

## SPORTS

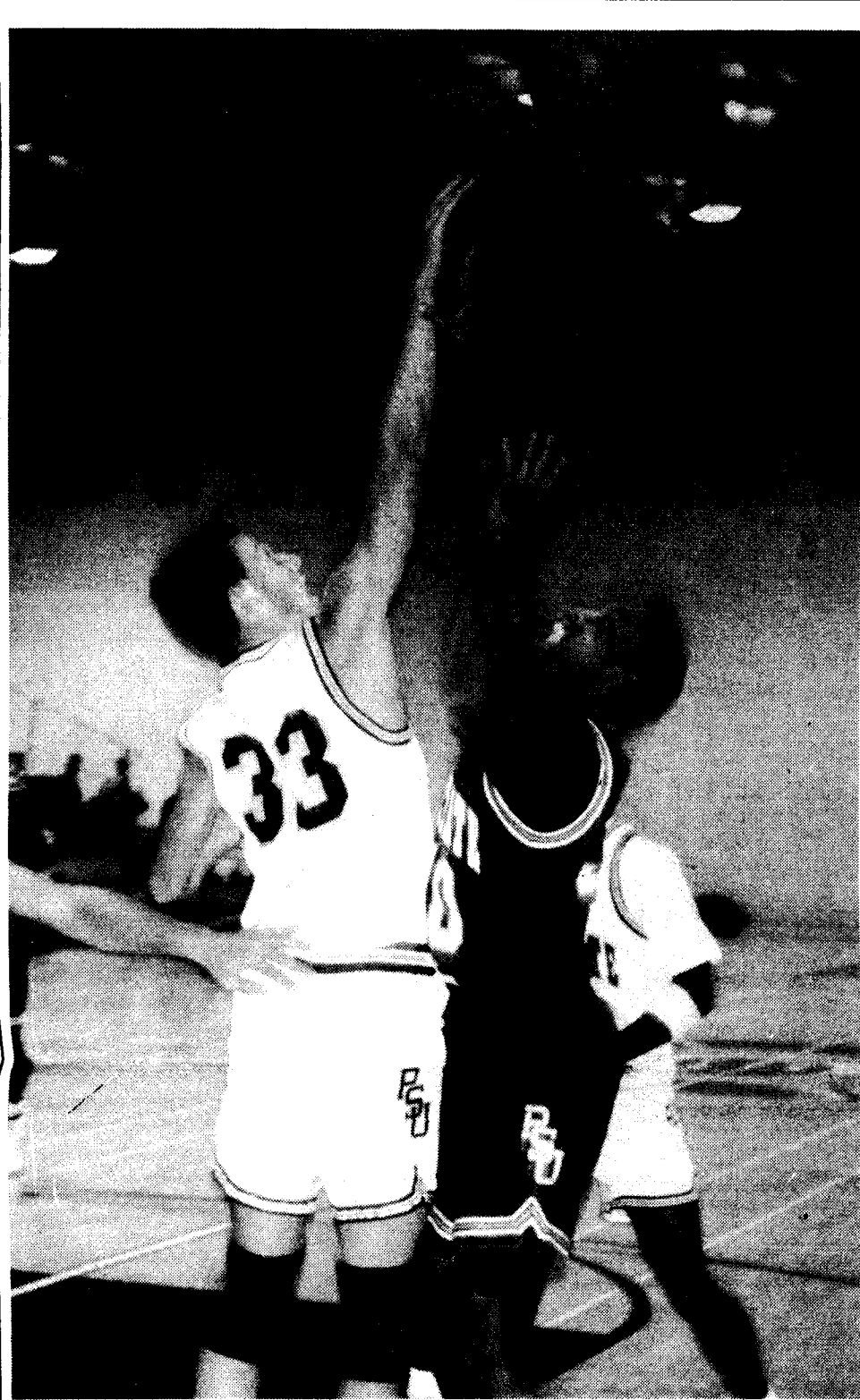


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### Blue and White fight

PSU forwards Jon Dietz (33) (sophomore-business logistics) and Eric Carr (DUS) battle for a loose ball in a blue and white scrimmage game played at the CUB gym Tuesday night. Blue won by a final score of 75-63.

## Hoopsters Tip-off Promising Year

*Tami Eremus  
Capital Times Sports*

This year Penn State Harrisburg's basketball team hopes to open a few eyes in the Keystone Athletic Conference.

Team captain Eddie Miller feels that if this year's team continues to work hard, the victories will take care of themselves.

"I feel that if we consistently improve and work hard at practice," said Miller, "we could have a very successful season."

Head Coach Brad Markey feels the team is getting better despite the handicap of working with a two year program.

"The team is improving every day,"

said Coach Markey, "but it's hard for a two year school to compete against schools with four year programs. We don't have a lot of time to work with the players and get them used to playing with each other."

