

N.C. State: No friendly den for the Lions

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Just when things couldn't get worse, they did.

The Penn State Nittany Lions (5-3), hit by disciplinary, academic and physical problems since the August sun scorched preseason double sessions, received some more bad news before they limp into the unfriendly confines of Carter Stadium at 1 p.m. Saturday to face the North Carolina State Wolfpack (6-3), in Raleigh, N.C.

Split end Tom Donovan, tied with Brad Scovell for the team lead in pass receptions, will not play Saturday and there is "an outside chance that we can have him before the season is over," according to Penn State coach Joe Paterno.

Donovan suffered a sprained left knee in the second quarter of last week's game with Miami while cutting down a Hurricane defensive back on a Matt Subey run.

But that's not all.

Defensive end Gene Gladys also will not be in the Lions' lineup for the clash with N.C. State.

Gladys went to Hershey Medical Center yesterday to undergo tests on what was feared to be torn ligaments in his knee and ankle. However, the tests, performed by Dr. Alexander Kalenak, proved negative.

"Someone fell on my knee and ankle in yesterday's (Tuesday) practice," Gladys said yesterday. "They found nothing in the ankle, it's just a sprain. Right now I think I could come back next week."

While a shuttle bus to Hershey is not being put into operation just yet, Gladys

rode to the Medical Center with Bruce Clark, who undergoes surgery tomorrow for a torn cruciate ligament in his right knee, and also got a chance to visit a friend named Matt Millen, who is being examined for a back injury.

"Matt's progress is coming along," Gladys said. "His spirits are good. I think Bruce was a little scared because it's the first time he's been to a hospital."

"When it (my injury) happened, I thought, 'When things go bad...'" Gladys never did finish his sentence—but then, he didn't have to, because there seems to be no end to the injuries, either. In fact, the backup defensive end, Ken Kelley, is also out of action because of a separated shoulder.

Among all the subtractions, they'll be a re-addition this week.

"I'll probably play Bookser (Moore) some this week," Paterno said. "I think the point was made. It doesn't do any good to try to crucify him. I was pleased with the way he handled himself during the incident."

Paterno also has to be pleased with the way his battered troops have been battling back into formation.

"I think the team has come closer together," Paterno said. "They've realized they're down but they want to start all over now."

"We've looked around and found the 'we and us' and the people in the clutch that we've talked about. We're getting the leadership up front which I think had to come. Certainly the guys are going to quit on themselves."

As adversity runs rampant, the leadership has not only come from co-captains Irv Pankey and Lance Mehl,

but from more and more of the other players as well.

"All of this brings out the leadership in the other guys," Mehl said. "The other guys are pulling together and not looking for me."

What everybody is looking for Saturday is a win — but playing in Carter Stadium makes that task a difficult game of hide and seek. In the Lions' last two appearances in Raleigh, none of the fans were taking an early ride home.

In 1977, Scott Pittke's late fourth quarter touchdown catch ended a Wolfpack scare as State edged out a 21-17 win. In 1974, a last quarter score was not enough as it was N.C. State on the winning side of a 12-7 decision.

While 1979 is a different year, it should be the same type of game. N.C. State, which has showed various defensive looks this year, is expected to make the game tough this time by attempting to choke off the Lions' running power.

"They have not been sure what they want to do," Paterno said. "I think they'll challenge us by trying to stop our running game with an eight-man front."

While the game's tone may not change, look for the Lions' offense to be singing a different song.

