

Lions hang on for win over Badgers

DT Kennedy lets game play do his talking

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After the best game of his Penn State career, Jimmy Kennedy didn't even bother to say, "I told you so."

He simply acted like nothing had changed.

"It was my day," he said. "I didn't go out there saying that I had anything to prove to anyone."

The senior defensive tackle proved a lot anyway, tying the school record with four sacks and making six tackles — five of them for a loss — and he did it in large part because he played a more physical and motivated game.

"I don't think I ever show emotions," Kennedy said. "I think I just go out and play."

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Penn State's Matt Schmitt celebrates with the Nittany Lion.

Penn State regains form with victory

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MADISON, Wis. — Suddenly, the fate of the Nittany Lions' season didn't look so bad after all.

The loss to Iowa last week could be seen as an aberration, and Penn State's early season attitude of a team destined to succeed became real again.

Coming off the field at Camp Randall Stadium Saturday, Penn State (4-1, 1-1 Big Ten) was reassured after its 34-31 victory against Wisconsin (5-1, 0-1) — the Lions' 50th Big Ten win since joining the conference in 1993.

The offense was again viable. The defense, which had been the target of most of the questions during the week, found its teeth.

And the kicking game was just a bit better than previously thought.

"Obviously, we just come in and get better," Penn State football coach Joe

Paterno said. "I thought today was a maturing process for them because the game was back and forth, and they had to hang on at the end."

That ending, which saw the Badgers make a late run to pull within three points after Penn State led by as many as 14 in the third quarter, came as injuries — especially tailback Larry Johnson's pulled hamstring — began to take their toll on an offense that had been rolling.

Not coincidentally, Johnson's injury directly preceded the score that gave the Lions' their largest lead of the game, after which Penn State was unable to build a sustained drive.

Fortunately for the Lions, the need for long drives had passed, replaced by a need for long kicks in the form of Robbie

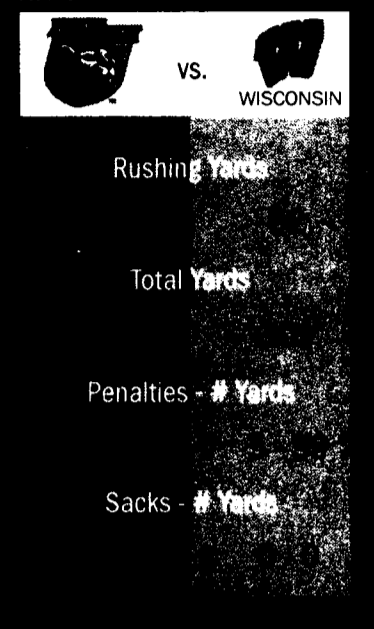
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■ Penn State slowed down the Badgers' offense. | LIONS WRAP-UP, Page 13.

The Breakdown



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Students rally outside of Old Main in honor of National Coming Out Day. The Lambda Student Alliance sponsored the event, which was celebrated Friday.

Students rally for coming out day

The LGBTA community gathered at Old Main to support individuals professing their sexual orientation.

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Under a gray sky, a scattering of rainbow-colored banners and balloons covered the steps of Old Main for Penn State's celebration of National Coming Out Day (NCO) Friday.

One speaker, V.A. Lopes, an Undergraduate Student Government (USG) town senator, spoke about her views of NCO.

"Why are we here today?" she asked the crowd.

"Someone once said, 'The closet is an awful place to die.' That's why I'm here."

Other speakers included students, faculty and staff members. Each speaker told a personal story about how coming out as a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and its allies (LGBT) has affected their lives.

The Lambda Student Alliance (LSA) sponsored the noon rally, which gath-

ered about 150 people. The rally lasted about an hour and a half and concluded in a march to the Social Justice Block Party on the HUB lawn.

LSA political co-directors Mindy Tomlinson (junior-statistics) and Kamillah Cole (sophomore-journalism) introduced the history of National Coming Out Day.

Cole said the day was traditionally celebrated on Oct. 11, when in 1987, half a million people marched through the streets of Washington, D.C., on behalf of lesbian and gay equality.

