

Gadys really a Ham at end

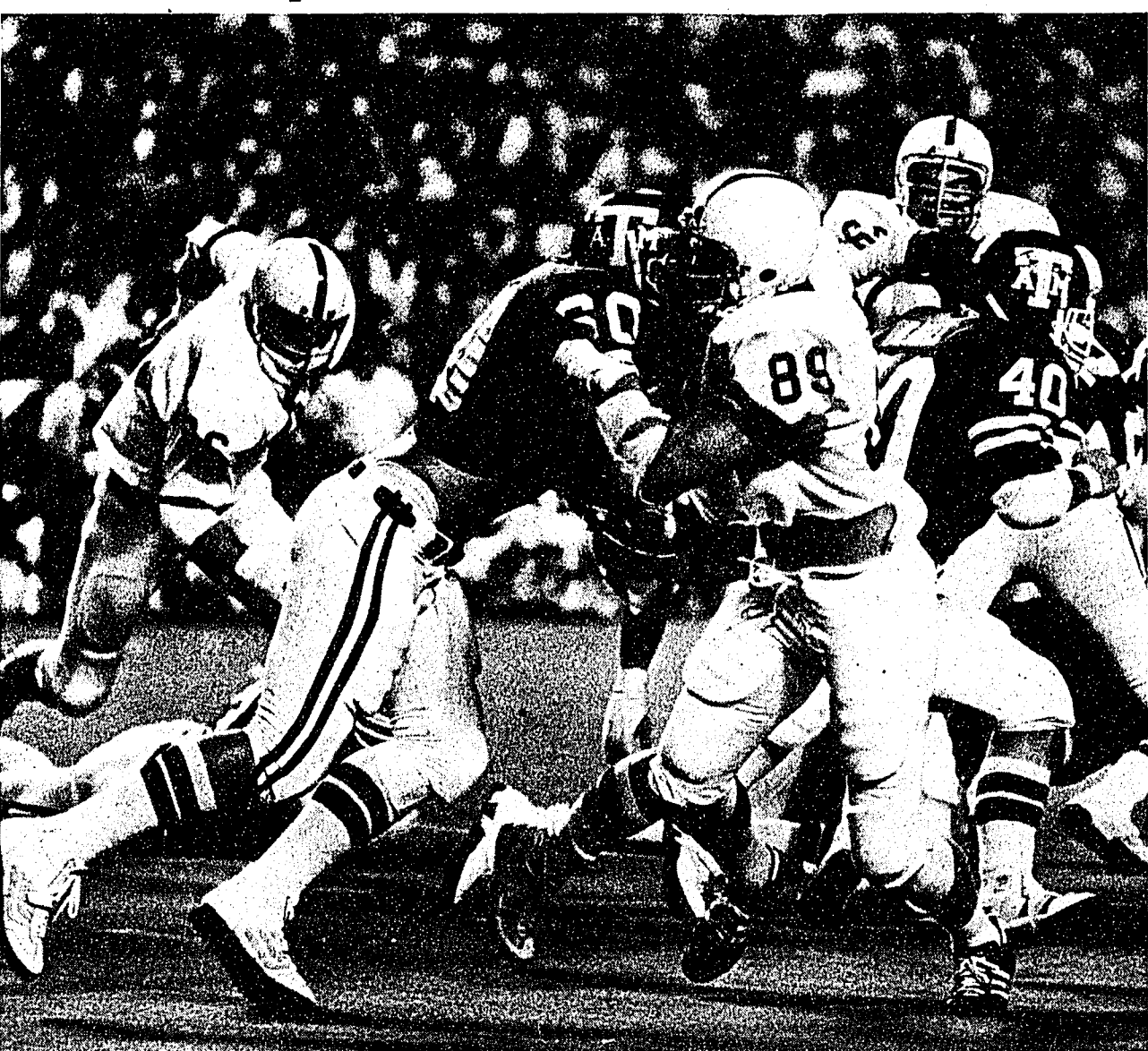
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Penn State created its own takeoffs of "Rocky" and "Rocky II." But its versions are called Jack Ham, staged from 1967-1970, and Jack Ham II, this year's season.
Only this time around Gene Gladys has the starring role.
True, Jack Ham was about a linebacker and Jack Ham II is about a defensive end, and even though Ham's and Gladys' positions differ, Gladys has tried to mold himself into the same player Ham portrays.
"I always think of myself as a Jack Ham-type player," Gladys said, "because I'm not very large and I try to rely more on quickness and speed rather than physical strength. I consider myself a finesse-type player. Jack Ham's final comes up to make the big plays but he is also consistent."
"I watched Jack Ham and I just marvel at the way he knew things, and I thought if there's anybody I'd like to be like, that's the man I'd like to model myself after."
If Ham would have seen Gladys play this season, a wide grin of approval certainly would have appeared on his face. After all, the 6-11, 214-pound senior rose from near obscurity in his first three years to become an integral part of the Lions' awesome defense.

