

Judge to rule today on gag order

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NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — An attorney for a man charged in a barroom gang rape asked a judge yesterday to continue a gag order barring publication of a newspaper's interview with his client.

The lawyer said the story would have "an emotional impact" on the case.

But an attorney for the newspaper said the story holds no revelations and presents no danger to the defendant's right to a fair trial.

Superior Court Judge Gerald F. O'Neill Jr. said he would rule today whether he would continue the order he issued preventing The Standard-Times of New Bedford from publishing an interview with Victor Raposo.

Raposo, 23, is one of four men charged in the March 6 rape at Big Dan's Tavern in New Bedford. Police reported the woman was raped

on a pool table for two hours while bystanders cheered the attackers.

Two other men were charged with being accessories to the rape. Four of the defendants are free on bail awaiting an Oct. 11 trial.

The newspaper said it received a letter from Raposo asking to tell his side of the case. Assistant City Editor John Impemba conducted the interview over two days last week at the Bristol County House of Correction.

Attorney Harry Bello went to court at week's end, seeking a restraining order preventing publication of the interview which he said damaged his client's chance for a fair trial.

O'Neill issued a temporary restraining order Friday. An appeal by The Standard-Times was turned down by a state appeals court justice, pending O'Neill's decision on issuing a permanent restraining order.

Yesterday, Bello charged the newspaper "took advantage of a kid who was in jail" when it

interviewed Raposo.

"The newspaper is saying that it is defending the public's right to know," said Bello. "But they also are saying our commercial instincts tell us that publishing an interview with Victor Raposo is going to sell a tremendous number of newspapers."

Bello said the extensive publicity the case has already received would make a fair trial difficult, but he said the interview "is likely to create an emotional impact much more than what's been written about it in the past."

Three attorneys representing other defendants in the case also presented brief statements claiming their clients would be hurt by publication of the article.

Bello gave O'Neill a written synopsis of what his client said was in the interview. The judge impounded the affidavit. But after reading the document, Standard-Times attorney Thomas Croty said it contained nothing new.

Man confesses to a 15-year-old murder

By The Associated Press

DETROIT — A 30-year-old man walked into police headquarters, suitcase in hand, and confessed to killing an elderly businessman 15 years ago to get money to compete in the Junior Olympics, police said.

Robert Garth, who authorities said had no permanent address, said he has had nothing but bad luck since the killing and wanted to clear his conscience.

Garth turned himself in last week, telling officers about the Aug. 21, 1968, murder of Joseph Mocerri, 67.

Garth, who was 15 years old at the time of the slaying and has had no run-ins with the law since, was charged Monday with second-degree

murder.

Kimber said Garth walked into police headquarters toting a suitcase and said, "I came in here to tell you I killed somebody, and I've had nothing but bad luck since it happened."

Garth told police he beat Mocerri to death with a pipe during a \$82 robbery at Mocerri's business. Garth was trying to get money to go to the Junior Olympics in St. Louis, where he competed in track and field events.

Mocerri, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was well known and liked in the Detroit neighborhood where he operated the AAA Store Fixture and Equipment Co., police said.

Kimber said Garth finished telling his story by saying, "Boy, do I feel better now."

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Cornhuskers earned more than just revenge

By PAUL ALEXANDER
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Revenge is sweet.

In Monday night's Inaugural Collegiate Kickoff Classic, the Cornhuskers of Nebraska more than made up for last year's

controversial loss to Penn State at Beaver Stadium.

The Huskers' omnipotent offense took over right where it left off last season.

Nebraska scored early and often, utilizing the many talents of senior quarterback Turner Gill, Gill, along with tailback Mike Rozier, wingback Irving Fryar and a rebuilt

offensive line, moved the ball at will against a fired up Penn State defense.

"I figured that we would win by two or three touchdowns," Gill said. "I never thought that we would just blow them out completely like we did."

Although everyone on the Husker offense made his presence known, the experienced

Gill was the glaring difference in the game.

In fact, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne had the luxury of giving his starting quarterback a breather midway through the second quarter.

Nate Mason was the replacement and all he did was come in and cap a 66-yard scoring drive with a 20-yard scoring pass to tight end Todd Frain.

On the night, the Penn State quarterback tandem of Doug Strang and Dan Loneragan completed 13 of 39 passes while throwing for one touchdown and one interception which resulted in a touchdown for Nebraska linebacker Mike Knox.

On the other side of scrimmage, Gill and Mason combined to complete 12 of 16 passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns. They also combined to rush for 192 yards.

