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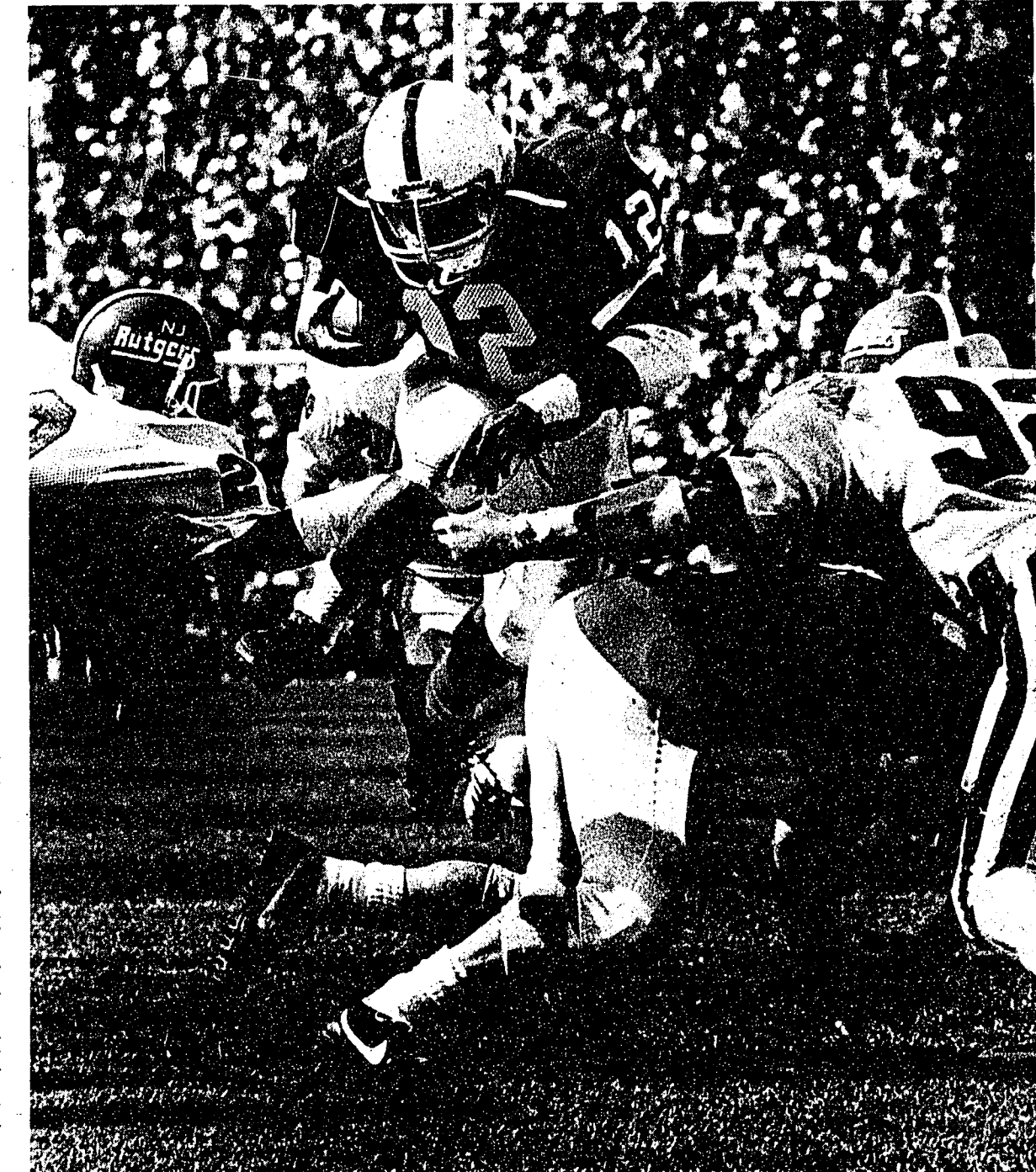
Lions confident despite lackluster 15-12 win

By GREG LODER Collegian Sports Writer

"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.