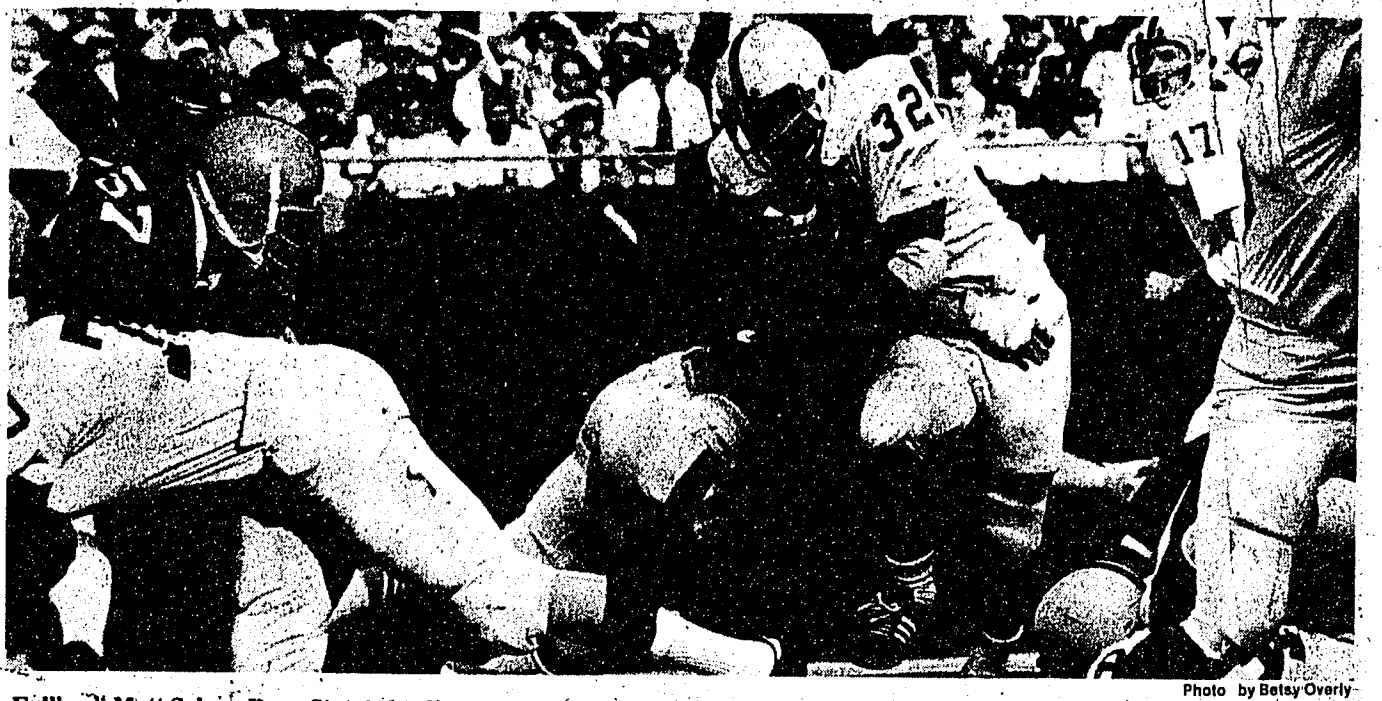
"We tried to be good at 'X' number of things before we got on to anything else," Paterno said. "I might not have changed much, but maybe we could have thrown the ball more on early downs against Miami."

"We need some things that will get us an easy touchdown. We'll have to take some chances with our execution. We can't win this game without getting a lot of points."

Paterno says will be "dirt" near 100 percent Saturday, should see action. Tracy Hall will replace Donovan, Ron Walcheck will fill in for Gladys, and while Paterno did not name a replacement for Clark, he did say Rich D'Amico will see some time at the middle guard position.

At the world turns in University Park, is there a happy ending in sight?

"We don't even think about the bowl," Kugler said. "We have enough to worry about just winning our next three games."



Football Matt Subey, Penn State's leading ground gainer, might have a hard time adding on to his 753 yards. Lion coach Joe Paterno expects North Carolina State to try to stop State's ground attack with an eight-man front at 1 p.m. Saturday at N.C. State.

