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Hurricane passing tricks no Lion treat

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Halloween may be today, but the tricks and treats will come tomorrow.

That's when the Miami Hurricanes (4-2) storm into Beaver Stadium for a 1:30 p.m. encounter with Penn State (6-1) in a match-up of explosive offenses and deft defenses.

"You've got two good offenses," Lion quarterback Todd Blackledge said, "and two good defenses. It could go either way. It could be a low-scoring game or it could be a bang-bang type game with a lot of points."

Miami certainly has the capabilities to score points, due mostly to its complicated pro-type passing attack, led by quarterback Jim Kelly (60 of 117 for 833 yards and six touchdowns).

And since the Hurricanes' leading rusher, Lorenzo Roan, just 273 yards this year, the Lions are expecting to see just how complicated that attack can be.

"We've put more emphasis on pass coverage this week," said Lion defensive end Gene Gladys, the team leader in tackles with 15. "We know that we're going to have to stop the passing game if we are to beat them. If we don't, it could be a long day, like it was last year."

Miami shocked the Lions 26-10 in 1979 as Kelly threw for 280 yards and three touchdowns, while running back Joe Paterno, the Lion secondary "did some things that were absolutely pathetic."

The team effort last week at West Virginia was not much better. In fact, Paterno called it "the worst game we have played all year" and added "if we don't improve tremendously against Miami, we'll get blown away."

Of course, since the monsoon season came early this year in Morgantown, W.Va., there wasn't much that the Lions could do; just as they were slowed by the rain two weeks ago against Syracuse. The offense does have awesome potential, but it's necessary for a season to explode.

"I am disappointed," Paterno said, "in that we have not had a chance to play some offense in a football game to get better. The last two weeks we have not done that and that's gnawing away at me a little bit."

Paterno said he would like to get more productivity from his passing game, which he's kept mottled this year. The Lions' best passing day was 123 yards to become the first Penn State sophomore to run for 1,000 yards in a career.

"I don't think we're gonna get really good until we start throwing the ball more," Paterno said. "I'm not going to promise anybody anything. We would like to throw 20, 22 times a ballgame. I think that would be just the kind of attack that we need."

The Lions have already proven they can break a game open on the ground, due mostly to Curt Warner (594 yards) and Booker Moore (524 yards); witness their respective 4.5 and 7.1-yard averages. Warner has also brought his running skills to the specialty teams as he will try to become only the fourth man in college football history to return three kickoffs for touchdowns in a season. He ran back his second of the year last week.

But just running on and off the field against Miami is an accomplishment. The Hurricanes possessed one of the top defenses against the rush early in the season and have since "slumped" to a 117.3-yard per game rushing allowance.

Points don't come much easier against the Miami defense, as it owns a 15.3 points-per-game average. In each of their four wins, the Hurricanes did not allow more than one touchdown.

