

BOWLS

BOWL RECAPS

1923 ROSE: January 1, 1923

Penn State fought a gallant fight, but Southern California was just too strong in a 14-3 victory in the 1923 Rose Bowl, the Nittany Lions' first post-season game. The Trojans bounced back from an early 3-0 Penn State lead to post the win.

The 29-member Penn State travel party departed State College by train on December 19 and, after stops in Chicago and the Grand Canyon, arrived in Pasadena on Christmas Eve. The morning of the game, the team took in the Tournament of Roses Parade, then returned to their hotel. The Lions left in several taxi cabs at 11 a.m. for the drive to the Rose Bowl, but as the 2:15 p.m. kickoff approached, the team was mired in post-parade traffic. Only after the cabbies drove over the lawns of local residents did the Penn State contingent finally reach the Rose Bowl.

When the team arrived, they found kickoff had already been delayed by 10 minutes. Penn State coach Hugo Bezdek and USC coach "Gloomy Gus" Henderson almost came to blows as the Lions' skipper successfully lobbied game officials for additional warmup time. The game finally started an hour late and ended in moonlight, with sportswriters lighting matches in order to finish their stories. Even with the 60-minute delay, many of the 43,000 spectators did not reach their seats until the second quarter.

Penn State took an early 3-0 lead on Mike Palm's 20-yard drop-kick field goal, but Roy "Bullet" Baker rushed for 123 yards and one touchdown for the Trojans and the Lions were held to five first downs and 104 yards. Penn State's share of the proceeds — \$21,349.64 — was directed toward the \$2 million Emergency Building Fund and in particular the construction of Varsity Hall (now Irvin Hall).

Southern California	0	7	7	0	—	14
Penn State	3	0	0	0	—	3

PS-Palm, 20, field goal; USC-Campbell, 1, run (Hawkins kick); USC-Baker, 1, run (Hawkins kick).

Team Statistics	PS	SC
First Downs	5	13
Total Net Yards	104	293
Net Yards Rushing	98	254
Net Yards Passing	6	39
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	11-5-3	12-6-1
Punts	12	8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-1	6-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	3-35

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Wilson 20 for 55; Palm 16 for 25; Wentz 4 for 7; Hufford 2 for 6; Flock 1 for 5.
SOUTHERN CAL-Baker 29 for 123, 1 TD; Campbell 17 for 52, 1 TD; Kincaid 6 for 43; Galloway 9 for 22; Leahy 2 for 6; Nelson 1 for 3; Wyhan 2 for 2.

Passing

PENN STATE-Wilson 2 for 2, 5 yds.; Palm 3 for 9, 1 yd., 3 Int.
SOUTHERN CAL-Galloway 1 for 3, 23 yds., 1 Int.; Baker 3 for 4, 12 yds.; Campbell 2 for 5, 4 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Wilson 3 for 1; Palm 2 for 5.
SOUTHERN CAL-Campbell 2 for 8; Pythian 1 for 23; Galloway 1 for 4; Baker 1 for 3; Kincaid 1 for 1.

Attendance: 55,000

1948 COTTON: January 1, 1948

Penn State dimaxed a 25-year climb back to national prominence with a 13-13 tie against Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl. Unheralded quarterback Elwood Petchel mated SMU All-American Doak Walker yard-for-yard as the Lions rallied from 13-0 back and had several chances to win the game.

Petchel threw for scores in the second and third quarters and nearly had a third at the end of the game, when a defender tipped away the ball at the last second. In the third quarter the Lions tied the game at 13 and Ed Czekaj's PAT kick appeared to be good, but was ruled no good by a hesitating referee. The Lions outgained SMU 258 to 206, but two lost fumbles hurt their chances. Petchel completed seven of 15 passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns. Fran Rogel gained 95 yards on 25 carries, easily out-rushing Walker.

Because two Lions, Wally Triplett and Dennie Hoggard, were African-American, none of the Dallas hotels would allow the team to stay in their facilities, forcing the squad to stay at a Naval Air Station 14 miles from Dallas.

Coach Bob Higgins' squad finished 9-0-1, won its first Lambert Trophy and was No. 4 in the Associated Press poll.

Southern Methodist	7	6	0	0	—	13
Penn State	0	7	6	0	—	13

SMU-Page, 53, pass from Walker (Walker kick); SMU-Walker, 2, run (Kick failed); PS-Cooney, 38, pass from Petchel (Czekaj kick); PS-Triplett, 6, pass from Petchel (Kick failed).

Team Statistics	PS	SMU
First Downs	12	12
Total Net Yards	258	206
Net Yards Rushing	165	92
Net Yards Passing	93	114
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	15-7-1	25-11-1
Punts-Average	4-33.4	7-33.1
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Penalties-Yards	3-15	1-5

Individual Statistics (Unofficial)

Rushing

PENN STATE-Rogel 25 for 95.
SMU-Walker 18 for 66, 1 TD; McKissick 12 for 36; Ketchel 9 for 25.

Passing

PENN STATE-Petchel 7 for 15, 165 yds., 1 TD.
SMU-Johnson 6 of 16; Walker 5 for 9, 1 TD.

Attendance: 43,000

1959 LIBERTY: December 19, 1959

Coach Rip Engle took the advice of veteran bowl participant Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech and installed some new plays to keep his Penn State team busy for the 1959 Liberty Bowl. That advice paid off as Penn State scored on a fake field goal play to upend Alabama, 7-0, in the inaugural Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia. The play came in the final seconds of the first half with Galen Hall passing 18 yards to Roger Kocharman for the score. Game conditions at Municipal Stadium (later renamed JFK Stadium) were less than ideal and Penn State's defense made the points stand up.

Directed by quarterback Richie Lucas, the Maxwell Award winner and Heisman Trophy runnerup, the Lions' offense completely dominated the game, outgaining Coach Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide 319 to 131, including a 278 to 104 edge on the ground. The victory was the first bowl win for the Nittany Lions, improving their post-season mark to 1-1-1. Penn State has not been below the .500 mark in bowl games since the historic win.

Alabama	0	0	0	0	—	0
Penn State	0	7	0	0	—	7

PS-Kocharman, 18, pass from Hall (Stellatella kick).

Team Statistics	PS	A
First Downs	18	8
Total Net Yards	319	131
Net Yards Rushing	278	104
Net Yards Passing	41	27
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	10-2-0	8-2-0
Punts-Average	6-29.0	8-34.4
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	4-4	7-4
Penalties-Yards	4-45	3-45

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Lucas 9 for 54; Botula 13 for 50; Sobczak 9 for 42; Pae 10 for 40; Hoak 7 for 30; Hall 9 for 24; Kocharman 6 for 22; Kerr 5 for 16.
ALABAMA-Trammell 13 for 37; Dyess 7 for 35; Richardson 7 for 21; O'Steen 3 for 13; Skelton 3 for 1; Fuller 1 for 0; Rich 1 for (-1); Wesley 4 for (-2).

Passing

PENN STATE-Lucas 1 for 4, 23 yds.; Hall 1 for 6, 18 yds., 1 TD.
ALABAMA-Trammell 1 for 4, 20 yds.; Skelton 1 for 4, 7 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Bozich 1 for 23; Kocharman 1 for 18, 1 TD.
ALABAMA-Brooker 1 for 20; Ronnanet 1 for 7.

Attendance: 36,211

1960 LIBERTY: December 17, 1960

Penn State's second team — the "Reddie" unit — proved the value of depth as the Nittany Lions rolled over Oregon, 41-12, for their second straight Liberty Bowl win in as many years. Twenty-one unanswered points in the second quarter gave the Lions a lead they would not relinquish on a cold, windy day in Philadelphia.

Oregon's long first-quarter TD drive produced an early lead, but quarterback Dick Hoak and his second unit marched for two scores, while quarterback Galen Hall led another in the second quarter for a 21-6 halftime bulge. The Ducks scored in the third quarter, but again the Reddie unit produced three TDs in the fourth quarter. Hoak enjoyed an outstanding day on defense as well as running and passing on offense. He ran for 61 yards and two scores on nine carries; and completed three of five passes for 67 yards and a TD strike.

It was the running game that was the difference as the Lions outgained Oregon 301 to 187 and 420 to 360 overall. The 420 yards of total offense was a school bowl record until 1975. The Lions also forced four turnovers.

Oregon	6	0	6	0	—	12
Penn State	0	21	0	20	—	41

O-Grosz, 1, run (Kick failed); PS-Jonas, 1, run (Oppermann kick); PS-Gursky, 2, run (Oppermann kick); PS-Hoak, 6, run (Oppermann kick); O-Grayson, 10, run (Pass failed); PS-Caye, 1, run (Oppermann kick); PS-Hoak, 11, run (Kick failed); PS-Pae, 33, pass from Hoak (Jonas kick).

Team Statistics	PS	O
First Downs	25	17
Total Net Yards	420	360
Net Yards Rushing	301	187
Net Yards Passing	119	173
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	14-8-0	16-10-2
Punts-Average	4-25	4-34
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	6-40	2-12

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Hoak 9 for 61, 2 TD; Ke r 12 for 47; Jonas 13 for 40, 1 TD; Sobczak 8 for 36; Gursky 9 for 32, 1 TD; Hall 2 for 29; Hayes 9 for 25; Pae 5 for 12; To mis 1 for 9; Caye 3 for 6, 1 TD; Kline 1 for 2; Wayne 1 for 2.

OREGON-Grayson 10 for 93, 1 TD; Cargill 4 for 32; Josephson 3 for 32; Grosz 6 for 25, 1 TD; Snyder 5 for 7; Bruce 7 for 5; Gaecher 1 for (-7).

Passing

PENN STATE-Hall 4 for 7, 47 yds.; Hoak 3 for 5, 67 yds., 1 TD; Lang 1 for 1, 5 yds.; Jonas 0 for 1.

OREGON-Grosz 9 for 15, 178 yds., 2 Int.; Grayson 1 for 1, (-5) yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Oppermann 4 for 49; Pae 1 for 33, 1 TD; Robinson 1 for 18; Ke r 1 for 14; Davis 1 for 5.

OREGON-Bruce 4 for 90; Peterson 2 for 18; Grayson 1 for 43; Bauge 1 for 15; Jones 1 for 12; Grosz 1 for (-5).

Attendance: 16,624

1961 GATOR: December 30, 1961

Penn State justified its selection as the Lambert Trophy winner with a decisive 30-15 victory over Georgia Tech, notching its third straight bowl victory in as many years in its first post-season game in the South. Despite three early-season losses, the Lions downed the Yellow Jackets, who had allowed only 4.4 points a game, registering four shutouts.

Galen Hall threw three touchdown passes as Penn State rallied from a 9-0 deficit. The Nittany Lion defenders caused five turnovers and took advantage of a misfired fake punt and an interception to put the game away with 10 fourth-quarter points. All-America end Dave Robinson made a stunning play midway through the third quarter and with the Lions leading 14-9, leaping over two blockers and forcing quarterback Stan Gann to fumble, which Robinson recovered at the Jackets' 35-yard line. Hall struck quickly, tossing a 35-yard scoring strike to Junior Powell.

The Jackets carried the day statistically (outgaining Penn State 412 to 313), but special teams play for Penn State was critical as Yellow Jacket errors and a superb Lion punting game (eight punts for a 41.0 yard average) helped offset Georgia Tech's rushing game. Hall was superb, hitting 12 of 22 passes for 175 yards and three touchdowns to earn game MVP honors.

Georgia Tech	2	7	0	6	—	15
Penn State	0	14	6	10	—	30

GT-Safety, Penn State quarterback Galen Hall intentional grounding in end zone; GT-Auer, 68, run (Lothridge kick); PS-Gursky, 13, pass from Hall (Jonas kick); PS-Kodman, 27, pass from Hall (Jonas kick); PS-Powell, 35, pass from Hall (Kick failed); GT-Auer, 14, run (Run failed); PS-Jonas, 23, field goal; PS-Torris, 1, run (Jonas kick).

Team Statistics	PS	GT
First Downs	13	19
Total Net Yards	313	412
Net Yards Rushing	138	211
Net Yards Passing	175	201
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	22-10-0	24-12-2
Punts-Average	8-41.0	5-27.6
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	1-1	6-3
Penalties-Yards	6-63	2-14

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Kodman 13 for 76; To mis 12 for 27, 1 TD; Gursky 5 for 18; Powell 3 for 17; Sabol 1 for 1; Hall 1 for (-1).

GEORGIA TECH-Auer 10 for 98, 2 TD; Williamson 11 for 44; Gann 6 for 37; McNames 8 for 22; Mendheim 4 for 8; Lothridge 4 for 1; Winingder 1 for 1; Sircy 1 for 0.

Passing

PENN STATE-Hall 12 for 22, 175 yds., 3 TD.

GEORGIA TECH-Lothridge 8 for 16, 154 yds.; Gann 4 for 8, 47 yds., 2 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Robinson 4 for 40; Anderson 3 for 40; Kodman 2 for 36, 1 TD; Powell 1 for 35, 1 TD; Gursky 1 for 13, 1 TD; Schwab 1 for 11.

GEORGIA TECH-Williamson 4 for 102; Martin 3 for 36; Sexton 2 for 34; Davis 2 for 32; Auer 1 for (-3).

Attendance: 50,202

1962 GATOR: December 29, 1962

Penn State posted a 9-1 regular-season in 1962, losing by three points at Army, and was ranked No. 9 in the final Associated Press poll, earning its second straight Lambert Trophy. But, the Lions were snubbed from a New Year's Day bowl and accepted an invitation to play in the Gator Bowl for the second consecutive year, facing unranked, 6-4 Florida.

The Lions managed only eight first downs and 147 yards and lost to the Gators, 17-7. Except for a 76-yard touchdown march culminated by Pete Liske's one-yard TD run in the second period, Rip Engle's squad didn't slightly resemble the offensive terror that had swept its last six games, scoring 164 points in the process.