"I thought that if we played well and they played well, it would probably be a five to a seven point game," Osborne said. "I thought we could win it strictly on the basis of Turner Gill being experienced."

Despite the explosive performance of Osborne's offense, he was more impressed with the play of his defense.

Knox's interception gave the Huskers a 27-0 lead at a point in the third quarter that looked like the Lions might put something together offensively, but Knox stepped in front of a Strang pass in the flat. Suddenly, going down the stretch, the Huskers really had the Lions by the tails.

Even though the Husker offense compiled 500 yards in total offense, the Penn State defense could hardly be faulted considering Nebraska's field position as well as the amount of time the Husker's were in possession of the football.

"You don't beat Nebraska with defense," Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno said. "You have to score some points. Nebraska was a great team tonight. I certainly don't want to take anything away from them."

Although the impressive play of the Husker defense was a surprise, the fact that the outstanding play of the Nebraska offense came as no surprise.

One must wonder if there is any stopping the triumvirate of Gill, Rozier and Fryar.

"Our goal is to score 35 points a game against any opponent," Fryar said. "We know we can score points."

Nebraska could probably score a lot more points if the rules would allow for the use of a couple more footballs.

And if those three aren't dangerous enough, fullback Mark Schellen also happens to have 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash while also possessing a majority of the Nebraska weight room records.

Those credentials simply qualify him to block for Rozier, the Huskers' most keyed up player.

"Everybody wanted to hit me tonight," Rozier said. "Everytime they faked to me, everyone went to my side."

Rozier finished as the game's leading rusher but he was well below everyone's expectations — amassing 75 yards on 16 carries.

Rozier has been chosen as the Husker's recipient of the Heisman Trophy hype. Even Fryar thinks Rozier will win.

"Mike will probably win the Heisman," Fryar said. "But I'll be pushing him. If people want to vote for me, that's fine with me."

All that any of the Huskers really care about is holding on to that precarious No. 1 ranking.



Nebraska Cornhusker Mike Rozier (30), moves behind the powerful wall of his offensive line during Monday night's Kickoff Classic at the Meadowlands.

Classic brought bowl game hype

It had that certain kind of ambience. Even though the First Annual Kickoff Classic did not have the competition that it expected, the Meadowlands Complex and the surrounding area was treated to an atmosphere that reminded everyone of one of those high class post-season bowl games.

There were many different things that led anyone to believe Monday was New Year's Day.

Both teams could receive close to \$700,000 when everything is counted, which rates with some of the top bowl games on New Year's Day.

Along with any bowl game comes a huge amount of press coverage — and the Kickoff Classic was no exception.

Not only was Osborne talked out, but the press was questioned out. There was just nothing new to write that hadn't been printed at least a month prior to the game.

When all the press conferences were over, finally it was time for the coin toss. There were no more ques-

tions to be asked, just the final score and who was a better football team. All the stories had been covered. There was a huge sigh of relief in the press box when the co-captains approached midfield for the coin toss.

But wait — of course for a bowl game type this was not going to be any normal coin toss. The coin used was the commemorative coin of the 1984 U.S. Olympics printed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to raise money for the for 1984 Games.

Oh yeah — I forgot to mention the paratroopers dropping into the stadium from high above before the game. Something that probably was not reported was that one of the paratroopers made a perfect landing while the other one tumbled to the ground.

And then finally the kickoff of the First Annual Kickoff Classic. Everyone was waiting for it, but perhaps the Penn State squad was waiting a bit too long.