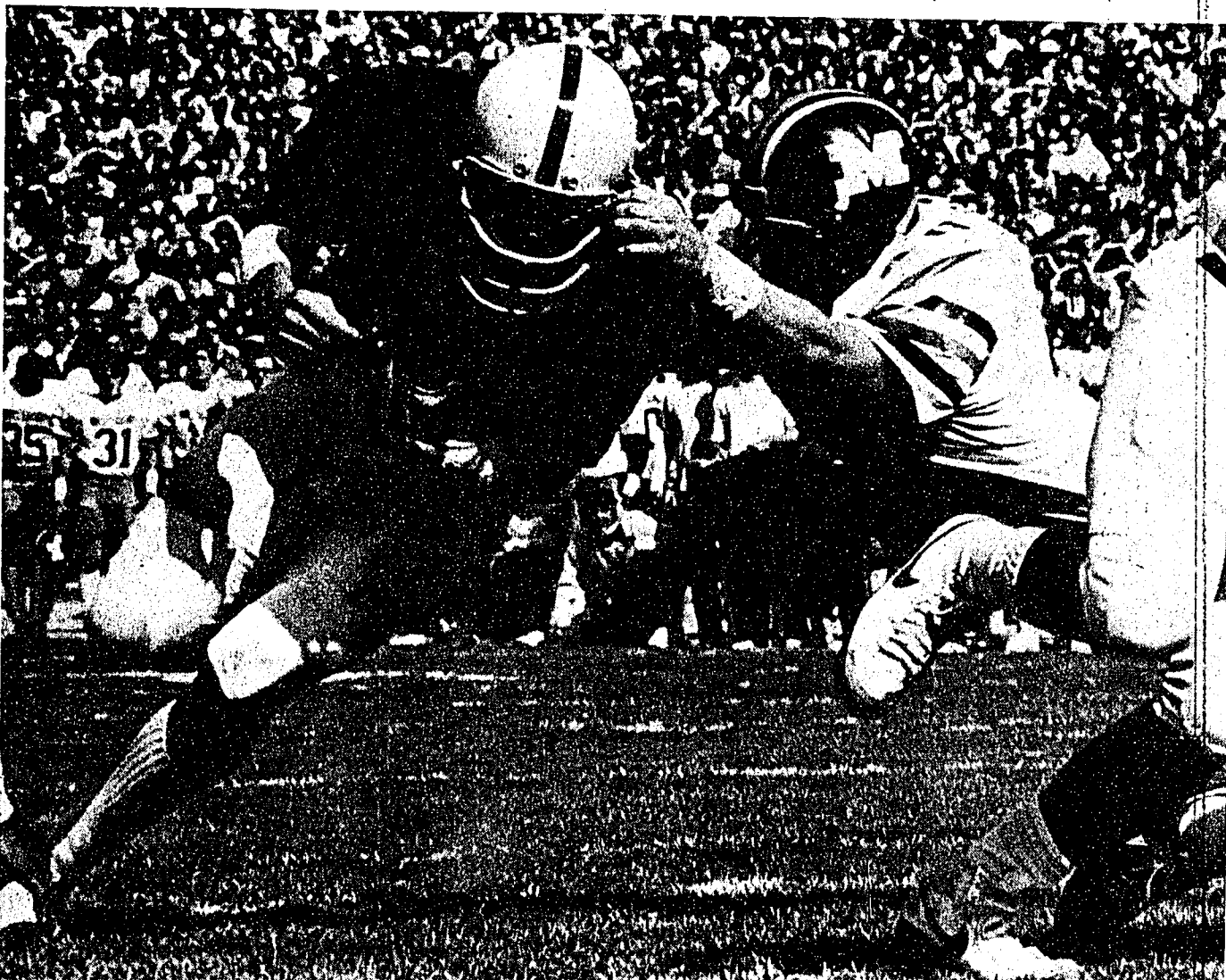
"They're a bunch of tough kids and they've got some meanness to them," Paterno said. "They try to intimidate you physically. They're not very fancy on defense, they challenge you. They might be the best defensive team we will have played so far. I don't know, but they sure look good."

And it's important for the Lions to look good tomorrow, for among the expected crowd of more than 60,000 will be scouts from the Sugar, Fiesta, Gator and Garden State Bowls.

"It's a big game for us," Paterno said. "I would expect our kids to know that. They're not dumb; they know what a big football game is."

They've known this would be a big game since Nov. 3, 1979. "Everybody's been thinking about this game for a long time," Gladys said. "They embarrassed us last year so nobody's been relaxed this year."

NITTANY LINES: Injured Lions Terry Rakowsky (knee) and Frank Case (knee) will not see action tomorrow. . . Miami beat Louisville (24-10), Florida A&M (49-0), Houston (14-7) and Florida State (10-9) in its first four games but has since lost to Notre Dame (31-14) and Mississippi State (34-31). . . The Hurricanes were idle last week. . . Warner needs just 15 yards to become the first Penn State sophomore to run for 1,000 yards in a career.



Penn State quarterback Todd Blackledge (left) and the Nittany Lions will be running head-on into the Miami Hurricanes at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at Beaver Stadium.

Kelly: The one that got away

Miami QB rejected State's offer

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A single decision by the Lion coaching staff in 1978 discouraged Miami quarterback Jim Kelly from enrolling at Penn State and moved him to sign a letter of intent with the Hurricanes.

The Nittany Lion coaches planned on using Kelly at linebacker—a position that he had played only as a junior in high school.

Such a gross case of miscasting could only be compared to John Belushi playing the lead role in Macbeth.

Kelly showed the Penn State directors last season that they had made a dramatic error when he completed 18 of 30 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns in his first collegiate starting role to lead Miami over the Lions, 26-10, at Beaver Stadium.

"It was a miracle," said Kelly, a red-shirted sophomore from East Brady, Pa. "I was never that high before. It was crazy."

