

# Lions hoping this 'Cat clash is different

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Don't call it revenge. Call it a determined, level-headed attempt to prove something to a lot of people, to put an end to a nasty streak that has caused all too much frustration.

For the past two years, Penn State has been thoroughly embarrassed by the Kentucky Wildcats. In 1976, the Lions came here to Commonwealth Stadium in the midst of a horrible slump — they left a 22-6 loser, feeling much worse. Last year, some key mistakes and the disappearance of the offense led to a 24-20 loss. But the fifth-ranked Lions won't meet the Wildcats tomorrow with a vindictive attitude.

"We don't have revenge on our minds," defensive captain Paul Suhey said. "We're just going into the game with the attitude of playing the best we can and doing whatever we have to do to win. We're trying to approach the game as a football game — not to put anything else around it."

"The fans like to talk about revenge a lot, but to us, it's a big challenge," center Chuck Correal said. "It's something we want to prove to ourselves."

The Lions also want to prove something to critics who suggest that Southeastern conference teams are too much for them to handle. Under Joe Paterno, Penn State is 2-5 against SEC teams, including two regular season losses to both Kentucky and Tennessee, and a 1975 Sugar Bowl loss to Alabama.

"I don't think our respect down in the Southeastern Conference is very good," split end-flanker Bob Bassett said. "I think they think Eastern football is not as good as theirs. We have something to prove to people all across the nation."

For the Lions, Kentucky has caused more problems than Temple. What's the secret behind the Wildcats' success against Penn State?

"In 1975, we went down with a bad

attitude and we wound up getting our ears clipped," Suhey said. "Last year, we put it to them, but we beat ourselves with the interceptions and mistakes. We had a couple of breaks that didn't go our way."

This year, the Lions enter the game riding the nation's longest winning streak — a modest 13 games. Meanwhile, the Wildcats have been sluggish and unimpressive, tying South Carolina 14-14, beating Baylor, 25-21, and losing to Maryland 20-3 last week. Surely Penn State has the advantage, right? Only on paper.

"I think they'll be mighty upset that they lost to Maryland," Bassett said. "From what I understand, they never really got going against Maryland. They might have been looking forward to us. I think they'll be ready to play."

"I imagine they'll be up for us," Suhey said. "They have been the last two years. In their games so far, it looked like they weren't quite prepared mentally. But now that they're back on their field, they'll be looking to ambush us again. We know we're going to be in for a tough game."

Paterno puts it a little stronger. "If anybody doesn't think Kentucky is a good team, they're daydreaming," he said. "They haven't tackled as well or been as aggressive as in other years, but they're a tough bunch of kids. We're gonna have to go down there and play the best game we've played all year and go after them."

The Wildcats have virtually scrapped their powerful option offense because of the graduation of versatile quarterback Derrick Ramsey. The result has been a revitalized passing attack.

"From looking at the films, I'd say they have a good passing attack," Suhey said. "They'll try to spread us out and do some crossing patterns, hooks and curls. We have to be alert. We're going to have to make certain adjustments."

"What we'll try to do against them — and what we try to do always I prevent

the long play. The eight-yarders won't hurt us a lot. We've done a good job of keeping people out of our end zone."

Offensively, in the past two weeks, the Lions have done a good job of getting into the end zone. The eight-touchdown outburst against TCU erased any nagging doubt about the offense's ability.

"I think we gained a little confidence that we could score," Bassett said. "Before, we were asking, 'What's the matter? Why aren't we playing well? Where's the offense that Joe says we should have?' But we went out and showed we could do it."

Paterno is pleased with the little things the offense is doing right.

