

RB Redd aiding backfield

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If there was ever a question about Penn State's future at running back, freshman Silas Redd has provided the answer.

It was the burst of speed around the left edge on a 30-yard run, the fluid spin move to beat the defender 1-on-1 and even the smile on senior running back Evan Royster's face as he talked about Redd after the game.

FOOTBALL

Just one week after Royster became Penn State's all-time leading rusher, he wanted it to be known that he wasn't joking when he previously said Redd was capable of breaking his rushing record.

"As Joe [Paterno] would say, he's not a freshman anymore," Royster said. "He's mature, he's got all the tools of a fifth-year guy and the fact that he has four more years to grow, that's exciting. It's unbelievable."

Redd's productivity as the Nittany Lions No. 2 back continues to impress his teammates and with the backfield now having a one-two punch, the Lions are hoping Redd can continue to spark the offense.

Redd was not made available for comment per Joe Paterno's media policy.

With three of his 11 carries against Northwestern going for 28-plus yards, Redd's quick-to-react, explosive style makes him a change of pace from Royster's patient, downhill style. Royster is glad the Lions can rely on Redd because more college teams are relying on two backs because it makes it that much harder and more tiring for opposing defenses.

"He definitely hits the hole really quickly and makes a move and he's gone which is cool," right tackle Chima Okoli said. "Evan is a more experienced, more patient runner and I wouldn't say any style is better, but they just provide a contrast."

Trying to compare Royster, Redd and junior running back Stephon Green is something co-captain Ollie Ogbu said can't really be done.

With Royster, there's a smooth running style where he likes to wait for the blockers to set up. Green is more of a north and south runner, while Redd bounces between the tackles and has no problem popping the run to the outside. Okoli said Redd is a fluid runner that can power his way past

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Members of the Penn State women's soccer team celebrate after learning they earned a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Lions earn NCAA bid

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Any anticipation or doubt in the room was wiped away the second the words "Penn State" appeared on Erica Walsh's TV.

The women's soccer team is going to its 16th straight NCAA Tournament.

Just a day after clinching a Big Ten record 13th straight conference title, the Nittany Lions found out their season will continue in Morgantown, W.Va. this weekend. Penn State will play the University of Penn at 3:30 Friday in the first round with the winner of that night's West Virginia-Morehead State contest standing as a possible second round game.

"We're just extremely excited for it, we actually got a really good draw," senior co-captain Megan Monroig said. "It's teams that we know we can beat if we keep playing the way we've been playing so yeah, we're very excited about it."

The Lions defeated the Mountaineers 2-1 in overtime back on Aug. 20 in their first game of the year. From there, the team struggled through the month

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Seniors cap career with fourth conference title

By Alex Angert
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Often times, roommates can get on each other's last nerves. Maybe one stays up too late and has their alarm go off at 8 a.m. while the other leaves the sink filled with one too many dirty dishes.

Well, if that hypothetical happens to be the case with Ali Schaefer, then she made it up big time to her roommates Dani Toney and Megan Monroig on their Senior Day at Jeffrey Field.

With seniors Toney and Monroig on the cusp of being the first senior class in 13 years not to win a Big Ten championship, their

roommate made sure that didn't happen to them.

Down to the last 17 seconds, Schaefer managed to break a deadlocked scoreless game with a stunning goal to give Penn State its 13th straight conference title.

Call it an early graduation present from Schaefer. "They are both my roommates. See SENIORS, Page 10.



Monroig



Toney



Freshman Silas Redd (25) runs the ball vs. Northwestern during Penn State's 35-21 victory.

Katie Silvis, Collegian

Mauti emerging as playmaker

By Brendan Monahan
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Linebacker Mike Mauti brings emotion, but defensive coordinator Tom Bradley admitted he could do without any fallout that comes along with it.

"He's going to get us a 15-yard penalty. I told him," Bradley said. "It's hard when a guy makes a great play, I got to come over and say, 'Come here, I want to talk to you for a second. You know, I don't want the 15-yarder. OK.'"

No 15-yard penalties ensued Saturday in Penn State's win over Northwestern, but a referee pulled Mauti aside about celebrating. The umpire's action was one Bradley agreed with.

