

2005 GAME RECAPS

PENN ST 23 S Florida 13 - PSU fmbld at the USF 43 but went on a 93 yd drive before settling for a 23 yd FG. The Lions got a 16 yd fmbld return for a TD and 2 poss later added a 13 yd TD drive after an int and led 17-0 at the start of the 2Q. USF went on an 80 yd 16 play drive but missed a 32 yd FG. After an int with 2:04 left 2Q, USF drove and got a 7 yd TD pass with :04 left to make it 17-7. PSU fmbld at the USF 11 in the 3Q as the D's controlled (8 punts/1st 9 poss). PSU went 79 yds for a TD with 10:10 left. USF went on an 85 yd 18 play drive and got a 4 yd TD pass on 4th & goal with 2:50 left. The drive was also kept alive on 3rd & 13 twice. PSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock at the USF 23.

PENN ST 42 Cincinnati 24 - PSU got a TD after an int then UC went 69 yds in 12 plays for a FG to pull within 7-3. PSU went 80 yds in 8 plays & got a TD w/1:52 left 2Q, 14-3. The Lions got a 59 yd TD pass and then a 42 yd pass to set up a TD 2 plays later & they commandingly led 28-3. UC drove 65 yds in 6 pl for a TD. PSU went 71 & 53 yds for TD's, the latter with 2:23 left. UC went 64 yds and got a TD with :39 left vs PSU's 2nd stringers. The Bearcats rec'd the onside kick and Paterno put the 1st string defense back in but UC drove 48 yds in 2 plays for a TD w/ :18 left & added the 2 pt conv.

PENN ST 40 C Michigan 3 - PSU dominated. The Lions had a commanding 303-47 yd edge and they worked on their passing in the 1H with 207 yds while holding CM to -29 yds rushing. CM's only score, a 31 yd FG, came after a fmbld punt which CM rec'd at the 13. The Lions went to backup QB Morelli with 3:41 left in the 3Q and he had a 55 yd TD pass with 5:54 left. PSU had a 509-172 yd edge.

Penn St 34 NORTHWESTERN 29 - NU drove 80 yds in 16 plays for a TD and after an int drove 52 yds for a 20 yd FG and led 10-0. PSU did not cover the KO and NU added a 25 yd FG. PSU went 80 yds for a TD and NU fmbld the KO at its own 26 but PSU was int'd. NU went 71 yds for a TD and after an int added a 42 yd FG with 6:35 left 1H, 23-7. After a 72 yd drive, PSU fmbld at the 3. The Lions drove 61 yds for a TD with :35 left 2Q. PSU hit a 25 yd FG to make it 23-17 and NU missed a 46 yd FG. PSU got a 28 yd FG but NU drove 41 yds for a 46 yd FG, 26-20. PSU drove 78 yds for a TD with 8:52 left and the 24-23 lead. A roughing the QB call gave NU a FD on 3rd & 13 and the Cats continued on an 86 yd drive for a 25 yd FG, 29-27 with 2:10 left. PSU got a 20 yd pass on 4th & 15 then Robinson hit Williams with a 36 yd TD pass with :51 left. NU's was int'd at midfield.

PENN ST 44 Minnesota 14 - PSU dominated as they had a 17-4 FD edge in the 1H. PSU scored on 4 of their first 5 poss to lead 20-0 late 2Q. UM got a 49 yd TD pass and PSU missed a 51 yd FG. The Lions drove 76, 54 and 74 yds for 2 TD's and a 21 yd FG on their first 3 poss of the 3Q to lead 37-7. UM gained 153 yds on its final 2 poss.

PENN ST 17 Ohio St 10 - ESPN Sat night gm played in 48° & rain. OSU took their 2nd drive 12 plays for a 30 yd FG. PSU converted on 4th & 1 at the OSU 33 and got the TD 3 plays later to cap a 74 yd drive. PSU got a 36 yd int return to the 2 setting up a TD, 14-3. The Bucks then went on an 81 yd TD drive with :33 left 2Q. PSU opened the 3Q with a 10 play drive for a 41 yd FG. Two poss later OSU missed a 50 yd FG and on the next 7 poss there was just 1 FD & 7 punts. OSU took over w/3:37 left & got 2 FD's across midfield but Smith was sk'd by DE Hali & DT Paxson rec'd his fmbld w/1:21 left.

