

Lions confident despite lackluster 15-12 win

By GREG LODER
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"A win's a win."
It was these words that were echoed by many of the Penn State players looking on the bright side of a disappointing 15-12 victory for the Lions over Rutgers on Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

In a game which saw a lackluster Penn State offense struggle to only 50 yards passing and 15 points on the scoreboard, there were some doubters to these words of optimism.

But with a game against Iowa next week after the Hawkeyes defeated Iowa State 59-21 on Saturday, the best thing to do is find something positive to say.

"I was a win and we are happy about it," Center Nick Haden said, summing up the players attitude. The positive category besides the final score, was an aggressive Lions' defense that held an explosive Rutgers offense to 202 total yards. The Penn State defensive front put constant pressure on Scarlet Knight quarterback Eric "Rusty" Hochberg, a State College native who threw for 159 yards completing 16 of 41 passes.

Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno said his defense, which shut out Rutgers in the second half except for a safety Lion punter John Bruno took to run the clock out with seven seconds remaining, accomplished its goal.

"I think we put the pressure on them and made them throw the ball away a few times when he wasn't ready to throw," Paterno said. "They hung in there in the second half. I think they played the second half with more confidence."

"Iowa may prove me wrong, but I think we are a better football team defensively this year."

It was the defense that broke the 10-10 deadlock at halftime. After Penn State turned over the ball in the third quarter when Lion fullback Tim Mason was stopped cold on a fourth and two at the Rutgers four-yard line, Hochberg dropped back to pass in his end zone. The ball was knocked loose by Penn State defensive lineman Dan Morgan and in a "it's mine, or it's yours" struggle for the ball, Lion's Todd Moultes and Shane Conlan

knocked the ball over the end line for a safety.
Linebacker and co-captain Carmen Masciantonio said the Penn State defense, which sacked Hochberg three times, suffered from opening game-tis in the first half.

"After the first couple of plays we looked less confident because there were a few 'Nervous Nellies' out there," Masciantonio said. "We wanted to dictate what our offense did and I think we did that."

While the Penn State defense looked like that in the second half, it was the Lions' offense that made many think it was going to be a Penn State romp early.

On the first Penn State possession, tailback D.J. Dozier, who had 97 yards rushing on 12 carries, took a handoff from quarterback Doug Strang and bolted down the left sideline for a 45-yard touchdown run.

Two possessions later, Penn State drove to the Rutgers' three behind runs of 10 and 12 yards by Mason and finished the drive with a Nick Gancitano 20-yard field goal.

Dozier, however, pulled a groin muscle in the third quarter and didn't return to the lineup.
A quick 10-0 lead had perhaps too many people sitting back complacent, Paterno said.

"I think the whole team may be a little bit nervous, they get ahead 10-0 and that's the worst thing in the world," Paterno said. "I hate to get ahead like that on a big play and then there's a tendency of everyone to relax a little."

Strang, who completed a frustrating seven of 20 passes, agreed with Paterno.

"I know the offense felt the same way. Like this was going to be an easy day," Strang said. "We scored and kind of relaxed."

There may be other adjectives than "relaxed" to describe the Penn State offense for the day, but at this time that may be the best.

Strang and his inexperienced receiving crew constantly had trouble getting together as passing routes were off and Strang was underhanded. But even though the passing game was extant, Paterno still had praise for his quarterback, who surprisingly ran for 60 yards.

"He took the bull by the horns and

ran with it," Paterno said. "He really got banged around. Strang's a great competitor and he was frustrated with himself and his passing, so he ran."

After the game, a battered Strang said running the ball so much reminded him of high school.

"I felt like I was going back to my high school years where you would do anything to win," he said. "Everybody tells me to keep my head up, and I say don't worry about me because we're coming out with a win and a win a win."

Besides the Lions' offense having trouble with inexperienced receivers, the offensive line missed some crucial blocking assignments on unsuccessful short yardage plays.

"Our timing was off," Paterno said. "Once or twice a back didn't go the right way and that draw play didn't work and we might of broken another one."

"That's first game stuff, but it's particularly true with new combinations out there."

There was another "new" combination that might have dealt a blow to the troubled Lions' offensive unit.

Rutgers Head Coach Dick Anderson, who was the offensive coordinator for the Lions for 11 years before taking his new job in January, may have known Penn State personnel more than expected.

At least Strang felt that way. "I think it was a combination of things and Dick Anderson knowing exactly what we were going to do."

