Lions puree Syracuse in colorful contest

By CHRIS RAYMOND
Collegian Sports Writer

Aside from the obvious lack of competition in Saturday's Homecoming game vs. Syracuse, Penn State alumni can, at least, take some consolation in the color of the 42-3 contest.

Case in point:

- Team records fell like marshmallows onto the field. (Nearly everyone agreed, however, that records and marshmallows weren't nearly as bad as the tomato which prompted officials to call time out in the second quarter for a friendly reminder: Don't throw fruit on the field. (Rumor has it the NCAA's official biologist approved the call.)
- Members of the Lions' six-week old sign club tried — albeit unsuccessfully — for nearly two quarters to signal alien spacecraft in the Happy Valley stratosphere with strange messages like "3OC VA" and "DSA 'IA"
- Penn State fans participated in Beaver Stadium's very first slow-motion wave.
- And the Blue Band unveiled a brand new fight song which sounded remarkably like the theme from *The Flintstones*.

Top that off with a host of awkward passes, pitches, punts and runs and you may begin to get the picture.

Still, even with that list of oddities, the Penn State team remained true to form:

- The No. 6 Lions returned to their three-part scoring strategy to take a seven-point lead just 2:25 into the game.
- The key to their offensive explosion was a first-rate rushing performance.
- And an air-tight defense provided the spark which started the whole affair.

The three-part scoring strategy — kick off, gain possession deep in enemy territory and zero in on the end zone — gave the Lions the game-winning touchdown with 57:35 remaining when fullback Tim Manoa bulled his way into the end zone from 11 yards out. The 39-yard scoring drive was sparked by a Duffy Cobbs' interception on the Orangemen's first play from the line of scrimmage.

Manoa finished the day with 96 yards rushing, but his counterpart Blair Thomas stole the limelight late in the third quarter when he all but matched Manoa's performance with one run. The sophomore tailback from Philadelphia dashed 92 yards on a sweep to the right to set up a one-yard touchdown plunge by fullback Steve Smith and better the Lions' old mark for long distance running by two yards. The old record was set by Bill Suter against Navy in 1894.

Thomas later carried the ball 38 yards for a touchdown juking even the marshmallows in the end zone to give Penn State a 35-3 lead. The two big runs coupled with a two-yard rush on his first carry of the ballgame gave the sophomore a one-day average of 44-yards per carry.

All totaled, Penn State finished the day with 434 yards on the ground including Thomas's 132, Manoa's 96, D.J. Dozier's 84 and 47 by third-string safety turned runner Odell Wilson. Much of that success could be attributed to the strong play of the Lions on the offensive line.

"I thought they did an awfully good job most of the time," Head Coach Joe Paterno said after the game. "They still had some spots where they were a little bit erratic, jumping offsides, (picking up) penalties and what have you but overall they came off the ball well. . .

I thought our defense played an outstanding game. I think you ought to start with the defense, not with the offense."

The play of the Penn State defense was, indeed, impressive as the Lions held Syracuse to 248 yards in total offense, while registering six sacks and forcing four turnovers.

Orange quarterback Don McPherson spent much of the day scrambling from linebackers Don Graham and Shane Conlan losing 44 yards in the process and his leading receiver Scott Schwedes was confined to 13 yards on three catches.

"We were very concerned about Schwedes," Paterno said. "We put people around him as best we could without giving up too much in the way of the option game. But that's a tough combination in there.

"I don't know whether we handled McPherson or not. It looked to me like we made some big plays but he had to throw with a lot of pressure on him and I thought we mixed up our coverages really well."

Cobbs was responsible for two of the Orangemen's four turnovers adding an intercepted McPherson pitch

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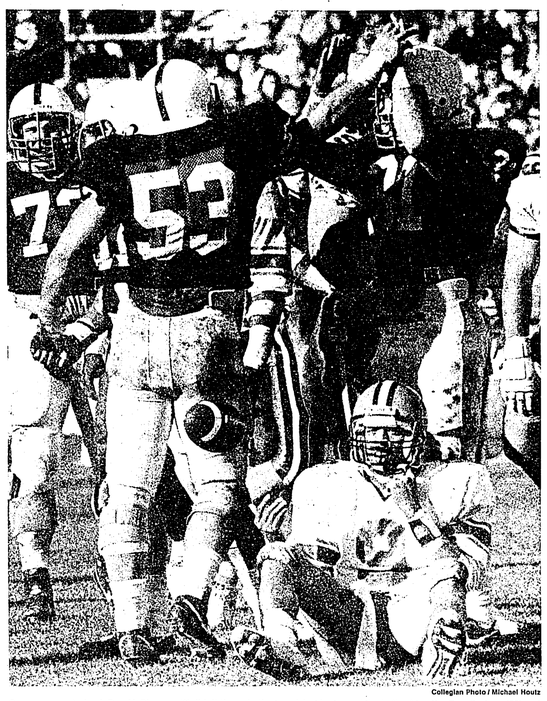

