

### Former Quarterbacks Lead 35-14 Win

# State's Devastating Defense Does It Again

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Penn State has always had a passion for recruiting high-school quarterbacks, although not necessarily intending to make them Nittany Lion signal callers.

The theory seems to be that a schoolboy who is an outstanding quarterback—the most demanding position in football—can do almost anything on the gridiron. And the theory looks even better when put into practice. This season, no fewer than six former high-school field generals are playing new positions at Penn State.

Three of that number were in State's starting defensive lineup last Saturday. The three—former offensive stars—Bob Capretto, Dennis Onkotz and Frank Spaziani—may have missed their days of headlines and scoring records, but they haven't forgotten what to do with the football.

#### Emigrants Star

Scoring touchdowns on an intercepted pass, a punt return and a blocked punt, the emigrants from the offense led Penn State to a 35-14 victory over Ohio University at Beaver Stadium. In accounting for the three touchdowns, the defense not only paved the way to the Lions' seventh win, but also outscored their offensive counterparts, who managed only two TD's. Not surprisingly, one of the offense's touchdowns was scored by its famous former quarterback, Jack Curry.

Long overdue for a touchdown, the little split end from Danville hauled in nine passes for 140 yards. His ninth reception, a patented Sherman-to-Curry sideline pass, was good for 22 yards and a score. It was Curry's first touchdown of the year, although he has caught three two-point conversion passes.

#### Just Icing

However, the fourth quarter Curry touchdown, making the score 35-6, was just icing on the cake. It was the defensive trio's scoring contributions that gave the Lions the needed breathing room.

With Penn State leading only 7-6 in the second quarter, defensive halfback Capretto did his damage. Ohio quarterback Cleve Bryant, who had been running the Lion defense silly, went to the air from his own 20. Capretto picked off the pass along the sideline at midfield, and aided by a Jim Litterelle block, raced all the way for the score. It was the first collegiate touchdown for the former Jeannette High School quarterback.

That must have given some other former quarterbacks ideas, for only a minute later, the Lion defense was on the scoreboard again. Sophomore linebacker Dennis Onkotz took a punt at the Penn State 44 and followed a roving band of Lion blockers through the Ohio defense for a fumble-down. Of course, the former Northampton High School

quarterback is no stranger to the end zone. Just the week before, he returned an intercepted pass 67 yards for a touchdown against North Carolina State. For that task, as well as his other defensive heroics, Onkotz was named the Associated Press and Sports Illustrated Lineman of the Week. Two weeks earlier, he ran 47 yards to score with an intercepted pass against Syracuse.

The Onkotz interception gave Penn State a 21-6 half-time lead over the Mid-American champions and that's the way it stayed until defensive end Spaziani got a hand on the action. Spaz, one of State's most versatile performers, didn't move to the defense until after fall practice opened. Last year, as a sophomore, he played all four offensive backfield positions, although he came from New Jersey's Johnston Regional High as a quarterback.

But the 6.2, 210-pounder, who, if given a choice would just as soon run through a wall than walk around it, has been so impressive at his new position, that he may never see the offense again.

With an Ohio fourth down at its own 20, Spaziani blurred into the backfield and blocked a Bob Brown punt. Spaz scooped up the ball and raced the rest of the way to the end zone for his first touchdown as a Penn State.

But it wasn't just the former quarterbacks who enjoyed a good day. Both the acting field generals, Penn State's Tom Sherman and Ohio's Cleve Bryant, sparked their teams' offensive drives.

The Lion quarterback connected on 14 of 28 passes for 193 yards and set a couple of records in the process. Through nine games, Sherman has passed for 1,407 yards, breaking Jack White's record 1,275 yards of 1965. Sherman has also topped White's season total offense mark, as the Lion senior has gained 1,552 yards running and passing this year. The old mark was 1,342 yards.

Although Sherman connected with Curry seemingly at will, he had trouble getting to his tight end, Ted Kwalick. The Lions' All-American candidate caught two passes for 24 yards, and relinquished the team's receiving leadership

to his teammate from the other side of the offensive line, Curry has now grabbed 34 passes for 578 yards and Kwalick has 29 receptions for 549 yards.

"The way Ohio played that three-deep zone, and the fact that they blitz so much, made it difficult for us to do some things we usually like to do with Kwalick," coach Joe Paterno said after the game. "They had the monster on Jim most of the day. We saw the curl area open, and they covered Curry one-on-one most of the day. We can usually get the ball to Curry in one-on-one coverage."

