Penn State declaws Panthers in 31-0 romp

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could have upset the football team for second quarter, the team was having offense to 26 yards in 16 plays. the second time in as many seasons, a problems with the Pitt defense.

from the No. 1 spot in the polls, se-title in four years when it faces the run on them."

Year's Night in Miami. Early in the contest it appeared The Panthers dominated the the second quarter. However, the PITTSBURGH — For the Pitt Pan- that the Panthers were going to spoil scoreless first quarter, holding the Lions still appeared lethargic as the thers, the game represented one last the Lions' holiday plans. Despite ball nearly four minutes longer than six-minute mark approached. chance to gain some respect. If they holding a 7-0 lead midway through the the Lions and limiting Penn State's Then it happened.

Fazio something to think about.

Visiting Penn State, however, had

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defense. "We had gone into the football game wanting to try and throw outraced cornerbacks John Lewis respect and much more on the line The victory secured the 11-0 Lions' the ball early, to try and get (Pitt's and Teryl Austin for a 60-yard touch-Saturday evening at Pitt Stadium. fifth undefeated, untied regular sea- defense) loosened up. Although they had accepted an son since Joe Paterno became the "We weren't getting any pass pro- "I came through the hole and I saw Orange Bowl bid to meet Oklahoma head coach in 1966. More importantly tection, so we just had to put our ears the big hole and my eyes just opened 🔣 nearly two hours before kickoff, a to the players, it meant Penn State back and go ... we made up our up," Manoa said. "I said 'I've got to

loss would have dropped the Lions will be playing for its second national minds that we were going to have to do it.' I saw the guy coming from the verely damaging the team's hopes of No. 5 Sooners (a 27-7 winner over And it was a seven-yard run by catch me. I went for it and I got it."

since high school.' The quick scoring spree was com-

handoff and, for a brief moment, had way over to the other side.

materialize out of nowhere. Alexan- more scores in the fourth quarter, the championship

"They stuck a couple of blitzes in State 40, fullback Tim Manoa took the bowl bid might have been waiting. A Suddenly, almost shockingly to the there with their linebackers that real-handoff on a draw play and quickly win also would have given the critics 60,134 spectators who jammed Pitt ly gave us trouble with the pass," broke through the Panther line. Mawho want to fire Head Coach Foge Stadium, the Lions scored two touch-Paterno said of Pitt's first-quarter noa cut down the left sideline and left

> side and I thought he was going to The ensuing kickoff was returned to he Panther 28, but a clipping penalty brought the ball back to the 14. On the next play, Pitt quarterback John Congemi was hit by the Lions' Don Gra-

ham as he backpedaled into the Penn State end zone. Congemi fumbled the ball and inside linebacker Pete Giftoooulous recovered for the score. "It felt good," the 6-2, 243-pound native of Hamilton. Ontario said of

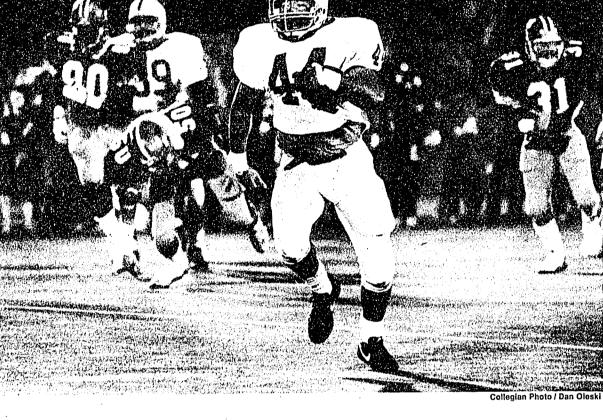
tents and purposes, but the Panthers games. Pitt regained the ball and drove dropping the senior a yard short.

verted his 27th extra point attempt of Bob White (34) pressures Pitt quarterback John Congemi in Saturday night's the season. The Lions' 14 points in 19 game at Pitt Stadium. White and the rest of the Penn State defense held the seconds ended the game for all in- Panthers scoreless to chalk up the Lions' second shutout in their last five

Isom applied the finishing touches, Manoa, which finished a nine-play, from its own 45 to the Lion seven with "They had an unbalanced line - goal, with 8:59 left, finished out the four seconds left. Congemi's pass to strong — and that was the first time scoring. Chucky Scales was incomplete in the they'd done that the whole second Tri-captain Todd Moules expected back of the end zone, but it was ruled quarter," Alexander said "He tried to the Lions to have a strong season that Duffy Cobbs interfered on the cut back and I guess he thought we'd after last year's uncharacteristic 6-5

be overplaying a whole bunch. I just finish, but he never thought the Lions The Panthers had one last chance happened to be stepping in the hole. I would go undefeated before the seaon an untimed down from the Lion was kind of playing the cutback, son began. two. Fullback Darnell Stone took the because I knew I couldn't get all the "Right from the preseason we knew that we had a lot of potential.' a massive hole through the middle of Penn State's defense held the Pan- Moules said. "We started yellling 5-0

while intercepting three passes and the Syracuse game. I think that's Rogers Alexander, who seemed to Offensively, the Lions added two and play for the national



