

2006 GAME RECAPS

PENN ST 34 Akron 16 - PSU got a 42 yd TD pass & then went on a [43/11] drive for a 39 yd FG. The Lions added a [62/4] TD drive, 17-0. PSU faked a FG on its next drive but were stopped. Roughing the K on 4th & 31 gave UA a FD & they continued on a [40/10] FG drive. PSU, after rec'ing a fumble w/2:10 left, fmbld the snap on a 21 yd FG & did not get the kick off. PSU fmbld the 3Q's opening KO & UA drove [50/11] for a TD, 17-9 (xpng). PSU got a 20 yd TD pass. PSU ret'd a punt 28 yds & drove [30/7] for a TD, 31-9. UA was int'd & ret'd to the UA33 setting PSU up for a 42 yd FG. UA went [65/10] converting on a 4th & 7 with a 27 yd TD pass, 34-16 with 2:48 left. UA got to the PSU38 but time ran out.

NOTRE DAME 41 Penn St 17 - ND took its opening drive [63/12] & after PSU dropped an int in the EZ, the Irish got a 36 yd FG. PSU went [57/9] but bobbled a snap on a 26 yd FG try & their holder was tkl'd. PSU fmbld at their own 36 & ND got a 35 yd FG after a [37/13] drive, 6-0. PSU drove to the ND25 but fmbld. ND took its next drive [75/9] for a TD. ND took over w/ 1:30 left 2Q & went [69/7] for a TD to lead 20-0 1H. PSU fmbld & the Irish ret'd it 25 yds for TD. The Lions drove [69/10] but settled for a 28 yd FG, 27-3. PSU was int'd & ND faked a punt for a 43 yd gain to PSU's 5 & then got a TD on 4th & 1. PSU fmbld & ND drove [46/10] for a TD, 41-3. The Lions added garbage TD drives of [89/18] & [83/13].

PENN ST 37 Youngstown St 3 - PSU had a 319-23 yd edge in the 1H & got a 49 yd FG, a 76 yd TD run, a [22/3] TD drive (after int) & a 28 yd FG on the 2Q's final play, 20-0. YSU got a 33 yd FG to open the 3Q but PSU drove [49/7] for a TD, nailed a 36 yd FG & then missed a pair of 38 yd FG's before driving [64/8] for a TD with 1:37 left.

OHIO ST 28 Penn St 6 - Wind & rain. The Bucks missed a 53 yd FG & PSU went on a [67/11] drive. The Lions missed a 23 yd FG but roughing the K let them kick a 21 yd FG on the 1H's final play. After an int to open 3Q, PSU missed a 42 yd FG. OSU went [75/9] for a TD, 7-3. OSU later went [62/7] for a TD with 12:56 left. PSU went on a [74/10] drive & had a 3rd & goal at the footline but a penalty forced a 23 yd FG, 14-6 (7:30). Morelli was int'd & Jenkins ret'd it 61 yds for a TD, 21-6 (2:31). Morelli was again int'd & Smith ret'd it 55 yds for a TD w/1:07 left.

PENN ST 33 Northwestern 7 - PSU went [71/6] but Morelli was int'd at the 9. The Lions then went [37/8], [56/5] & [51/13] on their next 3 drives but settled for 34, 22 & 33 yd FG's & only led 9-0 mid-2Q. NU, after a 14 yd IR, drove [16/5] for a TD. PSU went [79/10] for a TD w/:37 left 1H, 16-7 & the Lions had a 329-131 yd edge. PSU got a 36 yd FG & then after a long PR, added a [29/3] TD drive, 26-7. After an int PSU drove [44/6] for a TD. NU went on [50/12] & [39/7] play drives but was SOD at the PSU38 & 41.

Penn St 28 MINNESOTA 27 (OT) - UM went [52/6] for a TD. PSU rec'd a fmbld punt at the UM9 & got a TD. PSU went on a [52/8] drive but was SOD on 4th & inches at the UM10. UM went on a [76/14] drive but was SOD on 4th & inches at the PSU14. PSU drove for a 32 yd FG but a botched snap forced an int. PSU took over at the UM39 (:59) and got a TD 2 plays later to lead 14-7 at the half with a 241-163 yd edge. PSU missed a 42 yd FG. UM drove [74/10] for a TD, 14-14. PSU went [82/13] for a TD, 21-14 with 5:30 left. UM drove [86/7] for a TD to force OT w/1:02 left. UM got a 25 yd TD pass but missed the xp. PSU got a ? pass interference call on 4th & 8 for a FD & their TD and xp won it 4 plays later.

