



Ben's last

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — According to Penn State coach Joe Paterno, this was going to be a crusade. It was a crucifixion.

The undefeated Nittany Lions juiced the Orange 49-6 Saturday afternoon as the Syracuse football program hit bottom. As a retirement moment, the Lions gave cagey old Ben Schwartzwalder his worst shellacking ever by a Penn State team. In the 51 years of the formerly fierce Syracuse-Penn State rivalry, no game was ever so lopsided.

"At times our defense played well," the 64-year-old Syracuse mentor said. "Yet, I can't be very happy about today, not if I take football seriously." It wasn't Penn State's highest point output of the season, but it was still evidence of how far the Orange have fallen. The Lion's battering ram, John Cappelletti, was mending his wounded shoulder on the sideline the whole game. Beside him was second string tailback Walt Addie recovering from a suspected but unconfirmed case of mononucleosis.

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and Duane Taylor to carry the bread for the tailback-oriented Penn State offense.

Petchel is the sophomore with all the potential, Boyle likewise, and Taylor is the guy who got off the team bus at the stadium.

Penn State was closing in on its first touchdown in the second quarter when Petchel went down. With ligament damage to his left knee, Petchel will miss the rest of the season. He underwent surgery yesterday morning at Hershey Medical Center. A tough break for the kid who was the most exciting high school runner in the state two years ago. Saturday was his first big chance.

Petchel finished with 59 yards in 11 carries. Boyle ran for 36 yards in eight attempts while Taylor, showing good speed and poise for a freshman, had 38 yards after 15 tries. Both Taylor and Boyle scored once.

After a typically lopsided first half, Syracuse came out swinging in the third quarter. After stopping Lion quarterback Tom Shuman on the first series, Orange quarterback Bob Mitch finally got into the endzone, going 57 yards in eight plays. That made things 22-6, and, for a few brief moments, it

looked like there still might be a game going on.

After the kickoff the Lions set off from their own 15. Fullback Bob Nagle went forward for two, but Syracuse caught Taylor for a two-yard loss. The Homecoming crowd began to sense some spirit of competition and started paying attention.

Shuman went to Taylor again. This time the Lion freshman broke through the line but was going down short of the Penn State first down when the ball popped loose to the 22 where tight end Dan Natale scooped it up and ran 78 yards for the score that returned everything to normal.

"Syracuse was in the game until that freak play," Paterno said after the game. "I don't think they would have won, but they could have made it a game."

Natale finished with one touchdown, 78 yards rushing and no carries. The crowd went back to sleep, the Syracuse offense went back to their old ways. That meant broken plays, missed

assignments and a befuddled Mitch. The speedy Orange quarterback led his team in rushing, though more out of desperation than design. Part of the sloppy show (four interceptions, two fumbles) was due to Schwartzwalder's decision to move personnel around in the middle of the season.

A bigger part was due to Ed O'Neil, Randy Crowder, Doug Allen, etc., etc. "Our draw went well," Paterno confirmed in the locker room. Ditto the sweeps, the inside stuff, the offense, the defense and the game. Ditto everything except the passing, which wasn't up to its usual sharpness, but after a 49-6 win, how bad could it be?

It was left to Schwartzwalder to tell the story of the Orange on the bleak, gray, disappointing afternoon at crumbling Archbold Stadium.

"Steen, Zamaitis and Smyrl played well," he said.

It was a pity Steen, Zamaitis and Smyrl were all Ben had on the last day of the Penn State-Ben Schwartzwalder rivalry.

Penn State	119	21	6	48	PS - Boyle 4 run	Reihner kick
Syracuse	0	0	0	6	PS - Bahr 4 run	kick failed
PS - FG Bahr 50					PS - Bahr 4 run	Reihner kick
PS - FG Bahr 21					PS - Bahr 4 run	Reihner kick
PS - Shuman 1 run	pass failed				First downs	14
PS - Nagle 1 run	Bahr kick				Bushes yards	38
PS - FG Bahr 43					Passing yards	74
Syr - Brennan 16 pass	from Mitch				Returns yards	112
pass failed					Punts	6-110
PS 8 Natale 78 run	with fumble recovery	Bahr kick			Fumbles lost	2-0
PS - Taylor 1 run	Bahr kick				Penalties yards	10-72

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Left tonight: Dan Natale (89) makes the miss; Syracuse backup QB Rob Sutton (16) eyes the situation; Ben Schwartzwalder watches his Orange guarantee a loser for his last.

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