

# Chet's 'tunnel' vision memorable

## Parlavecchio heats up for intrastate rivalry

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PITTSBURGH—Pitt Stadium was dark and the 60,260 people had all left. The press box provided the day's last gasp of light and activity. It was nearly two hours after Penn State had won when Chet Parlavecchio walked slowly onto the edge of the deserted field, the fifth time that day he went through the tunnel.

This time was different.

The blood was finally cleaned off his nose, and the reporters and parents and fans were taken care of. He was now wearing a tie and a blue blazer, not his familiar blue and white No. 94, and his hands were resting comfortably in his pockets, not raised triumphantly, poking holes in the air with each thrust, like they had been all day.

He stood there alone and quiet, silhouetted against the early evening sky. He stared hard at the field, trying to grab that last look at Pitt Stadium, hoping to freeze all those minutes of glory and triumph in his mind forever.

Penn State had beaten Pitt. There was so much to remember. The weeks, the terribly difficult weeks, before the game. He had been injured and missed a couple of games, including the Lions' incredible loss at Miami. Two weeks later came an embarrassing defeat to Alabama, followed by redemption against Notre Dame.

And then there was the week before this game, when he made all these comments about how "Pitt should schedule Thiel" and how Penn State's second season starts Saturday and how Penn State was going to win.

The morning of the game, he surveyed the field along with his teammates. He was developing a feel for the place where no one had beaten Pitt since the Nittany Lions did it 20 games ago, in 1977.

Despite his boasting, he never said it was going to be easy, and at first it wasn't. Pitt jumped to an early 14-0 lead, but Penn State didn't give up, its defense playing its finest three quarters of the season.

There had been that late hit in the second quarter on Dwight Collins in front

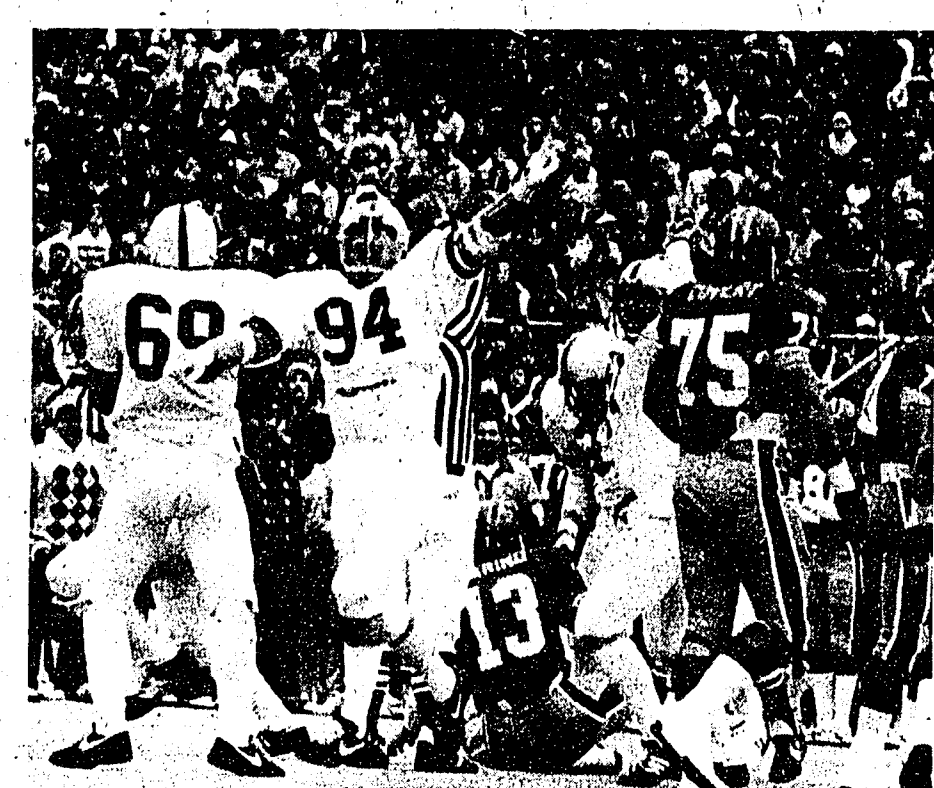


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Lion linebacker Chet Parlavecchio (94) rejoices after recovering a fumble in the opening minutes of the second half Saturday at Pitt Stadium. Pitt quarterback Dan Marino (13) and Lion defensive tackle Leo Wisniewski (69) are in the background.