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Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson (9) didn't throw in the towel, but he tossed the ball aside after Don Graham (53) and Shane Conlan (31) recorded one of six Lion sacks during Saturday's game at Beaver Stadium. Penn State held McPherson to 156 yards in passing as the Lions moved on to a 42-3 victory.

Bring on the Tide

By MATT HERB
Collegian Sports Writer

Enough already. Just when you thought the sideshow was getting more interesting than the main attraction, the football team plays a game that should have come with a No-Doz warning label: *Do not drive or operate heavy machinery while viewing.*

So let's hear it for the sideshow.

In the past two weeks the Lions spawned a minor controversy with their, shall we say, untaxing schedule. In a telephone press conference with Head Coach Joe Paterno, one sportswriter complained that it consisted of "turkeys." Frank Purdue was not amused with the comparison.

The Lions helped provoke a vicious marshmallow blitzkrieg in the freshman section of the grandstands by urging students not to participate in just that. Better they should have urged them not to take a flying leap from the top edge of Beaver Stadium if the team really wanted to put an end to it.

Penn State has been visited by the Yankee Clipper, Joe DiMaggio, who made a special guest appearance before the East Carolina game. And by the Centre County Clipper, Bill Clinger, who took his congressional re-election campaign to the skies above Beaver Stadium with airplane-banner advertisements.

In between, the Lions have played some football, but you'd hardly notice since most witnesses have bolted back to their tailgates by the end of the first half anymore, by which time the Lions have usually taken a commanding lead.

For four weeks the Lions have played second fiddle to what are usually the game's diversions as fans have entertained themselves

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Orangemen once again bury themselves with turnovers

By MARK ASHENFELTER
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If you wanted the perfect example of a team throwing its gameplan out the window from the outset, an introduction to the Syracuse Orangemen is in order.

Syracuse almost defeated the football team last year but shot itself in the foot with a series of turnovers. So Dick MacPherson, the team's effervescent head coach, spent the past two weeks preaching flawless execution to his team.

Instead of collecting the dividends, however, he watched in disbelief as the offense made a mockery of his sermons on the very first play from scrimmage. It was the first of many such mistakes and led to a 42-3 thrashing by the Lions.

Quarterback Don McPherson dropped back to pass and looked for Scott Schwedes, but instead found linebacker Pete Giftopoulos who tipped the pass to teammate Duffy Cobbs. Six plays after the interception the Lions had a 7-0 lead and MacPherson had the start of a migraine headache.

Syracuse would turn the ball over three more times on the afternoon, creating all sorts of problems. Besides stalling any momentum the offense was generating, it forced the defense to spend more than half the game on the field. After the game a beleagured MacPherson wondered if anyone had listened to him the past two weeks.

"We stressed that we had to play perfect football, we can't have turnovers," he said. "(We told them) if we had turnovers we're going to get beat and if we give them enough turnovers they're going to embarrass you.

"Call me a prophet, because we were embarrassed. The football team was embarrassed, the coaching staff and most especially a proud tradition of Syracuse football. It's a great program and a great school and we're embarrassed. If you can't play any better than that, that's it. The turning point of the game started right on the first damn play."

But the Orangemen regrouped after the inauspicious opening and played a steady defensive game until the final minutes of the half. The defense stopped the Lions twice after McPherson fumbles in the first quarter, but it broke as the half expired.

Penn State took the ball 72 yards in nine plays after a punt and made it 14-0 just four seconds before the Blue Band took the field. The score hurt, but MacPherson didn't think it was a killing blow at the time.

