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Offense not pretty, but it gets the job done

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Winning ugly.
That pretty much describes the way the football team has gone through the first eight games of the season. They have gotten the job done — barely in a few games — but for an 8-0 team, the Lions are still an inconsistent team when they have the ball. Saturday against Boston College the offense mounted only one real drive — keyed by a 42-yard scamper by tailback D.J. Dozier setting up a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback John Shaffer — and for the rest of the game it struggled.

Mike Russo — that gave Penn State its margin of victory at 16-12.

All season long the defense has made the key plays, and offensive guard Todd Moultes said the offense just doesn't have the seasoning the Lions' defensive 11 possesses. "There's many more upperclassmen coming back on defense, they have the playing experience, and they're showing it," Moultes said. "On offense I think we're inexperienced right now, we're playing inconsistent. We have to try to develop a consistency, and try to get better in practice." It's hard to achieve consistency when faced with injuries, and this season the offense has had more than its share of bumps and bruises. Tailback D.J. Dozier and offensive line men Rob Smith, Mark Sicker, Mitch Frerotte and Chris Conlan have all been in and out of the lineup, something Smith said has hurt the ground game in particular. "We've had some problems this year as far as getting our running game going," Smith said, "and we've had some problems moving the ball.

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— Todd Moultes, offensive lineman

the year, the fact that the Lions haven't been able to score more than 27 points has hurt them to this point in the season, anyway. But although Penn State's offensive statistics (176 yards rushing and 150 yards passing per game) by themselves are not that impressive, when they're needed to get the job done, the offense is like a squad possessed. "As for people saying how bad the offense is doing or not putting points on the board," Moultes said, "I'm pleased because when we were behind at Syracuse we moved down the field twice on them, we took control of the game against West Virginia... so they've been some good things, too." Moultes added that coming through when the pressures on is what football is all about. "When you're in athletics you're looking for challenges, and that's the nature of a challenge," the Lions' offensive captain said. "When you're behind at halftime and you have to come out and win, that's a challenge to you. We'd like to win by more

points and be on the sidelines watching the game and enjoying it, but a win's a win."

Dozier reiterated the point that winning is the bottom line, and although the offense hasn't been as efficient as he would like, he said winning ugly was fine with him. "There's a few games it's looked that way," Dozier said. "... Even though our games have been close, we've won the games. It may have not looked pretty, but we got the job done." "We always feel that no matter what a team's record is... they're going to play their best against us, and the whole year it's been true. Each team's played one of their best games against Penn State, and we expect that, but then again offensively we didn't play well. Our defense played a heck of a game. They won the game for us." Thanks to the outstanding play of the defense throughout the course of

ND may be on TV

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC-TV announced yesterday that it will televise either or both of the Saturday-Penn State and Saturday-Georgia college football games on Nov. 16. The network said yesterday it will make a final decision after this weekend's games.

Booters face Cleveland St.

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The soccer team enters the final week of the season facing two must win matches, the first at noon today when it visits Cleveland State.

The Lions will then finish the regular season Friday when it hosts Mid-Atlantic Region foe LaSalle. A pair of Penn State (10-1) victories would almost guarantee the Lions a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs. Although the Vikings are 9-9-1, Lion Head Coach Walter Bahr said the Vikings are capable of playing a strong game this afternoon. "Their season is a mystery to everybody," Bahr said. "They've beaten some good teams and are capable of playing a good game." Cleveland State is disappointed in its record because it had a good recruiting year. They brought in some excellent players and thought they would have their best team in years.

Penn State is coming off a tough tie with Temple last Friday. Bahr felt the Lions outplayed the No. 11 Owls, but the score still ended deadlocked, 1-1.



Penn State's Shari Pribula (33) gets the ball in a game against Delaware earlier this year at Lady Lion Field. The women's field hockey hopes to keep its undefeated home record in tact at 3:15 today when it hosts the University of Pennsylvania.

Stickwomen host Penn

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The No. 10-ranked field hockey team is glad to be home as it heads into the last week of the season with crucial games against Penn today, No. 18 West Chester on Thursday and No. 13 Virginia on Saturday. Penn State (13-3-1) is 8-0 at home, and the Lady Lions have won 12 straight in University Park dating back to last year. Goalkeeper Michele Monahan has five of her nine shutouts this season at Lady Lion Field, where Head Coach Gillian Rattray's squad always seems to play its best. Rattray hopes to use that home field advantage against the Lady Quakers at 3:15 today.