Florida quarterback Tommy Shannon completed seven of nine passes for 79 yards and two scores and mixed his plays to befuddle the big Penn State defense. The Gators added the longest field goal in Gator Bowl history and forced five turnovers to snap the Lions' two-game bowl winning streak.

The best experience of this post-season may have been the squad's trip to the White House where they gave President John F. Kennedy a Nittany Lion statue. The Lions practiced for more than a week at the U.S. Naval Academy before encountering difficult travel from Harrisburg to Jacksonville, having to bus to Pittsburgh and land in Orlando due to poor weather conditions in Pennsylvania and Florida.

Florida	3	7	0	7	—	17
Penn State	0	7	0	0	—	7

F-Lyle, 43, field goal; F-Dupree, 7, pass from Shannon (Hall kick); PS-Liske, 1, run (Coates kick); F-Clarke, 19, pass from Shannon (Hall kick).

Team Statistics	PS	F
First Downs	8	14
Total Net Yards	147	248
Net Yards Rushing	89	162
Net Yards Passing	58	86
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	21-5-2	13-8-1
Punts-Average	6-40.8	6-23.8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	4-3	4-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	5-42

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Kodman 6 for 51; Hayes 10 for 25; Gursky 5 for 10; Caum 1 for 6; Stuck rath 1 for 4; To mis 1 for 2; Hershey 1 for (-1); Powell 1 for (-1); Liske 4 for (-7), 1 TD. FLORIDA-Dupree 25 for 66; Mack 10 for 33; Shannon 12 for 26; Libertore 4 for 20; Newcomer 3 for 13; O'Donnell 4 for 6; Stoner 2 for 5; Kelley 1 for 0; Batten 2 for (-7).

Passing

PENN STATE-Liske 5 for 18, 58 yds., 1 Int.; Coates 0 for 2; Caum 0 for 1, 1 Int.

FLORIDA-Shannon 7 for 9, 79 yds., 2 TD, 1 Int.; Batten 1 for 4, 7 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Powell 4 for 40; Yost 1 for 18.

FLORIDA-Brown 3 for 25; Clarke 2 for 27, 1 TD; Newcomer 1 for 20; Dean 1 for 7; Dupree 1 for 7, 1 TD.

Attendance: 50,026

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1967 GATOR: December 30, 1967

Penn State led for 59 minutes and 45 seconds, but Florida State rallied from a 17-0 deficit and kicked a field goal with 15 seconds remaining to earn a 17-17 tie in the Gator Bowl.

The Nittany Lions did all their scoring in the first half, thanks largely to quarterback Tom Sherman. He kicked a 27-yard field goal in the first period and then threw touchdown passes to Jack Curry and Ted Kwalick for a 17-0 bulge at halftime.

Early in the second half, the Lions stopped the Seminoles on downs at the Penn State five-yard line. Three rushes by Charlie Pittman appeared to give Penn State a first down, but the measurement came up six inches short. In his first bowl game as head coach, Joe Paterno decided to go for it, but Sherman's fourth-down sneak was short. Florida State quarterback Kim Hammond tossed a 20-yard scoring pass to Ron Sellers soon after to swing the momentum. Hammond was 37-of-53 passing for 362 yards, with four interceptions, while Sellers had 14 receptions for 145 yards.

After the game, Paterno told the Philadelphia Inquirer, "I may be rationalizing, but in the long run that fourth-down call may be the best thing I ever did for Penn State football."

Florida State	0	0	14	3	—	17
Penn State	3	14	0	0	—	17

PS-Sherman, 27, field goal; PS-Curry, 9, pass from Sherman (Sherman kick); PS-Kwalick, 12, pass from Sherman (Sherman kick); FS-Sellers, 20, pass from Hammond (Guthrie kick); FS-Hammond, 1, run (Guthrie kick); FS-Guthrie, 26, field goal.

Team Statistics	PS	FS
First Downs	12	23
Total Net Yards	244	418
Net Yards Rushing	175	55
Net Yards Passing	69	363
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	19-6-2	55-38-4
Punts-Average	7-39.9	4-29.8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-40

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Pittman 19 for 124; Sherman 6 for 24; Lucyk 7 for 12; Grimes 3 for 8; Kwalick 1 for 7.
FLORIDA STATE-Green 12 for 27; Moreman 3 for 22; Gunter 2 for 15; Hammond 9 for (-9), 1 TD.

Passing

PENN STATE-Sherman 6 for 19, 69 yds., 2 TD, 2 Int.
FLORIDA STATE-Hammond 37 for 53, 362 yds., 1 TD, 4 Int.; Cheshire 1 for 1, 1 yd.; Moreman 0 for 1.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Kwalick 2 for 25, 1 TD; Curry 2 for 22, 1 TD; Lucyk 2 for 22.
FLORIDA STATE-Sellers 14 for 145, 1 TD; Moreman 12 for 106; Fenner 8 for 87; Green 2 for 3; Glass 1 for 11; Taylor 1 for 11.

Attendance: 68,019

1969 ORANGE: January 1, 1969

"There was no way Penn State could win...The last two minutes were pure unadulterated insanity." — Pittsburgh Press

The Nittany Lions posted perhaps the school's most dramatic victory with an unbelievable 15-14 win over sixth-ranked Kansas in the 1969 Orange Bowl. In the final 1:16 seconds of the game, Penn State turned what appeared to be a Jayhawk victory into an incredible cap to an 11-0 season and the No. 2 national ranking.

With Kansas leading, 14-7, with 10 minutes to play, Jayhawk coach Pepper Rodgers passed on a field goal from the Penn State five-yard line and running back John Riggins was stopped on fourth-and-one by Paul and Pete Johnson, keeping the Lions within a touchdown.

The game took on legendary status in the last two minutes after Penn State was forced to punt. The Lions had all three timeouts left and used them well. After tackle Mike Reid dropped quarterback Bobby Douglass for 13 yards in losses on consecutive plays of Kansas' final offensive series, Penn State helped its cause when Neal Smith partially blocked the punt, providing one last opportunity from the 50 yard-line with 1:16 left. Quarterback Chuck Burkhart connected with Bob Campbell on a 47-yard pass to the Kansas three, just as Kansas running back Donnie Shanklin was being announced as the game MVP. After fullback Tom Cherry tried the middle twice, Burkhart faked a handoff to Charlie Pittman and carried around the left end for the touchdown with just eight seconds remaining.

Never one fond of ties, Joe Paterno elected to go for the win, but Burkhart's two-point pass to Campbell was knocked away and the Kansas players began to celebrate with fans who were coming onto the field. But, a penalty had been called on the Jayhawks for 12 men on the field and, as game films would later reveal, Kansas had 12 men on the field for four plays, including Burkhart's touchdown. Presented with a second opportunity, this time from the one-and-a-half-yard line, Campbell swept around the left side and into the end zone for the scintillating 15-14 victory as Penn State became the first Eastern school to win the Orange Bowl since 1937.

Kansas	7	0	0	7	—	14
Penn State	0	7	0	8	—	15

K-Reeves, 2, run (Bell kick); PS-Pittman, 13, run (Garthwaite kick); K-Riggins, 1, run (Bell kick); PS-Burkhart, 3, run (Campbell run).

Team Statistics	PS	K
First Downs	17	16
Total Net Yards	361	241
Net Yards Rushing	207	76
Net Yards Passing	154	165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-12-2	18-9-1
Punts-Average	9-27.0	10-38.3
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties-Yards	1-15	2-11

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Campbell 18 for 101, 1 TD; Pittman 14 for 58; Cherry 13 for 28; Abbey 4 for 15; Burkhart 5 for 5, 1 TD; Ramich 1 for 0.
KANSAS-John Riggins 18 for 47, 1 TD; Shanklin 15 for 20; Reeves 3 for 7, 1 TD; Junior Riggins 2 for 5; Jackson 1 for 5; Douglass 20 for (-8).

Passing

PENN STATE-Burkhart 12 for 23, 154 yds., 2 Int.
KANSAS-Douglas 9 for 17, 165 yds., 1 Int.; Shanklin 0 for 1.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Kwalick 6 for 74; Campbell 2 for 55; Pittman 2 for 12; Edmonds 1 for 12; Cherry 1 for 1.
KANSAS-Mosier 5 for 77; Shanklin 1 for 42; Jackson 1 for 19; McGowan 1 for 16; Junior Riggins 1 for 11.

Attendance: 77,719

1970 ORANGE: January 1, 1970

If ever a defense won a bowl game, it happened in the 1970 Orange Bowl as Penn State repeatedly slammed the door on Missouri's highly-touted offense for a 10-3 victory. It was a superlative performance by the Lion defenders as they led Penn State to its second straight Orange Bowl victory, its 22nd straight win and its 30th consecutive game without defeat.

But, a second straight 11-0 campaign again earned the Lions the No. 2 national ranking, not their first National Championship. Having already voted to play in the Orange Bowl, the fifth-ranked Lions saw No. 1 Ohio State lose to Michigan, leaving the winner between unbeaten Texas and Arkansas as the likely new No. 1. President Richard Nixon was in attendance in Austin and after the Longhorns' 15-14 win, declared Texas national champions, much to the chagrin and outrage of Joe Paterno, his squad and Nittany Lion fans.

With the controversy about Number One still being debated, the Nittany Lion defense was outstanding in stopping the Big Eight champions. Nineteen times the powerful Missouri offense got possession of the ball and nine times the Lion defenders forced a turnover, intercepting seven passes and recovering two fumbles. The seven interceptions remain an Orange Bowl record, bettering the six turned in by Georgia against TCU in the 1942 contest, as well as being tied for the second-highest ever for any bowl game.

All of Penn State's scoring came within a 21-second span late in the first quarter, with Mike Reitz kicking a 29-yard field goal with 3:44 remaining and Chuck Burkhart passing moments later to Lydell Mitchell for a 28-yard touchdown. The second score was set up after All-American Mike Reid jarred the ball loose from Missouri's Joe Moore on the kickoff and Mike Smith recovered the fumble. Burkhart completed 11 of 26 passes for 187 yards to earn Most Valuable Back honors, while Reid was chosen Most Valuable Lineman.

Missouri connected on a 33-yard field goal late in the first half and reached the Penn State 14-yard line with 1:42 to play. But, George Landis grabbed his second interception of the game at the two and the Lions remained unbeaten in their 30th straight game, tying the school mark set from 1920-22.

Missouri	0	3	0	0	—	3
Penn State	10	0	0	0	—	10

PS-Reitz, 29, field goal; PS-Mitchell, 28, pass from Burkhart (Reitz kick); M-H. Brown, 33, field goal.

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Team Statistics	PS	M
First Downs	12	13
Total Net Yards	244	306
Net Yards Rushing	57	189
Net Yards Passing	187	117
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	26-11-1	28-6-7
Punts-Average	12-42.6	6-44.7
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	5-40	3-25

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Pittman 21 for 83; Harris 17 for 46; Abbey 1 for 3; Mitchell 5 for 1; Burkhardt 10 for (-76).

MISSOURI-Staggers 9 for 69; Moore 19 for 62; McMillian 5 for 33; McBride 7 for 24; Harrison 2 for 16; Gray 1 for (-15).

Passing

PENN STATE-Burkhardt 11 for 26, 187 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.
MISSOURI-McMillian 4 for 17, 73 yds., 5 Int.; Roper 2 for 9, 44 yds., 2 Int.; Staggers 0 for 2.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Mitchell 5 for 81, 1 TD; Edmonds 2 for 34; Pittman 2 for 10; Paul Johnson 1 for 56; Harris 1 for 6.
MISSOURI-Shryock 3 for 33; Henley 2 for 44; Moore 1 for 40.

Attendance: 78,282

1972 COTTON: January 1, 1972

Stung by a season-ending loss at Tennessee, Penn State looked at the 1972 Cotton Bowl as an opportunity to redeem itself and make a statement to the college football nation. With the No. 1 snub of 1969 not far removed, the game with Texas would provide a great opportunity for the Nittany Lions to earn some national respect. In what some considered a "must" win for the rising national powerhouse, Penn State blitzed highly-touted Texas, 30-6, for its third straight major bowl victory.

Neither team was able to do much in a sluggish first half that wound up with Texas holding a 6-3 edge. The Longhorns had moved the ball from their famed Wishbone offense early in the contest, but the Penn State defense began to take control as the game wore on. The second half was all Penn State. The Lions took the lead for the first time early in the third quarter after Charlie Zapiec recovered a fumble at the Texas 41-yard line. A 19-yard run by Lydell Mitchell and a 19-yard pass from John Hufnagel to tight end Bob Parsons helped the Lions reach the Texas one. Mitchell followed a block by All-American Dave Joyner for the game's first touchdown.

The game-breaker came the next time the Lions got the ball. On second down from their 35-yard line, Hufnagel faked to Mitchell and lofted a pass to split end Scott Skarzynski dashing alone down the right sideline for a 17-6 lead. Alberto Vitiello added two more field goals and Hufnagel scored on a four-yard run, as the Lions controlled the ball for 13 minutes in the fourth quarter.

Defensive end Bruce Bannon was voted the Outstanding Defensive Player-of-the-Game, although it was a team effort that held the Longhorns to 242 yards and without a touchdown for the first time in 80 games. Mitchell was an overwhelming choice as the game's Outstanding Offensive Player, as the All-American capped

his brilliant career with 146 yards in 27 carries and one score.

"It is one of the greatest victories in Penn State history," stated a joyous Joe Paterno. "I don't think we've ever had a game that we had to win more than this one."

Texas	3	3	0	0	—	6
Penn State	0	3	17	10	—	30

T-Valek, 29, field goal; PS-Vitiello, 21, field goal; T-Valek, 40, field goal; PS-Mitchell, 1, run (Vitiello kick); PS-Skarzynski, 65, pass from Hufnagel (Vitiello kick); PS-Vitiello, 37, field goal; PS-Mtiello, 22, field goal; PS-Hufnagel, 4, run (Vitiello kick).