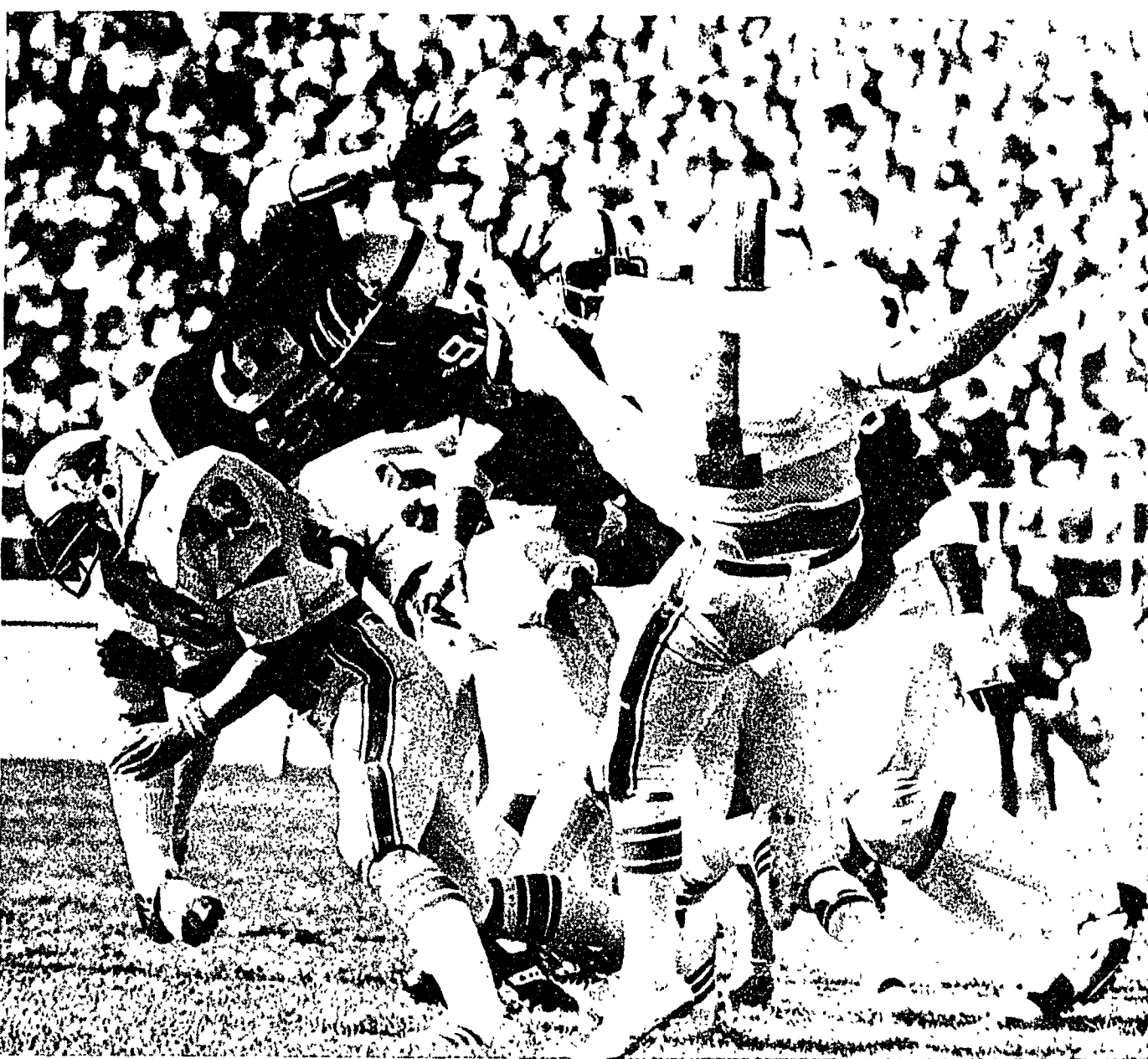
"The backs are popping out at the right moment," he said. "We're getting a better feel for a couple of pass lanes. The tight end spot is adding to our attack, which is vital if you're going to have a good passing game."

"We are getting better offensively, but we have to do it against a good defensive team before we make any claims. Kentucky has all the ingredients for an outstanding defense, which we expect to see."

Paterno has made no attempt to hide his enthusiasm for the game.

"It's great to be going for a lot of marbles, going down to a place where you haven't played well," he said. "This is a great opportunity for us to go down and play the best game we can play and let things fall where they're gonna fall. I'm really excited about this one."

**EXTRA POINTS:**  
... Kicker Matt Bahr will be seeking a record on his next field goal attempt. Bahr has seven consecutive successful field goal attempts, tying the school record he set last year. The NCAA record is 11 consecutive successful attempts. . . . Penn State's kick coverage teams, better known collectively as the "Scrap Pack," have allowed only 2.8 yards per punt return and 16.1 yards per kickoff return.



Junior Frank Case, shown here putting the pressure on the Southern Methodist punter two weeks ago, and the Nittany Lions face Kentucky tomorrow night in Lexington. The Lions have not lost a game since they were upset by the Wildcats 24-20 last season. Photo by Lynn Dudinsky

# John, Lopes lead Dodgers past punchless Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Manager Danny Ozark said the difference between his club and Los Angeles Thursday was that the Dodgers "got a piece of the ball with men on base" while the Phillies "hit too many ground balls."

