

# Natale finds tight end position a popular target

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Whenever John Hufnagel needed a completion last year, he rifled the ball to his tight end. Hufnagel is gone, but Dan Natale is back, ready to slip into his invisible pass patterns where he caught 30 passes in 1972.

Natale is starting to draw comparisons to former Penn State Ted Kwalick, a two time All-America and now an All-Pro tight end with the San Francisco 49ers. But Natale shuns the comparisons.

"They overrate me," he said yesterday. "I'm not as fast as Kwalick and my hands aren't as good. It's a nice compliment, but I'm overrated."

While Natale is humbling himself, other people are saying nice things about the Penn State junior. Coach Joe Paterno had this to say in the State press guide: "Dan had a fine sophomore year for us. He is a fine blocker with good hands and he knows what to do with the ball after he catches it."

Football News, a weekly gridiron newspaper, thought highly of Natale's sophomore year and named him to its pre-season All-America squad.

Natale first came into the spotlight when he pulled out a last second win over Iowa. He caught a ten yard flip from Hufnagel with 36 seconds left giving the Lions a 14-10 decision.

When he arrived at the summer workouts last year, Natale expected to see little playing time, let alone a starting position.

"I thought I would play on the specialty teams and maybe see some action in the fourth quarter when we were way ahead," Natale recalled.

He and Gary Debes both played tight end in the opener against Tennessee. Ever since, Natale has been a fixture at tight end.

As Kwalick and Natale have proven, the tight end is a popular target for State quarterbacks.

"You could say it's because of the defenses we face," Natale pointed out. "We play against a lot of zone. The flankers go deep and the tight end goes out 10-12 yards between the linebackers and the secondary."

"It's like that in the pros. The tight ends catch a lot of passes. Last year Kwalick caught a lot and the tight end from New York (Bob Tucker) led the league," he added.

Natale, who covered 460 yards in his 30 receptions last season, expects Penn State will throw more this year, but not to him.

The reason is a simple one. Penn State is loaded with good wide receivers who could break the game open on a single play. With the game breakers always available, Natale is sticking to his spot

beyond the linebacking drop zones.

Natale has found this area to be to his liking. Whether the same area will be open for his romping tomorrow depends on Stanford's supersafety Randy Polt, who probably will draw Natale.

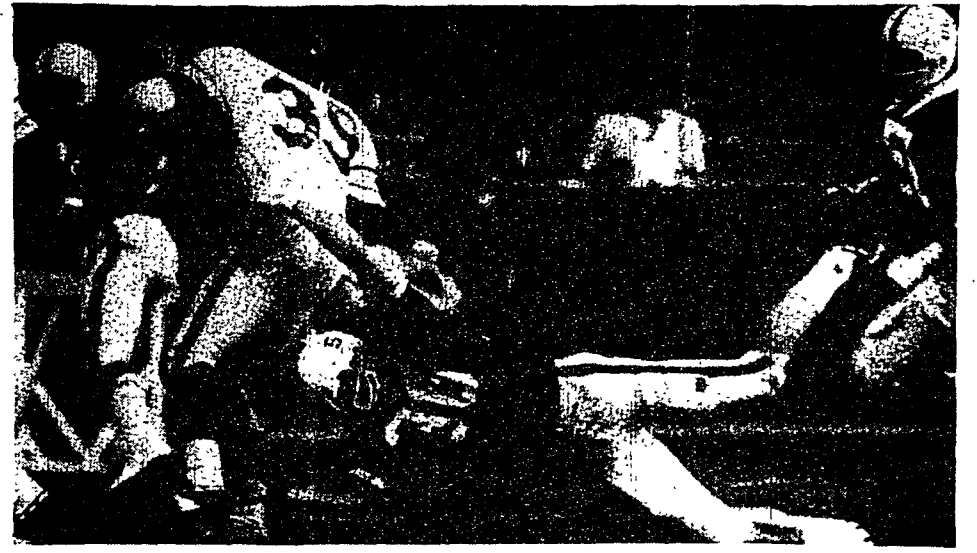
If Natale doesn't find Polt ready to rap him after a reception, he can expect Stanford's secondary, which is rated as one of the best in the country, to be there.

At defensive halfbacks are Jim Ferguson and Jim Kaffen, both seniors with two years experience. The free safety is Craig Zaltosky, who lettered last year as a back up safety.

Natale said the Cardinals' secondary is one of the toughest the Lions face all year. "If we can beat their secondary, we should be able to go against anyone in the country," he said.

Once he grabs the ball, Natale is tough to bring down, usually dragging a few tacklers a couple yards before going down. His running career from scrimmage is limited to one play, though. "I had one last year and it was for minus three yards," he laughed. "They didn't run it again. I'd rather catch."

At 6-3, 220 pounds, Natale is caught in between two playing sizes. "I wish I was heavier when I'm blocking and lighter when I'm running," he said.



Super safety Randy Polt may be thorn in Lions' offense



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## Faculty team in 60-mile relay

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A dozen Penn State faculty members are planning a 60-mile relay where they hope to establish a new world record.

The event is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, at the State College High School track. Because it is a quarter-mile track, each jogger must run 20 laps of the 240 laps in order to cover his share of the 60 miles.

The organizer of the faculty marathon is Dr. John A. Lucas, who has been interested in physical fitness for many years. He got the idea for the event from a monthly newsletter sent out by the President's Council on Physical Education and Sports.

