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

Daily Collegian Sports Writer 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 Scovill 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 Iurricane defensive back on a Matt Suhev 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 vesterday's (Tuesday) practice." that we've talked about. We're getting Gladys said vesterday. "They found nothing in the ankle, it's just a sprain. Right now I think I could come back next

Clark, who undergoes surgery tomorrow players as well. for a torn cruciate ligament in his right friend named Matt Millen, who is being guys are pulling together and not looking examined for a back injury. "Matt's progress is coming along,"

"When it (my injury) happened,] thought, 'When things go bad ...' " Gladys never did finish his sentence — ride home.

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 17 win. In 1974, a last quarter score was separated shoulder Among all the subtractions, they'll be

a re-addition this week. "I'll probably play Booker (Moore) some this week;" Paterno'said. "I think 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. "They've looked around and found the

'we and us' and the people in the clutch the leadership up front which I think had to come. Certainly the guys are not going to guit on themselves.' As adversity runs rampant, the

While a shuttle bus to Hershey is not leadership has not only come from co- can't win this game without getting a lot On what was once the fearsome front being put into operation just yet, Gladys captains Irv Pankey and Lance Mehl, of points.

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"All of this brings out the leadership in knee, and also got a chance to visit a the other guys," Mehl said. "The other

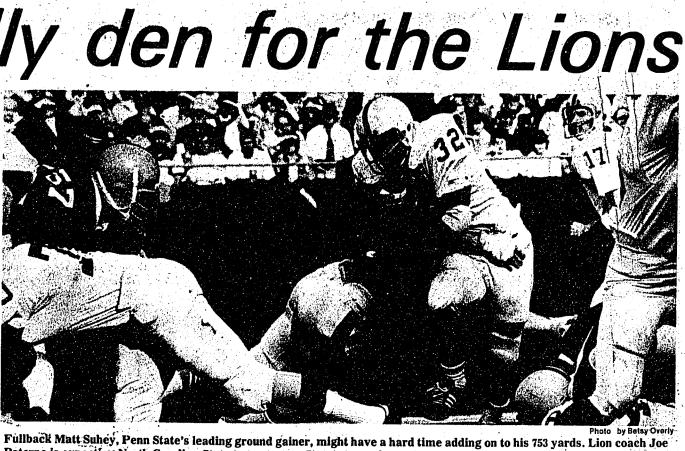
What everybody is looking for Gladys said. "His spirits are good. I Saturday is a win — but playing in think Bruce was a little scared because Carter Stadium makes that task a difit's the first time he's been to a hospital. _ ficult game of hide and seek. In the Lions' last two appearances in Raleigh. none of the fans were taking an early

> In 1977. Scott Fitzkee's late fourth quarter touchdown catch ended a Wolfpack scare as State edged out a 21not 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 the point was made. It doesn't do any 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 unning game with an eight-man front." While the game's tune may not change, look for the Lions' offense to be

inging a different song. "We tryed to be good at 'X' number of things before we go 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. an easy touchdown. We'll have to take some chances with our execution. We



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Saturday, it will not be without a lot of his original defensive tackle position to moves, including some made in the secondary which is still trying to soothe the burn 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 "We need some things that will get us Wise's corner spot and Mickey Urquhart remaining at the other defensive back slot.

five, Pete Kugler, the former starting remain at tailback, Curt Warner, who three games."

Hungry Wolfpack hopes to devour wounded Lions diversified so we're going to use ou **Daily Collegian Sports Writer** game to supplement the running game," he said.

If the Lion defense is looking for a breather after last week's mauling by Miami's Jim Kelly it better look further than Saturday's contest!

against North Carolina State The Wolfpack, 6-3, with their most recent decision a 30-28 setback last Saturday to South on defense," said Robert Rein, who is in his Carolina, does not utilize their passing game to fourth year as the Wolfpack's head coach. 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 , thoughts of stopping the Wolfpack's ground been plagued by a knee and foot injury, but is still the Wolfpack's top ground gainer with 561 vards in 135 attempts. His running mate Dwight Sullivan, who follows

close behind in rushing with 527 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.

