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PSU Sports Glance

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Penn State Football. This usually brings many fond memories to mind when a Penn State student thinks about it.

It should bring good memories to mind, given the recent success of the team and the past success that the team has had.

National championships bring to mind great memories. However, what you don't think of is the fact that many PSU students don't get the opportunity to see the games live. This has made a lot of students upset.

Due to last year's overwhelming and unforeseen success and the national exposure the team got, this year's tickets were at a premium. 21,000 student season tickets were issued, which is the normal amount.

However, it took only 13 days, less than two weeks for all of these season passes to be sold out. This made a lot of students upset.

Some seniors that had attended every home game since they were enrolled were unable to get season tickets to the games.

This, understandably made people upset. Now, individual tickets may be the alternative, but no tickets were available on ticketmaster.com.

The only tickets available were the parking tickets, which is not an acceptable alternative to those who wished to watch the game and not just to tailgate.

Beaver Stadium seats over 103,000 people. 21,000 of those seats are reserved for students. To people wondering why they couldn't just make more student seats, well the reason is that the other seats are for regular season ticket holders (a.k.a. PSU Alumni), seats for the opposing team, and seats for the band.

So for those who are complaining that they didn't get a chance to get their season tickets, well apparently they were just not quick enough to get on the ball and buy their season tickets.

Student season tickets are for the students only, not sold to the public. Those who were left biting the dust can just watch the games on TV, or find an alternative way to get into the stadium on game day.

Still too young

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With age comes wisdom, because people have underwent many different experiences as they've progressed in years.

This can really be applied to athletics. A high school player is going to have less experience than a college player, and a college freshman is going to have less experience than a college senior. Meaning, anytime a younger athlete plays an older one, the latter will come out on top.

By this time athletes should have all the fundamentals and skills down, and they obviously have talent if they are playing college ball. However, athletes still lack certain knowledge of the game, which they can only gain with experience.

The Nittany Lions are in for a tough season this year because they have a predominately young team.

So far this season they have won two out of three games. In stunning victories over Akron and Youngstown, the boys have showed us that they could hack it with mediocre teams.

However, in an embarrassing loss to Notre Dame on the ninth showed that they may have some difficulty against top notch teams.

Hopefully, the magic maker, Joe Paterno, can help our boys pull it off this season, despite our young disadvantage.

1994 PSU champs reincarnated

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In 1994 Penn State went undefeated for the fifth time in school history. They did so on the back of their signature offense, one of the most prolific offenses in college football history. The offense was lead by Kerry Collins and had Bobby Engram, Freddie Scott, Scott Hartings, and Kyle Brady at receivers and tight end respectively. In the backfield was the then very dynamic Ki-Jana Carter. They dominated opponents averaging 47.8 points per game and an astounding 24.9 margin of victory. The offense was unstoppable averaging 520.2 yards of total offense per game. They did that with an almost perfect balance of runs and passes averaging 250.9 yards rushing and 269.3 passing. In the end they would be robbed of a national title, but have remained one of the greatest teams in the history of college football.

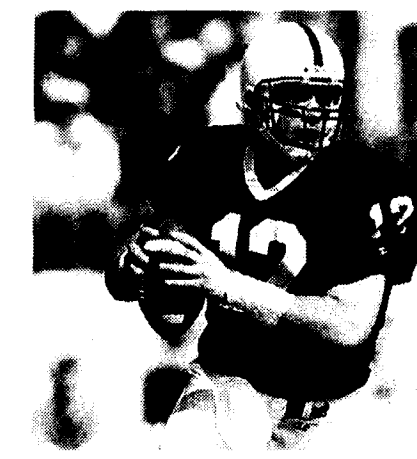
What does this have to do with this year's team? It is my opinion that Joe Paterno has put together a group of players that are a near mirror image of that team.

First there is the quarterback. Collins was, and still is, a big arm quarterback who throws a terrific deep ball. Enter Anthony Morelli this year. Morelli has maybe the best arm ever seen on a Penn State quarterback. Morelli's specialty; the deep ball, one that his receivers say they can't outrun.

That brings us to the receivers. Collins played pitch and catch with a prolific group including speedy Bobby Engram. This may be the most talented group of receivers ever assembled at Penn State,

certainly the deepest. It is most definitely the best in the nation this year. It is lead by sophomore Derrick Williams. Williams has 4.3 speed and is a legitimate threat to go for a touchdown every time he touches the ball. He plays alongside Deon Butler who has 4.4 speed with a knack for the big play.