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.

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."



Penn State reserve tailback Tony Mumford (12) slashes past two Rutgers defenders for short yardage during third quarter action Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

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

Rutgers' program enters new era under Anderson

By CHRIS LINDSELY Collegian Sports Writer

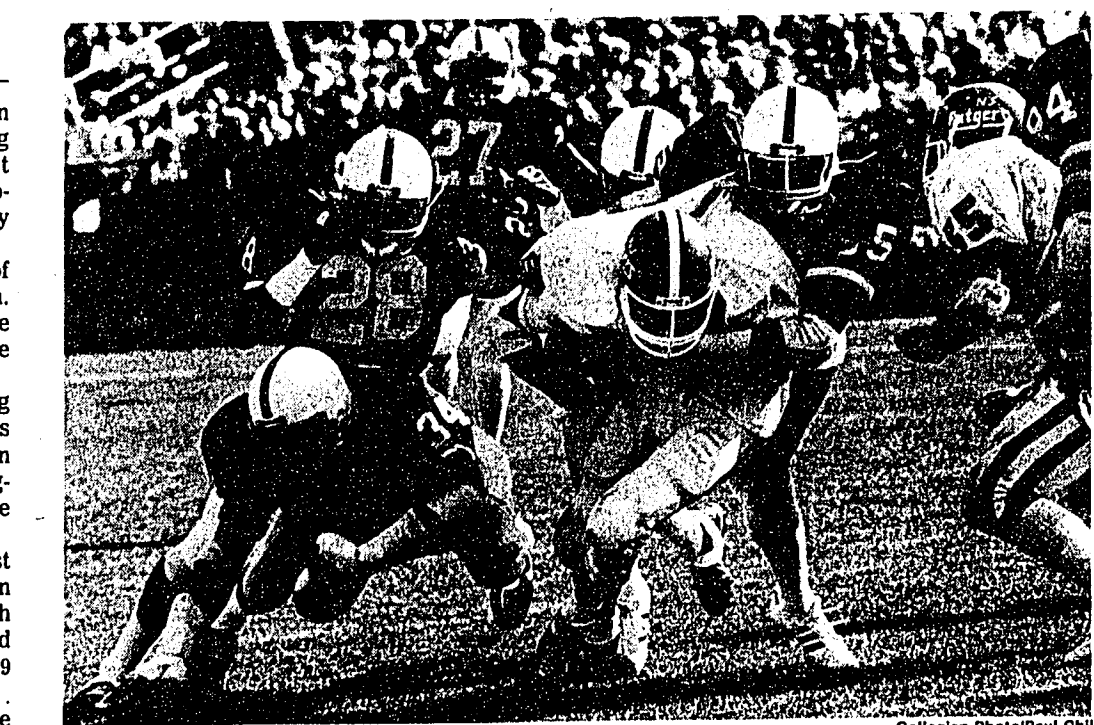
"The team's more confident this season, and we have a positive direction," punt returner Harold Young said. "Coach is showing us the way to go and he's showing us how to get there. We're more aggressive as a team, and we've changed our overall attitude. Now we know we can win, and we won't be satisfied with anything less."

"If I tell someone I go to Rutgers, their first question is 'do you play football at Rutgers?' And I say yes, but somehow it just doesn't seem to click like it would if I said that I played at Penn State," Rutgers offensive tackle Tony Rigole said after the game.

Young Lion defense shines in win

By JEFF SAUKAITIS Collegian Sports Writer

When Penn State opened its football season Saturday with just two seniors in the starting defensive lineup, there was some concern about the inexperienced Lions with a tough early challenge.



Rutgers fullback Vernon Williams is tackled after a short gain by Penn State outside linebacker Charles Alexander (95) as teammates Bob White (34) and Dan Morgan (29) lend assistance during the Lions 15-12 victory Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

"Everybody's 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.

