



The defense was near-perfect

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IOWA CITY, Iowa—Shortly before the start of Saturday's Penn State-Iowa football game at Iowa's Kinnick Stadium, Lion coach Joe Paterno turned to a referee in waiting along the sideline and asked: "Can you give me a five minute warning before the game starts?"

The referee assented. "By the way," Paterno continued, "could you also stop the rain?"

After last week's upset by Navy, and all the hot water it got the Lions into, Paterno obviously was trying to keep his feet dry.

As it turned out, though, it was the Iowa offense that took a dunking, as Penn State shut down the Hawkeyes in near-perfect fashion, 27-0.

So adept was the Lion defense at stopping Iowa that the Hawkeyes didn't get a single first down until the fourth quarter. By that time Penn State had all its points.

Lion defensive end Greg Murphy, who got the Iowa game ball to shove beside his Red Worrell Trophy, put it best: "We stopped their outside game, which worked very well against UCLA. Iowa did exactly what we wanted."

The Iowa people said they were impressed. "Their defense is so tough because it's unorthodox," Iowa coach Bob Commings said. "Penn State's defensive line whipped us unmercifully."

"I think their rush affected us most," Iowa Athletic Director Chalmers Elliott observed. "Penn State was overwhelming up front."

Besides stonewalling it on defense, Penn State kept Iowa in the oven all afternoon with its kicking game.

Iowa started offensive drives on its own 20, 20, 4, 23, 24, 28, 21, 14, 18, 30, 20, 20, 14 and 29 yard lines. Not once were they given good field position.

Penn State was handed excellent field position time after time.

The Lions' initial possession was on the Iowa 48-yard line. They also took over on Iowa's 45, 48, 33, 33, 40, 12, 39 and 26. Only five times did Penn State even have to start drives in its own half of the field.

Iowa never started in Penn State's half. In fact, the Hawks only crossed midfield once, on their final drive. That accounted for their deepest penetration of the day, to the Lion 45-yard line.

For the first three quarters the Hawkeyes never got the ball beyond their own 32.

"There's really not much I can say at this time," Commings intoned. "Penn State just did it all today. We didn't play with the intensity you have to have to play a team like Penn State. They literally mauled us out there today. They are, on the basis of today's game, the best team, by far, that we've played."

"The only thing to say about today," Commings continued, "was that we didn't play good football. I've never had a team go that long without a first

down...it was embarrassing."

"We had an awful lot of good things happen to us early in the game," Paterno said. "We got on top of them early. So few people play the type of defense we use and I think our defense kept them off balance. They looked a little more unsure of themselves than they did a week ago."

Surprisingly, Penn State's offense performed much the same way it did against Navy, except of course the Lions did not fumble once, throw an interception, or miss either of the two field goal attempts John Reihner attempted (Chris Bahr was injured in Friday's Hartwick soccer game).

Ten different players ran the ball for Paterno at sometime during the game, eight successfully.

There was something nice to be said for Iowa, and Commings said it afterwards.

"As weird as it sounds, I thought our defense played pretty good ball today," he said. "But when you give a team the field position that they had all day...my gosh, you can't expect the defense to do the job all day without a break."

Paterno usually has a saying of some kind whenever something important happens to one of his teams, and Saturday at Iowa was business as usual.

"As the saying goes," Paterno said, "you aren't as bad a team as it looks when you lose and not as good as you look when you win. That's us the past couple of weeks."

Bucs fall back into deadlock

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Apodaca fired a three-hitter and the New York Mets dented Pittsburgh's stretch drive for the National League East championship with a 7-2 victory over the Pirates yesterday.

Pittsburgh, which went into the game with a one-game lead over St. Louis in the NL East, was hitless until the sixth when Gene Clines hit a pinch single to right field. Clines came around to score the Pirates' first run when left fielder Benny Ayala dropped Richie Hebner's fly ball for a two-base error.