The Dodgers, who camonaded Veterans Stadium with four home runs on Wednesday night to overcome 12 Philadelphia hits, rode the four-hit pitching of left-hander Tommy John and the hitting of second baseman Davey Lopes for a 4-0 victory Thursday. It gave Los Angeles a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five National League Championship Series.

"Out of the 16 or whatever ground balls we hit (it was 18), I would say 10 came on pitches that were not in the strike zone," said Ozark.

The manager was asked if that was a sign of a lack of patience and discipline by Philadelphia batters.

"I would say it was anxiety rather than lack of discipline," the manager said. "They know what he's trying to do from facing him before. Sometimes we've done well against him and other times he simply stopped us."

Philadelphia batters, meanwhile, had more respect for John, who also beat them in last year's deciding playoff game. "He had a really good sinker ball and kept it on the outside corner," said right fielder Jerry Martin, who was 0-for-2 against John while playing in place of the injured Bake McBride.

"He had good control of it," Martin said.

"When he's up, he's nice to hit," said shortstop Larry Bowa. "When he's down like he was today, he's tough. He had good movement on his sinker. Give him a lot of credit."

Phillies starter Dick Ruthven, who was 1-10 lifetime against the Dodgers going into the game, now is 1-11, thanks to Lopes' leadoff home run in the fourth.

"The first three innings, I threw everything right there, said Ruthven, who was 13-6 for Philadelphia after being obtained from Atlanta in June. He was 15-12 overall.

"Even Lopes hit a good pitch. It was a fastball in," Ruthven said. "In the fifth (when the Dodgers scored twice), I didn't have as good location and everything they hit was base hit."

The Dodgers had four hits, including Dusty Baker's leadoff

double in the inning.

"They hit every mistake I made," said Ruthven, who was replaced by Warren Brusstar with two out in the inning. "I don't know if it's discipline or a hot streak. I've cut down on the mistakes I've made over the years and they still beat me. This is the third time Tommy John has beaten me this year."

The Phillies, who have lost six straight playoff games at home in three tries in the last three years for the National League pennant, know their backs are against the wall. They face elimination Friday when the series resumes in Los Angeles.

"Now we've got to go out to Los Angeles and play and hit the ball like we can," Martin said.

# Yoder 'high,' Rudel 'bummed' after first week

Collegian Sports Editor Joyce Tomana and sports writer Neil Rudel are on the trading blocks after last week's shaky performances in the weekly football prognostications.

After picking just six of 10 games correctly, Miss Tomana was heard to say: "My heart wasn't in my picks; I'm playing out my option." No really, Miss Tomana is back for another week — and she's going all out, picking Texas to upset Oklahoma and Iowa State to nip

avored Nebraska. There's a rumor going around the sports desk that if Miss Tomana doesn't come back strong, she'll be traded to the Pitt News for a prognosticator to be named later.

Rudel, who also picked six of 10 right, is still shaking his head and wondering what happened to the North Carolina Tarheels in their loss to Pitt. "I'm bummed. I guess I was too 'radical' in my picks," Rudel mumbled. "Then again, I think the others were to 'hard

core' with theirs. Rudel is continuing his radical picking this week — he's taking the Seattle Seahawks over the Minnesota Vikings, based on a tip he received from his best friend, Bob.

Rick Weber (8-2) and Gary Silvers (7-3) turned in respectable performances, due mainly to their penchant for going with the favorite. "I play it safe in everything I do," Weber boasted. He is, however, going out on the limb this week, picking seven-point underdog

Texas to nip Oklahoma.

Maybe every sports predictor should take a lesson from Eric Yoder, who breezed through last week's picks totally unscathed — a perfect 10 out of 10. Yoder explained his success formula: "Must have been the Colombian."

Guest picker Norm Constantine, the Nittany Lion, was last seen wagging his tail and whistling "You can't hide those Lion eyes" after picking nine of 10 correctly.

# Kentucky aims to make it three straight upsets

By GARY SILVERS  
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LEXINGTON, Ky. — You can hear the Kentucky cheerleaders already.

"We did it before, we'll do it again, beat Penn State. We did it before, we'll do it again, beat Penn State."

year the junior All-America candidate was the Wildcats' top tackler with 71 solos and 32 assists despite playing a back-up role at the outset. This season the star noseguard has recorded 15 solos and seven assists along with two quarterback sacks.