# Lions top Sycamores to raise record to 3-0

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It was supposed to be the first legitimate showing this season of coach Dick Harter's new fast-break offense, intermingled with what in the past has been a patient, set-up offense for the men's basketball team.

As it turned out, the 5,536 exuberant fans in Rec Hall last night were treated to mostly the latter as the Lions boosted their regular-season record to 3-0 with a 69-50 win over Indiana State.

Granted, Penn State did run, or at least made a die-hard effort to run. But in the first half, it repeatedly forced some shots off the break and was often swiped of the ball before it got the break into high gear.

The solution? Slow things down, of course.

The Lions may have reverted to their old selves in the second half, but they surged to a quick 23-18 lead after intermission and held on for the win, thanks to Mike Edelman's 18 points and an otherwise balanced Penn State attack.

"That was maybe a good win as we've had (this season)," Harter said. "We had a lot of different people who came through for us. But we lost a little aggressiveness offensively."

Defensively, the game was a different story. The Lions continually harassed the Sycamores, especially in the first half, as Indiana State coach Bill Hodges tried to find the right chemistry to offset Penn State's offensive attack.

At first, it appeared Hodges had found it in the likes of freshman substitute guard Rick Fields. Although he played only eight minutes before halftime, Fields kept the Sycamores in the game with two steals, six points and dead-eye shooting from the field and free-throw line.

But the Lions also unleashed their secret weapon—Edelman. A key player in Harter's set offense, Edelman sprang loose for 10 first-half points and turned what Harter called perhaps his best all-around game as a Lion.

"I felt real at ease," said Edelman, who also dished out five assists and hauled down five rebounds. "Everyone else was playing real great."

Everyone else included reserve guard Jim Forjan. Forjan came into the game midway through the second half and fed

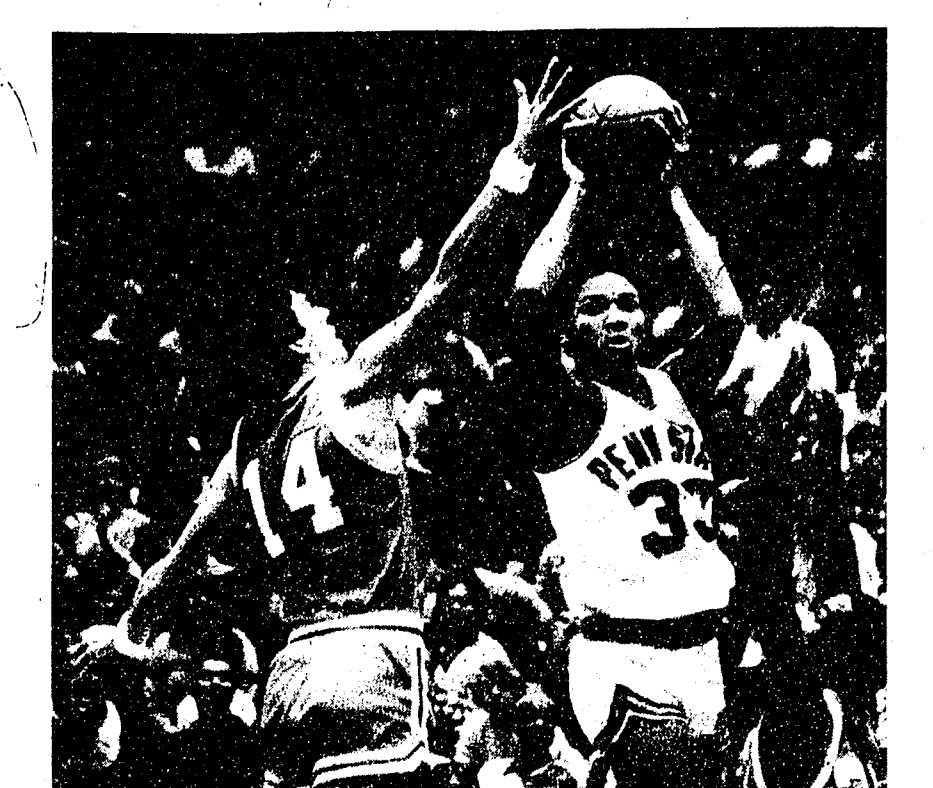


Photo by Dick Ostrowsky

Craig Collins scored four points to aid the Lions in their win over Indiana State last night in Rec Hall.