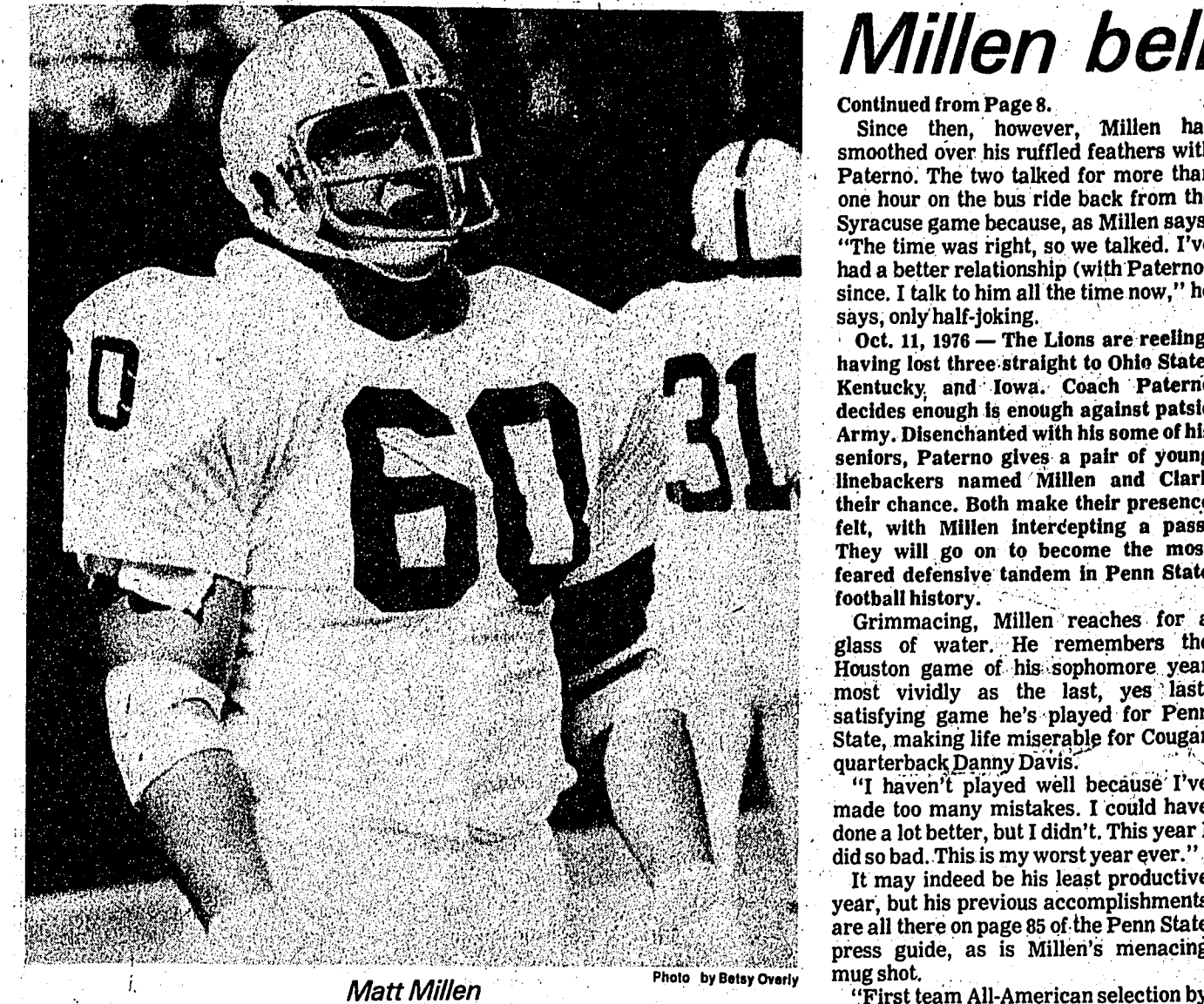
If the Lions do get a lot of points Saturday, it will not be without a lot of moves, including some made in the field goal attempt and talking to the barn marks left by Jim Kelly and Miami.

According to a team source, Grover Edwards will start at safety with Giuseppe Harris pushed over to Tom Wise's corner spot and Mickey Urquhart remaining at the other defensive back.

On what was once the fearsome front five, Pete Kugler, the former starting offensive tackle, volunteered to return to his original defensive tackle position to replace Millen.

"It was really no big deal," Kugler said. "I was sitting around and talking to some guys on the team Monday night and one suggested that I switch. I felt good about it because I know with the depth we have on offense it wouldn't hurt."

Elsewhere in Penn State's revolving door, Bill Dugan will start at Kugler's offensive tackle spot, Joel Coles will remain at tailback, Curt Warner, who



Millen believes injury not without a purpose. Continued from Page 8.

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Hungry Wolfpack hopes to devour wounded Lions

BY DENISE BACHMAN
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If the Lion defense is looking for a breather after last week's mauling by Miami's Phil Raley, it better look further than Saturday's Samaris against North Carolina State.

The Wolfpack, 6-3, with their most recent decision a 20-20 setback last Saturday to South Carolina, does not utilize their passing game to the extent of the Hurricanes, but they pose a threatening running attack.

The backfield is led by explosive running back Billy Ray Vickers. The 6-foot, 205-lb. senior has been plagued by a knee and foot injury, but is still the Wolfpack's top ground gainer with 561 yards in 133 attempts.

His running mate Dwight Sullivan, who follows close behind in rushing with 327 yards in 124 carries, is a doubtful starter due to a shoulder injury. Should he definitely be sidelined, Wayne McLean would get the call. Against South Carolina, McLean churned his way to 97 yards, 50 of which came in the second half.

Scott Smith, who directs the Wolfpack's veer offense, is just as elusive as his backs. Besides connecting on 55 percent of his passes for 971 yards, he has rushed for 333 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"Despite their record, they're a typical Penn State team — with great strength and great pride on defense," said Robert Rein, who is in his fourth year as the Wolfpack's head coach.

