

# Natale, Cappelletti set for assaults on record book

Tight end Dan Natale is a sure bet to add his name to the Penn State record book and the season opener is still two weeks away.

Natale is bringing back memories of the Lions' All-America tight end who was Chuck Burkhardt's favorite target from 1966-8. Natale is being pushed for post season honors. His 460 yards gained on 30 receptions last year as a sophomore was tops on the squad.

A few receptions against Stanford will push Natale into the 10th spot on the list of State career receiving leaders.

If Natale should match his sophomore year totals he could move up to third place on the Lions all-time list, behind Kwalick and Jack Curry.

Kwalick's last catch in 1968 left the All-Pro tight end with 1343 yards. Should Natale surpass Kwalick's totals before he graduates, the top receiver in the State record books still is Curry, who covered more than a mile of football turf (1837) in his three years at Penn State.

Natale fit in well last year in the Lions' offense, which is geared to a tight end-oriented passing game.

A good blocker with the size (6-3, 220 pounds) to move the defenders out of the play, Natale is in the same mold as Kwalick and Bob Parsons, whom he took over the starting from when the latter went to the Chicago Bears.



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Who is the nation's winningest active football coach? Depending on which formula you subscribe to, you have a choice between Arizona State mentor Frank Kush and Joe Paterno of Penn State.

Kush has the top spot on a list called the "top 20 coaches" on the strength of his 15 year record of 121 wins, 33 losses and one tie.

The list was compiled by Elmo Hudgins, a public relations director for the Southeastern conference. He selected 20 men still coaching who have won the most college games, have a winning record and have had at least five years of major competition. The cutoff for the 1973 was a minimum of 68 victories.

That last point is the main difference between Hudgins' rankings and the National Collegiate Sports Service totals which place Paterno first and Kush second.

Paterno owns a seven year record of 63 wins, 13 losses and one tie.

Paterno's winning percentage is .825 while Kush's totals give him a mark of .784.

It took five decimal places before a runnerup to Kush was determined. Michigan's Bo Schembechler followed Kush with a .76444 winning log, edging Darrell Royal of Texas, who owns a mark of .76435. Royal has been coaching almost twice as long (19 years) as Schembechler (10 years).

Other coaches making both lists were Paul Bryant of Alabama (220-69-16, .748), Woody Hayes of Ohio State (182-60-7, .745) and John McKay of Southern California (100-33-6, .741).

While Natale can add his name to a few records, the scribes will be kept busy keeping track of what John Cappelletti does with football under his arm. The Lion tailback spent his sophomore year trying out as a defensive back. Paterno moved Cappy to a running back last year and he accounted for 1,117 yards rushing, the second best single year by a Lion rusher. Only Lydell Mitchell (1,567 in 1971) gained more yards rushing in one season.

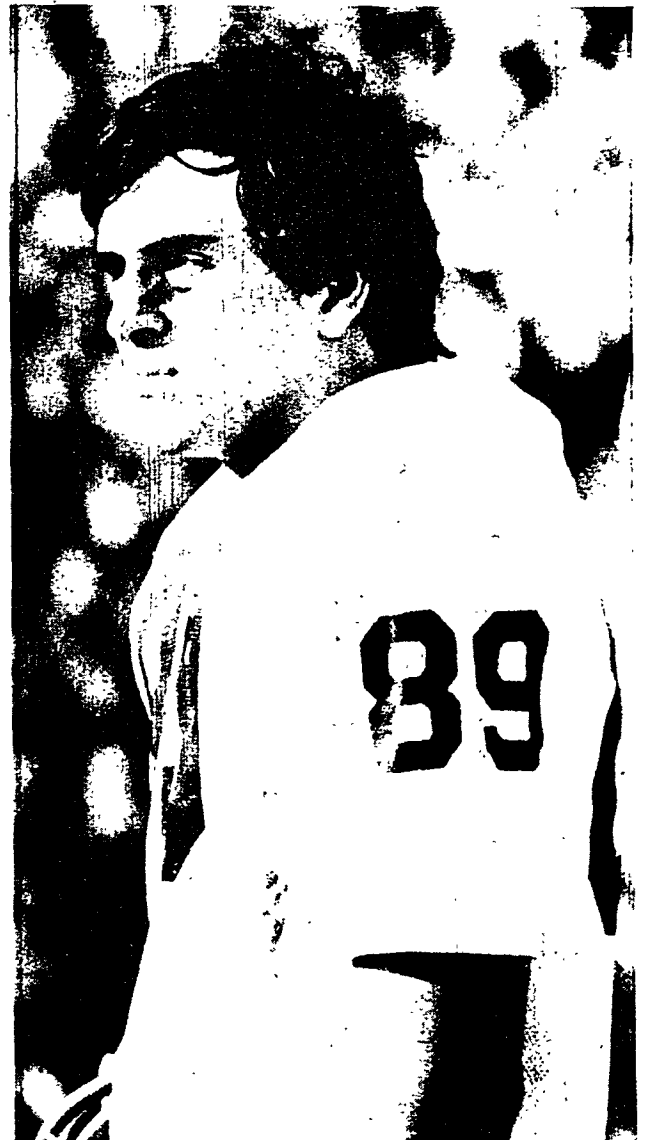
Cappy will be doing some moving on the field as well as the record book. He has a chance to better his standing in the following team categories: single season and career rushing, and season and career total offense.

Former Penn State defensive tackle Steve Smear has been moving around a lot. First he was drafted by the Montreal Alouettes when he graduated in 1969. After three years in Montreal, Smear then motored south to Toronto, where the Argonauts had a place waiting for him as a middle linebacker.

"Coach Paterno reminds me very much of Argonaut coach John Rauch," Smear said recently. "They're both first class people who run very professional organizations and I feel that when you're working in a professional atmosphere it can't help but make you a better football player."

Smear who teamed with another All-America tackle in Mike Reid under Paterno, is now a middle linebacker.

Concerning his new position, Smear said, "Middle linebacker is my favorite position. You're right in the center of things and have a chance to be involved in both the run and pass coverage, besides getting the opportunity to call the defensive signals."



Tight end Dan Natale

## Fencing team, Naiads schedule tryouts

Penn State fencing coach Mac Garret has announced that there will be a meeting of all prospective team candidates, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Rec.Hall fencing room.

"I'm anxious for a good response from the underclassmen and the freshmen especially," says Garret.

"We are a young team. Many of our top men from last year have graduated, presenting us with a number of openings on the team. In fact, two of every three

positions in each weapon are open.

"Most of our squad is composed of men who never fenced before coming to Penn State," the coach continues. "We look for boys with good, basic athletic ability."

Garret, who joined the Penn State staff last year after 20 years as head coach at Illinois, guided the Lions to a 5-3 record and the school's third best National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament finish ever (22nd).

After Penn State's first annual varsity-alumni meet Sept. 29, the team opens its regular season Nov. 4 at the Western Pennsylvania American Fencing League Association Championship.

The Naiads Swim Club is holding tryouts at the White Building pool Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

Naiads is a synchronized swimming club with its main focus on water show production.

According to the club's advisor, Marilyn Eastridge, advanced swimmers can

learn synchronized skills easily during fall term practice.

Tryouts include: front crawl, back crawl, side stroke, breast stroke, sculling, surface diving and deck dive. Most college and high school synchronized swimming groups are co-ed.

Naiads compete in Eastern Intercollegiate Synchronized Swimming competition in March.

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