

2003 GAME RECAPS

PENN ST 23 Temple 10 - PSU blk'd a punt but missed a 51 yd FG. TU drove 50 yds but missed a 31 yd FG. TU drove 56 yds in the 1H's final :39 but missed a 33 yd FG. Mills hit Johnson for a 56 yd TD, 7-0. TU nailed a 33 yd FG on the last play of the 2Q. TU got an int and ret'd it 49 yds to the PSU 11 early in the 3Q but missed a 27 yd FG. PSU got 39 and 31 yd FG's and then went 77 yds for a TD, 20-3 with 7:45 left. TU drove 82 yds for a TD but after rec the onside kick PSU added a 41 yd FG with 1:47 left.

Boston Coll 27 PENN ST 14 - BC drove 80 and 56 yds for TD's and after an int got a 1 yd TD drive led 21-0 after 1Q. BC added a 31 yd FG early in the 2Q. PSU fmbld at the BC 17, but later drove 55 yds for a TD with 1:35 left in the 1H. PSU missed a 55 yd FG on the 2Q's final play, 24-7. In the 3Q BC drove 68 yds in 10 plays for a 30 yd FG. PSU was driving, but fmbld at the BC 2. PSU was SOD at the BC 33 and drove 54 yds in 11 plays for a TD with 6:12 left. BC ran out the clock.

NEBRASKA 18 Penn St 10 - NU simply dominated the 1H with a 337-44 yd edge. NU penetrated the PSU 30 eight times in the game whereas PSU would not have an offensive drive cross the NU 50 and their lone TD was set up by a fmbld. NU settled for 36, 35 and 41 yd FG's in the 1H. They were also int'd in the EZ and after getting to the PSU 25 were forced to punt. PSU got a 29 yd TD drive after a fmbld and drove for a 47 yd FG, 10-9 at the half. NU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive, 15-10 (2 ptng). NU then had a 34 yd FG blk'd but later added a 32 yd'r. PSU was SOD at the NU 44 on their final drive.

PENN ST 32 Kent St 10 - KSU lost QB Cribbs on the 2nd play and the 2 backups (Polk & Smith) combined to hit just 9-23 for 105 yds. KSU rec'd a fmbld punt in the EZ for a TD and then drove 63 yds for a 25 yd FG and stunningly led 10-0. PSU drove 80 yds for a TD, 55 yds for a 38 yd FG, fmbld at the KSU 19 and drove 70 yds for a TD to lead 17-10 at the half. The Lions had 62 and 79 yd drives for TD's but settled for a 38 yd FG with 3:17 left. PSU finished the game with 26-11 FD and 410-184 yd edges.

Minnesota 20 PENN ST 14 - UM onside kicked and rec'd to open but ended up punting. On their next two poss UM went 43 and 99 yds for TD's. PSU QB Mills got inj'd and Robinson led 79 and 80 yd TD drives sandwiched by a UM 44 yd FG and they pulled within 17-14 with 2:04 left in the 1H. PSU had a FD at the UM 8 but a 3rd & 11 pass, which looked to be incomplete, was ruled an int with :06 left. PSU was SOD at the UM 33, missed a 45 yd FG, and was int'd at the UM 36. The Gophers put together a 51 yd drive for a 30 yd FG with 2:21 left. PSU drove 67 yds and had a FD at the UM 15 but a 4th & 8 pass in the EZ fell incomplete.

Wisconsin 30 PENN ST 23 - PSU fmbld at the UW 24 but UW fmbld it back and PSU settled for a 36 yd FG. Each team got a long TD drive but PSU missed their xp and only led 9-7. UW got a 55 yd KR to set up a 46 yd FG for a 10-9 lead and PSU fmbld the ensuing KO but UW missed a FG. PSU missed a 48 yd FG with 2:06 left in the 1H but fmbld a punt on their own 23 with :36. UW got a 24 yd TD pass to lead 17-9 at the half. In the 3Q UW got a 65 yd PR TD to lead 23-9. After PSU got a 73 yd TD pass, UW ran the ball 13 consecutive times in an 80 yd TD drive, 30-16. PSU drove 70 yds for a TD but later missed a 42 yd FG. UW ran off all but :29 and PSU gained 82 of their yds on the final 3 desperation plays.

