

Sports briefs

Arrington semifinalist for Player of Year

Penn State outside linebacker LaVar Arrington has been chosen as one of 15 semifinalists for Football News' Defensive Player of the Year Award.

He and Virginia Tech defensive end Corey Moore are the only sophomore candidates for the award.

Arrington, also a semifinalist for the Butkus Award which honors the nation's top linebacker, is in his first season as a Nittany Lion starter.

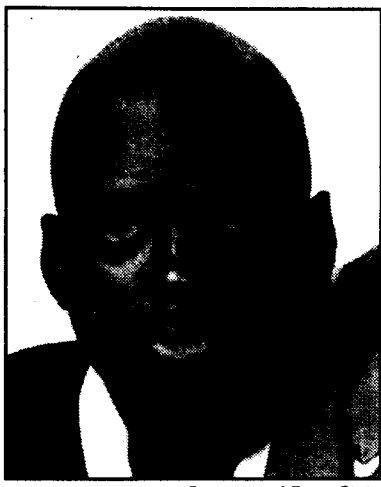
He has made 37 tackles and is tied for the team lead in tackles for a loss, with 11. Arrington also has two interceptions and has forced two fumbles while tying for the team lead with eight pass break-ups.

Earlier this week Arrington's leaping tackle of Illinois running back Elmer Hickman was recognized as Compaq College Football Defensive Player of the Week.

Booters' Villar named Big Ten Player of Week

Penn State forward Ricardo Villar has been named the Big Ten men's soccer Player of the Week for the week ending Nov. 8.

Villar, a sophomore from Sao Paulo, Brazil, headed in a corner kick for the Nittany Lions' lone



LaVar Arrington
Penn State linebacker

goal in their 1-0 win over James Madison on Saturday.

He is second on the team with 15 points, coming off four goals and a team-high seven assists.

Villar is the third Lion to be named player of the week this season, following Jon McClay and Whit Gibson who both received the honor in October.

The Lions (12-4-2) enter this weekend's Big Ten Tournament in Northwestern as the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

They will face the winner of Friday's Ohio State/Northwestern match at 11 a.m. Saturday in Evanston, Ill.

Enis out for season after tearing ACL

CHICAGO (AP) — Curtis Enis' rookie season is done before it ever really got started.

Enis, who made his first NFL start Sunday, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee and will miss the rest of the season, the Chicago Bears said in a statement released several hours after a 20-12 loss to the St. Louis Rams.

The graduate of Mississinawa Valley High School in Union City, Ohio, will have surgery in the next few weeks, and rehabilitation is expected to take 7-to-10 months.

The injury occurred late in the third quarter, though Enis was still playing in the second-to-last series of the game. He didn't show any visible signs of being hurt, and didn't mention it when he spoke with reporters afterward.

"He kept going back in the game and playing with it," coach Dave Wannstedt said.

The team announced the injury in the post-game notes, saying Enis would have an MRI for a sprained knee. But defensive end Mark Thomas, a close friend of Enis', said Enis told his teammates about the injury and expressed concern.

"I talked to Curtis after the game and obviously something was wrong and I went over and asked him," said Steve Stenstrom, who also made his first NFL start Sunday in place of an injured Kramer.

Scoreboard

Daily Trivia

Daily Trivia: Who was the first infielder in the major leagues to win a batting title and a Gold Glove in the same season?

Yesterday's Question: Who was the first man to clear seven feet in the high jump?

Answer: Charley Dumas

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	
Miami	6	3	0	.667	165	123
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0	.667	220	151
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	200	196
New England	5	4	0	.556	201	179

Indianapolis	1	8	0	.111	142	241
Jacksonville	7	2	0	.778	233	176
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	137	141
Tennessee	5	4	0	.555	216	179
Baltimore	3	6	0	.333	134	189
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	164	243
West						
Denver	9	0	0	1.000	300	169
Oakland	6	3	0	.667	156	158
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	196	142
Kansas City	4	5	0	.444	160	167
San Diego	3	6	0	.333	113	166
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	224	121
Arizona	5	4	0	.556	154	197
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	166	189
Philadelphia	2	7	0	.222	89	205
Washington	1	8	0	.111	141	270
Central						
Minnesota	8	1	0	.889	296	167
Green Bay	6	2	0	.750	219	166
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	143	176
West						
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	164	198
Detroit	2	7	0	.222	171	219
Sunday's Games						
Atlanta 41, New England 10						
Jacksonville 24, Cincinnati 11						
Philadelphia 10, Detroit 9						
Miami 27, Indianapolis 14						
Minnesota 31, New Orleans 24						
Dallas 16, New York Giants 6						
Baltimore 13, Oakland 10						
St. Louis 20, Chicago 12						
San Francisco 25, Carolina 23						
Arizona 29, Washington 27						
New York Jets 34, Buffalo 12						
Seattle 24, Kansas City 12						
Denver 27, San Diego 10						
Tennessee 31, Tampa Bay 22						
Last Night's Game						
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, late						

Wisconsin less of a challenge for No. 2 lady spikers this season

By CARLA MOTKO
Collegian Staff Writer

When the then-No. 7 Wisconsin women's volleyball team beat Penn State 3-1 last year at the Wisconsin Field House, it dropped the Lady Lions from No. 1 to No. 2.

By defeating the No. 8 Badgers 3-0 this past weekend, the Lions may have a chance to boost their ranking from No. 2 to No. 1.

"The players were disappointed with the way they played last year at Wisconsin, but they came out strong this year so it wouldn't happen again," Penn State coach Russ Rose said. "The last thing they wanted to see was another loss."

A school record-breaking 7,001 fans turned out at Wisconsin to see the contest this year, while 6,118 turned out last year. The different crowds presented different problems for the Lions.

