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Penn State

NEBRASKA (3-0) at PENN STATE (1-0)

Game No. 2

Penn State returns to action following its only open date of the season, hosting Nebraska for a prime-time showdown in the first meeting between the national powers since 1983.

The No. 25 Nittany Lions have not played since a 27-24 season-opening win over the University of Central Florida on Aug. 31. The No. 8/7 Cornhuskers are 3-0 and coming off a 44-13 win over Utah State last Saturday.

Close to 50 members of Penn State's 1982 National Championship team are expected to attend the game and will be introduced at halftime.

Ten members of FDNY rescue units will be honored prior to the game.

The Beaver Stadium attendance record of 109,313, set vs. Miami last year, could fall on Saturday.

Lions Seek 199th Beaver Stadium Win In Just Seventh Night Game in Facility

The clash with Nebraska will be just the seventh night game in the 245-game history of Beaver Stadium. The Nittany Lions own a 198-47 (80.8) record in the facility since it was moved to its present location in 1960.

Penn State is 3-3 in night games in Beaver Stadium, with the last such game against No. 2 Miami in the 2001 season opener.

2002 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Overall: 1-0; Big Ten: 0-0; Home: 1-0; Away: 0-0; Neutral: 0-0

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	TV	Attend.
8/31	UCF	W	27-24	ESPN	103,029
9/14	Nebraska		8:07 p.m.	ABC	
9/21	Louisiana Tech		12:05 p.m.	ESPN +	
9/28	Iowa (All-University Day)	TBA			
10/5	at Wisconsin	TBA			
10/12	at Michigan	TBA			
10/19	Northwestern (Homecoming)		12:05 p.m.		
10/26	at Ohio State	TBA			
11/2	Illinois	TBA			
11/9	Virginia	TBA			
11/16	at Indiana	TBA			
11/23	Michigan State	TBA			

When: Saturday, September 14, 2002

Where: Beaver Stadium (107,282)

Kickoff: 8:07 p.m. EDT

Attendance: 108,000+ (sold out)

Series Record: Penn State leads, 6-5

Coaches:

Joe Paterno (PSU), 328-96-3 (77.1) in his 37th season. In 53rd year on Penn State staff. Owns the all-time record for wins among I-A coaches. Among nine coaches in NCAA history with 300 wins (five in I-A). Reached 300 wins faster than any coach. Is 2-3 vs. Nebraska. Has been on the PSU coaching staff for nine of the 11 games against Nebraska all-time.

Frank Solich (N), 45-9 in his fifth year overall. Is 0-0 vs. Penn State.

THE SERIES:

The Nittany Lions and Cornhuskers are meeting for the 12th time, with Penn State holding a 6-5 series advantage.

The teams are meeting for the first time since Nebraska's 44-6 win in 1983 in the inaugural Kickoff Classic. The squads last met in Beaver Stadium in 1982, with the Lions capturing a scintillating, last second 27-24 win.

The teams will next meet Sept. 13, 2003 in Lincoln.

(See page 3 for series scores).

TELEVISION:

The contest will be televised by ABC to 76 percent of the nation with Brad Nessler, Bob Griese and Lynn Swann calling the action. The Lions are appearing on television for the 93rd time in their last 94 games, including the last 59 contests.

RADIO:

The 60-station Penn State Sports Network has Steve Jones on play-by-play and Jack Ham on analysis. The Pinnacle Sports Radio Network and Sports USA Radio Network also will broadcast.

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QUICK INFO

Radio: Penn State Sports Network -- 60 affiliates (Steve Jones, play-by-play; Jack Ham, analysis); Pinnacle Sports Radio Network (Jim Rose, play-by-play; Adrian Fiala, analysis; Gary Sharp, sideline); Sports USA Radio Network (Larry Kahn, play-by-play; Gino Toretta, analyst; Troy West, sideline).
 Television: ABC split national telecast (Brad Nessler, play-by-play; Bob Griese, analysis; Lynn Swann, sideline)

Series History: 12th meeting. Penn State leads, 6-5.
 Last Game: Aug. 29, 1983; NU 44, PSU 6; Kickoff Classic
 Last PSU win: Sept. 25, 1982; PSU 27, NU 24
 Next Game: Sept. 13, 2003 in Lincoln

Best Rushing Performance In The Series:

Curt Warner, PSU, 28 for 238, 1981
 Jarvis Redwine, NU, 34 for 189, 2 TD, 1980

Best Passing Performances In The Series:

Todd Blackledge, PSU, 23 for 39, 295 yds, 3 TD, 1982
 Turner Gill, NU, 16 for 34, 239 yds, 2TD, 1982

Best Receiving Performances In The Series:

Gregg Garrity, PSU, 5 for 75, 1982
 Kenny Jackson, PSU, 4 for 93, 1980
 Irving Fryar, NU, 7 for 112, 1 TD, 1982

Penn State vs. Big 12: The Lions are 20-12 (62.5) vs. current Big 12 Conference members.
 Paterno Teams vs. Big 12: The Lions are 15-9 (62.5) vs. current Big 12 members under Joe Paterno.
 Penn State vs. Non-Conference Teams (since 1993): 32-6
 Paterno Teams In September: 91-26, a winning percentage of 77.8
 Paterno Teams on National Network Telecasts: 136-69-1 mark since 1966.
 Rankings: Penn State was No. 25 in the Sept. 8 USA Today/ESPNCoaches' poll. Nebraska was No. 7 in the Sept. 8 Coaches poll and No. 8 in the Associated Press survey.

NEBRASKA SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
Aug. 24	Arizona State	W	48-10
Aug. 31	Troy State	W	31-16
Sept. 7	Utah State	W	44-13
Sept. 14	at Penn State		
Sept. 28	at Iowa State		
Oct. 5	McNeese State		
Oct. 12	Missouri		
Oct. 19	at Oklahoma State		
Oct. 26	at Texas A&M		
Nov. 2	Texas		
Nov. 9	Kansas		
Nov. 16	at Kansas State		
Nov. 29	Colorado		

Lions vs. Huskers AT A GLANCE

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno

In his 37th season as head coach and 53rd year as a member of the coaching staff, Joe Paterno is the leader in career victories among major college coaches. Paterno owns a 328-96-3 record, a winning percentage of 77.2, which is fourth-best among active Division I-A coaches. He broke the record for career wins by a major college coach, passing Paul "Bear" Bryant, with his 324th victory in Penn State's thrilling 29-27 win over Ohio State on Oct. 27, 2001.

A 1950 graduate of Brown University, Paterno has directed Penn State to five unbeaten seasons (1968, '69, '73, '86, '94), two national championships (1982, '86) and is the bowl wins leader with a 20-9-1 post-season record. He is second only to Chicago's Amos Alonzo Stagg (41) in years coached at one school.

Paterno is one of just nine coaches in NCAA history to record 300 wins (five in I-A), reaching the milestone faster than anyone (380 games). He is the only Div. I-A coach with 300 wins at one school.

Paterno has been instrumental in PSU's 432-144-7 record since 1950, with its 74.7 winning percentage the nation's second-best over the past 52 seasons.

Since Paterno became head coach in 1966, there have been 709 head coaching changes in Division I-A, an average of six changes per school.

Nebraska Coach Frank Solich

Frank Solich is 45-9 in his fifth year as coach of the Cornhuskers. He has led Nebraska to two Big 12 North Division titles and one Big 12 Championship. Solich was an assistant coach with the Cornhuskers from 1979-97 and was a three-year letterman at Nebraska, graduating in 1966. He was born in Johnstown, Pa.

Penn State-Nebraska Ties

Dr. Graham Spanier was appointed Penn State's 16th president in September, 1995. Spanier returned to State College after serving as chancellor at Nebraska since 1991. He was a member of the Penn State faculty from 1973-82, then served at SUNY-Stony Brook, Oregon State and Nebraska.

Bill Kenney, the Nittany Lions' tackles and tight ends coach, was a graduate assistant coach at Nebraska in 1986 and '87 under Tom Osborne. Kenney left the Cornhuskers to become a graduate assistant at Penn State in 1988 and from 1989-91 was the assistant offensive line coach. He served as recruiting coordinator in 1992 and was offensive line coach from 1993-99 before moving into his current duties in 2000.