"It was the greatest win in my life. I never thought I'd be that happy. Plus my family and friends were there. That was great. I was always looking forward to that because nobody gets a chance to come down here since it's so far away."

At least his family and friends didn't have to spend two hours driving to University Park or flying to Miami to see Kelly complete 57 percent of his passes in high school for 3,915 yards and 44 touchdowns. East Brady won 29 of 31 contests under Kelly's leadership and went unbeaten in his junior and senior seasons.

"We made Kelly an offer," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "We had him in camp. We liked Kelly. He is a fine athlete. I think he's got that little something about him that people like. He's not only a good passer but he can run well enough to hurt you. And he's a tough kid."

Maybe even tough enough to play linebacker. But Kelly had other ideas.

"Penn State and coach (J.T.) White recruited me pretty good," he said. "He came to my basketball games and everything. But he never told me until almost the signing date that they wanted me as a linebacker. I was really thinking about going there as a quarterback."

Paterno, however, recalled that Kelly bypassed the Lions because another quarterback recruit, Frank Rocco, had signed with Penn State.

"When Frank said he was coming, I think Jim lost some interest in us," Paterno said. "I think that's what happened. Now that might not be fair to Jim. He really didn't have that much interest in us."

But Rocco's signing affected Kelly's decision to forget about the Lions about as much as the windfall profits' tax has had on decreasing gasoline prices.

I heard about that (Rocco's signing) but I knew that I would have



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competition anywhere I went," said Kelly, who was also recruited by Notre Dame, Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia. "Coach White just told me that Penn State wanted me as a linebacker. That changed my mind right away."

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After that episode, Kelly acclimated himself to Miami and its fresh oranges, swaying palm trees and constant summer-like temperatures.

"I went to Miami because of (former) coach (Lou) Saban," he said. "It was also warm and I enjoyed it down there. It was a beautiful campus. Everything was just nice."

Kelly visited another dreamland of sorts when he mesmerized the Penn State secondary in what the Miami media guide calls last season's biggest upset in college football.

"For sure, I was surprised to start last season against Penn State," Kelly said. "I was going to the game thinking No. 2 and I might get a chance to play. A couple hours before the game, coach (Howard) Schnellenberger said, 'where we had to do something to change it around, I thought that changing the quarterback, if successful, would give us a new emphasis.'"

Now emphasis was on a pro-set offense, a field of study in which Schnellenberger owns a master's degree. He was the offensive coordinator with the Miami Dolphins for

seven years, tutoring such greats as Bob Griese and Earl Morrall, the Hurricanes' present quarterback coach.

"That was a big plus," Kelly said about the Dolphin offense Schnellenberger brought to the Hurricanes. "And coach Morrall is with me all the time at every practice. He teaches me everything, including how to read coverages and who to throw to and what plays to call."

Even though Kelly holds no resentment towards Penn State, there still is an added incentive to play well against the Lions.

"It gives me an extra thing," he said. "I know a couple of players on their team. I played in an all-star game (Big 33) with them. I was so excited to get to play there because we don't get too many fans down here."

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Hurricanes shoot for another perfect day

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More sunshine than clouds. No rain. Forty-two degrees. A gentle breeze out of the south at about 8 mph.

According to Miami coach Howard Schnellenberger, that weather forecast would make for a perfect day of football for the Hurricanes at Beaver Stadium tomorrow afternoon.

That is, of course, if the Hurricanes return to Florida 5-2 instead of 4-3.

And with the theme in practice this week being, "We did it before, we can do it again," the Hurricanes are confident they can take a 5-2 record back home tomorrow night.

But Schnellenberger is a bit more cautious.

"It's going to be a hard-fought football game between two very fine football teams," he said. "It's a game where one big play or several big plays by either team are going to determine the outcome of the game."

"They're very sound in all aspects of their football, and anything we're going to be able to get will have to be earned and worked for. They're in the same league as Notre Dame, Florida State and Houston."

The Lions also realize they must earn and work for everything they get, considering the Hurricanes have posted victories over Houston and Florida State. Miami beat the Cougars, 14-7, and handed the fifth-ranked Seminoles their only loss of the season, 10-9, in what one coach termed "the worst 10-9 whipping I've ever seen."

The Hurricanes ran into problems, however, against No. 3 Notre Dame as the Irish pounded the Hurricanes, 32-14. The following week Miami suffered its second setback, a 34-31 loss to Mississippi State.