# Harter's revolving door keeps whole team involved

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Dick Harter is hardly a follower of DePaul coach Ray Meyer's basketball philosophy: "Play your starting five until they collapse from exhaustion."

In the men's basketball team's first three games of the season, Harter has adhered to the "revolving door" school: substitute when someone gets in foul trouble. Substitute when someone needs to settle down.

So far it's paid off in wins. But no more so than in last night's 69-50 one over Indiana State at Rec Hall.

"We had a lot of different people who came through for us tonight," Harter said. "I think that's neat. We've played better teams and beaten better teams, but as far as coming off the bench and contributing and growing more mature, I think that's maybe a good win as we've had."

Ten of the 11 Lions played. Nine of the 10 played more than 10 minutes. All 10 scored, and the leading rebounder, Dick Mummus, had six, followed by Mike Edelman with five, then others with four, three, two and one.

It was a team effort. Except for hot-shooting Edelman, no one really stood out. And there didn't have to be a right lineup combination. With the exception of several aborted fast break attempts in the first half, the Lions played together no matter which five were on the court.

Guard Craig Buffie played forward for most of the night. When starter David Griffin got called for his second foul with less than three minutes gone, Mummus stepped in. And when both freshmen guards Dwight Gibson and Craig Collins started playing sloppily, Jim Forjan came off the bench to restore some order.

"We got a lot accomplished as a team," Edelman said. "Our trainer (John Norwig) has a saying before every game. Tonight he said, 'There's no 'I' in team,' and I think that kind of carried over."

Mummus and Forjan, both sophomores who have improved in the past year, typified the effort.

Early in the second period, the Lions saw a 15-point lead reduced to five—42-27—with 7½ minutes left. But after a Penn State timeout, Forjan got a pass to Mummus at the post, who then hit a short turnaround jump shot. Penn State then increased its lead to nine when Forjan again passed to Mummus at the post, who put up an easy four-foot jumper.

"You have to credit Jim Forjan for two great passes," Mummus said. "I had the man sealed, and he made two really good passes. (But) last year I couldn't have made (the shots) because of my sealing ability. I was used to playing outside, and I couldn't really hold the man in that position for that period of time."

That's part of the maturing process. Which is a part of team basketball.

"I love the idea of everyone contributing," he said. "I love the idea of Jimmy Forjan and Dick Mummus making those plays. That's the thrill of last year too. They couldn't have made those two plays (then), and they were great basketball plays."

Having everyone able to step in is particularly important for the Lions. And the size of the team is helping make it play as one, Mummus said.

"(In practice) there's more individual attention, and when you have individual attention, it ties into the team," he said. "We know we have to stick together and show some people in the community we can win a few games."



Photo by Dan Vogelzy

Nittany Lion coach Joe Paterno earned his 150th victory as Penn State's head coach Saturday when his team defeated Pittsburgh. With the 48-14 win, Paterno is now 12-3 against the Panthers in his head coaching career.

# Marino philosophical about loss

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But the Lions did manage to tie the score at 14-14 before halftime despite Marino's 187 yards passing in the half.

"With four turnovers in the first half," Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill said, "we were very fortunate to still be 14-14."

For Marino, things changed dramatically in the second half. The Lions, neutralizing Marino's ability to change plays at the line of scrimmage by shifting their defense right after Marino audited.

But the Panther quarterback, who switched from throwing from the pocket to rolling out to pass in the second half, blamed a lack of execution, not the Penn State defense, for the sudden turnaround.

"We were running the full wide-out formation the whole first half and we were successful with it," Marino said, "and we thought they would come out and try to do something different and we said 'just maybe we'll do something different.'"

"We'll roll out and run some motion across the field and we'll roll to wide side of the field. And it worked for us a couple of times. Maybe we should have done it a little more."

It didn't matter whether Marino rolled out or threw from the pocket. Penn State was dropping its pass coverage so deep that when Pitt fell behind, it wasn't able to find those deep passing lanes that were so open in the first quarter.

"They didn't make any adjustments at all," Marino said. "They played the same defense in the second half they did in the first half. After they got ahead, they were dropping deeper, their safeties were getting a little more depth cause they knew we were trying to go deep. They deserved to win."

"We gave it our best shot and that's what counts, really. You go out on the field and don't really know what's going to happen ever. You just have to go to give your best shot on every play and just let the chips fall."