MEDIA SERVICES FOR NEBRASKA GAME

Penn State players and Coach Joe Paterno will be available at a press conference on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 12:00 p.m. ET to preview the Nittany Lions' game with Nebraska. To participate either in person or via telephone, please contact the Penn State Sports Information office (814-865-1757). The press conference also will be available live via satellite.

Satellite coordinates are: AMC 2, Transponder K9 (Ku), Downlink 11880 V.

Three Penn State players will be available at 12:00 p.m., followed by Paterno at 12:30. The transmission concludes at 1:00.

The "Nittany Lion Hotline" radio call-in show, featuring Joe Paterno, will be aired on the Penn State Sports Network on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 6:05 to 7 p.m. EST. The number to call to ask a question of the coach is 1-800-52LIONS.

The Tuesday teleconference, Nittany Lion Hotline and game radio broadcasts are available at: www.GoPSUsports.com

Broadcast-quality actualities with Coach Paterno and players are featured throughout the week on the Penn State SportsLine, a service for MEDIA ONLY. Please contact the Sports Information Office for the phone number.

Coach Paterno's and player postgame interviews as well as highlights from the Nebraska game will be available Saturday immediately following the game. The satellite coordinates are: Telstar 6, Transponder 28 (Ku).

Lions vs. Huskers NOTEBOOK

Lions & 'Huskers Among Nation's Elite

Penn State and Nebraska rank among the nation's top 10 in all-time victories and winning percentage. The Nittany Lions have a 745-318-42 record in their 116th season, with their 69.3 winning percentage ninth-best in the nation. Penn State's 745 victories are tied with Alabama for fifth-best. The Cornhuskers have a 767-301-40 record in their 113th season, with their 71.0 winning percentage fourth-best nationally. Nebraska's 767 victories rank third in the nation. In post-season competition, Penn State is tied for third in bowl victories (23), is seventh in bowl appearances (36) and tied for first in bowl winning percentage. Nebraska is tied for fourth in bowl appearances (40) and tied for seventh in bowl victories (20).

Seeking Top 10 Win

Penn State will be playing a top 10 team for the first time since falling to No. 2 Miami (Fla.) in the 2001 season opener. The Lions won their previous game against a top 10 foe, winning 27-23 at No. 8 Miami in 1999. In the '99 season opener, PSU beat No. 4 Arizona in the Pigskin Classic in Beaver Stadium, the Lions' last home win over a top 10 squad.

Reunion of '82 National Championship Team

Close to 50 members of Penn State's 1982 National Championship team will be on hand for the Nebraska game and will be introduced in a halftime ceremony. Among the players expected to be in attendance are: Kirk Bowman, Shane Conlan, Bill Contz, Gregg Garrity, Dan Lonergan, Massimo Manca, Mike McCloskey, Scott Radevic, Brian Silvering, Curt Warner and Mike Zordich. Todd Blackledge, quarterback of the '82 squad, will be the analyst on CBS-TV's Georgia at South Carolina game at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and most likely will not be able to attend.

ALL-TIME COACHING VICTORIES	
408	Eddie Robinson
388	John Gagliardi (active)
328	JOE PATERNO (active)
325	Bobby Bowden (active)
323	Bear Bryant
319	Pop Warner
314	Amos Alonzo Stagg
308	Roy Kidd (active)
300	Tubby Raymond

The '82 Lions defeated No. 2 Nebraska, 27-24, on Sept. 25, 1982 in one of the most exciting games in Beaver Stadium history (see below). The big win improved the Lions to 4-0, but they lost their next game, 42-21 at No. 4 Alabama. Penn State rebounded to win its last six games, including a 19-10 decision over No. 5 Pitt, to move up to No. 2 in the polls and earn a berth in the 1983 Sugar Bowl against unbeaten and No. 1 ranked Georgia. After seven top five finishes under Joe Paterno, including three undefeated seasons, Penn State finally claimed its first National Championship, defeating the Bulldogs, 27-23. The Lions held Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker to 103 yards on 28 carries, while Curt Warner rushed for 117 yards on 18 carries and scored twice. Blackledge was 13 of 23 for 228 yards, including a 47-yard scoring strike to Gregg Garrity, who made a diving catch in the end zone in the fourth quarter, earning him a spot on the cover of Sports Illustrated the following week.

Nebraska's Last Visit a Classic

In Nebraska's last visit to Happy Valley, the Nittany Lions defeated the No. 2 Cornhuskers, 27-24, on Sept. 25, 1982 in one of the most exciting games in Beaver Stadium history. Penn State grabbed leads of 14-0 and 21-7, but a one-yard TD run by QB Turner Gill gave the Huskers a 24-21 lead with 1:18 to play in the game. Three Blackledge completions and a six-yard run got the ball to the Nebraska 17-yard-line. Blackledge then hit tight end Mike McCloskey just inside the left sideline at the two. The standout signal-caller then rifled a low throw to tight end Kirk Bowman who cradled the catch for the winning score with just four seconds to play. Bowman had opened the scoring with a 14-yard TD catch in the first quarter. The teams combined for 977 yards and each side had three turnovers. Blackledge was 23 of 39 for 295 yards and three touchdowns. A then-record crowd of 85,304 was on hand in Beaver Stadium.

"Rally in the Valley" Set For Friday Night

A pep rally for Saturday's contest will be held Friday, Sept. 13 in Rec Hall. "Rally in the Valley," will begin at approximately 9:00 p.m., immediately following the Penn State-Villanova women's volleyball match, which begins at 7:30. Coach Joe Paterno and the squad will participate in the rally and address the crowd.

Offensive Averages

Penn State		NU
153.0	Rushing/Game	256.7
3.9	Rushing/Att.	4.6
20-13-0	Passing	44-21-1
194.0	Passing/Game	92.3
347.0	Total/Game	349.0
5.9	Total/Att.	5.0
27.0	Scoring/Game	41.0
0.0	Turnover Margin	+ 1.0

Defensive Averages

Penn State		NU
65.0	Rushing/Game	102.7
2.1	Rushing/Att.	3.0
46-32-1	Passing	114-47-6
345.0	Passing/Game	206.0
410.0	Total/Game	308.7
5.3	Total/Att.	4.3
24.0	Scoring/Game	13.0

Penn State-Nebraska Series

Nittany Lions Lead, 6-5
H: 4-1; A: 2-3; N: 0-1

1920	at Penn State 20, Nebraska 0
1949	at Penn State 22, Nebraska 7
1950	at Nebraska 19, Penn State 0
1951	Penn State 15, at Nebraska 7
1952	at Penn State 10, Nebraska 0
1958	at Nebraska 14, Penn State 7
1979	at Nebraska 42, Penn State 17
1980	Nebraska 21, at Penn State 7
1981	Penn State 30, at Nebraska 24
1982	at Penn State 27, Nebraska 24
1983	Nebraska 44, Penn State 6 (Kickoff Classic; Giants Stadium)



