



Tom Shuman, here warily eyeing a charging member of the Wolfpack, is not yet through scrambling

Photo by Ed Palsa

# Ohio: don't worry Pitt: that's trouble

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Ohio, Saturday's non-opponent, used to have a sign in its football dressing headquarters which read: "The only team that can beat Ohio is Ohio." It was a nice sign, but not very accurate.

If Ohio boss Bill Hess decides to resurrect it this week, it will first need a few amendments like, "The only teams that can beat Ohio are North Carolina, Toledo, Miami, Cincinnati, and let's be honest, Penn State."

But all things considered, it hasn't been a bad year for Ohio, which currently owns a 5-4 mark in the lightly regarded Mid-American Conference.

A 5-4 mark is nothing to be ashamed of when the quarterback is the second leading rusher and the team doesn't run the wishbone. Bobcat quarterback Rick Bevil ranks behind only his tailback, L. C. Lyons, which means he's a more than adequate runner.

Bevil's problem is he can't throw.

After nine games his passing average is just now rising above 40 per cent. That performance rating is against teams like Northern Illinois, Morehead State, Western Michigan and Bowling Green. Bevil probably shouldn't count very hard on upping that mark once the Penn State defensive line is put upon him.

But he's still a treacherous runner and handles the options well, as Hess admits.

"Bevil is the strongest running quarterback I have ever coached," the 17-year Ohio coach said.

Ohio employs a 5-3-3 defense which acted tough against the lesser opponents, but got bent out of shape against North Carolina and Miami, and last week Cincinnati drilled it 35-13.

But there is one department of Saturday's game Penn State better keep under wraps — the kicking game, where Ohio excels. Homer Gary has one of the most talented legs in the land, as he proved against the Lions last year.

Gary has to be considered an excellent

Mid-American Conference kicker." Hess says. "The highlight of his career is his record 57-yard field goal against Penn State last fall. He gives us the good long field goal threat."

That field goal was beautiful, but it didn't go very far toward offsetting the six touchdowns John Cappelletti and the Lions pushed across that day. Last year's final was 49-10.

Despite the Lion's 7-6 loss to Navy, the smart money's on Penn State Saturday.

After the Ohio romp, Penn State faces a very serious challenge at Pittsburgh Thanksgiving night vs Pitt.

Eastern football supremacy will be proven as well as any legitimate claim Penn State can make as a rightful Cotton Bowl participant.

If Penn State loses to Pitt and goes to the Cotton while Pitt doesn't even get invited to a minor bowl, well ...

For the Panthers, it's the usual cats that will torment PSU. Quick Cats like Tony (T.D.) Dorsett, who runs like a Panther and stings like a bee, and Billy Daniels, perennially underrated, perennially dangerous field general. And Pitt middle guard Gary Burley is a legitimate candidate for this year's Outland Trophy.

And, of course, there is Johnny Majors. It should be a very interesting meeting of the minds between Lion coach Joe Paterno and Majors, particularly since both teams are so even physically.

The turkey-laden crowd at Three Rivers Stadium will be in Pitt's corner, but Steel City Lion fans should make their blue and white audibles heard at a respectable decibel level.

If you can't make it to (or fit in) the stadium, ABC is televising the fray nationally Thanksgiving night, which is a satisfying measure of respect for the awakening Eastern football scene.

The smart money on the Pitt-Penn State game is the money that isn't on the Pitt-Penn State game.

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## Vikes clip Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chuck Foreman and Dave Osborn burst through a sagging St. Louis defense for second-half touchdowns, rallying the Minnesota Vikings to a 28-24 victory over the Cardinals in a thrilling battle of National Football League division leaders last night.

The Vikings' ground game dominated the second half, with Foreman and Osborn gaining yardage steadily against the St.

Louis defense. Quarterback Fran Tarkenton also used both effectively as receivers on short, swing passes.

Jim Hart, the St. Louis quarterback, made a valiant effort to overtake the Vikings late in the game. He capped a long drive with a four-yard touchdown run with 1:52 left and then had the Cardinals threatening again in the final seconds of the nationally televised game.

## Pack fans like football, booze; basketball third

RALEIGH, N.C. — Hillsborough Street is Raleigh's answer to College Avenue. The spacious North Carolina State University campus borders one side, the shops and bars of the town occupy the other.

And Hillsborough Square is a State student's equal to McDonalds or the HUB here. Practically everyone shows up at Hillsborough Square at one time or another.

Hillsborough Square is a bar, complete with beer, pinball and pool. And people. Lots of people. The drinking age in the state of North Carolina is 18.

