Hufnagel paces White to 36-7 win

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Collegian Sports Writer

John Hufnagel went into the locker room at halftime of the Blue-White game on Saturday dissatisfied with his passing game. When the junior quarterback returned to the field, he was determined to improve his first half performance.

The result of Hufnagel's concentration was seen in the two touchdowns and two conversions he threw for in the second half.

The White team under Hufnagel scored 30 second half points to defeat Steve Joachim's Blue squad 36-7.

More Luck

"We got more breaks and better field position in the second half," Hufnagel said.

The breaks that didn't come the White team's way in the first half that Hufnagel was referring to were his 63-yard touchdown pass to John Cappelletti that was called back and a bad snap on a punt.

The latter miscue proved to be the costlier one. Quarterback-punter Jack Koniszewski injured his knee when he landed off blance after catching a bad snap from center. Koniszewski was operated on yesterday to see if there was any cartilage damage.

The only scoring in the first half was an 11-play, 60 yard drive that Hufnagel capped with a five yard run around the right end on the option play.

"Donchez did a belly fake into the center of the line and then I went around the right end. There was only one defensive man to beat and I ran the ball in with Cappelletti trailing the play." Hufnagel said.

Directing the Blue attack, Steve Joachim found out how tough the White defense was when several of his drives were stopped short of the goal line.

The Blue offense was stalled at the four-yard line when the White defense held on fourth down. Then defensive halfback Ed O'Neill picked off a Joachim pass in the end zone to end another drive.

Joachim finished the game with 179 yards passing and completed 13 of 30 throws. Fans watching Joachim were unimpressed with the former high school All-American.

"Steve was throwing with a sore shoulder he has had all spring," Hufnagel said.

"He threw well under the circumstances. Steve showed me a lot of courage and poise out there." coach Joe Paterno added.

Donchez started off the scoring barrage with a one yard plunge at the end of the third quarter, giving the White team a 12-0 lead.

The Blue offense came to life and scored its only touchdown when Joachim connected with converted tight end Bob Parsons on a nine-yard corner pattern.

As soon as the game appeared to be a close one, O'Neill returned a Parson's punt 84 yards to make the score 18-7.

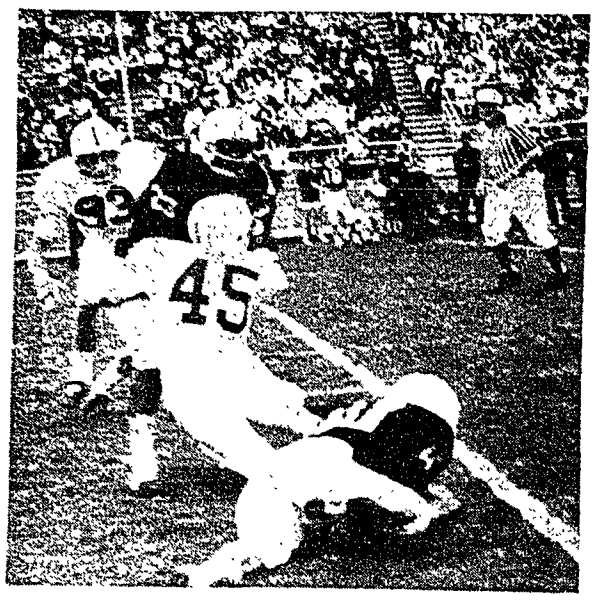
The White defense faked rushing the punter and circled back to set up a wall for O'Neill. O'Neill caught the mile high punt and sprinted down the sideline for the six-pointer.

Hufnagel completed the White scoring with two touchdown passes sandwiched in between four Blue offensive plays. A 62-yard pass play to Paul Gabel set up John Skarzynski's goal line reception. With 1:50 remaining in the game, the Lion helmsman completed his final scoring pass of the game, a 17-yarder to Chuck Herd.

Hufnagel's performance at Saturday's game strengthened his hold on the top quarterbacking job.

"As of now John is the number one quarterback," Paterno said. "He'll have to be beat out of it."

Hufnagel did all of his throwing on an arm that he said was out of shape. Two touchdowns on a soft arm isn't bad. Penn State fans can look forward to the day when John Hufnagel has his arm in shape.



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Unusual occurrence

LYDELL MITCHELL didn't get stopped short too often on Saturday during the Blue-White game. This happened to be one of those times. Unfortunately, Mitchell's efforts couldn't save his Blue team from a 32-7 loss at the hands of the White team.

Ruggers, Penn State Lady golfers cop victories

The Penn State rugby club won two games from Chesapeake over the weekend. The team prevailed, 19-3 and the B team pitched an 18 0 shutout at the hapless losers.

In an entirely unrelated development, the lady golfers of Penn State defeated Cortland State, 350-505 behind Vivian Brownlee's 79 and Andrea Dutcher's 83.

Blue-White grid stats

Score by Quarters:

White	6	0	6	24—36
Blue	0	0	7	0— 7

Touchdowns: Hufnagel (5-yd. run); Donchez (1-yd. run), Parsons (nine-yd. pass from Joachim); O'Neil (84-yd. punt return) Skarzynski (5-yd. pass from Hufnagel); Herd (17-yd. pass from Hufnagel).

Extra Points: Parsons (kick); Skarzynski (pass from Hufnagel) Cayette (pass from Hufnagel).

