

Stutts story is for real

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Picture this if you can: A guy shows up at football practice having played linebacker, fullback, tailback and quarterback in high school and Joe Paterno says, "We'll try you out at defensive tackle."

So the guy agrees. But the first two weeks he's injured and maybe Joe gets second thoughts "Hey let's try you at tailback on the power-I."

Two games into the season the guy is on the sidelines watching someone else at tailback and wondering when he's gonna even suit up. Then comes the clincher. Joe gets hit with a plague as Walt Addie and Woody Petchel are struck with injuries.

So Joe calls this guy over and says, "Get in there. And you know what? The guy scores two touchdowns in his very first college football game."

Sound like a Grimm fairy tale? Well it happened in real life to sophomore Dave Stutts against Iowa this past weekend.

"I wasn't surprised when he (Paterno) told me to go in," Stutts said, "because I had been practicing at tailback what I didn't expect was carrying the ball that much the first game."

Stutts carried 12 times against the Hawkeyes and picked up 15 yards. That doesn't seem like much to the naked eye. However, the situations in which Stutts carried the ball add insight

because Paterno used him in short-yardage plays with Tom Donchez and Duane Taylor.

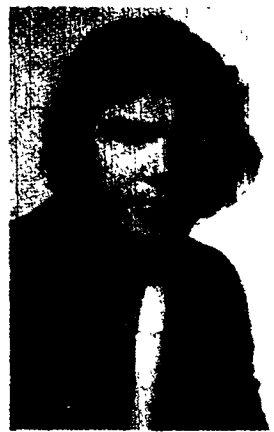
"I'm in there 'cause I'm a little bigger than the others, I guess," noted Stutts. "Donchez is the regular fullback, I got the tail spot and Taylor is the I-back."

When you think about it, the switch from defensive tackle to a running back is some move.

"You have to prepare yourself differently," explained Stutts. "On defense, you're trying to hit people. At back, if at all possible, I try to avoid doing that."

When you're 6-1, 224, it seems hard not to like smacking people around doesn't it? "Well, I guess so," laughed Stutts.

Iowa being his first game, the question of problems in adjusting comes up rather quickly in some minds. Stutts said he was surprised at



adjusting so easily in the power backfield because he thought it might be confusing. "There was pressure," he explained. "I wasn't sure if I was up to it. It was just the circumstances that allowed me to play. I doubt if I'll score that much this year and I hope people don't expect it of me again."

In other words, you can't expect a converted defensive lineman-to-tailback to mesh out two touchdowns every game he sees action right off the start.

"It was great to find out that I could do the things the coaches thought I could do," said Stutts. "I mean, just being able to play college football and do well. The two touchdowns were ... I don't know, just excitement."

This week, Stutts is practicing on the second unit. Rusty Boyle and Woody Petchel are lining up for the first unit in preparation for Army, Saturday.

If Paterno goes with the power-I formation again, Stutts will be in the game. At the moment, he'd like to stay right where he is and not move to somewhere else.

"I'd like one position so I could get to know what I'm doing and develop at that spot."

Rams host no. 4 Booters

The Penn State soccer team, ranked fourth nationally in this week's soccer poll, takes to the road for the first time to face West Chester this afternoon at Golden Ram Field.

The jump from the seventh spot to fourth was made possible when the Lions dumped ninth-ranked Hartwick 5-1 last week. The Warriors dropped out of the top 20 after the loss. This ranking is the highest a Penn State soccer team has been since the poll was initiated six years ago. The previous high was sixth.

West Chester has defeated Pitt 7-1 and tied Drexel 4-4 thusfar. Walt Bahr's Penn Staters

have defeated East Stroudsburg, West Virginia and Hartwick.

The Golden Rams lead the all-time series 12-8-1, but the Lions have won the last four contests, the last three by shutouts. Last year Penn State scored three goals in the second half and blanked the Rams 3-0.

Bahr plans to go with the same lineup he's used all season. Chris Bahr, two-time soccer All-America, suffered a leg injury against Hartwick and was doubtful, but coach Bahr said he would be out there. Otherwise, the Lions are physically ready.

Ref helps Chi Phi to slim win

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Chi Phi (2-1) registered the first first down of the game as time was running out in the half on a completion from John Schulties to John Morehouse.

Urbach's second-half kick-off pinned Chi Phi back on their own ten yard line and the ball stayed in their end of the field for the rest of the game.

Alpha Sig started the best drive of the game on their first possession of the second half. After getting the ball on the Chi Phi 23 yard line, quarterback Rick Bierly threw a first down pass to Craig Palermo.

A couple of short completions to Rob Reilly and Gordy Jensen put the ball on the nine. However, an illegal blocking call forced a 40-yard field goal try which was off to the left.

Chi Phi scored the game winner on an unnecessary roughness call against the Alpha Sig defense.

Alpha Sig had one more chance to score. They got the ball on Chi Phi's 35 via Dave Hritz's second interception of

the half. However, the referee took over from there and made his now famous call.

Chi Phi, helped by an illegal procedure call for too many men on the field levied against the wrong team, defeated Alpha Sigma Phi two first downs to one, last night.

A large crowd, including two bone-chilled little sisters, saw the referee's flub as Alpha Sig was driving for what would have been a game tying first down in the waning minutes.

Alpha Sig, despite two pass receptions by Kevin Burns, couldn't register any first downs in the opening half. However, their defense was impregnable for most of the first twenty minutes.

A couple of fine plays in the defensive backfield by Charlie Lasky and Jerry Matchik plus an interception by Steve Halvoni repeatedly gave Alpha Sig the ball. But the extremely tall Chi Phi defense, led by Brian Benn, continually deflected Alpha Sig's passes at the line of scrimmage.

Soccer Poll

Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America

	Points
1. SIU - Edwardsville	359
2. St. Louis	323
3. Clemson	309
4. Penn State	292
5. San Francisco	277
6. Howard	
7. Quincy	
8. Brown	
9. Philadelphia Textile	
10. Adelphi University	
11. Connecticut	
12. UCLA	
13. California State - Fullerton	
14. Missouri - St. Louis	
15. SUNY - Binghamton	
16. Pennsylvania	
17. University of Baltimore	
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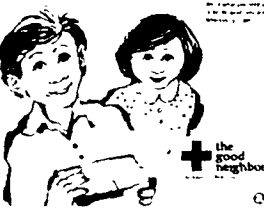
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