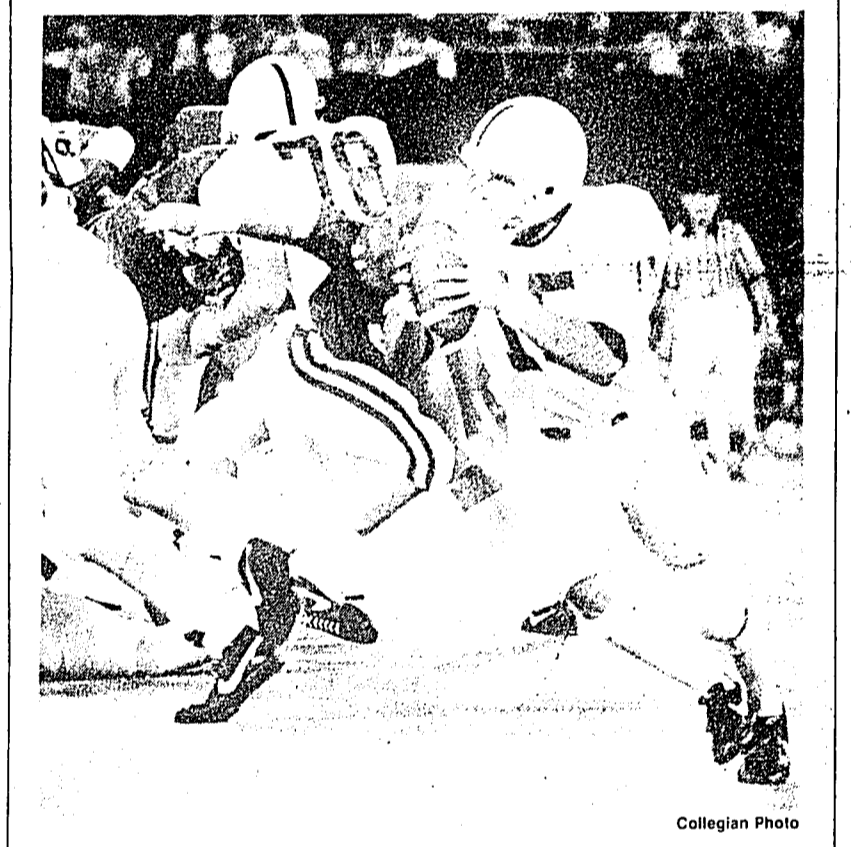
The Cornhuskers dominated the Lions 46-6 and all those questions — I mean, ALL THOSE QUESTIONS — asked time after time after time were answered. Nebraska got enough revenge for last year's loss by dishing out the worst loss Penn State has had since 1966.

Another thing I forgot was the halftime show. What's a big time game without a big time halftime show? After the Blue Band played, which made many feel at ease that things are still normal, on came the cavalry.

The halftime show consisted of all different facets of the army, navy, air force, marines (sorry to get carried away). It was another one of those interesting and somewhat different spectacles that bowl games are noted for.



Despite the rain and eventual loss, Penn State's fans kept their spirits up throughout the game.



Penn State quarterback Dan Loneragan rolls left during action Monday night at the Kickoff Classic. The Lion offense only mustered six points against Nebraska's 44.

Lion throwers need time

By GREG LODER
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It takes time.

The players know it and the coaches know it.

It's just hard for the fans and everyone else to realize it.

After the worst loss in the football team's history, a 44-6 romp by Nebraska over the Lions, two quarterbacks realized success doesn't come overnight.

Alumni Chuck Fusina and Todd Blackledge had to go through their trying moments before they got the recognition. But for junior quarterback Doug Strang and Dan Loneragan, those trying moments are even tougher to wake up to the next morning.

And it is mainly due to the success of their predecessor and a national championship season.

Both Strang and Loneragan opened up with what best can be called dismal performances.

Strang threw two completions in 10 attempts for 22 yards and Loneragan, who played more in the second half, threw 11 completions in 29 passes for 205 yards. But that was mainly the Cornhuskers' second string defensive unit.

After the game Strang faulted himself with a good deal of the offensive failure.

"I didn't come through when the pressure was on," Strang said. "I'm very disappointed with the way I played."

Although Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno said the offensive line is going to need some work, both quarterbacks said they had the time but could not finish the play.

"I think as far as passing-wise, I

had all the time in the world," Strang said. "I overthrew them and I underthrew them."

"It gets kind of frustrating when you pick the right guy out and you can't get the ball to them," he said. "You're trying to figure out what's going on and it gets worse."

For Strang the situation did get worse.

After the Penn State defense held the Nebraska offense in the beginning of the second half, Strang returned to the ball game.

On a third and two from his own 28, Strang threw an interception that was run back for a touchdown by Cornhusker linebacker Mike Knox.

"It was a great sign of an inexperienced quarterback," Strang said.

For Loneragan, things did get better as the game went on, but early he was unable to find receivers and often miscued on patterns.

Loneragan was a bit more optimistic about the team's performance last night.

"It was a learning experience," Loneragan said. "We missed a lot of passes and rushed a lot of time. But we've got to come back."

All-American flanker Kenny Jackson, who had four passes for 54 yards, agreed it will take time.

"A game situation makes a player great," Jackson said. "It takes more than one game. Nebraska was able to take advantage of a lot of things."

The situation before the game did not let either quarterback rest easy either.

Paterno made his final decision to start Strang the day before the game.

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