Michigan 17 PENN ST 10 - PSU ret'd a KO to the 50 but missed a 46 yd FG. UM went [75/10] for a 25 yd TD pass on 3rd & 10. UM later went [44/8] for a 23 yd FG. PSU went [81/16] and had a 1st & goal at the 6 but settled for a 22 yd FG, 10-3 at the half with UM having a 160-99 yd edge. Lions QB Morelli was inj'd in the 3Q & backup Clark came in. UM went [61/7] for a late 3Q TD, 17-3. Third stringer Cianciolo came in for an inj'd Clark and a screen pass on 3rd & 1 went 43 yds for a TD to Hunt (3:18). UM punted (1:53) but Cianciolo's 4th & 6 pass was incomplete.

PENN ST 26 Illinois 12 - Misleading final as IL had a 358-184 yd edge. PSU's Morelli missed most of the wk's practice (concussion). PSU got a 49 yd FG and IL got a [58/12] drive for a 41 yd FG, 3-3 after 1Q. A 79 yd run by Mendenhall to the 1 set IL up for a 21 yd FG, 6-3. After a 19 yd IR to the 15, IL got a 40 yd FG. PSU missed a 44 yd FG & IL led 9-3. IL was int'd at the PSU17 to open the 3Q. After a 17 yd PR, PSU went [34/6] for a TD & then sk'd Williams & got a 3 yd fmbld ret for a TD less than 1:00 later, 17-9. IL was int'd at the PSU25 & then drove [47/8] for a 36 yd FG, 17-12. After 5 punts, IL fmbld but PSU fmbld it back on the return at the IL10 with just 1:56 left. On 4th & 15 Williams was sk'd for a safety and PSU's Scirrotto took the onside kick 29 yds for a TD.

Penn St 12 PURDUE 0 - PU was shutout for the first time s/1996 (127 games, NCAA's 3rd longest streak). PSU went [74/12] for a 29 yd FG on their opening drive. PU's Painter was int'd at the PSU18 & PSU drove to the PU20 on a [46/17] drive but a sk forced a missed 50 yd FG. PU went on a [48/10] drive but a 37 yd FG into the wind was short. PSU took over with :52 left 2Q & went 44 yds nailing a 45 yd FG on the 2Q's final play, 6-0. PSU went [80/12] for a TD (2ptng). PU was int'd at the 15 and SOD at the PSU34. PSU fmbld at the PU18 & PU was SOD at its own 27 (1:38).

WISCONSIN 13 Penn St 3 - UW took its first poss [60/10] for a 37 yd FG. PSU went [58/9] for a 39 yd FG to tie it 3-3. UW fmbld on their own 14 but PSU had a tipped pass int'd at the 7. UW missed a 47 yd FG. UW went on a [68/9] drive. On 4th & 1 they got a FD to the 32 & then a 14 yd TD pass, 10-3 (:23 left 1H). PSU opened the 3Q with a [50/12] drive & had a FD at the 21. A reverse lost 9 yds & they ended up punting out of FG formation. UW's Stocco, on 3rd & 6 from the 47, fired a pass & S Johnson dropped the int with nothing between him & the EZ but turf. PSU fmbld at their own 20 & the Badgers got a 20 yd FG. UW fmbld at their own 40 but PSU was SOD on 4th & 1 at the UW35 with 8:08 left. PSU's final drive was SOD on 4th & 23 at the 48 & the Badgers ran out the clock. Paterno broke his leg early 2H after being run into on the sideline & was taken away from the stadium by ambulance.

PENN ST 47 Temple 0 - TU was held to a Paterno-era low 2 FD's while Joe Pa watched from home due to his leg inj. After a TU fmbld, PSU went [48/4] for a TD & then after a fake punt was stopped, went [42/2] for a TD, 14-0. TU punted 53 yds to the 18 but an illegal formation forced a rekick & Williams ret'd it 75 yds for a TD, 21-0 after 1Q. PSU added a 19 yd FG, was SOD at the TU28 & went [77/8] for a TD, 31-0 at the half. Morelli's last drive was [54/12] for a TD to open the 3Q. PSU tacked on a 33 yd FG & a [56/7] TD drive w/12:15 left.

PENN ST 17 Michigan St 13 - Hoyer started for an inj'd Stanton. MSU went [62/12] but missed a 35 yd FG. The Spartans rec'd a Morelli fmbld on a sk which set up a TD drive [11/2]. A Hunt fmbld set up MSU for a 45 yd FG, 10-0. PSU fmbld but MSU was SOD at the PSU43. Roughing the P on 4th & 32 gave PSU a FD & they continued on a [56/12] TD drive. PSU fmbld again at their own 43 setting MSU up for a 29 yd FG, 13-7 MSU at the half w/ a 186-125 yd edge. MSU went [58/11] but missed a 35 yd FG. PSU went [80/7] & took the lead on a TD pass, 14-13. PSU blk'd a punt & rec'd at the 19 but missed a 36 yd FG. PSU went [49/8] for a 45 yd FG, 17-13. MSU went on a [26/8] drive but Hoyer's pass was inc on 4th & 2 w/2:47 left & PSU ran out the clock.