"When they've been burned, it's been super execution on offense by the opponent."

"But before the Lions can entertain any thoughts of stopping the Wolfpack's ground game, they must contend with an awesome front line headed by All-America center Jim Ritter.

According to Rein, "Jim may be the best at his position the conference has ever seen. He is incredible."

Besides Ritter, guards Chuck Stone and Chris Dieterich, and tackle Chris Carr will give the Lions their share of problems.

"Last week's loss was a tough football game," Rein said. "I was fairly pleased with our con-

sistency on offense. The reason for optimism was the play up front. Dieterich was absolutely terrific."

Even if the Lions are able to get past the front line and shut down the Wolfpack's potent running game, they still have to halt North Carolina State's swift primary receivers in tight end Lin Dawson and wideout Mike Quick.

Quick is on top in the receiving department, grabbing 24 passes for 419 yards and four touchdowns. Dawson, however, hasn't been quite as productive. Hauling in 14 receptions for 191 yards he has been used primarily as a blocker.

Not everything, however, has been so bright on the defensive side. Despite their top prospects like halfbacks Donnie LeGrande and Bubba Green, they've had their troubles this season, especially in the loss to South Carolina.

"We did not have enough people in pursuit," Rein said. "We didn't tackle well and we didn't shed the blocks. And our linebackers lacked the quickness due to leg injuries to come up and compensate."

And in order to notch a win against Penn State, the Wolfpack must iron out their defensive woes.

Matt Millen: Playing his toughest game off the field



Matt Millen looks ahead as though he is pondering his future in football. Millen is suffering from a back injury and should never play football again, he wants to be remembered as "somebody who liked to play hard and enjoyed it" not "the guy that jumps around like an idiot."

BY JON SARACENO
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Going into the game without your coach is like going into a battle without the general. I really can't explain it, but something was missing.

Although it's certainly been said many times before, Matt Millen's analogy rings true. Penn State played without its MacArthur that Oct. 15, 1977, afternoon when coach Joe Paterno missed his only game as head coach of Penn State.

Paterno's son, David, lay in a hospital bed in serious condition with a fractured skull after falling off a trampoline the night before the Lions' battle with Syracuse.

Something was missing.

Two years later, while Miami gives Penn State a lesson in humility, there is that same pit-in-the-stomach feeling on the Penn State sidelines.

Something is missing.

Matt Millen.

That all too familiar No. 60 (at least to quarterbacks) is not at his normal tackle position. Nor is Millen among a blue sea of wrapped bodies huddled like monks on the sidelines. Millen lays in a Hershey Medical Center bed, in too much pain to play. He awaits testing to determine the extent of a back injury, something which could end a potentially promising career in the pros.

"I really don't care about the money or anything. I just wanna play because you can only play this game for so long," Millen quietly says. "It's fun. Some people like to draw, some people like to sing or play an instrument — I like to play football."

"But if I can't play (anymore), then I can't play," Millen says without flinching. "I'll do something else; football's not the end of the world."

Matt and his girlfriend Patricia listen

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preaches. He's really sincere in what he says — and I doubt it.

True, Paterno's integrity, principles and unceasing idealism can hardly be knocked. But big-time football critics claim the sport, complete with self-destructing pressure, cannot be realistically and successfully meshed with the entire college experience.

"That's a joke," scoffs Millen. "Nah, it's not too much. That pressure of winning, I think, is a bunch of bull. Maybe it's because their (players) interests are different from what Joe wants. I see a different thing going on with the younger guys coming in. Maybe the guys think that they're here in college to play football and go to school."