Joe Paterno

By The Numbers

- 139,000: Square feet in Paterno Library, which opened in 1999
- 863: Penn State lettermen since 1966
- 709: Number of coaching changes in Division I-A since 1966.
- 581: Games coached as Penn State assistant or head coach
- 432: Wins as member of staff (432-144-7)
- 427: Games as head coach (third all-time)
- 328: Career Wins (first all-time)
- 324: Broke Division I-A career wins mark with 324th win vs. Ohio State (29-27) on October 27, 2001
- 300: Earned 300th win vs. Bowling Green (48-3) on September 12, 1998
- 250: Earned 250th win at Iowa (31-0) on September 18, 1993
- 250+: Nittany Lions who've played in the NFL
- 200: Earned 200th win vs. Bowling Green (45-19) on September 5, 1987
- 150: Earned 150th win at Pittsburgh (48-14) on November 28, 1981
- 107: Academic All-Big Ten selections (since 1993-most in conference)
- 100: Earned 100th win vs. North Carolina State (41-20) on Nov. 6, 1976
- 76: Graduation rate (2000 NCAA report)
- 70: Four-year graduation rate (2001 NCAAreport)
- 69: Length of his game-winning punt return for Brown vs. Holy Cross in '49.
- 55: First team All-Americans
- 53: Years on Penn State staff
- 50: Earned 50th win vs. Maryland (63-27) vs. Maryland on November 6, 1971
- 36: Jersey number as QB-DB at Brown
- 36: Years as head coach
- 33: Shutouts by Penn State
- 31: Longest unbeaten streak (30-0-1; 1967-70)
- 30: Bowl trips as head coach (all-time leader)
- 25: First round NFL draft choices
- 23: Winning streak from 1968-70
- 21: First team GTE Academic All-Americans
- 20: Teams ranked in the final top 10
- 20: Bowl victories (all-time leader)
- 17: NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners
- 14: National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes
- 14: Interceptions made as Brown DB
- 14: New Year's Day bowl wins
- 11: Grandchildren
- 8: Number of U.S. presidents since he became coach in 1966
- 7: Unbeaten, untied regular seasons
- 7: Years had a team ranked No. 1
- 7: Beaver Stadium expansions since '66
- 5: Children
- 5: Unbeaten, untied seasons
- 4: He and wife, Sue, have given more than \$4 million to Penn State to endow scholarships, professorships and assist in facilities projects
- 2: National Championships
- 1: First win was a 15-7 over Maryland on Sept. 17, 1966

Non-Conference Success

Penn State has won 32 of 38 non-conference games overall since starting Big Ten play in 1993, with the losses coming to Miami (Fla.) and Virginia (2001), Southern California, Toledo and Pittsburgh (2000) and to Florida in the 1998 Citrus Bowl.

Lions vs. Big 12

Penn State has a 2-0 mark against squads from the Big 12 Conference since the league began play, defeating Texas in the 1997 Fiesta Bowl and Texas A&M in the 1999 Alamo Bowl. The Nittany Lions are 20-12 all-time against schools in the Big 12 (15-9 under Joe Paterno):

Baylor (1-0); Colorado (1-1); Kansas (1-0); Kansas State (2-0); Missouri (3-1); Nebraska (6-5); Oklahoma (0-2); Texas (3-2); Texas A&M(2-1); Texas Tech (1-0).

The only Big 12 schools Penn State has not played are Iowa State and Oklahoma State.

Looking to Continue Open Date Success

Penn State is 29-13 (69.0) following an open date under Joe Paterno, winning 11 of their last 13 such games since 1994. The Nittany Lions are 15-6 in home games after an open date.

Crowd Will Be Largest to See NU

Saturday's sellout throng will be the largest ever to see Nebraska play. The record is 93,781 at the 2002 Rose Bowl. The Cornhuskers' trips to Penn State in 1982 (85,304) and '80 (84,585) currently rank as the third and fourth largest crowds to see Nebraska play.

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Lions To Face Seven Bowl Teams

For the second consecutive season, Penn State will meet seven teams which played in bowl games the previous year, including two that played in the Bowl Championship Series - Nebraska, which lost in the national championship game, and Illinois. Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Iowa and Louisiana Tech also played in bowl games last season.

In the Sept. 8 Associated Press poll, five Lion opponents were ranked: Ohio State (6), Michigan (7), Nebraska (8), Michigan State (15) and Wisconsin (22).

Schedule Among Nation's Toughest

Sports Illustrated has ranked Penn State's 2002 schedule 11th-toughest in the nation.

Through games of Sept. 7, the Lions' opponents have earned a 17-9 (65.4) record. The record does not include games vs. Penn State.

Paterno NCAA Division I-A Career Wins Leader

Penn State's thrilling 29-27 comeback win over Ohio State on Oct. 27, 2001 was Joe Paterno's 324th career victory, moving him past Paul "Bear" Bryant for the lead in career victories among major college coaches. Paterno earned his 324th win in his 421st career game and 36th season as head coach.

Bryant earned a 323-85-17 (78.0) record in 38 years as head coach at Maryland (1945); Kentucky (1946-53); Texas A&M (1954-57) and Alabama (1958-82). His 323rd win came in his final game, the 1982 Liberty Bowl vs. Illinois.

Paterno has moved into third place in wins among coaches from all NCAA divisions with 328 victories, trailing only former Grambling coach Eddie Robinson (408) and John Gagliardi (388), the coach of Division III St. John's (Minn.).

Paterno Third In Games on Sideline

Joe Paterno ranks third all-time in games coached among major college coaches. The Nebraska game will be his 428th as head coach.

Amos Alonzo Stagg's 548 games tops all major college coaches. He is followed by Pop Warner (457), Paterno, Paul "Bear" Bryant (425) and Hayden Fry (420).

NATION'S TOP RECORDS

SINCE 1990

1. Florida State	130-19-1	.870
2. Nebraska	132-20-1	.866
3. Florida	123-28-1	.812
4. Marshall	134-32-0	.807
5. Tennessee	120-28-2	.807
Miami (Fla.)	117-28-0	.807
7. Michigan	112-33-3	.767
8. Texas A&M	111-37-1	.748
9. Kansas State	107-38-1	.736
10. PENN STATE	108-39-0	.735

Did You Know?

Joe Paterno and former Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne reached 200 victories faster than any coaches in Division I-A history. Paterno leads the category, winning his 200th game in his 246th game as head coach (200-44-2). Osborne is second, earning win No. 200 in his 249th game as head coach (200-46-3).

Osborne earned a 255-49-3 record as NU's coach from 1973-97, including a 3-2 mark vs. Penn State.

Paterno also is the quickest coach to win 300 games, doing so in his 380th game as head coach (300-77-3). Bobby Bowden is second, reaching the 300 mark in his 389th game.

Penn State Returnees

More than 100 Nittany Lions lived in State College this summer to take classes, work and train for the 2002 season, knowing full well the challenges which would await this fall.

Penn State returned 27 lettermen and 15 starters from last year's 5-6 squad. Seven starters and 11 lettermen returned on offense and six starters, 14 letterwinners are back on defense and the punter and kicker return. Seven additional returnees earned starts in 2001.

Youthful Lions

Fifteen of the 47 players on the two-deep are in their last year of eligibility, 12 of whom are projected starters.

Squad Breakdown

(By year of eligibility. Does not include all walk-ons)

Fifth-year seniors: 13

True seniors: 3

Juniors: 21

Sophomores: 22

Redshirt freshmen: 29

True freshmen: 28

Strong Against Big Ten

Since starting Big Ten Conference play in 1993, Penn State is 81-29 (73.6) overall, narrowly trailing Ohio State (85-27-1, 75.6) and Michigan (84-28-0, 75.0) for the best record in the Big Ten. The Lions are 49-23 in league contests, trailing only Michigan (53-19) and Ohio State (52-19-1).

Tough In Tight Games

Penn State is 88-37-3 under Joe Paterno in games decided by seven points or less, winning of 24 of 33 such games since 1993.

Injury Report

Safety Yaacov Yisrael (knee) and safety Ben Lago (knee) are out for the season. Linebacker Tim Johnson (back) and OL Tommy McHugh (appendix) are possible. Defensive end Jeremiah Davis (shoulder) is probable.

Kennedy On Several Pre-Season All-America Lists

Penn State defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy (Yonkers, N.Y.) was selected a pre-season All-American by several outlets and should be one of the nation's premier defensive tackles.

The 6-5, 316-pound Kennedy was named to the 2002 Playboy All-America Football Team and was a pre-season second team All-American by Football News, Lindy's and Athlon college football preview magazines. In addition, The Sporting News lists Kennedy as the nation's No. 5 rated defensive tackle in its college football preview issue.

A first team All-Big Ten selection last year, the standout fifth-year senior is a candidate for the Lombardi Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Outland Trophy.

Kennedy had 51 tackles (30 solo) last year, including eight for minus-21 yards. The three-year starter also had 1.5 sacks in 2001 and a huge blocked field goal as well.

