

Suhey effort aids strong ground game

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—Matt Suhey knows a good thing when he sees it.

The Penn State senior fullback carried 16 times for 68 yards in the Lions' 45-10 victory over Rutgers Saturday and he knows that his effort was a successful part of a strong ground game.

"We were having a good time out there," the 5-11½, 215-pounder from State College, Pa., says. "It's exciting for the running backs when we rush the ball that many times and have that kind of success. There's so much versatility in this offense that the run and the pass really complement each other."

The Penn State ground game posted its first 300-yard game since the 1977 season as seven players carried the ball 63 times for 324 yards against Rutgers.

The renewed emphasis on the running game fits into Suhey's plans for his final season at Penn State. He enters this week's game against Texas A&M as the school's sixth-leading career rusher with 1,913 yards, but Suhey isn't ready to rest on his past accomplishments.

"This summer I started thinking about my final season

and plans after graduation," Suhey says. "I think I came back in a little better shape, just because I pushed myself a little harder. Each time you go out on the field as a senior you realize that you have a limited time remaining in your career."

It's that extra preparation for his senior year that has drawn attention from the Penn State coaching staff.

"Matt has really worked hard this fall," assistant coach Fran Ganter said before the Rutgers opener. "He has looked better in all phases of running back play this year. He runs better, blocks better and catches the ball better."

Coach Joe Paterno echoed Ganter's sentiments after the Rutgers game.

"Matt and Booker Moore made some tough runs against Rutgers," Paterno says. "Matt ran tough and blocked well in the game."

Suhey credits most of his improvement to the daily practice sessions against the Penn State defense.

"When you go out there every day and have to block against our defensive ends Gene Gladys and Larry Kubin, you have to improve. They have to be as good a pair of ends in the country; at least, I don't want to play against a better pair."

"Our offense has improved because we have to play against our defense in practice. We have been blocking much better the last couple of weeks. It may have been surprising to our fans that we ran well against Rutgers, but it wasn't to us."

Penn State Football Schedule October

- 13 ARMY
- 20-SYRACUSE
- 27 WEST VIRGINIA
- November
- 3 MIAMI, FLORIDA
- 10 at N.C. State
- 17 TEMPLE
- 24 PITTSBURGH
- At East Rutherford, N.J.

Head Coach Joe Paterno

Penn State Has Football Fever

In the last 25 years, Penn State has been shut out only six times. The Nittany Lions have scored in 132 consecutive regular-season games. The last team to stop Penn State in the regular season was Georgia Tech in the next-to-last game of the 1966 season, 21-0. The Lions have scored in 72 consecutive games since a 14-0 loss to Oklahoma in the 1972 Sugar Bowl. Penn State has scored in 85 of its 92 opening games and has been shut out on opening day only once (1964) in the last 25 years.

Penn State is seeking to extend its National Collegiate Athletic Association record of 40 consecutive non-losing seasons. The Lions last lost more games than they won in 1938, when the record was 3-4-1.

Tough Schedule

According to National Collegiate Athletic Association Statistics Service statistics, Penn State has the fourth-toughest schedule in the country this year.

The ranking is based on the 1978 won-loss records of Penn State's 1979 opponents. The Lions, who are one of six schools who will face six 1978 bowl teams this year, must play teams with a combined 1978 record of 68-44-2 (60.5 winning percentage). That record does not include games against Penn State.

Suhey's Bid

Matt Suhey begins his senior

season at Penn State in sixth place on the Lions' career rushing chart. Suhey has gained a total of 1,960 yards through the Texas A&M game. He needs 43 yards to pass Franco Harris (2,002 yards; 1969-71 seasons) in fifth place. Lydell Mitchell is the Penn State record-holder with 2,935 rushing yards in the 1969-71 seasons.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Sat., Oct. 20 Schuylkill 1:00
Allentown (at Schuylkill)
York
- Thu., Oct. 25 Ogontz 5:00
Mont Alto (at Scranton)
- Sat., Nov. 3 C.C.A.C. Tournament at Ogontz
Head Coach—Mrs. Deidre Jago

SOCCER

- Tue., Oct. 16 Allentown
St. Francis (A) 4:00
- Sat., Oct. 20 Ogontz (A) 1:00
- Tue., Oct. 23 Northampton
C.C. (H) 4:00
- Sat., Oct. 27 York (H) 1:00
- Sat., Nov. 3 Berks (H) 1:00
- Sat., Nov. 10 C.C.A.C. Tournament at
University Park
Head Coach—Mr. William Lockwood

SOCCER KICKS

The 1979 Soccer Team is hoping for a successful season this fall, as the turnout and enthusiasm has been extremely good.

The Condors opened the season with a win over Scranton 6-2 on September 19. The Condors have since lost twice; on September 22 Mont Alto defeated Hazleton 4-3, and on September 24 Baptist-Bible defeated Hazleton 2-1. Hazleton was outshown by Baptist-Bible 32-19, and Jeff Carson scored the only goal for the Condors. The following is a list of this year's players: Len Colosco, Bob Berger, Al Haddad, Bob Wood, Ron Caccese, Jeff Carson, Julian Masters, Joe Bedoya, Brian Cassidy, John Horsford, Doug Buriell, Dave O'Herbine, Nadir Amerikeberian, Art Freas, Ted Aaron, Pat Kinney, Craig Coulton, Jack McClennen, Scott Kramer, Randy Silverman, Kevin Walters, George Schwartz, Bob Valente, Rich Katzenback.

Condors Exhibit

Inexperience

by Ed Nyerick

It may have been first game jitters, but the 1979 Women's Volleyball team showed inexperience in their first match Saturday, September 22 at the Physical Education Building. Baptist-college of Scranton, a stronger, more poised and organized squad, tamed the Condors quite easily in the best of five games: 15-0, 15-3, and 15-6. Playing in Saturday's game were freshmen Mary Beth Chupkevich, Marica Price, Marlena Marinos, captain; Ruth McMullen, Tracey Smith, and Donna Tarapchak. Other team members include sophomores Barbara Burns and Sandi Yorke and freshman Carol Oruschak. The Condors have only one returning player from last year's team.

Inexperience may pay the toll for the beginning matches of the season, but the women do show a great desire to play and work together according to Coach Deidre Jago. C.C.A.C. action begins Thursday, September 27 when the Condors play host to Wilkes-Barre, Schuylkill, and Scranton. Hopefully, the Condors will qualify for the C.C.A.C. Tournament November 3, at Ohontz. To qualify, the Highacres Volleyball squad must be in the top four teams of the eight team eastern division which includes Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, Schuylkill, Scranton, Allentown, York, Ohontz, and Mont Alto.

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