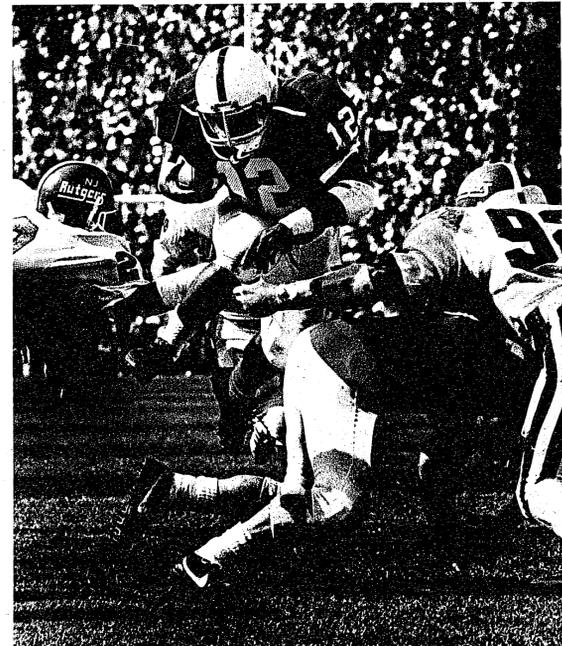
Paterno had praised the Rutgers' defense that bottled up Lion receivers.

"I think Rutgers played sound defensively," Paterno said. "They were in the right spot a great deal of the time. I expected a tough football game and I'm glad it worked that way."

"They played with great enthusiasm and they are going to be a very good team."

But after the game, Paterno said his confrontation with Anderson before the game was almost as tough as the one after the opening kickoff.

"The only time I got a little bit uptight is when I saw Dick for the first time with his team," the 18-year Penn State head coach said. "I



Penn State reserve tailback Tony Mumford (12) slashes past two Rutgers defenders for short yardage during third quarter action Saturday at Beaver Stadium. Mumford, playing primarily in the second half after D.J. Dozier left the game after suffering a groin injury, gained 66 yards on 20 carries.

wasn't quite sure what I was going to say to him. I'll ask you one more time that question. How do you feel about coming back to Beaver Field?" Paterno joked.

After the game, Anderson took his return to Beaver Stadium hard. "I thought Penn State played the game the way I thought they would"

Anderson said. "We lost the game and I'm not happy."

When it was all over though, it may have been Paterno's return that was the tougher of the two.

Rutgers' program enters new era under Anderson

By CHRIS LINDSELY
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Young Lion defense shines in win

By JEFF SAUKAITIS
Collegian Sports Writer

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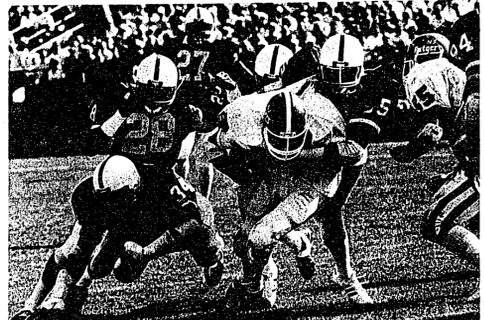
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Rutgers fullback Vernon Williams is tackled after a short gain by Penn State outside linebacker Rogers Alexander (89) as teammates Bob White (34) and Dan Moultes (26) lend assistance during the Lions 15-12 victory Saturday at Beaver Stadium. The swarming Lion defense limited Rutgers offense to 202 total yards.

crucial sack which led to Penn State's safety.

Paterno said both of the converted offensive players showed signs of becoming solid performers on defense.

"It was a calculated risk putting Moultes and Morgan on defense," Paterno said. "But I felt that wasn't a real tough game." Morgan said. "It was tough from the point of the pass rush, but it wasn't tough to the point when we were getting out there and banging heads. You can't really compare this with the Iowa game (this Saturday) because Iowa will come at us a lot more. We'll have to continue to get a lot of pressure on the passer."

"I was going to get better, I was happy with our aggressive pass rush. We didn't let Rutgers dictate, like they did last year."

Conlan agreed that the aggressiveness and awareness the defense showed on Saturday will give the defensive unit reason to be confident about the remainder of the season.

He said that last year, Penn State's defense sat back and tried to read the opposition's offense instead of making things happen. The Lions did not try to dictate the direction of the game and potential offenses took advantage of that.

Another apparently successful aspect of the defense was the play of Moultes and Morgan, two athletes who worked on the offensive line last season but were switched to the defensive front this year.