A prep All-American at Roosevelt High School, Kennedy had a career-high 10 tackles (eight of which were solo) with three tackles for loss at Iowa last year, despite missing most of the first half with back spasms. His blocked field goal with 2:55 to play in Penn State's game vs. Ohio State was critical as PSU held on to post a 29-27 win. That win made Joe Paterno the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division I-A history.

Larry Johnson A Candidate for Doak Walker Award

Penn State tailback Larry Johnson (State College) is among the candidates for Doak Walker Award, presented annually to the nation's top collegiate running back.

A fifth-year senior, Johnson is one of six Big Ten players on the list of 42 preseason candidates for the

**Beaver Stadium
Expansion & Renovation
Project Boosts Capacity
to 107,000-Plus**

The seventh expansion of Beaver Stadium, which boosted capacity to 107,282 seats, was unveiled for the 2001 season. The stadium's capacity is the nation's second-largest, topped only by Michigan Stadium (107,501).

The \$93 million expansion and renovation project has added a second deck in the South end zone as well as an East side pavilion with 60 enclosed suites, all of which are leased. A club level seating section (4,000 seats) and stadium club, the Mount Nittany Lounge are included in the South stands.

The project dramatically improved the stadium's infrastructure, with approximately \$40 million spent on improving the existing structure. Among the features are new restrooms (72) and concession stands; a new upper concourse around the stadium at the 60th row; expanded lower concourses for easier traffic flow into and out of the seating area; upgraded spaces for the team, game officials, media, cheerleaders and other game-day activities; an upgraded game day ticket office; televisions throughout the concourse; two video replay scoreboards and improvements to meet ADA standards and a new facade.

The stadium also features the first escalators in Centre County and a one ton copper plate weathervane likeness of the Nittany Lion. The weathervane is 10 feet in length, three feet in width and nine feet in height and is located 110 feet above the southwest corner of the stadium.

More than 1,600 personnel, including more than 1,200 skilled workers, worked more than 780,000 man hours on the stadium project.

On game days, more than 107,000 spectators will be able to watch the Lions, with the throng comprising the third-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Penn State averaged a school record 107,576 spectators at its six home games last year to rank second in the nation in attendance. The Lions have ranked second or third in Division I-A attendance 10 of the past 11 years. The capacity of Beaver Stadium was 93,967 from 1991-2000.

A Beaver Stadium record crowd of 109,313 was in attendance for the Miami game on Sept. 1, 2001, the first contest in the expanded facility.

NCAA LEADERS IN VICTORIES

Michigan	815
Notre Dame	783
Nebraska	767
Texas	756
PENN STATE	745
Alabama	745

prestigious honor, which is going into its 13th year of existence. Former Nittany Lions Ki-Jana Carter (1994) and Curtis Enis (1997) have been among the three finalists for the honor in previous years.

A three-year letterman and Penn State's leading rusher last season, Johnson will be the Lions' starting tailback this season. He rushed for 337 yards on 71 carries last year, an impressive 4.7 average, with two rushing touchdowns. A talented and productive player, he also had 11 receptions for 136 yards and two more scores.

The 6-2, 222-pound Johnson also has been a standout on special teams, leading the Nittany Lions with 17 kickoff returns for 454 yards (a 26.7 per return average) last year, including a 97-yard touchdown return vs. Illinois. Johnson's average led the Big Ten. He also returned two blocked punts for touchdowns in 2001, including one that he blocked and returned 40 yards for a score vs. Southern Miss.

Mills Among Davey O'Brien Award Candidates

Penn State sophomore Zack Mills (Jhamsville, Md.) has been named to the 2002 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award Watch list. Mills is one of only six sophomores and one of only three Big Ten signal-callers on the 32-player list.

Two Nittany Lion quarterbacks are previous winners of the prestigious award -- Todd Blackledge in 1982 and Kerry Collins in 1994.

Mills is coming off an inaugural campaign in which he broke four school freshman passing and total offense records and the Penn State mark for total offense in a game. The former Urbana High School stand-out passed for 1,669 yards, to break Blackledge's school freshman mark of 1,037 yards in 1980. Mills' 1,856 yards of total offense also was tops for a Penn State freshman all-time, along with his completions in a game (23) and passing yardage in a game (280-twice). Mills was named to The Sporting News Big Ten All-Freshman team in 2001 and was recently named Big Ten Pre-Season MVP by Lindy's.

The 6-2, 220-pound signal-caller also owns the Penn State record for total yards in a game; a 418-yard outburst in Penn State's 29-27 come-from-behind win over Ohio State last year. The old record was 370, set by current Penn State graduate assistant coach Mike McQueary. Mills rushed for 138 yards on 15 carries, including a 69-yard touchdown scamper in the third period to begin the Lions' comeback from a 20-point deficit. He also completed 17 of 32 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns. The win over the Buckeyes gave Coach Joe Paterno his record-breaking 324th career coaching victory.

Scott Among Thorpe Award Candidates

Senior cornerback Bryan Scott (Warrington) is among the 36 pre-season candidates for the Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's top defensive back.

In his third season as a starter, Scott started all 11 games at cornerback last year and was third on the team with 82 tackles. The 6-2, 218-pounder made a team-best 62 solo stops. Scott collected three tackles for loss, eight pass breakups and a fumble recovery. His top games last year included 10 tackle efforts against Miami, Fla., and Michigan State, recording 10 solo stops vs. the Spartans.

The Thorpe Award screening committee will announce 10 semifinalists the first week in November and then name the three finalists the on Nov. 25. The names of the three finalists will be submitted to the Jim Thorpe Award's National Selection Committee to determine the winner. All three finalists will be invited to ESPN's College Football Awards Show, December 12, in Orlando, Fla. The winner will be announced during the show with the formal award presentation taking place in Oklahoma City, Okla. on February 11, 2003.

Former Nittany Lion David Macklin was a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award in 1999 and James Boyd was a semifinalist in 2000.

Stewart Among Butkus Award Candidates

Penn State sophomore outside linebacker LaMar Stewart (Reading) is among the 67 preliminary candidates for the 2002 Butkus Award, presented annually to the nation's top collegiate linebacker.

Former Nittany Lion All-American LaVar Arrington won the 1999 Butkus Award and teammate Brandon Short was one of three finalists that year.

Stewart played in 10 games last season as a true freshman and recorded 32 tackles, with five tackles for loss, three sacks and one fumble hit. His three sacks were third-best on the squad and tops among the linebackers. The 6-1, 224-pound Stewart was named to The Sporting News' Big Ten All-Freshman Team for his efforts.

Continuity Crucial For Veteran Offensive Line

The continuity and improved play of the offensive line was a huge factor in the Lions' progress over the second half of the 2001 season.

The same unit (Gus Felder, Greg Ransom, Joe Iorio, Tyler Lenda and Chris McKelvy) started the last nine games.

In the season opener against UCF, the Lions' starting line-up on the offensive line consisted of four

seniors - three who are returning starters, while the other has starting experience: Gus Felder (LT), Joe Iorio (C), Tyler Lenda (RG) and Matt Schmitt (RT). Iorio is the lone true senior among the group. Redshirt freshman E.Z. Smith started at left guard.

Felder (6-5, 321), Iorio (6-3, 297) and Lenda (6-3, 293) started every game in 2001, while Schmitt (6-4, 301) started the first two games before being sidelined with mononucleosis.

Felder, Lenda and Schmitt have graduated. Schmitt also is serving as president of Penn State's Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) during 2002-03.

Johnson x 6

You may find an intramural basketball team on campus next winter comprised strictly of Johnson's on the Penn State football team.

Six Nittany Lions have the last name Johnson: Bryant (Sr., WR); Donnie (Fr., RB), Ed (DL, Fr.); Larry (Sr., TB); Tim (Soph., LB) and Tony (Jr., WR).

Larry and Tony Johnson's father, Larry, Sr., is the Lions' defensive line coach and works with the punt teams. Larry led Penn State in rushing and all-purpose yardage in 2001, while Bryant and Tony were 1-2 in receptions and receiving yardage and tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns.