90 of which came in the second half

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 touchdownst "Despite their record, they're a typical Penn State team - with great strength and great pride

"When they've been burned, it's been super execution on offense by the opponent." But before the Lions can entertain any game, they must contend with an awesome front

line headed by All-America center Jim Ritcher. According to Rein, "Jim may be the best at his position the conference has ever seen. He is incredible. Besides Ritcher, 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 conthe play up front. Dieterich was absolutely terrific

Even if the Lions are able to get past the frontline and shut down the Wolfback's potent rushing 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 ouchdowns. Dawson, however, hasn't been quite as productive. Hauling in 14 receptions for 191 yards he has been used primarily as a blocker. "To be successful with the veer, you've got to have excellent blocking from your tight end," Rein said. "Lin Dawson has given us that kind of

play. He's one of the finest at his position that you're going to find anywhere. "We can throw effectively, but we're not going to come out and throw (because of Penn State's erformance against Miami). We have a good

offensive line and running backs and our quarterback is good at the option. We must be

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omething was missing.

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the Penn State sidelines.

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Matt Millen

in the pros

not the end of world."

Svracuse.

Going into the game without your

coach is like going into a battle without

the general. I really can't explain it, but

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

Two years later, while Miami gives

Penn State a lesson in humility, there is

that same pit-in-the-stomach feeling on

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

"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

"But if I can't play (anymore), then I

can't play," Millen says without flin-

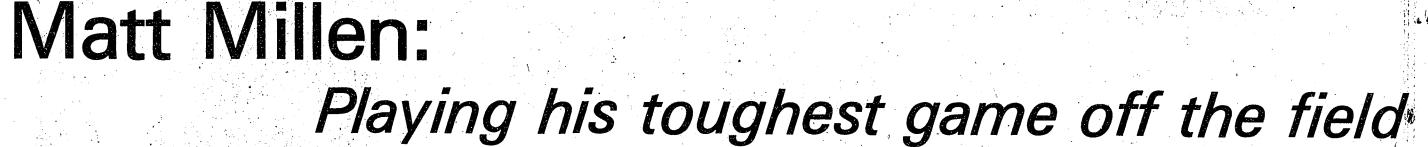
ching. "I'll do something else; football's

Matt and his girlfriend Patricia listen

Another dangerous weapon for North Carolina State is placekicker Nathan Ritter. The 5-8, 150-4 lb. junior has already connected on seven of nine field goal attempts and 28 of 29 extra points to raise his career scoring total to 125 points. That total surpasses Jay Sherrill's old mark of 123. Last year, Ritter was almost flawless in field goals, kicking 17 of 19 through the uprights. 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

ouickness due to leg injuries to come up and ompensate And in order to notch a win against Penn State. the Wolfpack must iron out their defensive woes.





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

Paterno is expecting North Carolina State to try to stop State's ground attack with an eight-man front at 1 p.m. Saturday at

replace Millen "It was really no big deal," Kugler 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

the Lions do get a lot of points offensive tackle, volunteered to return to Paterno says will be "darn near 100 percent" Saturday, should see action, Tracy Hall will replace Donovan, Ron Walchack will fill in for Gladys, and said. "I was sitting around and talking to while Paterno did not name a replacement for Clark, he did say Rich D'Amico will see some time at the middle guard position. As the world turns in University Park, is there a happy ending in sight?

"We don't even think about the door, Bill Dugan will start at Kugler's bowls," Kugler said. "We have enough offensive tackle spot, Joel Coles will to worry about just winning our next

"To beat Penn State we must play real hard

America. He has great balance, good vision and

breaks tackles. And they are very big up front on

offense. It's always a challenge to play them $\frac{12}{12}$

But not only will North Carolina State's

they are a quality team."