According to setter Bonnie Bremner, because last year's match was on Halloween, the crowd had a slightly wild mood. The costumes distracted the Lions and kept the top hitters off their games all night.

This year's crowd, although not

dressed in flashy costumes, was equally distracting because of its volume. After the Lions' game-one victory, the crowd died down, but it was only a matter of time before Wisconsin stepped up its play and the crowd stepped up the volume.

"Our bench was so far down that players on the court were having a communication problem," Rose said. "With 7,000 people in the gym, you can yell all you want and they'll always be louder than you."

Both crowds seemed to throw some of Penn State's top players off their games, but because of the extra year of experience, they were able to regain composure this time. Overall in hitting, Penn State stepped up its percentage from .125 last year to .291 this year.

Opposite hitter Lindsay Anderson and middle hitter Lauren Cacciamani are the top two examples of this turnaround. Anderson, who hit a measly minus-.043 last year, led the offense this year with a .550 hitting percentage. Cacciamani hit a basement figure of minus-.118 last year, but turned it around for a .375 hitting percentage — second best on the team.

"I tried to give the ball to Lindsay and Lauren because they were both really on," Bremner said. "Occasionally they would get blocked, but they both hit really well against (Wisconsin)."

These drastic improvements came despite the efforts of Wisconsin middle blocker Kelly Kennedy. Last year she carried the defense by picking up five blocks and backing it with a solid .286 hitting percentage.

This year Bremner was prepared for Kennedy and set clear of the middle. Because Penn State reduced its attack from the middle, Kennedy had only two blocks and hit .185.

Although it was probably the biggest hurdle Penn State has faced thus far this season, and perhaps the biggest it will face for the remainder, it is not counting the win as anything more than one match in the grand scheme of things.

"We weigh every match equally and we think about every match as it comes," Bremner said. "You have to be happy with a 3-0 win on the road, but that's really all it was."

Offense biggest problem in Lions' loss to Wolverines

By DON STEWART
Collegian Staff Writer

The Penn State defense had more to overcome than just the Michigan offense this past Saturday.

In surrendering 27 points to the usually non-explosive Wolverine attack, the Nittany Lions were hampered by disadvantages in field position and time of possession. As a result, Penn State coach Joe Paterno didn't blame his defense for the blowout loss.

"That's the way it goes some days," he said. "You can't be real critical of the defense. Our biggest problem is that we have no consistency of offense."

Michigan enjoyed relatively good field position throughout the game. Three of its scoring drives began in Penn State territory, and two others initiated from near midfield. The Wolverines' only long drive came in the second quarter when they took 10 plays and nearly three and a half minutes to march 80 yards downfield for a touchdown.

In addition, the Lion defense could have easily allowed Michigan to put more points on the board. A Kevin Thompson fumble in the first quarter gave the Wolverines the ball at the Penn State 13-yard line, but the defense forced Michigan to settle for a field goal.

Two other Lion turnovers late in the game gave the Wolverines the ball at the Penn State 19- and 23-yard lines, but Michigan came up empty on both drives.

With the offense misfiring, the Wolverines were able to wear down the Lions defensively. Michigan dominated time of possession by nearly 10 minutes, keeping the Penn State defense on the field. In the second half, the Wolverines held onto the ball for a whopping 20:04 compared to just 9:56 for the Lions.

"They played so hard," Michigan tackle Jeff Backus

said of Penn State's defense. "They played with a lot of will until we got 20 points on the board. Their will decreased toward the end of the third quarter."

Ready for prime time? True freshman Eric McCoo earned the first start of his young collegiate career Saturday.

Playing for injured starter Cordell Mitchell, McCoo ran the ball 11 times for 47 yards, good enough for 4.3 yards a carry. He split time with fifth-year senior Chris Eberly.

McCoo's start made him the first true freshman to start at tailback for Penn State since D.J. Dozier in 1983. Dozier eventually wrote himself into the school record books by running for the third most yardage in team history and helping the Lions win the 1986 National Championship in the process.

Whether or not McCoo can follow Dozier's footsteps remains to be seen. His 47 yards did little to help a struggling offense that went scoreless while managing just 200 yards as a whole.

My bad Center Eric Cole wasn't ready to use quarterback Kevin Thompson as the fall guy for the offense's poor showing. Instead, he blamed the scoreless effort on the offense as a whole, especially the offensive line.

Cole pointed specifically to the line's failure to prevent Michigan from sacking Thompson twice during Penn State's first two drives. On the second sack, linebacker James Hall got around tackle John Blick to pop Thompson, forcing him to fumble. The Wolverines recovered at the Lions' 13-yard line and went on to kick a field goal to take a 10-0 lead.

"It makes it hard for a quarterback to be effective after he's been knocked around twice early," he said, "early in a ball game."

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| American Cyanamid | Firmenich | PDM (Pitt Des Moines) |
| American Express | Ford Motor Co | The Pillsbury Company |
| American International Group | The Fuller Company | Robert Half International |
| Anvik Corp | Fulton Bank | Roche Vitamins |
| Black Light Power | Goldman Sachs/Asset Manager | Sea-Land Services |
| Booz, Allen & Hamilton | Icon Solutions | Siemens Energy & Automation |
| Clough Harbour & Associates | Maersk, Inc. | Standard Coffee/WmBrelley |
| Computer Sciences Corp | McBee Associates | State Farm Ins |
| The Dial Corporation | MS Logistics Services | Target |
| Dietrich Industries | Multi-Arc | Thomson Industries |
| DLJDirect | Norfolk Naval Shipyard | Trilogy |
| Dow Corning Corporation | Northrup Grumman | Wal-Mart Distribution Center 6047 |

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