

# Mighty Casey Steps Up

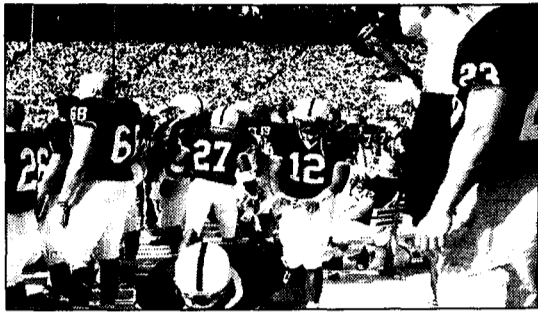
## PSU Defeats Illinios 39-25

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Penn State quarterback Rashard Casey may not be the home run king, but he is certainly the Homecoming King. The Nittany Lions, led by Casey, defeated "The Fightin' Illini" 39-25 in the 81st annual homecoming game at Beaver Stadium, Saturday.

Casey passed for a career high 208 yards, rushed for 94 yards (another career high) and scored on a spectacular high-light-worthy scramble in the closing minutes to seal Illinois' fate.

Ninety-six thousand-plus fans, includ-



ing former players and alumni, watched the struggling (2-5) Lions literally devour a not too shabby (4-2) Illinois team.

The victory brought the Nittany Lions to 3-5 and gave coach Joe Paterno his 320th career win to surpass Pop Warner on the all-time win list. Paterno now needs only three

wins to match the 323 wins of Bear Bryant, Alabama Crimson Tide's coach.

Eric McCoo scored twice on their first two possessions, giving the Penn State Lions a 14-0 lead early in the first quarter. Just when it appeared to be a rout, the "Fightin' Illini," led by quarterback Kurt Kittner, struck back, closing the gap to 14-10.

Penn State linebacker Shamar Finney made it 21-10 on a crafty pick-off, returning the ball all the way for an early

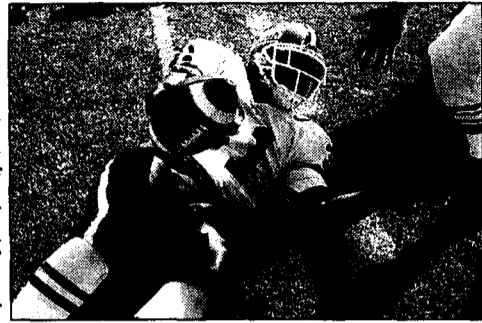
third-quarter touchdown. But Illinois wouldn't die.

Kittner threw a bomb over the outstretched hands of James Boyd and into the hands of Lion wide receiver Walter Young, bringing the score to 21-18.

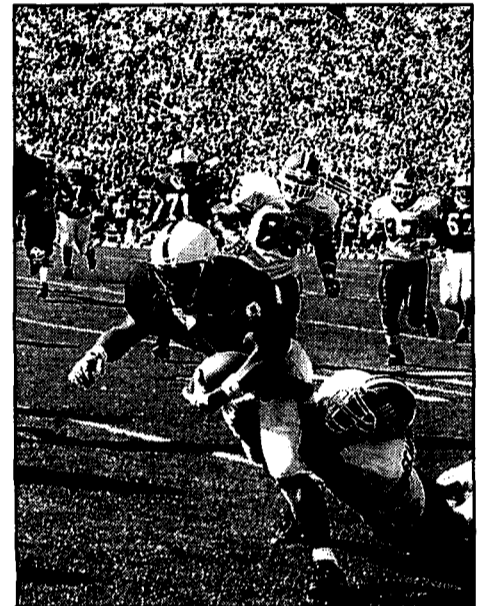
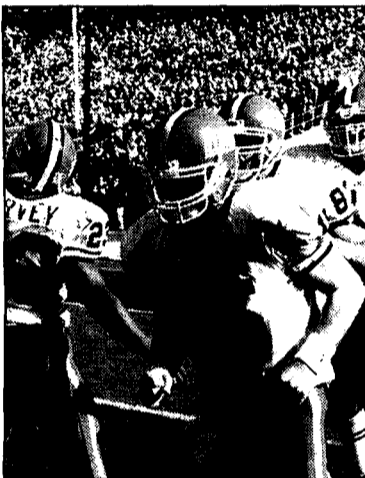
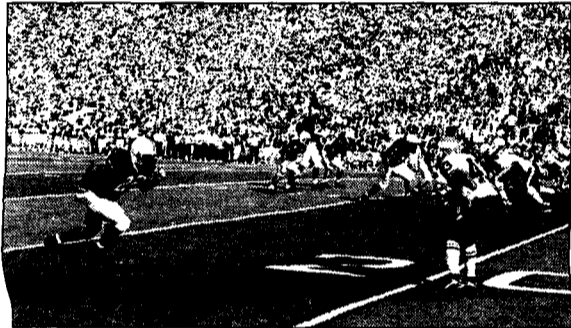
Penn State kicker Ryan Primanti booted a 51-yard field goal to increase Penn State's lead to 24-18.

Casey then eluded tacklers and threw a touchdown pass to receiver Kenny Watson. A two-point conversion made it 32-18.

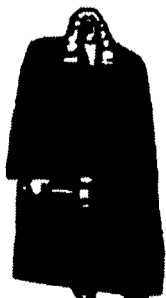
The Lions held on for a 39-25 win. Casey iced the cake with a long touchdown run that will be remembered for quite awhile. He broke numerous tackles and led the "Fightin' Illini" on a wild goose chase. Lion Larry Johnson delivered a crushing block at the 20 yard line allowing Casey to sprint in for the



score. Penn State travels to Indiana next week to play their Big Ten rival the Indiana Hoosiers. The Lions are now 2-2 against Big Ten teams.



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