

2004 GAME RECAPS

PENN ST 48 Akron 10 - PSU led 41-3 after 2Q's. At the half PSU had a 348-179 yd edge. PSU scored a TD to open the 3Q, 48-3. AU got a garbage time TD with mostly backups in for Penn St.

BOSTON COLLEGE 21 Penn St 7 - BC would drive 80 yds in 16 plays including 2 roughing the P for a 7-0 lead. Zack Mills hit 23 of 41 for 254 yds but had 4 int for PSU. The teams traded TO's and PSU fmb'l'd. BC went 74 yds with a 26 yd TD pass, 14-0. At the half BC had a 202-127 yd edge. In the 3Q PSU opened with a 61 yd, 8 play drive for a TD, 14-7. BC drove 74 yds in 16 plays incl a 4th & 2 conv at the 16. Their 2 yd TD pass made it 21-7 with 2:35 left in the 3Q.

PENN ST 37 Ucf 13 - PSU dominated with a 521-181 yd edge and won despite 6 TO's. UCF started at the 26 but had to settle for a 33 yd FG. PSU went 80 yds in 11 plays and got a TD, 7-3. After a short 24 yd punt was ret'd 15 yds, PSU got a 1 play, 26 yd TD, 14-3. UCF punted and PSU was int'd and ret'd it to the 9 with :42 left in the half. UCF, however, settled for a 22 yd FG, 21-6. At the half PSU had a 252-91 yd edge and 11-4 FD edge. UCF went 3 & out and the snap went through the P's hands in the back of the EZ for a safety, 23-6. Following the free kick, PSU got a 27 yd pass and a 33 yd TD run by Hunt and led 30-6. UCF got a 54 yd PR for a TD. PSU went 3 & out but roughing the P gave them a FD and they would go on & score on a 21 yd TD run by backup RB Gasparato.

WISCONSIN 16 Penn St 3 - The key here was PSU losing their top 2 QB's and relying on 3rd stringer Chris Ganter who hit just 6 of 23 for 32 yds. UW went 44 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 7-0. UW went 56 yds in 9 plays and hit a 39 yd FG. Ganter was int'd and ret'd to the 26. At this point PSU actually had a 105-86 yd edge. UW made a 38 yd FG, 13-0. At the half PSU had a 110-92 yd edge. UW opened the 2H going 72 yds for a 26 yd FG. PSU went 74 yds & settled for a 23 yd FG after having a 1st & goal.

MINNESOTA 16 Penn St 7 - UM onside kicked to open and drove 41 yds in 10 plays. They had a 1st & goal at the 8 but settled for a 21 yd FG, 3-0. After a PSU punt UM went 86 yds in 9 plays and on 4th & 1 got a TD, 10-0. At the half UM had a 196-124 yd edge and the FD's were only 8-7. In the 3Q UM opened with a 78 yd, 11 play drive for a TD, 16-0 (xp blk'd). PSU went 52 yds in 8 plays for a TD with 1:05 left in the 3Q, 16-7. PSU got to the UM 17 but was int'd.

Purdue 20 PENN ST 13 - PP actually called for PSU to outpass PU in this game and they did 293-275. After a 16 yd PR, PU started at the PSU 39 and nailed a 50 yd FG, 3-0. After a punt PU drove 86 yds in 7 plays and got a TD, 10-0. PSU answered with a 62 yd, 6 play drive and a 37 yd TD pass to Golden made it 10-7. PSU went 46 yds in 9 plays and nailed a 38 yd FG with :24 left in the half, 10-10. In the 3Q PU opened with an 80 yd drive for a TD which came on a 40 yd pass, 17-10. PSU went 60 yds in 11 plays but settled for a 27 yd FG, 17-13. PU went on a 44 yd drive and nailed a 46 yd FG for a 7 pt lead with 2:48 left. After a 64 yd return PSU got to the PU 33 but on 4th & 10 their pass fell incomplete.