	Blue	White
Total 1st downs	14	19
1st dns rushing	5	12
1st dns passing	8	7
1st dns penalties	1	0
Net yds rushing	96	165
Passes attempted	30	23
Passes completed	13	10
Yds gained passing	179	165
Passes inter by	0	2
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Total plays	56	58
Total offense	275	330
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yds lost penalties	20	55

BLUE

Rushing

	Att.	Yds.	Td
Mitchell	26	81	0
Andrews	5	26	0
Bass	6	14	0
Joachim	6	-25	0

Passing

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Int	Td
Joachim	30	13	179	2	1

Receiving

	No.	Yds.	Td
Parsons	3	37	1
Lagler	3	23	0
Bland	2	47	0
Andrews	2	22	0
Bass	2	22	0
Mitchell	1	48	0

Punt Returns

	No.	Yds
Nagle	1	8

WHITE

Rushing

	No.	Yds.	Td
Donchez	13	59	1
Cappelletti	11	[illegible]	
Stilley	9	31	0
Hufnagel	12	20	1
Cole	4	13	0
Cayette	2	4	0
Koniszewski	3	-21	0

Passing

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Int	Td
Hufnagel	20	10	165	0	2
Koniszewski	4	0	0	0	0

Receiving

	No.	Yds.	Td
Skarzynski	3	20	1
Cole	1	9	0
Donchez	2	28	0
Cayette	1	20	0
Gabel	2	71	0
Herd	1	17	1

Punt Returns

	No.	Yds.	Td
O'Neill	4	93	1

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'Senioritis' no woe for Mitch

By GLENN SHEELEY
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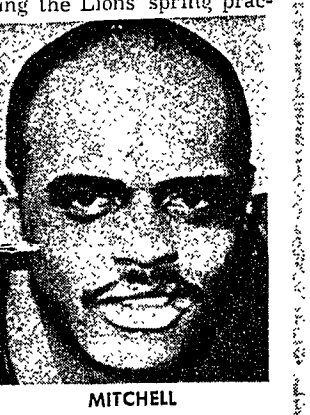
Over the weekend Penn State gridders Lydell Mitchell and Mike Botts were named the co-recipients of the Red Worrell trophy. The award is given out each year to the player or players who have improved the most during the Lions' spring practice season and have shown outstanding qualities of interest and attitude.



MITCHELL

For a guy like Botts to win such an award is not too unusual. Botts, a senior center who had played sparingly over the last two seasons, looks like he will be supplying John Hufnagel with ammunition in the fall.

It is rather unusual for a player of Mitchell's reputation to be honored with an award like this as he enters his senior year.

In two years on Joe Paterno's Penn State football squad, the 5-11, 200-pounder has ground out some 1,367 yards. Even with an ankle injury which last year forced him to miss the entire Syracuse game (ouch) and limited his performance in other instances. Mitchell managed to chew up 751 yards and add six touchdowns.

Maybe Mitch has been the center of attention during the spring practice because he is healthy again and he realizes what a difference a healthy Lydell Mitchell could mean to the Lions' winning hopes next year. Paterno explained why his number one halfback was worthy of the trophy.

"Mitchell's improved in all his techniques," he said. "He's a better blocker, a better pass receiver and he has been a team leader all spring. In all areas, both mental and physical, he's improved. Mitchell is a more complete, polished football player."

There is no denying that Mitchell lives up to Paterno's description, but as to why Franco Harris' running mate has been outstanding this spring could setm from another factor, also.

Although Mitchell is aware of his value to the team in assisting it towards a better performance, he is not unaware of the possibilities of All-American honors and a pro football contract, provided he doesn't go on another adhesive tape binge.

"This could be a big year for me," he said following Saturday's Blue-White game. "I'm conscious of the pro scouts that are watching. I'm more psyched up now than I ever have been. I'm like that now and I have quite a bit of confidence.

"My overall game is better than it ever has been before and my blocking has really improved," he added. "I'm just doing things better. I think I had the techniques for blocking in high school but I didn't have any desire," he said. "Just like having a good run, I'm happy now when I make a good block."

Fullback Harris agreed that the 1971 season could do wonders for Lydell's chances in the future.

"Lydell's in a position where he could achieve national recognition. It's a big thrill being a potential All-American," Harris said. "He has more determination in his running and has definitely improved his blocking."

Bringing the Lions back to the top of the national rankings is one of Mitchell's major goals. But as he looks forward to his final fall in Beaver Stadium, it looks like the hard-working halfback isn't forgetting that playing football can pay for more than a college education.

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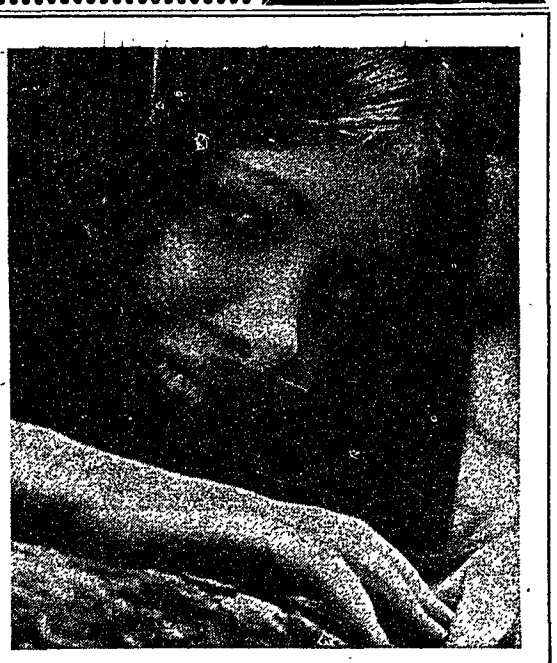

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