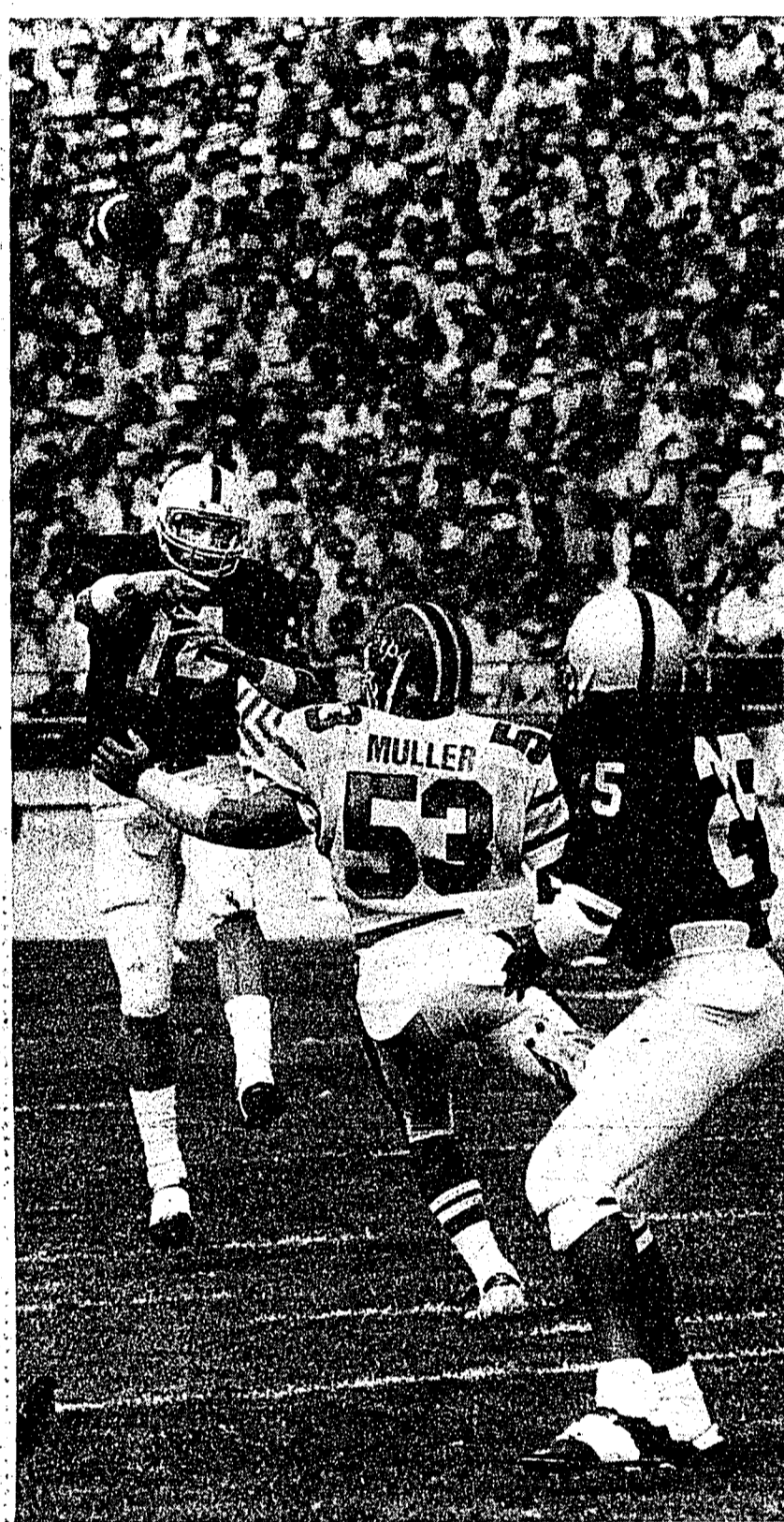


Penn State rallies to down Maryland Second-stringers star as Lions come from behind

By RON GARDNER
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Offensive linemen, even those at the top of their trade, often fall in obscurity compared to their flashy teammates. And second-string linemen are probably happy just to see their names above their lockers.



