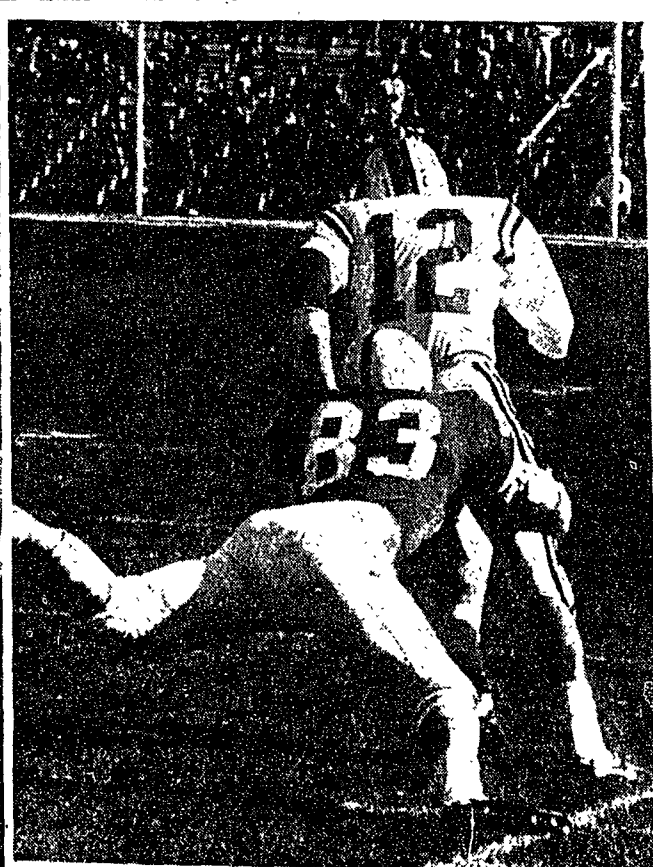


TRAPPED: Don Kunit, Penn State's left halfback, appears to be a dead duck on this play. Closing in for Maryland's Cooper (10) and Fred Joyce (68). Kunit



LAST-DITCH EFFORT: There is nothing but wide open spaces between Maryland's Ken Ambrusko (12) and the goal line but Penn State's Bud Yost (83) makes a lunging tackle to bring down the Terp safety man.



"RIGHT IN MY HANDS . . ." but he couldn't hold on. So spoke Maryland end Dick Absher (82) who let a crucial Jim Corcoran pass elude him in the fourth quarter Saturday. Penn State's Frank Hershey (42) breaks up the completion attempt while teammate Bud Yost (83) moves in to assist Hershey.

# Rugged Lion Defense Stops Terps

## Sophomores, Defense Key to Md's Defeat

By ED CARPENTER  
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Maryland's sophomore end Dick Absher sat on the bench with his head in his hands. All he could say was "I had the ball in my hands and then I dropped it."

Going into Saturday's Terps-Lions clash, the big Maryland end, who is already being sought after by several pro clubs, was leading his teammates in the pass receiving department. He had pulled down 11 aeriels for 126 yards.

With about 3:00 minutes to go in the game, and the Terrapins on the Lions' 38, Absher caught his third pass of the afternoon and raced to the 17. For a moment he was a hero.

**Absher Bobbles Ball**

Three plays later, quarterback Jim Corcoran spotted his ace end on the goal line and threw what appeared to be a touchdown. Absher bobbled the ball temporarily and then dropped it after being hit by State's Frank Hershey. Just as easily as that, Absher crossed the thin line separating the hero from the goat.

In the dressing room following the game, Maryland

coach Tom Nugent was looking back on the hows and whys of his squad's fifth loss of the season.

"We have a total of six sophomores in the starting lineup including the boys at left guard and right end plus the entire backfield. First year men make some mistakes and our sophomores made the usual number."

Nugent shouldn't complain because had it not been for the hard running of sophomore Bo Hickey, the afternoon could have been a disaster for the visitors.

**Good, Strong Runner**

"Hickey is a good, strong runner," the Maryland head coach said Friday after watching his squad go through a final light workout. How strong a runner he is became apparent the following afternoon.

The rookie tailback led all rushers with 124 yards in 18 carries, and threw a scare into the hearts of Penn State fans early in the fourth quarter. With the Terps trailing 17-9, Hickey took a handoff from Corcoran and scampered 59 yards before being hauled down by Bud Yost on State's nine-yard line.

## Urbanik Scores Two Touchdowns As State Gridders Win 3rd, 17-9

By JOHN LOTT  
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Penn State lost a race against the clock, won a race against Bo Hickey and won its third football game Saturday. And except for Bud Yost's victory over Hickey in the foot race, the game might well have ended in a deadlock instead of a 17-9 Lion victory over a hungry band of Terrapins from Maryland.