"Anything that happens right before the half is a tremendous uplift to one team and a downer for the other," MacPherson said. "The nice thing was we had a chance to come in and regroup. I thought we'd be all

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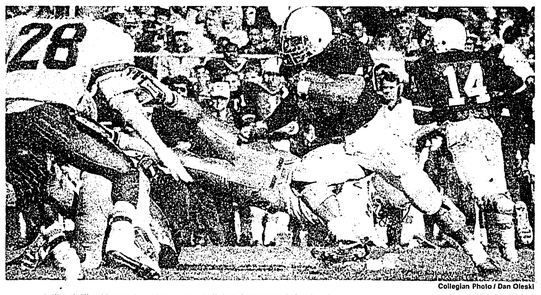

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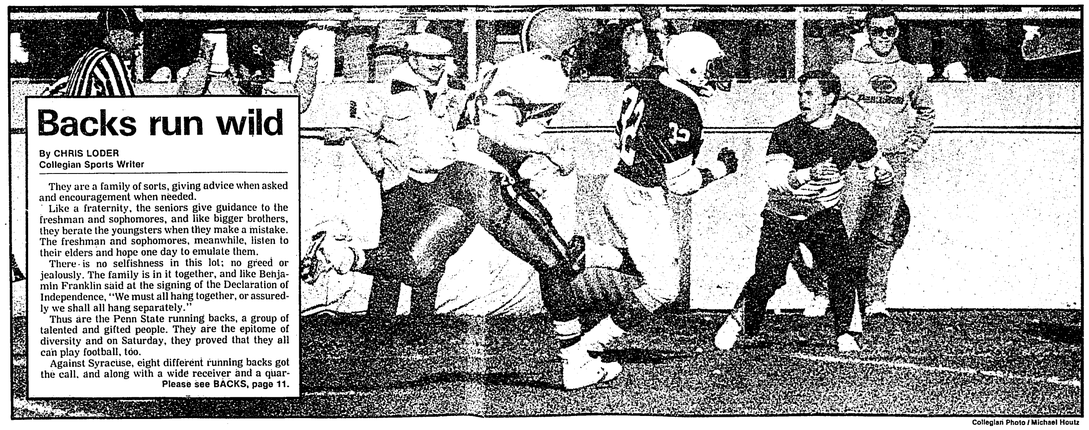
Lion fullback Tim Manoa (44) skirts past a diving Syracuse defender during Saturday's game at Beaver Stadium.



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Backs run wild

By CHRIS LODER
Collegian Sports Writer

They are a family of sorts, giving advice when asked and encouragement when needed.

Like a fraternity, the seniors give guidance to the freshman and sophomores, and like bigger brothers, they berate the youngsters when they make a mistake. The freshman and sophomores, meanwhile, listen to their elders and hope one day to emulate them.

There is no selfishness in this lot; no greed or jealousy. The family is in it together, and like Benjamin Franklin said at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Thus are the Penn State running backs, a group of talented and gifted people. They are the epitome of diversity and on Saturday, they proved that they all can play football, too.

Against Syracuse, eight different running backs got the call, and along with a wide receiver and a quar-

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Red Sox blast Mets for two-game lead

By JOHN NELSON
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The Boston Red Sox were big hits in New York and underdogs no more.

With 18 base hits, two short of the record, the Red Sox completed a stunning sweep of the first two games of the World Series at Shea Stadium last night, beating the heavily favored Mets 9-3.

Home runs by Dwight Evans and Dave Henderson helped spoil the anticipated duel between 24-game winner Roger Clemens of Boston and 1985 Cy Young winner Dwight Gooden of New York and sent the Red Sox home with a lead that no one expected.

"People are going to find out that we're a pretty good ballclub," said Manager John McNamara, whose Red Sox battled to win the American League East, then came back from a three games to one deficit to win the playoffs against California.

The Red Sox will go with right-hander Oil Can Boyd, 16-10, in Game 3 of the best-of-seven-game Series tomorrow night against former Red Sox pitcher, Bob Ojeda, 18-5, a left-hander. Only one team, the Kansas City Royals of 1985, has rallied from two losses at home to win a World Series.

"They still have to beat us two more times," Mets Manager Davey Johnson said. "My club has played well in long streaks before, and I hope we start one at Fenway."

Neither Clemens nor Gooden lasted past the fifth inning while the hitters took over. The record for hits in a World Series is 20 by the 1921 New York Giants and the 1946 St. Louis Cardinals.

The image of underdog is one the Red Sox almost hate to lose.

"I love an underdog," Evans said. "I love to see an underdog win. We like to be in that position."