Lion quarterback Todd Blackledge (14) lobs a screen pass to running back Curt Warner (25).

But it was Penn State's back-up offensive line that carried a piece of the spotlight Saturday at Beaver Stadium, clearing the way on two key scoring drives to lift the Lions to a 39-31 come-from-behind win over Maryland.

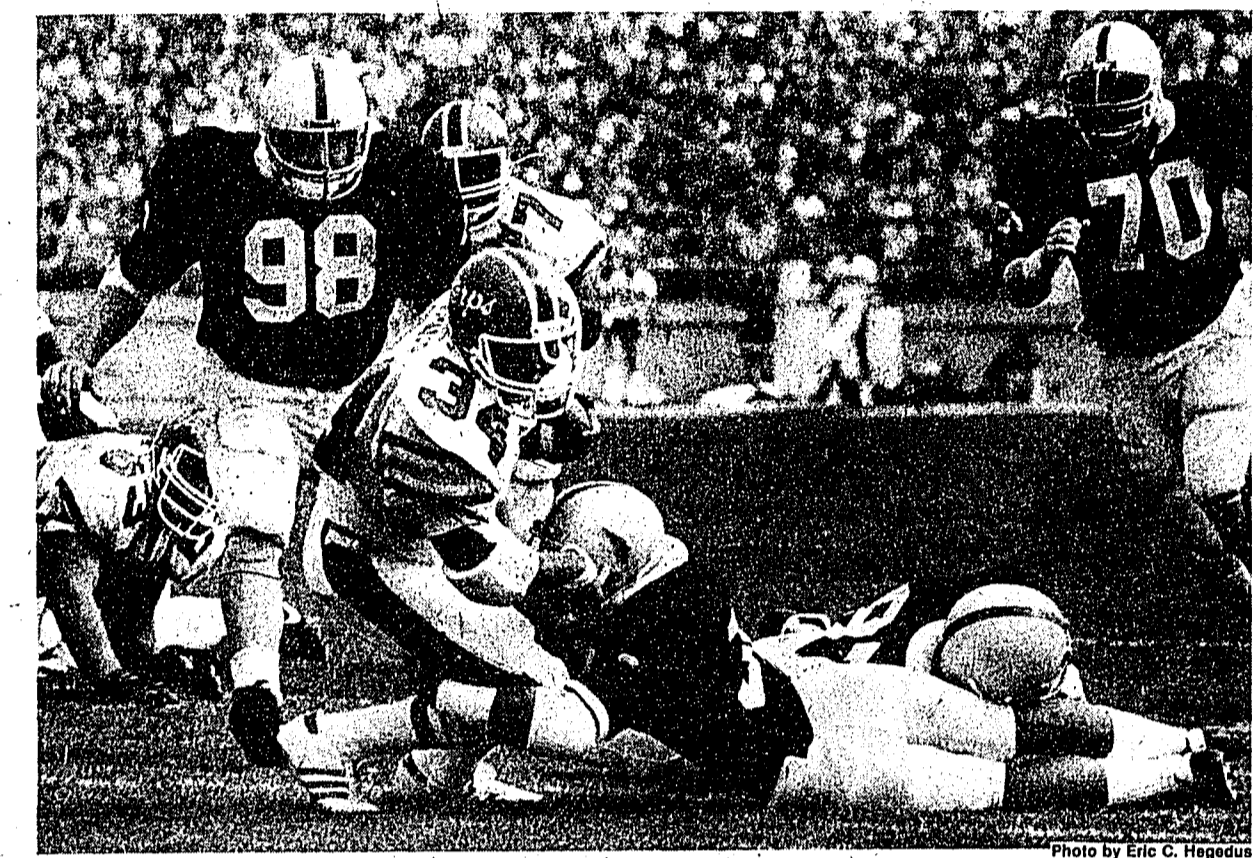
After Terrapin quarterback Boomer Esiason connected on scoring bombs of 50 and 60 yards to wide receiver Russell Davis to rally Maryland from a 10-point halftime deficit to take a 24-23 lead with 2:17 remaining in the third quarter, it appeared that the game was slipping away from Penn State.