#### Had Lions Gasping

Ohio's Cleve Bryant, one of the nation's total offense leaders, hit on only 7 of 25 passes, but his running had the Lion defense gasping for air in the first half. By intermission, Bryant had already run 13 times for a net 73 yards gained, and it was only the Lions' defensive scoring that gave State the lead.

"He's an awfully dangerous quarterback," Paterno said of the Ohio sophomore. "I don't think he had one of his better days. He's not quite as smooth and poised as Beban, and I wouldn't like to compare him now with some of the other quarterbacks we've seen, but he's a good one, and he'll probably become a great one."

Bryant's running was somewhat stifled in the second half, as he ended the day with a net of 83 yards on the ground.

"We didn't take any big changes to adjust to Bryant's running," Paterno said. "We just tried to get our people to take off a little quicker. We were a little tight in the first half. We were much more aggressive the second half."

#### Few Bright Spots

On offense, however, the Sherman-Curry combination was one of the few bright spots. Fullback Don Abbey, who scored the game's first touchdown, was the Lions' leading rusher with 31 yards.

"Penn State was real good defensively," said Ohio coach Bill Hess, whose Bobcats ended the season at 6-4. "We expected them to be real good on defense, because that's where their strength is. But I still thought Penn State would be much stronger offensively than they were today."

Joe Paterno agreed. "Our defense did a great job," Paterno said, "but our offense is still very inconsistent. I was a little disappointed with our offense."

But then Joe shouldn't worry too much. He has some former quarterbacks on defense now who still have a knack of finding the end zone.

## Boobcats Batter Panthers, 7-1

By BON MEKEE  
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At a time when soccer style kickers are taking over in professional and college football, it is rare to see football kickers incorporated into soccer.

Near the end of Saturday's improbable Penn State-Pitt soccer game, the Lions' Don Reintschler brought some of the flavor of the gridiron to the game by heading a 40-yard goal. Pitt's goalie was so amazed that he could do nothing but watch the ball sail into the net. A belated stab at blocking the shot fell short.

Reintschler's goal only added insult to injury as the Lions had already put the game beyond the Panther's reach. After a slow start, the team clicked for its largest point production in over two years, burying the Panthers, 7-1.

#### Two Goals Headed

The game was a departure from the usual in several instances, Reintschler's goal being just one of them. The Lions headed in two goals, one after a penalty kick and one following a corner kick.

In the fourth quarter, with the Lions holding a comfortable 4-0 lead, coach Ken Hosterman removed the first team and the reserves got a chance to claw the Panthers. Mike High, a sophomore who had not seen action before Saturday, scored two goals on the shattered Pitt defense.

Even the weather got into the act. At the start of the contest the sun was shining brightly and gave every appearance of good soccer weather. By the second half snow was falling and the icy wind played tricks with the ball in all corners of the field. Near the end of the match the sun broke through the clouds again, providing a sunny ending to State's first winning campaign since 1963. The Lions finished at 5-4-1.

#### Field Wet

The first period was scoreless as both teams struggled on the sloppy field. Snow was piled along the sidelines, a leftover from the storm the night before.

Pitt was on the attack early in the second quarter, giving Lion goalie John Turcheck the chance to turn in two fine saves.

With 8:40 gone in the period, State got a break which gave it the momentum to run away with the game. Pitt was called for tripping in the penalty zone and the Lions were awarded a free kick. Art Morris lined the ball to the left of the goal and Barry Giberman, who had slipped behind the Panther defensive wall headed in for the score. It was the fourth goal of the season for Giberman a senior, who closed out his career on a bright note.

Near the end of the half Bill Snyder penetrated the Pitt defense and fired State into a 2-0 lead with a six-yard goal.

#### Lions Bomb Pitt

The final half was wild and unorganized as the Lions slammed five goals past the hapless Pitt goalie. Snyder headed in a second goal and Jim Watts tallied on an eight-yarder in the third period.

That goal struck to insignificance when Reintschler and High came on the scene. Reintschler, a senior who had never scored in his three varsity years, found the ball nose near midfield and approached it like Lou Guzzo. No one was more surprised to see it go in than Reintschler.

#### Two Goals for High

High's first goal came off a cross and his second was booting out of a back in front of the Pitt goal. Left of center, he failed to bring "the best of the season" adding that it was a complete team effort.

The happy players tossed the coach in the shower after the win. When Hosterman was asked how it felt to have a winning team after three losing seasons he replied with one word "Well!"

The Lions took 20 shots, matching the previous season high and allowed the Panthers only five good scoring attempts. State also outscored Pitt on corner kicks, 5-2.

