

## CATCH 22



Chloe Eimer/Collegian

Evan Royster's 20-yard first-quarter run made him Penn State's all-time leading rusher, passing Curt Warner's mark of 3,398 yards. Royster ran for 150 yards and two TDs on Saturday.

# Royster breaks rushing record

By Andrew J. Cassavell  
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Evan Royster sat at his locker after Saturday's win, a bit overwhelmed.

Everything had fallen into place a little too perfectly, Royster said a few minutes later in his postgame interview.

Saturday night, he broke Curt Warner's 28-year old Penn State rushing record early in the first quarter on a 20-yard gain. He

scored a pair of touchdowns and ran for 150 yards in a victory over Michigan before a white-clad student section. It was, he said, the most fun he's ever had playing football.

But what Royster said choked him up most as he sat in front of the locker, with the burden of months of questions about the record finally off his back, was the slew of teammates who took turns approaching him to offer congratulatory comments.

"Once I got into the locker room, I almost started crying," Royster said. "Everyone was coming up to me, congratulating me. It feels great to have teammates like that who love you and have your back."

### Setting the record in style

In all, nights like Saturday were the reason Royster opted to return to school for his fifth season, passing up the NFL Draft — a decision he said he hasn't

regretted, despite struggling this year. The senior tailback has taken plenty of criticism, with only one game of more than 62 yards on the ground before Saturday.

Many thought Royster would've had the record wrapped up before late October, but a lack of carries mixed with his own struggles and similar problems on the offensive line prevented that from happening.

"I wouldn't have it any other way," Royster said. "Having a good game at home, and breaking the record is how I always saw it in my mind. It's a great feeling to have the fans' support and the team. It's something that I'll never forget."

It's also something he never thought would be possible. When Royster arrived as a freshman, his goal was to have one yard to his name, let alone a program-high 3,518 and counting.

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# Mac resuscitates unfulfilling year

By Nate Mink

It was 4th-and-1 at the Michigan 19 midway through the second quarter, and Mac was pumping his arms to coax the crowd into letting the coaching staff know settling for a punt was unforgivable.

It was 3rd-and-5 at the Michigan 45 with a seven-point lead, and Matt McGloin found Justin Brown nestled between two defenders for a 15-yard gain on perhaps the biggest play of a

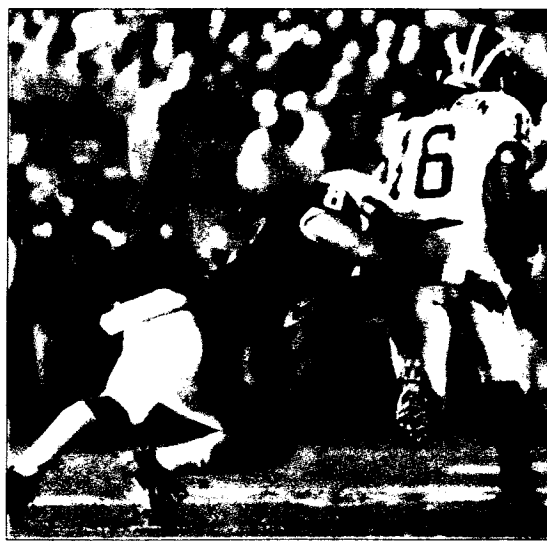
wild night, the key conversion that led to Collin Wagner's 42-yard field goal to cap a 41-31 win in front of 108,539 resuscitated fans in Beaver Stadium.

Talk the talk and walk the walk, Mac did, setting up the next chapter to an unfulfilling but memorable 2010 season

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MY OPINION



Tyler Sizemore/Collegian

Denard Robinson (16) rushed for 191 yards and threw for 190 yards, scoring four touchdowns.

# Defense can't stop Denard

By Audrey Snyder  
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Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley looked spent as he sat with a blue cap pulled down low on his head.

With dark circles under his eyes, Bradley fielded questions about his defense's play against one of college football's most elusive players.

"I can't wait to sleep tonight," Bradley said after spending most of the past week game planning to stop Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson.

Though the Lions were able to halt Robinson's second-half comeback attempt, the quarterback's play, which resulted in 191 rushing yards, 190

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# Paterno on cusp of 400th win

By Brendan Monahan  
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Come this Saturday, Penn State will gun for its second milestone in as many weeks.

Nittany Lions tailback Evan Royster became Penn State's all-time leading rusher against Michigan, and heading into the Northwestern game, the Lions are one win away from giving Joe Paterno his 400th win, a coaching milestone never achieved on the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) stage.

"It's important to coach Paterno and all of us because it's another game and could be Joe's 400th," wide receiver Graham Zug said. "But at the same time, he doesn't want to think about that."

Paterno has downplayed the milestone, but only two other college football coaches, John Gagliardi and Eddie Robinson, have surpassed 400 wins.

Gagliardi, currently the coach

at Division III St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., has 476 wins after starting his career in 1949 at Carroll College of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), an alternative to the NCAA.

Robinson coached at Division I-AA Grambling State in Grambling, La. and ended his career in 1997 with 408 wins.

Paterno's milestone would be as much an achievement in longevity as it is in wins. He is 83 years old and is in his 45th season as Penn State's head coach. He has outlasted the previous two coaches on the FBS wins list, 44-year coach Bobby Bowden of Florida State, and Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant, who coached for 38 years.

Adding to the mystique, Paterno, like Robinson, has accumulated all of his wins at one school, unlike Gagliardi, Bowden and Bryant.

"In our eyes, it's a whole

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Daniel Bott/Collegian

Saturday's 41-31 win against Michigan was Paterno's 399th.

### Report Card: Penn State 41, Michigan 31

POSITION	COMMENTS
Quarterbacks <b>A</b>	McGloin showcased good touch on the ball as well as the ability to throw it away under pressure. His performance was INT free.
Running backs <b>A</b>	Royster ran into the record books with 150 yards. His 29 carries were his most this season. Fullback Suhey had 32 receiving yards.
Wide receivers <b>A</b>	Everybody was involved in this one, as four receivers had at least one reception. Zug had his best game with a TD and 32 yards.
Offensive line <b>A</b>	The offensive linemen were able to carry over the second-half rushing success from Minnesota into Michigan.
Defensive line <b>C</b>	Michigan QB Robinson rushed for 191 yards, and the defensive linemen — with no sacks — couldn't consistently penetrate the backfield.
Linebackers <b>C</b>	The linebackers had the similar task of helping stop Robinson. The linebackers had only one tackle for a loss.
Secondary <b>C+</b>	Robinson was effective in the air with 190 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown pass. Powell was solid in first start at CB.
Special teams <b>A</b>	Kicker Wagner showed off his leg in more than one way. He was 2-for-2 on FGs and ran for a first down on the fourth-quarter fake.