Throw records out for this game

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Every year Penn State schedules some tough games and some breathers, but for the last two years the supposedly easy Temple game has left the Lions gasping for air.

Rumors that Temple has already added a notch to their loss column and are ready to accept a forfeit are greatly misfounded.

Temple will be at Beaver Stadium on Saturday. And, at about 1:25 p.m. or so the Nittany Lions will jog a triumphantly onto the field accompanied by the blaring sounds of the Blue Band. The Temple players will follow with little fanfare or respect, but the 60,000 fans had better stay sober just in case they have a chance to witness an unexpectedly good game.

The results of the last two year's games are enough to foreshadow a possibly hard conflict. Temple came only one point away from grabbing huge upsets in those last two meetings.

Last year's affair was the ultimate in heartstoppers. The clock read 00:00 when Temple attempted a twopoint conversion that failed and left them 31-30 losers.

Both teams forgot to bring their defenses to Veterans Stadium as they combined for 850 yards total offense. Chuck Fusina's touchdown pass to Tom Donovan with nine minutes left made the score 31-17 and the lead seemed insurmountable. However, Temple's quarterback Terry Gregory engineered two touchdown drives in a last ditch effort at victory.

This year Penn State won't have to face Gregory. Instead, Pat Carey will play, a quarterback they should be very familiar with from the 1975 game.

of 31 for 218 yards. He has not been very impressive since then.

This year he has only completed 39 of 89 for a total of 542 yards and he is splitting time with Brian Broomel, more of a running type quarterback.

The unwise fan is quick to argue that the comparative results against common opponents shows Penn State's

Temple struggled to defeat Rutgers 24-14 while Penn State breezed to an easy 45-7 triumph. Temple lost to West Virginia 38-16; Penn State dominated them in a 49-28 victory

Unfortunately for those unwise fans, you can take all the results, statistics, and records and throw them into the circular file for Saturday's game. They don't mean a thing when Temple plays Penn State.

The action in last week's Penn State-N.C. State game may or may not be a cause for optimism on the part of

The Lion defense was completely perforated by N.C. State's running game. Penn State will discover on Saturday that Temple has a pair of runners that could be termed the hit and run backfield.

The tailback is Anthony Anderson, a 6-0, 190-pound speedster with good strength for his size. Anderson gained 803 yards last year and has 642 yards so far this vear to go along with eight touchdowns.

Fullback Mark Bright has powered his way to a 6.1 yards per carry average although he has run only

If Temple can establish a running game early, then

In that game, Carey, then a sophomore, completed 18 that will enable them to get into their sophisticated passing game.

On the other hand, one reason of concern for Temple will be Penn State's passing game. Fusina had a tremendous game last week and his eyes have to light up this week at the thought of passing against a sub-par

Attempting to hold down the fort on Temple's defense will be middle guard Seth Demberg who has recorded 60 tackles thus far. Bob Salla has picked off five passes from his right cornerback spot and is Temple's leading

Temple's defense has to be considered weaker this year mainly because of the graduation of defensive lineman Joe Klecko. Klecko, now a member of the New York Jets, was primarily drafted on the merits of his work in last years game against Penn State.

Yet, even with all their problems Coach Wayne Hardin seems to have regrouped his team after the 76-0 fiasco to Pittsburgh. Since that game Temple has recorded a 3-1-1 mark.

But, is Temple really in a class with Penn State? Probably not, Still, most teams are not in a class with

N.C. State was not in the same class with Penn State but if last week's game was two minutes shorter Penn State might have been playing in Atlantic City on New

The great thing about sports is anything can happen, and, if you look at the results of the last two Penn State-Temple meetings, it quite possibly could.

Lady spikers' season closes; Brennan back

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Now that Tuesday night's debacle against Pitt is over with, it's time for Penn State's women volleyballers to forget the past and ready themselves for the upcoming EAIAW Eastern regionals.

Coach Tom Tait wants to get his team "on an upward swing going into regionals," and the Lady Lions can improve on their 21-14 record starting tonight at Indiana against the host team and Duquesne. Penn State concludes the regular season Saturday against Slippery Rock and East Stroudsburg at 1:00 in Rec Hall.

A big plus for the Lady Lions is Cindy Brennan's return from a broken foot suffered almost four weeks ago at the Delaware Invita-

"I'm very pleased to have her back," Tait said of Brennan, who started practicing yesterday.

"When she went out she was our no. 2 setter, and had developed into an excellent all-around ballplayer," he said. "Her return allows us more freedom in moving personnel around: Now we'll have more mobility and more options in using our bench strength.'

All cylinders must be working for the Lady Lions to be successful at the 16-team post-season tourney to be held at Oswego State University of

New York on November 19-20. Penn State begins the tournament in a bracket with Edinboro, Cortland, and Syracuse; seeded fourth, 12th,

and 16th, respectively. The Eastern regional will be divided into four brackets and the top two teams from each go to the championship finals. These remaining eight clubs are then reseeded and matched against each other: 1-7, 2-8, 3-6, and 4-5. The final two victors travel to Denver for the national championship tournament.

Tait believes his club's chances of reaching the championship round are 'good"

"We've played most of the top teams," he said. "We've beaten the second seed for the regionals and last year's EAIAW champ, Maryland, earlier this year."

Our schedule has been tough enough to prepare us for the brand of ball we'll play up there," he added.

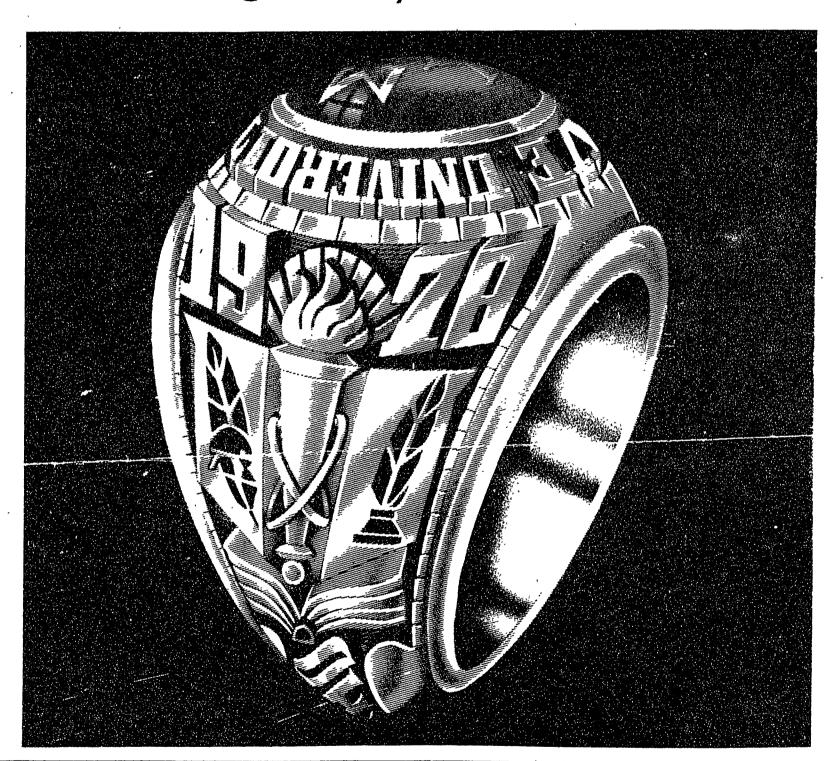
Except for the Pitt match, the Lady Lions have been steadily coming together as a team but must become better mentally prepared, or "need to get a little better philosophical outlook," according to Tait.

But the coach is confident and hopes his club jells at the right time.

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