Moultes finished the game with three tackles and Morgan recorded five, including the

McEnroe crushes Lendl for 4th Open title

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — With an awesome display of his talent, John McEnroe crushed Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 yesterday to capture his fourth U.S. Open men's singles title, then warned his fellow tennis players that "I can get better than that."

The victory, his first in America's premier tennis event since 1981, cemented his position as the world's greatest tennis player and handed Lendl his third consecutive title defeat here on the hardcourts of the National Tennis Center.

"I've gotten better this year," said McEnroe, who has let his racket do the talking. And it has been talking loudly.

For McEnroe, the victory was a measure of revenge for his loss to Lendl in the title match of the French Open earlier this year.

"He wasn't going to have time to hit passing shots like he did then," McEnroe said of the difference between the slow red European clay courts of Paris and the DecoTurf II surface at Louis Armstrong Stadium.

"And being tired made me concentrate better."

"I played the big points well when I needed to. I had a couple of good breaks, good reflexes."



A happy John McEnroe raises his fist in victory after pounding Ivan Lendl in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1, to win the men's final of the U.S. Open yesterday in New York.

"If I hit it well enough, it doesn't matter what the other guy's got," he said. "I didn't change my game. I hit my shots."

"The world's top-ranked player said he was coming in to win. Maybe he wanted to end the points early — I don't know."

"I feel exhausted — unbelievable and terrible at the same time," he said. "In the third set my body said, 'That's enough.'"

"The difference (was) I was able to get on top of him. He was coming in a lot. Maybe he wanted to end the points early — I don't know."

It took McEnroe 33 minutes to capture the opening set and one hour, 40 minutes to grab the match.

Strang not panicking after sub-par performance

By JOHN WEISS
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Doug Strang is not about to panic. The senior quarterback, despite a far from dazzling performance in Saturday's 15-12 win over Rutgers, said he has been through a lot worse times.

Strang, coming off a day where he completed seven passes of 20 attempts for just 50 yards, said it will take more than one poor performance to get him down, especially after what he went through last season.

Last year at this time, Strang was not even sure he was the starting quarterback. He had started against Nebraska in the Kickoff Classic and completed two passes in 10 attempts.

The combination of the pressure to replace Todd Blackledge and the fight for a starting job with Dan Loneragan did not make Strang's early season pleasant.

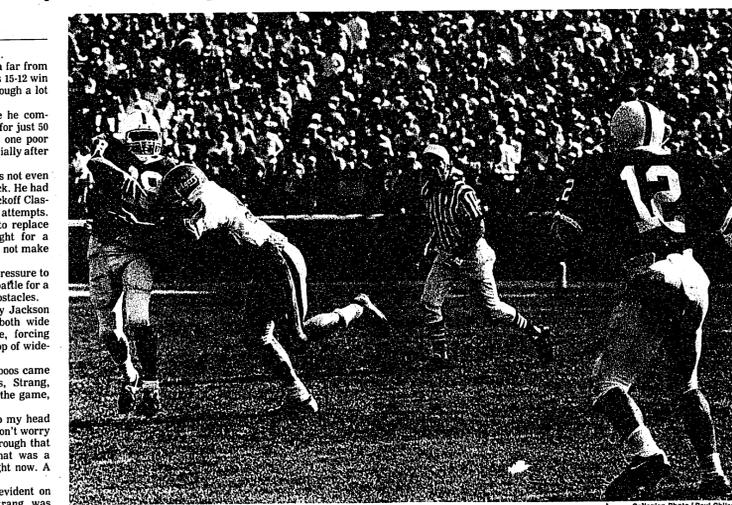
Now, one year later, there is no pressure to replace a past hero, nor is there a battle for a starting job. But Strang has new obstacles.

The graduation of flanker Kenny Jackson and split end Kevin Baugh left both wide receiver spots lean in experience, forcing Strang to be patient with a new crop of wide-out hopefuls.

But even after a day where the boos came more frequently than the cheers, Strang, puff-eyed and battered following the game, said he is not highly concerned.

"Everybody's telling me to keep my head up," Strang said. "But I just say 'don't worry about it. I'll be fine. I've been through that (pressure of last season), and that was a heckuva lot worse than this is right now. A win's a win.'"

During Saturday's win, it was evident on several occasions that either Strang was having trouble finding open receivers, or the new wide outs were having trouble getting



Lion Quarterback Doug Strang (18) unleashes a pass to tailback Tony Strang completed only seven of 20 passes for 50 yards and two Mumford in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game at Beaver Stadium. Interceptions, but he gained 63 on the ground.

