

# Murphy meets Avellini; again and again

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Greg Murphy shed his blocker like one of your light pullover sweaters and pumped his legs furiously to his left in pursuit of Maryland's Louis Carter, who was sweeping right end. Carter skipped out of bounds before their paths converged, but Murphy didn't stop.

Greg's pursuit carried him into the midst of the Maryland bench. By that time, Carter had made sure he was on the track surrounding the field, having been a witness to what Murphy and his defensive line pals were doing to Terp field general Bob Avellini.

"We really wanted to get to the quarterback today," said a smiling Murphy after Penn State's 24-17 conquest. It was more than a slight understatement. The Lion defense had been made well aware that Avellini had been sacked but once the season long.

"Yeah, they were braggin' in the papers about how much they could bench press and how he (Avellini) had never been touched, so we touched him," Murphy grinned again.

Murphy related that Maryland was double-teaming his fellow executioner Mike Hartenstein, leaving him with a one-on-one situation with Maryland's Frank Romano.

"It's a good day when I have a one-on-one," Murphy continued. "I was faking inside, then moving outside." Murphy decided that he had

just completed his best afternoon of the season, recalling a total of six occasions when he gave Avellini a good look at the Beaver Stadium turf.

All in all, the Penn State pass rush tossed Avellini for 53 yards in losses. But Murphy noted that the Terp signal caller kept his cool.

"He just said 'nice playing' to us. He was mad at his linemen though," Greg said. "He was tough. Twice he completed passes for touchdowns as we were hitting him."

Murphy talked some more about motivation, admitting that the television cameras certainly didn't hurt the Lions' morale. "On TV you gotta do something," he said. "If you don't do anything you can't be anything. Everybody was talking about it."

Murphy, with the visible exuberance that he exudes for each game, is probably one of a minority in the football world. His pre-game somersaults and waving fists with each fallen quarterback have become trademarks.

"It's not always this much fun," he allowed. "Practices are really hard. But after all the practice, the games are just so much fun. You really get happy."

Murphy then recalled what was doubtlessly one of the game's happiest moments, Jeff Hite's 79-yard interception return sending Penn State into a 7-0 lead and Beaver Stadium into a compound frenzy. "I ran down the field with him," Murphy smiled.



Maryland's Louis Carter looks hard for a way out, but Greg Murphy doesn't appear too agreeable to that idea



State harriers pulled together to finish third in Central Collegiate Championships

# Lion roundup: Stemmer, spikers win

**VOLLEYBALL**—Members of the Penn State women's volleyball club took to the road again and came home with two wins, one loss and some valuable experience.

On Friday the spikers were at Indiana University of Pa. for dual matches. Penn State beat Saint Francis, 15-6, 15-4 and lost to IUP, 15-1, 15-6.

Next on the agenda was a trip to Pittsburgh on Saturday. The Panthers were 10-1 going into the contest.

"They looked at the match with us as their stepping stone into the Easters," coach Tom Tait said.

Evidently the stones were slippery because Penn State tripped the Panthers 15-17, 14-12, 15-13. The State women were down in all three games but came back twice to win the match.

Unlike men's volleyball, women's rules call for eight minutes of playing time rather than 15 points, win by two. The win by two rule does apply in women's action.

Thus, in the second game,

the score was tied at 12 when time expired. The Lions won two straight points for the 14-12 victory.

"We had a really great match against Pitt," Tait said. "They had more height and better hitting power but we stayed with them. It was a seesaw battle all the way."

The men's team stayed behind at Rec Hall and practiced for their upcoming season. Tait said the objective for the club is to make the Eastern playoffs.

As for the road trip for the women he said, "It was good experience. This is the first time this year we've had good competition and matches."

—Dave Morris

**CROSS COUNTRY**—Nittany Lion harrier Paul Stemmer scored an impressive victory in the Central Collegiate Championship meet Saturday.

Stemmer, winning his fourth consecutive race, completely outclassed a strong field of cross-country

runners, ran the five-mile Bloomington, Indiana course in 25:09.

Eastern Michigan, paced by fourth and fifth-place finishers David Smith and Nicholas Ellis, repeated as team champion with 43 points. Kent State finished second with 39 points as Mike Irmen and Dwight Kerr tallied

behind Stemmer. Penn State, unable to back up Stemmer's effort with sufficient depth, was third with 103 points.

Bowling Green (112), Notre Dame (145), Indiana (148), Toledo (155), Western Michigan (217), Central Michigan (238), and Illinois State (256) rounded out the

top 10 teams. Penn State concludes its dual meet season this Saturday when it hosts Pittsburgh on the White golf course.

—D.B.

**C.C. SOCCER**—Ogontz defeated Berks 4-1 in the Commonwealth Campus' soccer tournament held

Saturday on the astroturf football field.

The annual battle is supposed to be between the best from the east and west. However, western champs Altoona failed to qualify due to not playing enough inter-campus games.

The game was held as part of the All-C Day program.

## ...and elsewhere in sports news

**By THE AP**

Former world heavyweight champion George Foreman, who lost his title to Muhammad Ali on a knockout in a \$10 million bout, said he was ready to fight Ali again "for nothing" then retire from boxing.

Foreman and Ali both earned \$5 million for the title bout. Foreman, who appeared at a television sports show, said: "I think that in Kinshasa the best athlete was beaten. 'I am prepared to meet Ali

again and for nothing," he said.

"I know that I did not box him at my real value, and I'll have no rest until I meet him again. Then I'll retire."

Pennsylvania's first major thoroughbred racing facility, the spanning new \$30 million Keystone Race Track, opens today in suburban Bucks County.

Keystone covers 417 acres and is located about a mile off exit 28 of the Pennsylvania

Turnpike in Neshaminy. The climate-controlled stands accommodate 25,000 fans, with another 5,000 able to use the apron by the stretch rail.

Racing at Keystone is conducted by Continental Racing Association and Eagle Downs, two of the groups licensed five years ago when thoroughbred pari-mutuel racing was legalized in Pennsylvania.

Hubert Green rolled in the go-ahead birdie putt on the 17th hole and paced hometown

partner Mac McLendon to a one-stroke victory yesterday in the \$250,000 National Team Golf Championship.

Green and McLendon, both from Birmingham, Ala., combined for a final-round 64 and 255 total, a distant 33 under par on the 7,162-yard Magnolia Course at Walt Disney World.

Incredible Sam Snead, still a dangerous challenger despite his 62 years, and nephew J. C. Snead finished a second-place tie, just one shot back at 256.

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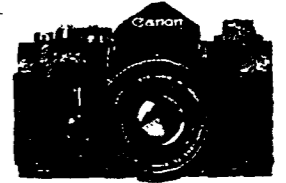
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