Sanchez had to leave the game after one inning with blurred vision in his right eye. Sanchez will continue to treat the eye with eye drops until it can be reevaluated.

In the same game, instant replay was used to the Pirates advantage. Professional baseball recently introduced instant replay, which is similar to the instant replay used in professional football. A Houston Astros player hit a ball that appeared to go over the wall for a home run, but the umpires were not sure if that was the case. The men in blue got together to review the play and determined that it did not go over the wall and the player was awarded a double.

Although it has been a rough season for the Bucs, there's always next year. The team has a lot of young talent that may help boost the franchise down the road. However, with the 4th lowest payroll in Major League Baseball, it is hard for the Pirates to keep very skilled players in Pittsburgh for a long time.

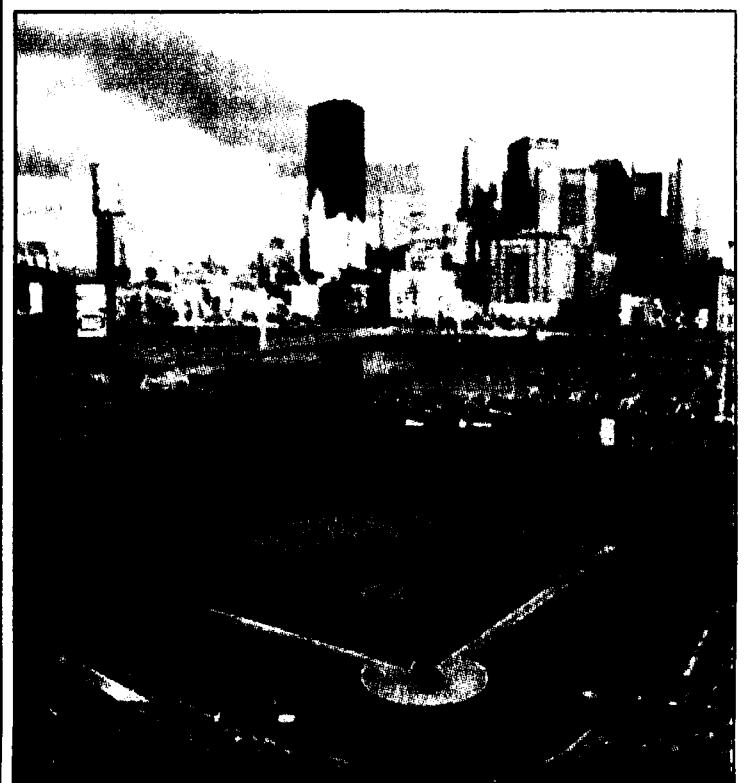
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And by "Experts," we mean "People who publish a newspaper weekly."

So did you call the Giants to beat the Pats in SB XLII? Did you predict the systematic defeat of the #2 ranked college teams last year?

Try to out-pick us; send a list of your weekend picks to cis5060@psu.edu.

NFL	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Ryan	Chris
Buffalo at Jacksonville	Buff	Buff.	Buff.	Buff.	Jax.
Green Bay at Detroit	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	Detroit	G.B.
Tennessee at Cincinnati	Cinci.	Cinci.	Ten.	Cinci.	Cinci.
New Orleans at Wash.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.
Oakland at Kansas City	K.C.	K.C.	Oakland	K.C.	Oakland
Indy at Minnesota	Minn.	Indy.	Indy.	Indy.	Indy.
Chicago at Carolina	Chi.	Chi.	Chi.	Car.	Chi.
Baltimore at Houston	Balt.	Balt.	Balt.	Houston	Balt.
Philly at Dallas	Philly	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
New England at N.Y. J.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.Y.J.	N.E.
Tie-Breaker Pittsburgh at Cleveland	(+17) Pittsburgh	(+4) Pittsburgh	(+14) Pittsburgh	(+13) Pittsburgh	(+7) Cleve.
Last week:	*8-4	4-8	7-5	6-6	5-7
* denotes winner					
NCAA	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Ryan	Chris
Penn State at Syracuse	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Georgia at S. Carolina	Georgia	Georgia	S.C.	Georgia	Georgia
Oklahoma at Wash.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Ohio St. at USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Oregon at Purdue	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Purdue
Last week:	*5-0	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2
* denotes winner					
Season Totals:	13-4	7-10	10-7	9-8	8-9



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The Pittsburgh skyline in full view at PNC Park.