The first drive (70 yards on five plays) was climaxed by a 23-yard scoring pass from quarterback Todd Blackledge, who threw four touchdown passes for the second straight week, to split end Gregg Garrity. And the second march (60 yards on five plays) ended on flanker Kenny Jackson's second TD reception of the game, this one a 10-yarder from Blackledge.

"It was definitely a big turning point in the game," Blackledge said. "We needed to get the first-string line a break and our second-team line came in and I just told them 'Hey, you're not in here to give the first-string line a break. You're in here to move the football down the field and score a touchdown.'"

"And that's exactly what they did. They just took that challenge. I'm sure they took a lot of wind out of Maryland."

Coach Joe Paterno, who has been worried about the success of his first-team line, let alone the backups, was very happy with the results of the substitution.



Penn State defensive end Ken Kelley (88) moves in to finish off Maryland running back Willie Joyner (24) as linebacker Dave Pattenroth hangs on Joyner.

the game, Penn State's Roger Jackson blocked punter Alan Sadler's kick and teammate Walker Lee Ashley recovered on the Maryland 10. But after three running plays, the Lions had to settle for a 20-yard field goal by freshman Massimo Manca to take a 3-0 lead.

Maryland's Jess Atkinson then tied the score at 3-3 with a 48-yard field goal, capitalizing on a fumbled punt by Penn State's Kevin Bagshaw, to close out the scoring for the opening period.

In the second quarter, turnovers continued to play a critical role in putting points on the scoreboard. Hero Harry Hamilton, the Lions' leading tackler for the game with 12 tackles, picked off a deflected pass by Esiason to set up a 29-yard field goal by Manca to give Penn State a 6-3 advantage.

Then Blackledge sandwiched touchdown passes to Jackson and Warner, both set up by fumbles by Esiason in the backfield, around a 2-yard scoring run by Maryland's Willie Joyner to give the Lions a 20-10 halftime spread.

setting a school record against Penn State with 188 yards on seven receptions against a confused defensive secondary that was expected to be the Lions' strong suit.

"We have a few things that need to be ironed out," safety Mark Robinson said. "Like coming together in the whole defensive scheme and playing together as a unit out there and playing every down. We were playing real good with a lot of promise, and we'd let down for maybe one play and they'd capitalize."

Another problem that plagued the Lion defense and cost them points was sloppy tackling. One time, Hamilton blitzed in from his hero spot and had Esiason trapped, but the Maryland quarterback ducked the rush and found Davis for a touchdown.

"I have no idea why we didn't tackle well," Paterno said. "Our tackling was just sloppy. And I'm being charitable by saying sloppy."

He was happy that his team finally had to prove itself in a holly-contested game.

"It was a good football game for us at this stage," Paterno said. "As I've always said, you never really know how good your team is until they get into a tough football game and had to come from behind."

"We're just starting to be a football team and a game like this means a great deal. Obviously we did not play a good game defensively. That sounds so glib because the other guy (Esiason) was good, and I don't mean it to sound sour grapes. I think anytime you give up 31 points, regardless of how good the other guy is, especially when you keep the ball for as long as we did, you've got to worry about your defense."

After all, you can't always count on those unsung heroes to pull you through.

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Unsung heroes save the day for Penn State

By MARIA MARTINO
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It was a hot and hazy Saturday. A slow game on a slow day when the football team seemed to be playing penny ante with Maryland, Penn State took the edge ahead only to have the Terrapins stubbornly crawl down the field and up the score.