Despite the two losses, including the blowout against Notre Dame, Schnellenberger has only been disappointed in the Hurricanes' performance once—and it wasn't against the Irish.

"We played well against a very good Notre Dame team which executed very well," Schnellenberger said. "Our last outing against Mississippi State, we used a wishbone option attack and they played well and our guys made some poor decisions."

"But I'm confident our guys will get it back together and play like they did against Houston."

Hurricane quarterback Jim Kelly knows the Hurricanes' potential and said they should have one more win than they have.

"We should have beaten Mississippi State," he said. "Mental mistakes that we made. You can't take anything away from Notre Dame. They have a great team. We had to play almost a perfect game to beat them."

And that's what it may take for the Hurricanes to beat Penn State tomorrow, for Schnellenberger doesn't foresee another 26-10 whipping like last year in his crystal ball.

"Penn State is certainly a much-improved football team than last year," he said. "Their running backs, Booker Moore and (Curt) Warner, give them much deep speed, quickness and a

breakaway threat.

"We're not used to seeing two backs in the backfield as capable. I'm thankful they can only give the ball to them one at a time."

Speeches the Hurricanes' defense, which is surrendering 17.3 yards rushing, 124 yards passing, and 15.3 points per game, will be middle guard Jim Burt. Burt, an All-America candidate, was named The Associated Press National Lineman of the Week and Sports Illustrated Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against Florida State.

Besides Burt, the Lions must contend with linebacker Scott Nichols, who led a Miami single game record for tackles against the Lions last year when he made 20.

He's been just as dominating this season as he averaged more than 20 tackles against both Notre Dame and Mississippi State.

When the Hurricanes take over on offense tomorrow, the Lions won't be chasing receivers like they did last year when Kelly picked the secondary apart en route to completing 18 of 30 passes for 280 yards and three touchdowns.

Miami has just as potent a ground attack as an air attack this season, averaging 153.3 yards rushing and 175.8 yards passing per game. All total, the Hurricanes have compiled 1,000 yards in air compared to 920 yards on the ground.

"We've had a balanced attack so far," Schnellenberger said. "We've been relatively successful with what we've done offensively, but we're still not on top of all aspects of our game."

"But if we find that they are shutting any base of our offense, we're capable of deviating from our game plan."

However, should the Lions shut down the Hurricanes' starting running backs—halfback Smokey Roan (73 carries, 273 yards) and tailback Chris Hobbs (52-201)—it might not be that easy for Miami to strike back in the air this time around.

Presason All-America candidate wide receiver Pat Walker, who led the nation in average yards per reception (26.4) last season, has been hampered with an ankle injury this year.

The Hurricanes' starting double backset in practice on Wednesday will be starting flanker Jim Joiner and backup receiver Larry Brodsky suffered hamstring pulls. Their status for tomorrow's game is questionable.

If they are not healthy it would deflate Miami's passing game tremendously, considering Brodsky (12 receptions, 377 yards) and Joiner (12-238) are the Hurricanes' Nos. 1 and 2 receivers, respectively.

"I would feel as confident about our passing game as I do about the ground game," Schnellenberger said. "If I didn't have some injuries, And with the changes that coach Paterno has made in the secondary, and the return of their fine cornerbacks (Pete Harris), they pose much more of a problem."

But right now, Schnellenberger is more concerned about starting the season with a victory.

Rams have poor record, but ...

By RON MUSSELMAN

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Only two teams have been able to produce winning records against Penn State field hockey coach Gillian Ratray since she took over the job in 1974.

One of those teams, West Chester (5-1 lifetime), will be at Lady Lion Field on Sunday for a 2 p.m. game with the Lady Lions. The other team, Ursinus (now 5-4-1), was defeated by Penn State three days ago, 4-0.

Even though West Chester is 2-9-3 this year, Ratray doesn't think the Rams should be taken lightly.

"Their record is very deceiving," she said. "Remember they are four-time national champions. Last year was the first time they didn't go to nationals. Going into our game last year, they had lost three straight, but they still beat us. And I expect this game to be a tough battle."

Forward Jan Snyder said the fact that the Lady Lions are ranked No. 1 will give the Rams some incentive.

"I think they'll really be up for us," Snyder said. "They have beaten some good teams and they have lost some tough games to good teams, so they know they have the ability to beat us. But we are coming off a big win over Ursinus, so we'll be up too. We are going to have to play to win."

