Kriston sizes up on Lion defense

Collegian Sports Writer PITTSBURGH — Rich Kriston was heading for the trainer's table after Penn Thanksgiving night when a wrestling team, in addition to short congratulator slapped the football team. him on the shoulder. Rich," he beamed, "You did a

great job for us little guys."
"You know what," Kriston
laughed. "They even cut me a half inch in the program. And I need all the help I can get."

At 5-91/2, no one has ever accused Kriston of intimidating anybody with his presence. Pitt quarterback Bob Medwid may have even scratched his helmet when he saw a head sticking up just over the threepoint stances of the Lion defensive front wall. But from his inside linebacking spot, Kriston, making only the second start of his Penn State career, helped the usual stalwarts close down the Panther offensive show, allowing just 10 points.

And if Medwid thought he recognized that face sticking up over the defensive line, he wasn't cracking under the

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before on opposite sides of the ine. Although at Fox Chapel High School Kriston played fullback - when he wasn't State's win over Pitt captaining the baseball and

> "Medwid and I have played against each other before,' Kriston said moments after the game. "Four years ago Medwid was the quarterback at Sto Rocks and we played them in the WPIAL Cham-

pionships. He has a great

"I would rather beat Pitt than any of our other op-ponents," Kriston admitted. "All Summer long I heard how Pitt was the best in the East, and how they were gonna beat us. It was turned into a pretty

big rivalry. was in front of my home

crowd. For Kriston, the Pitt game

Lions go All-East Six Penn State football players ma'de UPI's All-East squad. Offensively, center Jack Baiorunos, guard Tom Rafferty

and somewhat of a surprise, tight end Dan Natale all highlighted the squad. Of the six Lion players, only Buttle and Rafferty are juniors, the rest, seniors. As expected, the Lions placed the most players. Pitt's Tony Dorsett and Temple's Joe Klecko were the only sophomores

selected. Penn State as a team had a big jolly by once again capturing the Lambert Trophy (for the fourth consecutive year) as the

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best team in the east Penn State received 70 points in the balloting while Pitt and Boston College (yes, that's right, Boston College) tied for second with 56 points.

earlier triumphs as Three Rivers Stadium was the setting for his two tryouts with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I do well here," Kriston said. "It seems like every time I come here something catches. I was down here for two Pirate tryouts and they really went well. The second "I was nervous before the game," he continued, "since it something, hitting a home run in a Major League park."

Whether or not Kriston will start the Cotton Bowl depends on the outcome of the close battle he is having with his competition, junior Jim Rosecrans. Kriston started the Ohio and Pitt games, and has been supplied with the has been running with the bomb squad all year.

At the beginning of the season, Kriston was listed on the third unit at his position, but Thanksgiving night, after crunching the Pitt kick return man, Kriston didn't trot off the

Even though nobody gets to see it, some of the most competitive football at Penn State is played in the gloom of twilight on the Lion practice

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Walt Bahr looks ahead

to next year



Booters lose in playoffs

By DAVE MORRIS **Assistant Sports Editor**

Statistics in sports don't always tell the truth, and Penn

State soccer coach Walt Bahr is the first to admit it. Bahr guided the booters to an 8-1-3 record in his first season in Happy Valley, including State's fifth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.

It was in the fourney's first round against Bucknell on Nov. 19 that the team lost its only contest. Penn State outshot the Bisons by a 2-1 ratio, but the Bisons outscored the Lions 1-0. In regular season action Bucknell and Penn State battled to a 1-1 stalemate.

'You can outshoot and outplay the other team but the only thing that counts is balls in the nets," Bahr said. 'We made one error against Bucknell and they capitalized

on it. But I still think if we played them 10 times we could beat them 10 times."

Bahr's disappointment, at least most of it, was lost in the shuffle of recruiting for next season.

'You have to be disappointed when you lose, but I'm not disappointed with the team effort," he said. "We played as well as we are capable of playing. If we had to play the game over I don't think I would have done anything differently,"

Now that the battle is over, Bahr is looking for prospects for

next season. Five starters will graduate, leaving Bahr with many shoes to fill. The seniors are Randy Garber, Bruce Allen, Bob Viehweger, Ciro Baldino and Chris Bahr. But a strong nucleus will return.

'We have a lot of players back, and I would have a fairly

good team without bringing anyone in," Bahr said. "I'm looking for three or four top prospects to step into the starting

His search for talent took him to the Junior College playoffs where several possibilities were found. In future weeks Bahr will attend high school all-star games in the Philadelphia and South Jersey areas.

Basically Bahr knows what he's after. "I've heard about some of these guys, I just want to see them in action," he said. CORNER KICKS - Bucknell lost to Philadelphia Textile in overtime of the second round playoff game last week. The finals will be held in St. Louis this weekend.

Birds go to market

Baltimore dropped another yesterday, swapping veteran lefthander Dave McNally to Montreal in a five-player deal that sent outfielder Ken Singleton to the American

In exchange for McNally, Houston.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - outfielder Rich Coggins and minor league pitcher Bill trading bombshell on Kirkpatrick, the Orioles ob-baseball's winter meetings tained Singleton and righthanded pitcher Mike Torrez.

It was the second major deal for Baltimore at these meetings, coming less than 24 hours after the Orioles had acquired veteran National League slugger Lee May from

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