

# Ursinus halts fieldwomen NFL picks: Steelers over Oilers

The Penn State field hockey team ended its regular season on a disappointing note as the Lady Lions lost to Ursinus yesterday, 5-2. Chris Larson and Charlene Morett scored for Penn State in the second half. Senior goalie Debbie Hess had a busy afternoon, with 18 clear saves, as the Ursinus offense drilled 24 shots at goal. Penn State's defense kept the game within reach, as the offense could muster only five shots on goal. Ursinus played an impressive game, passing accurately from side to side and taking a 3-0 lead at the half. Penn State came back strong after halftime as Morett tallied at 46:50 and Larson followed three minutes later. Morett's goal was welcome as the freshman

has been scoreless the last four games. Yesterday's score was her tenth, high for the team. Ursinus was awarded a penalty stroke 20 minutes into the first half when a Penn State defender kicked a shot headed for the goal. Ursinus was the fourth toughest team in a row Penn State has faced. The Lady Lions finished the season with a 5-3-2 record. Penn State will face Ursinus again in the second round of the regional tournament held at Millersville, November 13-15. Theresa Ferrer and Nancy Ringer scored for Penn State as the Junior Varsity won 2-0. The JV finished the season with an 8-1-1 record.

—Barb Shelly

## Steeler Wagner 'top cat'

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Cincinnati Bengals played a cat and mouse game with Pittsburgh Steeler safety Mike Wagner and it didn't work well. Will Houston learn something from it? Because Wagner picked off a key Ken Anderson pass late in the game, the Steelers were able to hang on for a 30-24 win and knock the Bengals from the undefeated ranks. In the early part of the game, Anderson passed with some success in Wagner's area of the secondary. But Wagner enjoyed the last laugh while the Bengals were coming three late touchdowns to make the margin close. Wagner was in charge of covering fleet receiver Isaac Curtis. At the same time, if the Bengals ran a sweep, he was supposed to move up quickly and give support on the run. If they ran an outside play, said Wagner, "I had to come up fast. If they had some success running, they knew I would be coming up. They were trying to set me up. It was a cat and mouse game. On one important third-down play, the Bengals took

the run. Wagner came charging up, and saw Curtis go flying by. Wagner stopped and retreated but it was too late. Anderson hit Curtis for 35 yards and a first down. But three plays later, it was Wagner who turned cat, intercepting Anderson and setting up the deciding touchdown. "The whole story was our secondary," complimented defensive tackle Mean Joe Greene. "The secondary gave us time to get to the quarterback and it was the secondary that took away the short swing pass which the Bengals use so well. But like the good team they are, Cincinnati was able to do something else and be effective." Wagner had some problems last year and played poorly at times because of injuries to his leg. "It was a personal thing because you become so frustrated when you aren't playing well," he said. "You have to play when you are hurting. The thing you want to avoid though, is hurting the team. It is a tough thing. I don't want to

make excuses. Everyone plays with injuries." The Oilers and Steelers, along with Cincinnati, all have 6-1 records and are tied for the Central Division lead in the American Football Conference. The success of the Steeler defense is based on forcing an opponent to go to the air. That way the zones will be effective.

NEW YORK (AP)—Houston quarterback Dan Pastorini remembers—less than fondly—the days he spent running in circles in his own backfield...or lying under half a ton of enemy beef.

"These days, with some beef on his own line, he's able to stand back, survey the field and— with a line to protect him— throw the ball instead of eating it. "We've got a pocket now," he says.

Too bad. On Sunday, the Oilers are going to get their pocket picked. Like Cincinnati, Houston relies too much on a one-sided offense. Too much passing, too little running.

Pittsburgh showed the Bengals last week that throwing the ball isn't enough to win games without running it, too. Now the Steelers will teach the invading Oilers the same lesson. Speaking of lessons, we're constantly being taught one ourselves—but we refuse to learn. We like to pick an occasional Upset Special of the Week...and spend the following week getting all

upset about it. But here we go again. Look for the New York Jets to shock the Dolphins in Miami. After last week's 10-3 record, we enter the second half of the season at 66-25 for a .725 percentage. Steelers 24, Oilers 10. Even putting aside their unbalanced attack, the Oilers are outgunned. The Steelers are second only to Buffalo in American Conference offense while Houston is 10th. And the Oilers' pass defense is suspect. Houston is playing the first of four "must-win" games. They must...but they won't.

Jets 28, Dolphins 24. Granted, the Jets are losers this year. But consider these thoughts. They've got to be out to avenge their 43-0 embarrassment by Miami three weeks ago. They've got to be out to prove to Coach Charley Winner that his faith in them on fourth-and-one against Buffalo last week wasn't misplaced. They've got to be better than the statistics say they are. We've got to be rationalizing a hunch.

Vikings 35, Falcons 13. Fran Tarkenton will have a field day against Atlanta's defense. So will John Gilliam. So will Chuck Foreman. So

will anyone else who gets in the Minnesota lineup. With New Orleans and San Diego next in line, the Vikings' unbeaten season looks good for at least another three weeks. Bills 27, Colts 17. Without their lucky break compliments of Mr. Winner against the Jets, the Bills might well have lost a third straight game. That alone is enough to shake up Buffalo. Baltimore just happens to be in the way.

Bengals 31, Broncos 14. Pity poor Denver, all banged up and nowhere to go. The mile-high city has been brought back to earth by the wave of injuries which bucked the Broncos out of the AFC West race. Now the Bengals will bury them.

Lions 23, Browns 10. Detroit's Joe Reed may not be as good as he looked a week ago, but he's sure better than anything Cleveland can throw against him. The Browns' futility goes on... Chargers 21, Patriots 17. ...but not San Diego's. The Chargers' offense woke up last Sunday— finally. They're getting back home, where they played tough against hot-shots like Oakland and Los Angeles. New England ain't so hot.

Raiders 31, Saints 10. Now that Ernie Hefferle has his victory, New Orleans can resume playing down to par. The Raiders are rolling and will leave tread marks all over the Saints. Rams 41, 49ers 13. The Rams are rolling.

too...or stampeding might be a better way of putting it. If San Francisco tries to stop their ground game, James Harris will throw. If they try to stop Harris...Y'know, there's no way the 49ers will stop anything.

Cardinals 34, Eagles 16. No way will Philadelphia allow itself to be humiliated as it was on television last Monday night. The Cards will administer a more conventional beating.

Packers 20, Bears 14. The Bears took it in the teeth last week, too. They'll be growling—but they haven't got the teeth to back up all the noise. Green Bay's defense looks just good enough.

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