Numerous Lions Have Family Ties To Penn State Football

Twelve members of the 2002 Penn State football team have ties to current or former Nittany Lion football team players and coaches:

- Redshirt freshman quarterback Chris Ganter is the son of Nittany Lion assistant head coach Fran Ganter, who lettered at fullback for Penn State from 1968-70.

- Redshirt sophomore tailback Mike Gasparato's father, Nick, was an assistant coach for the Nittany Lions from 1980-1981, and again from 1984-1988, working with the offensive line.

- Sophomore safety Andrew Guman's father, Mike, was a running back at Penn State from 1976-79.

- Pete Gilmore is a redshirt sophomore tailback with the Nittany Lions. His brother, John, lettered at tight end from 1999-2001 and was the squad's 2001 MVP. Their uncle, Bruce, played football and wrestled for Penn State, lettering in football in 1956 and '58.

- The Johnson family is making a significant impact on the Nittany Lion football team. Father Larry is a defensive line coach and has been the position coach for three of PSU's last four team MVPs. One son, Larry Jr., is a senior tailback while his other son, Tony, is a junior wide receiver. Tony's twin sister, Teresa, plays third base for the Nittany Lion softball team.

- Tim Johnson, a redshirt sophomore linebacker, also has family ties to the Nittany Lion football program. His father, Pete lettered as a linebacker and tight end from 1967-69.

- Senior guard Tyler Lenda's father, Ed, played for the PSU from 1963-66, lettering his last two years.

- Tommy McHugh, a redshirt freshman offensive lineman, is the nephew of Ed Monaghan, who was a guard for Penn State, lettering in 1986, '88 and '89.

- Senior guard Eric Rickenbach is following in the footsteps of his father, Bob, who lettered as a tight end and guard for the Nittany Lions from 1970-72.

- Jason Stryker, a redshirt sophomore wide receiver, is the brother of former Lion offensive lineman Geoff (1998-2001).

- Casey Williams, a redshirt junior tight end, is carrying on the Williams tradition at Penn State. His brother, Tom, was an outside linebacker for the Lions in 2000 and '01. Their father, Tom, played for Joe Paterno from 1971-75, while their uncle, Frank, was a Nittany Lion from 1969-73.

Knee Injuries Sideline Yisrael & Lago For 2002 Season

Junior safeties Yaacov Yisrael (Palatine, Ill.) and Ben Lago (Julian) will miss the 2002 season after suffering serious knee injuries during pre-season drills.

Yisrael, who started every game at Hero in 2001, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, according to Dr. Wayne Sebastianelli, Penn State's Director of Athletic Medicine. Yisrael will have surgery by Sept. 10 and rehabilitation will take approximately nine months, according to Sebastianelli.

"That's a real setback for him because he really has done well and had a great summer academically," said Coach Joe Paterno on Aug. 22. "He has been practicing well."

Yisrael took a redshirt season as a true freshman in 1999 and would have been a redshirt junior this season.

The 5-11, 197-pound Yisrael was fourth on the squad with 71 tackles (47 solo), including three minus-yardage plays, with one sack, in 2001. He was second with 10 pass break-ups and forced and recovered a fumble. He also grabbed one huge interception against Ohio State, stopping a drive immediately after Penn State had rallied to take a 29-27 lead in the thrilling two-point win. Yisrael made a career-high 11 tackles in the win over Indiana and recorded 10 stops and a big fumble recovery in the comeback win at Northwestern.

He was on the field for 902 snaps last season, the second-highest total on the team.

Lago tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, according to Dr. Sebastianelli. He has had surgery

LIONS FIFTH AMONG ALL COLLEGES IN NFL PLAYER COUNT

Penn State Nittany Lion football alumni continue to comprise a large portion of National Football League rosters.

The 2001 tally of 32 players on NFL rosters was tied for fifth-highest among all colleges and universities and continues the tradition of Nittany Lions making the NFL grade, as more than 250 individuals have moved on to the professional ranks since Joe Paterno became head coach in 1966.

(The 2002 list will be available after Sept. 8).

Former Nittany Lions are spread out over 16 teams. Two NFC East Division rivals, the New York Giants and Washington Redskins, have the services of several former Lions as three are on the Giants roster and five on the Redskins. Also, close to home, the Pittsburgh Steelers have four Nittany Lions on their roster.

Oakland Raiders guard Steve Wisniewski has the longest tenure of former Nittany Lions in the NFL, in his 13th season, while Washington lineman Dave Szott is right behind in his 12th season. All four members of Penn State's 2000 squad that were taken in the 2001 NFL Draft made their respective rosters, while two, Justin Kurpeikis and Kenny Watson, made rosters as free agents. They are among six Nittany Lions in their first year in the NFL.

Florida State led the list with 40 former players in the NFL, followed by Notre Dame (36), Michigan (34), Miami (Fla.) (33), Penn State, Florida and Texas A&M with 32.

In addition to Penn State and Michigan, Big Ten colleague Ohio State was tied for ninth with 27. Wisconsin (25), Michigan State (22), Illinois (15) and Iowa (14) were next on the list among Big Ten schools.

Penn State has had at least one alumnus on one Super Bowl team for 32 of 36 title games, iKim Herring and Tyoka Jackson of the St. Louis Rams last year.

The complete list of ex-Lions on 2001 NFL rosters (pro season in parenthesis):

- Baltimore Ravens - Sam Gash (9),
- Cleveland Browns - Courtney Brown (2)
- Dallas Cowboys - Brandon Noble (5)
- Green Bay Packers - Marco Rivera (6),Bhawoh Jue (1)
- Indianapolis Colts - David Macklin (2), Brad Sciolli (3)
- Jacksonville Jaguars - James Boyd (1), Kyle Brady (7)
- Miami Dolphins - O.J. McDuffie (9)
- Minnesota Vikings - Jim Nelson (4)
- New York Giants - Kerry Collins (7), Joe Jurevicius (4), Brandon Short (2)
- New York Jets - Richie Anderson (9), Kareem McKenzie (1)
- Oakland Raiders - Steve Wisniewski (13)
- Philadelphia Eagles - Tony Stewart (1)
- Pittsburgh Steelers - Roger Duffy (11), Jeff Hartings (6), Justin Kurpeikis (1), Jon Witman (6)
- St. Louis Rams - Kim Herring (4), Tyoka Jackson (7)
- San Francisco 49ers - Terry Killens (6)
- Seattle Seahawks - Bobby Engram (6), Floyd Wedderburn (3)
- Washington Redskins - LaVar Arrington (2), Ki-Jana Carter (6), Brett Conway (5), Dave Szott (12), Kenny Watson (1)

and rehabilitation will take approximately nine months.

Lago has a redshirt year available.

The 6-0, 203-pound Lago had worked his way to No. 3 on the depth chart at free safety at the end of spring drills. He also was a candidate for long snapping duties. A hard-working and determined walk-on from nearby Bald Eagle Area High School, Lago was a three-year starter at tight end and outside linebacker for Coach Ron Hoover at BEA. He also won state track titles in the 300 intermediate hurdles and as a member of the 4x400 relay team, helping BEA win the state championship.

Glenn Ressler Inducted Into College Hall of Fame

A dominant two-way lineman for the Nittany Lions from 1962-64, Glenn Ressler was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame in August.

Ressler is the 14th ex-Penn State player to be inducted into the Hall. A native of Dornsife, Pa., Ressler excelled at center and middle guard and was a consensus All-American in 1964, winning the Maxwell Award as the nation's top player.

Following graduation in 1965, Ressler was an All-Pro guard with the Baltimore Colts from 1965-74, helping the Colts win Super Bowl V.

Comeback Kids

The Nittany Lions of 2001 not only rallied from an 0-4 start to 5-6, but rallied from behind in each of their five victories:

Northwestern: Trailing by seven points four times and tied the game four times. Trailing 35-31 late in fourth quarter and won 38-35 with :22 to play on a four-yard pass from Zack Mills to Eric McCoo.