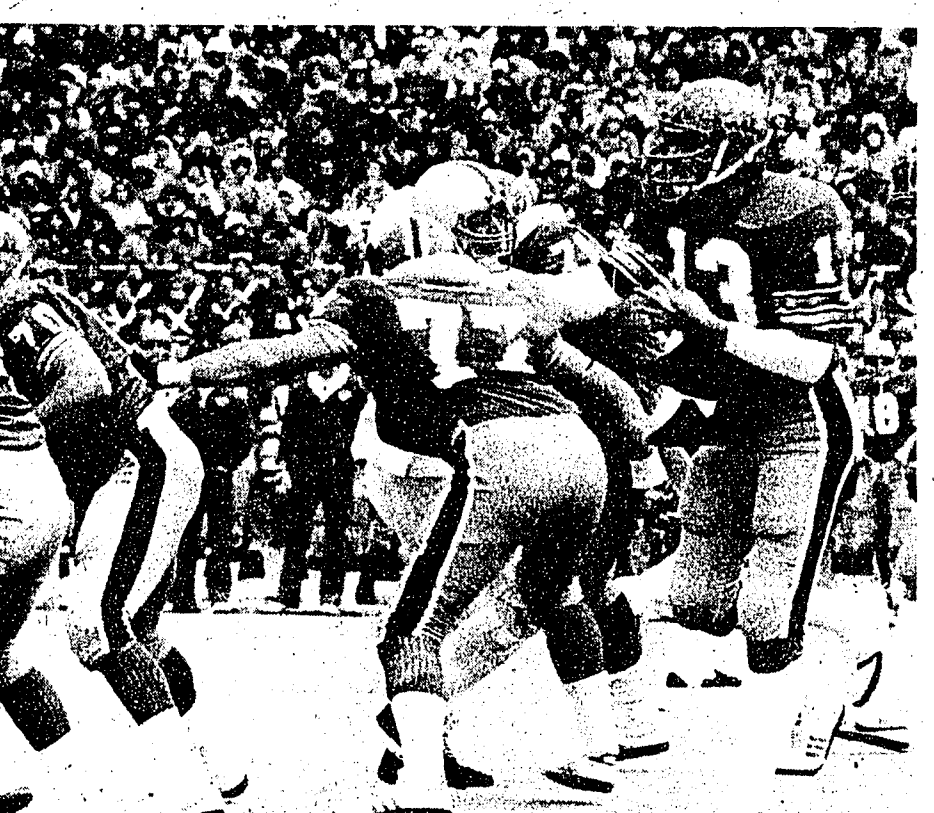


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Panther All-American quarterback Danny Marino (13), the nation's second-rated passer behind Brigham Young's Jim McMahon, delivers one of his 45 pass attempts against the Lions. Marino didn't have one of his better games against Penn State, throwing four interceptions against the Nittany Lions.

# Panthers still proud despite rout

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"What is Penn State going to say now?" tight end John Brown said. "They're going to say we knew Pitt wasn't any good. Pitt's very good and we're still good and we're going to get better. I would like to give Penn State more credit than that."

"If it happened in September everybody would have said we knew Pitt wasn't going to make it to the end of the season. Everybody's on your wagon when you're winning and we had a rough day today and I hope they don't all jump off. We're still going places."

Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill, who celebrated his 39th birthday last Saturday, refused to blame his players for his third loss in five tries against the Lions and confidently looked ahead to a New Year's Day showdown with second-ranked Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

"You can't take away this year from our players," he said. "They've done a great job and they had an opportunity to reach one of their goals, which we had an opportunity and a challenge to do something else and it was there. But the momentum changed too quickly for them. That locomotive was going in one direction and we couldn't stop it."