To a stranger in Raleigh, Hillsborough Square may not seem to be the place to be. After all, Hillsborough Street is loaded with bars and nightclubs. "Topless entertainment. No cover charge. Come in." The neon signs pierce the darkness and invite you inside.

The only sign at Hillsborough Square contained the name of the establishment, nothing else. But it was evident State students favored the Square. By 9 p.m. Friday night the place was coming alive. By 11, Hillsborough Square was wall to wall people and the jukeboxes, all four of them, were pumping out the music.

According to one of the checkers, the guy with the dubious honor of checking IDs and drivers' licenses for birthdates, about a thousand people show up on a football Friday. But he said last Friday was not a typical football Friday. More than 2000 people jammed inside on the eve of the Penn State-Wolfpack scramble.

Seems everyone wore an NCSU jacket or shirt. Most of those who didn't were from Happy Valley. Inside, the strangers were sneered at briefly, told Penn State was gonna get beat, and then let loose to get down to serious business, which most people call getting drunk.

Soon the beer (3.2 alcohol content) began to take hold and the strange Yankees were admitted to conversations.

"Y'all are gonna get beat," one woman told everyone who walked past her. Obviously the Penn Staters didn't take her seriously. After all she was drunk and Penn State wouldn't lose in November.

Everyone was drinking and talking football. N.C. State students take football seriously, even under the influence of alcohol. You can say anything you want about Wolfpack football as long as you're ready to pay the consequences.

Wolfpack fans throughout the Square were betting like mad. To most Lion followers the bets seemed like a sure thing. Penn State student Mark Hedges thought he was onto something when he made his bet. Today he's walking around without his mustache.

Only when David Thompson, the motor of N.C. State's NCAA basketball championship team, appeared did the talk change from football to basketball.

State fans boast having the best basketball team in the country, but football still has a special place in their hearts.

As one fan put it, basketball is fine but football is something special. Each time Thompson and his mates step onto the floor at Reynolds Coliseum in the middle of campus, 10,000 fans show up to take a look. When the Pack gridders have a date at Carter Stadium, some two miles away, 40,000 people turn out. Why?

Football is a strange game. In what other sport can a team put together a fine 10-1 season and be overlooked when the bowl bids are passed out? In what other sport can a team lose to an non-rated team and lose again the day the bids are extended and still go to a major bowl?

It's different, and some people do anything to see something different. Each football Saturday students drive, ride bikes, hitchhike or walk to Carter Stadium. If it rains, so what?

Each basketball day some people show up. The top team in collegiate basketball can't compete with their football counterparts, even though they play in different semesters.

The general consensus of the State backers at the Square seemed to be that football was worth watching in any weather, and basketball was okay if there was nothing else to do.

The night before a football game Hillsborough Square is a beehive of activity. The night of a basketball game, the bar is just as packed.

Besides, all the football players show up at the bar during basketball season.



N.C. State players (L) are anxious as they approach a big win, but Tom Shuman looks disappointed and bewildered

Photos by Ed Palsa

## Sooners rise, Lions fall

By THE AP

The Oklahoma Sooners supplanted Ohio State yesterday as the No. 1 college football team in the country.

While Ohio State was losing to Michigan State 16-13 on Saturday, Oklahoma trounced Missouri 37-0 and knocked the Buckeyes from the top spot of the weekly Associated Press poll. Ohio State, which had been No. 1 for seven consecutive weeks, fell to fourth behind Oklahoma, Alabama and Michigan.

Oklahoma received 48 first-place votes and 1,198 of a possible 1,240 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

"It's a tremendous honor to be AP's No. 1 team," said Coach Barry Switzer. "We play three good football teams in the next three weeks, and we're gonna try to hold on week by week. We've got the ball now, and it's up to us to carry it."

The Sooners were ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll and through the first week of the regular season, when they did not play. The next week, though, they beat Baylor 28-11 but fell to third. They climbed to second two weeks later and have been runners-up to Ohio State ever since.

Alabama, a 30-0 winner over Louisiana State, received 10 first-place votes and 1,102 points. Michigan earned the other four first-place ballots and 1,014 points

following a 14-6 triumph over Illinois.

Then came previously unbeaten Ohio State with 877 points, followed by defending national champion Notre Dame, Nebraska, Auburn, Southern California, Florida and Texas A&M.

Notre Dame, eighth last week, did not play last Saturday. Nebraska climbed from ninth to sixth by defeating Iowa State 23-13. Auburn rose from 10th to seventh with a 24-20 victory over Mississippi State and Southern California jumped from 11th to eighth by routing Stanford 34-10.

