



Tom Shuman eludes Terps. However, Terps are slower than Wolves

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Wolfpack baying at door

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Remember the three little pigs? You do, huh? Then surely, you must remember the wolf. "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!" the wolf was heard to bay centuries ago.

Stories like that are still circulated around the South. Especially, down around the area of Raleigh, North Carolina.

You see that's where the Wolfpack from N.C. State stalk. Now last year, the Pack congregated outside Beaver Stadium and threatened to

blow down that all steel structure unless Joe Paterno was sacrificed as sorta "peace meal".

Joe wouldn't have any part of that, naturally. He said, "Shove it, Pack. Wait till the game begins."

And what a game it was. Penn State just about lost an Orange Bowl bid with a narrow 35-29 victory.

This season, Penn State travels to Raleigh. The Pack is rather hungry. They anticipate a minor bowl bid — Peach Bowl — and would like to ruin any chance that may exist for the Lions Cotton Bowl trip.

Our scout in Raleigh says that people haven't talked up a game like this since 1967. Maybe you don't remember 1967. It was year when the Pack came tracking to State College ranked fourth in the country.

Penn State was moving toward an 8-3-1 season and the Lions smelled blood. They drew blood by the narrow score of 13-8.

Our scout insists that people are talking about 1967. After all, the tables are reversed. Penn State (7-1) is ranked seventh and N.C. State (7-2) isn't even in the top 20.

Our scout says this is gonna

be a mean game. He says the Lions had better be up. The Pack is hungry. It was starved in losses to North Carolina and Maryland.

Conversely, the Lions are satisfied — they fed on Maryland and are sipping the drink of a Cotton Bowl bid. They probably aren't very hungry.

Last week the Lion defensive line was hungry. Greg Murphy hadn't eaten a meal at West Halls in a month. Mike Hartenstein vowed not to eat until his mustache grew back. Those guys, and others,

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Claws sharp for the Pack

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A funny thing could happen on the way to the Cotton Bowl. You see, the Penn State Nittany Lions have to make a stopover at Raleigh to play the North Carolina State Wolfpack.

Now, this Wolfpack team would also like to go to a bowl. Not only would they like to go, but some feel they deserve to go. If they beat Penn State their aspirations could be realized. Not only that, but the Lion's bowl bid might be blown away like a ball of cotton.

Lion defensive captain Jim Bradley realizes this. Bradley sat out last week and watched replacement Jeff Hite lead the team to a 24-17 victory over Maryland. In all probability Bradley will sit out again tomorrow at Carter Field.

"This is going to be our roughest game of the year," Bradley states. "They're (N.C. State) tougher than Maryland. If we lose this one, our bowl bid could be in question."

Hopefully, all the Lions are aware of what this N.C. State team could do to their post-season hopes. The Wolfpack boasts one of the most balanced offenses in the nation.

Led by quarterback Dave Buckley and his split end, twin brother Don Buckley, the Pack has a potent aerial attack to pair with a powerful running game.

Dave Buckley has amassed 1,378 total yards (1276 in the air, 102 on the ground). While Don also does alright in the stat department with 25 receptions for 443 yards.

Stan Fritts and Roland Hooks compose one of the best 1-2 backfield punches in the land. Fritts has rambled for 963 yards on 198 carries, while Hooks boasts a 6.5 average with 722 on 109.

Defensively, the Wolfpack (7-2) is vulnerable, especially at the ends. They've allowed 191 points, and that's a lot considering they didn't really play anybody until three weeks ago. Coincidentally, that's when they started losing.

They lost their first game to North Carolina 33-14, and then lost again to Maryland (20-10)

before beating South Carolina last week 42-27.

The Lion offense, that will have to exploit the weakness hasn't been on track in recent weeks. Fourteen of the 24 Penn State points scored last week were by the defense.

To beat N.C. State, quarterback Tom Shuman will have to return to the proficiency he displayed in the 55-0 drubbing of Wake Forest.

The Lion running attack has been diversified to say the least. Coach Joe Paterno has been using somebody else each game, thus giving the fans a chance to play "Guess Who's Running the Ball this Week."

Last week it was reserve Neil Hutton who saw the most action. Two weeks ago it was Duane Taylor. Three weeks ago it was Tom Donchez. Tomorrow, who knows?

As far as passing, Shuman will be looking mostly for wide receiver Jerry Jeram and tight end Dan Natale. Natale hurt his back five weeks ago against Army, and hasn't returned to top form since. Thus making Jeram the club's top receiver with 25 catches for 259 yards.

The Penn State defense is the best in the nation — against the rush. When the opposing quarterback puts the ball in the air, things get a little shaky.

As mentioned, Bradley will sit it out unless he gets a mid-night reprieve from the team doctor. That leaves Hite, Tom O'dell and Mike Johnson or Tom Giotto in the secondary.

The line is solid, and has been all year. Dave Graf and Greg Murphy are the ends. Mike Hartenstein and John Quinn are the tackles. They

will have to remain exceptional.

Wolfpack coach Lou Holtz rates Penn State as one of the top five teams in the nation.

"We'll have to play a super game to have a chance at winning," says Holtz. "But I'm sure our players welcome the opportunity to play them here in Raleigh."

You're damn right he wants to play in Raleigh. After all his record there is 14-0-1.

NITTANY NOTES: Penn State holds a 10-0 lead in this series, dating back to 1920. The Lions hold a 36-2 overall advantage over Atlantic Coast Conference schools. Shuman ranks third on Penn State's all-time career passing yardage list with 2,496 yards and stands sixth on total offense list with 2,564 yards.

Big booting tonight, Bahr meets Temple

By DAVE MORRIS
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When Walt Bahr goes home this weekend it won't be for a friendly visit.

Bahr and his Penn State booters visit Temple tonight in an all-important step toward the Nationals! Bahr coached the Owls for three seasons before coming to Penn State.

"Friday is a big game, a must win for us," senior forward Randy Garber said. "If we win big at Temple we could be ranked first for the first round of the playoffs."

The top ranking in the East would give Penn State the home field advantage. The top two Eastern teams play at home. Penn State has never lost a home game since Jeffrey Field was dedicated a few years back.

Coming into tonight's contest, Temple is 9-2-1. Under first year coach John Boles, Bahr's assistant (and one-time fellow All-American) at Temple, the Owls dropped decisions to LaSalle (1-0) and West Chester (2-1). Penn State beat West Chester 3-1 earlier in the season.

Joe DiSalvo, with 10 goals and one assist, leads the Owls in scoring. Goalie Woody Hartman has four shutouts and a 0.85 goals against average.

Bahr's booters are led by Chris Bahr (10 goals, 2 assists) and John Marsden (2 goals, 8 assists). Keeper Tim Dantzig has one shutout to his credit and a 1.23 goals against average.

"At this point we can't take anyone lightly," Walt Bahr said.

Bahr has the advantage of knowing many of the Owl players; he recruited them during his reign at Temple.

The Lions booters face Pitt in Pittsburgh next weekend for the regular season finale. A week later the playoffs begin. The top team plays the fourth-ranked team and the second and third place teams play.

It's possible that Penn State could make it all the way to St. Louis for the National finals without leaving Happy Valley.

After the first round, the two winners meet at the field of the highest ranked team. Thus Penn State, if it wins the initial contest, would play the second round at home also.

The winner of the East plays the winner of the South on the Eastern champs' field. Again, if the Lions win, Jeffrey Field would be the contest site.

The winner of this contest would go the Nationals in Busch Stadium, St. Louis Dec. 6 and 7.

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