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A view of the Alumni Baseball game from behing the backstop. They aren't really in a cage; It just looks that way.

World series still holding

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The 1989 Major League baseball season is now down to the final, and holding, act. The World Series matchup on the west coast between the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants has taken a back seat to the recent earthquake that shook the Bay Area.

There was speculation whether or not the 1989 series was ever going to be played to the end, or would it be called with the A's leading two games to none. If it was to be played on, where would it be played? Did Candlestick Park sustain substantial damage? Would baseball ever be played there again? If not Candlestick, where could they play?

A neutral field, perhaps? All the remaining games in Oakland's Collesium? Whatever happened to

homefield advantage? Come on Fay Vincent, baseball's new commisoner, make a decision. Welcome to your new job, how do you like it? Vincent made a decision. The Series will resume on Friday Oct. 27 in Candlestick Park, conditions permiting. Now don't anyone say Major League baseball is unfeeling and heartless. In all fairness the game must go on; just as in San Francisco life, too, will go on.

At times like this people need the old time values baseball possess to cling to. The nation once looked to Joe DiMaggio to pull them through troubled times now we should look to players like Will Clark and Ricky Henderson to do the same. The World Series is now more than just games, it is the representation of the American value of teamwork and

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Lions on a roll The Tide's coming in

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Playing on the road is tough, but not as tough as the play of the Penn State defense the past two weeks.

The Nittany Lions (5-1) added their fifth win in as many weeks by defeating the Scarlet Knights from Rutgers and the Syracuse Orangemen.

In their fifth game of the season the Lions traveled to East Rutherford, N.J. to face the 2-0-2 Scarlet Knights.

The Lions led 7-0 in the third quarter after a fairly lackluster offense performance through the first half.

Midway through the third quarter, Andre Collins blocked his third punt of the season and the fourth of his career.

The Lions took possession at midfield but could not translate the turnover into points, as Tony Sacca threw an interception at the Rutgers 15 yard line.

Later in the third quarter, the Lions added a 25-yard Ray Tarasi field goal after a fumble recovery.

Blair Thomas had another quiet but impressive day. Thomas, who suffered a hip pointer, carried the ball 20 times for 95 yards in the first three quarters.

The Nittany Lions tacked on a meaningless touchdown in the fourth quarter as Richie Anderson made a sixyard dash into the end zone with 26 seconds remaining in the game. Final Score: Penn State 17, Rutgers 0.

In the sixth week of the season the No. 23 ranked Nittany Lions traveled to the Carrier Dome to avenge a 48-21 trouncing they received from the Syracuse Orangemen two years ago in the same building.

Unlike previous games, the Penn State offense exploded scoring 34 points on the Orange defense.

The Lions picked up 356 yards on the ground. Blair Thomas exploded for 115 yards on 17 carries and Gerry Collins picked up 104 yards on 19 carries.

While the offense seemed to move the ball at will against the Orangemen,

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the most exciting play was turned in by sophomore flanker O.J. McDuffie.

McDuffie, who filled in at punt returner for the banged up Blair Thomas, slashed his way through and sprinted his way past Syracuse defenders en route to a 84 yard punt return in the third quarter.

The Lions, on a 38 yard Thomas run and a Tarasi field goal, took a 10-6 lead into the locker room at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Lions built their lead on another Tarasi field goal, a Sacca-Jakob connection of 7 yards and the punt return by the "Juice."

Although Penn State dominated the game in the second quarter, the Lions received a weak performance from quarterback Tony Sacca who was 6 of 15 for 77 yards with three interceptions.

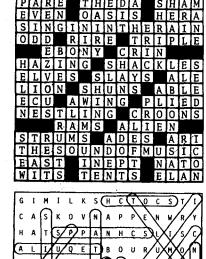
As in previous weeks the Lion defense played tough, allowing only 63 yards on the ground while forcing three interceptions and a fumble recovery.

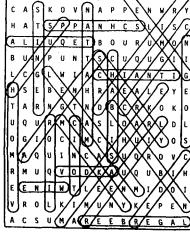
Both teams added a touchdown in the fourth quarter to make the final score: Penn State 34, Syracuse 12.

The victory gave Penn State its first win on TV after losing six in a row.

Hopefully, this win starts a new streak as the Lions face the Alabama Crimson Tide on national TV Oct. 28 at Beaver Stadium.

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