Henderson, the hero of Boston's Game 5 playoff victory with a ninth-inning homer, hit a solo homer in the fourth inning off Gooden, and Evans hit a two-run shot in Gooden's last inning, the fifth, as the Red Sox took a 6-2 lead. The Red Sox scored two more runs in the seventh on five consecutive singles off Rick Aguilera to put the game away. Wade Boggs' RBI double in the ninth ended the scoring.

Boston's 18 hits were two hits shy of the World Series single-game record set by the New York Giants in 1921 and St. Louis Cardinals in 1946.

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Umpire Jim Evans instructs Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden to remove a bandage from his left hand during Game 2 of the World Series last night. Gooden had his share of problems as the Red Sox were victorious, 9-3.

Clemens, who failed to go five innings only twice this season, was knocked out in the fifth after giving up three runs on five hits in his third straight outing on three-days rest.

The Mets, who hit just .189 in the playoffs, were held to four hits in losing the first game 1-0, and Manager Johnson benched regulars Ray Knight and Mookie Wilson in favor of Howard Johnson and Danny Heep to try to get more offense. Johnson and Heep went a combined 0-for-6.

The Red Sox scored three of their runs in the third off Gooden, aided by a rare throwing error by Mets first baseman Keith Hernandez, winner of eight straight Gold Gloves. The Mets scored twice in the third, failed to score in the fourth when Gooden hit for himself with two out and two on, then chased Clemens with a run in the fifth.

The 4 1-3-inning outing was the shortest of the season for Clemens, except for a 1 2-3 inning stint on Oct. 1 when he was hit by a line drive by John Stefero of Baltimore. He was ejected from a game on July 30 at Chicago after 4 2-3 innings. Clemens, who set a major-league record by striking out 20 batters in a game on April 29 against Seattle, struck out three and walked four.

Boggs made several fine defensive plays at third base and Evans made a diving catch in right field to help Clemens avoid more trouble.

Relievers Steve Crawford and Bob Stanley shut out the Mets over the final 4 2-3 innings.

Gooden, meanwhile, gave up five earned runs on eight hits before he was relieved by Aguilera to start the sixth. Gooden had not given up as many as five earned runs in a game since Aug. 6 against the Chicago Cubs in a game that he won 7-6.

Spike Owen walked to start the Red Sox third. Clemens bunted the first pitch in front of the plate, and it was fielded by Hernandez. Owen had broken back to first on the pitch, but Hernandez rushed his throw to second, apparently to try to get a double play.

The throw was in the dirt in front of the bag, and shortstop Rafael Santana was unable to handle it. Both runners were safe, and Boggs lined a double inside the left-field line to score Owen.

Clemens, who went to third on the hit, scored when Marty Barrett singled into right field, and Boggs scored the third run when Bill Buckner grounded a single between first and second — a ball that Hernandez normally handles.

The Mets scored their first runs of the Series in the bottom half of the inning, cutting the Boston lead to 3-2. Santana led off with an infield single off the glove of Clemens and finally handled over the second-base bag by shortstop Owen. Owen, who had five errors in the playoffs, couldn't get the ball out of his glove, however, and Santana beat a weak throw to first.

Trying to bunt, Gooden popped the ball up toward first base. Buckner, playing on two bad ankles and knees, made a sluggish dive for the ball but came up short, and Gooden hustled down the line with a single, sending Santana to second.

Lenny Dykstra sacrificed the runners ahead. Santana scored on a single up the middle by Backman, and Gooden came home on an infield out by Hernandez. Hernandez hit the ball sharply off Clemens' right leg, and it caromed to Boggs, who made a good play to throw out the runner. Gary Carter grounded out to Boggs to end the inning.

Henderson, whose two-strike homer with two out in the ninth inning of Game 5 helped the Red Sox turn the playoffs around, led off the fourth inning with a homer on a 1-0 pitch from Gooden to make the score 4-2.

Evans hit the first pitch from Gooden for a two-run homer in the fifth, an inning that Gooden perhaps shouldn't even have pitched.

Gooden's spot in the batting order came up in the fourth with two out and runners at first and second, but Manager Johnson elected to let Gooden hit. Gooden grounded out to first, then allowed a single by Jim Rice to lead off the Red Sox fifth. Evans followed with a line homer to left that landed on the awning over the picnic bleachers, giving the Red Sox a 6-2 lead.

The Mets chased Clemens in the bottom half of the inning. With one out, Wally Backman walked on a 3-2 pitch, and Hernandez followed with a bouncing single off the glove of second baseman Barrett that sent Backman to third. That was all for Clemens, and Carter greeted Crawford with a single to left that scored Backman for the Mets' third run.