Team Statistics	PS	T
First Downs	18	15
Total Net Yards	376	242
Net Yards Rushing	239	159
Net Yards Passing	137	83
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	13-7-1	14-5-0
Punts-Average	5-36	5-33
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	1-0	5-3
Penalties-Yards	2-30	1-5

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Mitdell 27 for 146, 1 TD; Harris 11 for 47; Donchez 8 for 29; Hufnagel 8 for 14, 1 TD; Herd 1 for 2; Stille 1 for 1.

TEXAS-Bertelsen 14 for 58; Ladd 8 for 45; Burrisk 7 for 43; Fleming 6 for 11; Steakley 2 for 9; Lowry 1 for 4; Wigginton 2 for (-1); Phillips 12 for (-10).

Passing

PENN STATE-Hufnagel 7 for 12, 137 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.; Joachim 0 for 1.

TEXAS-Phillips 3 for 8, 59 yds.; Wigginton 2 for 6, 24 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Parsons 3 for 48; Skarzynski 2 for 81, 1 TD; Debes 1 for 7; Donchez 1 for 1.

TEXAS-Burnis 3 for 45; Kelly 2 for 38.

Attendance: 72,000

1972 SUGAR: December 31, 1972

Penn State was matched against one of the nation's top teams in the 1972 Sugar Bowl on New Year's Eve, and while battling No. 2 Oklahoma throughout the game, fell 14-0, snapping a three-game bowl win streak.

The game did not get off to a good start when the Lions learned just hours before kickoff that leading rusher John Cappelletti had a virus and a 102-degree temperature and would be unable to play. Without Cappelletti's ball-control running, the defense spent a great deal of time on the field. As it turned out, the Lion defenders did a spectacular job against one of the nation's most explosive offenses, holding the Sooners' Wishbone attack to just 14 points. Oklahoma out-gained Penn State 453 to 196, including 278 to 49 on the ground, but the stingy Lion defense forced eight Sooner fumbles, five of which Penn State recovered.

Several weeks after the game, Oklahoma was discovered to have used two ineligible freshmen players and the NCAA forced the Sooners to forfeit the games the players had participated in. Joe Paterno and school athletic officials refused to accept the win.

Prior to that revelation, Paterno accepted an offer to become the Boston Patriots' head coach and general

manager four days after the Sugar Bowl, but changed his mind the following night.

Oklahoma	0	7	0	7	—	14
Penn State	0	0	0	0	—	0

O-Owens, 27, pass from Robertson (Fulcher kick); O-Crosswhite, 1, run (Fulcher kick).

Team Statistics	PS	O
First Downs	11	20
Total Net Yards	196	453
Net Yards Rushing	49	278
Net Yards Passing	147	175
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	31-12-1	12-7-0
Punts-Average	10-42.9	8-32.8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	6-4	8-5
Penalties-Yards	3-15	3-55

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Nage 10 for 22; Addie 7 for 18; Hayman 4 for 11; Andrews 1 for 9; Hufnagel 6 for (-11).

OKLAHOMA-Pruitt 21 for 86; Crosswhite 22 for 82, 1 TD; Wylie 10 for 58; Robertson 14 for 32; Welsh 3 for 8; Jackson 3 for 6; Washington 2 for 3; Burget 1 for 3.

Passing

PENN STATE-Hufnagel 12 for 31, 147 yds., 1 Int.
OKLAHOMA-Robertson 3 for 6, 88 yds., 1 TD; Wylie 3 for 3, 67 yds.; Jackson 1 for 1, 20 yds.; Owens 0 for 1; Pruitt 0 for 1.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Scott 3 for 59; Bland 3 for 39; Andrews 2 for 25; Addie 2 for 3; Herd 1 for 11; Hayman 1 for 5.
OKLAHOMA-Owens 5 for 132, 1 TD; Pruitt 2 for 43.

Attendance: 80,123

1974 ORANGE: January 1, 1974

For the third time in six seasons, Penn State found itself in the Orange Bowl attempting to complete a perfect season. And, as they did in the 1969 and 1970 Orange Bowls, the Nittany Lions rose to the occasion. Louisiana State provided stiff competition, but a hard-fought 16-9 win over the Tigers put the finishing touches on Penn State's first 12-0 campaign.

The Tigers took the opening kickoff and quickly scored on a three-yard run by Steve Rogers. The Lion defense made a few adjustments and LSU's only other points came on a safety when Penn State punter Brian Masella downed a bad snap in his own end zone in the third quarter.

Chris Bahr got Penn State on the scoreboard with a 44-yard field goal in the first quarter. The Nittany Lions grabbed control in the second period, sparked by Chuck Herd, who made a brilliant one-hand catch of a Tom Shuman pass on the LSU 20-yard line and ran it in to complete a memorable 72-yard score. The Lions continued their surge moments later when Gary Hayman, the nation's leading punt returner in 1973, returned a punt 36 yards to the LSU 25-yard line. Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti vaulted over from one yard out for a 16-7 halftime edge.

Despite being one of only three unbeaten, untied teams entering the bowls, Penn State was ranked No. 5 in the Associated Press poll and the Sugar Bowl match-up between unbeaten Alabama and Notre Dame was being touted as the game for the national title.

BOWLS

Louisiana State	7	0	2	0	—	9
Penn State	3	13	0	0	—	16

LSU-Rogers, 3, run (Jackson kick); PS-Bahr, 44, field goal; PS-Herd, 72, pass from Shuman (Bahr kick); PS-Cappelletti, 1, run (Kick failed); LSU-Safety, Penn State punter Brian Masella falls on bad snap in end zone.

Team Statistics	PS	LSU
First Downs	9	18
Total Net Yards	185	274
Net Yards Rushing	28	205
Net Yards Passing	157	69
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	17-6-1	20-9-1
Punts-Average	7-34.7	8-46.9
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-37	3-30

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Cappelletti 26 for 50, 1 TD; Nagle 7 for 29; Donchez 4 for 7; Shuman 5 for (-32).
LSU-Davis 19 for 70; Robiskie 10 for 58; Miley 13 for 41; Broussard 4 for 16; Zeringue 4 for 11; Roger 5 for 10, 1 TD; Addy 1 for 1; Fakier 1 for (-2).

Passing

PENN STATE-Shuman 6 for 17, 157 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.
LSU-Miley 8 for 18, 73 yds., 1 Int.; Broussard 1 for 2, (-4) yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Hayman 3 for 35; Herd 1 for 72, 1 TD; Cappelletti 1 for 40; Scott 1 for 10.
LSU-Davis 6 for 20; Boyd 1 for 21; Romain 1 for 15; Jones 1 for 13.

Attendance: 60,477 (74,154 sold)

1975 COTTON: January 1, 1975

Penn State completed a 10-2 season with a record-setting 41-20 victory over Southwest Conference champion Baylor in the Cotton Bowl. Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions came from behind for the fifth time in its 10 wins, erasing a 7-3 halftime deficit with a 38-point second-half explosion for a Cotton Bowl record 41 points.

Quarterback Tom Shuman and fullback Tom Donchez, the mainstays of the offense all season, led the record-breaking efforts. Shuman completed 10 of 20 passes for 226 yards and a touchdown and added 14 yards and another score on the ground. Donchez carried 25 times for 116 yards and a touchdown and caught four passes for 50 yards. Freshman Jimmy Cefalo also contributed greatly to the victory, rushing for 55 yards, catching three passes for 102 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

It was a close game as the third quarter ended, with Penn State holding a 17-14 edge. Three straight scores — a three-yard run by Cefalo, a 33-yard field goal by Chris Bahr and a two-yard run by Shuman — gave the Lions an insurmountable 34-14 lead. Shuman earned his second-straight post-season award, grabbing the Outstanding Offensive Player award as he led Penn State to what still is a school bowl record 491 yards of total offense.

Baylor	7	0	7	6	—	20
Penn State	0	3	14	24	—	41

B-Baird, 4, run (Hicks kick); PS-Bahr, 25, field goal; PS-Donchez, 1, run (Reihner kick); B-Thompson, 35, pass from Jeffrey (Hicks kick); PS-Cefalo, 49, pass from Shuman (Reihner kick); PS-Cefalo, 3, run (Reihner kick); PS-Bahr, 33, field goal; PS-Shuman, 2, run (Reihner kick); B-Thompson, 11, pass from M. Jackson (Pass failed); PS-Jackson, 50, kickoff return (Reihner kick).

Team Statistics	PS	B
First Downs	21	16
Total Net Yards	491	313
Net Yards Rushing	265	138
Net Yards Passing	226	175
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	20-10-0	23-10-2
Punts-Average	2-36.5	7-29.1
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	3-2	4-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	7-45

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Donchez 25 for 116, 1 TD; Hutton 12 for 79; Cefalo 11 for 55, 1 TD; Shuman 5 for 14, 1 TD; Taylor 1 for 3; Petchel 2 for (-2).
BAYLOR-Baird 21 for 84, 1 TD; McNeil 8 for 36; M. Jackson 3 for 18; Kent 3 for 8; Kilgore 1 for 6; Ebow 1 for 4; Franklin 1 for 2; Jeffrey 4 for (-20).

Passing

PENN STATE-Shuman 10 for 20, 226 yds., 1 TD.
BAYLOR-Jeffrey 7 for 19, 135 yds., 1 TD, 2 Int.; M. Jackson 3 for 4, 40 yds., 1 TD.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Donchez 4 for 50; Cefalo 3 for 102, 1 TD; Natale 3 for 74.
BAYLOR-Thompson 3 for 62, 2 TD; Harper 3 for 45; A. Jackson 2 for 38; Kent 1 for 23; Baird 1 for 7.

Attendance: 67,500

1975 SUGAR: December 31, 1975

Penn State and Alabama made history in the first Sugar Bowl played in the newly-constructed Louisiana Superdome, with a capacity crowd of 75,212 on hand. The contest also was the first of four meetings between Joe Paterno and Paul "Bear" Bryant, two of only five Division I-A coaches with at least 300 career wins.

The game was typical of the Nittany Lions' 9-3 season, featuring outstanding defense and kicking. Alabama managed the only touchdown of the game, a 14-yard run by Mike Stock in the third quarter, which was enough to allow the Tide to pull out a 13-6 victory.

Chris Bahr, the Lions' record-setting placekicker, accounted for all of Penn State's scoring with a 42-yard field goal in the third period and a 37-yarder early in the final quarter. Alabama specialist Danny Ridgeway countered Bahr's boots with field goals of 25 and 28 yards.

Bahr's first field goal with 4:33 left in the third quarter tied the game at 3-3, but Alabama came right back with an 80-yard drive for what proved to be the winning touchdown. The game wasn't decided until Alabama stopped the Lions on a fourth-and-one try from the Penn State 39-yard line with 1:19 to play.

Alabama	3	0	7	3	—	13
Penn State	0	0	3	3	—	6

A-Ridgeway, 25, field goal; PS-Bahr, 42, field goal; A-Stock, 14, run (Ridgeway kick); PS-Bahr, 37, field goal; A-Ridgeway, 28, field goal.

Team Statistics	PS	A
First Downs	12	14
Total Net Yards	214	316
Net Yards Rushing	157	106
Net Yards Passing	57	210
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	8-14-1	10-12-0
Punts-Average	4-48.5	5-40.8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	3-22

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Geise 8 for 46; Taylor 12 for 36; Andress 5 for 22; Fitzkee 1 for 18; Petchel 5 for 13; Barvindak 1 for 10; Cefalo 6 for 5; Suhey 1 for 4; Mauti 2 for 3.
ALABAMA-Shelby 8 for 45; Davis 12 for 32; Stock 9 for 21, 1 TD; Culliver 3 for 14; Taylor 1 for 2; Todd 16 for (-8).

Passing

PENN STATE-Andress 8 for 14, 57 yds., 1 Int.
ALABAMA-Todd 10 for 12, 210 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Cefalo 2 for 18; Petchel 2 for 13; Shuler 2 for 11; Barvindak 1 for 10; Suhey 1 for 5.
ALABAMA-Newsome 4 for 97; Harris 2 for 69; Stock 2 for 24; Brown 1 for 15; Davis 1 for 5.

Attendance: 75,212

1976 GATOR: December 27, 1976

Meeting Notre Dame for the first time since 1928, a 3-0 turnover deficit proved to be Penn State's undoing as the Irish posted a 20-9 victory.

It was apparent in the early going that the teams were evenly matched and breaks would be the determining factor. After Penn State took an early 3-0 lead that Notre Dame erased with a first-quarter touchdown, the Irish used a turnover and solid offense to outscore the Lions, 13-0, in the second period, cruise to a 20-3 halftime lead and never relinquish their hold.

Penn State out-gained the Irish, 274-273, led by the rushing tandem of Bob Torrey and Matt Suhey. Quarterback Chuck Fusina hit 14 of 33 passes for 118 yards, including Penn State's only touchdown, an eight-yard strike to Suhey in the fourth quarter. Jimmy Cefalo made five catches for 60 yards and had three carries for 18 yards to earn Penn State Outstanding Player-of-the-Game honors. All-America linebacker Kurt Allerman made a game-high 16 tackles.

Notre Dame	7	13	0	0	—	20
Penn State	3	0	0	6	—	9

PS-Capozzoli, 26, field goal; ND-Hunter, 1, run (Reeve kick); ND-Reeve, 23, field goal; ND-Hunter, 1, run (Reeve kick); ND-Reeve, 23, field goal; PS-Matt Suhey, 8, pass from Fusina (Run failed).

Team Statistics	PS	ND
First Downs	16	17
Total Net Yards	274	273
Net Yards Rushing	156	132
Net Yards Passing	118	141
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-14-2	20-10-0
Punts-Average	5-29.2	5-33.2
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	4-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-55	5-62

BOWLS

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Torrey 12 for 63; Matt Suhey 9 for 40; Geise 12 for 36; Cefalo 3 for 18; Fusina 2 for 1; Guman 2 for (-2).

