

Messrs. Hartenstine and Quinn

As the season grows older, it's the talk about Mike Hartenstine that grows bolder. Seldom is heard a word for his buddy at defensive tackle, Mister X.

It was Lion coach Joe Paterno who said Hartenstine is now in the same class with Mike Reid, a former All-America tackle at Penn State, now an All-Pro for Paul Brown at Cincinnati. But when you classify attitudes toward football, Lion tackle John Quinn also belongs in a class with Reid.

"Football is not the most important thing to me," Quinn said after Saturday's contest with Syracuse. "It's not the biggest thing in my life. When I'm on the field it's important, but I don't take it home or back to classes with me. But it's important because it's paying for my education. Otherwise, I wouldn't have the money to go to college."

Reid didn't look like a concert pianist and Quinn doesn't fit his stereotype either. With his stocky build and red moustache, Quinn looks more like a beer truck driver than an environmental resource manager.

"Every now and then I wish I was up in the stands drinking beer," Quinn admitted. "Paterno tells us to make the most out of college while we're here, and I think every football player wishes he was just a student sometimes."

Quinn points to a problem with football mania at Penn State: the expectations of the fans don't completely jive with the philosophies of the coaches.

"I enjoy myself when I play football," Quinn said, "but at times people expect too much, they expect us to run up the score every week. A win is a win as far as I'm concerned. If I give 100 per cent, that's all that matters. We don't get

pressure from the coaches.

"The philosophy here is take it loose. If you lose, it's not the end of the world. I think winning is an important part of any program, but winning isn't the only thing here.

"We get pressure from the outside and it's discouraging. They ask 'what happened?' when I played a good game, when everybody gave 100 per cent. That's when it gets kind of difficult.

"My philosophy changed since I got here. In high school (Monsignor Farrell) we took winning to be more serious, and we never lost in four years. When I got here, I thought 'god, what would happen if we lose?' Then we lost and it wasn't that bad, the world didn't end. Joe is a good loser.

"We give it the best, and if we're at the short end of the score, then that's too bad."

Lydell and Franco revisited

When Pittsburgh Steeler coach Chuck Noll chose Franco Harris in the '72 pro draft ahead of Lydell Mitchell, everybody thought he had pigskin for brains. Less than a year later, when Harris made his "immaculate reception" against the Oakland Raiders in the 1972 AFC championship game at Three Rivers Stadium, everybody thought Noll was pretty cool.

At the end of that first pro season for Penn State's greatest backfield, Harris was sparkling and Mitchell was barely mediocre.

Every little kid in Pittsburgh got a Franco's Italian Army sweat shirt for Christmas that



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year, while the only thing under the Christmas tree in Baltimore that had Mitchell on it was a fishing reel.

For obvious reasons, Harris had 1055 yards his rookie season, was Rookie of the Year and averaged 5.6 yards per carry.

Mitchell, who broke virtually every Penn State rushing record, had only one great moment that season. On his very first carry as a pro in the regular season, he went 11 yards for a late go-ahead touchdown against the Bengals. The rest of his freshman pro season amounted to 215 yards rushing in 45 attempts.

Last year's campaign was an about face. When Harris wasn't on the bench injured, he ran like he was afraid he was about to be. Mitchell ran up a 958-yard season, exceeding all expectations the Colt's front office had when they drafted him.

Both are on the move again this season and Mitchell is already pulling ahead. Last week he set the NFL standard when he carried 40 times against the New York Jets for 152 yards. Week by week, Lydell is coming on.

Too bad for Mitchell Joe Thomas traded the Baltimore Colts away.

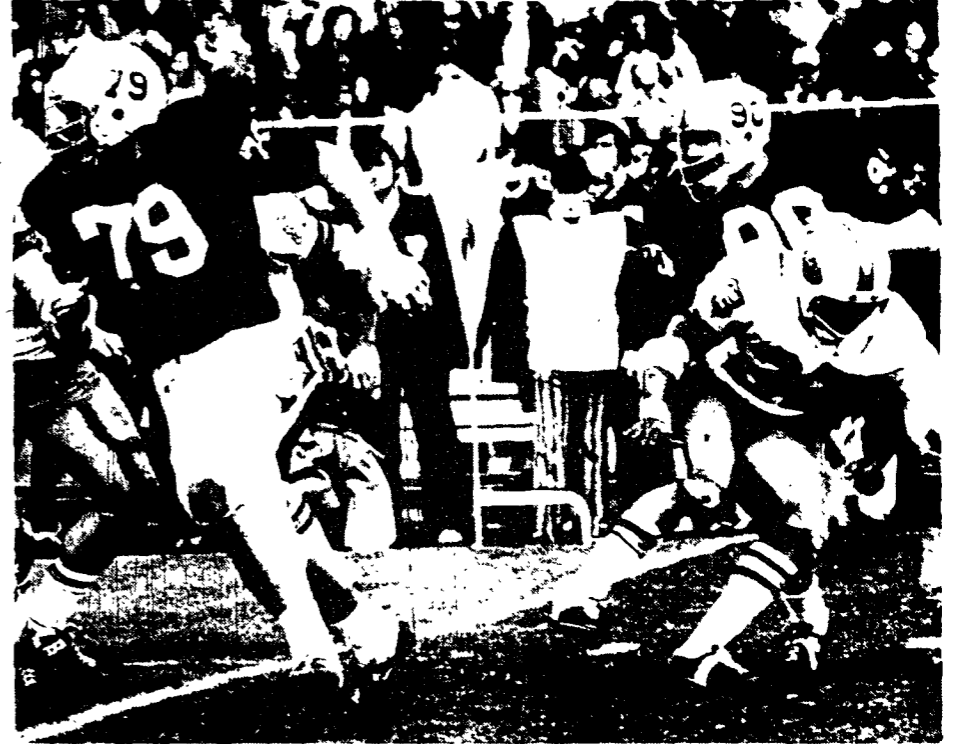


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Mike Hartenstine (79) has led the Penn State defense but nobody runs over John Quinn (90) either

Pro trades

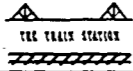
Los Angeles Rams quarterback John Hadl was traded to the Green Bay Packers last night for five NFL draft choices, including 1st round ones in 1975 and 1976.

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