This season Gladys found opposing quarterbacks to his liking, recording six sacks for a loss of 37 total yards to grab team honors in that department. He also has made 58 tackles, trailing linebacker Chet Parlaweaker (72) and hero Matt Bradley (59). That's quite an improvement for a guy who had just 30 tackles last season.
"I had better concentration this year on what I was doing," Gladys said. "I cut down on my social life, which was important, and just the experience of having played and being able to recognize situations has helped me a lot, too."
Remaining free from major injuries also has been a contributing factor. Last year Gladys suffered a sprained ankle, forcing him to watch the last three regular season games from the sidelines before returning to the starting lineup for the Liberty Bowl.

Since Gladys' first three years were filled with ups and downs, he also was elected to the All-American team at Penn State one to remember.
"I probably worked harder this summer than at any time in my life," he said, "because I knew I was going to be my last shot, and if I ever aspired to do anything, this was it."
Gladys saw his hard work come to a climax when he picked off a Rick Trocano pass in the Pitt game.
"It was just a quick reaction," Gladys said, "and that's the kind of thing you just try to do something without having to think about it. I thought, well maybe I made some strides over the season."
Hard work has become a Gladys trademark because ever since he donned a Lion uniform he's constantly strived to better himself. His efforts haven't gone unnoticed either as he was presented the Jim O'Hara Award, which goes to the defensive player who shows "exemplary conduct, loyalty, interest, attitude and improvement" during the spring drills of his sophomore year.

What made the Mountaineers' offer so tempting was that he recruited Gladys as a quarterback — the position that was home to him after directing his father's team in high school — while Penn State recruited him as a defensive player. Defense, however, was nothing new to him, as he also played linebacker in high school. But Penn State finally won the prize after Gladys' father pointed out that playing for a team with a stable program would be much more beneficial to him than playing for a team that makes coaching changes all the time.
"I would have liked to have been a quarterback," Gladys said, "but once I decided to go to Penn State that dream was out the window. But just as long as I played somewhere (the Lions), that's all that mattered."
Unfortunately for Gladys, his collegiate playing days are coming to a quick end. The next time he takes to the football field in Tempe, Ariz., against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, it will be the last time he will wear a Penn State uniform.
"I'm sad to see it end," Gladys said. "Because it's the last time I'll play for Penn State. Besides, the way things went this year for me — the team was so close and we accomplished a lot of things we set out to do."
"Since Ohio State's the last game, I want to go out and play my best game. And if I can do that I'll really be satisfied with my overall performance as a Penn State player."



Gene Gladys

Photo by Rick Gray

Prep all-star contest at PSU still in doubt

By TOM VERDUCCI
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Penn State athletic officials will have to wait until January to find out if they may host the Pennsylvania High School Football Coaches Association 1981 all-star game.
The coaches association delayed a decision Saturday on whether to hold its all-star game in Beaver Stadium, Altoona or Hershey while forming a seven-man committee to further study the proposal.
In other actions, the coaches unanimously agreed to begin litigation against the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association to bring high school football playoffs to the state.

The all-star game committee will meet Dec. 21 to draw up a recommendation which will be mailed to approximately 40 members of the coaches association board of directors, said Bob May, president of the association. The member then will meet in his or her own right to accept.
May said he was not disappointed that the association did not reach a decision after meeting Friday and Saturday in Mileburg, especially since the rival PIAA Big-33 all-star game has been dropped.