The Pirates scored their second run of the game in the ninth on Willie Stargell's sacrifice fly.

The Mets staked Apodaca, 66, to an early lead, chasing starter Ken Brett in a four-run second inning.

Teddy Martinez opened the second with a booming triple and trotted home on Duffy Dyers single for the game's first run. Then Wayne Garrett doubled into the right field corner and Apodaca walked, loading the bases.

Don Hahn's single up the middle gave the Mets two more runs and finished Brett, 13-9. Larry Demery relieved and Ayala's sacrifice fly delivered the fourth New York run.

Demery got through the next two innings but surrendered another run in the fifth on hits by Ayala and Martinez sandwiched around a walk. New York then ganged up on John Morlan for two more runs in the sixth on consecutive singles by Hahn, Felix Millan, Rusty Staub and Ayala.

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Cruz' pinch three-run homer capped a four-run sixth inning which gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 7-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs yesterday.

The victory moved the Cardinals into a first-place tie in the National League East with the Pittsburgh Pirates, who were beaten 7-2 by the New York Mets.

All four of the Cardinal runs in the sixth were unearned as pitcher Steve Stone committed a throwing error and shortstop Don Kessinger dropped the apparent third-out pop fly before Cruz homered.

The Cardinals led 3-2 when Mike Tyson singled with one out in the sixth. Pitcher John Curtis bunted and when Stone threw wildly past first, Tyson scored. Lou Brock fouled out but Ted Sizemore was safe when Kessinger dropped his popup for the costly error which brought Cruz to bat.

Ted Simmons drove in a run in the Cardinal first, Joe Torre singled home one in the third and Brock singled home another in the fourth before stealing his 118th base of the season and 15th against the Cubs without being caught.

The Cubs scored an unearned run in the first on a pair of singles and an error by Tyson. Bill Madlock hit his ninth homer to lead off the fourth, closing the gap before the Cardinals broke it open in the sixth.

Lion stats

| Statistics | Iowa | Penn State |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| First downs | 6 | 15 |
| Rushes — Yards | 32-56 | 62-216 |
| Passing yards | 49 | 57 |
| Return yards | 2 | 8 |
| Passes | 7-15-2 | 5-17-0 |
| Punts | 8-32-5 | 6-31-6 |
| Fumbles — Lost | 4-3 | 0-0 |
| Penalties — yards | 2-18 | 4-39 |
| Scoring | 1-2-3-4 | FINAL |

| IOWA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
|------------|--------|----|---|---|----|
| PENN STATE | 7 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 27 |
| Attendance | 46,500 | | | | |

HOW THEY SCORED

PENN STATE
First quarter
Tom Donchez over left guard from the three PAT John Reihner

Second quarter
Dave Statts over left tackle from the two PAT Reihner. One yard Reihner field goal out of Jerry Jeram hold

Third quarter
Statts over left tackle from the one PAT Reihner.

Fourth quarter
13 yard Reihner field goal out of Jeram hold

Football at Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Addressing his 23rd freshman class last month, Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh gave it the traditional information that the statue atop his celebrated Golden Dome is not Knute Rockne in a raincoat.

At Notre Dame, the evidence suggests, football and the Catholic Church enjoy a very active partnership. On the west side of Notre Dame's Memorial Library is a statue of Moses pointing a forefinger to heaven. The Irish loyal know him as "First Down Moses."

On the south side of the same building, which faces Notre Dame Stadium, is a beautiful mosaic of Christ lifting both arms upward in the old praying form. The art work covers one side of the largest university library



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building in the world. Notre Dame fans in the south end of the stadium need only lift their eyes slightly to see "Touchdown Jesus" signal another Irish score.

This relationship is evident even at the pep rallies, an important part of football at South Bend.

Just as the sun goes down is when the Stephan Center starts blazing.

Friday night Notre Dame held the pep rally before its first home football game, this year with Indiana rival Purdue.