NOTRE DAME-Hunter 26 for 102, 2 TD; Ferguson 10 for 22; Browner 3 for 10; Orsini 3 for 7; Slager 6 for (-9).

Passing

PENN STATE-Fusina 14 for 33, 118 yds., 1 TD, 2 Int.
NOTRE DAME-Slager 10 for 19, 141 yds.; Browner 0 for 1.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Cefalo 5 for 60; Torrey 3 for (-3); Matt Suhey 2 for 17, 1 TD; Mauti 1 for 21; Donovan 1 for 11; Shuler 1 for 10; Guman 1 for 2.

NOTRE DAME-MacAfee 5 for 78; Kelleher 3 for 46; Hunter 1 for 13; Orsini 1 for 4.

Attendance: 67,827

1977 FIESTA: December 25, 1977

A then-record Fiesta Bowl crowd was treated to an exciting shootout between two of the nation's finest teams, with Penn State winning the showdown against hometown Arizona State, 42-30, to cap an 11-1 season.

The Lions won their first of six Fiesta Bowls (without a loss), with an opportunistic kicking game, a grinding second-half running game, an alert defense and some big plays by Jimmy Cefalo.

Penn State led, 17-14, at halftime despite being held to 45 yards rushing. Joe Lally returned a blocked punt 21 yards for the first Lion touchdown, the fifth score by the punt return team in 1977. A 67-yard punt return by Cefalo then set up a 23-yard field goal by Matt Bahr. Penn State scored the third quarter's only touchdown and out-slugged the Devils, 18-16, in a furious fourth quarter, with Matt Suhey's two-yard TD run with three minutes left providing some breathing room.

Steve Geise led all rushers with 111 yards, while Bob Torrey added 107 on only nine carries, marking the only time Penn State has had two runners crack the century mark in a bowl. Suhey added 76 yards, helping the Lions to a 268-90 edge on the ground. Matt Millen made 18 tackles to capture Outstanding Defensive Player honors.

Arizona State	0	14	0	16	—	30
Penn State	14	3	7	18	—	42

PS-Lally, 21, blocked punt return (Bahr kick); PS-Torrey, 3, pass from Fusina (Bahr kick); ASU-Lane, 11, pass from Sproul (Hicks kick); PS-Bahr, 23, field goal; ASU-Washington, 13, pass from Sproul (Hicks kick); PS-Geise, 18, run (Bahr kick); PS-Suhey, 3, run (Bahr kick); ASU-Washington, 30, pass from Sproul (Hicks kick); PS-Bahr, 32, field goal; ASU-Perry, 1, run (Hicks kick); PS-Suhey, 2, run (Geise run); ASU-Safety, Penn State punter Scott Fitzkee tackled in end zone.

Team Statistics

	PS	AS
First Downs	18	29
Total Net Yards	351	426
Net Yards Rushing	268	90
Net Yards Passing	83	336
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-9-0	47-23-2
Punts-Average	7-40	6-29
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	12-126	5-33

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Geise 26 for 111, 1 TD; Torrey 9 for 107; Suhey 13 for 76, 2 TD; Fusina 2 for (-26).

ARIZONA STATE-Harris 20 for 56; Sproul 15 for 16; Lane 4 for 9; N. Williams 3 for 6; Perry 3 for 3, 1 TD.

Passing

PENN STATE-Fusina 9 for 23, 83 yds., 1 TD.
ARIZONA STATE-Sproul 23 for 47, 336 yds., 3 TD, 2 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Cefalo 3 for 39; Geise 2 for 10; Fitzkee 1 for 24; Shuler 1 for 7; Torrey 1 for 3, 1 TD; Moore 1 for 0.

ARIZONA STATE-DeFrance 7 for 123; Jefferson 5 for 56; Washington 4 for 76, 2 TD; Edwards 4 for 60; Lane 2 for 17, 1 TD; Williams 1 for 4.

Attendance: 57,727

1979 SUGAR: January 1, 1979

A goal-line stand by Alabama in the fourth quarter was the key in depriving Penn State of its first national championship. The Lions, 11-0 during the regular-season and ranked first in the polls entering the Sugar Bowl in the Louisiana Superdome, twice came up short from inside the one-yard line as No. 2 Alabama hung on for a 14-7 win and the national title.

In one of the greatest defensive games ever played for the national title, the hitting was ferocious on both sides. Alabama posted the first half's only score with eight seconds left, on a 30-yard pass from Jeff Rutledge to Bruce Bolton, who made what appeared to be a diving, spectacular catch in the end zone for a 7-0 halftime lead. Photographs and video would later reveal the ball had bounced on the turf before Bolton caught it.

The Lions capitalized midway through the third quarter. Pete Harris intercepted a Rutledge pass on the Alabama 48-yard line and Chuck Fusina passed 17 yards to Scott Fitzkee to tie the score. But, 'Bama's Lou Inker returned a punt 62 yards to the Penn State 11 and Major Ogilvie's eight-yard TD run gave the Tide a 14-7 lead later in the stanza.

With about seven minutes to play, Matt Millen forced a fumble which Joe Lally recovered at the Alabama 19. On second-and-goal at the six, Fusina hit Fitzkee near the flag but as he turned to cross the goal line, Don McNeal knocked him out two feet from the stripe. Matt Suhey's dive on third down was six inches short and on fourth down, Mike Guman was stopped short by Barry Krauss and the Tide defense in one of the memorable defensive stands in college football history. On Penn State's final possession, the Nittany Lions drove to the Alabama 41-yard line, but the Tide defense held again to seal the win.

Alabama	0	7	7	0	—	14
Penn State	0	0	7	0	—	7

A-Bolton, 30, pass from Rutledge (McElroy kick); PS-Fitzkee, 17, pass from Fusina (Bahr kick); A-Ogilvie, 8, run (McElroy kick).

Team Statistics

	PS	A
First Downs	12	12
Total Net Yards	182	299
Net Yards Rushing	19	208
Net Yards Passing	163	91
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	30-15-4	15-8-2
Punts-Average	10-38.7	10-38.8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-51	11-75

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Suhey 10 for 48; Guman 9 for 22; Torrey 2 for 7; Moore 9 for 6; Donovan 1 for 0; Fusina 7 for (-64).

ALABAMA-Nathan 21 for 127; Whitman 11 for 51; Ogilvie 14 for 40, 1 TD; Ikner 1 for 9; Jackson 4 for 4; Shealy 1 for (-6); Rutledge 8 for (-17).

Passing

PENN STATE-Fusina 15 for 30, 163 yds., 1 TD, 4 Int.
ALABAMA-Rutledge 8 for 15, 91 yds., 1 TD, 2 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Guman 5 for 59; Fitzkee 3 for 38, 1 TD; Bassett 2 for 28; Scovill 2 for 21; Torrey 1 for 10; Pankey 1 for 5; Suhey 1 for 2.

ALABAMA-Bolton 2 for 46, 1 TD; Whitman 2 for 27; Ikner 2 for 5; Neal 1 for 8; Nathan 1 for 5.

Attendance: 76,824

1979 LIBERTY: December 22, 1979

Herb Menhardt's 20-yard field goal with 18 seconds remaining lifted Penn State to a 9-6 win over Tulane in the 21st Annual Liberty Bowl in Memphis. The win was the first in a string of five consecutive bowl victories for the Nittany Lions.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Penn State offense got untracked early in the second period. Quarterback Frank Rocco directed the Lions on a 13-play, 68-yard drive that culminated with a 33-yard Menhardt field goal for a 3-0 lead. Rocco was starting for the first time in 1979, replacing 11-game starter Dayle Tate, who suffered a shoulder injury in the Pittsburgh game earlier in the month. A 63-yard drive culminated in a 27-yard Menhardt trey later in the period for a 6-0 halftime lead.

Tulane tied the game with a pair of fourth-quarter field goals, the latter coming with less than three minutes to play. With just under 50 seconds left and the Lions at the 50, assistant coach Bob Phillips suggested a halfback option, which worked to near perfection. Rocco pitched out to Joel Coles, who pulled up on a sweep around the left side and threw a 39-yard pass to a wide open Tom Donovan, to set up Menhardt's game-winner.

Penn State out-gained Tulane 337 to 202 and limited the Green Wave to minus-eight yards rushing. Matt Suhey posted a 19-carry, 112-yard day for the Lions.

Tulane	0	0	0	6	—	6
Penn State	0	6	0	3	—	9

PS-Menhardt, 33, field goal; PS-Menhardt, 27, field goal; T-Murray, 26, field goal; T-Murray, 26, field goal; PS-Menhardt, 20, field goal.

BOWLS

Team Statistics	PS	T
First Downs	17	10
Total Net Yards	337	202
Net Yards Rushing	242	(-8)
Net Yards Passing	95	210
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	11-6-2	39-21-0
Punts-Average	4-45.0	10-36.6
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	5-40

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Suhey 19 for 112; Warner 14 for 57; Moore 13 for 49; Rocco 8 for 11; Guman 3 for 11; Coles 1 for 2. TULANE-Christian 6 for 12; Reginelli 4 for 6; Harris 1 for 4; Jones 1 for 1; Hontas 8 for (-31).

Passing

PENN STATE-Rocco 5 for 10, 56 yds., 2 Int.; Coles 1 for 1, 39 yds. TULANE-Hontas 21 for 39, 210 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Scovill 3 for 34; Donovan 2 for 53; Guman 1 for 8. TULANE-Alexis 7 for 77; Holman 4 for 47; Griffin 3 for 50; Anderson 2 for 29; Jones 2 for 9; Christian 2 for (-7); Reginelli 1 for 5.

Attendance: 41,036 (50,021 sold)

1980 FIESTA: December 26, 1980

Buoyed by a field goal in the final 10 seconds of the first half, Penn State played a superb second half in a satisfying 31-19 victory over Ohio State in Fiesta Bowl X in front of a record crowd of 66,738. The contest remains the Lions' only bowl game against a Big Ten opponent.

After Curt Warner's 64-yard touchdown run on the first play of the game, Ohio State used Art Schlichter's super passing to grab a 19-7 lead before Herb Menhardt's 38-yard field goal with eight seconds left in the half made it 19-10. Schlichter was 15-of-22 for 244 yards and three touchdowns in the first half.

Like many Joe Paterno teams in bowl games, the Lions made adjustments at the break and dominated the second half. On their first possession of the third quarter, Todd Blackledge directed a 75-yard drive, scoring from three yards to cut the lead to 19-17. After holding the Buckeyes to zero yards in the third stanza, Jon Williams scored on a four-yard run early in the final quarter and Booker Moore's 37-yard run dimaxed an 85-yard drive and sealed the 10-2 campaign. Schlichter was 5-of-13 for 58 yards in the second half as the Lions frustrated Earl Bruce's squad.

Penn State outgained the Buckeyes 468 to 412, including a school bowl record 351 yards rushing. Warner had 18 carries for 155 yards, to establish a Nittany Lion bowl record, and one touchdown to earn the Outstanding Offensive Player Award and Frank Case earned both the Outstanding Defensive Player and Sportsmanship awards.

Ohio State	6	13	0	0	—	19
Penn State	7	3	7	14	—	31

PS-Warner, 64, run (Menhardt kick); OS-Donley, 23, pass from Schlichter (Kick failed); OS-Williams, 33, pass from Schlichter (Run failed); OS-Donley, 19, pass from Schlichter (Atha kick); PS-Menhardt, 38, field goal; PS-

Blackledge, 3, run (Menhardt kick); PS-Williams, 4, run (Menhardt kick); PS-Moore, 37, run (Menhardt kick).

Team Statistics	PS	OS
First Downs	22	23
Total Net Yards	468	412
Net Yards Rushing	351	110
Net Yards Passing	117	302
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	22-8-0	35-20-1
Punts-Average	5-40.8	7-38.7
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	2-30

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Warner 18 for 155, 1 TD; Moore 10 for 76, 1 TD; Coles 6 for 57; Meade 7 for 30; Blackledge 10 for 12, 1 TD; Hostetler 1 for 12; Williams 4 for 9, 1 TD. OHIO STATE-Murray 10 for 75; Gayle 11 for 39; Spencer 4 for 29; Langley 1 for (-9); Schlichter 13 for (-24).

Passing

PENN STATE-Blackledge 8 for 22, 117 yds. OHIO STATE-Schlichter 20 for 35, 302 yds., 3 TD, 1 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Baugh 3 for 53; Scovill 3 for 42; McCloskey 1 for 22; Warner 1 for 0. OHIO STATE-Williams 7 for 112, 1 TD; Donley 5 for 122, 2 TD; Gayle 4 for 29; Langley 2 for 32; Murray 2 for 7.

Attendance: 66,738

1982 FIESTA: January 1, 1982

Penn State rode its rugged defense to a dominating 26-10 victory over Southern California in the first Fiesta Bowl game played on New Year's Day. Making its second consecutive appearance in Tempe, Penn State held the Trojans to 60 yards rushing and only three offensive points in the win.

Curt Warner stole the spotlight from USC's Heisman Trophy-winning running back Marcus Allen, gaining 145 yards with two touchdowns to Allen's 85 yards on 30 carries and no touchdowns, his lowest output of the season. For the second straight year in Tempe, Warner scored the first time he touched the ball, reaching paydirt from 17 yards out for a 7-0 lead as he became the only player to be selected the Fiesta's Offensive Player-of-the-Game two straight years.

A 52-yard scoring strike from Todd Blackledge to Gregg Garrity gave the Lions the lead for good in the second quarter and Warner added a 21-yard scoring burst in the third.

The Lions outgained the Trojans 393 to 262, recording 11 tackles for loss, including six sacks.

Penn State concluded a 10-2 season and earned the No. 3 national ranking, playing opponents with a cumulative record of 82-37-2 (68.6), including six teams ranked among the nation's top 20.

