

Bears fall victim of WHOOSH

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Crack! Boom! Smash! WHOOSH!!!

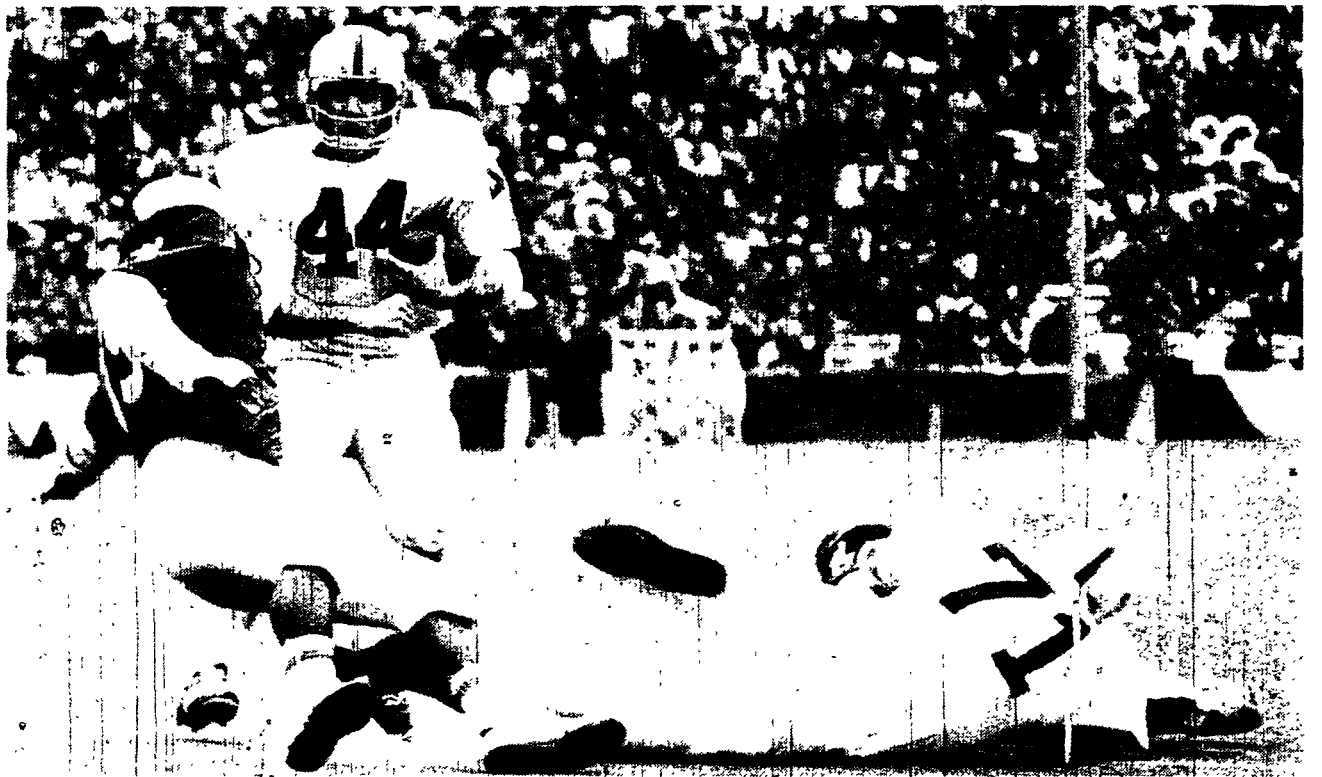
No, the Batman reruns were on last Saturday afternoon. It's the third quarter of the Cotton Bowl, and Penn State has just shifted into the completion phase of Project Destruct Baylor. The formula: Crack, boom and smash with Tom Donchez then whoosh with Jimmy Cefalo. The result: Baylor's 14-10 lead crumbles, the Lions build up a 34-14 mountain.

Penn State's frosh wingback got the opportunity to whoosh when he started to line up wide after Donchez cracked over from the one for a 10-7 Lion edge in the third quarter. That lead hadn't lasted long because Baylor split end Ricky Thompson was in the right place when Mike Johnson batted a pass from Neal Jeffrey. Johnson's deflection became a 35-yard score and a 14-10 Baylor lead. It was time to cool the Bears.

"Tom changed the play at the line of scrimmage," Cefalo said. "I was split wide, and the safety had to go to the other side of the field with the split end, so I had a one-on-one with the cornerback." Baylor corner Charles McClanahan caught nothing but air and Cefalo caught Tom Shuman's aerial for a 49-yard jaunt.

The whoosh hit Baylor again in the fourth quarter, when Cefalo reversed around left end for 20 yards to the Bears' 16. A couple cracks and a boom by Donchez and Neil Hutton, then Cefalo scooted around the right side. Penn State 24, Baylor 14.

"That play has been a good one all



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Jim Cefalo (44) just prior to that breezy sidestep

along. Jim Eaise ran it well all year, and Woody Petchel did a heckuva job blocking," Cefalo said. But the play had hardly decided the game. Another whoosh helped do that.

"We were just concerned with consuming time," he said. But the play contradicted any such notions. One-on-one coverage from Scooter Reed. WHOOSH!!! A 34-yard completion to the Baylor 15. The breezes tailed off in a Chris Bahr field goal, but Penn State had control of the

weather for good.

"I didn't get to start really until a few games ago, so I didn't have any real idea," he told writers who wanted to know if his busy day was planned especially for Baylor. All told, Cefalo rushed 11 times for 55 yards and caught three passes for 102 markers and the TD. He totaled 157 of Penn State's 491 aggregate.