The rally doesn't start until 7, but by 6:15 strings of students come dancing and singing out of the dorms, unwinding from those chemistry lectures by Emil T. Hoffman, another Fighting Irish institution.

The rallies themselves have a lot in common with college course registrations and acid rock concerts, probably the reason they're all held in the same building at Notre Dame.

The props are simple enough: an acre of indoor floor space; a stage backed by a curtain; a band of enthusiastic musicians; 1000 rolls of University toilet paper; 8,000 radiating, gyrating, sweating Irish fans; and the Notre Dame football team.

First the cheerleaders warm up the fans. Along with all the "We're No. One's," there are a few fan-improvised cheers for Emil T.

Finally the defensive captain takes the mike. This year he is Greg Collins, a healthy looking linebacker from Troy, Michigan.

"I look out there and I see some faces I know and some faces that I don't know," Collins started, "and for the ones I don't know I'd like to say, 'Hi, I'm Tom Clements...'"

The reference was prompted by Clements' appearance on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine last week.

Collins was rewarded for his humor with a barrage of toilet paper rolls.

Then everyone's all-American hero, Notre Dame quarterback Tom Clements took over. A miracle was the first order of business.

"You may have read in Sports Illustrated that I was quoted as saying I feel I can do anything," Clements began. "Well, on the way over here I stopped at the Huddle (campus snack bar) and bought a hamburger and a coke. So if any of you are hungry, come right up here. I think I can feed most of you."

Like Collins, Clements then introduced his unit, the offense. One by one, players stood to defining roars. By the time they were all standing the stage looked like the outer office of a casting director filming the movie Hercules.

Ara Parseghian, the Notre Dame coach, then brought the crowd to its emotional summit by doffing a leprechaun's hat and shouting:

"Purdue has a great defense!" The crowd boomed.
"Purdue has a great offense!" The crowd boomed.
"Purdue has a great quarterback!" The crowd boomed.
"Purdue has a great halfback!" The crowd boomed.

"Are you going to be there tomorrow!" The crowd went bananas.

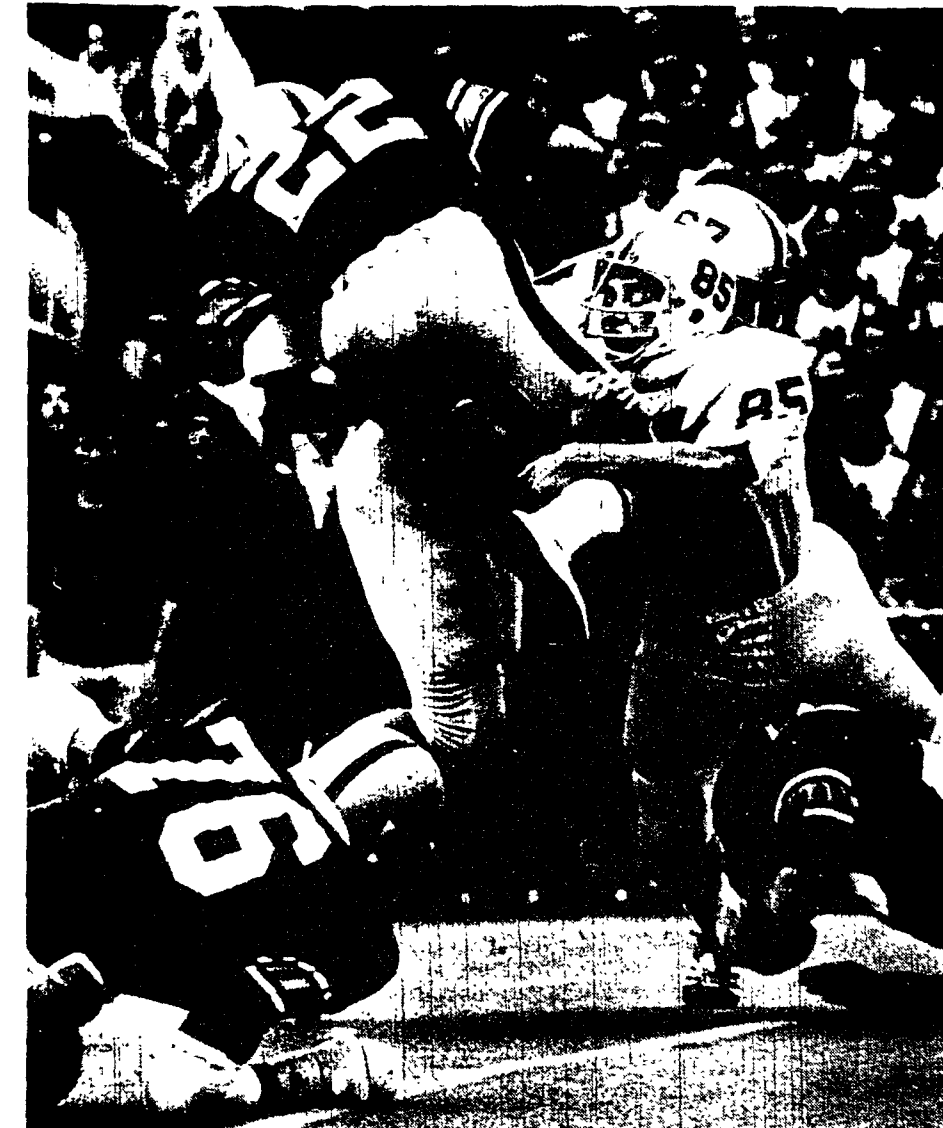
"Will we hear you tomorrow!" The crowd went nuts.