Crawford, who got the victory, got out of the inning and blanked the Mets in the sixth.

Pitching duel never was

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — It was billed as a battle between two of baseball's best pitchers — Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets and Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox, hooking up in last night's second game of the World Series.

Neither right-hander was on his game in the Red Sox' 9-3 victory, and by the time the game reached the sixth inning, both were gone.

Gooden, last year's National League Cy Young award winner, allowed eight hits and six runs in the five innings he worked, striking out six and walking two. He threw 91 pitches, 32 for balls 59 for strikes.

Clemens, 24-4 in the regular season but starting on three days' rest for the third straight time, was knocked out in the fifth inning after allowing five hits, three runs and four walks and striking out three. He threw 81 pitches — 32 balls and 49 strikes — and it was his second-shortest stint of the season in 37 starts.

The only time he came out earlier was in his last start of the regular season, when he was struck on the right elbow by a line drive in the second inning.

"It's the third time I've worked on three days' rest and it kind of caught up with me a little," Clemens said. "Maybe I'm trying to get a little too much extra out of my body.

"My legs were a little heavy and my ball was up. I had good enough stuff to get them out, but I had to pace myself a little more."

Gooden said a couple of pitches cost him, particularly home run balls to Dwight Evans and Dave Henderson.

"Evans got a pitch down in the strike zone," Gooden said. "Henderson's ball was up.

"I don't think I had the best fastball of my career. My location was off."

Gooden said he was disappointed in the outing, in which he gave up a postseason-high six runs.

"I hope I get another chance at them, but they haven't told me yet," he said.

Both pitchers worked hitless ball for two innings. Gooden seemed to get rattled in the third when Boston Manager John McNamara complained and plate umpire Jim Evans ordered Gooden to remove a band-aid.

"I could have left it on, but he said I can't rub the ball with the hand the band-aid was on," he said.

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right, now we're not all right because they go down and make it 21."

MacPherson was referring to the Penn State scoring drive that started the second half — and effectively broke any hopes Syracuse had of getting back in the game. MacPherson made it clear the offense wasn't to blame for the loss.

"I thought they did a great job of hanging in there and playing tough in the first half," he said. "(Especially) with all the damn stuff that was going on around them."

Outside linebacker Roger Remo, who had five tackles on the afternoon, said Penn State didn't do anything special on its way to 42 points.

"They played power football, came right at us and more or less said 'Stop us,' " Remo said. "I think in the first half we did a damn good job against them."

The highlight for the Orangemen in the second half was a 71-yard quick kick by fullback Daryl Johnston. MacPherson said the surprise play established his club's field position for its next three possessions, but it still didn't amount to anything.

Syracuse finally got on the board 19 seconds into the fourth quarter, but Tim Vesling's 31-yard field goal only made the score 28-3. MacPherson knew the outcome was decided by that time and didn't even consider going for the first down when faced with a fourth and seven.

"I thought that was a very good call," he said "To at least get some points on the board — because we'd been disappointed enough."

But the two unhappiest people in the Syracuse locker-room had to be the duo that was supposed to win the game for the Orangemen — quarterback McPherson and ace receiver Schwedes.

"My main goal, when I first came in was to help turn the program around so much that we could compete with Penn State and beat them," Schwedes said. "My main goal was to beat them and we just didn't do it."

But McPherson, who was sacked six times, summed up the mood of the Orangemen the best.

"I'm numb right now, I can't tell you what it does to our spirit," he said. "It hurts right now and it's going to be hard to bounce back."

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terback, carried the ball 67 times for a whopping 434 yards — an average of 6.7 yards per carry. The Lions scored all six of their touchdowns on the ground and compiled 522 total yards.

Leading the way were Blair Thomas and Tim Manoa, both of whom let everyone know they were not lost in the shuffle.

Thomas, the sophomore from Philadelphia, carried the ball only three times for 132 yards — an average of 44 yards per carry — and a touchdown. He dazzled the Beaver Stadium crowd with a spectacular 92-yard run. Thomas burst up the right sideline, juked a couple of Syracuse defenders and, thanks to a Ray Roundtree block, scampered to the goal line. Many thought Thomas scored, but the officals marked the ball on the Syracuse inch line.

"I didn't know if he was going to run out of gas," Paterno said. "I thought he was in. He's got good speed."