"As far as regrouping goes, the pres-

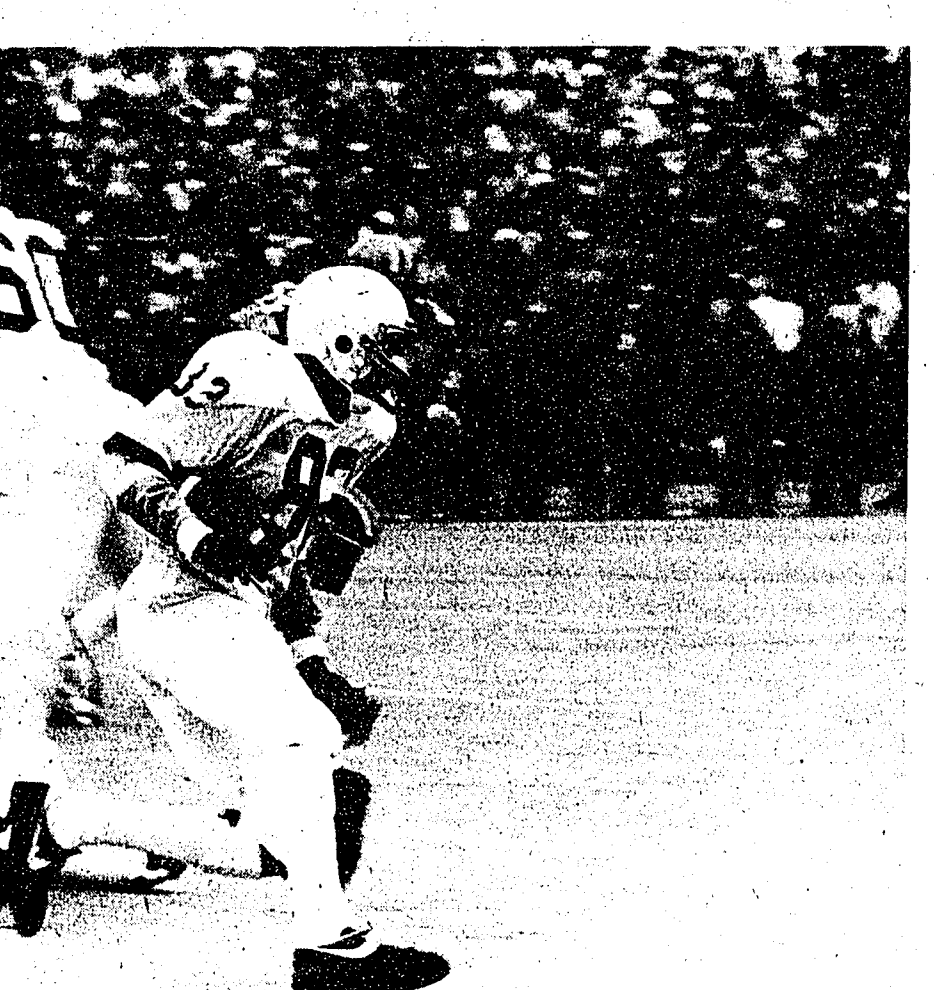


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Penn State flanker Kenny Jackson (82) cuts upfield on a reverse behind the block of Dave Laube (60). In addition to gaining seven yards on the reverse, Jackson also caught five passes for 158 yards for two touchdowns against Pitt.

# Women cagers victorious in 2nd road contest in a row

After a hard-fought 71-66 win at Connecticut Tuesday night, women's basketball coach Rene Portland was looking for some way to motivate her squad to prevent a possible letdown in last night's game at Boston University.

She found her answer outside the locker room, where a poster showed the Lady Terriers celebrating after their win over Penn State last season in the championship game of the Lady Lion Classic. Portland took the poster into the locker room and showed it to the team, which took the floor with fire in its eyes and avenged that loss with a 69-69 win.

The Lady Lions placed six players in double figures led by Louise Leimkuhler (eight of 12 from the field) and Cindy Davies, who both scored 18 points. Junior guard Annie Troyan, who set a new school assist record by dishing out 15 assists against Connecticut, tallied 15



Photo by Dick Ostrowsky

points while handing out 11 more assists. Cheryl Ellison (11 points), Kahadejah Herbert (11) and Carol Fautz (10) also scored in double figures for Penn State.

Portland also said she was surprised by the play of Fautz and Herbert, who has only two years experience of competitive basketball. Fautz, a walk-on, played the entire second half at guard to take some of the pressure off Troyan, who was hobbled by a pulled hamstring suffered against Connecticut.

# Farrell an All-American choice

Penn State offensive guard Sean Farrell has been named to the first team on five separate college football All-America squads. Farrell, a 6-3, 266-pound senior from Westhampton Beach, N.Y., has been a three-year starter for the Nittany Lions.

A co-captain of the 9-2 Lions, Farrell was listed first team on the All-America squads chosen by Kodak (Coaches), The Associated Press, Walter Camp, the Football Writers Association of America and Football News.

As a member of the AP All-America team, Farrell will appear on a Bob Hope television special on NBC Sunday, Dec. 20, from 8-9 p.m.

Farrell was also one of four finalists for the prestigious Outland Trophy, given annually to the nation's outstanding lineman. Nebraska center Dave Rimington won the award.

Curt Warner, Penn State's junior tailback who rushed for 1,044 yards this season, joined Farrell on the first team of the Walter Camp All-America squad.