"We obviously have an advantage in that we are home for these three games," Rattray said. "We are on our magic field, and we hope that the third year is a new. But the Lady Quakers have outshot their opponents and is averaging under one goal per game. Two of their

Winning nothing new to Shaffer

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Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing — Vince Lombardi.

And it's only thing Lion quarterback John Shaffer has done, since eighth grade, anyway. The junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, who played for perennial power Moeller High School, has won the last 51 games he's started, with his last loss coming when he was in seventh grade. But more importantly to Shaffer, this year's Lions are 8-0, and despite completing only 46 percent of his passes (for 183), the one thing he's proven above all else is that he knows how to get the job done when the game's on the line. "He's a winner from the word go," said center Rob Smith, who lives with Shaffer. "He might not have the stats of some of the so-called great quarterbacks in the country like the Robbie Bosco's and some of those, but you have to look at the fact that we've been winning with John."



Penn State quarterback John Shaffer looks downfield for a receiver in Saturday's game against Boston College at Beaver Stadium. Although his statistics are not that impressive, Shaffer has an uncanny knack for winning, as evident by the fact that he has not lost a football game he has started in since seventh grade.

Not that he hasn't had a little help from his friends on the other side of the line. All season long the Lion defense has been little short of spectacular, consistently coming up with the big plays when called for. As a result, Shaffer and the rest of the offense have not found themselves behind very often. When tested, however, Shaffer has been up to the challenge. After watching a 17-0 lead lead turn into an 18-17 deficit at Maryland, Shaffer immediately led the offense down the field for the eventual game-winning field goal. Against Syracuse, the Lion signal-caller marched his troops 64 yards in the final minutes after the Orangemen had taken a 20-17 lead midway through the final period. And Saturday against Boston College, with Penn State trailing 12-3, Shaffer capped a 74-yard drive with a quarterback sneak to get the Lions back in the game, and the defense did the rest. Even though they've had some close calls, Frerotte said the offense doesn't panic when the fall because they know Shaffer's there with them every step of the way. "When we're in the huddle everybody says 'Come on, let's go,'" Frerotte said. "But John comes out there with authority, and we know he has faith in us, and we have faith in him. He does

add a lot of confidence in the huddle, and when he needs to get the job done he does it. "I can remember one play in particular he said 'We need the first down.' I think it was the 40 yard short, and John said 'I feel it,' and he hit Dean (DiMidio) for the first down on third and long. I can remember he said 'I feel it,' and we knew if he felt it, it was going to work out." The Lions are in the unique position of having another quality quarterback, junior Matt Knizer, right behind Shaffer on the depth chart, and any time Shaffer begins to struggle, there are always those who want to see a relief pitcher. Paterno, however, has had problems with the revolving quarterback door in years past, and has vowed to stay with Shaffer through thick and thin. And Smith said he too felt even with the Lions trailing 12-3 to Boston College late in the third quarter, John would get the team going. "In my mind I had no doubt that they'd leave John in," Smith said. "Not that Matt's not a great quarterback too, but I think John does well in the clutch."

If ever someone is to blame for problems with the offense, however, Shaffer is always more than willing to take it. Diamond, said he was "sorry and embarrassed at the situation." Remfere said Strong distributed less than one percent of the cocaine admittedly used by such players as Hernandez, Kansas City Royals outfielder Lonnie Smith and Cincinnati Reds outfielder Dave Parker. "These players received cocaine long before they met my client and they will receive it long after," Remfere said. U.S. Attorney J. Alan Johnson argued that Strong, for at least four years, "was a drug dealer and he knew what he was doing" when selling cocaine to ballplayers in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta. "The players, obviously, are not without fault in this case," Johnson said.

