

GRID LIONS TOP EASTERN FOOTBALL

PENN STATE FOOTBALL — *by John DiCandilo*

Once again it is Fall, and with the coming of this multi-colored season the sport of Football becomes the attraction sport for millions of fans all over the country.

For the Nittany Lions of Penn State, this time of year is something special because it is time to unveil the latest crop of beef at University Park. If you are a follower of Penn State, the biggest returnee for this year is Coach Joe Paterno. Earlier this year Paterno was offered a lucrative contract by the New England Patriots of the National Football League. Fortunately for you Lion followers, the Coach spurned the offer and is now happily back at his old job of turning out nationally ranked teams. And this year will be no exception. National football magazines have the Lions ranked anywhere from number seven to number sixteen in the country.

Paterno has his usual rock-solid defense, this year led by defensive tackle Randy Crowder, linebackers Ed O'Neil and Doug Allen, and halfbacks Buddy Ellis and Jack Koniszewski. If you like defenses that will destroy anybody or anything that doesn't wear the same uniforms as Penn State, you'll love this bunch of stop-troops.

The Nittany Lions had to find a replacement for departed All-American quarterback John Hufnagel, and they found a dandy one in rocket-armed Tom Shuman. Shuman, who can fire the ball 70 yards easily, will have some very talented friends to call on to move the ball.

First, there is All-American candidate John Cappelletti from Monsignor Bonner High School. "Cap" gained 1117 yards last Fall from his tailback slot for an average of 4.8 yards per pop.

Sharing the ball-toting duties are able runners Tom Donchez and Bob Nagle. Shuman has what is being described as the best corps of receivers in the country. Most noteworthy is tight end Dan Natale. Natale hauled in 30 passes a year ago as a sophomore, and is considered one of the finest at his position in the nation.

Completing the pass-receiving corps are Jimmy Scott, who averaged an incredible 36 yards per reception last season, Dave Bland, Chuck Hard, and Gary Hayman.

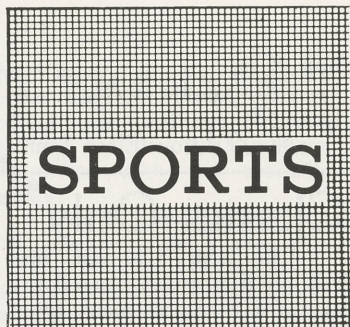
The offense could not move however without a good offensive line, and the Lions have an excellent one. Anchored by center Jack Baiorunos, the line has Charley Getty, Mark Markovich, Phil Laporta, and Paul Gabel ready to blow holes in any opposing defense.

So far in their first two games, the Nittany Lions have looked very impressive. The defense has given up only six points total to Stanford and Navy, while the offense has produced fifty-nine.

The schedule gets tougher as the Lions hosted Big Ten Hopeful Iowa this past week in the home opener for Penn State. In following weeks, teams such as Air Force, West Virginia, North Carolina State, and Pitt will test the mighty Lion team.

We are not being unrealistic when we say that Penn State has an excellent chance for its third undefeated season in the last six years. The Lions will be shooting for their thirty-fifth straight non-losing season and third straight Lambert Trophy, symbolizing Eastern football supremacy.

Now that Joe Paterno is back in the Lion's Den, and with the awesome potential that Penn State possesses, the Lions will find themselves celebrating New Year's Eve in some Southern city waiting to play another prestigious bowl game.



by Keith Broadbelt

The Rebels appear to be the team to beat in this year's intramural flag football league.

The Rebels are 3-0 for the year with their last two wins coming at the hands of the Ballbusters and I-Tapa-Keg.

The strength of the team revolves around a strong defense and a ball control offense.

With the league rules calling for six points for a touchdown (no extra points), the field goal plays a major role in the strategy of the game. The Rebels have one of the best kickers in Robin Geist.

The Ballbusters were one of the victims of the Rebels as they went down to defeat 24-6. Ray Greenwood threw three touchdown passes in the game; two to Geist as the offense shined.

Defense was the name of the game in the Rebels 12-6 triumph over I-Tapa-Keg. Larry Garguilo and Keith Broadbelt anchored a tough defense as Geist's two field goals were the determining factor.

After regular league play is over, a playoff determines the champion who will play the faculty. They will then travel to Capitol Campus for the championships against the other commonwealth campuses.

DELCO BOOTERS SEEK FIRST WIN

by Tom Dorricott

The Delco varsity booters, making their debut as an inter-collegiate soccer team on September 18th, performed unimpressively, as they were beaten at home by a strong Delaware County Community College squad 3-0.

The Community players tallied quickly in the first half, capitalizing on a Penn State penalty, with Brad Cumberland scoring on an indirect kick. The second score came several minutes later as Ron Rigby lofted home a corner shot, which gave Community a big insurance goal.