Thomas said D.J. Dozier and David Clark had the same chance to make the play earlier in the game, adding that he was fortunate to get the call.

"I think the opportunity just came for me," Thomas said. "I saw running room to the outside and then went up field. We just happened to pick up the blocks. I was just thinking about getting in."

The record-breaking run broke the old Penn State mark of 90 yards by Bill Suter against Navy in 1894.

Manoa, the senior from Pittsburgh by way of Tonga, had his best game of his Penn State career as he rushed for 96 yards and two touchdowns. Manoa ripped through the Syracuse defense, pounding defenders who crossed his path. The burly fullback scored the first of his two touchdowns on Penn State's first possession, and his score early in the second half put the game out of reach.

"I think I needed this game to show that I can run, not just block," Manoa said. "I'm more confident this year. I know what I'm doing and I'm not making mistakes. I'm just having fun this year."

Although he was satisfied with his effort, Manoa was a little disappointed that he did not reach the 100-yard mark.

"I wanted to get in there a little bit more," he said. "It's good (that we have a lot of running backs) in a way, but it's frustrating. There's times when you want to play the whole game, but there's good running backs.

"You try to give it all you got when you get in there."

And lest we forget Dozier, who has established himself as the leader and patriarch of the Penn State running backs. Dozier ran for 84 yards and a touchdown as he passed Matt Suhey for third place on the Penn State all-time rushing list. Dozier now has 2,836 yards and needs 99 yards to move past Lydell Mitchell into second place.

"It's nice to get in there and run the ball so many times," Dozier said. "Whatever I can do to help the team."

Dozier's touchdown came late in the first half as he leaped over Syracuse defenders for the score.

"It was a sweep designed to cut inside off tackle," Dozier explained. "I heard John Shaffer yell 'jump, jump.' I jumped and scored."

Dozier credited the offensive line, which controlled the line of scrimmage throughout the game, for the offensive explosion.

"The offensive line took off and took control of the game," Dozier said. "I think they should get most of the credit."

Others in the family saw action as well. There was Steve Smith, the beefy fullback who rambled for 34 yards and a touchdown, and Clark, the often-overlooked-yet-talented tailback who tallied 25 yards.

The children also saw playing time — chief among them sophomore Odell Wilson, the third-string safety. Wilson rushed for 47 yards on only four carries, including a 31-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

Sean Redman contributed nine yards and Sean Baranowski added two yards.

Indeed, the running backs have knitted into a family, and the whole clan must get ready for their trip to Alabama next week. After Saturday's performance, they said they are ready for the Crimson Tide.

"We just have to take it in stride and work this hard against Alabama," Thomas said. "It's a big game and everybody's going to be up for them."

"I think we feel pretty good," Dozier said. "We haven't seen films and we really don't know how Alabama is. After a week of practice, I'll tell you."

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with slow motion waves and fast forward exits.

That being the case, it is probably a relief that Alabama is next on the schedule.

"Two weeks ago, people began to ask about Alabama and say we're going to beat Alabama," saftey Ray Isom said, "and it got hard to focus on Alabama when we had (teams) standing ahead of us. You don't want to get to the point where you relax and let down and lose a key game. So now that it's here, we get to practice for Alabama. This is what we're waiting for."

Indeed, the Crimson Tide weighed at least as heavily on the Lions' minds as Syracuse after the game. Maybe even before the game.

And why not?

For the first time this season, Penn State will play a ranked team (Alabama is No. 2 right now). It will, for once, play a team that has national championship aspirations of its own (at 1-1 going in, Syracuse didn't). The Lions will play a team they have never beaten on its home turf (in two tries).

Rarely at a loss for words, Paterno at least anticipated the inevitable Tuscaloosa jinx question. The others are cause for worry.

"You have to go down and play the game," he said. "It's not any different than any place else. It will be noisy. We've been there. I don't know why it should be a big problem for us. The Alabama team *will* be a problem for us, but not *where* we're playing."

"It's in the back of your mind," cornerback Duffy Cobbs said of the jinx. "It's a tough place to play. That and West Virginia are probably the two toughest places we have to play. I don't think we'll approach it any differently, though."

Like Penn State, the Crimson Tide broke the 40-point barrier Saturday. Unlike Penn State, they did so before halftime. All told, Alabama overran Tennessee 56-28 in a game that rivaled the Lions' 42-3 rout for producing the fewest thrills for your ticket-buying dollar.

