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Homecoming and Games of the Pass

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For Penn State students and alumni alike, homecoming has always been happiness.

And, of course, happiness is seeing the Nittany Lion football team scramble and scrape, run over and around their homecoming adversary on the Beaver Stadium turf.

A homecoming victory is ecstasy in football cleats and happiness on a touchdown drive.

The last time the Lions played homecoming host to the Golden Bears of California (whom they battle Saturday) was in 1961 when State handed them a 33-16 defeat. In between that period, the Lions racked up two more victories while losing one to bring their homecoming record for the last five years to 4-1.

In the last half decade, the October festival football tilt has left fans hoarse from cheering and tired from the release of pepped-up emotion. The games have been so dandy that the rest of the weekend festivities seem anti-climatic.

In 1961, Lion football notables Galen Hall and Roger Kochman displayed a brilliant one-two backfield punch that led Penn State to its 33-16 rout over California before 30,265 stadium fans.

Quarterback Hall threw two long touchdown passes, scored one himself by faking his opponents with a "now you see it, now you don't" kind of thing. Kochman, Penn State's All-American halfback candidate that year, gained over 100 yards behind a great offensive line display that rocked California back on its heels time and time again.

Down by a score of 10-3 in the second quarter, the Lions thrashed back on the coattails of a 36-yard touchdown pass to Kochman and a 58-yard bomb to end Junior Powell.

In the 1962 homecoming tilt, the Lions put on the old squeeze play as they pinched past the Orange of Syracuse 20-19 on a late and nail-biting touchdown drive.

In what started out as a 14-0 rout before 46,920 jam packed fans, Rip Engle's forces fell behind to an Orange team that slugged its way into a 19-14 lead.

The last Nittany Lion drive to victory started with a 13-yard pass from quarterback Pete Liske to All-American end Dave Robinson to put the ball on the 50 yard line. On the next play Liske hit Robinson with another pass to

move the ball down to the 13 yard line and set up the winning touchdown.

The Owls of Rice were the 1963 Beaver Stadium homecoming visitors in a 28-7 loss to the Lions.

Quarterback Pete Liske threw 19 passes and completed eight while leading Penn State to its third straight victory of that campaign. Liske covered some 106 yards in the air, but the big play of the game was a second period TD that came on a fourth down play. Gary Klingensmith swept around end for the score after he barely escaped going out of bounds on the six-yard line.

The Orange of Syracuse got revenge for their 1962 homecoming loss to the Lions at Beaver Stadium by dashing past Penn State in a closing second drive to capture a 20-14 victory. It was a typical Syracuse-Penn State clash that included hard hitting, fancy running, and deft passing. In fact, the Lions played so well that they went into half-time with a 14-0 lead.

The climax to this tilt came after Syracuse's Roger Smith intercepted a Gary Wydman pass and returned it 38 yards to the Lion 22. Six plays later Orange quarterback Wally Mahle scored on a rollout from the three to ice the victory and change expressions of hope to frowns of sadness for homecoming fans.

Last year the Lions badgered their perennial whipping boy West Virginia by a 44-6 score. Quarterback Jack White hit on 8 of 15 passes, including two touchdowns to lead the Lion onslaught. Penn State's record breaking split-end Jack Curry seemed to avoid the West Virginia secondary as if they had the bubonic plague. He latched on to bombs in covering 111 yards and a touchdown.

Fulback Dave McNaughton led the rushing parade with 97 yards on 21 carries and seemed to break through the Mountaineer like it was paper towel without "wet strength."

It was the sweet victory that the Lions needed to surge on and finish up strong in evening the season log at 5 and 5.

Saturday the Lions clash with California in another homecoming encounter. Just like the rest, it is the big game on the big Saturday afternoon that spells homecoming.

A rose may be a rose, may be a rose. But, homecoming is happiness and football.

Navy Wins 41st Home Tilt By Defeating Booters 3-0

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Navy soccer team with a tenacious defensive effort held off Penn State 3-0 yesterday. It was the seventh straight win for the Middies this season and their 41st straight win at home.

The Lions have now lost five times and own one tie. The Middies, who put on a marvelous display of power soccer, figure to be contenders for national honors

as they were last year.