Warner and senior co-captain Chet Parlavecchio, a linebacker and Penn State's leading tackler with 70, were named second team by the Football News.

In addition, Warner and Parlavecchio, along with four other Penn State players, were named honorable mention on the AP All-America team. They are: Mike Munchak, offensive guard; co-captain Leo Wisniewski, defensive tackle; Mark Robinson, safety; and Ralph Giacomaro, punter.

Penn State will also be well represented at numerous postseason college football all-star games.

Farrell and Parlavecchio have been selected to compete in the East-West Shrine Game, Jan. 9, linebacker Matt

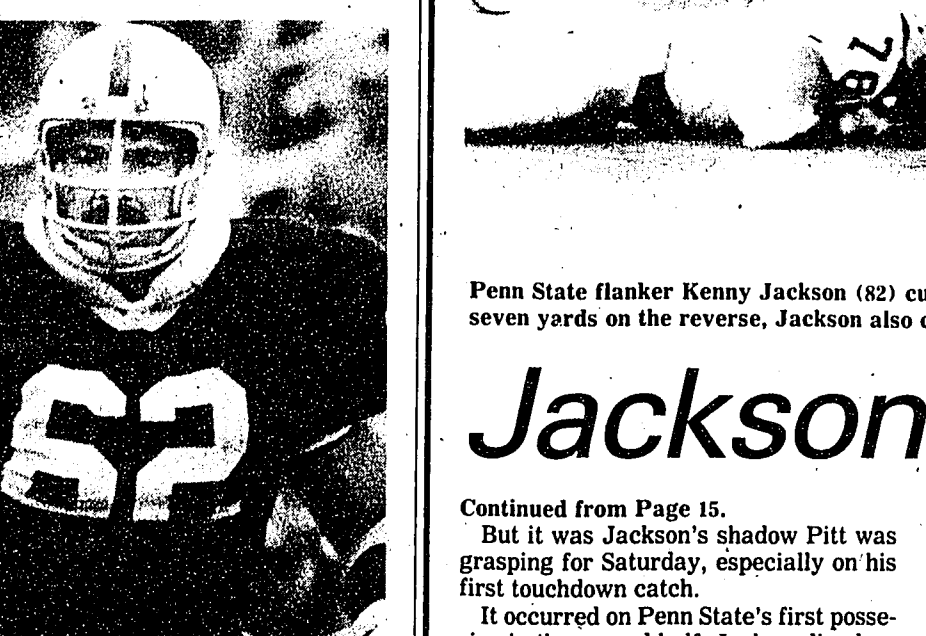


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Bradley and Wisniewski are scheduled to play in the Hula Bowl Jan. 10; Farrell, Parlavecchio and Wisniewski are slated for the Japan Bowl, Jan. 15; and defensive back Paul Lankford and center Jim Romano are being asked to play in the Senior Bowl, Jan. 17. All are seniors.

# Jackson elusive Lion

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But it was Jackson's shadow Pitt was grasping for Saturday, especially on his first touchdown catch.

It occurred on Penn State's first possession in the second half. Jackson lined up on the right, went in motion left and then streaked by Flynn and strong safety Dan Short. Blackledge found him open near the 10, where Jackson caught the ball, turned and stopped to face the sideline, a blade of Astroturf away from going out of bounds. Blackledge, who set up Penn State's second touchdown.

"It's funny," Jackson said, "throughout that whole play, it was going through my mind exactly what I should do. Catch the ball with my hands. I did. Stop, like I did. Then reverse pivot and cut across field. I knew I'd never score unless I did that."

As soon as the Lions got the ball back, it was the Kenny and Todd Show again, with Jackson hauling in a 45-yard scoring bomb to add to his 42-yard score from three minutes before. Earlier in the second quarter, Jackson had just missed a deep throw and then he came back to catch a 59-yarder, which set up Penn State's second touchdown.

"Mike Meade said to me, 'It's so easy, I might as well line up out there and run a deep one,'" Jackson said.

Jackson's two TD catches gave him a season total of six and a career total of 11, both tying Penn State records. He shares the career record with Scott Fitzkee (1975-78) and season record with Greg Edmonds (1970) and Fitzkee (1978). Jackson's 158 yards receiving set a school record, surpassing the 146 yards of Jack Curry set in 1965 against California.

All which prompted Jackie Sherrill to say after the game: "Kenny Jackson is a great ball player."

Sherrill should know. He had, after all, recruited him heavily.

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