SouthernCalifornia	7	0	3	0	—	10
Penn State	7	10	9	0	—	26

PS-Warner, 17, run (Franco kick); USC-Banks, 20, interception return (Jordan kick); PS-Garrity, 52, pass from Blackledge (Franco kick); PS-Franco, 21, field goal; PS-Warner, 21, run (Franco kick); USC-Jordan, 37, field goal; PS-Safety, Paffenroth blocked punt out of end zone.

Team Statistics	PS	SC
First Downs	20	19
Total Net Yards	393	262
Net Yards Rushing	218	60
Net Yards Passing	175	202
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-11-2	32-16-3
Punts-Average	4-50.8	5-40.2
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	7-70	7-49

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Warner 26 for 145, 2 TD; Meade 9 for 60; Williams 10 for 24; Barr 2 for 7; Jackson 2 for (-6); Blackledge 2 for (-12). SOUTHERN CAL-Allen 30 for 85; Spencer 3 for 16; MacKenzie 1 for 3; Mazur 4 for (-19); Salisbury 3 for (-25).

Passing

PENN STATE-Blackledge 11 for 24, 175 yds., 1 TD, 2 Int. SOUTHERN CAL-Mazur 11 for 23, 123 yds., 2 Int.; Salisbury 5 for 8, 79 yds., 1 Int.; Allen 0 for 1.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Jackson 3 for 55; Warner 3 for 10; Kab 2 for 43; Garrity 1 for 52, 1 TD; Williams 1 for 8; McCloskey 1 for 7. SOUTHERN CAL-Allen 5 for 39; Ware 4 for 75; Simmons 3 for 51; Spencer 3 for 30; Cornwell 1 for 7.

Attendance: 71,053

1983 SUGAR: January 1, 1983

A mid-year loss to Alabama could have proven devastating, but instead, Penn State rallied to win its last six games, rising to No. 2 in the polls, and garnering a national title matchup with unbeaten and No. 1 Georgia in the 1983 Sugar Bowl. The Sugar Bowl had not been kind to Penn State with the Lions going 0-3 in New Orleans, but on this day those prior games were forgotten, as Penn State defeated the Bulldogs, 27-23, to post an 11-1 record and earn its first National Championship after several near-misses under Joe Paterno.

Penn State jumped to a 7-0 lead, scoring in the first three minutes of the game. On consecutive plays, Todd Blackledge drilled a 33-yard pass to Mike McCloskey and found Gregg Garrity for 27 yards to the Georgia nine-yard line. Curt Warner's two-yard run around left end gave the Lions a lead they would not relinquish. Following a Georgia field goal, treys of 38 and 45 yards by Nick Gancitano sandwiched a nine-yard Warner TD run for a 20-3 lead with less than a minute left in the half.

The Bulldogs responded with just five seconds remaining in the half on a 10-yard TD pass to Herman Archie. Georgia then took the second-half kickoff and drove 69 yards to score on Herschel Walker's one-yard run, to cut the margin to 20-17.

With Warner bothered by leg cramps, the offense struggled in the third period, but early in the fourth quarter Blackledge faked to Warner and threw a perfect 47-yard strike to Garrity, who made a sensational diving catch in the end zone. The play, which was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated, will forever be remembered as one of the glorious moments in Penn State gridiron history. A fumbled punt set up a Georgia touchdown with 4:54 to play, but the Lion defense stuffed Walker on the two-point try to make the score 27-23. With two minutes left, Blackledge found Garrity for a first down on third down and the Lions ran out the clock, hoisting Paterno on their

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shoulders with his right index finger raised in another of the significant moments in Lion history.

"Penn State No. 1!" shouted long-time Nittany Lion radio announcer Fran Fisher to his audience, trying to be heard above the din of the delirious blue and white dad fans who were finally able to celebrate a National Championship.

For the second consecutive bowl, Warner out-gained the Heisman Trophy winner, rushing for 117 yards on 18 attempts and two scores, gaining 63 gutsy yards in the second half despite the leg cramps, while Walker tallied 103 yards on 28 carries. Blackledge was 13-of-23 for 228 yards to earn MVP honors.

Georgia	3	7	7	6	—	23
Penn State	7	13	0	7	—	27

PS-Warner, 2, run (Gancitano kick); G-Butler, 27, field goal; PS-Gancitano, 38, field goal; PS-Warner, 9, run (Gancitano kick); PS-Gancitano, 45, field goal; G-Archie, 10, pass from Lastinger (Butler kick); G-Walker, 1, run (Butler kick); PS-Garrity, 47, pass from Blackledge (Gancitano kick); G-Kay, 9, pass from Lastinger (Run failed).

Team Statistics	PS	G
First Downs	19	19
Total Net Yards	367	326
Net Yards Rushing	139	160
Net Yards Passing	228	166
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-13-0	28-12-2
Punts-Average	7-42.6	8-41.8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	7-42	7-39

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Warner 18 for 117, 2 TD; Williams 13 for 55; Nichols 5 for 12; Coles 2 for 0; Blackledge 6 for (-45). GEORGIA-Walker 28 for 103, 1 TD; McCarthy 9 for 36; Lastinger 9 for 21.

Passing

PENN STATE-Blackledge 13 for 23, 228 yds., 1 TD. GEORGIA-Lastinger 12 for 27, 166 yds., 2 TD, 2 Int.; C. Jones 0 for 1.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Garrity 4 for 116, 1 TD; McCloskey 3 for 53; Jackson 2 for 35; Warner 2 for 23; Williams 2 for 1. GEORGIA-Kay 5 for 61, 1 TD; Harris 4 for 67; Archie 2 for 23, 1 TD; Walker 1 for 15.

Attendance: 78,124

1983 ALOHA: December 26, 1983

Penn State tied an NCAA record with its fifth consecutive bowl victory, edging Washington, 13-10, in the 1983 Aloha Bowl, thanks to excellent punting, outstanding defense and a clutch fourth-quarter scoring drive.

The defense held potent Washington without a touchdown, but Danny Greene's 57-yard punt return for a score midway through the second quarter loomed as the key play of the game, with the Huskies holding a 10-3 lead at the start of the final quarter. Lion punter George Reynolds, whose 47.7-yard punting average on seven kicks earned him Defensive Player-of-the-Game honors, booted a 50-yard punt to the Washington 16 late in the third quarter. The defense held and the offense answered with Nick Gancitano's 49-yard field goal to trail, 10-6, early in the final stanza.

Reynolds' next punt went to the Washington six, the defense held again, and after the ensuing punt to the Penn State 38, Kevin Baugh handed off to Kenny Jackson on a reverse for one first down. Doug Strang then hit Baugh for 16 yards to the Huskie four and tailback D.J. Dozier took the pitch over the right side for a two-yard touchdown with three minutes to play for a 13-10 victory.

The Lions gained just 213 yards, but the defense held the Huskies to 279 and Reynolds' punting proved to be a key in keeping Penn State in the game.

Washington	0	10	0	0	—	10
Penn State	3	0	0	10	—	13

PS-Gancitano, 23, field goal; W-Greene, 57, punt return (Jaeger kick); W-Jaeger, 39, field goal; PS-Gancitano, 49, field goal; PS-Dozier, 2, run (Gancitano kick).

Team Statistics	PS	W
First Downs	15	18
Total Net Yards	213	279
Net Yards Rushing	95	126
Net Yards Passing	118	153
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-14-1	40-19-0
Punts-Average	8-46.8	9-39.6
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	6-50

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Williams 12 for 48; Dozier 15 for 37, 1 TD; Jackson 1 for 15; Emerson 1 for 2; Nichols 1 for 1; Strang 10 for (-8).

WASHINGTON-Jackson 7 for 34; Hinds 9 for 33; Pelluer 4 for 25; Penney 5 for 19; Robinson 6 for 9; Fuimaono 2 for 6.

Passing

PENN STATE-Strang 14 for 34, 118 yds., 1 Int. WASHINGTON-Pelluer 19 for 40, 153 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-DiMidio 4 for 35; Williams 3 for 24; Dozier 3 for 22; Baugh 2 for 25; Bowman 1 for 7; Smith 1 for 5. WASHINGTON-Pattison 6 for 55; Wroten 4 for 25; Greene 4 for 21; Hinds 2 for 18; Jackson 1 for 17; Stransky 1 for 13; Lutu 1 for 4.

Attendance: 37,212

1986 ORANGE: January 1, 1986

Oklahoma's defense turned in an outstanding effort and the Sooners made two big offensive plays for a 25-10 victory over Penn State in the 1986 Orange Bowl's national title battle.

The Nittany Lions, 11-0 and No. 1, also played well defensively against Oklahoma's wishbone, allowing just 12 first downs. The No. 2 Sooners relied on the big play — a 71-yard TD pass from Jamelle Holieway to tight end Keith Jackson on third-and-24 and a game-clinching 61-yard touchdown run by Lydell Carr — plus four Tim Lashar field goals to win. The loss was Penn State's first in the Orange Bowl after three victories.

Penn State took a 7-0 lead on its first possession. John Shaffer drove the Lions 62 yards, capped by a Tim Manoa one-yard touchdown run. But, the Sooners would score 16 unanswered points to take control. Despite four turnovers, the Lions trailed just 19-10 as Massimo Manca attempted a 26-yard field with 2:46 to

play. Manca's kick was no good and a minute later Carr's long TD run sealed the crown for the Sooners.

Penn State could muster just 14 first downs and 267 yards against a defense which had held opponents to less than 200 yards during the regular-season.

Oklahoma	0	16	3	6	—	25
Penn State	7	3	0	0	—	10

PS-Manoa, 1, run (Manca kick); O-Lashar, 26, field goal; O-Jackson, 71, pass from Holieway (Lashar kick); O-Lashar, 31, field goal; O-Lashar, 21, field goal; PS-Manca, 27, field goal; O-Lashar, 22, field goal; O-Carr, 61, run (Kick failed).

Team Statistics	PS	O
First Downs	14	12
Total Net Yards	267	319
Net Yards Rushing	103	228
Net Yards Passing	164	91
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-18-4	6-3-0
Punts-Average	6-46.3	5-42.6
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-1	5-1
Penalties-Yards	6-49	7-45

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Dozier 12 for 39; Smith 9 for 23; Timpson 1 for 21; Manoa 5 for 14, 1 TD; Clark 2 for 5; Knizner 3 for 4; Shaffer 4 for (-3).

OKLAHOMA-Carr 19 for 148, 1 TD; Tillman 7 for 43; Perry 8 for 24; Collins 1 for 18; Holieway 12 for 1; Stafford 4 for (-2); Mitchell 1 for (-4).

Passing

PENN STATE-Shaffer 10 for 22, 74 yds., 3 Int.; Knizner 8 for 11, 90 yds., 1 Int.; Dozier 0 for 1. OKLAHOMA-Holieway 3 for 6, 91 yds., 1 TD.

Receiving

PENN STATE-DiMidio 6 for 50; E. Hamilton 3 for 39; Siverling 3 for 37; Dozier 3 for 0; Smith 1 for 15; Giles 1 for 14; Manoa 1 for 9. OKLAHOMA-Jackson 2 for 83, 1 TD; Shepard 1 for 8.

Attendance: 74,178

1987 FIESTA: January 2, 1987

Linebader Pete Gifopoulos thrust his 233-pound frame between Mny Testaverde and a possible winning touchdown in the waning seconds of the 1987 Fiesta Bowl, intercepting Testaverde's final pass at the Lions' one-yard line to preserve Penn State's 14-10 victory over No. 1 Miami (Fla.) and earn the underdog Nittany Lions their second National Championship in four years.

In one of the most memorable National Championship games ever, the No. 2 Nittany Lions intercepted Testaverde, the Heisman Trophy winner, five times to frustrate the Hurricanes and earn their second 12-0 season, culminating Penn State's celebration of 100 years of football.

Unbeaten Miami rolled up 22 first downs and 445 yards to eight first downs and 162 yards for the Lions but, the Hurricanes could not convert yards into points against a staunch Penn State defense that was no stranger to adversity. Miami's only touchdown came in the second quarter. Hit as he was passing, John Shaffer fumbled and the Hurricanes recovered at the Lion 23. Four plays later, Melvin Bratton went over from the one for a 7-0 lead.

Penn State immediately answered with its only sus-

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tained drive of the game, going 74 yards in 13 plays. One of the big plays was a 23-yard pass from Shaffer to Eric Hamilton on third-and 12. Tim Manoa also had a 19-yard run and caught a 12-yard pass. Shaffer rolled around the right side four yards into the end zone with 1:14 left in the half and Massimo Manca's PAT made it 7-7 at the break.

Miami regained the lead early in the fourth quarter on a 38-yard field goal by Mark Seelig. All-America linebacker Shane Conlan, who was hobbled by knee and ankle injuries, who had grabbed a third-quarter interception, did it again, intercepting Testaverde's toss and returning it 39 yards to the Hurricanes' five. After a heart-stopping first-down fumbled snap was recovered by Keith Radecic, D.J. Dozier, who had 99 yards rushing on the night, got the most important six yards of his collegiate career when he darted through a gaping hole for the go-ahead touchdown with 8:13 to play. Manca's conversion pushed the Penn State margin to 14-10.

Trey Bauer forced a fumble on the Hurricanes' next drive, but Miami had one threat left. Starting from their own 23 with 3:07 remaining, a fourth-down completion from Testaverde to Bennie Blades gained 31 yards and propelled the Hurricanes across midfield. With 18 seconds remaining, Miami had a fourth-and-goal at the Penn State 13-yard line. Testaverde tested the Lions' secondary one more time, looking for Brett Peirman in the end zone, but his pass came to rest in the arms of Giftopoulos, who cradled his second theft of the night and a Penn State National Championship as he fell on the ball after returning it to the 10-yard line with just nine seconds to play in another of the greatest moments in Lion football history.

More than 70 million people watched the prime-time telecast on NBC, breaking the previous record for a college football telecast.