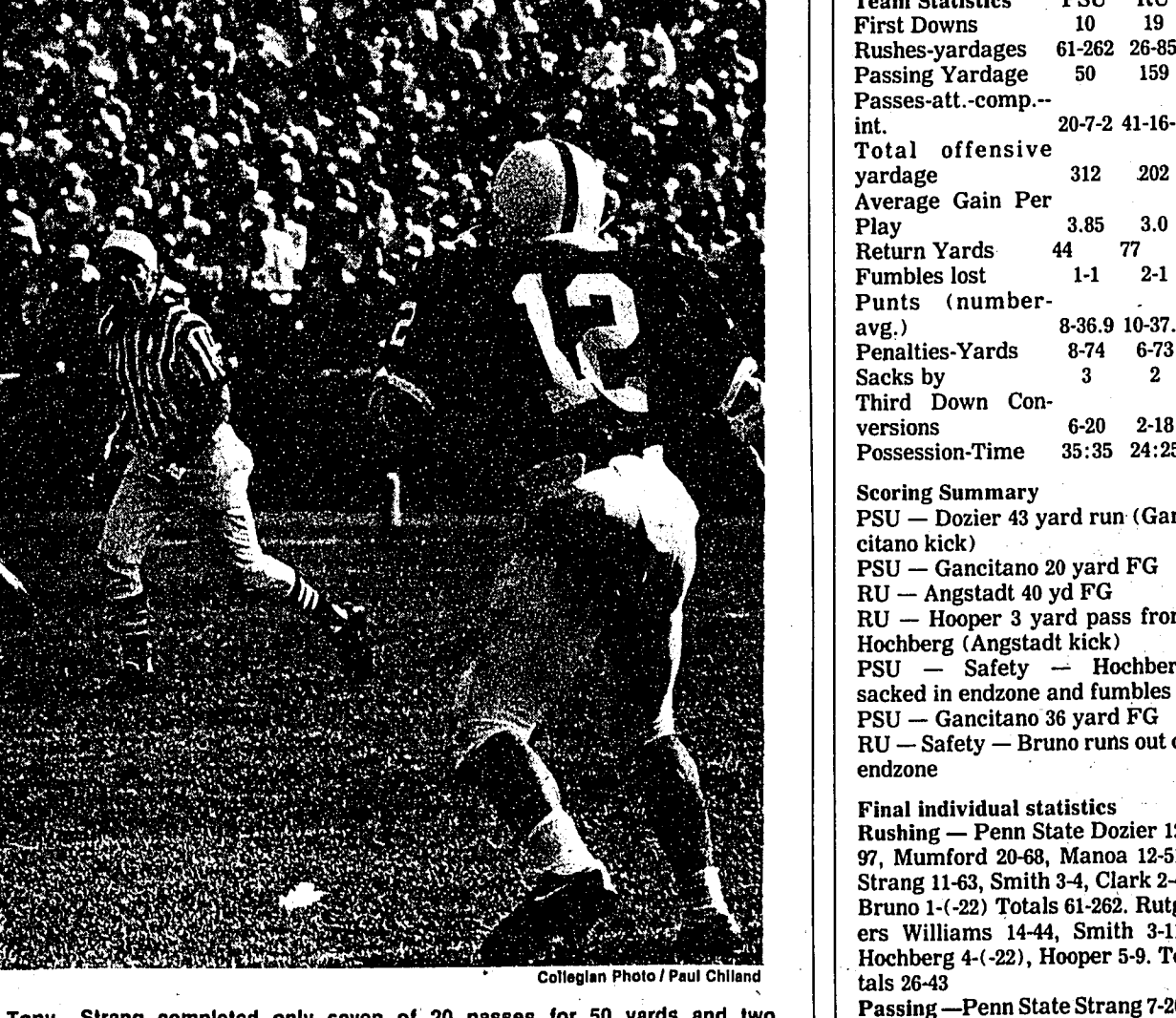
Strang not panicking after sub-par performance

By JOHN WEISS Collegian Sports Writer

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 yards 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.

