

Whites overturn Blues (yawn)

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Penn State's football-starved fans, some 16,000 of them, whetted their appetites during the Blue-White plate special at Beaver Stadium Saturday. Hopefully for some, the indigestion will wear off before the 24th Blue-White next year.

The game was like many of its predecessors, the offense highlighted the glorified scrimmage. The White squad rallied in the last three minutes of the final quarter with a six-play, 35-yard drive with John Huttenberger scoring from the two.

The touchdown, Huttenberger's third of the game, gave the Whites a 28-24 advantage. The Blues then marched down to the White two yard line, but lost the ball on downs when they couldn't score.

Several players missed the game because of injuries. Neither defensive co-captains were in uniform. Tackle Randy Crowder was recovering from knee surgery and linebacker Ed O'Neil has a pinched nerve. Fullback Tom Donchez sat out with a pulled hamstring and halfback Walt Addie had a pulled muscle.

While the game may have

given a few yawns to those watching it, the coaches were able to get a look at the stable of talent.

Tailback John Cappelletti was in top form, gaining 144 yards in 25 carries. Cappelletti, who joins guard Mark Markovitch as a co-captain on offense, scored three times for the Blues.

Another Blue who drew considerable notice was Jerry Jeram.

The junior wide receiver took six passes, half of Dick Barvinchak's dozen completed tosses. Jeram, whose playing time was limited to a few plays against Tennessee last year, is trying to break into the Lions' receiving line up.

"We probably have one of the best in the country," he said.

While the receivers generally had a good day, the quarterbacks didn't. White QB Tom Shuman completed eight of 25 and his Blue counterpart, Dick Barvinchak, connected on 12 of 31. Shuman and Barvinchak have established themselves as the number one and two signalcallers, respectively.

"Tom definitely had an off day," Jeram said. He's been throwing well all spring. Dick had to dump off a lot of passes

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Dick Barvinchak passes as Tom Williams (92) rushes

Secretariat down to one; fast field ready for Indy

BALTIMORE (AP) — It was two down and one to go for Secretariat yesterday after winning what might have been the fastest Preakness ever run.

The electric timer officially caught the Kentucky Derby winner in 1:55 for the 13-16 mile Saturday as he continues his drive for the Triple Crown.

However, a dispute arose when Gene Schwartz and Frank Robinson, veteran clockers for the daily Racing Form, timed Secretariat in 1:53 2-5, which would mean the son of Bold Ruler ran the fastest Preakness instead of the third fastest. Canonero II holds the stakes and track record of 1:54 set in 1971 and Nashua won in 1:54 3-5 in 1955.

"I will request a review of the time," Secretariat's trainer Lucien Laurin said Sunday before shipping the Meadow Stable colt to Belmont Park in New York, where he will try to win the 1 1/2-mile Belmont Stakes and Triple Crown June 9. The eighth and last Triple Crown winner was Citation in 1948.

"It makes a lot of difference," Laurin said of the discrepancy in the time, "because it shows the horse ran the race faster than anybody else."

Jockey Ron Turcotte said he thought the first quarter-mile was run faster than the official clocking of 25 seconds. The official fractions were 25, 48 4-5 for the half-mile, 1:12 for three quarters, 1:36 1-5 for the mile and 1:55. The Racing Form clockers' fractions were 24 2-5, 47, 1:10 2-5, 1:35 3-5 and 1:53 2-5.

"We will look into it tomorrow," said Charles J. "Chick" Lang, Pimlico general manager. "I will talk to E. F. McLean Jr., the official timer."

It is McLean's job to time a race with a stopwatch in case the electric timing device malfunctions. He can also report a change in any time which could lead to it being changed before it becomes official. He made no such report Saturday.

Contacted yesterday, McLean said he timed the race in 1:54 2-5. But he did not report his clocking to the stewards.

three hours for the first time was completed yesterday with the qualification of the last three starters.

A. J. Foyt, shooting to become the first four-time winner, survived the final runs after qualifying the previous weekend with a speed that looked vulnerable.

Only Sam Posey of earlier qualifiers was bumped from the lineup. Foyt's teammate, veteran George Snider, Bakersfield, Calif., did it on the last and fastest run of the day — an average of 190.355 m.p.h. for the 10-mile qualifying run in a Gilmore Coyote-Foyt.

The 33 starters in the 57th running of the \$1 million Indianapolis Motor Speedway classic, May 28, averaged 192.329 m.p.h. in the two weekends of trials. That beat the 1972 field's qualifying record by 8.674 m.p.h.

Nobody in yesterday's runs approached the qualifying record set by Johnny Rutherford in his Team McLaren Offenhauser May 12. His average of 198.183 was 9.543 m.p.h. faster than the slowest car to make the field, Jim McElreath's 188.640.

Chinese gymnasts finally appear



Marshall Avener leads USA against Chinese tonight

Just how good are the Red Chinese gymnasts and what have they been doing since they dropped out of world competition in 1962?

The answer to those questions will come tonight when the Chinese begin the first leg of their six city tour of North America at Madison Square Garden. Only in New York, though, will the Chinese face a representative team from the United States.

