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# Last Day And Paterno's Law

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It had been a long five weeks. Of conditioning. Of sweating under the spring sun. Of learning the intricacies of football. Of fighting for positions. And of working, straining, to evolve into a cohesive gridiron unit.

Yesterday marked the end of that five-week grind, or at least the official termination of spring drills per se. Tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Beaver Stadium, the Blue-White intra-squad scrimmage will give the fans a chance to witness what has evolved.

It was overcast and the clouds were threatening on the ice pavilion field yesterday afternoon. The field was soggy, and the mud stuck to the cleats of the players. However, linebacker coach Dan Radakovich assured everyone that things were well in hands.

"It's Paterno's Law," he said as he glanced skyward. "It never rains at practice. We'll be all right."

If it weren't for the field conditions, things would have been fine. The four quarterbacks were having trouble setting their feet as they raced into the pocket for a pass. Mike Cooper, who is battling for the second-string spot, cut back, slipped and fell on his back. "C'mon, Mike. Time's running," Jim Colbert, another QB hopeful, joked as backfield coach George Welsh smiled and looked at his stopwatch. He had been timing each candidate to see how fast the ball was released.

"Let me try that one again," Cooper said as he wiped the mud from his pants. He ran back and almost fell again.

A scout for the NFL Dallas Cowboys paced the sidelines. He said he was there to check out the senior possibilities for pro ball, and he paused to ask the names of the players as they trotted on the field. However, hardly anyone was aware of his presence. It was the last day. That was the important thing.

"This is it, number 19," offensive line coach Joe McMullen yelled as he ran onto the field. Eighteen practice sessions had preceded this one. Just one remained.

"It's the last one," Joe Paterno screamed as he blew the whistle to begin the final drills. "Let's have a good one, fellas. No tears, no tears." There were none.

The head coach moved from one area to another, criticizing and praising. "Hah, the backs are finally looking like something," he said. "Waited for the last day, huh? C'mon. If you guys don't work today, I'll be miserable all summer."

It's true, things were spirited and rather casual. But even on the last day, the activity was businesslike. Paterno at one point admonished the defensive backs that anyone who failed to stay with his man would run one lap. "I don't care if it takes until midnight to complete them," he said.

A little over an hour into the practice, the coach called a Coke break. The squad spread out on the benches and listened as Paterno got out a mimeographed sheet of paper. He went down a list of 38 names and said, "Okay, that's the Blue squad. The rest are White. Split up and start practicing."

Simultaneously, the two squads shouted threats and self-praises. Ted Kwaliick shook hands with John Kulka. Kulka greeted Dave Bradley. Bradley saluted Mike Reid. The Whites whooped and hollered, claiming victory 24 hours before the fact.

Paterno walked over to the more resigned Blue squad and shouted, "Hey, Blue. Those guys over there have more enthusiasm, they're better organized, they..." His voice was drowned out by negative retorts and yells of "We're not going to lose this year."

Then the coach went over to the Blues and told them, "I'm not impressed at all." After a few moments, he quipped, "What are you going to do, spend the whole practice cheering each other up?"

It was the familiar give and take of friendly competition. And yet it seemed a little more. Pride is probably the best way to describe the entire situation. That's what's on the line at the stadium tomorrow.

A funny thing happened as the two squads split up for separate practices. The clouds disappeared. For the first time in six days, the sun came out. It was as if Joe Paterno, having chosen his warring charges, pointed to the heavens and sternly ordered, "Sun, appear."

But then, I guess it's just part of Paterno's Law.



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'Every Spring, Same Darn Choice - Blue or White'

## Delaware Could Upset...

# LaXers On Road

By STEVE SOLOMON  
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Even when the rain starts falling and the lacrosse field becomes saturated, the head referee doesn't have to consult the weatherman. Like football, the game goes on—come downpour, snowdrift, or minus-17 degrees.

It makes things a little uncomfortable, though. In Penn State's overtime tie with Cortland State last Saturday, they could have roped off lanes on the field and played water polo. They didn't, of course, although flotation jackets should have been issued in place of pads.

### Same for Both

It all makes for a muddy show, but both teams play under the same conditions, thus negating any excuses for a poor showing. Lion coach Dick Pencek, however, feels that the offense has the advantage over the defense on a soggy field, and thus the high-scoring team should predominate.

"I think the attack has a small advantage," Pencek said. "They initiate the action and know where they're going all the time. An attackman can make a move and easily leave the defenseman a half-step behind."

### Problems, too

But that's not to say that a high-scoring game will be the rule. The attackmen have their problems, too. Ken Edwards, Penn State's most prolific scorer this season, outmaneuvered the Cortland defense for three goals and two assists last Saturday, but still had a few complaints.