And indeed West Chester does have the ability. It knocked off 10th-ranked Delaware 1-0 earlier this season, and the following game tied Rutgers 2-2. It has also lost three tough decisions to fourth-ranked Ursinus, 13th-ranked Maryland and No. 20 Lock Haven by 10-score is.

Graduation and transfers have altered the Rams' lineup this year. Their two top returners from last year are Bruce Becker and Donna Martin, who each had three goals and two assists in 1979.

Midfielder Mary Sue Patterson said that last year's 3-1 loss to West Chester was a tough one, but she thinks playing on home turf will be a big advantage for the Lady Lions this time around.

"Playing at home is a big factor in the game," Patterson said. "Anytime you have the hometown crowd and your friends cheering for you, it's an advantage. It seems to give you a lot more motivation on the field."

Ratray said she has been pleased with the motivation of the team.

"We are better and faster than last year," she said. "The team has really been working well together and they have matured. It really showed in the second half against Ursinus, when everything seemed to peak. Hopefully, we'll go on from there."



Lady Lion Jan Snyder, left, said she is expecting a difficult game from West Chester despite its 2-9-3 record when Penn State hosts the Rams at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Lady Lion Field.

Penn State remains the only unbeaten team in the Mid-Atlantic region, but Ratray said it will be a difficult battle to determine who goes to the national championships.

"Our region is tougher than any other," Ratray said. "I would say that eight or maybe even 10 of the top 20 teams in the coaches poll are in our region. I'm confident and pleased with our play, but the battle has only just begun."

Lions look to improve times at home meet

Host Coaches Championship

By RON GARDNER

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There is always room for improvement, even for the nation's second-ranked men's cross country team. That's the philosophy that Penn State coach Harry Groves hopes that the team will carry into the Coaches Championship race at 11 tomorrow morning on the Blue Golf Course.

The Lions, still riding high after their victory at the Central Collegiate Championships last week, will square off against Massachusetts, Rutgers, George Mason, West Virginia and Cleveland State in the 5-mile meet.

The meet may not be as competitive as some of the contests Penn State has been involved in so far this season, but with the District II National Collegiate Athletic Association meet only two weeks away, there's no time to slack off.

"Each of them has been doing well in their own local areas, but I don't think they have guys as heavy as ours all the way down the line," Groves said. "This is not as tough as some of the meets we've had."

The Lions will also have a chance to see how they have improved since the beginning of the season by comparing tomorrow's times with earlier performances on this particular course.

"What our people are mostly shooting for are improvements over what they ran in September on the same course and trying to improve themselves as a team," Groves said. "Our guys have a lot of learning to do all of the time, but it's easier to learn up front than it is in the back."

Groves said he is pleased with the team's performance so far this season, particularly with the way the team rebounded after losing to Michigan at an intercollegiate meet two weeks ago.

"I'm pleased, except that Michigan and Arkansas are as good as some of the teams we're going to face at nationals," he said. "We still have to make improvements."

The Lions will be going with regulars Alan Scharsu, Larry Mangan, Tom Rapp, Jeff Atkins, Rick Garcia, Dwight Stephens, John Ziskla, Barry Enright and Mark Hayward in the meet.

One highlight of tomorrow's meet may be an attempt by Alan Scharsu to break George Malley's course record time of 23:54.7, set in 1976.

Rawe and Vermont's Judy St. Hilar should be running close to the front.

Patty Murrane, Magda Kulusiewicz, Dorcas Sartore and Natalie Updegrave will join Carmichael, Rawe and Cleary as Penn State's representatives in the meet.

—by Peter Waldron

Eastern championship on the line for lady harriers

When competitive pressure gets thick, pride can get heavy. So heavy that it may feel like a milestone is hanging from your neck.

The women's cross country team will carry a heavy load as it puts its pride on the line at 11:45 tomorrow morning when the Lady Lions defend their top spot at the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championships at Indiana, Pa.

Penn State has won the Eastern championship since the race's institution. The Lady Lions will be going for their fifth Eastern.

He also said that Lady Lion Mary Peggy Cleary said, "and we are confident and ready to go."

"I admit I am a little nervous. Not scared, but nervous though; maybe apprehensive. No, anxious is a better word."

Cleary, who was injured before the triangular meet with Tennessee and

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