"I know the offense felt the same way. Like this was going to be an easy day," Strang said. "We scored and didn't return to the lineup."



Lion Quarterback Doug Strang (18) undrives 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.

"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 downfield."

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.

In the National League, Philadelphia needed 11 innings to down Montreal 6-5. St. Louis edged Pittsburgh 2-1, New York beat Chicago 5-1, San Diego blasted Houston 8-4, Cincinnati defeated Los Angeles 5-1 and San Francisco downed Atlanta 6-4.

Booters shut out Rams, 3-0; play WVU tomorrow

By TOM FLYNN Collegian Sports Writer

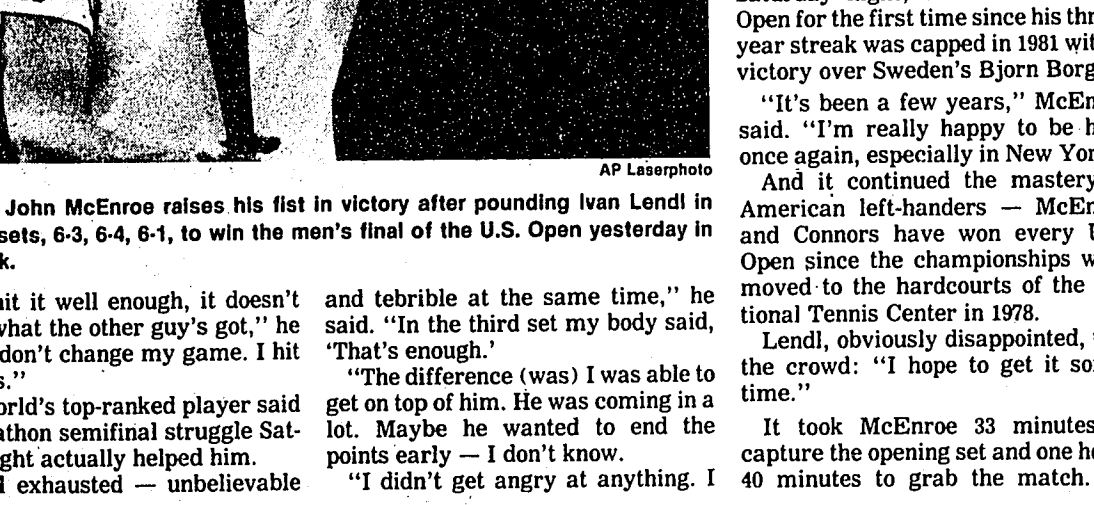
The soccer team finished its season-opening three-game homestand Friday night with a resounding 3-0 triumph over Rhode Island.

As in the Lions' first victory last week over Navy, Penn State took an early lead and never looked back. Forward Niall Harrison opened the scoring at 24 of the first half, taking a pass from forward Larry Miller and depositing the ball past Rams' goaltender Mike Saalfrank.

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."



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.

"I attacked his serve more," McEnroe said. "That's the way to beat him, and that's the strong part of my game." It was "McEnroe the Magnificent," coming off an epic five-set struggle against Connors in the semifinals Saturday night, who won the U.S. Open for the first time since his three-year streak was capped in 1981 with a victory over Sweden's Bjorn Borg.

Penn State/Rutgers Statistics

Table with columns for Team Statistics, PSU, and RU. Rows include First Downs, Rushes-Yardages, Passing-Yardage, Pass-attempts, Total offensive yardage, Average Gain Per Play, Return Yards, Fumbles lost, Points (number, avg.), Penalties-Yards, Sacks by, Third Down Conversions, Possession-Time, Scoring Summary, Final individual statistics, and Punting.