Although Coach Markey was not inclined to make any predictions about this year's season, Miller, the only returning player, stated boldly, "Anything less than a .500 season will be disappointing. We have the talent; we just need to gel as a team."

This year's team is made up of guards Ed Miller, Dave Ellis, Steve Preston, and Abe Jaffe; forwards Mike Watts, James Truhe, Brian Gehris, and Jim Mullane; and centers Tom Strohm and Dan Cody.

### Miller's Corner

## NBA Season Starts; Steelers Are for Real While Eagles Get Lucky

*Eddie Miller  
Capital Times Sports*

DON'T LOOK NOW, but the 1990-91 NBA basketball season is underway. A quick look at the conferences presents the Detroit Pistons and the Portland Trailblazers as early favorites. Don't count out the San Antonio Spurs and the Chicago Bulls. My underdog of the year: the Miami Heat (who also have the flashiest uniforms in the NBA). Hey, you have to look good to play good, right Los Angeles Lakers?

THE PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS IMPROVED their already solid foundation with the addition of ex Celtic-Clipper Danny Ainge.

AMAZING STAT: the Phoenix Suns scored 107 first half points against the Denver Nuggets to set an NBA record. The Detroit Pistons do not allow that many points in an entire game.

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls scores 100 points against the Nuggets.

IF PENN STATE DEFEATS NOTRE DAME, DOESN'T THAT MEAN . . . Well, the way the 1990 NCAA season is shaping up, don't

exclude that notion.

NO, IT IS NOT AN ILLUSION, but the Pittsburgh Steelers are for real. Offensive coordinator Joe Walton is doing for Bubby Brister and the Steelers what he did for Joe Theismann and the Washington Redskins. How real? Sunday night versus the Cincinnati Bengals will tell.

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE EAGLES GET LUCKY, proof of that was displayed as their defense found a way to defeat the banged-up Washington Redskins.

IS IT JUST ME, OR AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO PREFERS WATCHING MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WITH THE VOLUME OFF? Dan Dierdorf is the worst colorman in football. To be nice about it, he is uncolorful and naive. During the Colts-Giants matchup a few weeks ago, he ridiculed the Colts for their offense and defense, and had it not been for a couple of bad breaks, the Colts could have handed the Giants their first setback of the season.

NOTRE DAME - PENN STATE PREDICTION: PS 24, ND 17.

## Penn State Rolls into South Bend for ND Matchup

*Jon Fleck  
Capital Times Sports*

The Penn State Nittany Lion football team rolls into South Bend, Ind. this weekend to take on a No. 1 ranked Notre Dame team.

Penn State, after losing its first two games, has posted seven straight wins, but victory number eight will be a stiff test.

Before they lost to Stanford this year, Notre Dame was last defeated at home by Penn State in 1986, the year they won the national championship.

For the Nittany Lions to pull the upset, Tony Sacca, the defense, and Coach Joe Paterno must pull out all the stops.

Sacca, who started off the season strongly, has been shaky the past few

weeks but had a strong second half in a 24-10 win over Maryland last week. Sacca must take advantage of a young Notre Dame secondary.

The defense must continue to pressure the quarterback, and the linebackers and secondary have to contain the speed of the Notre Dame running backs and receivers.

Joe Paterno, who seemingly put the wraps on the offense once the defense came around, has to let the offense open it up to not only score points but to keep the Notre Dame offense on the sidelines.

The Fighting Irish, 8-1 and coming off a 34-29 win over a tough Tennessee team, use a high-powered offense to overcome the mistakes of their young defense.

The defense, minus injured All-

is after nine starts being compared to former Irish quarterback Joe Montana.

With two more years of eligibility, Mirer draws these comparisons because of his boy-next-door looks, the come from behind victories over Michigan, Michigan State, Miami, and Tennessee, and the familiar No. 3 Montana wore during his days at Notre Dame in the late '70s.

Along with Mirer, Heisman Trophy hopeful Raghob "Rocket" Ismail and Harrisburg native Ricky Watters help the offense score a lot of points.

Coach Lou Holtz uses Ismail's blinding speed every way possible. Ismail can single-handedly beat a team as a receiver, running back, and kickoff/punt returner. He can beat a team from anywhere on the field. His average scoring play is nearly 70 yards.

American nose tackle Chris Zorich has talent, but gives up lots of points to lesser teams. They gave up 31 points in a win over Navy and 36 points in their lone loss to Stanford.

Despite giving up the points, the defense still manages to come up with game-saving plays.

Against Michigan linebacker Michael Stonebraker gave the Irish a chance to win the game with a fourth quarter interception in the end zone.

The main reason the Irish are the top team in the land is the offense led by sophomore quarterback Rick Mirer who

Watters, after a case of fumblyitis put him on the bench, appears to be peaking at the right time after running for a career high 174 yards against Tennessee last week.