Iowa 6 PENN ST 4 - Defenses controlled this game with Iowa having 10 FD's, 3 in the 2H and 1 was the result of a pen and PSU had just 6. Iowa opened going 3 & out and a bad snap on the punt saw the P kick the ball out of the EZ for a safety. Iowa went on a 58 yd, 15 play drive including a 4th & 1 conversion at the PSU 10 but settled for a 27 yd FG, 3-2. PSU was int'd & ret'd it 51 yds to their 10 which set up an Iowa 27 yd FG, 6-2. At the half Iowa had a 95-56 yd edge and 6-2 FD edge. PSU went 39 yds in 10 plays and had a 1st & goal at the 10 but was int'd at the 2 and ret'd 6 yds. Iowa lost 7 yds and then the P ran around and went out of the EZ for a safety with 7:55 left. PSU took over at their 34 but was int'd on the first play at the 40.

OHIO ST 21 Penn St 10 - PSU QB Mills DNP due to a concussion. In the 1Q OSU had 6 plays and 12 ttl yds but led 14-0. OSU got a 62 yd KR to the PSU 35. Seven plays later they got a TD. At the half PSU had 16 plays in OSU territory, twice as many as the Bucks. They had 13-4 FD and 157-63 yd edges but trailed 21-7. PSU went 48 yds in 12 plays. On 4th & goal from the 4 they opted for a 21 yd FG with 9:31 left to finish the scoring.

Northwestern 14 PENN ST 7 - PSU ran a HB option to Michael Robinson, but under pressure, he threw an int at their own 33 and NW would drive in for a TD, 7-0. NW was int'd at the NW 36 with 3:27 left in the half and it was ret'd 14 yds to the 22. Six plays later PSU had a TD with :37 left in the half, 7-7. At the half NW had a 206-132 yd edge and 11-6 FD edge. NW went 83 yds in 13 plays and got a TD with 14:31 left, 14-7. PSU went 67 yds in 10 plays but pass fell incomplete with 3:27 left.

Penn St 22 INDIANA 18 - PSU was int'd at their own 28. Indy got a TD 2 plays later. PSU went 68 yds in 5 plays and got a 37 yd TD pass, 7-7. PSU had a poor pass was int'd & ret'd it 46 yds for a TD with 12:58 left in the half, 13-7(xpng). At the half PSU had a 175-119 yd edge. PSU went 82 yds in 11 plays and got a TD, 14-13. Indy answered with a 74 yd, 17 play drive. Roughing the passer on 3rd & 19 gave them a FD but they settled for a 23 yd FG with 8:47 left. PSU went 80 yds in 9 plays and got a TD with 4:51 left, 22-16. Indy would go 71 yds in 11 plays but was SOD on 4th & goal at the 2.

PENN ST 37 Michigan St 13 - This was closer than the final score would indicate as PSU benefitted from a 5-1 TO edge. MSU actually had a 338-197 yd edge. PSU picked off 5 int. MSU opened with a 78 yd, 13 play drive but settled for a 19 yd FG. PSU started at the MSU 30 after a 17 yd return and nailed a 47 yd FG, 3-3. MSU went 45 yds in 9 plays and nailed a 52 yd FG on the last play of the half, 6-3. At the half, MSU had a 210-121 yd edge. In the 3Q PSU opened with a 74 yd, 12 play drive for a TD. Two plays later MSU was int'd & ret'd it 5 yds to the 8. Mills ran it in from 8 yds out on the next play, 17-6. MSU was at their own 12. They brought in Dowdell at QB and on 3rd & 5 he was int'd & PSU ret'd it 17 yds to the 10. Mills ran it in from 10 yds out, 24-6. PSU blk'd the punt and rec'd at the 22. Four plays later Mills hit Robinson with a 6 yd TD pass, 31-6 with :21 left in the 3Q. MSU was int'd at their own 47. PSU went 43 yds in 8 plays but settled for a 27 yd FG, 34-6. A 52 yd KR set up MSU for a 48 yd, 8 play drive with Reeves still at QB, 34-13. PSU ret'd the onside kick to the MSU 28 and got a 43 yd FG with 6:32 left.