With 85,512 fans and 39 points separating the two teams at its game, Penn State could at least say it (barely) beat Alabama on that count. Especially since Crimson Tide fans could watch it for free on national television. And even then

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Penn State fans had to pay, earning the University thousands of dollars in ticket revenue and the thanks of a grateful nation for keeping it to itself.

Next week should be a different story.

"I'd be comfortable with any team that's 6-0," Paterno said, referring to the Lions' unblemished record. "I'm comfortable, but we've got to play a lot better than we did today because Alabama is awfully tough."

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to his first quarter interception.

The Syracuse defense stymied Penn State's offense in the early going holding the Lions to just seven points for all but four seconds of the first half.

D.J. Dozier capped a nine-play, 72-yard drive by catapulting into the end zone from one-yard out to give Penn State a 14-0 lead just moments before intermission. Massimo Manca split the uprights on his point after attempt to capture the team record for the most consecutive extra points with 55.

The Lions continued to build momentum in the second half raising their lead to 21 points on a three-yard run by Manoa to open the third quarter. The 227-pound fullback had moved Penn State into scoring position one play earlier when he ran wide left for 24 yards.

Smith's one-yard touchdown run increased the Lions' lead to 28-0 with 1:47 remaining in the third quarter and Thomas's 38-yard rush followed in the fourth giving Penn State a 35-3 advantage.

Wilson closed the scoring with a 31-yard touchdown run down the right sideline with 3:21 remaining in the contest.

The Orangemen's sole field goal came just :19 into the fourth quarter as Tim Vesling split the uprights from 31 yards out.

The Lions' passing game proved to be their biggest weakness on Saturday as John Shaffer and Matt Knizner combined for just 88 yards through the air.

Shaffer attributed much of Penn State's ineffectiveness through the air to the play of the Orange defense.

"I think today Syracuse overplayed the pass to a great extent and that opened up the run," Shaffer said. "I don't know if that's because we've thrown the ball well in previous games or whatever but I think they definitely overplayed the pass."

"We kind of hurt ourselves to a certain extent because we were throwing into their coverage, throwing into their strength and it took us a half to figure out what they were trying to do," he added.

Although Paterno agreed with Shaffer's argument, he said the Lions will need to improve their passing game before they meet No. 2 Alabama on the road next Saturday.

"We've got to throw the ball better than we did today to be really good," he said. "We just got completely out of throwing the football but we're working on it.

"Obviously we're not going to run the football against Alabama like that," he added. "We're going to have to have a much more balanced attack and that's got me concerned."

LION NOTES: Former quarterback Richie Lucas was honored at halftime as the 11th PennState player elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. . .Dozier surpassed Matt Suhey to capturethird place on the Lions' all-time rushing list with 2,836 yards. . .Conlan moved into third place on Penn State's career tackle-list ahead of Kurt Allerman and Jim Heller with 241 tackles.

Stats

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PSU—Dozier 1 run (Manca kick)
PSU—Manoa 3 run (Manca kick)
PSU—Smith 1 run (Manca kick)
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PSU—Thomas 38 run (Manca kick)
PSU—Wilson 31 run (Tarasi kick)
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	Syr	PSU
First downs	16	29
Rushes-yards	34-92	67-434
Passing yards	156	88
Return yards	23	15
Passes	18-33-2	7-16-0
Punts	11-38	8-40
Fumbles-lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	2-9	5-30
Time of Possession	26:15	33:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Syracuse, Johnston 4-32, McPherson 15-26, Gayden 12-21, Moseley 1-12, Drummond 1-1, Kmetz 1-0. Penn State, Thomas 3-132, Manoa 12-96, Dozier 19-84, Wilson 4-47, Smith 10-32, Clark 7-25, Roundtree 1-11, Redman 2-9, Barowski 2-2, Shaffer 7-(minus 4).

PASSING—Syracuse, McPherson 12-23-1-88, Kmetz 6-10-1-68. Penn State, Shaffer 6-13-0-68, Knizner 1-3-0-20.

RECEIVING—Syracuse, Gayden 2-10, Schwezes 3-13, Kelly 3-34, Johnston 3-12, Davis 2-22, Pennyfeather 1-12, Moseley 3-35, Nelson 1-18. Penn State, Dozier 1-10, Smith 2-19, Mrosko 2-21, Roundtree 1-18, Jakob 1-20.