Penn State's Tim Manoa (44) outraces the Pitt defense to the end zone in Saturday night's game at Pitt Stadium. Manoa's 60-yard TD run in the second quarter was one of the key plays in the Lions' 31-0 victory over the Panthers. Penn State now

Lions' season silences critics

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ending beatings by Notre Dame (44- more years experience. 7) and Pitt? Paterno's teams had

After the Pitt debacle he called his to perfect. players a "bunch of babies." saving

"I didn't do a good job for football team last year coming down season, averaging 42.9 yards per

at Maryland, ranked by some as high season. as No. 1 in pre-season polls, many

behind 20-18 triumph at Maryland, that we've had good kids - we've and the rest, as they say, is history. challenged them. They've got a lot of After losing to Pitt 31-11 to end last Of any of Paterno's past squads, character. They wanted to be good, season with a mediocre 6-5 record, it this one is perhaps most representa- and they've been mature." tive of the former Brown quar-

terback, who has the best winning In their last five games, the firstpercentage of any coach with 12 or team defense has given up but one touchdown, a 54-yard run by Boston Paterno has long advocated that College's Ken Bell, while shutting out kicking and defense win games and in West Virginia and Pitt in the process But for Paterno, who completed his fifth unbeaten regular season as Li-

Placekicker Massimo Manca has hit on 21 of 26 field goal attempts, and arch-rival Pitt 31-0 in Pittsburgh, he his roommate and punter John Bruno didn't expect such a big turnaround has been the model of consistency all so soon.

champions," Paterno said, "I tried to didn't do a good job for my coaching

And while the offense has struggled tell some people a year ago, in the staff. I didn't give them a chance to throughout the season, the defense middle of the year, that we are alcoach. . . I did chew out my kids last has been the major force in the Lions' ways trying to build a club that will wasn't the kids." Whoever it was, it Repeatedly the defensive 11 has er every two or three years . . . I was Paterno's worst record since his stopped the opposition with the game think we are a little bit ahead of first team went 5-5 in 1966, and for the on the line, and has caused 36 oppo- where I thought we would be since first time many questioned whether nent turnovers, while the Pennn State there's only six or seven kids on the Paterno might be losing his touch offense has turned the ball over just squad that don't have another year of

> kids all played a tough schedule last minds. For the first time since 1970 year," Paterno said. "I think you the Lions weren't going to a bowl

20 times, for a +16 takeaway margin eligibility if they want it." After last season, however, nation-

> game, and Paterno was the first to work ahead if it was to be a compet- Collegian Sports Writer itive football team.

"I thought about it this summer," a lot of potential as hard as it was we had on this team, and so far it's

really worked out for us." For quarterback John Shaffer, felt there was no limit to how far they

that first game when we realized how good we were," Shaffer said, "and we the games and work hard, we'd have every confidence that when Saturday

strated seemingly game after game,

Please see Paterno, Page 12 pace of the game for the first 15 typical of how things had gone all for Panther opponents.

Pitt players confused after loss set the Lions back a total 26 yards and "We took .PITTSBURGH - When Pittsburgh give the Panther offense excellent down the field and didn't get any field position. However, the offense points out of it," Congemi said.

only national championship team, he Saturday after a 31-0 loss to No. 1 could muster no more than three first "There's not many teams in the na-Penn State, the overriding emotion downs in the first quarter.

tions for which they had no answers didn't do that.' - questions concerning the tenure of In fact, the Panthers' strongest

"We just played very, very sloppy peared out of nowhere to smother the 30-yard interception return by Lance

and Penn State took every advantage play they could," Fazio said afterwards. Stone's brief glimpse into the end-

frustration, but confusion.