"A few times people weren't open, there's no doubt about that," Strang said, "but a few times they were open and I should've hit them. I think as soon as I got a chance to get out of the pocket I was more interested in turning upfield than looking downward."

"A couple times, I think I was frustrated, because a few times I threw the ball into the ground," Strang added. "I might have had a guy open or had a chance to run it, and the choice was that I'd run the ball."

Campbell, who is vying with three other prime receiver candidates for a starting job, got the most playing time Saturday at split end, and said that the problem in the passing attack did not stem from the receivers' inability to get open.

"I think their defensive backs were playing pretty cautiously, and we were getting open."

Doug told me that he wasn't feeling confident in the way he was throwing today."

Campbell said he believes the pass attack will turn itself around soon.

"We definitely have to improve," he said, "but Doug and myself and a few of the other guys have been working all summer, and the timing between us is pretty good right now."

"I know I'm not Kenny Jackson. I just went out and tried to play the best I could play. If I can do that, I'll be happy."

George Alpert and senior Rocky Washington, did not play due to injury. Alpert is coming off of knee surgery while Washington is recovering from a pulled hamstring.

Since none of the receivers have much experience to speak of, Paterno said Strang may have put added pressure on himself to offset the receivers lack of playing time.

"They're inexperienced receivers that he's not really accustomed to, and I think he started to compensate for them."

"I think he's got an awful lot to carry with him right now," Paterno added of Strang. "He's got inexperienced receivers, and an inexperienced offensive line. He's got a limited offense, and until our people get better, we really can't go on to too many other things."

Penn State/Rutgers Statistics

Team Statistics	PSU	RU
First Downs	10	19
Rushes-Yardages	61-262	26-85
Passing-Yardage	50	159
Pass-attempt-comp-int.	20-7-2	41-16-1

Total offensive	PSU	RU
Average Gain Per Play	3.85	3.0
Return Yards	44	77
Fumbles lost	1-1	2-1
Points (number-avg.)	8-35.0	10-37.9
Penalties-Yards	8-74	6-73
Sacks by	3	2
Third Down Conversions	6-20	3-18
Possession-Time	35:35	24:25

Scoring Summary
PSU — Dozier 43 yard run (Gancitano kick)
PSU — Gancitano 20 yard FG
RU — Angstadt 14 yard FG
RU — Hooper 3 yard pass from Hochberg (Angstadt kick)
PSU — Safety — Hochberg sacked in endzone and fumbles
PSU — Gancitano 36 yard FG
RU — Safety — Bruno runs out of endzone

Final individual statistics
Rushing — Penn State Dozier 12-97, Mumford 20-88, Mason 12-51, Strang 11-63, Smith 3-4, Clark 2-4, Bruno 1-(-22) Totals 61-262. Rutgers Williams 14-44, Smith 3-11, Hochberg 4-(-22), Hooper 5-9. Totals 26-85
Passing — Penn State Strang 7-20-50, Rutgers Hochberg 16-41-159
Pass Receiving — Penn State Campbell 2-12, Smith 1-15, Bella-my 1-12, Dozier 1-6, Mason 1-3, Mumford 1-2 Totals 7-50. Rutgers Pendergrass 3-71, Drake 4-49, Baker 3-20, Hooper 2-10, Williams 2-6, Cobb 1-4, Smith 1-2 Totals 16-159
Punting — Penn State Bruno 8-25-90.9, Rutgers Lisika 10-379-37.9
Field Goals — Penn State Gancitano 2-2 Rutgers Angstadt 1-1
Punt Returns — Penn State Woods 3-13, Iom 1-4, Rutgers Young 4-42
Kickoff Returns — Penn State Iom 2-17, Rutgers Hooper 2-30
Interception Returns — Penn State L. Hamilton 1-4, Rutgers Twanley 1-27, Cummins 1-7

Tigers sweep series from Jays

By The Associated Press

The Detroit Tigers left Toronto with things in as good a shape as possible for themselves as they swept their three-game series with the Blue Jays with a 7-2 victory Sunday.

The successful weekend trimmed Detroit's magic number to nine and left Toronto 1 1/2 games behind the leaders of the American League East.

Kirk Gibson hit a 400-foot, three-run homer in the seventh inning and John Grubbs added a solo shot in the sixth to back Mill Wilcox, 16-7.

In other AL games Sunday, Cleveland beat Oakland 7-5, Baltimore defeated Houston 6-4, Cincinnati defeated Milwaukee 4-0, Boston swamped New York 10-1, Texas crushed Minnesota 9-3 and Kansas City edged Seattle 6-5. California was at Chicago in a night game.

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