"Who's going to win!" He walked away while the band started up the Notre Dame fight song.

Then it played the Notre Dame alma mater, and someone held up a gold helmet with a gold Madonna fixed on top. The helmet and the statue swayed back and forth, framed by the silver insulation on the ceiling and the thousands of perspiring elbows and necks and Notre Dame tee shirts...unbelievable.

Notre Dame, the defending National Champion was unbeatable, unapproachable, safe in its mystique of superiority.

The next afternoon, lowly Purdue upset the Irish, 31-20.



Photos by Ed Golomb

Joe Paterno (far right) anxiously watches as his defense, here in the person of Dave Graf, stacks up the Iowans. Penn State won 27-0.

USC, Pitt look drab; Dorsett sets record

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PITTSBURGH — Pitt looked terrible. USC would never run like that against Penn State. Maybe it was all the over-cast which slowly disappeared. Maybe it was all the drunken Burgers. Whatever it was, no one was thrilled and USC's 16-7 victory was just short of boring until the fourth quarter.

When Tony Dorsett broke Marshall Goldberg's all-time rushing record (1,958) a few people clapped, a few more chugged. The loudest applause came when it was announced that Notre Dame was losing to Purdue 24-0.

The only standing ovation came before the game during an eulogy to Ed Conway, the former WTAE radio voice of the Panthers for the past four years, who died this summer of cancer.

USC pushed Pitt all over the field but the Panthers held a 7-3 lead from the second quarter till 5:58 into the fourth quarter.

And that's ironic because USC held the ball for roughly 44 minutes! "It seemed like we had the ball for a week in the third quarter," said USC boss John McKay. "And every time I looked up at the scoreboard we were behind."

At first, the Trojans looked like they would overtake Greece again after stopping the Panthers in the opening minutes, then marching out four first downs in a ten minute series that resulted in a field goal at the end of the first quarter.

The very next series, the Panthers clawed 67 yards as

Dorsett inked the record books and quarterback Bill Daniels connected with Karl Farmer on a nine-yard touchdown pass to give Pitt a 7-3 lead.

Right there — only 1:04 into the second quarter — a good football game came to an abrupt halt and a dull one replaced it.