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Penn State Coach Joe Paterno said, "Nobody's really good right now. I think you get good when you play and get in the swing of things."

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Williams, who carried the ball only twice in the first half for a total of two yards, rushed 10 times for 71 yards in the final half.

"We had used a couple of kids in the first half," he said. "Then we got out of whack. So I figured we were down now. We had 23-24 minutes to play and I said, 'Hey, no way we're going to sharp with these guys. We might as well stick the "green kids" in there (the second unit wears green shirts in practice) and let them go. And they went right up and down the field twice."

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Penn State-Maryland Statistics

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MD 2 7 14 7 - 31

PGU — Manca, 39-yard FG
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FSU — Garrity, 29-yard pass from Blackledge (Pass failed)
PGU — Jackson, 19-yard pass from Blackledge (Manca kick)
MD — Joyner, 39-yard run (Atkinson kick)
MD — Manca, 39-yard FG

Final Individual Statistics
Rushing — Penn State, Williams 12-73, Warner 1-15, Nichols 7-38, Colon 4-11, Mumford 2-1, Strong 1-8, Blackledge 1-4, Totals 69-130. Maryland, Joyner 19-77, Nash 7-21, Carter 2-10, Esiason 4-14, Totals 39-113.

Passing — Penn State, Blackledge 19-30-302, Totals 19-30-302. Maryland, Esiason 18-36-276, Joyner 4-10, Totals 19-37-276.

Punt Kicking — Penn State, Garrity 4-27, McChesley 4-26, Jackson 2-8, Warren 4-40, Bough 1-15, Nichols 1-10, Mumford 1-7, Totals 19-30-302. Maryland, Davis 7-18, Nash 2-2, Joyner 2-6, Tice 2-17, Lewis 1-13, Totals 19-27.

Punting — Penn State, Glimour 3-43.5, Totals 3-43.5. Maryland, Saffer 3-43.2, Team 1-0-0, Totals 4-13.8.

Field Goals — Penn State, Manca 4-4, Totals 4-4. Maryland, Atkinson 1-1, Totals 1-1.

Defensive Statistics — Penn State, Hamilton 12-88, Kelly 7, Robinson 5, Radtke 5, Ashley 3, Gattuso 2, Macalino 2, Pattenroth 2, Blair 2, Opler 2, Alexander 2, Seffer 2, Siler 2, Harris 1, Walker 1, Moulter 1, Puz 1, Hines 1, R. Jackson 1, McChesley 1, Starr 1, Maryland, Williams 9, Carter 4, McPherson 4, Duda 7, Brown 6, Muller 6, Wilson 6, Kolenski 4, Baker 2, Parnes 2, Gross 2, Avist 2, Atkinson 1, Koch 1, Caldwell 1, Wingfield 1, Baldwin 1, Covington 1, Whittle 1, Nash 1, Jones 1.