Miami (Fla.)	0	7	0	3	—	10
Penn State	0	7	0	7	—	14

M-Bratton, 1, run (Cox kick); PS-Shaffer, 4, run (Manca kick); M-Seelig, 38, field goal; PS-Dozier, 6, run (Manca kick).

Team Statistics	PS	M
First Downs	8	22
Total Net Yards	162	445
Net Yards Rushing	109	160
Net Yards Passing	53	285
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	16-5-1	50-26-5
Punts-Average	9-43.4	4-46.0
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	5-2	4-2
Penalties-Yards	4-39	9-62

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Dozier 20 for 99, 1 TD; Manoa 8 for 36; Smith 4 for 13; Roundtree 1 for 3; Thomas 1 for (-3); Shaffer 9 for (-39), 1 TD.

MIAMI-Highsmith 18 for 119; Bratton 11 for 31, 1 TD; Williams 5 for 20; Testaverde 9 for (-10).

Passing

PENN STATE-Shaffer 5 for 16, 53 yds., 1 Int.
MIAMI-Testaverde 26 for 50, 285 yds., 5 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Dozier 2 for 12; Hamilton 1 for 23; Manoa 1 for 12; Siverling 1 for 6.

MIAMI-Blades 5 for 81; Irvin 5 for 55; Peirman 4 for 37; Highsmith 3 for 33; Bratton 3 for 32; Henry 3 for 24; Williams 2 for 20; Roberts 1 for 3.

Attendance: 73,098

1988 CITRUS: January 1, 1988

Clemson successfully blended the expected with the unexpected to post a 35-10 conquest of Penn State in the 1988 Florida Citrus Bowl, the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Tigers rushed for 285 yards and quarterback Danny Williams threw for an uncharacteristic 214 yards (15-of-24) in the Nittany Lions' first appearance in Orlando.

The Lions played without leading rusher and receiver Blair Thomas, who suffered a serious knee injury in an early December practice which would sideline him for the 1988 season. He had rushed for 1,414 yards and 11 touchdowns in 1987. Freshmen Leroy Thompson and Gary Brown posted 106 yards from the tailback position in Thomas' absence. Thompson, who rushed for 55 yards and added 146 more on pass receptions (19) and kickoff returns (127), was voted the Lions' offensive MVP with 201 all-purpose yards.

Penn State's touchdown came on a perfect 39-yard pass from Matt Knizner to Mike Alexander that tied the issue at 7-7 in the second quarter. The Tigers led 14-7 at halftime but, Penn State cut it to 14-10 on a 27-yard field goal by Eric Etze early in the third stanza. Clemson responded with a TD and added two more scores in the fourth period to hand the Lions their worst bowl loss.

Senior linebacker Trey Bauer, who had six stops, three tackles for losses and a quarterback sack, was Penn State's defensive MVP.

Clemson	7	7	7	14	—	35
Penn State	0	7	3	0	—	10

C-Johnson, 7, run (Treadwell kick); PS-Alexander, 39, pass from Knizner (Etze kick); C-Johnson, 6, run (Treadwell kick); PS-Etze, 27, field goal; C-Johnson, 1, run (Treadwell kick); C-Allen, 25, run (Treadwell kick); C-Henderson, 4, run (Treadwell kick).

Team Statistics	PS	C
First Downs	12	25
Total Net Yards	305	499
Net Yards Rushing	111	285
Net Yards Passing	194	214
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-14-2	24-15-0
Punts-Average	5-51.0	5-39.0
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-26	8-44

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Thompson 6 for 55; Brown 13 for 51; Greene 4 for 6; Alexander 1 for 3; Bill 1 for 3; Knizner 3 for (-7).

CLEMSON-Allen 11 for 105, 1 TD; Johnson 18 for 88, 3 TD; Henderson 6 for 54, 1 TD; McFadden 12 for 38; Lancaster 1 for 4; Ohan 1 for 3; Cooper 1 for (-2); Williams 4 for (-5).

Passing

PENN STATE-Knizner 13 for 22, 148 yds., 1 TD, 2 Int.; Roberts 1 for 1, 46 yds.

CLEMSON-Williams 15 for 24, 214 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Timpson 4 for 81; Thompson 3 for 19; Alexander 2 for 43, 1 TD; Brown 2 for 14; Mrosko 1 for 25; Pomfret 1 for 7; Barowski 1 for 5.

CLEMSON-Jennings 7 for 110; Cooper 4 for 56; Coley 1 for 19; Hooper 1 for 17; Pearman 1 for 8; Henderson 1 for 4.

Attendance: 53,152

1989 HOLIDAY: December 29, 1989

In a game which featured explosive offense on both sides, two freak defensive plays decided the issue between Penn State and Brigham Young in the 1989 Holiday Bowl, which lived up to its reputation for plenty of scoring and wild finishes. By the time Penn State's high-octane 50-39 victory over BYU was finished, 41 post-season records had either been surpassed or equaled by the teams in the four-hour, 17-minute marathon. The Lions and Cougars put 89 points on the scoreboard, including an NCAA bowl record 64 in the second half; gained 1,115 total offensive yards; rolled up 61 first downs; and punted only three times.

Andre Collins, the Lions' All-America linebacker, made the first of the decisive defensive plays after the Cougars had closed to within 41-39 with 2:58 remaining. Collins intercepted Ty Detmer's two-point conversion pass attempt and returned it 100-plus yards to score two for the Lions, the first time they had tallied in such a fashion since the rule was introduced in 1988.

On the ensuing BYU series, Hero Gary Brown blitzed past Outland Trophy-winner Mohammed Elewonibi to steal the ball from Detmer as he prepared to pass and returned it 53 yards for the touchdown in the final minute that secured the wild and wacky win.

Among the flood of big plays earlier in the game was a spectacular, 52-yard TD catch by David Daniels, who leapt high in the air to grab Tony Sacca's aerial at the goal line, was hit, juggled and caught the ball as he landed on his back in the end zone for one of the superlative catches in school history.

Penn State tailback Blair Thomas, playing his final game, broke the school bowl rushing record with 186 yards on 35 carries, one a seven-yard scoring run, and shared Player-of-the-Game honors with Detmer, who was 42-of-59 for an NCAA bowl record 576 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Thomas also gained 46 additional yards on a pair of pass receptions for 232 all-purpose yards.

The 64 second half points (Penn State, 38 and BYU, 26) remain tied for the NCAA bowl record, while the combined 61 first downs by both squads also are an NCAA bowl mark. The Lions played on the West Coast for the first time since a 1973 visit to Stanford.

Brigham Young	3	10	13	13	—	39
Penn State	3	9	17	21	—	50

PS-Tarasi, 30, field goal; BYU-Chaffetz, 20, field goal; PS-T. Smith, 24, pass from Sacca (Kick failed); BYU-Detmer, 1, run (Chaffetz kick); PS-Tarasi, 36, field goal; BYU-Chaffetz, 22, field goal; PS-Tarasi, 51, field goal; PS-Thompson, 16, run (Tarasi kick); BYU-Detmer, 1, run (Kick failed); PS-Thompson, 14, run (Tarasi kick); BYU-Boyce, 12, pass from Detmer (Chaffetz kick); PS-Thomas, 7, run (Run failed); PS-Daniels, 52, pass from Sacca (Pass failed); BYU-Whittingham, 10, run (Chaffetz kick); BYU-Nyberg, 3, pass from Detmer (Pass failed); PS-Collins, 102, interception return of two-point conversion attempt; PS-Brown, 53, fumble return (Tarasi kick).

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Team Statistics	PS	BYU
First Downs	26	35
Total Net Yards	464	651
Net Yards Rushing	249	75
Net Yards Passing	215	576
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	21-11-1	59-42-2
Punts-Average	2-38.0	1-39.0
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	10-93	10-88

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-B. Thomas 35 for 186, 1 TD; Thompson 34 for 68, 2 TD; Sacca 3 for (-2); McDuffie 2 for (-3).
BRIGHAM YOUNG-Whittingham 9 for 39, 1 TD; Corley 6 for 18; Detmer 8 for 18.

Passing

PENN STATE-Sacca 10 for 20, 206 yds., 2 TD, 1 Int.; T. Smith 1 for 1, 9 yds.
BRIGHAM YOUNG-Detmer 42 for 59, 576 yds., 2 TD, 2 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Daniels 2 for 64, 1 TD; B. Thomas 2 for 46; McDuffie 2 for 36; T. Smith 2 for 29, 1 TD; Thompson 1 for 19; Jakob 1 for 12; T. Thomas 1 for 9.
BRIGHAM YOUNG-Bellini 10 for 124; Boyce 8 for 127, 1 TD; Nyberg 8 for 117, 1 TD; Smith 6 for 74; Frandsen 5 for 85; Whittingham 4 for 39; Odle 1 for 10.

Attendance: 61,113

1990 BLOCKBUSTER: December 28, 1990

The inaugural Blockbuster Bowl wasn't being played on New Year's Day, but was one of the most intriguing post-season contests, pitting No. 7 Penn State and No. 6 Florida State and their legendary coaches, Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden.

After spotting the Seminoles 10 points in the first eight minutes of the game, Penn State applied pressure the rest of the way before finally bowing, 24-17, in a marquee matchup of 9-2 independents at Joe Robbie Stadium.

With Florida State leading, 24-10, senior quarterback Tom Bill came off the bench to ignite a 62-yard scoring drive in three plays, finding Terry Smith behind the secondary for a 37-yard touchdown with 6:27 to play. But two Penn State drives later came up empty, including an interception at the one-yard line with less than three minutes to play.

Penn State's other touchdown was scored on a 56-yard pass from Tony Sacca to David Daniels in the first quarter, but the Lions could not overcome three interceptions, a partially blocked punt which led to the Seminoles' first TD and a blocked field goal.

Florida State	10	7	7	0	—	24
Penn State	7	0	3	7	—	17

FS-Andrews, 41, field goal; FS-Lee, 1, run (Andrews kick); PS-Daniels, 56, pass from T. Sacca (Fayak kick); FS-Lee, 7, run (Andrews kick); PS-Fayak, 32, field goal; FS-Weldon, 5, run (Andrews kick); PS-T. Smith, 37, pass from Bill (Fayak kick).

Team Statistics	PS	FS
First Downs	17	19
Total Net Yards	400	400
Net Yards Rushing	122	152
Net Yards Passing	278	248
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	32-15-3	36-22-2
Punts-Average	6-36.3	7-37.6
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-46	4-35

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Brown 14 for 46; Thompson 8 for 33; T. Sacca 6 for 28; T. Smith 1 for 13; Bill 1 for 2; Fayak 1 for 0.

FLORIDA STATE-Lee 21 for 86, 2 TD; Bennet 9 for 30; Weldon 6 for 22, 1 TD; Moore 1 for 12; Jackson 1 for 2; Dawsey 1 for 0.

Passing

PENN STATE-T. Sacca 12 for 25, 194 yds., 1 TD, 2 Int.; Bill 3 for 7, 84 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.

FLORIDA STATE-Weldon 22 for 36, 248 yds., 2 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Daniels 7 for 154, 1 TD; T. Smith 5 for 100, 1 TD; T. Thomas 1 for 14; Thompson 2 for 10.

FLORIDA STATE-Dawsey 8 for 107; Lee 5 for 32; Bennet 4 for 49; R. Johnson 2 for 34; Baker 1 for 17; Roberts 1 for 6; Moore 1 for 3.

Attendance: 74,021

1992 FIESTA: January 1, 1992

For two and one-half quarters, Fiesta Bowl XXI had all the earmarks of a Tennessee Waltz. But, in a furious eight-minute span in the second half, Penn State turned up the beat and buried the bewildered Volunteers 42-17, beneath an avalanche of big plays on both sides of the ball in the first of what has stretched to eight consecutive January bowl visits.

Penn State grabbed an early 7-0 lead, recovering a fumble on the opening kickoff and converting three plays later when Sam Gash scored on a 10-yard pass from Tony Sacca. At halftime, Tennessee had 17 first downs and 324 yards, while Penn State had just five first downs and 59 yards, but the Vols only led 10-7. Vols' quarterback Andy Kelly, who was 16-of-26 for 204 yards in the opening half, hit Cory Fleming on a 44-yard score on the initial possession of the third stanza for a 17-7 lead.

A 39-yard punt return by O.J. McDuffie ignited the Lions and Sacca found Chip LaBarca on a three-yard scoring toss to cut the margin to 17-14 with 2:56 left in the third period. No one among the crowd of 71,133 was prepared for the onslaught which followed.

On Tennessee's second play after the score, Tyoka Jackson stripped Kelly of the ball and recovered at the Vol 13. On the ensuing play Sacca hit Kyle Brady and suddenly the Lions had a 21-17 lead. On the Vols' second play, Reggie Givens' interception set up a two-yard run by Richie Anderson early in the fourth quarter. On Tennessee's next play, Derek Bochna hit Kelly and Givens grabbed the ball and ran it in from 23 yards. In less than four minutes Penn State had scored 28 points to take a 35-17 lead. Tennessee managed to run three plays before punting on its next possession and the Lions sealed the win with a 37-yard TD strike from Sacca to McDuffie, giving them five scores in less than eight minutes.

Sacca set a Penn State bowl record with four touch-

down passes and McDuffie caught four passes for 78 yards and a touchdown and had 71 yards on punt returns to earn Most Valuable Offensive Player honors. Linebacker Keith Goganovic recorded a game-high 15 tackles, but Givens earned Defensive MVP accolades. Punter Doug Helkowski set several Fiesta Bowl records with his nine punts for a 47.9 yard average as Penn State finished 11-2 and No. 3 in the polls.

Tennessee	10	0	7	0	—	17
Penn State	7	0	14	21	—	42

PS-Gash, 10, pass from T. Sacca (Fayak kick); T-Stewart, 1, run (Becksvoort kick); T-Becksvoort, 24, field goal; T-Fleming, 44, pass from Kelly (Becksvoort kick); PS-LaBarca, 3, pass from T. Sacca (Fayak kick); PS-Brady, 13, pass from T. Sacca (Fayak kick); PS-Anderson, 2, run (Fayak kick); PS-Givens, 23, fumble return (Fayak kick); PS-McDuffie, 37, pass from T. Sacca (Fayak kick).