Strong sentenced to 12 years for selling cocaine

By PETER MATTIACE
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PITTSBURGH — Former Philadelphia Phillies clubhouse caterer Curtis Strong was sentenced yesterday to 12 years in prison for selling cocaine to major league players by a federal judge who warned baseball executives they "must clean up their house." Strong, 38, of Philadelphia, also was sentenced to 12 years of special parole following his jail term for his Sept. 20 conviction on 11 of 14 cocaine distribution charges. U.S. District Judge Gustave Diamond said he wanted Strong to be "too old to engage in the drug business" when he leaves federal supervision in 24 years. The judge, however, ruled that

after he returned to the team following his federal court testimony against Strong. "When those people stand up and applaud Keith Hernandez, or whoever they were applauding, then they are applauding a disgraceful element of our society," Diamond said. "The fact that the fans should give a standing ovation, I think, is a terrible commentary on our society." Defense attorney Adam Remfere Jr. brought up the ovation to Diamond in asking for mercy for Strong. "Only in America can that happen," Remfere said. The attorney again portrayed his client as a "scapegoat" for a four-year drug investigation into drug use among ballplayers. Strong, in a short statement before

The Refrigerator:

Chicago's Perry is fast becoming a household name

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
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CHICAGO — William "The Refrigerator" Perry, who is paid to push his massive self away from the dining table, may soon be pushing hamburgers, french fries and other fast-food temptations, as well as real refrigerators. The Chicago Bears' 308-pound rookie defensive tackle, whose girth makes him worth plenty to advertisers, stands to profit more from his endorsements this season than from his four-year, \$1.35 million contract with the NFL club.

"I don't know of a hotter property in the country right now," his agent, Jim Steiner of St. Louis-based Bry & Associates, said yesterday. "I'll endorse anything that's going to make some money," said Perry. "But it'll have to be something sensible." McDonald's, Coca Cola, and, of course, refrigerator-makers General Electric and Whirlpool are hungry for endorsements from the 22-year-old Perry, who says a decision is expected in about two weeks. "They (offers) are coming in at the rate of 15 an hour," said Steiner, whose firm represents more than 100 athletes, including the New York Mets' Darryl Strawberry, Kellen Winslow of the

San Diego Chargers and the St. Louis Cardinals' Vince Coleman. Offers were coming in even before Perry became an important factor on offense, scoring a touchdown and clearing the way for two TDs by Walter Payton against Green Bay two weeks ago. He victimized the Packers again Sunday, catching the first touchdown pass of his career as the Bears defeated Green Bay 16-10, raising their record to 9-0. That earned him a appearance yesterday on the CBS Morning News, plus a front-page story in USA Today. Among the companies lining up to sign Perry are a toy maker which wants to market a William Perry robot, a manufacturer of hospital scrub suits and a thermal underwear company, Steiner said. "We've had a company that wanted him to endorse a seat cushion-foam tray combination for football games," Steiner added. And dentists are offering to replace Perry's missing front tooth for free. Perry's show-biz career is being plotted carefully, Steiner said. "We cannot overexpose him, and we want to align him with quality companies," he said. Perry, raised in Aiken, S.C., was a surprise

Noll thanks noisy fans for Steelers' resurgence

By ALAN ROBINSON
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PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are again making noise in the American Conference Central Division, and for that, Steelers Coach Chuck Noll thanks the team's fans. "They rose to the challenge," Noll said yesterday, the day after the Steelers edged the Cleveland Browns 19-9 with the help of a Three Rivers Stadium crowd of 51,976. "The fans became a factor in the third quarter when Browns center Mike Bab, unable to hear Bernie Kosar, prematurely snapped the ball and the startled quarterback was dumped for a 12-yard loss. The Steelers quickly turned the mistake into the game's only touchdown, a 32-yard run by Walter Abercrombie. Kosar had delayed play for several minutes as he appealed three times for referee Bob Frederic to quiet the crowd. Kosar was standing hands on hip, looking towards the official, when he suddenly saw the ball heading his way. Bab claimed afterwards he thought he heard Kosar yelling for the ball.

"Early on, I thought he should have gone (ahead with the play). The longer you wait, the louder it gets," Noll said. "You don't mess with the masses." There were several such delays in NFL games Sunday. Several weeks ago Los Angeles Raiders quarterback Marc Wilson waited nearly five minutes to get a play off in a 21-20 victory over the Browns in Cleveland. "Cleveland set the record, and now everybody's shooting for it," Noll said, smiling. "As a coach, you want the crowd involved in the game, but it's a two-edged sword... you also want the game on the field. The only solution I know of is to play all home games, because the crowd is great when you're at home and not when you're on the road." That's especially so this season for the 4-6 Steelers. They are winless in four road games, and now play in successive weeks at Kansas City and Houston. "I don't know how you compare teams, except when they play each other," Noll said. "I thought before the season started that it was a well-balanced division, but you don't know until you start playing."

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