Mauti's intense style is quickly increasing his pedigree, which at times carries over into post-play celebrations. The on-field emotion recently paid off. He received the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honor Monday.

For the third-straight game, Mauti posted a career high in tackles and emerged as the main playmaker of the Penn State defense. Defensive tackle Devon Still said Mauti's ardor is never too much, even if a 15-yard penalty followed.

"They were telling me to tone it down a little bit on the sideline," Mauti said. "That's just the way I play. I was feeding off of Devon Still, Ollie Ogbu, those

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Mauti (42) celebrates after a sack.

Migraine-free Oliver finally set to return

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Billy Oliver is entering his third year at Penn State, and he has only been on the court for a total of 24 minutes in his career. But that isn't a knock on Oliver's talents, as the reason for his limited playing time is something completely out of his hands.

After redshirting as a freshman in 2008-09 because of a pair of con-

cussions suffered in the pre-season, Oliver was set to contribute the following year off the bench. Just a few weeks into the season, though, more head issues sidelined Oliver again.

Right before Christmas 2009, after a win against American, Oliver began experiencing exercise-induced migraines, a debilitating and severe form of headaches. Neither doctors nor Oliver ever found out the reason for why the migraines started.

"Why that happened or how that happened is still a mystery,"

Oliver said. "Headaches are a tricky thing, even for doctors. It's kind of frustrating not to know why."

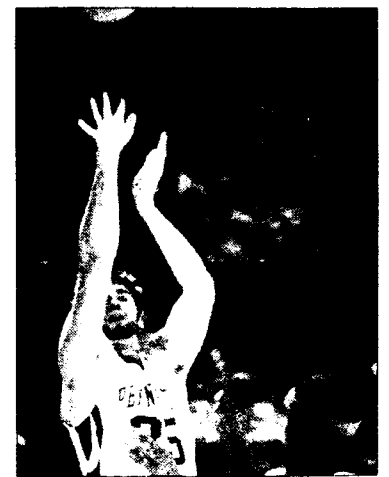
Whatever the reason, though, the migraines are gone now and Oliver has been headache-free since last winter. Oliver went on medication during the tail end of last season and took a month off from basketball, which he said really seemed to help. Oliver weaned off the medicine in the spring and now says all of the issues are behind him.

Oliver finally got back on the

court Sunday in an exhibition against East Stroudsburg, his first game action since that American game.

After a slow start, Oliver began to find a bit of a shooting groove in the second half. Down near the baseline, the 6-foot-8 Oliver hit a pair of 3-pointers on consecutive possessions, the first breaking a 36-36 tie and giving the Lions the lead for good. He finished with 10 points, all coming in the second half.

The first two years, though, See OLIVER, Page 10.



Oliver shoots the ball vs. ESU.

SPORTS ON TV

NBA

Utah at Miami
7:30 p.m., NBA TV

MLB

Q: Which Major League Baseball team did singer Bing Crosby once partially own?

Monday's answer: Jimmie Johnson won last year in Phoenix.

Cowboys fire Wade Phillips

Jerry Jones never wanted to change coaches this season.

As the blowout losses mounted, and Wade Phillips' defense was mostly to blame, the owner-general manager of the Dallas Cowboys had no choice.

Jones fired Phillips on Monday and promoted offensive coordinator Jason Garrett to take over the 1-7 club on an interim basis. Defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni was promoted to replace Phillips' other role as defensive coordinator.

Jones decided enough was enough following a 45-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night. It was the Cowboys' fifth straight loss and the third straight that wasn't even close.

This is the first time Dallas has made an in-season coaching change.

ESPN right in making change

When Sunday Night Baseball returns to ESPN in 2011, its two familiar voices will be absent: Jon Miller and Joe Morgan.

Baseball fans for the past 21 years have been subject to this pair, listening to Morgan relate everything to his days with the Reds, and suffering through Miller's awkward attempts to pass time in games.

Morgan and Miller — whose contracts were not renewed for the 2011 season — will likely be replaced by a new broadcaster joined with analyst Orel Hershiser.

The duo was certainly knowledgeable, but the removal of the pair allows viewers to enjoy the games through the perspective of younger, fresher voices.