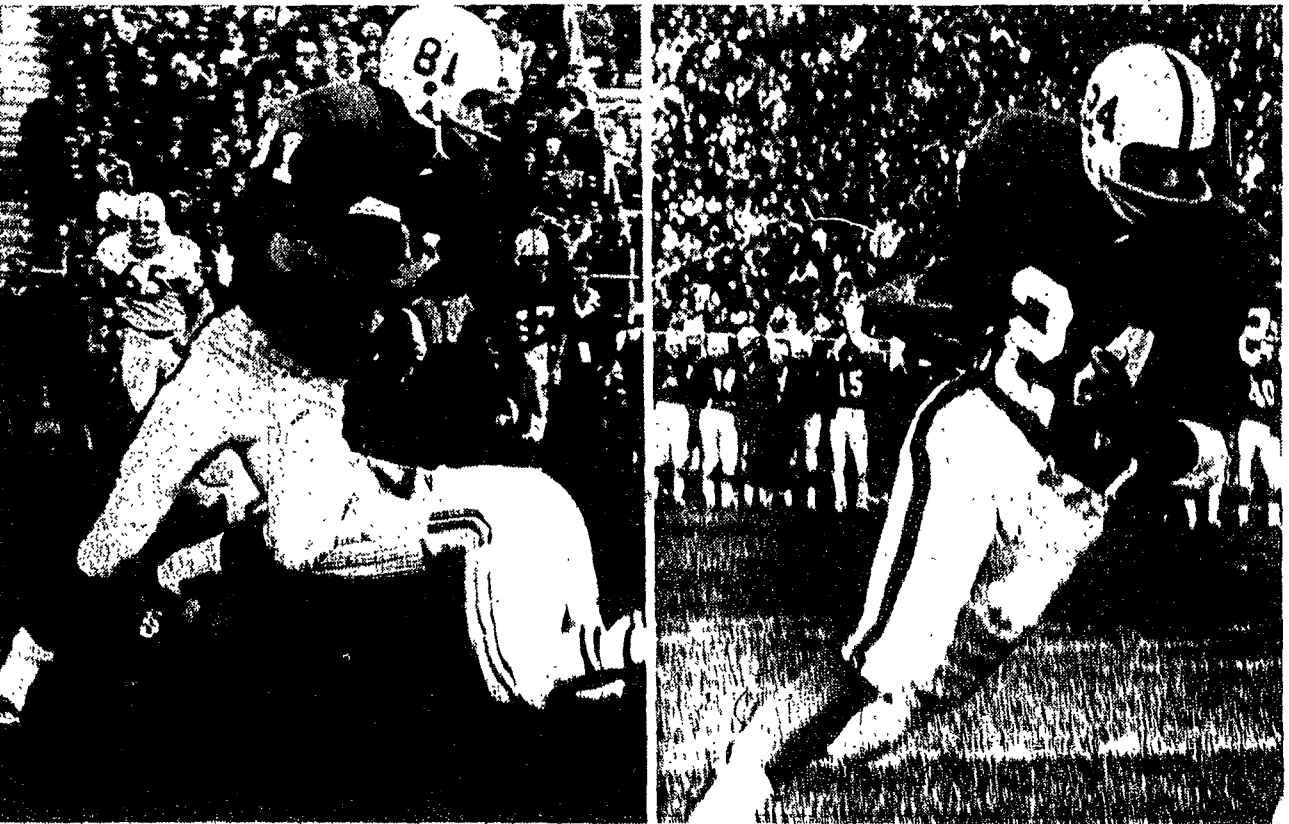
Monday night at the Antipori Motel, the soccer team held its annual season-ending banquet. The committee of coaches voted to award the most valuable player trophy to senior halfback Art Morris.

Bill Snyder was elected team Captain for the 1968 season. The players and coaches voted unanimously to establish a Penn State soccer club, for the purpose of promoting soccer at Penn State and throughout Centre County on a year-round basis.

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### And Away They Go

**BREAKING TACKLE** after hauling in one of his nine pass receptions is Penn State split end Jack Curry (left), who led the offensive charge in State's 35-14 win over Ohio. Curry scored his first TD of the year on a Sherman

22-yarder, the senior combo good for 140 yards overall. Tailback Charlie Pittman (right), hampered by a variety of injuries, carried nine times for 28 yards, also grabbing an 11-yard pass.

#### Lions Ignored by AP

## Southern Cal Named No. One

By BEN OLAN

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Southern California, a 21-20 victor over UCLA in the big game of college football season, moved back into first place in the Associated Press' poll yesterday. The Trojans edged Tennessee in the next-to-last vote of the 1967 campaign.