Team Statistics

	PS	T
First Downs	12	25
Total Net Yards	226	441
Net Yards Rushing	76	171
Net Yards Passing	150	270
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	28-11-0	43-21-1
Punts-Average	9-47.9	6-36.3
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	0-0	5-3
Penalties-Yards	3-36	3-34

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Anderson 17 for 57, 1 TD; Gash 7 for 15; Morris 3 for 15; Hammonds 1 for 10; G. Collins 4 for 7; T. Sacca 5 for (-28).

TENNESSEE-Stewart 15 for 84, 1 TD; Hayden 13 for 56; Campbell 3 for 23; Faulkner 2 for 21; Phillips 3 for 6; Brunson 2 for 5; Shuler 1 for (-1); Hutton 1 for (-5); Kelly 5 for (-18).

Passing

PENN STATE-T. Sacca 11 for 28, 150 yds., 4 TD.

TENNESSEE-Kelly 20 for 40, 273 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.; Shuler 1 for 3, (-3) yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-McDuffie 4 for 78, 1 TD; Drayton 3 for 35; Brady 1 for 13, 1 TD; Anderson 1 for 11; Gash 1 for 10, 1 TD; LaBarca 1 for 3, 1 TD.

TENNESSEE-Pidens 8 for 100; McCleskey 4 for 36; Fleming 2 for 68, 1 TD; Faulkner 2 for 17; Phillips 2 for 8; Kerr 1 for 27; Stewart 1 for 10; Adams 1 for 4.

Attendance: 71,133

1993 BLOCKBUSTER: January 1, 1993

Stanford proved it was one of the nation's top teams as it raced past the Nittany Lions, 24-3, in the 1993 Blockbuster Bowl, ending a Penn State string of four straight wins over Pac-10 teams in post-season games.

Stanford, the Pac-10 co-champions with Washington, moved 71 yards in eight plays with the opening kickoff to score all the points the Cardinal would need in Joe Robbie Stadium.

A 33-yard V.J. Muscillo field goal made it 7-3 at the end of the first quarter, but Stanford led, 14-3, at halftime and added 10 points in the third quarter.

Stanford tallied 365 yards to Penn State's 263. All-American O.J. McDuffie made six catches for 111 yards and Richie Anderson carried the ball 13 times for 40 yards

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as the Lions were held to their second-lowest point total in a bowl game.

Stanford	7	7	10	0	—	24
Penn State	3	0	0	0	—	3

S-Wetnight, 3, pass from Senstrom (Abrams kick); PS-Muscillo, 33, field goal; S-Lasley, 5, run (Abrams kick); S-Abrams, 28, field goal; S-Milburn, 40, pass from Stenstrom (Abrams kick).

Team Statistics	PS	S
First Downs	12	16
Total Net Yards	263	365
Net Yards Rushing	107	155
Net Yards Passing	156	210
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-13-2	29-17-2
Punts-Average	11-38.4	7-42.4
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-25	5-41

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-R. Anderson 13 for 40; O'Neal 11 for 38; Archie 2 for 10; Carter 3 for 7; McDuffie 4 for 5; Moser 1 for 4; K. Collins 1 for 3.

STANFORD-Roberts 17 for 98; Lasley 4 for 19; Milburn 9 for 19; Buckley 3 for 16; Butterfield 1 for 10; Brockberg 2 for 6; Allen 1 for 1; Stenstrom 5 for (-14).

Passing

PENN STATE-K. Collins 12 for 30, 145 yds., 1 Int.; Richardson 1 for 8, 11 yds., 1 Int.; Sacca 0 for 2.

STANFORD-Stenstrom 17 for 29, 210 yds., 2 TD, 1 Int.; Armour 0 for 1, 1 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-McDuffie 6 for 111; Drayton 3 for 21; Moser 1 for 11; R. Anderson 1 for 6; Grube 1 for 6; T. Thomas 1 for 1.

STANFORD-Wetnight 5 for 71, 1 TD; Cook 4 for 55; Milburn 4 for 54, 1 TD; Armour 2 for 9; Cline 1 for 11; Calomese 1 for 10.

Attendance: 45,554

1994 CITRUS: January 1, 1994

A Citrus Bowl record crowd of 72,456 was treated to the Nittany Lions' strongest effort of the season, a 31-13 knockout of sixth-ranked Tennessee. The hard-earned and satisfying victory capped a 10-2 season and vaulted Penn State to another top 10 finish.

Trailing, 10-0, Penn State retaliated with tailback Ki-Jana Carter bursting for a three-yard score. The key play was a 36-yard strike from quarterback Kerry Collins to Bobby Engram. The momentum continued to swing in the Lions' favor on Tennessee's next possession, as Tyoka Jackson tipped a Heath Shuler pass which Lee Rubin snared just inches above the turf. Engram then made a 16-yard reception and gained 35 yards on a reverse. Craig Fayak's 19-yard field goal knotted the score at 10-10.

Tennessee tallied its final points of the afternoon with a field goal, but Penn State had its two-minute offense humming late in the first half. Passes to Engram and Brian O'Neal took the ball to the Vol 14-yard line with :10 left. With the majority of the packed stadium expecting a pass, offensive coordinator Fran Ganter called Carter's number and he swept left and hurtled behind an Engram block into the end zone with just three ticks left on the clock to stun the crowd. Fayak's PAT kick put the Lions on top for good,

17-13, capping what may have been the game's most pivotal play.

A seven-yard pass from Collins to Kyle Brady made it 24-13 in the third quarter and Engram made a 15-yard TD catch to close the scoring. Engram made seven catches for 107 yards and his 184 all-purpose yards made him the overwhelming choice as the Offensive MVP, while Rubin was the Defensive MVP. Collins was 15-of-24 passing for 162 yards and two scores, out-playing Shuler, the Heisman Trophy runnerup, who was sacked four times in the second half.

Tennessee	10	3	0	0	—	13
Penn State	7	10	7	7	—	31

T-Becksvort, 46, field goal; T-Fleming, 19, pass from Shuler (Becksvort kick); PS-Carter, 3, rush (Fayak kick); PS-Fayak, 19, field goal; T-Becksvort, 50, field goal; PS-Carter, 14, rush (Fayak kick); PS-Brady, 7, pass from K. Collins (Fayak kick); PS-Engram, 15, pass from K. Collins (Fayak kick).

Team Statistics	PS	T
First Downs	20	16
Total Net Yards	371	348
Net Yards Rushing	209	135
Net Yards Passing	162	213
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-15-1	44-23-1
Punts-Average	6-32.0	6-44.2
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	10-79

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Carter 19 for 93, 2 TD; Archie 13 for 69; Engram 1 for 35; Milne 3 for 13; O'Neal 5 for 6; K. Collins 1 for (-7).

TENNESSEE-Garner 16 for 89; B. Williams 1 for 38; Stewart 4 for 11; Silvan 1 for 9; Hayden 1 for (-3); H. Shuler 5 for (-4); Colquitt 1 for (-5).

Passing

PENN STATE-K. Collins 15 for 24, 162 yds., 2 TD, 1 Int. TENNESSEE-H. Shuler 22 for 42, 205 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int; Colquitt 1 for 2, 8 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Engram 7 for 107, 1 TD; O'Neal 2 for 19; Scott 2 for 19; Archie 2 for 5; Brady 1 for 7, 1 TD; LaBarca 1 for 5.

TENNESSEE-Fleming 7 for 101, 1 TD; Phillips 3 for 23; Kent 3 for 19; Faulkner 3 for 18; Silvan 2 for 15; B. Williams 2 for 13; B. Shuler 1 for 13; Stewart 1 for 8; Garner 1 for 3.

Attendance: 72,456

1995 ROSE: January 2, 1995

In a landmark season, the Nittany Lions brought proper closure to a magnificent 1994 campaign by beating Oregon, 38-20, in the Rose Bowl, Penn State's first appearance in the "Granddaddy of Them All" since the 1923 contest. Having won their first Big Ten Championship in their second year of conference play, the Lions became the first Big Ten squad ever to earn a 12-0 record and the first Conference team to earn an unblemished record since Ohio State in 1968.

Despite the 12-0 record and having been ranked No. 1 in late October, the Lions finished No. 2 to Nebraska in the final polls, marking the fourth time a

Paterno-led team had gone unbeaten but not won the national title.

In a microcosm of a brilliant season, Heisman Trophy runnerup Ki-Jana Carter flashed through the line on Penn State's first play from scrimmage, bounced off a defender and burst into the lush green carpet for an 83-yard score in the game's initial five minutes. The Rose Bowl throng of 102,247 rose in unison as Carter raced toward the end zone in front of the frenzied Blue and White backers. Just as they had done so many times in 1994, the Nittany Lions' startling offensive prowess delivered an early lead and a dagger to the spirit of the opposition.

The Lions, though, were confronted by a relentless Oregon squad, which gained a 14-14 tie in the third quarter before Penn State pulled away for the 38-20 victory. The significance of the win in Pasadena stretched in many directions: Penn State earned its fifth unbeaten, untied season under Joe Paterno and its third 12-0 campaign; Paterno became college football's all-time winningest bowl coach with his 16th post-season win and became the first coach in college football history to win the traditional four major bowls.

Carter rushed for 156 yards on 21 carries and three touchdowns, sharing Rose Bowl Co-Most Valuable Player honors with Duck quarterback Danny O'Neil, who set six Rose records with his 41-of-61 effort for 456 yards and two scores. Carter's 83-yard run was the longest of his career, Penn State's longest in a bowl game and the third-longest in Rose Bowl history. Lion quarterback Kerry Collins concluded his brilliant season with a 19-of-30 display for 200 yards, setting a school completion mark for a bowl game and fullbacks Brian Milne and Jon Witman each tallied once.

The offensive fireworks by both squads produced 13 Rose Bowl records and tied two others. Penn State also eclipsed seven individual and two team school bowl records.

Oregon	7	0	7	6	—	20
Penn State	7	7	14	10	—	38

PS-Carter, 83, run (Conway kick); O-Wilcox, 1, pass from O'Neil (Belden kick); PS-Milne, 1, run (Conway kick); O-McLemore, 17, pass from O'Neil (Belden kick); PS-Carter, 17, run (Conway kick); PS-Carter, 3, run (Conway kick); PS-Conway, 43, FG; PS-Witman, 9, run (Baininger kick); O-Whittle, 3, run (pass failed).

Team Statistics	PS	O
First Downs	22	27
Total Net Yards	430	501
Net Yards Rushing	228	45
Net Yards Passing	202	456
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	31-20-1	61-41-2
Punts-Average	6-41.7	6-42.8
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-37	6-52

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Carter 21 for 156, 3 TD; Milne 9 for 36, 1 TD; Archie 3 for 16; Witman 4 for 11, 1 TD; Engram 1 for 5; Pitts 1 for 4.

OREGON-Whittle 12 for 45, 1 TD; Philyaw 4 for 14; Jones 2 for 6; O'Neil 13 for (-20).

Passing

PENN STATE-K. Collins 19 for 30, 200 yds., 1 Int.; Archie 1 for 1, 2 yds.

OREGON-O'Neil 41 for 61, 456 yds., 2 TD, 2 Int.

BOWLS

Receiving

PENN STATE-Engram 5 for 52; Scott 4 for 41; Archie 3 for 29; Jurevicius 2 for 53; Brady 2 for 15; Milne 2 for 8; Carter 1 for 2; K. Collins 1 for 2.

OREGON-Wilcox 11 for 135, 1 TD; McLemore 10 for 90, 1 TD; Philyaw 6 for 80; Ricketts 6 for 70; Whittle 5 for 46; P. Johnson 2 for 28; Jones 1 for 7.

Attendance: 102,247

1996 OUTBACK: January 1, 1996

Facing a new opponent, in a new bowl, the Penn State Nittany Lions were determined to send a superb class of 21 seniors out in a familiar fashion. Playing in its first Outback Bowl, a strong finish was the precursor to a solid bowl effort, as the Nittany Lions played arguably their finest game of the year in crushing Auburn, 43-14, to finish 9-3.

Penn State seized control of the Outback with a Wally Richardson to Mike Archie touchdown pass with :05 left in the first half for a 16-7 lead and then deluged the Tigers with an unanswered 27-point avalanche in the third quarter. Outback and school bowl records were being broken and tied by the Lions as quickly as the rain was turning the Tampa Stadium turf into a quagmire.

A group of seniors who were the backbone of Penn State's impressive 31-5 record the past three seasons again led the way in their final game. Archie ran for 41 yards in addition to his big touchdown catch. Stephen Pitts rushed for 118 yards and also made a touchdown reception. Fullback Brian Milne rushed for a career-best 82 yards. The senior offensive line quartet of Keith Conlin, Jeff Hartings, Andre Johnson and Marco Rivera dominated the line of scrimmage, helping the Lions rush for 266 yards and pass for 221 with no sacks. Terry Kilens recorded a pair of sacks to spark the defense.

And then there was Bobby Engram. The three-time All-American concluded his career the Lions' all-time greatest receiver with another typically superlative effort, earning game MVP honors for the second time in a bowl. He made four catches, three of which were typically spectacular, for 113 yards and two scores. Just as he had demolished the school's career receiving records, the 1994 Biletnikoff Award winner did so with Penn State's career bowl receiving marks. His two TD catches also broke the school bowl standard, giving the dynamic player 13 records.