Ohio State: Trailing 27-9 early in the third quarter. Scored the final 20 points of the game to win 29-27 in greatest PSU comeback at home under Joe Paterno. Mills scored on a 69-yard run to spark the comeback and threw TD passes to Tony Johnson and McCoo to take the lead.

Southern Miss: Trailing 7-0 in first quarter and scored next 38 points en route to 38-20 win.

Indiana: Trailing 14-7 in second quarter but scored next 21 points in 28-14 win.

Michigan State: Trailing 24-7 and 31-14 in second quarter, but then scored next 28 points behind Mills in 42-37 win. The Lions scored 21 points in the third quarter, driving into a steady 15-25 mph wind, after trailing 31-21 at halftime.

In Red Zone

Penn State was 25 of 31 (80.6) at or inside the 20-yard-line last season, with 21 touchdowns, four field goals, four missed field goals, a fumble and an interception. The Lions also were inside the 20 twice when the game ended during wins.

Against UCF, the Lions were 3 of 4 (75.0) in the Red Zone, with two field goals, one rushing TD and a fumble.

The Lions' opponents were 37 of 50 (74.0) in the Red Zone, with 24 touchdowns and 13 field goals.

UCF was 4 of 5 in the Red Zone vs. PSU, with two TD, two FG and a blocked field goal.

Long Plays

Penn State had 46 plays of 20 yards or more from scrimmage last season, with eight touchdowns. Thirty-seven of the plays were passes, 26 by Zack Mills. The Nittany Lions posted a season-high eight plays of 20 yards or more against Ohio State.

Against UCF, the Lions had four plays of 20 yards or more from scrimmage, including two touchdowns.

The opposition had 49 long plays, scoring nine touchdowns.

UCF had four long plays vs. the Lions, none of which went for scores.

New Security Measures Remain In Effect For This Season

Several new security measures implemented in and around Beaver Stadium during the 2001 season will continue to be in effect this season:

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is expected to grant Penn State's request for airspace restriction around Beaver Stadium for every home game. Activities in the space were restricted to a Pennsylvania State Police helicopter.

- An increased number of security and stadium personnel;

- Prohibiting fans from bringing large purses, bags and backpacks to the stadium. Any items brought into the stadium are subject to inspection;

- Ticket holders will not be permitted to leave the stadium and later re-enter.

University officials also are asking fans for their cooperation and understanding when traveling to and parking for Saturday's game. Fans should anticipate needing extra time to enter the stadium gates:

- Fans are strongly encouraged to follow traffic instructions and park where instructed; vehicles risk

being towed if they are in unassigned areas;

- Fans are encouraged to take the appropriate route to the stadium based on your parking pass;
- All Club Seat patrons with reserved parking are encouraged to access the parking lot via Porter Road off of Route 26/College Avenue, which can be accessed via the U.S. 322 Bypass.

Fans also are encouraged to ride the CATA shuttle bus from downtown State College and selected hotels to and from the game. The shuttle bus drop-off and pick-up location is at the corner of Curtin Road and University Drive, two blocks from Beaver Stadium. This service is available for all home football games.

Fans Can Listen to Penn State Sports Network Broadcasts on Road

Fans attending Penn State away games can listen to the Penn State Sports Network broadcasts, beginning with the Joe Paterno Pregame show and concluding with the play-by-play action and analysis by Steve Jones and Jack Ham.

This service is expected to be available at all away games this season, although the frequency likely will change with each game. Please check www.GoPSUsports.com the week of each away game for the frequency.

Eight Home Games This Season

Penn State will play an unprecedented eight home games this season, thanks to NCAA legislation permitting institutions to schedule 12 games in years when there are 14 Saturdays from Labor Day weekend to November 30. This NCAA legislation will permit schools to schedule 12 regular season games in 2002, '03 and '08 this decade.

Louisiana Tech Visits September 21

Penn State's four-game homestand to open the season continues Sept. 21, when Louisiana Tech visits Beaver Stadium. Kickoff is at 12:05 p.m. The teams have met once before, with the Nittany Lions winning, 67-7 in 2000.

Louisiana Tech won the Western Athletic Conference last season and has beaten Oklahoma State and lost at Clemson to open the 2002 season. The Bulldogs host Tulsa on Saturday.

Tickets Remain For Six Games

Penn State students have a rare opportunity to buy seats alongside their parents and friends for the Louisiana Tech football game.

The Louisiana Tech game is September 21 and will start at 12:05 p.m. The school returned tickets to Penn State from its allotment.

Student reserved seats for the Louisiana Tech game are \$19 (with student ID) and adjacent seats for family and friends are \$42.

Seven of Penn State's home opponents (all but Nebraska) have returned tickets, which are on sale at the athletic ticket office in the Jordan Center. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tickets for all home games except Nebraska can be purchased by calling the Jordan Center ticket phone room at 814-865-5555 or 800-863-3336, weekdays from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tickets also are available at www.GoPSUsports.com, the official website of Penn State Intercollegiate Athletics, by clicking on the football ticket icon on the front page of the website.

Lions Facing Bevy of Challenging Non-Conference Foes

This past summer, Penn State announced future football series with Notre Dame and Syracuse, giving the Nittany Lions an impressive line-up of intersectional opponents throughout this decade.

Among the Nittany Lions' non-conference opponents this decade are: Miami, Fla. (2001), Southern Miss (2001), Virginia (2001-02), Nebraska (2002-03), Boston College (2003-04), Alabama (2004-05), Notre Dame (2006-07) and Syracuse (2008-09).

Lions Remain Among Most Popular Teams

In a recent ESPN poll, Penn State ranked second among respondents who were asked to name their favorite college football team. Notre Dame was first at 5.7 percent, followed by Penn State and Ohio State (4.1), Michigan and Florida State (3.8) and Florida (3.6).

In a 1997 ESPN-Chilton poll, the Nittany Lions also finished second in a fan survey asking to name their favorite college gridiron squad.

Penn State Football Programming Earns Several Emmy Nominations

Television programs on Penn State Football have earned several nominations for Mid-Atlantic Region Emmys for the 2001-02 season.

The Mid-Atlantic chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences will present the Emmys during its 20th Annual Awards ceremony Saturday, Sept. 14 in Philadelphia.

Mind Over Media, a Pittsburgh-based production company, received four Emmy nominations for its work on Penn State football programming produced in cooperation with Penn State Intercollegiate Athletics.

- The Penn State Football Story was nominated for "Outstanding Sports Series," an honor it received from 1997-99. The critically acclaimed program captures the closeness between players, coaches and staff that is vital in Penn State maintaining its position as one of the nation's premier football programs. The program airs every week during the Penn State football season throughout Pennsylvania and regional sports cable networks and channels throughout the nation.

- The Year of 324, the Nittany Lions' 2001 season highlight program, was nominated in the "Outstanding Sports Program – One Time Only Special" category.

- A feature story on the miraculous recovery of Nittany Lion cornerback Adam Taliaferro, which aired on The Penn State Football Story was nominated for "Outstanding Sports Feature."

- Michael Weber, a producer at Mind Over Media, also was nominated in the "Outstanding Individual Achievement in Editing" category.

Guido D'Elia is the Executive Producer and Mike Messner is the producer and director of The Penn State Football Story and Penn State Hoops, which offers an inside look at the Nittany Lion basketball program. Weber is a producer and Guy Junker is the host for both programs.

Briefly Speaking...

Penn State has a record of 745-318-42 in its 116th season and is tied for fifth in all-time wins...The Nittany Lions have a 198-47 record in Beaver Stadium since the facility was erected in 1960.

Nittany Lions Turn In Solid Season Opening Win over UCF

STATECOLLEGE, Pa.; Aug. 31 -- There were plenty of happy faces in the Penn State locker room following the Nittany Lions' 27-24 win over the University of Central Florida in the season opener.

Having lost their last two season openers, the coaches and players were pleased to get the campaign off on the right foot. While the final score may have indicated a close game, Penn State led 27-9 before UCF scored twice in the final 3:23 to make the final score much closer than the game actually was.

The victory improved Penn State to 103-12-1 all-time in season openers, including a 30-7 mark under Joe Paterno.