The Trojans collected 21 votes for the top position and 432 points in the balloting by a national panel of 47 sports writers and broadcasters. Southern Cal dropped to fourth place a week ago after losing to Oregon State.

#### 410 Points

Tennessee was named No. 1 by 15 voters and accumulated 410 points in maintaining second place. The voting was on a basis of 10 for a first place, 8 for second, 6 for third etc.

Purdue remained a strong third with 380 points, including 90 for nine first place votes while UCLA, the pacemaker last week, tumbled to fourth with 329 points. The Bruins had no first-place votes.

The overall balloting for the first three teams were: Southern California 21 first-place votes, 17 second-place votes, six third-place votes and three for fourth place; Tennessee 15 first-place votes, 16 for second, seven for third, six for fourth and three for fifth; Purdue nine first-place votes, seven for second place, 12 for third, 17 for fourth and two for fifth.

#### Sooners Fifth

Oklahoma placed fifth followed in order by Notre Dame, Wyoming, Oregon State, Alabama and Houston.

Southern California's climatic triumph over UCLA ended its regular season with a 9-1 record, Tennessee, which beat Mississippi 20-7 last weekend, plays Kentucky this Saturday and Vanderbilt Dec. 2. Purdue finishes with Indiana Saturday. The Boilermakers lifted their record to 8-1 by defeating Michigan State 21-7 last Saturday.

The final poll will be taken after Saturday's games and the results announced the following Tuesday. Oklahoma advanced two places after beating Kansas 14-10. Notre Dame

1. Southern California (21) 432
2. Tennessee (15) 410
3. Purdue (9) 380
4. UCLA 329
5. Oklahoma (1) 218
6. Notre Dame 181
7. Wyoming (1) 179
8. Oregon State 141
9. Alabama 85
10. Houston 45

## Lion Harriers Falter at IC4A's

By STEVE SOLOMON

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Ray Smith placed fifth out of 300 of the East's finest runners but the Penn State cross country team finished a disappointing eighth in the IC4A Championships yesterday in New York City.

Smith, a junior from Birmingham, N.Y., electrified the crowd with a blistering 4:22 first mile that had him well

out in front of son of America's top 1968 Olympic candidates. The 6-0, 158-pound Smith kept up his pace-setting time for three miles before he tired and fell back to fifth. His time of 25 minutes set a new Penn State record for five miles.

Smith ran an unimpressive race, which John Lewis said. "He started fast—perhaps too fast—because he ran out of gas in the last mile and a half. But he was an inspiration to the whole team. It was one of the finest individual performances I have ever seen."

Despite Smith's heroics, the Lions could finish no higher than eighth. Villanova, the defending NCAA champion, ran away from the field to successfully defend its IC4A title.

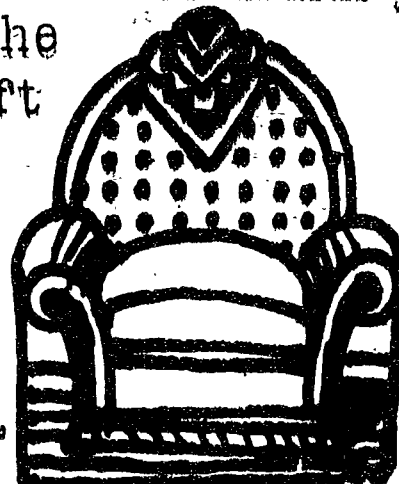
"We were definitely hurt by the loss of Al Sheffer," Lewis said. Sheffer, the Lion captain, placed 16th in the competition last year but sprained his ankle in physical education class last week and was unable to compete. He was considered one of the East's premier runners.

This year's individual championship went to Arthur Delong of Duke Cross. Delong followed in the South's footsteps by winning his third and breaking the time record in the fastest time ever recorded in the classic 40-year history.

Georgetown's Steve Stigeborn placed second, followed by Tom Donnelly (Villanova), Terry Donnelly (William and Mary) and Smith.

The Penn State freshman team placed fifth out of 21 schools on Van Courland Park's three-mile course.

Don't just sit there, Wallace Middendorp. Make a noise. Or drink Sprite, the noisy soft drink.



What did you do when Joe (Boxcar) Brkczpmzuj was kicked off the football team just because he flunked six out of four of his majors? What did you do, Wallace Middendorp?

And when the school newspaper's editors resigned in protest because The Chancellor wouldn't allow the publication of certain salacious portions of "Night In a Girl's Dormitory" you just sat, didn't you?

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