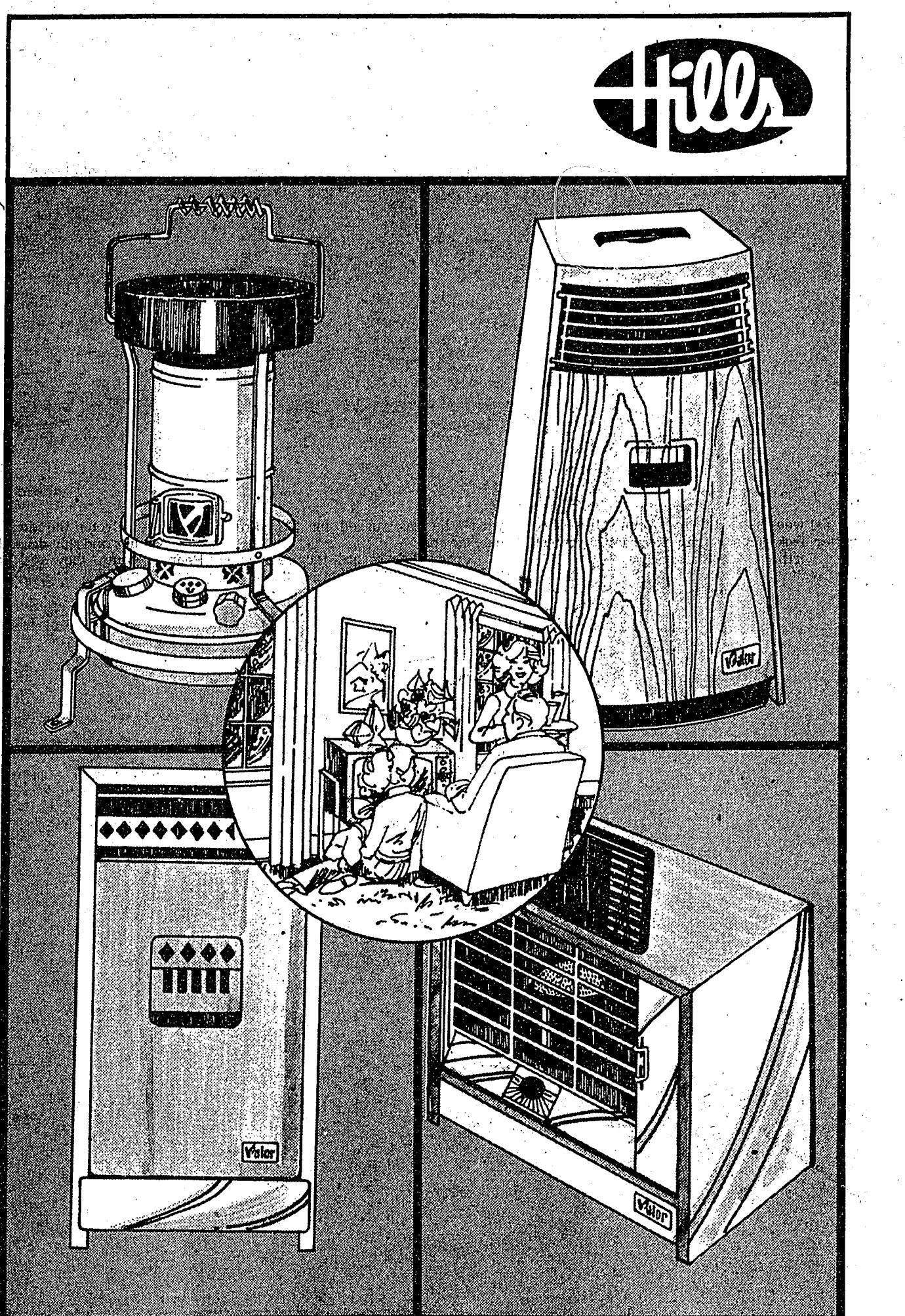
"But they're here to have a good time, they don't particularly care what the rules say; they're just gonna have a good time. You can't do that. You can play big-time football and do it the right way — Joe's way — whether it's right or wrong. You chose to come here and be under him, and those are his rules. That's what you have to do. I think it can be done."

"I can't see where it would be that different," Millen says. "I've talked to some of the guys who come back and they tell me what they used to do. You do that now and holy smokes! We've gotten a lot more big-time. The big-time approach puts you more in the limelight than ever. Anything that happens is going to be brought out even more."

"The bad is brought out because the image we have is that we're so good."

Ah, the grand ol' image of glorious Penn State, a school which dabbles in just enough athletics to keep its scholars' athletes well-rounded. Is it just an image?

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State can't get out of its own way. Paterno doesn't have visions of Oranges, Sugar or Cotton dancing in his head. Adversity, a trait Paterno feels is the backbone of every good team, has become the trademark of a team riding a downhill rollercoaster since August.

Have players attitudes changed? Are the Bookser Moores, Karl McCoy and Dave Paffenroth any different from the Lenny Moores, Steve Smears and Jimmy Cefalos?

"Somebody who liked to play hard and enjoyed it. I'll tell you what I don't want to be remembered as — being the guy who used to jump around. I hate that. Oh-yeah, you're the guy that jumps around like an idiot out there." I hate that.

Oct. 21, 1977 — Linebacker Mickey Urquhart blocks a Syracuse punt in the second quarter of the Lions' 45-15 romp. A charitable Bruce Clark waits for Urquhart to fall on the ball for a touchdown, but instead a player Clark called "old Thundermouth" after the game gets credit for the touchdown — Matt Millen.

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