The Golden Knights, who averaged 30.3 points and 308.3 yards passing last season, grabbed a 3-0 lead on their first possession. But, behind quarterback Zack Mills, the Lions scored on their initial two possessions of the season. A 37-yard completion to Bryant Johnson on third-and-20 got the ball to the UCF 42. Larry Johnson ran for 11 yards and then took a forward lateral (pass) from Mills 23 yards for the Lions' first touchdown of the season.

The PSU defense forced a three-and-out and a 46-yard connection to Bryant Johnson on third-and-14 took the ball to the UCF 29. Robbie Gould's 23-yard field goal made it 10-3 at the end of the first quarter.

Matt Prater connected on 32 and 53-yard field goals in the second quarter to narrow the Lions' halftime lead to 10-9.

The PSU defense turned it up in the third quarter, starting with a fumble recovery by DT Anthony Adams at the UCF 23 to set-up a 34-yard Gould field goal. The Lions forced a punt and a 12-yard run by Larry Johnson set-up a 21-yard scoring strike from Mills to Larry's brother, Tony, who dove just inside the pylon for a 20-9 lead midway through the third stanza.

On UCF's ensuing possession, freshman safety Calvin Lowry made a diving interception at the UCF 39. The Lions' drove to the UCF 6, but on fourth-and-one, FBSean McHugh's fumble was recovered by the Golden Knights and Mills made a potential touchdown saving tackle at the 13.

The first of DEMichael Haynes' two sacks couldn't prevent UCF from driving to the PSU 17, but OLB Derek Wake swatted down a 34-yard field goal attempt with his left hand for his second career block. The Lions quickly capitalized, with Mills hitting TE Casey Williams and Tony Johnson on a pair of 13-yard completions and then running 15 yards to the UCF 11. On second down, FB Paul Jefferson took the pitch from Mills for the score and a 27-9 lead with 7:56 to play in the game.

Mills was an efficient 13 of 20 for 194 yards, with two touchdowns and no interceptions. Larry Johnson posted the second-highest rushing game of his career with 92 yards on 18 carries (5.1). He also made a team-high four catches for 30 yards and a score and had a 53-yard kickoff return to open the second half. His 175 all-purpose yards were the second-highest in his career. Bryant Johnson made three catches for 90 yards, all in the first half, and Tony Johnson added three grabs for 49 yards and a TD.

The defense kept the Golden Knights out of the end zone until the final 3:23 and allowed only 65 yards rushing, its best effort in 21 games. Safety Shawn Mayer recorded a game-high 10 tackles, with a tackle for loss and two pass break-ups. Cornerback Rich Gardner (8), safety Paul Cronin (7) and Wake (6) all set career-bests for tackles, with Cronin collecting three TFL for minus-13 yards in his collegiate debut. Haynes made five tackles, with two sacks for minus-18 yards, and a forced fumble in a strong start to his senior season. LaMar Stewart made five tackles in his first start at OLB.

Game Notes

UCF became Penn State's 147th different opponent and the Lions are 104-35-8 in first meetings with opponents. UCF was the 70th Division I-A school Joe Paterno has faced...The three-point margin of victory was the closest season opener for the Lions since defeating Texas Tech, 24-23, in 1995...Four defensive and two offensive players recorded their first career starts for the Nittany Lions: Guard E.Z. Smith, TE Casey Williams, DE John Bronson, OLB LaMar Stewart, ILB Gino Capone, Saf Chris Harrell...Penn State allowed 65 yards rushing, the fewest since allowing 45 yards to Louisiana Tech in 2000 (21 games)...Anthony Adams recorded his third career fumble recovery...The last time that a Penn State opponent kicked a 50+ yard field goal was when Adam Bailey of Minnesota booted a 50-yard field goal in 1997 in Beaver Stadium...Ryan Schneider's 32 pass completions were the most by a Penn State opponent since Purdue's Drew Brees in 1998, when he completed 39 passes, the PSU opponent record.

Score by Periods

UCF	3	6	0	15	24
Penn State	10	0	10	7	27

Scoring Summary

- UCF-Prater 26 FG
- PS-L. Johnson 23 pass from Mills (Gould kick)
- PS-Gould 23 FG
- UCF-Prater 32 FG
- UCF-Prater 53 FG
- PS-Gould 34 FG
- PS-T. Johnson 21 pass from Mills (Gould kick)
- PS-Jefferson 8 run (Gould kick)
- UCF-Haynes 2 run (Capers pass from Schneider)
- UCF-Capers 6 pass from Schneider (Prater kick)

Team Statistics

	UCF	PS
First Downs	24	20
Total Net Yards	410	347
Net Yards Rushing	65	153
Net Yards Passing	345	194
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	46-32-1	20-13-0
Punts-Average	3-39.3	2-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	5-46	3-19

Individual Statistical Leaders

RUSHING

PS-L. Johnson 18 for 92; Mills 7 for 15; McHugh 7 for 14; M. Robinson 3 for 13; Jefferson 2 for 11, 1 TD; Terrell 1 for 9
UCF-Haynes 21 for 83, 1 TD; Capers 2 for 11; Gaudion 1 for 3; Brown 1 for 0; Gabriel 1 for -3; Gaskins 1 for -4; Schneider 4 for -25

PASSING

PS-Mills 13 of 20, 194 yds, 2 TD, 0 Int.; M. Robinson 0 of 0, 0 yds, 0 TD, 0 Int.
UCF-Schneider 32 of 46, 345 yds, 1 TD, 1 Int.

RECEIVING

PS-L. Johnson 4 for 30, 1 TD; B. Johnson 3 for 90; T. Johnson 3 for 49, 1 TD; Williams 2 for 18; McHugh 1 for 7
UCF-Gabriel 11 for 153; Capers 7 for 59, 1 TD; Fryzel 5 for 83; Haynes 5 for 19; Gaines 2 for 19; Gaskins 2 for 12

Attendance: 103,029

BIG TEN MEDIA SERVICES

Big Ten Release/Statistics: The Big Ten Conference football release, with standings and statistics, is available at www.bigten.org. Statistics are available each Sunday during the season at 7 p.m. ET, with the complete release available each Monday at 5 p.m. ET.

NCAA statistics are available every Sunday by 3 p.m. ET at www.ncaa.org. Click on statistics and follow the prompts.

Big Ten Players of the Week will be announced every Monday during the season.

Big Ten Coaches Teleconference: The Big Ten will conduct a football coaches teleconference every Tuesday during the season, from August 27 to November 19. All 11 head coaches will be available to answer questions for 10 minutes. Following an opening statement, the next portion of each coach's segment will be designated for previewing their next game. Following the last coach, the conference's Players of the Week or other players also may be available for 10 minutes each.

Please contact the Big Ten Communications staff (847-696-1010) for the phone numbers for the teleconference and 24-hour replay.

Teleconference Schedule (ET)

- 12:00 – Jim Tressel, Ohio State
- 12:10 - Lloyd Carr, Michigan
- 12:20 - Gerry DiNardo, Indiana
- 12:30 - Bobby Williams, Michigan State
- 12:40 - Kirk Ferentz, Iowa
- 12:50 - Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin
- 1:00 - Ron Turner, Illinois
- 1:10 - Joe Tiller, Purdue
- 1:20 - Joe Paterno, Penn State
- 1:30 - Randy Walker, Northwestern
- 1:40 - Glen Mason, Minnesota
- 1:50 - Players of the Week (if available)

Big Ten Website: Athletic information on every Big Ten school and the conference is available on the Internet via the Big Ten Conference web site. News items, statistics and other features on Big Ten sports are available at: www.bigten.org.

The Big Ten Conference

BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference				Overall			
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	1.000
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000
Michigan State	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1.000
Penn State	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	.500
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	.500
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	.000

This Week's Schedule (ET)

- Nebraska at Penn State, 8:07 p.m. (ABC)
- Arkansas State at Illinois, 12:05 p.m. (ESPN+)
- Northern Illinois at Wisconsin, 12:05 p.m. (ESPN+)
- California at Michigan State, 12:05 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Duke at Northwestern, 1:00 p.m.
- Western Michigan at Purdue, 2:00 p.m.
- Michigan at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m. (NBC)
- Toledo at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
- Washington State at Ohio State, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
- Iowa State at Iowa, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Indiana at Kentucky, 7:00 p.m.