"We're the only game in town now," May said. "We didn't want to rush into it. It would have been fair to any of the proposals."
"Once we got started, too many things came up. We decided it was better to be a little cautious, a little conservative."
May said the delay also allows the association to petition the National Collegiate Athletic Association to see which proposals it would sanction since all postseason exhibitions must be approved by the NCAA.
The Penn State proposal, a detailed draft, primarily drawn up by administrative assistant Tim Curley, would bring a National Football League game into Beaver Stadium as soon as 1983.

The proposal calls for a Pennsylvania all-stars vs. New Jersey all-stars high school game in late July with the possibility of a Pittsburgh Steelers-Philadelphia Eagles exhibition matchup the second game of the double-header.
In the association's fight for state playoffs, May said he will ask the association's attorney, Marvin Wilenzik of Doylestown, to represent the coaches. "We'll take it to court if that's what we have to do to get state football playoffs," he said.

Houston sinks Nav, Clark scores 3 TDs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Paralel Clark rushed for 163 yards and three touchdowns on the first half with 112 yards on 18 of his 26 overall carries, covered the distance in one quick smash over the middle for the Cougars' fourth touchdown, and David Harrett and Clark made two touchdowns each in a 28-10 conversion run made it 28-4 at halftime.

Clark and Terry Elston scored on 1-yard runs following Nav mistakes in the first period, David Harrett and Clark had second-quarter touchdowns runs of 14 and 28 yards, and Clark, who rushed for 89 yards during the regular season, added a 29-yard TD run to cap a 71-yard drive following the second-half kickoff.

Nav's problems started on the first scrimmage play when Eddie Meyers fumbled and Houston's Kelly McDonnell recovered at the Midfield's 31.
Leo Truss set up the Cougars' second touchdown by blocking a Nav punt that fluttered out of bounds at the lossers' 49 after traveling only 8 yards.

Nav, which lost only eight fumbles during an 8-3 regular season, lost the ball for the second time in the game when Tom Ross fumbled at the lossers' 40 through the second period after a 21-yard run on the kickoff following Barrett's touchdown. Calvin Eason recovered for Houston.
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The Raiders are tied with San Diego, a 21-14 winner over Seattle Saturday, atop the AFC West with 2-3 behind a 181-yard, two-point performance by Earl Campbell. If those teams finish in tie, Cleveland would be the division winner because of a better conference record.
The Steelers stayed in the playoff picture with their win at Terry Bradshaw fired a 13-yard touchdown pass to Theo Bell on the opening series of the game, and they led 7-0 at the end of the second quarter. Despite the win, Pittsburgh, 9-6, still needs help to make the playoffs. The Steelers must beat San Diego and the Bengals must beat New England next week for Pittsburgh to make it.
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Vikings clinch NFC Central

By The Associated Press
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The Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons clinched division titles yesterday while the New Orleans Saints avoided the embarrassment of becoming the National Football League's first 1-gate loser by upsetting the New York Jets 20-10.

In other NFL action, the defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers kept their slim playoff hopes alive by rallying for two touchdowns in the final period and beating the Kansas City Chiefs 21-16, and the Philadelphia Eagles stopped the St. Louis Cardinals 17-3 on their 12th win.

The Vikings won the National Conference's Central Division crown in dramatic fashion, beating the Cleveland Browns 28-28 on the final play of the game when Ahmad Rashad caught a deflected, 47-yard desperation pass from Tommy Kramer after time had expired.
Kramer completed 38 of 49 passes for 456 yards, setting club records for completions and passing yardage. The 456 yards was the 10th highest total in NFL history. Rashad caught nine passes for 142 yards, including a 13-yard scoring toss with 1:36 left that put the Vikings within striking range.

The Falcons, getting three second-half touchdowns passed Steve Bartkowski, trounced the San Francisco 49ers 35-10 for their ninth consecutive victory and the NFL's West championship in their 15-year history.
And the Saints, after losing their first 14 starts of the season, finally got a taste of victory thanks to Tony Gilbert's two 1-yard scoring dives in the final period, the second with 4-59 to play.
With one week to go in the regular season, not a single team in the American Conference has clinched a playoff berth. Seven clubs are still fighting for five spots — Buffalo, New England, Cleveland, Houston, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Oakland.

In the NFC, Dallas, Philadelphia, Minnesota and Atlanta have clinched playoff berths while Los Angeles and Detroit are in the running for the final spot.
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Cleveland cornerback Clinton Burrell sits alone in dejection as the Minnesota Vikings swarm teammate Ahmad Rashad in the end zone after the Vikings clinched the division title.

