2002 GAME RECAPS

PENN ST 27 Ucf 24 - UCF opened w/a FG. PSU responded with a 74 yd TD drive and a FG, 10-3. PSU fmbl'd a punt at their own 31 setting up a UCF FG. PSU missed a 49 yd FG and UCF nailed a 53 yd FG w/1:09 left in the 1H, 10-9. PSU got a FG and drove 55 yds for a TD to lead 20-9. PSU fmbl'd at the UCF 13 but after a blk'd FG drove 60 yds for a TD, 27-9 w/7:56 left. UCF went 63 yds for a TD w/3:23 left and and another w/:24 left.

PENN ST 40 Nebraska 7 - PSU drove 80 yds for a TD and NU answered w/an 84 yd TD drive. PSU went on a 78 yd drive but settled for a 20 yd FG and added a 33 yd FG, 13-7. The Lions opened it up the in the 3Q w/an 80 yd TD drive and got a 42 yd int return for a TD, 26-7. They added a 55 yd TD drive to lead 33-7 after 3Q's and a 54 yd TD drive mid-4Q.

PENN ST 49 LA Tech 17 - LT had long drives end on a 20 yd FG, a missed 19 yd FG & an int at the PSU 13 and despite having a yardage edge trailed 21-10 at the half. They pulled within 21-17 but TO's did them in as PSU drove 25 yds after an int for a TD, got a 30 yd int ret for a TD, a 15 yd TD drive after a 45 yd PR and a 3 yd TD drive after a fmbl.

Iowa 42 PENN ST 35 (OT) - Iowa opened w/an 80 yd TD drive and a 44 yd FG drive. After a PSU fmbl they went 18 yds for a TD, 17-0. UI added a 53 yd TD drive after an int before PSU drove 87 yds for a TD w/1:25 left 1H. Iowa's 55 yd FG bounced through on the 2Q's last play, 26-7. PSU got a 69 yd TD drive but the xp was blk'd and ret'd by Iowa for 2, 28-13. Iowa drove 80 yds for a TD, 35-13. After a 55 yd PR, Iowa was int'd in the EZ and later they started at the PSU 1 after an int but fmbl'd. PSU drove 92 yds for a TD. The Lions added a 44 yd TD pass w/3:57 left. PSU drove 64 yds for the tying TD w/1:20 left. In OT Iowa got a TD and PSU's 4th & 4 pass fell incomplete.

PENN ST 34 Wisky 31 - PSU had a 436-309 yd edge but only led 21-14 at the half as UW got a 65 int ret for a TD and PSU settled for 2 FG's. PSU drove 54 yds for a TD to led 28-14 but UW answered w/an 80 yd TD drive. PSU nailed a 51 yd FG w/7:00 left and added a 40 yd FG w/ 2:54 left, 34-23, but UW drove 65 yds for a TD and 2 pt conv w/1:17 left. PSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

MICHIGAN 27 Penn St 24 (OT) - PSU got a 17 yd TD drive after a 25 yd PR to lead 7-0 and UM faked a FG and was SOD. UM drove 58 yds for a TD w/2:52 left in the 1H and had a 150-90 yd edge. In the last 18:00 the 2 combined for 28 pts and 4 lead changes. PSU went 84 yds for a TD (xpng), 13-7. UM went 80 yds for a TD, 14-13. PSU went 80 yds for a TD, 21-14 w/7:46 left and UM went 64 yds for a TD w/3:24 left. PSU got to midfield but a 3rd & 5 pass completion was incorrectly ruled incomplete and it went to OT. PSU got a 20 yd FG and UM a TD.

PENN ST 49 N'western 0 - PSÚ dominated w/a 423-9 rushing edge. PSU drove 73 yds for a TD and NW had a 34 yd FG but had it called back and missed from 39 yds on their only scoring opportunity. PSU had 73, 48, 46 and 67 yd TD drives, 35-0 at the half. In the 2H PSU opened w/a 73 yd TD drive and drove 93 yds for a TD w/12:26 left.

OHIO ST 13 Penn St 7 - OSU's opening drive ended on fmbl at the goal line which PSU ret'd 40 yds. PSU's 2nd poss was an 80 yd TD drive and they led 7-0 but for the game they were held to just 8 FD's and 179 total yds. OSU got a 37 yd FG and fmbl'd at the PSU 14 and trailed 7-3 at half despite a 12-5 FD edge. OSU DB Gamble int'd a pass & ret'd it 39 yds for a TD less than 2:00 into the 2H. OSU added a 71 yd drive for a 37 yd FG and led 13-7. On the Lions' last drive, a 4th & 6 pass fell incomplete and an interference could have been called on OSU but wasn't.

PENN ST 18 Illinois 7 - PSU opened w/a 68 yd drive but settled for a FG. PSU got an 84 yd TD run, 10-0. They added a FG and drove for 68 yds for a TD w/:28 left 1H to make it 18-0. PSU had a FD at the IL 23 but was SOD. They had a FD at the IL 37 but missed a 52 yd FG. They drove to midfield but punted. Behind bkup QB Beutjer, IL went 60 yds in 17 plays and got a TD w/5:22 left. IL got to the 10 but was int'd at the 1 and PSU ran out the clock. Larry Johnson set a PSU record w/279 yds rushing.

PENN ST 35 Virginia 14 - It was 7-7 after 1Q. PSU got a FG w/:12 left in the 2H and had a 206-100 yd 1H edge. UVA fmbl'd to open the 3Q and PSU drove 61 yds for a TD. On their next 2 drives PSU went 54 yds for a 51 yd FG & 73 yds w/a 30 yd TD run by Ganter on a fake FG, 28-7 (2 pt conv). UVA fmbl'd & PSU went 37 yds for a TD, 35-7. UVA went 80 yds for a TD w/4:20 left. PSU ended the game at the UVA 7.

Penn St 58 INDIANA 25 - In the 1H PSU had a 307-89 yd edge. The Lions drove 47 yds for a TD but later IU ret'd an int 59 yds for a TD, 7-6 PSU (xp blk'd). After another PSU int, Indy drove 21 yds for a TD and led 12-7 w/16 yds offense. PSU led 28-18 at the half. PSU went 80 yds for a TD and added a FG after a fmbl, 38-18. Indy went 80 yds for a TD, 38-25. PSU got a TD and ret'd an int 35 yds for a TD, 52-25. PSU ret'd another int to the 18 and 5 plays later got a TD.

PENN ST 61 Michigan St 7 - Larry Johnson ran for 279 yds & 4 TD's playing just the 1H. PSU missed a 19 yd FG but MSU fmbl'd setting up a PSU 27 yd TD drive. PSU had a 75 yd TD drive and MSU went on to miss two FG's. PSU had an 81 yd PR for a TD and 54, 78, 60 and 40 yd drives for TD's to lead 48-0 at the half. The backups played the 2H.