"My stats are down a little this year because for the first time ever I've gotten double and triple teamed out there. Still, I'm not satisfied with my play. In my opinion, once you are satisfied, you have nothing to strive for. I don't think I'll ever be satisfied — at least not until I play the perfect game. And that'll never happen."

"It's not going to be easy," Kentucky noseguard Rick Jaffe said. "Penn State's a super team in every category. I've reviewed their films about 20 times and have yet to find a weakness. They're a sound football team with a great coach."

And Penn State has momentum. After a slow offensive start this season, the Lions (5-0) came back strong last week, breezing past Texas Christian, 58-0 and ending all doubts that they are truly national contenders.

"If our offense doesn't get it together soon, we could be in an awful lot of trouble," Jaffe said. "Our defense has been out on the field much too long the first few games and by the fourth quarter we've been getting a little weary out there."

Calling the signals for the mysterious offense is Mike Deaton, a 6-1 junior who replaced All-Conference quarterback Derrick Ramsey following the '77 season. In his first three appearances, Deaton has hit on 38 of 68 passes (55.9 percent) for 467 yards and two touchdowns.

Kentucky, meanwhile, is still searching for the key to its offense. The Wildcats (1-1-1) have been outscored 55-42 in their first three games, which included a 14-14 tie at South Carolina, a 25-21 win against Baylor and last week's 20-3 loss at Maryland. That's not a very good beginning for a team which won 10 out of 11 last season and finished sixth in the AP poll.

"I'm sure we have the potential to be a top-calibre team again, but there's just something missing," Jaffe said. "We just haven't been able to put it all together yet."

"In our last game (Maryland), however, the final score was a little deceiving. We were only down 7-3 going into the fourth quarter, then Maryland pulled away. They played great. Then again, every team we've faced so far has played great. South Carolina and Baylor played us like it was the Super Bowl — like there's no tomorrow."

That's the way Jaffe plays too. Last

"Deaton reminds me a lot of (Lions' quarterback Chuck) Fusina," Jaffe said. "They're both intelligent, throwing quarterbacks who can also run when they have to. I think they're identical."

Deaton's primary receiver is Felix Wilson, a 5-10 junior who's already posted 16 receptions and 216 yards, accounting for nearly half the team's passing game.

"Wilson is one of the best wide receivers we've ever had," Jaffe said. "He can run a pattern as well as (former Lion flanker Jimmy) Cefalo. He seems to find openings anywhere."

"I admit we've got a long way to go," Jaffe said, "but luckily no one is down. We've had good intense practices this week and I guarantee that once Penn State hits town, we'll be ready for them."

Just like every other year.

	Joyce Tomana (6-4) .600	Rick Weber (8-2) .800	Gary Silvers (7-3) .700	Neil Rudel (6-4) .600	Eric Yoder (10-0) 1.000	Guest Fran Fisher (9-1) .900
Penn State at Kentucky	Penn State 31-7	Penn State 20-10	Penn State 24-14	Penn State 32-7	Penn State 17-10	Penn State 28-10
Oklahoma at Texas	Texas 17-14	Texas 21-17	Oklahoma 21-17	Texas 21-20	Oklahoma 27-20	Oklahoma 23-17
Nebraska at Iowa State	Iowa State 28-23	Nebraska 24-23	Nebraska 24-17	Nebraska 31-24	Nebraska 33-28	Iowa State 31-28
Alabama at Washington	Alabama 21-10	Alabama 27-13	Alabama 27-17	Alabama 24-21	Alabama 30-14	Alabama 31-14
Stanford at UCLA	UCLA 28-21	UCLA 24-20	UCLA 24-14	UCLA 30-14	UCLA 22-17	UCLA 21-7
SMU at Ohio State	Ohio State 31-21	Ohio State 30-21	Ohio State 30-17	Ohio State 28-27	Ohio State 28-27	Ohio State 22-21
Bears at Packers	Bears 10-7	Bears 17-9	Bears 17-10	Bears 17-14	Packers 21-14	Bears 14-10
Eagles at Patriots	Patriots 21-14	Patriots 23-16	Patriots 24-14	Patriots 31-17	Eagles 23-20	Patriots 28-14
Oilers at Raiders	Raiders 28-10	Raiders 20-6	Raiders 28-17	Raiders 24-10	Raiders 24-7	Raiders 30-21
Vikings at Seahawks	Vikings 21-7	Vikings 27-14	Vikings 30-10	Seahawks 24-14	Vikings 10-6	Vikings 21-10

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