Penn State Football Release/Statistics

Information is available via the Penn State Athletics official website: www.GoPSUsports.com. The complete football release will be posted by 12:00 p.m. on Monday of a game week. Updated cumulative statistics will be posted by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Football Release Schedule - Available on Monday prior to game, unless otherwise noted:

Opponent	Date of Game	Date Release Available on www.GoPSUsports.com (ET)
UCF	Aug. 31	Aug. 26 - 12:00 p.m.
Nebraska	Sept. 14	Sept. 9 - 12:00 p.m.
Louisiana Tech	Sept. 21	Sept. 16 - 12:00 p.m.
Iowa	Sept. 28	Sept. 23 - 12:00 p.m.
Wisconsin	Oct. 5	Sept. 30 - 12:00 p.m.
Michigan	Oct. 12	Oct. 7 - 12:00 p.m.
Northwestern	Oct. 19	Oct. 14 - 12:00 p.m.
Ohio State	Oct. 26	Oct. 21 - 12:00 p.m.
Illinois	Nov. 2	Oct. 28 - 12:00 p.m.
Virginia	Nov. 9	Nov. 4 - 12:00 p.m.
Indiana	Nov. 16	Nov. 11 - 12:00 p.m.
Michigan State	Nov. 23	Nov. 18 - 12:00 p.m.

Penn State Depth Chart

Classes in parenthesis are academic rank/year in eligibility. As of 9/7/02

OFFENSE

Split End	11	Tony Johnson (5-11, 197, Jr/Jr)	19	Gerald Smith (5-10, 181, Jr/SO)	31	Ernie Terrell (6-3, 199, So/Fr)	
Left Tackle	72	Gus Felder (6-5, 321, Gr/Sr)*	59	Eric Rickenbach (6-5, 298, Sr/Sr)*	67	Jonathan Nabavi (6-0, 257, Sr/Jr)	
Left Guard	77	E.Z. Smith(6-3, 287, So/Fr)	OR	75	Chris McKelvy (6-3, 326, Jr/Jr)	70	Nick Marmo (6-5, 297, Jr/SO)
Center	63	Joe Iorio (6-3, 297, Sr/Sr)	61	David Costlow (6-2, 279, Sr/Jr)	54	Scott Davis (6-2, 288, Jr/SO)	
Right Guard	50	Tyler Lenda (6-3, 293, Gr/Sr)*	74	Tyler Reed (6-5, 312, So/Fr)	OR	68	John Wilson (6-8, 304, So/Fr)
Right Tackle	64	Matt Schmitt (6-4, 301, Gr/Sr)*	76	Damone Jones (6-4, 305, Sr/Jr)	89	Andrew Richardson (6-6, 259, So/Fr)	
Tight End	93	Casey Williams (5-11, 237, Sr/Jr)	33	Mike Lukac (6-2, 251, Sr/Jr)	85	Isaac Smolko (6-5, 261, So/Fr)	
Quarterback	7	Zack Mills (6-2, 220, Jr/SO)	12	Michael Robinson (6-3, 231, So/Fr)	3	Chris Ganter (6-1, 195, So/Fr)	
Tailback	5	Larry Johnson (6-2, 222, Sr/Sr)*	26	Mike Gasparato (5-11, 206, Jr/SO)	22	Pete Gilmore (5-10, 205, Jr/SO)	
Fullback	42	Sean McHugh (6-5, 260, Jr/Jr)	39	Paul Jefferson (6-1, 256, Jr/Jr)	44	Ricky Upton (6-0, 228, Sr/Jr)	
Flanker	24	Bryant Johnson (6-2, 201, Sr/Sr)	13	Kinta Palmer (6-4, 185, So/Fr)	9	Terrance Phillips (6-0, 183, So/Fr)	

DEFENSE

Left End	87	John Bronson (6-3, 265, Jr/SO)	17	Lavon Chisley (6-5, 261, So/Fr)	69	Jason Robinson (6-3, 269, Jr/SO)
Left Tackle	98	Anthony Adams (6-0, 285, Sr/Sr)*	60	Tyler Valoczki (6-4, 281, Sr/Sr)*	57	Charles Rush (6-2, 286, So/Fr)
Right Tackle	73	Jimmy Kennedy (6-5, 316, Gr/Sr)*	99	Tim Falls (6-3, 277, Sr/Sr)*	86	Jeremiah Davis (6-4, 244, Jr/SO)
Right End	81	Michael Haynes (6-3, 268, Sr/Sr)*	55	Matt Rice (6-6, 267, So/Fr)	40	T.C. Cosby (6-0, 215, Jr/SO)
Outside Linebacker	37	LaMar Stewart (6-1, 224, So/SO)	2	Deryck Toles (6-0, 217, Sr/Jr)	16	Andy Ryland (6-1, 234, Sr/Jr)
Inside Linebacker	47	Gino Capone (6-1, 238, Sr/Jr)	65	Sam Ruhe (6-5, 254, Jr/Jr)	41	Scott Paxson (6-5, 264, So/Fr)
Outside Linebacker	94	Derek Wake (6-3, 232, Jr/SO)	38	Jimi Mitchell (6-2, 226, Jr/SO)	30	Eric Dare (5-9, 185, Sr/Jr)
Left Cornerback	32	Bryan Scott (6-2, 218, Sr/Sr)	21	Alan Zemaitis (6-2, 187, So/Fr)	8	Jesse Neumyer (6-0, 208, So/Fr)
Free Safety	23	Shawn Mayer (6-0, 196, Sr/Sr)*	18	Andrew Guman (6-3, 207, So/SO)	29	Paul Cronin (6-2, 205, So/Fr)
Hero	27	Chris Harrell (6-2, 202, So/SO)	10	Calvin Lowry (6-0, 198, Fr/Fr)	28	James Millon (5-10, 191, Sr/Sr)
Right Cornerback	25	Richard Gardner (5-11, 182, Sr/Jr)	34	Gio Vendemia (6-0, 184, So/Fr)		

SPECIAL

Punter	14	David Royer (6-3, 206, Sr/Sr)	95	David Kimball (6-2, 186, Jr/Jr) (Kickoffs)
Kicker	4	Robbie Gould (6-0, 161, So/SO) (PAT/FG)	7	Zack Mills (6-2, 220, Jr/SO)
Holder	3	Chris Ganter (6-1, 195, So/Fr)	63	Joe Iorio (6-3, 297, Sr/Sr) (Punts)
Kick Snapper	77	E.Z. Smith (6-3, 287, So/Fr) (FG/PAT)	19	Gerald Smith (5-10, 181, Jr/SO)
Kickoff Returners	11	Tony Johnson (5-11, 197, Jr/Jr)	10	Calvin Lowry (6-0, 198, Fr/Fr)
	5	Larry Johnson (6-2, 222, Sr/Sr)*	10	Calvin Lowry (6-0, 198, Fr/Fr)
Punt Returners	24	Bryant Johnson (6-2, 201, Sr/Sr)		

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OFFENSE

Game	SE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB	FB	FL
UCF	T.Johnson	Felder	Smith	Iorio	Lenda	Schmitt	Williams	Mills	L. Johnson	McHugh	B. Johnson

- Nebraska
- Louisiana Tech
- Iowa
- Wisconsin
- Michigan
- Northwestern
- Ohio State
- Illinois
- Virginia
- Indiana
- Michigan State

DEFENSE

Game	LE	LT	RT	RE	OLB	ILB	OLB	LCB	Safety	Hero	LCB
UCF	Bronson	Adams	Kennedy	Haynes	Stewart	Capone	Wake	B. Scott	Mayer	Harrell	Gardner

- Nebraska
- Louisiana Tech
- Iowa
- Wisconsin
- Michigan
- Northwestern
- Ohio State
- Illinois
- Virginia
- Indiana
- Michigan State