

Lots of turns in Lion road ahead

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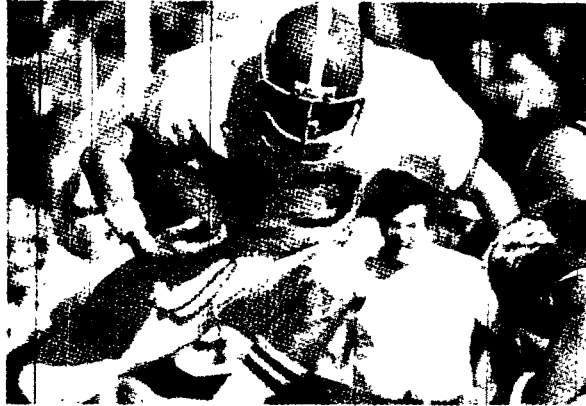
It's an old sports cliché that you win 'em one at a time, never looking past the next game. But here's a look at the opponents awaiting Penn State after tomorrow's opener, in their scheduled order:

Navy, Sept. 21 at University Park. The Middies' boat looks much like Penn State's, but worse. Coach George Welsh must replace nine offensive starters and six defenders. The bright spot on offense is running back Cleveland Cooper, a senior with 1,944 yards in two seasons. Andy Bushak, at 6-4, 235, led the team with over 80 tackles last fall. He plays linebacker.

Iowa, Sept. 28 at Iowa City. Head coach Bob Commings returns to his alma mater—and he has quite a welcoming committee. The Hawkeyes have 40 lettermen and 17 starters from 1973, and figure to improve on last year's disastrous 0-11 mark. However, they must play Michigan and UCLA before hosting the Lions. They may be somewhat battered.

Army, Oct. 5 at West Point. Players expected to return as starters for the Cadets are being eliminated one way or another. Army's biggest loss is that of captain and defensive end Bob Johnson to a bone disease that forbids any hard contact. New Head coach Homer Smith may have a tough rookie season.

Wake Forest, Oct. 12 at University Park. Coach Chuck Mills says, "I honestly believe, comparing our team to our schedule, we are playing the toughest schedule in the country." He may be right. The Deacons expect to start 10 freshmen and sophomores and must play such teams as Oklahoma and Maryland as well as Penn State.



N.C. State's Stan Fritts

Syracuse, Oct. 19 at University Park. Another new coach to oppose Joe Paterno. Frank Maloney terminates the 25-year reign of Ben Schwartzwalder—and he should improve on last season's 2-9 log. Four veterans head the Orange offensive line, and there is talent in the backfield. The defense needs repairs after giving up 288 points, most since the turn of the century.

West Virginia, Oct. 26 at Morgantown. "We've got potential and experience," says coach Bobby Bowden, "but like a bomb, we can't explode without an igniter." Nine offensive regulars are back, including All-America Danny Buggs at wide receiver. The igniter may be junior quarterback Ben Williams, and the Mountaineers will be tough if he is just that.

Maryland, Nov. 2 at University Park. Ten returning starters on both the of-

fensive and defensive units make the Terps one of the toughest foes on the Lion slate. All-America candidate Randy White heads the defense and an offense that scored 22 points in last year's clash is almost entirely back. Besides tomorrow's, this is the game to see at Beaver Stadium.

North Carolina State, Nov. 9 at Raleigh. Talent such as quarterback Dave Buckey and running back Stan Fritts should give the Pack some bite. Fifteen lettermen return to the defense and Lou Holtz' rebuilt offensive line may be ready by November.



Mountaineer refueling

Ohio U., Nov. 16 at University Park. Penn State's last home game should be chalked up in the win column, although the Bobcats have 17 returning starters. Quarterback Rich Bevely and tailback L.C. Lyons look good in the offensive backfield.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 23 at Pittsburgh. That's the official schedule at this time, but it is expected the Lions and Panthers will meet five days later, Thanksgiving Day, at Three Rivers Stadium. Either way, looks like another good one. Tailback Tony Dorsett and defensive tackle Gary Burley are definite problems for Joe Paterno & Co.

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