

Sports

Nittany Lions keep on winning

Well it looks like your friendly neighborhood sportswriter has underestimated our football team. It seems like the Lions just may be invited to one of the New Year's Day extravaganzas, namely the Sugar Bowl. After the Lions' win over West Virginia there was serious talk about a Sugar Bowl bid. Although it is the least prestigious of the January 1 classics, it still represents an achievement that seemed so far away at the beginning of the season.

State has played well in the last three weeks, defeating W. Virginia, Syracuse, and last week Maryland. Although the scores were not particularly overwhelming except for the latter, a 46-16 shellacking, they did represent a solid team effort—something that Joe Paterno was not getting out of his team earlier in the year. In the game against the Orangemen, John Cappelletti ran for 162 yards while the rest of the team held on for a sluggish 17-0 victory. The game featured a series of mistakes by both sides including two costly pass interference penalties against Syracuse that set up State's second TD.

On television against the Mountaineers of West Virginia the Nittany Lions made and

created a few breaks on their way to a 28-19 decision. On the opening kick-off Ken Marbury of West Virginia ran it back 100 yds for a touchdown. Then Penn State took the ball down to the two and fumbled. On the ensuing play Randy Crowder intercepted, and the Lions took advantage of it by completing the drive with a 7 yard pass to Dan Natale. A typical college game features lots of errors and big plays; this one was no different. The contest featured a safety, a long keckoff return and a long run executed by sub Ken Andrews who raced 67 yards with a swing pass to score.

Last week against the Terrapins, John Hufnagel broke a Beaver Stadium record with 290 yards passing. The game was decided for many after the opening series as Hufnagel lofted a bomb to Jim Scott that took it down to the 3 yard line. The Lion defence was excellent especially their pass rush. The capacity Band Day crowd was treated to their best home game this year.

If Penn State accepts a bowl bid, I'll have some info on getting tickets for the game in the next issue for anybody who wants to lay out the dough to see the Lions venture into the vast football wilderness of New Orleans, Miami, or Dallas.

jon gross

Soccer team closes season

The soccer team ended its season with a 5-5 record and a lot of hope for the future. Their last game was a loss to York by way of a 3-1 score. York scored on a cheap one, as we would say, and held on for the win despite good hustle by the Highacres team.

Prior to that, Hazleton lost to Mt. Alto 4-0, defeated Dubois by the same score and beat Pinebrook 3-1. If they had beaten Mt. Alto they might have gone to the U. Park tourney, but they lost to the more balanced team. Against Pinebrook it was a one man show as Baffling Bill Crompton banged three home. Everyone played well. Against Dubois it was nearly the same story as Bill scored the first goal on a corner kick pass from Hustling Harry Hintz. It proved to be the winning goal in the shutout victory.

The leading scorers over the year were Crompton with 9 goals and Scott Peasley with the same number. It is felt that everyone had learned alot this year and that this knowledge will help them next year. I am printing this years roster for the benefit of those NASL scouts who might be reading these pearls of wisdom, and for those who feel that these brave men deserve a little respect.

Frank Cambell Tim Dougherty
 Bill Schaffer Mark Kurtz
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 Gary Kardisco Dave Welliever
 Bill Hewins Ib Larson
 Scott Peasley Bill Richards
 Ken Heydt Bill Crompton
 Harry Hintz Mark Miller
 Jim Young Mark Gniewyk
 Wally Choroszewski

GYMNASTICS CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The Gymnastics Club will meet every Tuesday between the hours of two and four p.m. at the YMCA in Hazleton. The club will be co-ed, and all students are invited to attend. For more information contact Mrs. Deidre Jago in C-1.

GIRL'S TEAM AT SCRANTON

The girl's volleyball team will compete in an intercampus tournament in Scranton on November 18, at 1:00. For more information contact Mary Angie DeLazio or Mrs. Jago. Good luck girls!

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