

Capitolizing on Sports

Nightriders O'd

By Kevin Spiegel

It was slated as the C.C. Reader Game of the Week, and it featured the guys from Capitol Campus vs. their rivals from Hershey Medical Center. The Nightriders from Capitol and the Zero Squad from Hershey both entered the game with impressive undefeated records. It would be a showdown of the titans.

The first quarter was scoreless, but contained its share of spectacular defensive plays. For the Zero Squad, Andy Evancho picked off a Nightrider pass. The Nightriders played inspired defense themselves, led by their pair of bookends, Steve Cremo and Mark Furman.

With a little over two minutes left in the first half, Hershey's Marty DeFrancesco intercepted a Jerry Weiss pass and brought it back to about the three-yard line. The Nightrider defense dug in and penetrated their opponents' line. Names like Cremo, Furman, Foltz, and Wolf performed outstandingly on the goal-line stance. But, on the Zero Squad's third attempt, QB Marty DeFrancesco scampers around right end for the game's first score. The extra point was blocked by someone's gorilla arm, and it was 6-0.

Feeling down and stunned, Mark Wolf took things into his own hands. He took a reverse hand-off and raced 60 yards to the Zero Squad's 30. As time was running out in the first half, QB Jerry Weiss connected with Wolf on a beautiful post pattern in the end zone, but referee Frank Notturmo ruled the play out of bounds. So at the half the score was 6-0 in favor of the Zero Squad.

At the half-time intermission, the I.M.F.F.C.&S.I.D. (Intramural Flag Football Commissioner & Sports Information Director) Tony Beccone—who loves his title—was pacing up and down the sidelines worrying about the game and his job. Whether or not the Nightriders would come back in the second half, and whether or not Bud Smitley would retire from the Athletic Director position, were the two questions Tony and I were discussing. (You see, Tony thinks that now he has a title and an office, his next challenge is Bud Smitley's job.)

As the Nightriders broke their huddle, Player Coach Jack McEntee couldn't believe his team was losing. There wasn't a good feeling amongst the Nightriders, because they had never been in a losing position before.

One fan who was sitting on the sidelines rooting her favorite guy on was Lyne Dee DeLallo. She was so "into" the game that she felt like she was a part of the Nightriders. But "Babe," we all know that you are too cute for this brutal game called football.

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3 Offensive Stars

- Marty DeFrancesco *
- Mike Watson *
- Jerry Weiss

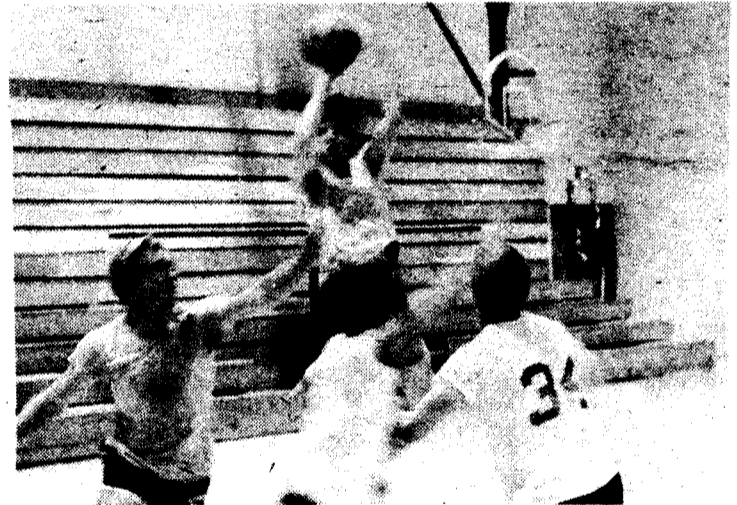
3 Defensive Stars

- Mark Wolf
- Russ Oakley *
- Mark Furman

* Denotes players from the Zero Squad



[Above]: Nightriders Quarterback Jerry Weiss, under heavy pressure from a quick defender gets a pass off just in time. Meanwhile, in some indoor athletics, [Below], John Portz pulls up for a jumper during practice last week.



Editors' Note: We regret any inconvenience caused by the appearance of the article written by "The Coach" last issue on the Sports page. The policy designed by the Editors is to promote the athletic activities held here at Capitol Campus, of those through the Penn State system. If we would concentrate our efforts solely on national sports items covered in the numerous dailies across the country, that would defeat the whole purpose of a sports column in a biweekly newspaper. The post-season trade predictions and weekly college football polls can best be read in your favorite daily paper or be seen every Sunday on CBS with Jimmy The Greek. We always welcome sports articles that adhere to this basic policy, so feel free at any time to contribute. --Sports Editors

Zero Squad Quarterback Marty DeFrancesco unleashes a spiral against the Nightriders enroute to an 18-0 win last Thursday at Tony Beccone Stadium.



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It's That Time Again

...The Penn State Capitol Campus Basketball team kicks off its 1981 campaign Monday, November 16, at Alvernia College in Reading. The Lions are looking for a productive season this year with many new players ready to see plenty of action. However, players are still needed for the squad as Coach Dan Phillips looks to rebound from an 8-22 record last year. Returning members Jim Flatley, Greg Gaudi, Ed "Imp" McDonald, John Portz, Sal Sebastiani, and Mike Smith should provide the necessary expertise for a winning season. Of course, Tony Beccone will be leading the cheers with the Capitol cheerleaders at all the home games, and screaming at the "Blind" referees. The C.C. Reader will cover an in-depth report on the upcoming basketball season in the next issue, complete with photos from the practice sessions. Don't miss it!