"You have to adjust when the field is wet," he said. "You have to play a ball-control type of offense. That means more passing and a slower game. An attackman can't dodge and try to lose his man as much as he

would under normal conditions because he'll probably lose his footing."

The offense-superiority theory may get a second testing tomorrow afternoon at Delaware. With all the rain the East coast has received in the past week, the Lions could be body checking in another lacrosse paddy.

Whatever the weather, not all the gasps will be for Edward's showmanship or Bob Schoepflin's clutch shooting. The Blue Hens have a productive offense led by All-American Larry Wise, who will go head-to-head with State defensive ace Gary Patterson, a 5-11 junior from Thomasville.

For a team that is only beginning to go big time in lacrosse, Delaware hasn't had a bad season. The Blue Hens have won five of their 10 games to date, absorbing a few close defeats on the way. They are definitely not in the same class as Maryland, Syracuse, or Rutgers, three earlier State opponents, but Pencek expects his men to work up a good sweat.

### Small But Scrappy

"None of the games are easy," Pencek said. "If you let up, you're going to get beaten. Delaware is a scrappy outfit. They've played some very good games this year."

The Lions, meanwhile, will be in perfect physical shape. The most famous of the walking wounded, Edwards, has a sound knee again and will be ready for some Bob Cousy-type shooting and passing.

Galen Godbey and his 6-5, 220-pound frame will no longer decorate the Lions bench as much as it did in the past. The towering basketball player has been promoted to second midfield, with Steve Henderson taking over command of the third squad of middies.

# Lion Golfers Home; Face Weak Orange

By DICK ZELLER  
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It's back to the dual meet trail for Penn State's golf team after a one-week effort at tournament play which featured the unsuccessful defense of two championships. Tomorrow at 1 p.m., the Lions will try to regain their winning form as they take on Syracuse on the Penn State course.

"They offer no threat," said Joe Boyle, the optimistic Lion coach. This statement is not without reason, since Syracuse finished last in the Eastern tournament with an average player score of 16 over par per round. Ted Till is the outstanding player for the Orange, but it takes at least four to win a match, and Syracuse doesn't have the depth.

Playoffs will determine the State lineup for tomorrow's match. Sure to be included among the starters is Frank Guise who shot a one-under-par 71 to take medalist honors at the Indiana Invitational Wednesday.

### And the Others

Other probable starters are captain Jim Geiger, junior ace Tom Apple, Rusty Washburn, the best finisher among the Lions in the East, Ernie Saniga and Bob Hirschman.

The best individual record is Apple's 8-1 mark. The rest of the State regulars are either at 7-2 or 6-3. With that depth the Lions should have little trouble putting together a winning combination.

Tomorrow's match is the end of the season for Syracuse while the Lions, 7-2 have two more dual meets before putting away the clubs for another year.

One week from tomorrow, the Army linksmen will visit University Park, with the Lions closing their season at Pittsburgh May 31.