Jordan Norwood balances the talented group. Norwood is the prototypical possession wide receiver. Norwood may be the most under rated of the group. He doesn't drop balls and always shows up in the big games. Those three alone are probably tops in the nation, but there is more. Terrell Golden is another player with big time speed and would probably start on many other teams. The wild card of the bunch is freshman Chris Bell. At 6'4" Bell

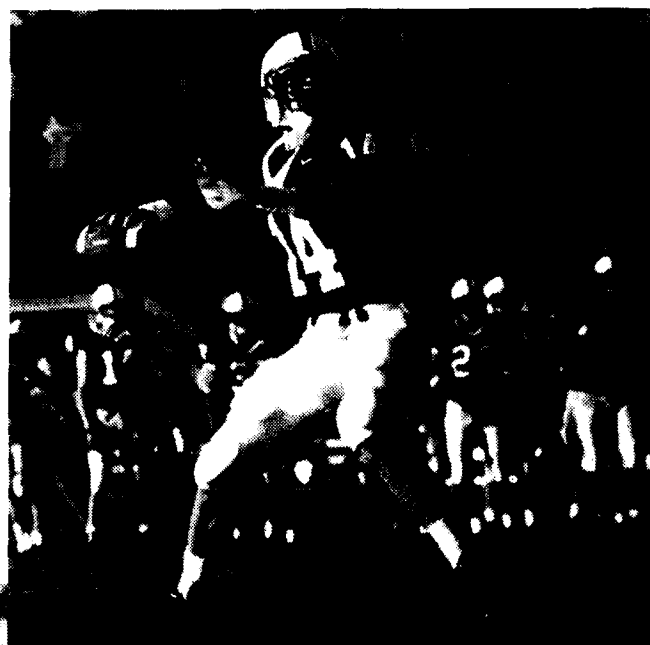


adds another dimension to the wide receiver corps. Bell is a big receiver capable of going up and getting nearly any pass in his area.

At tight end the Collins was throwing to a big reliable target in Brady. This year's team has a promising tight end in freshman Andrew Quarless. Quarless is getting serious playing time in his freshman year and at

6'5" is no doubt a huge target for Morelli.

At running back Collins was handing the ball off to an All-American Ki-Jana Carter. Carter was



On top of that there is the veteran and very speedy Rodney Kinlaw. Kinlaw is a good change of pace from the big bruising style of Hunt. Waiting in the wings for next year are veteran red-shirt Austin Scott and freshman Evan Royster. Both appear to be wild cards in the mix for next year.

I'm not saying this team is as good offensively as the 1994 team was, maybe none ever will be, but this team has the potential to be great. This year they are already averaging 411 yards per game. They are

Both Kerry Collins (l) and Anthony Morelli are known for their deep throws. Collins used his for a Rose Bowl Championship, and the hope is Morelli will do the same this season with these Lions.

legendary rushing for 2829 yards and 38 touchdowns in his career. At running back this year for Penn State is Tony Hunt. Prolific in his own right, Hunt is just 1,400 yards shy of the all time career rushing record for Penn State. Behind Hunt is where it gets interesting. Williams has been sharing some carries with Hunt and is a break away threat on every play. Also freshman A.J. Wallace, recruited as a corner back, has made a few cameos as of late. Wallace has blazing speed and could be in the process of moving to running back.

doing it with a near perfect mix of pass and run averaging 207.7 yards passing and 203.3 yards rushing. This team is out gaining opponents by nearly 150 yards per game. The most astounding part of all this is that the only senior I've mentioned in this article is Hunt. If this team can minimize the mistakes that have hurt it so badly earlier this season it has the potential to break nearly every offensive record. The defining game for the 1994 team was a midseason 63-14 throttling of Ohio State. Up next for this year's team, Ohio State and a chance to show the world what they are capable of.

PSH's fall sports preview

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For me, the clear, cool days of fall mean hours of time spent practicing and competing on the tennis courts. I fondly remember many such afternoons during my years in high school and two years spent playing tennis at Goucher College.

This year I am excited to again be able to get back on the courts and participate in intercollegiate athletics. I know this sentiment is shared by many other athletes on this campus. Regardless of where these athletes will be practicing and competing, I hope I can speak for them when I say that it is very exciting to be able to represent Penn State Harrisburg in an intercollegiate competition.

Last year marked the return of intercollegiate athletics to our campus after an approximate ten year hiatus.

Several of PSH's teams achieved remarkable success in their respective seasons, considering they were all fledgling programs.