Community's Howard Elwell netted the third goal on a perfectly placed 20 yard smash that just nipped the cross bar and deflected into the net.

Trailing 3-0, the Delaware booters could not get organized, as they lacked the cohesion to mount any attack. During the second half, Community once again dominated the offensive action as only a few fine stops prevented a rout.

Community's roving goalie Kevin Segar was caught out of position several times, but the Penn Staters couldn't capitalize to prevent the shutout.

In their next outing, the Lions showing much improvement defensively since their initial 3-0 loss, battled to a 1-1 tie with Schuylkill Campus, here on the 27th.

The contest, delayed about an hour due to bus trouble, was a fairly even struggle throughout both halves, with the Delco booters showing slightly more offensive punch.

Schuylkill was forced to play a strictly defensive game the opening eight minutes of the first half, as the home team pressured but could not score. Then play evened up with both teams making rushes at the opposition's net, although no one could score.

About halfway through the first period, the ball was driven past the Schuylkill goalie on an indirect shot, but it was nullified because it did not touch another player before entering the net. However, the Delco booters came right back with one that did count, as offenseman Scott Herber drove a close-in shot off an opposing defenseman which trickled past the out-of-position goalie.

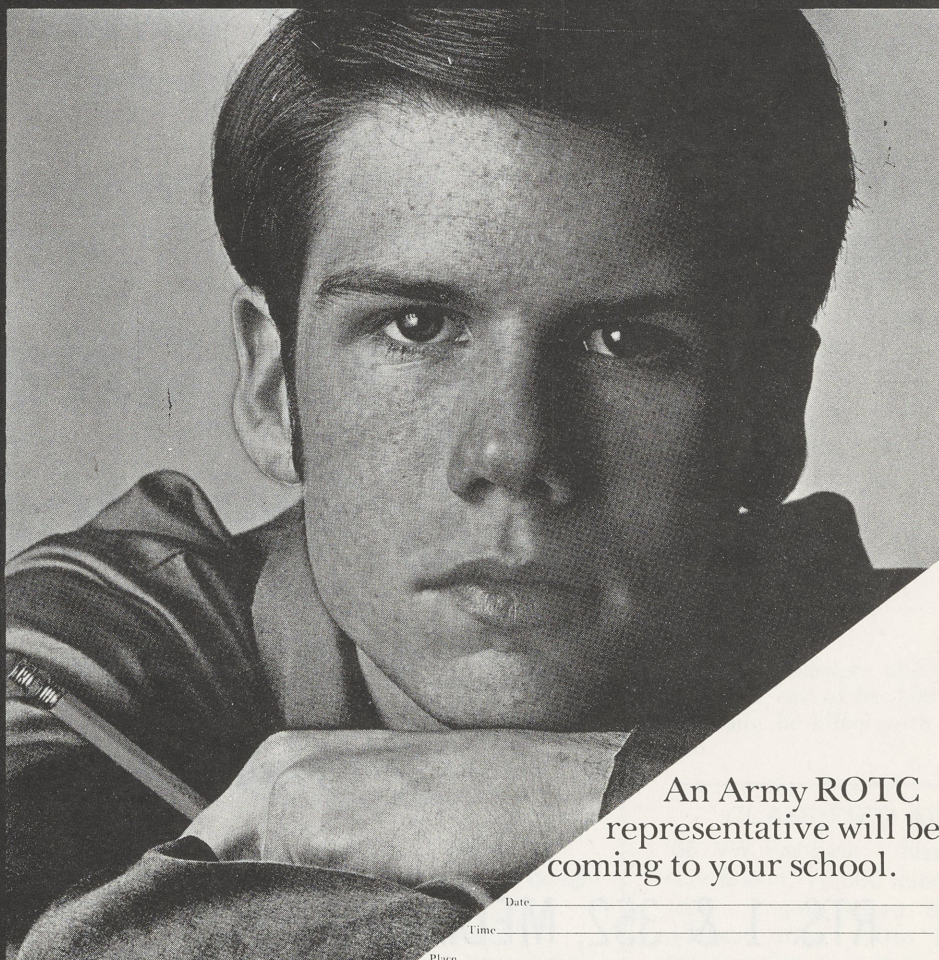
It seemed possible that the Delco defensemen, who played very well throughout the first part of the game could make the slim margin stand up, but with just a few minutes to play in the first half, and less than one minute after Delco's score, the opposition, capitalizing on some defensive miscues, retaliated as a high hard shot struck net between the Delco goalie and the right goal post.

This was to be the final goal of the day, although Coach Doran's team had several close-in opportunities, but just failed to click on these occasions. Big defenseman Ron Hall played an excellent game using his aggressiveness to good advantage as he intimidated opposing players while slamming the ball out of danger.

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