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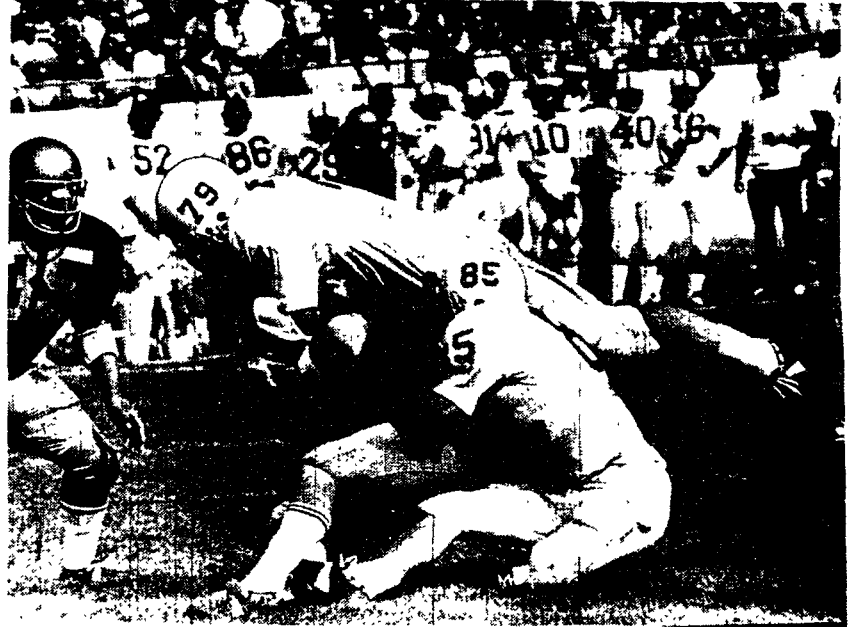
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This was by no means an iffy moment for Penn State.  
How many such moments will there be this year?

## 'If I'm not good...'

By JEFF YOUNG  
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It was Press Day at University Park and Joe Paterno was holding court on the consequences of being or not being good.

"When I'm good," began the man whose teams have rarely been known otherwise, "then you have to beat me. If I'm not good, then we have to look each other in the eye and I'm going to have to go out and beat you."

The inference seemed to be one of a gambling, scrappy approach that has by no means been the trademark of football in this neck of the woods. One year ago, Paterno talked of "a good feeling" about his football team. The team finished a 12-0 season with an Orange Bowl victory. This year, Paterno mentions gambling. What should the devout Penn State fan think?

Well, any good devout Penn State fan knows by now that his Lions are minus 13 people that helped out greatly last year. He also knows that many of Penn State's opponents show considerable improvement and experience in their lineups. But the good devout Penn State fan probably says, "Oh well, Joe'll come up with something."

And indeed he may. After all, the team can't be that bad. Paterno has an experienced offensive backfield, a potential All-America at tight end, a murderous defensive line and a strong kicking game.

However, he also seems to have a lack of depth, untried people at wide receiver and on the offensive line, and new faces in the linebacking and secondary defense.

So what does it all mean? Not to the good devout Penn State fan, whose song is a monotone Joe'll-come-up-with-something, but to the average football observer.

It probably means that, as usual, Paterno knows what he's doing when he infers the thought of a gambling team. It boils down to a lot of ifs. IF the offensive line holds up, IF the new linebackers perform as regulars the way they did in spot situations last year, IF there are no serious injuries, etc., etc., etc.

About the only certain thing is that tomorrow Penn State plays Stanford, and 10 other teams after that. So Joe Paterno is doing well to keep a little of that gambling in mind. And tomorrow everyone will know a little better.

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