

PSU FOOTBALL

Lions play a solid 60, win 52-3

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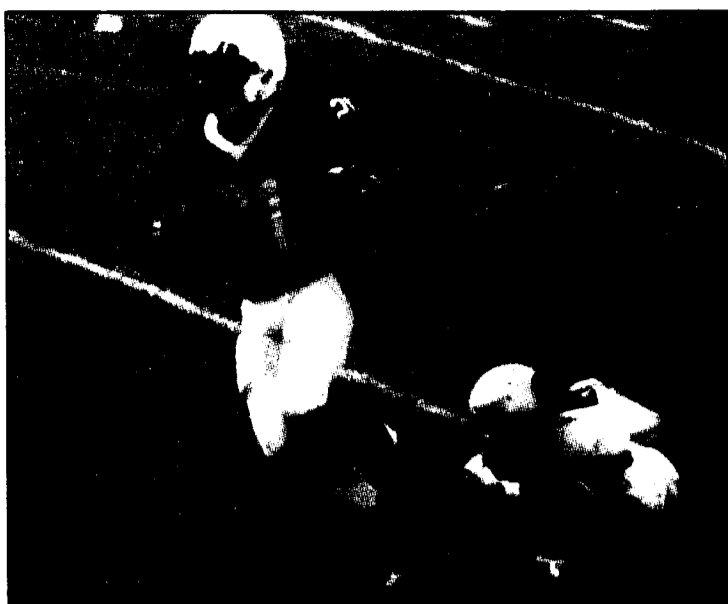
Prior to facing Penn State, Eastern Illinois head coach Bob Spoo hinted at a potential upset as his Panthers faced its second ranked opponent over the last seven seasons.

At the end of the contest the Nittany Lions had a 52-3 victory after dominating Eastern Illinois in all facets of the game. It is the type of complete game performance Linebacker U faithful have been anticipating the entire season. It is especially a relief to Lions fans worrying about the teams' mental toughness in the second half.

Before facing Eastern Illinois, the Nittany Lions outscored opponents 83-11 in the first half of games. The team was barely edging out opponents 52-47 in the latter half of games.

The offense roared onto the scene and scored four touchdowns and a field goal in its first five possessions. The early offensive effort was led by quarterback Darryl Clark's rushing touchdown and three touchdown throws.

At the end of the day, 12 Lions tailbacks, tight ends and



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Tailback Stephfon Green breaks a shoelace tackle attempt. Green finished the game with eight carries for 58 yards and a touchdown.

receivers touched the ball for 553 total yards.

Not to be outdone, the Penn State defense had an equally outstanding showing.

Led by senior defensive tackle Jared Odrick, who tied a career high two sacks in one game, the Nittany Lions held the Panthers ground game to just 59 yards rushing off of 32

carries. Eastern Illinois quarterback Jake Christensen was sacked five times.

The most electrifying moment of the game came from Penn State linebacker Navarro Bowman's heads-up 91-yard fumble return for a touchdown at the end of the first half.

The Panthers were scrapping their way towards a little mo-

mentum to take into halftime when Christensen was stripped of the ball by junior defensive tackle Ollie Ogbu. Bowman scooped the loose ball in stride and scurried down the sidelines for his the score.

With the win the Lions have crossed the halfway point of the team's regular season with a (5-1, 1-1) record. The team will play its last six games against Big Ten opponents starting with Minnesota, (4-2, 2-1).

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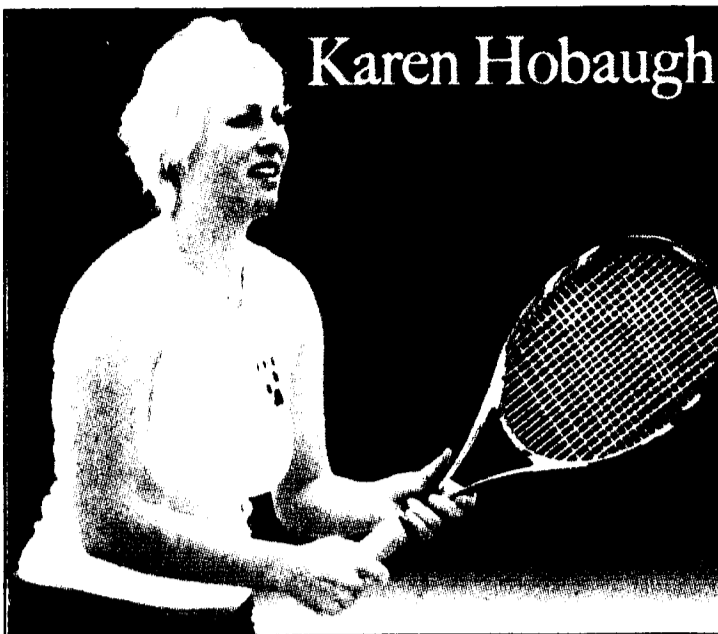
Linebacker Sean Lee may finally return to anchor the middle of the defense. Lee has been out since suffering a sprained knee in the fourth quarter against Temple on Sept. 19.

