

SportScene

Orange Bowl Visited Again

By **DON MCKEE**
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People checked road maps, looked at the surrounding territory, inquired of locals and went to the police for direction: What may have started out as the heartland of upstate New York suddenly came to resemble the balmy clime of Miami Beach, Fla. Last Saturday's 15-14 Penn State win was over Syracuse, but the spirit of the Orange Bowl blanketed the stadium.

When the Lions took Kansas by surprise last New Year's night on a two-point conversion with less than two minutes to play, it was called the ultimate comeback. No one would have dreamed that it could be duplicated. But Saturday's game showed the fickle ways of fate and history. Penn State did it—again.



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"We're not afraid to lose," Lion coach Joe Paterno said. "Just so the boys go out and do their best. I wasn't sure we'd win, but as long as we held our poise and kept hustling we had a chance. Football's a game of attrition. Keep plugging away and something good will happen."

All the good things that could possibly happen came true at Syracuse and Penn State pulled another miracle finish out of its bag of tricks.

A penalty allowed the Lions a second chance at a two-point conversion, just like in the Orange Bowl. And just like that frenzied night in Miami, the Lions made the two-pointer on the borrowed chance.

"The two point play put the pressure on Syracuse," Paterno said. "If we miss, we still have time to try for the tie. But time was running out and we figured we wouldn't get many more shots, let alone two-point plays."

The resemblance to the Orange Bowl was uncanny. In both contests great punt returns put the Lions in the hole. Each time the defense got the ball just in time for the stuttering offense to grab another victory in a string now numbering 16. And the score stood as a mute reminder to the similarity of the two contests.

Even the losing coach's strategy was the same. Kansas' Pepper Rogers went for the first down on a fourth and two and saw his team fail, when a field goal would have put the game beyond State's reach. Syracuse's Ben Schwartzwalder did the same thing, watching Greg Allen fall short of a first down while on State's two-yard line.

"We needed another touchdown," Schwartzwalder said. "We knew we couldn't throw against Penn State. Our plan was to control the ball by picking up three, four, five yards at a time. But we couldn't afford the bad play. The big play was when we didn't score that third touchdown."

"We have five more games to go but now we're nobody. Today, we could have been somebody."

The Syracuse win seemed to mean more than the Orange Bowl, though, especially to the players. "If we couldn't have won this kind of a game," offensive guard Chuck Zapiec said, "we couldn't have

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Questions Officiating

Orange Coach Protests

NEW YORK (AP) — "This is an age of protest," said Ben Schwartzwalder, and yesterday it reached the football field. The Syracuse University coach spoke to the weekly gathering of the New York Football Writers Association and his topic was officials—particularly those from Pennsylvania.

"My boys are in an utter state of depression," Schwartzwalder said about Saturday's heartbreaking 15-14 loss to fifth-ranked Penn State, "and I've got to deal with their bitterness and frustrations."

Commotion

The commotion revolved around two critical penalties with less than 10½ minutes to play and Syracuse, a two-touchdown underdog, ahead 14-0. The game, by the way, was played in Syracuse.

Penn State threw an incomplete pass on fourth down and six at the Syracuse 15 but an interference call gave the Nittany Lions a first down at the four and they scored on the next play.

They went for a two-point conversion and Franco Harris was nailed at the one after catching a pass. But a holding call gave the Lions another shot from the 1½ and Harris ran around right end to make it 14-0.

Less than three minutes later Penn State scored again, kicked the decisive extra point and extended the nation's longest major unbeaten streak to 24 games.

"I debated a long time whether to keep my mouth shut," Schwartzwalder said, "but I have a group of boys who really care and they feel horrible about this game. They came to me after the game with dozens of questions and I wrote some of them down."

"Why were three officials from the state of Pennsylvania, where they earn their living?"

"Why did they call pass interference when the films show no contact?"

"Why did they call us for holding when the films show that their receiver banged into our man and hung him up?"

"Why weren't they called once for holding when their offensive left tackle was

tackling and holding our defensive right tackle on practically every play? They continually and flagrantly held and tackled our boys, while two of the three holding penalties against us were as legal as I've ever seen."

"I have no answers, but we have films. I hope some people see the films and maybe they'll have some answers. My boys say they got an injustice and the films say they're right."