Terps lower the boom on Lion defense

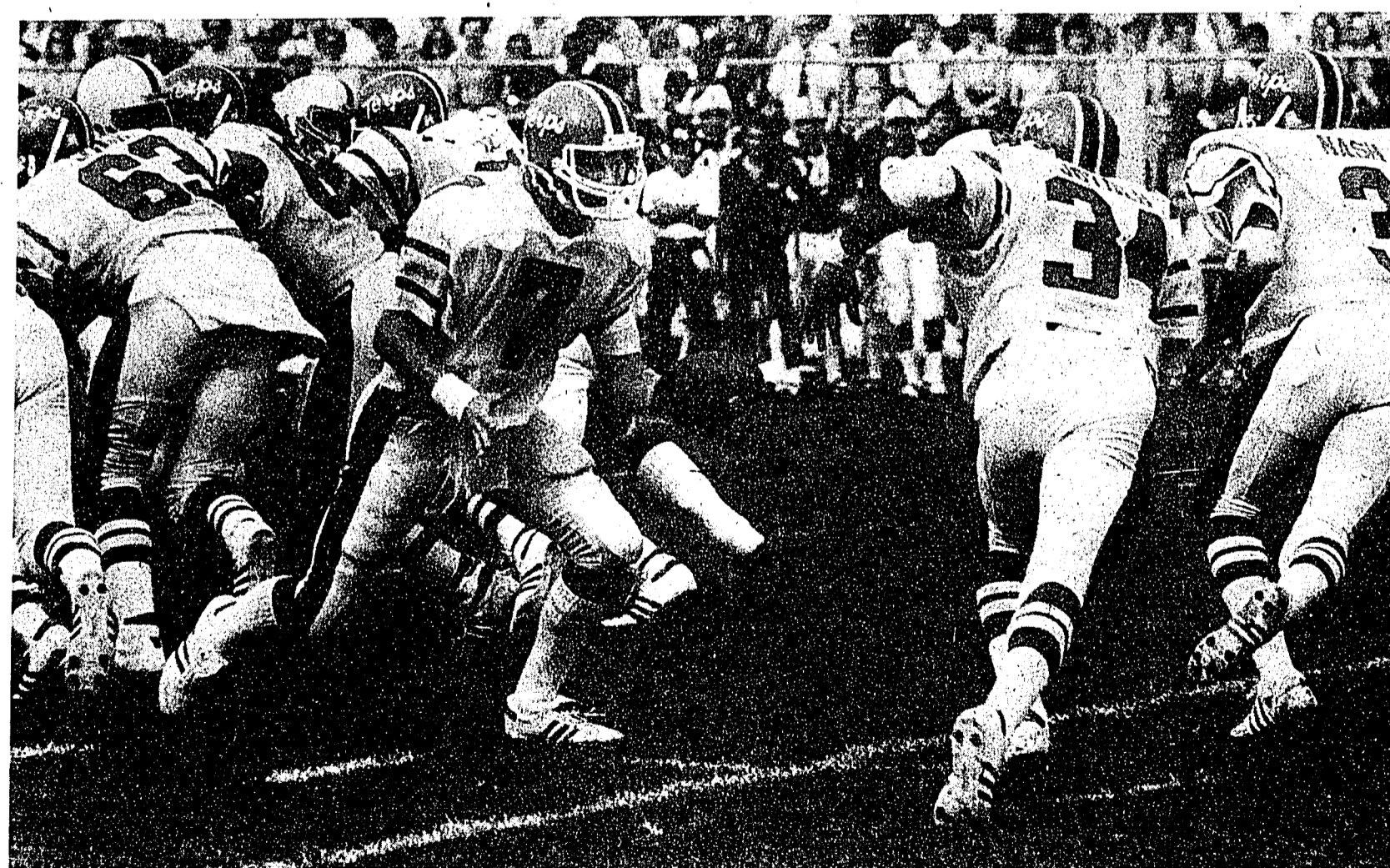
By PETE WALDRON
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Maryland's quarterback Boomer Esiason had a mission. His mission, which he chose to accept, was to prove his team can play big-time football.

Esiason gave Penn State a scare as the Terrapins pulled in front, 24-23, of the Lions late in the third quarter. It was a mission some inhabitants of Happy Valley would have deemed impossible. However, Penn State dug deeper and managed to pull out a 39-31 win, Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

"We heard and read in the newspaper what people up here were saying about us," Esiason said. "We wanted to come up here and be able to get off the field and say 'Hey, look, we are a good team and can play against any team.'"

"Our team showed it to the No. 7 team in the nation that we can play football. The offensive line played flawlessly and we showed them that our offensive line is explosive. I think we earned respect from Penn State."



Maryland quarterback Boomer Esiason (7) turns to hand off to Willie Joyner (24) who ran for two touchdowns as the Terrapins just fall short of the Lions 39-31 Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

back Russell Davis. The first, which was set up by a Lendell Jones interception and a late-bit penalty (12 yards) against Penn State, sent Davis into the endzone wide open to catch the 59-yard pass.