Tonight's competition is the second time this year a top gym power has ventured out to tour the United States. The Russian women, winners of the gold medal at the 1972 Olympics, swept the country in March highlighting little Olga Korbut.

The Chinese haven't competed on the international scene since the 1962 World Games in Prague, Czechoslovakia. At the time of their withdrawal from the Olympic committee, the Chinese were rated as one of the top three gym teams in the world.

"When I got back from Prague," USA coach Gene Wettstone recalled, "I predicted they would challenge the number one Japanese."

The USA team was selected from the Championship of the USA competition held at Rec Hall earlier this month. Penn State senior Marshall Avener, the all-around winner, is joined by Southern Illinois Gary Morava, New Mexico junior Jim Ivick and former Penn Stater Jim Culhane.

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Face Met champ Thursday Medlar prepping his men

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"This team's deserving," Lion baseball coach Chuck Medlar said in reference to his team, which was selected Friday afternoon to join three other Eastern powers in New Jersey for the NCAA District 2 baseball playoffs.

"This is something you battle for all year. It's like Joe Paterno says, 'it's a reward for a fine season.'"

Besides picking up a ticket to Trenton, the Lions placed three men on the All-District 2 All-Star Team.

Centerfielder Dennie DeWitt, shortstop Jerry Miesky and third baseman Don Stine were the Penn State first team selections.

The three other teams Medlar is concerned about include Temple (29-9), last year's playoff winner, Buffalo (19-11), and either Seton Hall (21-6) or Fairleigh-Dickinson (15-6).

Rain is the reason the Metropolitan Conference winner, which automatically will be entered in the playoffs, is not known for certain. Fairleigh-Dickinson eliminated Long Island University 21-4 Saturday and was scheduled to meet Seton Hall yesterday to decide the Met race.

However, rain nixed the game, so perhaps the winner will be determined on Fairleigh-Dickinson's field this afternoon at 1 p.m.

Medlar indicated he has no preference as far as the Metropolitan teams are concerned. Penn State opens tournament play against the Met winner.

"Both clubs look tough," Medlar said. "Seton Hall is a good ball club that's won a lot of games out of its conference."

"Fairleigh Dickinson has caught fire at the end of the season and right now they're really hot. So take your pick, either one is tough."

Penn State will take on the Met winner in Thursday's second game. Temple and Buffalo will kick off the tourney with a 5 p.m. contest. Then the Lions will follow at 8 p.m. under the lights.

Medlar said his team will have to make a small adjustment from daytime baseball to night play.

"It's definitely different playing under the lights," Medlar said. "So Monday and Tuesday nights we'll do some practicing under the lights around here. It's not the same as playing on a lighted diamond, but at least we can make a partial adjustment."

If Penn State wins Thursday night, it will continue play against the Temple-Buffalo winner at 5 p.m. Friday.

Medlar also indicated he is not overly concerned about Penn State's situation on the mound. "We're deeper at pitching than we were last year," he said.

"Temple must be considered the favorite at this point," he added.

The Owls will field basically the same team they took to the College World Series last year. Temple lost very few from last year's team and Medlar called them a "completely veteran club."

Right now, lefthander Brian Masella looks like Thursday night's starter.

"We'll try to win that one first," Medlar said, indicating he'll spare nothing for Friday. "That's the only way to approach these tournaments," he said.

The Lions' domination of the All-District first team was somewhat of a surprise, considering no Penn State players were chosen for the second or third teams.

However, the biggest surprise was the fact that no Temple Owls were honored by a first team appointment. Earle Chew, who draws major league baseball scouts like a Sunday morning draw, was put on the second team with his teammate, pitcher Paul Hughes. One of the reasons guiding the decision was Chew's .302 batting average.

Compared with some of the first team men, his average looked like a pitcher's bat credentials.

Buffalo's Joe Piscotty had his .466 average to put before the selection and DeWitt's .402 mark just might have had something to do with his selection.

Lion shortstop Miesky, a junior, had a .330 average while senior third baseman Don Stine hit the .328 mark.

"We feel we'll put up a good showing," Medlar summed up. "The fellas are looking good and they'll go out and do the best they can possibly do."

Penn State soccer team captures crown

The Penn State soccer team blasted its way to victory in the International Club Tournament over the weekend. The off-season booters remembered a few tricks to blank Shippensburg 7-0 and then clobber the International Club 8-3.

The Lions attack was led by Chris Bahr who scored a hat

trick on Saturday against the Raiders and seven against the Penn State club.

"I feel pretty good," Bahr reported. "I just happened to score, I guess."

It was not the first time the two Nittany Valley rivals have locked horns. According to Lion coach Herb Schmidt, the two have met previous

Springs for some pre-season fun.

The International Club earned the right to meet the Lions by handing Pitt an adverse 6-2 decision. However, the clubbers, made up chiefly of foreign students, were not up to the single-footed wizardry of Bahr.

While the remaining booters are preparing for

next season, graduating Andy Rymarczuk and the Rochester Bengals have been having their disagreements. The Bengals picked up the senior forward in the pro draft but he isn't too interested in New York. If he elects not to go, Rymarczuk must wait out a season before negotiating his own contract with another team.



Fullback John Huttenberger (34) uses a Gary Hayman (28) block to ramble around left end