Lee was dressed as soon as Sept. 26 to face Iowa, but an assistant coach was instructed to hide Lee's helmet from him for his own physical safety.

Despite missing half of the team's games so far this season Lee is second on the team with 32 tackles and second with seven and a half tackles for a loss.

Head coach Joe Paterno and Lee have indicated he will be ready play against the Gophers.

Athlete of the week



Karen Hobaugh

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Senior Karen Hobaugh is on an undefeated streak.

Karen Hobaugh led an impressive Lions squad to three conference victories this past week by defeating D'Youville at home and then going on the road to beat Frostburg State and Penn State Altoona.

Hobaugh played in both doubles and singles matches and was victorious in all of her contests. Against Frostburg State, Hobaugh won her singles match by scores of 6-0 and 6-2. She also teamed up in doubles

to take the match by a score of 8-6. Hobaugh went on to defeat her opponent in singles against D'Youville 6-1, 6-0 and Penn State Altoona 6-2, 6-2. She also got a victory in doubles against Altoona by a tally of 8-1.

Hobaugh isn't dwelling on her recent success. Her sights are set on the AMCC Championship

"We won't leave the court until the title is won," Hobaugh said.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Four teams down, two to go before World Series

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All but one of four divisional series was a sweep in Major League Baseball's playoffs.

The New York Yankees had their way with the Minnesota Twins, defeating them three games to none in their American League divisional series.

It has been five seasons since the Yankees have made it past the first round of the playoffs, and they look like they are in

top form as they move on.

Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez has received criticism for not being able to produce in the playoffs, but Rodriguez is hitting to the tune of a .445 batting average, two home runs and six RBI in just three games.

"He's been swinging the bat extremely well," said team captain Derek Jeter. "It seems like he continues to get better and better. He's a big reason why we're here."

The Yankees will face the red hot Los Angeles Angels, who swept the wild card Boston Red Sox.

The Angels have advanced to their first ALCS since 2005 due to a major team effort that has gotten them to where the team is.

The Angels came together this season after losing pitcher Nick Adenhardt, who was killed in a traffic accident earlier this season.

Vladimir Guerrero hit a game

winning, two out single in game three of the divisional series and dedicated it to Adenhardt.

"When it comes down to honoring Nick Adenhardt," Guerrero said through teammate Jose Mota's translation. "In that respect, yes, it's probably [my] biggest hit. I'm dedicating it to a former teammate, a guy who passed away."

In the National League, the Los Angeles Dodgers swept the St. Louis Cardinals in three straight games, in a series that

was expected to be closer.

The Cardinals may have had what was arguably the best pitching rotation in MLB, however the Dodgers pitchers stole the show in the series.

In game three of the series, Vicente Padilla pitched seven straight scoreless innings and gave up only four hits in the win. At one point, he retired 17 of 18 hitters.

The Dodgers will face the reigning World Champion Philadelphia Phillies in the Na-

tional League Championship Series.

The Phillies defeated the wild card winning Colorado Rockies three games to one, while playing some games in arctic-like conditions at the Rockies Coors Field.

The Dodgers and the Phillies opened up the NLCS on Oct. 15, but they game finished too late to print the result.

The Yankees and the Angels start the ALCS on Oct. 16 at Yankee Stadium.

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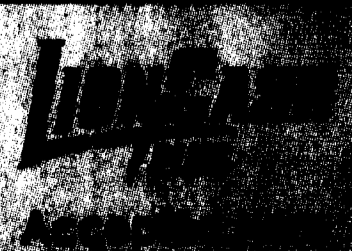
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