The second found Davis wide open in the end zone nabbing a 60-yard boomer of a pass from Esiason that put the Terrapins on top late in the third quarter.

"I can't believe how wide open Davis was," Esiason said. "At first I hesitated because I was afraid someone was there. But

"We turned the ball over too many times," Ross said. "And you can't do that against a great team like Penn State."

Connors routs Lendl, nets 4th Open title

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — A charged-up Jimmy Connors, ruling the tennis world again at age 30, won his fourth U.S. Open singles championship yesterday by beating Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

The triumph, coupled with his third Wimbledon title in July, gave Connors a sweep of the year's two top tennis tournaments — a feat he first performed in 1974.

What had shaped up to be a tight battle between the top two players in the world — Connors now is No. 1 and Lendl No. 2 on both the ATP and Nixdorf computers, with McEnroe falling to No. 3 — almost became a rout.

After the first game, Lendl was unable to break Connors again until the sixth game of the third set, when the powerful forehand had returned.

In the sixth game, Connors was down love-30 when he pulled even on two straight aces, his third and fourth of the match. The crowd thought Lendl had been the victim of a bad line call again and began rooting for the Czech.

And Lendl was not ready to quit. He broke Connors' serve, then took the set with another break in the 10th game.

Connors again broke Lendl to open the fourth set, this time after the Czech fought back from love-40 to deuce. But Connors took the next two points and, after holding serve, a 2-0 lead.

They traded breaks in the fourth and fifth games, then Connors served for the match.

Connors is the only person to win the Open on three different surfaces. His first two victories, in 1974 on grass and 1976 on clay, came at Forest Hills. He won on the hard courts at the National Tennis Center in 1978.

He came close to winning the Open for five straight years, losing the championship match to Manuel Orantes of Spain in 1975 and to Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in 1977, both times on clay.

The loss spelled what has been a magnificent year for Lendl, who lost a five-set final to Bjorn Borg in the 1981 French Open.

The 22-year-old Czech has amassed a record single-season prize money total, winning \$1,288,050 going into this third leg of the Grand Slam.

After losing in the fourth round of last year's U.S. Open to Vitas Gerulaitis, Lendl ripped off a 44-match winning streak, finally falling to Yannick Noah. Lendl went into the title match with a 125-7 match record in the past 12 months.

Connors held serve to clinch the opening set, then immediately broke Lendl to take the advantage in the second set. He broke him again in the seventh game as he receded out to a two-set lead.

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Soccer team wins weekend pair

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The men's soccer team (4-1) doubled its wins for the season by beating Loyola (Md.) 2-0 yesterday and by squeaking by a ferocious Rhode Island squad 3-2 Friday night. The Lions are in the midst of a four-game road swing that doesn't return them to Jeffrey Field until Sept. 24.

Lion Coach Walter Bahr said before the Rhode Island game that victories against the Rams, Loyola and West Chester (tomorrow night) were imperative as Penn State faces one of the roughest stretches on its schedule.

Well, he has gotten two of those victories and with the steady improvement the Lion 11 are making, Victory No. 3 looks like a sure bet.

But Victory No. 1 wasn't one to bet the house on. After jumping out to a 2-0 lead against Rhode Island, Penn State lost its edge and played lackluster soccer, allowing the Rams to tie the score by the 80:56 mark. But just as the coach ordered, Penn State forward Larry Miller lifted a corner kick across the goal mouth. Junior Jeff Maierhofer headed it in with only 1:21 to play.

Maierhofer played a part in all three Lion rallies. Pete Jobling led Maierhofer with a beautiful pass into the penalty box where the 5-8 midfielder was leveled by the Rams' Ken Abrams.

A penalty kick was awarded and Penn State Lou Karbiener promptly put the charity shot in the lower right corner of the net for a 1-0 lead.