PURDUE 28 Penn St 14 - PU went 71 yds for a TD but missed a 54 yd FG and led 7-0 after 1Q. PSU kept a drive alive with a fake FG on 4th & 7 for a FD and tied it on the next play. PSU was int'd on their own 30 and PU got a 42 yd FG. PU then got a 75 yd PR for a TD by Chambers who set a single game school record with 149 yds in PR's, 17-7. PU was int'd & Zemaitis ret'd it 90 yds to the 6. PSU got a TD with :24 left in the 2Q, 17-14. PU got a 32 yd FG in the 3Q and then drove 42 yds for a TD & 2 pt conv with 9:44 left, 28-14. PSU was int'd at the PU 15 and fmbld with 2:44 left.

IOWA 26 Penn St 14 - UI had a 76 yd drive but an apparent TD was called back on a hold. On the next play PSU's Yisrael int'd a screen pass & ret'd it 83 yds for a TD. Iowa rec'd a fmbld and drove 30 yds for a TD (xp blk'd) and then drove 53 yds for a TD, 12-7 (2 ptng). Iowa blk'd a punt for a TD to open the 3Q. PSU missed a 50 yd FG and Iowa drove 67 yds for a TD, 26-7. Iowa fmbld at their own 24 and PSU got a TD two plays later, 26-14. Iowa ended the game at the Lion 15.

Ohio St 21 PENN ST 20 - OSU drove 75 yds for a TD but PSU answered with an 80 yd TD drive. PSU got a huge play when they ret'd an int 78 yds for a TD and then added a 42 yd FG to lead 17-7 at the half. OSU QB Krenznel was inj'd late in the 1H & McMullen QB'd the 2H. OSU opened with an 80 yd TD drive. PSU drove 50 yds but was int'd at the 32. Early in the 4Q PSU added a 48 yd FG, 20-14. OSU drove 72 yds and WR Jenkins outjumped the DB and took the ball away for a TD with 1:35 left. PSU got 2 FD's and then K Kimball, who had been booming his KO's thru the EZ, just missed 60 yd'r on the game's final play. McMullen hit 12-17 for 112 yds.

NORTHWESTERN 17 Penn St 7 - PSU missed a 27 yd FG. PSU drove 78 yds for a TD but then missed a 34 yd FG, 7-0 at the half. NW was SOD at the PSU 1 and fmbld at the PSU 9. The Cats drove 45 yds to tie. After a 28 yd PR Basanez lofted the ball into the EZ and it bounced off 2 PSU DB's and into the arms of Horn for a 41 yd TD rec with 4:50 left, 14-7. PSU was int'd and NW added a 27 yd FG. PSU ran out of time at the NW 27.

PENN ST 52 Indiana 7 - Indy opened with an 80 yd drive for a TD but PSU answered with 68, 96 and 80 yd TD drives, 21-7. Indy was SOD at the PSU 37 and trailed by 14 at the half. In the 3Q PSU scored 31 pts with a 37 yd FG, an 8 yd blk'd PR for a TD, 52 & 43 yd drives for TD's and a 15 yd int return for a TD. Indy was SOD at the PSU 21 and 47.

MICHIGAN ST 41 Penn St 10 - MSU missed a 54 yd FG and PSU drove 52 yds for a 29 yd FG, 3-0. A small pass turned into an 80 yd TD for MSU's Brown, 7-3. MSU drove 68 yds for a TD and added a 94 yd TD drive with 2:29 left in the 1H, 21-3. MSU converted on a fake punt to key a 56 yd TD drive. MSU blk'd a punt and drove 46 yds for a TD. After PSU fmbld a punt, MSU missed a 37 yd FG. PSU was int'd and a 34 yd return set up MSU for a 6 yd TD drive. PSU then drove 80 yds for a TD with :11 left.