In the July 1973 issue, Lucas read of a record time of 6:55.21, set by the Southwest Missouri University faculty for the 60-mile relay.

The conditions for the record require an average age of 34 years for the squad and the members must come from five different departments.

The average age of the University team is 37½ years. Size will not be a problem for the runners, since their average weight is 145½ pounds.

The members of the team, in the order of their running, are as follows: Harry

Gahagan, Physical Education; John White, Floriculture; Tom Tait, Physical Education; Kent Addis, Continuing Education; Bob Farwell, Science; Wally Lester, Continuing Education; Dave Voltmer, Engineering; T.V. Hershberger, Animal Industries; Dick Mansfield, Math; Torry Parsons, Math; Peter Cavanagh, Physical Education, and Dave Colton, Administration.

The team is in good condition according to Lucas. He dismisses the idea that this is a new venture for the group, stating, "These aren't fellows who took up jogging a month ago."

For the past five years, the participants have been running 30 minutes before cross country meets. The purpose for these jogging buffs, according to Lucas, is "first, to have fun, second, to keep physically fit, and third, to destroy myths about what older people can and can't do."

To break the record, the runners' times will have to average about seven minutes per mile.

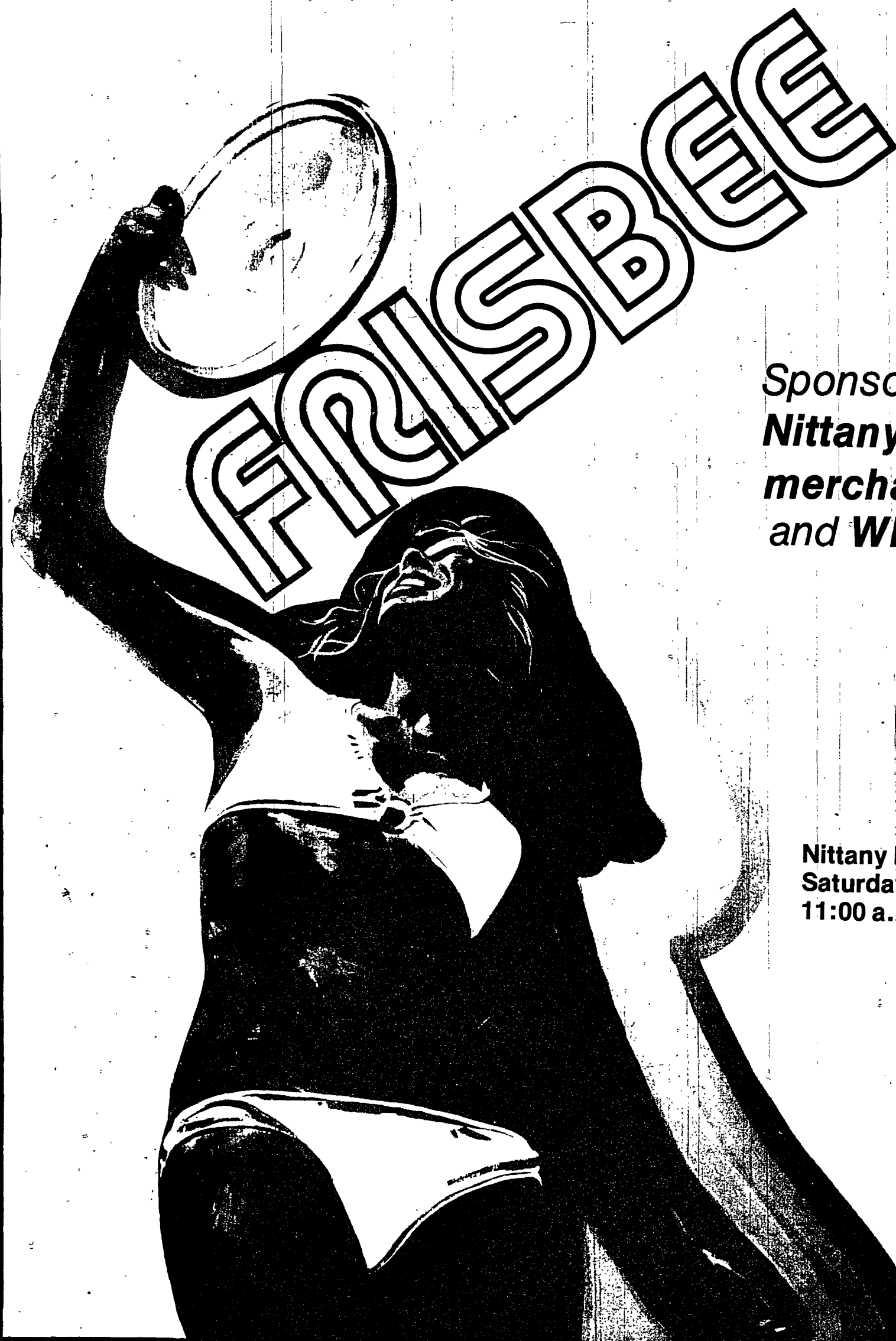
Although it is a difficult task, Lucas said he feels the record will be broken. He stated, "We are capable of breaking the record by a quarter of an hour."

The State College track will be open at noon Sunday, one hour before the first runner embarks on his 20 laps. If Lucas' prediction of bettering the record by 15 minutes holds, it will come at around 7:40 p.m.

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