Among the most successful were the men's soccer, men's and women's basketball, and women's softball teams.

Also competing last year in the PSUAC (Penn State University Athletic Conference) against other Penn State branch campuses and Penn College of Technology were the women's volleyball, men's baseball, and cross country teams.

This year, in addition to all of these sports, golf and tennis now provide two more options for PSH students to compete on the intercollegiate level.

Cheerleading, which will be a club sport, is also a new option for students to participate in this year.

The cheerleading squad will primarily be cheering during the basketball seasons and hopefully during some on-campus events, such as pep rallies.

It was just recently decided that next year PSH's teams will be "provisional members of the NCAA Division

seasons. The men's soccer team has kicked their season off well by posting an overall record of 2 wins, 1 loss.



Amanda Basile, freshman, gets rid of the ball as she plays defense for PSH.

They established a PSUAC record of 1 win, 0 losses by defeating Penn State Schuylkill 9-0 on Thursday, Sept. 14.

The men's baseball team has started their fall season off with an overall record of 1 win, 2 losses. Their PSUAC record stands at 1 win, 0 losses, since they beat Penn State York 4-2 on Sept. 12.

During the first week of classes, the golf team struggled somewhat in a three-way meet against Messiah College

and H.A.C.C., finishing third. This week, they had a stronger showing on Sept. 13, when they placed 4th out of eight teams at an away match at Penn College.

The women's volleyball team posted a tough 26-30; 9-30; 16-30 loss to Northampton Community College in non-PSUAC play. The women's soccer, co-ed tennis, and cross country teams began their competitions on Sept. 15 and 16.

By the time this issue comes out, all of the PSH intercollegiate athletic teams will have gotten several weeks into their respective fall seasons.

Most of these fall seasons run through the end of October or the beginning of November. This means there will be ample opportunity for you to come out and support all of the teams.

Please go to the PSH website (www.hbg.psu.edu) and click on the Intercollegiate Athletics link on. On the Intercollegiate Athletics website you will be able to find rosters and schedules for every varsity team.



Members of the brand new Penn State Harrisburg women's soccer team pose for a photo. After women expressed interest in playing soccer at PSH, the program kicked off its inaugural season on Sept. 15 with a crushing victory.

PSH to become Division III

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The NCAA has accepted Penn State Harrisburg's 10-sport athletic program as a Division 3 provisional member beginning next fall.

Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, Penn State Harrisburg will be a member of the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC), which features 10 schools from Pennsylvania and New York.

Penn State Harrisburg, which brought back intercollegiate athletics last year after a 13-year absence, is currently a member of the Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference and competes against other Penn State branch campuses.

Harrisburg is the fourth Penn State branch campus to join Division 3 behind the Penn State Erie, Altoona and Berks campuses.

Provisional membership is a four-year process that allows athletic programs to phase in NCAA requirements for Division 3 schools. If Penn State Harrisburg meets the requirements, they would be able to compete in the playoffs beginning in 2011.

"Ever since I've been here, we knew that this was the direction we wanted to head in," said Rahsaan Carlton, athletic director at Penn State Harrisburg.

Carlton has made two presentations to NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis and applied for provisional status in March.

NCAA officials notified the school of its acceptance in early July before the Carlton began seeking a conference for the Harrisburg campus.

A recommendation from Bill Sutherland, Penn State Berks athletic director, helped steer Harrisburg to the NEAC, Carlton said.

"What really impressed us about the NEAC was its commitment to the well-being of the student-athlete," Carlton said. "They place a high priority on sportsmanship."

Other NEAC members from Pennsylvania include Penn State Berks, Wilson College in Chambersburg, Keystone College of La Plume, Philadelphia Biblical University and Bible Baptist College.

New York members include D'Youville College in Buffalo, Wells College of Aurora, Keuka College of Keuka and Cazenovia College of Cazenovia.

For the first two years of Division 3's provisional membership, Penn State Harrisburg must apply D-3 rules "to the greatest extent possible," Carlton said.

In year's three and four, the Harrisburg campus must apply all D-3 rules.

According to the NCAA's Web site, Division 3 institutions must sponsor at least five sports for men and five sports for women. Among those, two must be co-ed.

Penn State Harrisburg currently meets those requirements.

The campus' men's teams are baseball, basketball, soccer and golf. The women's teams are softball, basketball, soccer and volleyball. The co-ed teams are tennis and cross country.

Division 3 rules also require a minimum number of players and games that vary depending on the sport.

Division 3 programs do not award athletic scholarships.