Navy plays a defensive game and they are able to keep opponent offensives to a minimum. They have already stopped a leading West Chester team last weekend.

State meanwhile played its usual steady defensive game but the offense has yet to come around. In fact, the Lion booter got off only 7 shots at the goal during the entire game.

Navy proved to be quite an opponent as they maintained possession of the soccer ball throughout the game. The Middies would constantly put the heat on the Lion defense by maintaining position in Penn State territory.

The Lions will be seeking their first win this weekend when they travel down to College Park, Maryland to play the Terps. Maryland has also fallen to Navy losing at Annapolis by a 5-1 count.

Phi Delta Lands 3rd Football Win

By MARK BARRETT
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Phi Delta Theta marched to its third consecutive intramural football victory by defeating Delta Theta Sigma 7-0 last night.

Phi Del's offense, plagued by dropped passes throughout the game, came to life when quarterback Ron Williams lofted a 45-yard scoring pass to flanker Jim Haas late in the first half. That was all he needed as an impenetrable defense kept DTS from mounting a serious scoring threat.

Phi Sigma Delta, now 3-1 on the season, continued its drive toward a showdown battle with Phi Delta by coasting to a 22-0 victory over Theta Chi.

Phi Sig opened the scoring on a 30-yard field goal by

Howie Schultzberg, and followed with a touchdown pass that bordered on the spectacular.

Ron Silverman threw a 45-yard pass to Harvey Rosen, who deflected it to Barry Goldstein in the endzone for the score.

In the second half Silverman connected on a 30-yard strike to Goldstein, and a 15-yarder to Bud Bridge to complete the scoring.

In another game, Alpha Chi Sigma romped over Tau Epsilon Phi by a score of 8-0. Quarterback John Skurla

threw a 20 yard pass to Gary Ley in the first half for the game's only touchdown. A charging defensive line continually harassed TEP quarterback Lee Roberts, and late in the game he was tagged in the endzone by Eric Andersen for a safety.

IM Football

DORMITORY
East 11 13, North 0
South 0, West 0
Adams 6, Fayette 3
Mifflin 12, Lycoming 0
Muncie 10, Warren 0
Beaver 6, Washington 2
Nittany 35-35 14, Nittany 40-41 0
Nittany 38-42 14, York 0
Nittany 47-25 6, Chester 6
Monroe 7, Tiooa 0
Mercer 6, Northampton 0
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Butternut 7, Jordan 0
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Balsam 6, Sycamore 0
Walrus 11 7, Locust 6

FRATERNITY
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Chi Sigma 8, Tau Epsilon Phi 0
Phi Sigma Delta 22, Theta Chi 0

Horse Owners Accept Wash., D.C. Race Bids

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — The owners of Tom Rolfe and Assagai have accepted invitations to run their colts in the Washington, D.C., International as the United States' entries.

The 15th running of the \$150,000 1 1/2-mile turf race, scheduled for Laurel Nov. 11, now has a total of 10 including eight entries from six foreign nations.

Steelers Prep for Cowboys

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers concentrated on offensive drills yesterday in preparing for Sunday's encounter of Dallas.

"We will have to move the ball," said Steeler Coach Bill Austin. "That's a must. If we can hold the ball, they won't have it and without it they can't score."

The Steelers, who had a day off in National Football League action last Sunday, also drilled on their offense last week.

Austin added: "We also will have to put on a good and steady rush on Don Meredith, their passer, and make him throw the ball before he wants to. If we can accomplish this and our defense is alert... results could begin to change for us."

Pro Golf Tour In Honolulu

HONOLULU (AP) — The pro golf tour follows the sun to Hawaii today with an outstanding field teeing off in the \$37,000, 7-hole Hawaiian Open.

National champion Billy Casper is the favorite. Casper, who flew here from exhibitions in Australia, showed that he could handle the 7,000-yard Waialae course in the first Hawaiian Open last year, when he made a late charge that just fell short.

Gay Brewer, who defeated Don Goalby in the sudden death for the title last year, is rated a chance to repeat. Goalby is on hand, too.

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