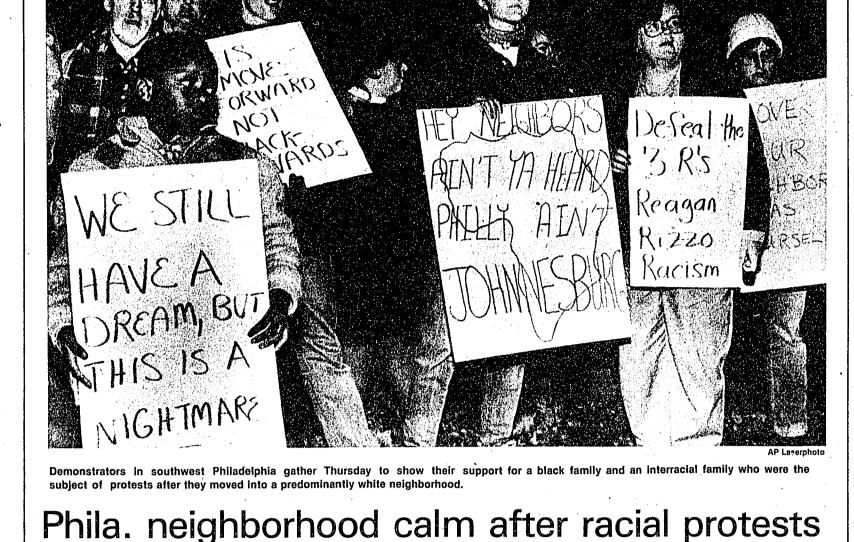
For as the Panthers quietly shed ourselves," Fazio said. "You don't their uniforms and returned to civilget the ball in that kind of field thing—a penalty, a dropped pass, a ian dress, they had time to reflect on position against Penn State and not mistake on the line, a mistake I made their season and a number of ques- take advantage of it and we just or a mistake someone else made -Head Coach Foge Fazio (25-18-3), scoring threat didn't surface until just put our finger on that, we could

questions concerning their 5-5-1 finish time had already expired in the seccornerback Duffy Cobbs was called scoreboard, the poor play of the Pitt Less than four hours earlier, the for interference in the endzone, Pitt attack contributed to the Lions' offen-Panthers had entered the contest fullback Darnell Stone took a handoff sive production. Penn State conwith high hopes for an upset and an on second and goal from the two-yard verted two of five Panther turnovers opportunity to recapture a little re- line and raced toward a gaping hole into 10 points when inside linebacker spect, but true to the pattern they had in the Penn State line. The 6-1, 215- Pete Giftopoulos recovered a Confollowed all season, they quickly shat- pound senior was stopped dead in his gemi fumble in the endzone for a tered those hopes with careless mis- tracks one yard later when inside touchdown and kicker Massimo Man-

offense in the final stanza.

linebacker Rogers Alexander ap- ca booted a 39-yard field goal after a

"We just made too many dog-gone zone would be the last for any Panth- the nation against the rush, experimistakes - too many penalties, inter- er this season as the Penn State enced problems similar to those of ceptions, fumbles - we just couldn't defense closed the door on the Pitt the offense as Penn State running started since seventh grade, and he's The Pitt defense controlled the The Panthers' impotent attack was day, well above the 91.3-yard average



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west Task Force, said Saturday. Jesse Jackson, planned a march strations was needed as a cooling-PHILADELPHIA - Calm The group, a community-service and a motorcade through the neigh-off period. reigned and city officials hoped the organization sponsored by the city, borhood Saturday afternoon to worst was over yesterday in a pre- has been working with community show support for the two families dominantly white neighborhood leaders, clergy, police and city offitargeted by the protests. where Mayor W. Wilson Goode decials to maintain calm in the work-Stefan Presser, an American Civ-

ing protests outside two homes Hundreds of whites protested federal judge Saturday to let PUSH recently occupied by Blacks. Wednesday and Thursday outside stage the demonstration, arguing "All's quiet," said Officer Robert the homes of a black family and an that the mayor's order was uncon-Zindell at a district police station. interracial couple, prompting stitutional. Clergymen in the southwest Phil- Goode's declaration Friday that Goode told U.S. District Judge adelphia neighborhood issued a prohibited more than four people William Ditter Jr., "I feel that we statement Saturday calling for an from congregating except for reli- have a time bomb which is ticking, end to public demonstrations while gious or recreational purposes. and that we have a potential to take a black civil rights group called off Police reported no arrests or vio- and pull that fuse out and prevent it a march after an appeal by Goode. lence since the mayor's declara- from exploding."

and just peace," the Rev. William Operation PUSH, a civil rights day, we will lose control." He said his wife is white.

can be made toward a real, lasting neighborhood "a time bomb." marches on that neighborhood to-their two children. He is black and

"We are cautiously optimistic tion, which he appeared in court to Goode, who toured the area ear- Gerald and Carol Fox, who moved that the worst is over and progress defend on Saturday, calling the lier in the day, said, "If anyone into their row house Sunday with

praised by Bennie Swans, head of il Liberties Union attorney, asked a the city's Crisis Intervention Net-Wednesday in front of a house reand Marietta Bloom, who are black,

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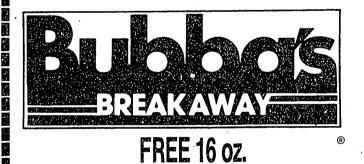
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