"Offensively," Pitt head honcho Johnny Majors admitted, "we didn't have much to talk about except our first touchdown drive. That's all we did all day long!"

If nothing else, the Panther defense looked formidable during the first half stopping

More observations on this game, including a talk with Tony Dorsett about his record tomorrow.

an early USC drive, that lasted five minutes, inside the Pitt 20.

"In the first half," said Majors, "we made a lot of good defensive plays. We had to stay on the field too long on defense though."

"When we had the ball, boy did we have atrocious field position. It goes back to the old saying, 'Position is sometimes more important than possession.'"

The Panther defense, somewhat weary from looking at atrocious the first two quarters did a punishing job on Anthony Davis and Pat Haden. Haden suffered worse and disappeared with 50 seconds remaining in the half after defensive end Tom Perko placed a tune on him that left the senior unable to stand until the fourth quarter.

"Have to say, we did rocket and socket to 'em well on defense a few times that half," Majors commented.

Pitt touched the football only twice in the third quarter while USC twice drove inside the Panthers 10-yard line on Davis running and sophomore signal caller Vince Evans' excellent play. But two potential touchdowns were lost on fumbles. The Trojans fumbled four times in the game and Pitt recovered three.

"You can't say we didn't

Pro results

Buffalo 16, New York Jets 12
New England 20, Los Angeles 14
New Orleans 14, Atlanta 13
Philadelphia 30, Baltimore 10
New York Giants 14, Dallas 6
Green Bay 21, Detroit 19
Kansas City 17, Houston 7
Minnesota 11, Chicago 7
St. Louis 29, Cleveland 7
Oakland 17, Pittsburgh 0
Miami 29, San Diego 21
Cincinnati 21, San Francisco 3

Standings of the clubs

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | | AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|-----------------|----|-----|------|
| East | | | | East | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Pittsburgh | 85 | 74 | .535 | Baltimore | 88 | 71 | .553 |
| St. Louis | 85 | 74 | .535 | New York | 88 | 72 | .550 |
| Montreal | 78 | 81 | .491 | Boston | 83 | 76 | .522 |
| Philadelphia | 78 | 81 | .491 | Cleveland | 75 | 84 | .472 |
| New York | 70 | 89 | .440 | Milwaukee | 75 | 85 | .469 |
| Chicago | 66 | 93 | .415 | Detroit | 72 | 87 | .453 |

| West | | | | West | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|-------------|----|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Los Angeles | 100 | 59 | .629 | Oakland | 90 | 70 | .563 |
| Cincinnati | 98 | 62 | .613 | Texas | 83 | 75 | .525 |
| Atlanta | 86 | 74 | .538 | Minnesota | 81 | 79 | .506 |
| Houston | 80 | 79 | .503 | Chicago | 78 | 80 | .494 |
| San Francisco | 71 | 89 | .444 | Kansas City | 77 | 83 | .481 |
| San Diego | 59 | 101 | .369 | California | 66 | 94 | .413 |

Sunday's Games
New York 7, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 7, Chicago 3
Houston 9, Atlanta 6
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 3
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 3
Only games scheduled

Monday's Games
Chicago (Bonham 11-21) at Pittsburgh (Kison 8-9), N
Philadelphia (Christensen 1-0) at New York (Koonman 14-11), N
Los Angeles (Rau 13-10) at Houston (Dierker 10-10), N
St. Louis (Forsch 6-4) at Montreal (Rogers 15-21), N
Only games scheduled

Sunday's Games
New York 10, Cleveland 0
Detroit 7, Boston 4
Baltimore 4, Milwaukee 3
Texas 5, Kansas City 0
Oakland 3, Chicago 2
California 4, Minnesota 0

Monday's Games
Baltimore (Grimsley 18-13) at Detroit (Loich 16-20), N
Cleveland (J. Perry 16-12) at Boston (Lee 17-14), N
Only games scheduled