



Clockwise: QB Tom Shuman surveys his options; Center Jack Baiorunos (55) eyes a Shuman fumble; Iowa Coach Frank Lauterbur advises his QB Butch Caldwell; Mike Hartenstine (79) and Dave Graf (85) alter Caldwell's plans; Hartenstine applies aerial pressure

Defense claws Iowa

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Randy Crowder was serious when he said Penn State was afraid of the Hawkeyes' running game and added, "Iowa ran well against Michigan and UCLA."

Crowder's quote now belongs in the pages of Ripley's "Believe It or Not." The Lions' stingy defense yielded only four yards rushing in 47 carries.

Penn State cruised to its 15th straight Beaver Stadium victory with a 27-8 pasting of winless Iowa Saturday. The win moved coach Joe Paterno to third on the all-time Penn State coaching list. His 66 wins leave him behind Bob Higgins (91) and Rip Engle (104).

Any resemblance to last year's 14-10 cliffhanger Penn State pulled out in the last minute was lost when the national anthem was played. After that, the Lions dominated the action.

The situation was so cozy for the defense that it didn't have to call on All-America candidate Ed O'Neil, who could have played if needed. His replacement, sophomore Greg Buttle, inside linebacker played like he owns the position and was co-leader in tackles with Mike Hartenstine, each having 12.

The rain-soaked Homecoming crowd of 59,980 saw the Lions splurge for three first quarter touchdowns and then let the defense do the rest.

It was the defensive line that continually disrupted the Hawkeyes' power I running attack. Tackle Hartenstine spent considerable time in the Iowa backfield where he sacked quarterbacks Kyle Skogman and Butch Caldwell three times. Defensive end Greg Murphy and Crowder also got their licks in and piled up 67 yards of losses on the Hawkeye signal callers.

"We have four great guys on the defensive line," linebacker Doug Allen said after the first string defense completed its third scoreless game.

"It's easier to play linebacker with them up front. What they don't get, we do."

"This is the best defense I've played on," Allen added. "In 1970 we had a lot of trouble. There were a lot of stars, like Jack Ham. I didn't play in 1971."

"I wasn't here in 1969," he said of the great Mike Reid led defensive unit. "So I think it's unfair to compare defenses. We've only played three games."

Penn State opened the scoring with a 16-yard TD sprint by John Cappelletti, who finished the game with 87 yards on 22 carries.

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Gary Hayman set up the play with a 56-yard punt return which he almost broke for a touchdown.

The next time Penn State got the ball, Tom Shuman directed a 10-play drive with Chuck Herd taking in a nine-yarder for the TD.

Hayman then set up another score with a 17-yard punt return and Shuman capitalized on the good field position by tossing a 32-yard pass to Dave Bland, who roamed free down the right sideline.

In the second half Penn State added a TD and Iowa was able to probe the Lion second string for a six-pointer and a two-point conversion.

"After we scored 21 points, everybody relaxed," Cappelletti said. "We scored once in the second half and the tempo slowed."

Paterno substituted freely in the final quarter and Iowa took advantage and avoided a shutout.

"Shutouts are nice," Allen decided, "and they look good for the polls. The blue team knows they haven't been scored upon. It's good for the red team to get some experience."

Shuman suffered his first interception when he tried to dump off a pass. "Iowa smelled out a couple of screen passes," he said. "The first one I threw away and it was intercepted. I didn't throw it far enough."

After the game Cappelletti wore ice packs on his left hip and arm as he was asked about carrying the ball so much.

"It's not bad, I'm used to it," he said. "There's no one else in the backfield that can carry the ball that much."

With Cappy taking a rest on the bench, Walt Addie came in and picked up 38 yards, still better than Iowa top rusher Mark Fetter, who had 25 yards.

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