MICHIGAN 27 Penn St 25 - PSU missed FG's of 33 & 45 yds after 13 & 12 play drives. UM went 50 yds for a 35 yd FG then missed a 43 yd FG after a fmbld with :09 left 2Q. UM went 70 yds for a TD to open the 3Q, 10-0. PSU hit a 25 yd FG then drove 63 yds for a TD to tie it with 11:56 left. UM fmbld and PSU's Zemaitis ret'd it 35 yds for a TD. A bad snap on the xp saw the K run it in for 2, 18-10. UM answered with a 33 yd TD pass and 2 pt conv to tie it with 9:32 left. UM got a 47 yd FG with 3:45 left and then PSU was int'd. UM punted and PSU drove 81 yds in 13 plays for a TD with :53 left. UM went 53 yds and on 4th & 4 with :01 left got a 10 yd TD pass for the win.

Penn St 63 ILLINOIS 10 - IL actually went 56 yds for a 42 yd FG before the onslaught began and PSU led 56-3 at the half even bringing in backup QB Morelli for the 2Q's final series. PSU had a 378-98 yd edge & set a school record for pts in 1 half. The Lions added a 77 yd IR for a 3Q TD and even used 3rd string QB Cianciolo in the 4Q. IL got the bulk of their yds when they went 92 yds for a TD with 2:19 left.

PENN ST 33 Purdue 15 - PSU had 19-5 FD & 292-118 yd edges at half. They settled for a 27 yd FG and Purdue rec'd a fmbld punt and got a 24 yd TD run and led 7-3. Purdue fmbld a punt and PSU drove 31 yds for a 25 yd FG. PSU took a 13-7 lead with an 80 yd TD drive. The Lions took over with :34 left 1H at their own 24 and needed just 4 plays to get a 33 yd FG on the 1H's final play. PSU opened the 3Q with a 58 yd KR and 4 plays later got a TD, 23-7. Purdue missed a 49 yd FG and the next 7 poss were punts. Purdue drove 58 yds in 7 plays for a TD with 9:50 left, 23-15. PSU, after a 1st & goal at the 6, settled for a 22 yd FG. The Lions finished the scoring driving 53 yds for a TD with 1:37 left.

PENN ST 35 Wisconsin 14 - PSU went 78 yds in 5 plays for a TD on their first poss and 81 yds in 11 plays for a TD on their 2nd, 14-0 after 1Q. UW went 76 yds in 9 plays but was int'd in the EZ on 2nd & goal on the 5 and PSU went 80 yds in 7 plays for a TD. After a 43 yd PR, PSU started at the UW 22 but was int'd in the EZ. They led 21-0 at the half with a 305-109 yd edge. PSU missed a 24 yd FG to open the 3Q. UW went 90 yds in 7 plays for a TD. After 2 punts, PSU got a 47 yd TD pass, 28-7 with 6:17 left. UW went 81 yds in 4 plays for a TD, 28-14 (5:13). PSU rec'd the onside kick and went 46 yds in 5 plays, with all being runs, for a TD (2:47). UW was SOD at their own 48. PSU dominated the line of scrimmage sacking QB Stocco 9 times and outrushing the Badgers 282-(-11).

Penn St 31 MICHIGAN ST 22 - PSU went 65 yds for a 32 yd FG. MSU went 48 yds but Stanton was int'd at the PSU 3. MSU missed a 38 yd FG. PSU blk'd a punt & rec'd it for a TD. The Lions then went 55 yds for a TD, 17-0. MSU went 71 yds to the PSU 15 but Stanton was int'd in the EZ with :03 left 1H. MSU opened the 3Q w/a 75 yd TD drive. Stanton was int'd & ret'd 17 yds to the MSU 4 on the next drive setting up another PSU TD. MSU went 55 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 24-14. MSU went 35 yds but was SOD at the PSU 36 and the Lions went 64 yds for a TD with 4:58 left to clinch it. Stanton was int'd for the 3rd time by Zemaitis at the PSU 8. After rec'v a fmbld, MSU drove 27 yds for a TD w/:53 left and PSU rec'd the onside kick.