One speaker, Sara Ryan, LSA's multicultural director, spoke about the role of allies in supporting the LGBT community.

Ryan shared her experience of her initial difficulties in finding her own voice as an ally to speak out against any injustices she saw.

"Now, I live to be an ally," said Ryan (sophomore-political science and African and African-American studies).

"I exist to wake up in the morning

working toward love," Ryan added.

She called upon the allies in the crowd to take an active stance in openly opposing injustice.

"Let's work to a world where we don't need to label people as allies because people are people," Ryan said.

The presenters conducted a moment of silence for LGBT people who were unable to come out safely.

After the scheduled speakers, Cole opened the microphone at the top of Old Main's stairs to anyone who wanted to come out.

She and the other officers of LSA formed a semicircle behind the microphone saying, "We will be standing here behind you."

More than 20 members of the crowd either walked up the steps alone or came supported by a few friends to declare themselves members of the LGBT community.

Some people told stories of what it had been like for them to come out to friends and family, while other people

used the occasion to come out for the first time.

Kris Ankarlo, USG vice president, took the microphone to come out as an ally.

"I press upon all the allies not to be afraid," he said.

"I challenge all the allies to come out here and show their support," Ankarlo added.

All of the speakers at the open microphone expressed their support to the crowd.

"Today is the first day I've been able to wear my rainbow necklace," one person said.

"And it feels really good to see so many other rainbows around."

Another person commented on the unity of the group gathered that was gathered at Old Main.

"When I look out over the crowd, I see humanity being the way we were intended to be," she said. "And I'd like to say 'thank you' from the bottom of my heart."

West Halls food shop provides quick bite

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Penn State students don't have to travel to Washington, D.C., to go to the West Wing anymore.

The West Wing, a new eatery in West Halls' Waring Square, offers takeout for students looking for a quick bite.

Janet Decker, manager of food services in Waring Square, said the West Wing is based on a "grab-and-go" concept.

The West Wing is similar in concept to the Fresh Express restaurant located in East Halls' Findlay Commons. The menu includes a variety of salads, deli-style sandwiches, wraps, cheesesteaks and dessert items.

John Antonik, senior assistant manager of Waring Square, said a rotational menu would soon be offered in addition to the traditional one.

He said the Office of Food Services was trying to offer "a wide variety of what people would want."

Noam Oz (senior-electrical engineering) and Chad Marsteller (senior-electrical engineering) have been eating all their meals at the West Wing since they first came across it on their way to dinner. They said part of the West Wing's appeal is that the food is fresh and not mass-produced.

"People like the flexibility to take their food out and eat it in their dorms or on their way to class, but still have the opportunity to stay and sit," Antonik said.

However, not all students are happy about the West Wing's location.

"West is the best by far. I think they need to improve the other dining halls," said Jami Dimichele (junior-hotel, restaurant, and institutional management), a South Halls resident.

Decker said West was chosen instead of other residence areas for a new eatery because McKee Hall was recently converted from a graduate to undergraduate residence hall. This meant an influx of 150 new student meal plans in West Halls.

Antonik said that within the next month, the sound system and television sets, along with 12 data ports in the West Wing would be working.

"These data ports will allow people to bring their laptops and link up to the university system," he said.

The West Wing is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Soldiers attack in Ivory Coast

Government troops rushed north toward rebel-held areas and gunfire erupted in Ivory Coast's second largest city, Bouake, after a cease-fire collapsed yesterday, raising fears of an assault by the military. Residents in Bouake reported hearing gunfire, though some said it later died down. | INTERNATIONAL, Page 8.

Shootings in Va., Md. linked

The bullet used to shoot a Virginia woman matches ammunition used to kill at least four of six victims of a sniper spree in Washington, D.C., and in suburban Maryland, investigators said yesterday. The tests were conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. | NATIONAL, Page 7.

W. soccer splits road games

The Penn State women's soccer team suffered a crushing 4-0 defeat against their Big Ten rivals, No. 13 Michigan, on Friday amid rough weather conditions. However, the Nittany Lions bounced back yesterday with an inspired 3-0 blanking of conference foe Michigan State. | SPORTS, Page 14.

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