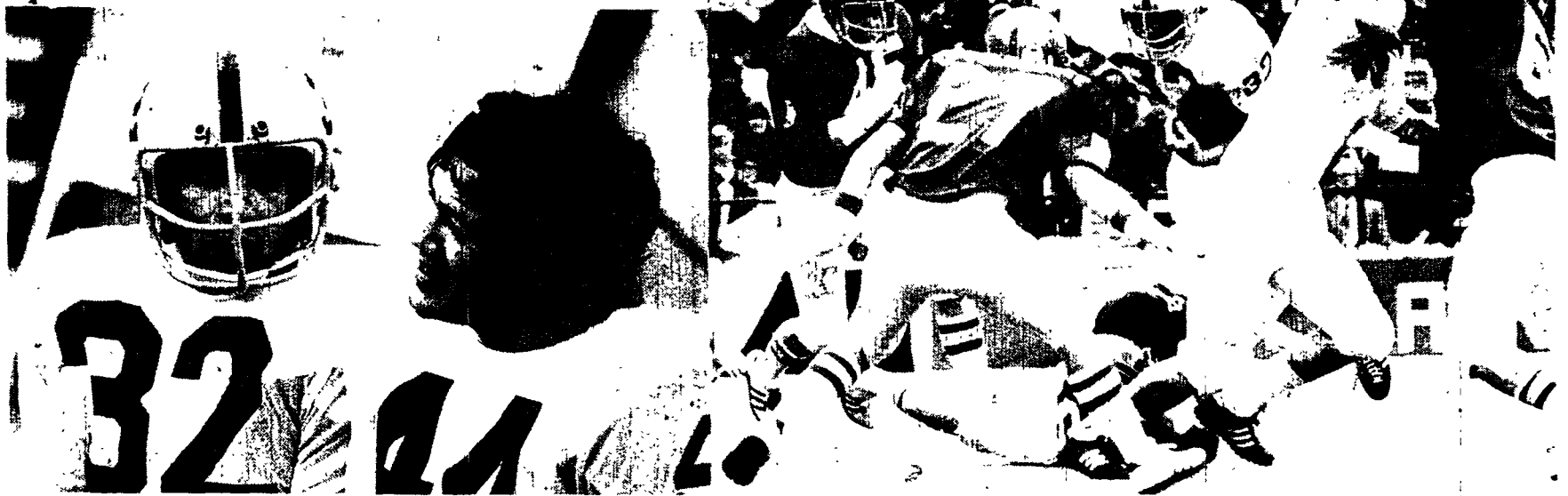
And though he didn't seem to want to, Joe Paterno faced the questions he had answered all year long. What's with this

freshman stuff, Joe?

"It's obvious that Jimmy has gotten better and better as the season went on," Paterno said. "I didn't have any special reason for using him more this game. Look, some situations you're behind, it's close, you need something—man it was close. It's a big game and I don't like to pressure him with all that unless, you know..."

Yeah, we know. Unless it's close and you need a whoosh.

Below, Tom Donchez (L) and Cefalo kick it around, just before Donchez goes line-cracking



Shuman's "passing" relationship

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DALLAS—The controversy rages on. Deep in the southwest part of the United States the topic of Tom Shuman's passing has drawn some attention.

Shuman remained remarkably consistent in his two years at quarterback for the Nittany Lions. In 1973 he tossed the ball for 1,375 yards (83-161). This past season he was slightly better percentage-wise (.530 as compared to .516) with 97 of 183 passes completed, but for fewer yards (1,355).

In one of those press conferences they throw daily before the Cotton Bowl, someone asked Shuman about his "passing" relationship with Joe Paterno and whether or not he had suggested some

new things to Joe in preparation for the Baylor game as he did against Pitt.

"I don't know if it was just the Pitt that I suggested throwing," Shuman grinned breaking up the press gathering. "I've been doing it all along. No matter how much we throw, we never throw enough."

Passing the football is Paterno's newest weapon, used in medium sized quantities this past season whereas in earlier years, it was used in small doses between runs by people like Charlie Pittman, Franco Harris, Lydell Mitchell, John Capelletti...

Shuman's passing was a vital factor in defeating Pitt on Thanksgiving night. He was equal to the task against Baylor in the Cotton Bowl hurling 10-20 for 226 yards, a new Penn State bowl record. And guess what? No interceptions this time around!

"I had pretty near the same amount

interceptions last year as this and generally, everything was pretty much the same," he laughed. Last year, Shuman had 5 lost aeriels, this year, 6.

Paterno gave him more mobility but not very much more, although Joe would have you believe otherwise.

"I always let him have audibles," replied Paterno when asked whether Shuman had exercised some game control. "The more playing time he gets, the more freedom he can have."

"I don't call all the plays like you guys think and always write. It's not that he doesn't know what to do and I have to call a play."

"It's just that I like to call plays so I know what is going on out there. How can I know what is going on when I'm not calling plays?"

Paterno insisted it wasn't a matter of confidence. He also insisted that Tom had swayed his thinking this year.

Shuman called "between four and six" audibles against the Baylor Bears, which was the most he's called all year (average is two).

"I've tried to make changes all season," he explained. "It's been frustrating because I really like to throw more than I have done. Today (Jan. 1) was just a great day."

"For once I had the green light."

Paterno indicated the light has been yellow and green all season. Okay, but that still doesn't explain all those guys running from the sidelines to the field between downs.

Unless of course you'd like to believe that Joe and Tom were conducting a messenger service all season long.