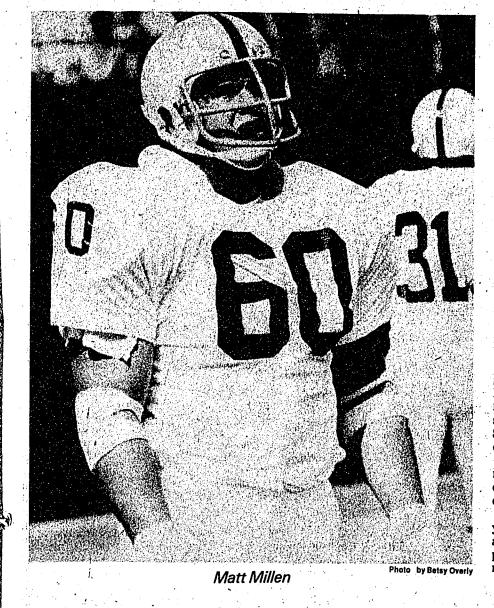
three areas in one game.

defense," defensive coordinator Chuck Amat

said. "We must pursue, gang tackle, be patien

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Since then, however, Millen has moothed over his ruffled feathers with Paterno. The two talked for more than one hour on the bus ride back from the Syracuse game because, as Millen says, 'The time was right, so we talked. I've ad a better relationship (with Paterno) since. I talk to him all the time now," h says, only half-joking.

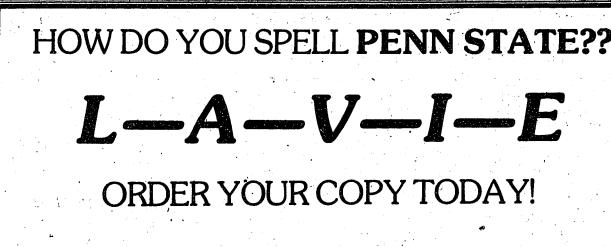
Oct. 11, 1976 — The Lions are reeling, decides enough is enough against patsie seniors, Paterno gives a pair of young linebackers named Millen and Clark their chance. Both make their presence felt, with Millen intercepting a pass. They will go on to become the most feared defensive tandem in Penn State foothall history.

Grimmacing, Millen reaches for a Houston game of his sophomore year most vividly as the last, yes last, State, making life miserable for Cougar quarterback Danny Davis.

"I haven't played well because I've made too many mistakes. I could have done a lot better, but I didn't. This year I did so bad. This is my worst year ever. It may indeed be his least productive year, but his previous accomplishments are all there on page 85 of the Penn State press guide, as is Millen's menacing mug shot.

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same time watching the Pittsburgh- he trying to kid?' How in the heck can be the end of the world to him, but football and Matt Millen have a love affair. Make that a marriage.

It's Thursday night, shortly after midnight; less than 13 hours before the Lions play Miami. Teammates Dayle Tate, Steve Stupar, Curt Warner and Keith Brown, among other friends, have left Millen's dormitory cubicle. They have just finished praying.

"I keep that part of me private, people are too critical," Millen says of his weekly prayer sessions.

Millen's eyelids are heavy. His face, contorted with pain, has almost a strangely boyish appearance. Strange because the last thing anyone thinks of is boyish when the name Matt Millen is mentioned. Bovish is a term reserved for those blond-haired, blue-eyed quarterbacks raised in the suburbs on a steady diet of Wheaties - not snorting defensive tackles from Hockendauqua with sledgehammer forearms who learn to fight off 10 brothers and sisters at the dinner table, as Millen did.

"It takes me about 10 minutes to get to this position," Millen says, sitting upright at the edge of his bed. "And then to get to my feet is another 10 minutes, haybe. The first five minutes of walking in the morning ..." Millen's voice trails off, never finishing the sentence. refusing to complain.

He will not play against Miami after here as a freshman in 1976. In fact, Millen says, he has not been absent for a practice nor missed a day weightlifting in seven years.