## The Poll

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season record and total points. Points tabulated on basis of 29-18-16-14-12-10-9-8 etc.

1	Oklahoma (48)	8-0-0	1,198
2	Alabama (10)	9-0-0	1,102
3	Michigan (4)	9-0-0	1,014
4	Ohio St.	8-1-0	877
5	Notre Dame	7-1-0	668
6	Nebraska	7-2-0	577
7	Auburn	8-1-0	552
8	S. Cal	6-1-1	487
9	Florida	7-2-0	318
10	Texas A&M	7-2-0	306
11	Penn State	7-2-0	245
12	Miami, O.	8-0-1	160
13	Maryland	6-3-0	139
14	Houston	6-2-0	117
15	Mich St.	5-3-1	110
16	N. Car St.	8-2-0	103
17	Pitt	7-2-0	65
18	Oklia St.	5-3-0	62
19	Calif.	6-2-1	55
20	Tex. Tech.	6-2-1	48

Others receiving votes, listed alphabetically: Arizona, Baylor, Brigham Young, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Temple, Texas, UCL, Wisconsin, Yale.

## EMOTION

### What happened Saturday?

As you read this, you may be experiencing any one of a number of different inner situations affecting your outer being. You may be (a) nervous about your third period exam (b) ticked off because the dining hall is serving mostaccioli again, or (c) saddened at the thought of trying to eat downtown on your last fifty cents.

You might also be experiencing different combinations of these various situations, producing who knows what kind of day for you. These well-known elements of your life are common to all and are usually identified as emotions.

All of us experience emotions of some kind each day of our lives, and their effects can be profound. But no, this is not a psychology book, it's a sports page. We're just considering the emotional states of a few people whose actions consistently grab our attention, particularly recently. Call them the Penn State football team.

A little more than a week ago, the eighty-odd members of that team composed an opportunistic, climactic win over some hard-shelled turtles from Maryland. Just this past Saturday, those same Lions bit, clawed and scratched but in the end suffered the big bite from some scrappy wolves.

But behind the gambling interceptions or the untimely fumbles are ultimately those same things that keep you awake or send you bumming for a dollar with which to hit McDonalds. The problem that Penn State encountered Saturday amounted to a compound statement of emotions. North Carolina State had the right ones and Penn State didn't.

Greg Buttle, whose omnipresence Saturday made him look like the next great Lion linebacker, prefers slightly different terminology when considering the emotions factor of football he calls it "mental preparation."

"It's a really big part, mental as well as physical," Buttle said, "whether it's being relaxed, or whatever you do to prepare yourself mentally."

In the week which preceded each contest, numerous events and circumstances injected themselves into the Penn State camp. The differences in types of such events were clear.

In Maryland, the Lions faced a team which was spending much of its time proclaiming to eager writers the ways in which Penn State would fall. It also faced a game that was televised throughout the East, not to mention one that had sold out at Beaver Stadium weeks ahead of time. Of course there were also the numerous bowl scouts in the press box.

But all these lights changed colors after the Lions' 24-17 squeaker.

"These guys aren't saying anything. They're gonna be tough," was the way one Penn Stater put it. And the team



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wouldn't have 60,000 fans providing drive when they arrived in Raleigh, North Carolina. Finally, the one which applied the power brakes came in the middle of the week when it was announced that Penn State players had decided to accept a Cotton Bowl bid should it be offered Nov. 16, the official date for such action.

When an outfit like the one that Joe Paterno runs here has to hold such a meeting in the middle of preparations for the team that a year ago nearly marred a perfect season, it's obvious that the phrase "should it be offered" is a poorly-chosen one.

So now some of the players that might have been doubtful as to their motivations or drives had something to smile about, to talk about with some good feelings evident in their voices. It didn't have to be "Boy, they beat us up pretty good last week. What're we gonna do Saturday? They're gonna be mean down there..."

The presentation that the Lions did accept immediately following Saturday's loss, a week early, can only bolster the above notions.

"During the week we had hard practices, but I don't know if it was there," Buttle wondered. "They seemed to be sorta base practices, we were a little flat. But that's taking nothing away from N. C. State. They're an excellent team, they were sky-high."

"You gotta give them credit. We were flat at first and we lost our poise. They played well," agreed Paterno just after the game. But he later seemed wanting for a retraction of that admission.

"The kids were up. We were ready to play," he declared. "If you don't have the kids up you're stupid." It's good to objectively realize one's shortcomings.

So one team is "a little flat," with other things it may think about if football is a bit stale. Another team is "sky-high." Who should win? Think about it as you relax after that third period exam.