Wrestlers split weekend matches

By JEFF SCHULET
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The wrestling team came back from upstate New York with a split from its weekend matches, but Penn State coach Rich Lorenzo said he was pleased with both efforts — a 33-14 win over Cornell Friday and a 21-19 tie to highly-regarded Syracuse Saturday.

"I was pleased with Friday," Lorenzo said. "We wrestled aggressively and got some excellent performances from about seven of the guys. Saturday, I knew it was going to be tough without those three starters (injured 150-pound Mike Doherty, 159-pound Guy Petrowski, and 177-pound Andy Binzmeyer). We each won five bouts, but we were outmanned in the upper weights."
Top gun for the Lions this weekend was freshman 126-pounder John Manotti, who came up with a pair of pins, including one over Syracuse's Dale Mills, the defending Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association champion.
"I had nothing to lose (against Mills)," Manotti said. "I just went out and wrestled. I didn't know what to expect from him."
Manotti pinned Cornell's Len Biles at 4:09 on Friday night, then pinned Mills at 4:06 on Saturday.

"You always go out and look for the pin," Manotti said. "I was ahead in both matches, saw the chance, and went for it."
The two-time Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association champion from Millburg faces another tough opponent tomorrow night in Tennessee's Mike Gatzina, who finished sixth in nationals last year.
"Wrestling is the best help you can get," Manotti said. "You can't get better wrestling poor competition."
Manotti's pin on Friday night was one of three for the Lions. Joel Johnson pinned Marty Majeska at 5:44, and Jim Sleeper caught the night with a pin at 1:29 over the Big Red's Bill Horvath.
Saturday, the Orangemen's superiority in the upper weights was too much for the Lions, as 167-pounder John Hanrahan was the only Penn State winner in the final six bouts. The Orange pulled out when heavyweight Mike Rotunda pinned Jim Sleeper at 4:56 to erase a four-point Lion lead.

Angelakis nation's top woman fencer

Women's fencing coach Beth Alphin can boast of having the best fencer in the country on her team.
Angelakis was third in the nation before traveling to New York on Saturday to fence in the America Cup tournament, but she came home ranked first in the nation.
"I got the tournament and is now first in the country," Alphin said, "and she's over 60. I know I can't get her better. But the victory was far from easy for Angelakis."
She had a little trouble in the beginning of the tournament. "Alphin said, 'but she came back strong in the finals and beat the others out.'"
Angelakis attributed her difficulties to lack of concentration.
"In the first and second rounds it was hard keeping my concentration," she said. "During the third round I completely lost it. I almost didn't go up to the next round. I knew that if I didn't get myself together, I would be out. Then I won the next four bouts straight." Even though she had trouble, Angelakis lost only four bouts all day.

and said that she couldn't be happier about her success.
"I like that I'm first again," she said. "Now I'm really up there with a pretty decent sword. I really feel good."
Phyllis Wert, Cathy McClellan and Donna Perina each were eliminated from the tournament in the first round by indicator points.
The Lady Lions are off until after the New Year. Their next match will be against Fairleigh Dickinson on Jan. 10 at the White Building.
—by Laurel Jacobs

Former Yankee Elston Howard dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Elston Howard, star of the 1950s and '60s before serving as Yankees coach for 10 years, died Monday of a heart attack. He was 51.
Howard was the father of the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where he had been a patient since Nov. 26. The elder Howard was hospitalized for about two years.
Howard, the 1963 Most Valuable Player in the American League, was a star of the 1950s and '60s before serving as Yankees coach for 10 years. He then became an administrative assistant to Yankees principal owner George Steinbrenner.
Howard also played the outfield and first base. Howard made the American League All-Star team as a catcher nine times.
He joined the Yankees in 1955, becoming the team's first black player eight years after Jackie Robinson broke the color line in major league baseball with the old Brooklyn Dodgers. Howard played for the Yankees until he was traded to the Boston Red Sox in 1967, and returned to New York in 1968 as a coach. He had a batting average of .274 for 14 seasons, with 197 home runs and 782 runs batted in. In 1963, he hit .287, with 28 homers and 85 RBI. In 10 World Series, he averaged .246, with five homers.
Howard's survivors include his wife, Arlene, of Tomsco, N.J., and two daughters and a son. Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

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