"I miss playing, " he says. "You see them out there and you know what you needed some guidance." can do. But I can't do it. I can't even

Syracuse game on television. It may not you play a game if you can't even Thinking out loud for a fleeting moment Millen utters, "I'm like a 📽

cripple. But just as quickly Millen perks up and ponders his fate, which seems to have

aken a cruel twist "Don't worry about tomorrow, worry about today," is his philosophy on life "This is being done for a purpose. It's not in my hands, it's not in Joe's (Paterno) hands. God does it for a eason. He never does anything you

can't handle "Maybe he wants me to walk hunched over for the rest of my life - maybe he does, who knows? If he does, that's what I'll do. There isn't much I can do about

it. Except it hurts.' hurt, the one-that travels up That Millen's legs from his back, has been gnawing away at him like Chinese water torture since the Thursday before the Nebraska game. But the real hurt festered inside of Millen long before that, a hurt no doctor could diagnose or probe. let alone administer to

"Yeah, it had an effect on me," he says of Paterno's decision to strip his cocaptaincy away for initially refusing to complete required running drills. "It's wasn't a real leader like I should have 🕅 been out on the field. I felt inhibited. I guess the title wasn't there.

'I still knew guys looked up to me and I knew I should have been providing playing in all 43 games since coming some leadership, yelling at them to do something here or something there. just couldn't do it.

"But, I don't think leadership was a roblem like a lot of people say it was Guidance maybe, some guys maybe . Continued on Page

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lefense have to pull together, the offense and kicking games will also have to play up to their in "Penn State is in the same boat as we are a little bit," Rein said. "We are capable on offense, defense and kicking, but we haven't been in all "We must do that to beat a great team like Penn State. Penn State brings out the best in others. It's a heckuva honor for any team to beat them because they have such a great

"Matt Suhey is one of the top running backs in OTHER OF STREET

The Daily Collegian . Thursday, Nov. 8, 1979-9 Millen believes injury not without a purpose

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United Press International and the Kentucky and Iowa. Coach Paterno bardi Award, which was won by Clark ... captain of the football, track and played fullback, tailback, tight end, defenseive end and linebacker in high school ... majoring in marketing in the College of Business Administration ..." After all the accolades, how would

Matt Millen like to be remembered? 'Somebody who liked to play hard and enioved it. I'll tell you what I don't want glass of water. He remembers the to be remembered as — being the guy who used to jump around. I hate that, 'Oh-yeah, you're the guy that jumps satisfying game he's played for Penn around like an idiot out there.' I hate

Oct. 21, 1977 — Linebacker Mickey Urguhart blocks a Syracuse punt in the second quarter of the Lions' 45-15 romp. A charitable Bruce Clark waits for Urguhart to fall on the ball for a image we have is that we're so good." touchdown, but instead a player Clark called "Old Thundermouth" after the Penn State, a school which dabbles in game gets credit for the touchdown -Matt Millen.

It's more than one year later. Penn State is not undefeated. In fact, Penn

State can't get out of its own way Walter Camp Foundation last year ... Paterno doesn't have visions of Oranges, having lost three straight to Ohio State, was one of four finalists for the Lom- . Sugar or Cotton dancing in his head. Adversity, a trait Paterno feels is the backbone of every good team, has Army. Disenchanted with his some of his weightlifting teams at Whitehall High ... become the trademark of a team riding a downhill rollercoaster since August.

Have players attitudes' changed? Are the Booker Moores, Karl McCoys and Dave Paffenroths any different from the Lenny Moores, Steve Smears and Jimmy Cefalos?

"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 han ever. Anything that happens is going to be brought out even more.

"The bad is brought out because the

Ah, the grand ol' image of glorious athletes well-rounded. Is it just an

"I think Joe practices

avs — and I doubted True, Paterno's integrity, principles and unceasing idealism can hardly be knocked. But big-time football critics claim the sport, complete with selfdestructing 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

Millen breathes like his next breat will be his last, each one a conscious gasp for air. He's more closed-mouth about his draft prospects than a CIA agent. He is, as his philosophy dictates, thinking about today, not tomorrow.

"I still would have liked to done mor just enough athletics to keep its scholar- There's still things to finish. Who knows maybe I will play again this year. doubt it very much, but ... I wann plav

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