For the record, the officials were Edward G. Myer of Haddonfield, N. J., and Temple University, referee; James J. Reilly Jr. of North Wales, Pa., and Holy Cross, umpire; John F. Kineavy of Somerset, Mass., and Boston College, linesman; Marlin B. Brandt of Norristown, Pa., and Ursinus, field judge, and Stanley W. Peffle of Philadelphia and Temple, back judge.

The Eastern College Athletic Conference assigns its officials in May.

Some Questions

"My analysis of the films was such that I say my boys were justified in asking some of these questions," Schwartzwalder continued. "On the interference call, for instance, my boys say it was originally called both ways, offensively and defensively."

"I know I sound like a sorehead loser but I'm just standing up for my boys. If you lose faith with your boys they won't play for you and that's the biggest thing in coaching today, bigger than technique."

Informed of Schwartzwalder's remarks, Coach Joe Paterno of Penn State issued the following statement:

"I'm disappointed that Ben Schwartzwalder, after all these outstanding years as a coach, would, by these false accusations, berate the tremendous effort made by his team."

"Syracuse played a great football game. It's disappointing that a leading member of the coaching profession would resort to this type of attack after such a great game by two outstanding teams made up of fine young men."

Harriers Drop Middies

By **BOB DIXON**
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"An outstanding team effort" is what coach Harry Groves called it. As a unit, the Penn State cross country team was great Saturday in beating Navy, 19-37, for its second straight win. However, it was some equally fine individual performances that helped the Lions to victory.

State had five runners out front together after the first mile of the five-mile course and the Lions held onto take five of the top seven spots at the finish. Sophomores Greg Fredericks and Jerry Henderson gave good performances for the third meet in a row, while senior captain Jim Dixon and junior Ralph Kissel ran their best races of the year as the Lions upped their record to 2-1 after an opening loss to national champion Villanova.

Top Performance

"It was the best team performance I've seen run on the Navy course in 12 years," Groves said about his team's showing. "The boys set a fast

pace from the start and they stayed together well. We kept the Navy runners broken up and they couldn't catch us at the end."

Young Fredericks won his second consecutive meet and has been the Penn State leader thus far all year. His winning time of 25:05.7 at Navy was the best time on that course this year, and he was nearly a half-minute ahead of the next runner.

And that next runner was Dixon, who ran what Groves called, "the best race of his

career." The experienced senior fought all the way to the finish to take second place with a time of 25:31, more than a minute faster than the time he had on the same course two years ago.

After Navy's Vern Graham took third, the Lions came back with two more. Henderson, who was even with Fredericks after three miles, fell back but still took fourth place with a time of 25:49, and he was followed closely by Kissel, who came in at 25:51.

Mind Bending Sportscasting

By **PENNY WEICHEL**
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CBS, I have your man. Just in case Alvy Moore becomes dissatisfied with all the loot he's hauling in for playing Mr. (Gee, it's a beautiful day....well, it's not exactly a BEAUTIFUL day) Kimball on Green Acres, let him go. I have someone just as bumbling. Well not just as bumbling exactly—ever better. A real natural for the part. Literally. His name is Tom "Mind" Bender, and he's currently employed by who knows, to call the play-by-play of Penn State football games. Temporary post-game insanity is guaranteed for all listeners who make the meagerest attempt to follow Bender's weekly blunders.

Does he rate an audition? Should I send you a tape of some of Bender's more memorable performances? Or should I just tell you about last weekend's Penn State-Syracuse pit drencher?

He almost got through the first series of downs without a serious attack of Kimballse. Well, it wasn't serious actually. It was really rather minor. But none-the-less, a primitive form of Kimballse. That was when Syracuse had to punt, and "Mind" told the audience, "Punting for the Orange—John Godbolt....no, it's George Jakawenko." Translated into modern Kimballse that means, "Punting for the Orange—John Godbolt....well, it's not Godbolt exactly. Actually, it's eGeorge Jakawenko."

Like I said, that was a minor crisis. You should've been listening a few minutes later when the Nittany Lion defense (George Landis) blocked a Jakawenko field goal attempt. With a few trivial variations, this is how Bender reminded Green Acres fans of Hank Kimball: "....and the kick is blocked by big John Ebersole. No, it was Jack Ham. Well, he didn't BLOCK it exactly. Actually he recovered it....well, now we're all confused because it was George Landis who recovered it. Actually."

But wait! I didn't even tell you about his show stopper. That came at the end of the game after Penn State won 15-14 for its 16th victory in a row Bender said, "Well, Penn State came close to having its losing streak broken

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