With only five minutes gone in the second half, Maierhofer again headed a ball into the net on a play that was similar to the winning goal. This time the ball came towards the net off an indirect free kick by Karbiener to pull the Lions ahead 2-0.

Both of those goals were off a set play," Bahr said. "We clear the area and leave Jeff alone along the back goal post and cause traffic around the front post."

"I hang back on the back post and hope the defense doesn't notice me," Maierhofer said. "Both passes were right where they should be."

With a little more than 20 minutes remaining in regulation play, defender Greg Dennis took down Rhode Islander Gil Montero while passing the ball back to Lion goalkeeper Greg Kenney. The Rams were subsequently given a penalty kick, which Barry Knapp blasted into the net.

The game against Rhode Island was an offensive and defensive, locked slugfest and were constantly one step behind the Rams in tracking down the ball.

Lion Larry Miller sent in a corner kick and Maierhofer headed the ball into the top right-hand corner for the game winning score.

"It was a set play," Maierhofer said. "I had back on the far post and we send guys through the middle, leaving me one on one with a defender. We did the same thing on both goals."

Maierhofer almost had a hat trick. He was taken down in the penalty box by a Rhode Island defender after he took a pass from Lion forward Pete Jobling. Lou Karbiener converted the penalty kick at the 29:34 mark for an early 1-0 lead.

Just when the 1,425 fans thought they would be treated to an extra period of play, Miller worked the ball along end line and ball was forced over the line by the Rams' Jim Chap-

man. Miller then teed up the ball in the corner and let Maierhofer do his stuff.

And not a moment too soon. "The game, which was more physical than most, took a lot out of the players from both teams. Referee Julio Salas handed out four yellow cards on four hard tackles and called 32 fouls. He turned his head away on a few other calls and was risking losing control of the game."

"The ref likes to keep a tight game," Maierhofer said. "Which is probably the best thing to do."

Coach Bahr agreed the referee tried to keep the game under his reins but he disagreed with the manner in which the infractions were given.

"I thought the yellow cards were warranted," he said. "But I think he should have given the players an informal warning before issuing them."

"Friday's game was very physical, probably because of the wet field. Rhode Island had a very good goalkeeper. After the victory over Loyola, assistant coach Steve Lautner said some players were bruised up after the Rhode Island game and since Loyola was fresh for their season opener, the endurance of the Lions could be a problem. Not much to worry about, though."

His Lions came out and over-matched Loyola 2-0, holding the hosts to only ten shots on goal.

In this game, Larry Miller was the recipient, rather than the donor, of an excellent pass when Bill Gilmour led

him on a breakthrough which Miller turned into the only goal Penn State needed. But Gilmour wasn't satisfied with only one assist. Later in the game he fed Pete Jobling at the side of the net where Jobling put the ball past the drawn-out goalkeeper for the score.

Goalie Greg Kenney posted his third shutout in five starts. With this start, Kenney has the potential to break the record for most shutouts in a season.

Bahr had said he wanted to go to the Southern Illinois Tournament, which includes Hartwick (a 4-3 winner over Penn State), with a 3-1 record. A victory tomorrow night at West Chester will fill another of the coach's orders.

He was whittled for a yellow card when he took down a Rhode Island defender rather hard and he was almost called for another one late in the second half. If he had received that second yellow card, he would have been ejected.

"We had that referee (Julio Salas) before and he likes to call a tight game with a lot of yellow cards," Maierhofer said. "I really didn't think that was a very physical game, not at all."

The game against Rhode Island was a lot more physical than Maierhofer assessed. Three yellow cards were assessed and midfielder Greg Meyer hurt his shoulder. He was taken for x-rays and it's possible he has a shoulder separation.

The game, the injured Meyer had high praise for fellow midfielder and teammate Maierhofer.

"He's a super athlete and a real pleasure to work with," Meyer said.