Less than a minute was gone in the fourth period when Hickey, the set halfback in Maryland's famed "I" formation, took a handoff, bowed past two Lion tacklers and raced into the clear. He appeared touchdown-bound, but Yost, State's right end on defense, cut diagonally across the field and barreled Hickey out of bounds on the Lion nine-yard line.

Three plays later State's Gerry Sandusky recovered a Maryland fumble on the 11 to squelch the Terp threat.

"I never thought I'd get to him," Yost said. "I just didn't think I was that fast, especially with my bad legs."

Except for another bad leg, Hickey might not have gotten as far as he did. Linebacker Ed Stuckrath, playing with an ailing left leg, almost had Hickey at the 15, but as Stuckrath said afterwards, "He just outran me."

If Hickey had made it into the end zone, Maryland (2-5) would have gone for the two-point conversion and could have made it a tie. But as on three other occasions, the staunch Lion defense held firm in its own territory.

Ohio State (6-0) is next for the Lions, winners of three of their last four, and it'll take the best defensive effort yet to stop Woody Hayes' powerful Buckeyes. As State coach Rip Engle said after practice last night, "We'll

have to play perfect football to beat them."

After fullback Tom Urbanik carried the ball nine straight times for two first-quarter touchdowns, the Lions went as far as they could without getting a third score late in the second quarter.

The race against the clock began with less than two minutes left. State's defense held on its 29, then marched to the Maryland one as time ran out.

A 19-yard Gary Wydman pass to Bill Huber put the ball on the one with 19 seconds left, but State had no timeouts left. Jack White tried to carry over from the one but was stopped short as the referee blew the ball dead with 16 seconds remaining.

But the Terp tacklers took their time unpling and when the gun sounded, the Lions were frantically (and unsuccessfully) trying to line up for one more play.

Maryland took the opening kickoff and drove to State's 18 before stalling. Bernardo Bramson, the Terps' soccer-kicking "human scoreboard," then booted a 35-yard field goal to make it 3-0.

But State, perhaps knowing the Terps had been ahead early in all previous games, were unruffled and proceeded to march 72 yards for a touchdown. Urbanik, who played the best game of his career, carried on eight of the 12 plays (State didn't pass at all on this drive) and scored from the three. Gerry Sanker booted the point and it was 7-3.

It was 14-3 three minutes later. Maryland had a second-and-16 situation on its own 22 when quarterback Phil Petry tried to hit end Dick Absher. The toss was deflected by State's Dick Gingrich and one-handed by Frank Hedshey who returned it to the

12. Five Urbaniks later it was 13-3 and Sanker again kicked the PAT.

Midway through the second period, Maryland scored its touchdown after recovering an errant Wydman pitchout on the State 15. Hickey, the sophomore who led all rushers with 124 yards, scored from the four, but Glenn Ressler blocked Bramson's conversion attempt.

After a Lion drive stalled early in the final period, Sanker kicked a perfect 38-yard goal to make it 17-9. It was the bespectacled soph's second of the year and gave him 12 points in the last two games.

**...NITTANY NOTES:** Engle singled out Ressler, Urbanik, Gingrich, Hershey and defensive tackle John Deibert for outstanding play Saturday. Ressler played both ways much of the game because of a shoulder injury to offensive center Bob Andronici. The big All-America candidate cleared the way for both Urbanik's touchdowns. Wydman, who picked up 89 yards on 16 carries, had his best day as a runner. He had a 27-yard scamper in the last quarter. Maryland's players assumed a "parade rest" position in the huddle. All players stood with hands clasped in the middle of the back. Hershey boomed a 66-yard punt in the second quarter. His interception gave him three for the year, all in the last two games. Halfback Don Kunit carried only five times, gained 43 yards. Bramson's field goal set a modern Maryland record of six for one season. His blocked PAT attempt was his first miss of the year in that department. Seen on the State locker room blackboard before the game: "Turtle season opens today." After the game, "opens" was crossed out and "closed" written in. Someone added a post-script: "Shortage of turtles."

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**US Cager Calls Pros 'Incredible'**

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Olympic star Lucius Jackson, newest member of the Philadelphia 76ers, said yesterday the professional brand of basketball, as played in the NBA, is "unbelievable."

"I had no idea these fellows were that good," said the former Pan American, Tex., College star and member of the U.S. Olympic champions. "Every one of them is a magician with a basketball."

"If those folks in Tokyo could see some of our top pro clubs in action, they wouldn't believe what they saw."

The 6-9 forward who made an auspicious professional debut last week, grabbing 14 rebounds against the St. Louis Hawks, was impressed mostly by the defense set up by the pros.

"Some people told me the NBA was all offense," said Jackson, "but that's not true. There's plenty of defense in this game."

"And did you ever see a better defensive player than Bill Russell? I had a chance to see him operate the other night and, man, he's too much. There's a fellow who really concentrates on defense."

According to Jackson, there is no comparison between pro and either college or Olympic basketball.

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