## Penn State Blue-White Scrimmage Lineups

BLUE		WHITE	
Leon Angevine Sr., 6-2, 185	SPLIT END	Greg Edmonds Soph., 6-3, 190	DEFENSE
Carl Anderson Sr., 6-1, 185	QUICK TACKLE	Bob Holuba Soph., 6-3, 215	LEFT END Doug McArthur Soph., 6-2, 225
Dan Mercinko Jr., 6-2, 223	QUICK TACKLE	George San Filippo Soph., 6-2, 205	LEFT TACKLE Jim Kates Jr., 6-1, 222
Bob Yowell Sr., 6-2, 215	QUICK GUARD	Tom Jackson Jr., 6-3, 218	LINEBACKER Steve Prue Soph., 6-1, 195
Gary Williams Jr., 6-1, 215	QUICK GUARD	Bill Ericsson Soph., 6-2, 205	Ken Anderson Jr., 6-3, 217
Tom Brown Soph., 6-1, 220	CENTER	John Kulka Sr., 6-4, 213	LINEBACKER Mike Reid Jr., 6-3, 235
Warren Koegel Soph., 6-4, 230	CENTER	Ted Sebastianelli Sr., 6-1, 219	Tom Templeton Jr., 6-3, 215
Paul Hrabovsky Soph., 6-2, 215	STRONG GUARD	Dave Rakiecki Jr., 6-3, 190	LINEBACKER Jerry Bulvin Soph., 6-2, 200
Charlie Zapiec Soph., 6-1, 205	STRONG GUARD	Bob Spirnak Fr., 6-2, 220	HERO Pete Johnson Soph., 6-2, 211
Jim Fickes Soph., 6-3, 230	STRONG TACKLE	Gary Hull Soph., 6-1, 195	RIGHT TACKLE Gary Carter Soph., 6-3, 230
Vic Surma Soph., 6-4, 240	TIGHT END	George Atty Soph., 5-11, 180	Doug Krenicky Sr., 6-4, 236
Pat Smith Jr., 6-4, 240	QUARTERBACK	Steve Smear Jr., 6-1, 217	Lincoln Lippincott Sr., 6-3, 190
Tim Horst Sr., 6-3, 200	HALFBACK	Ed Stofko Jr., 6-0, 214	Terry Snyder Sr., 6-3, 205
Jim Sample Soph., 6-2, 200	HALFBACK	Mark Kowai Soph., 5-10, 185	LEFT HALFBACK Orlando Monceli Jr., 5-10, 171
Chuck Burkhardt Jr., 6-0, 187	HALFBACK	Mike Smith Soph., 5-11, 180	SAFETY Neal Smith Jr., 5-11, 174
Jim Colbert Soph., 6-2, 195	FULLBACK	Greg Pfennig Fr., 6-0, 190	John Haberman Soph., 6-2, 200
Charlie Pittman Jr., 6-1, 182	FULLBACK	Charlie Pinchotti Soph., 5-11, 186	Terry Stump Soph., 6-1, 190
Charlie Wilson Soph., 6-0, 185	FULLBACK	Paul Johnson Jr., 6-0, 178	John Anderson Soph., 6-1, 195
Chip Carroll Soph., 6-1, 180	FULLBACK	George Landis Soph., 6-1, 185	Garthwaite Soph., 5-11, 190
Tom Cherry Sr., 6-1, 207	FULLBACK	Jim Graham Fr., 6-0, 200	KICKER (Both) — Rusty Soph., 5-11, 190
Walt Zeglinski Soph., 5-11, 190			

## Dancer's Image in Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Peter Fuller entered Dancer's Image in the Preakness yesterday and said suspended trainer Lou Cavalari is still calling the shots.

Dancer's Image was made part of a 10-horse field for the 1-3/16-mile classic at Pimlico tomorrow by Fuller after he conferred by telephone with Cavalari, who is staying at a motel near the track.

"What we did this morning was what Lou instructed," Fuller said in regard to Dancer's Image's two-mile gallop. "What we do tomorrow will be what he instructs."

Cavalari and his assistant, Robert Barnard, were suspended and barred from any race track through June 13 by Churchill Downs stewards last Wednesday night.

The action resulted from a trace of an illegal medication found in a urine specimen from Dancer's Image after the May 4 Derby.

Forward Pass the Winner  
The stewards also officially disqualified Dancer's Image from first to last, making second-place finisher Forward Pass the Derby winner.

This means Forward Pass, owned by Calumet Farms and entered in the Preakness, will get a chance to move a step closer to becoming the first triple crown winner since Citation in 1948.

Post time for the Preakness is 5:30 p.m., and on radio, 5:20-5:40 p.m.

If all 10 3-year-olds go postward, the gross purse will be \$195,200, with \$142,700 to the winner. The current purse record for a triple crown race is \$194,000 for the 1967 Preakness. "If it wasn't for Lou, I don't think the horse would be running, to be frank with you," Fuller said. "I

bowed to Lou's wishes. After all, he's the one who's brought the horse this far. He is the trainer."  
Dancer's Image, who once again will be ridden by Bobby Ussery, will be saddled tomorrow by Bob Casey, the manager of Fuller's Runnymede Farm in New Hampshire. Casey is licensed to train in Maryland.  
"The stewards have a tough job," Cavalari said at his motel. "It was as tough for them to make the decision as it was for me to accept it. But the rules are there, and we have to live by them."

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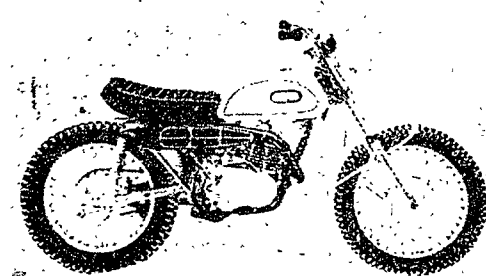
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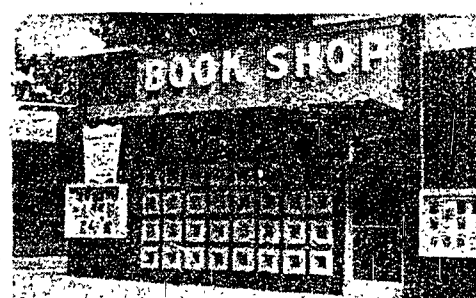
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