Auburn	0	7	0	7	—	14
Penn State	3	13	27	0	—	43

PS-Conway, 19, FG; A-Baker, 25, pass from Nix (Hawkins kick); PS-Conway, 22, FG; PS-Conway, 38, FG; PS-Archie, 8, pass from Richardson (Conway kick); PS-Engram, 9, pass from Richardson (Conway kick); PS-Pitts, 4, pass from Richardson (pass failed); PS-Enis, 1, run (Conway kick); PS-Engram, 20, pass from Richardson (Conway kick); A-McLeod, 12, run (Hawkins kick).

Team Statistics	PS	A
First Downs	22	19
Total Net Yards	487	314
Net Yards Rushing	266	220
Net Yards Passing	221	94
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	29-14-2	33-8-2
Punts-Average	4-35.7	8-39.1
Fumbles-Fumbles Lost	2-1	5-2
Penalties-Yards	6-35	5-59

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Pitts 15 for 118; Milne 12 for 82; Archie 5 for 41; Enis 12 for 24, 1 TD; Sload 2 for 4; Eberly 1 for (-1); McQueary 1 for (-1); Ostrosky 1 for (-1).

AUBURN-Davis 12 for 119; Morrow 10 for 39; Craig 11 for 34; McLeod 2 for 20, 1 TD; Beasley 2 for 9; Goodson 0 for 4; Nix 3 for (-5).

Passing

PENN STATE-Richardson 13 for 24, 217 yds., 4 TD, 1 Int.; McQueary 1 for 4, 4 yds., 1 Int.; Archie 0 for 1.

AUBURN-Nix 5 for 25, 48 yds., 1 TD, 2 Int.; Craig 3 for 8, 46 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Engram 4 for 113, 2 TD; Olsommer 2 for 21; Scott 2 for 17; Archie 2 for 14, 1 TD; Jurevicius 1 for 43; Milne 1 for 5; Pitts 1 for 4, 1 TD; Stephenson 1 for 4.

AUBURN-Bailey 1 for 32; Baker 1 for 25, 1 TD; Dillard 1 for 12; Hand 1 for 8; Goodson 1 for 6; Gosha 1 for 5; Fuller 1 for 4; McLeod 1 for 2.

Attendance: 65,313

1997 FIESTA: January 1, 1997

Penn State improved to 6-0 in Tempe with a 38-15 win over Big 12 champion Texas in the 1997 Fiesta Bowl.

Gaining only 95 yards while allowing 242, Penn State was fortunate to trail the Longhorns only 12-7 at halftime, having quickly scored after a Mark Tate interception on the game's second play. The defense had stiffened twice inside the 15-yard line, holding Texas to a pair of field goals and one touchdown.

As the Lions have done so many times under Joe Paterno, they made adjustments at the break and then dominated the last 30 minutes. Freshman Kenny Watson took the second-half kickoff 81 yards, a school bowl record, to inside the Texas 20. A five-yard Aaron Harris TD run and a two-point pass from Wally Richardson to Curtis Enis provided a 15-12 lead less than three minutes into the half.

Texas gained a 15-15 tie midway through the stanza, but the momentum clearly was swinging in Penn State's direction. On its next drive, Enis scored from two yards. The defense held and on second down, Chafie Fields took a double reverse 84 yards to the Texas five-yard line, the longest run in school and Fiesta Bowl history. Anthony Cleary cracked over for a 28-15 margin and the Lions never looked back, out-scoring Texas, 31-3, in the second half. The Lions out-gained the Longhorns 330-118 in the second half, including a whopping 292 to minus-19 yard edge on the ground.

Richardson completed his tenure with a 21-5 record as a starter as the 16 seniors closed their careers with a 42-7 record and four bowl victories.

Texas	3	9	3	0	—	15
Penn State	7	0	21	10	—	38

PS-Enis, 4, pass from Richardson (Conway kick); T-Dawson, 28, FG; T-Dawson, 28, FG; T-R. Williams, 7, run (pass failed); PS-Harris, 5, run (Enis pass from Richardson); T-Dawson, 48, FG; PS-Enis, 2, run (Conway kick); PS-Cleary, 1, run (kick failed); PS-Conway, 23, FG; PS-Enis, 12, run (Conway kick).

Team Statistics

	PS	T
First Downs	19	19
Total Net Yards	425	360
Net Yards Rushing	330	73
Net Yards Passing	95	287
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	20-12-0	43-27-1
Punts-Average	5-35.6	6-37.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-49	8-57

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Enis 16 for 95, 2 TD; Fields 1 for 84; Eberly 7 for 54; Mitchell 6 for 45; Cleary 5 for 31, 1 TD; Harris 4 for 13, 1 TD; Sload 2 for 7; Nixon 1 for 3; Richardson 2 for (-2).

TEXAS-Williams 11 for 48, 1 TD; Mitchell 7 for 24; Holmes 6 for 11; Brown 6 for (-10).

Passing

PENN STATE-Richardson 12 for 20, 95 yds., 1 TD.

TEXAS-Brown 26 for 42, 254 yds., 1 Int.; Danaher 1 for 1, 33 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Cuncho Brown 3 for 32; Jurevicius 2 for 22; Eberly 2 for 19; Enis 2 for 15, 1 TD; Harris 2 for 5; Campbell 1 for 2.

TEXAS-Williams 9 for 24; Davis 5 for 72; Adams 4 for 73; McGarity 3 for 27; Fitzgerald 2 for 31; Holmes 2 for 15; Westbrook 1 for 33; White 1 for 12.

Attendance: 65,106

1998 FLORIDA CITRUS: January 1, 1998

With their schools meeting for the first time since the 1962 Gator Bowl, Joe Paterno and Steve Spurrier, matched wits for the first time in the 1998 Florida Citrus Bowl. The normally pass-happy Gators stuck primarily to the ground and posted a 21-6 victory.

Playing without starters Curtis Enis and Joe Jurevicius, the Lions struggled offensively, but the defense kept Penn State within striking range after the Gators took a quick 14-0 lead. Jim Nelson collected an interception at the Penn State four-yard line to stop a Florida drive late in the first stanza. On the Gators' next possession, Shawn Lee returned an interception 33 yards to the Florida 31. The Lions moved the ball to the seven, but had to settle for a Travis Forney field goal.

The defense and special teams made two huge plays to give Penn State first-and-goal chances in the second quarter. Brandon Short knocked the ball away from Gator QB Doug Johnson and after a wild scramble, Short recovered at the Gators' six. But, on fourth-and-inches, Chris Eberly was stopped short of the goal line. The defense held and Kenny Watson delivered a 52-yard punt return to the Florida six with 1:14 left in the half. Again, the Lions were faced with fourth-and-one, but Mike McQueary's pass was picked off in the end zone, denying Penn State its best opportunities for touchdowns.

A Forney field goal made it 14-6 entering the fourth quarter, but Florida scored on the second play of the stanza to end the scoring. Gator tailback Fred Taylor set Citrus Bowl records with 43 carries for 234 yards, most ever for a Lion foe in a bowl game. The Lions could muster only nine first downs and 139 yards in offense, the lowest in Paterno's tenure. The 16 Lion seniors completed their careers with a superb 41-8 (83.7) record.

BOWLS

Florida	14	0	0	7	—	21
Penn State	0	3	3	0	—	6

F-Brindise, 1, run (Cooper kick); F-Green, 35, pass from Johnson (Cooper kick); PS-Forney, 42, FG; PS-Fomey, 30, FG; F-Green, 37, pass from Palmer (Cooper kick).

Team Statistics	PS	F
First Downs	9	23
Total Net Yards	139	397
Net Yards Rushing	47	254
Net Yards Passing	92	143
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	19-9-2	32-10-3
Punts-Average	7-42.1	5-36.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	5-46

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Eberly 14 for 53; Watson 4 for 5; Mitchell 5 for 2; McQueary 6 for (-13).

FLORIDA-Taylor 43 for 234; Carroll 9 for 28; Ross 1 for 9; Brindise 3 for (-1), 1 TD; Johnson 3 for (-16).

Passing

PENN STATE-McQueary 10 for 32, 92 yds., 3 Int.

FLORIDA-Johnson 5 for 12, 77 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.; Brindise 3 for 6, 29 yds., 1 Int.; Palmer 1 for 1; 37 yds., 1 TD.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Cuncho Brown 3 for 25; Nastasi 2 for 26; Watson 2 for 15; Mitchell 1 for 9; Pettigew 1 for 9; Eberly 1 for 8.

FLORIDA-Green 2 for 72, 2 TD; T. Taylor 1 for 19; McGriff 1 for 19; Kinney 1 for 13; Richardson 1 for 9; McCaslin 1 for 7; Taylor 1 for 3; Carroll 1 for 1.

Attendance: 72,940 (Florida Citrus Bowl record)

1999 OUTBACK: January 1, 1999

Facing one of college football's most talented players — the eventual No. 1 pick in the 1999 National Football League draft — the Penn State defense was superb in limiting the high-flying Kentucky Wildcats to only two scores in a decisive 26-14 Outback Bowl victory before a soldout crowd of 66,005 in the new Raymond James Stadium.

Joe Paterno led the Lions to their eighth straight January bowl game and improved his NCAA record for bowl victories to 19.

While Heisman Trophy finalist Tim Couch did pass for 336 yards, it took him a whopping 48 attempts to do so. The Lion defense intercepted him twice, sacked him five times and had numerous near-sacks and hurries. Kentucky broke out to an early 14-3 lead, but in the second quarter, Penn State made adjustments and scored 10 unanswered points to cut the lead to 14-13.

A 56-yard TD pass from QB Kevin Thompson to Joe Nastasi preceded three Travis Fomey field goals. Forney also had made a Trey in the first quarter, breaking the Outback and school bowl records with four field goals. Despite dominating the second and third quarters, the Lions only led 19-14 entering the final period. But, the defense, which had gotten a blocked field goal from LaVar Arrington in the third quarter, stuffed the Wildcats on fourth-and-one at the Kentucky 34. Several plays later, Chafie Fields took his second reverse of the game 19 yards to paydirt for the final 26-14 margin.

As it had done all season, the defense led the way,

paced by Anthony King's 11 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Courtney Brown made the seven stops, including four for loss, and two sacks on consecutive plays in the final period to earn game MVP honors.

Kentucky	14	0	0	0	—	14
Penn State	3	10	6	7	—	26

K-Midelson, 36, pass from Couch (Hanson kick); PS-Fomey, 43, FG; K-White, 16, pass from Couch (Hanson kick); PS-Nastasi, 56, pass from Thompson (Fomey kick); PS-Forney, 26, FG; PS-Forney, 21, FG; PS-Forney, 25, FG; PS-Fields, 19, run (Fomey kick).

Team Statistics	PS	K
First Downs	24	24
Total Net Yards	420	441
Net Yards Rushing	233	105
Net Yards Passing	187	336
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-14-0	48-30-2
Punts-Average	3-30.3	3-17.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-58	14-103

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-McCoo 21 for 105; Harris 13 for 54; Fields 2 for 48, 1 TD; Cerimele 5 for 21; Casey 1 for 3; Thompson 1 for 2.

KENTUCKY-White 8 for 61; Homer 12 for 26; Couch 10 for 8; Yeast 2 for 6; McCord 1 for 4.

Passing

PENN STATE-Thompson 14 for 27, 187 yds., 1 TD

KENTUCKY-Couch 30 for 48, 336 yds., 2 TD, 2 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-T. Stewart 7 for 71; McCoo 3 for 32; Nastasi 2 for 70, 1 TD; Fields 2 for 14.

KENTUCKY-Homer 7 for 64; White 7 for 40, 1 TD; Midelson 3 for 65, 1 TD; Coleman 3 for 47; Whalen 3 for 25; Davis 2 for 31; Yeast 2 for 31; Robinson 2 for 23; Allen 1 for 10.

Attendance: 66,005 (Outback Bowl record)

1999 ALAMO: December 28, 1999

Their resolve was firm. A team that was in position to play for the National Championship in early November was looking to finish the season on a positive note after three straight narrow losses to end the regular-season.

Facing Texas A&M in the Sylvania Alamo Bowl, 25 seniors were playing their final game, a victory would give Joe Paterno another 10-win season, and defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky was coaching his final game after 32 years and 381 games on the staff.

Penn State Pride was overflowing on the Alamodome turf, as the Nittany Lions turned in a marvelous defensive performance to record a 24-0 blanking of the Aggies. The whitewash was the Lions' 20th since Sandusky became defensive coordinator in 1977.

Finishing 10-3, the Lions won at least 10 games for the 18th time under Paterno and earned the No. 11 ranking in the final Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN Coaches polls.

The game was Paterno's 30th bowl contest, breaking a tie with "Bear" Bryant for appearances. The all-time bowl wins leader improved his post-season record to 20-9-1.

On A&M's first scrimmage play, consensus All-American LaVar Arrington set the tone, as he chased QB

Randy McCown and hit him as he threw, with David Macklin making the first of four Lion interceptions at the A&M 40-yard line.

On A&M's second possession, Derek Fox collected a McCown pass at the A&M 34, and weaved his way into the end zone for a 7-0 Lion lead midway through the first quarter.

With Kevin Thompson sidelined by a shoulder injury, quarterback Rashard Casey made his first career start. He fired a 45-yard TD strike to Eddie Drummond for a 14-0 lead.

Early in the second half, the Aggies advanced to the Lions' 14. But, on third down, Arrington tipped McCown's pass and Ron Graham grabbed it at the eight to thwart another drive.

Arrington flattened McCown to halt A&M's last drive and Casey quickly had the Lions on the move. A 34-yard completion to John Gilmore took the pigskin to the A&M 26. A 20-yard completion to Tony Stewart set up Casey's four-yard naked bootleg on the first play of the fourth quarter for a 21-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Askari Adams forced a fumble which was recovered by Shawn Mayer at the A&M 23. A 39-yard Travis Fomey field goal made it 24-0.

Texas A&M	0	0	0	0	—	0
Penn State	7	7	0	10	—	24

PS-Fox, 34, interception return (Forney kick); PS-Drummond, 45, pass from Casey (Forney kick); PS-Casey, 4, run (Forney kick); PS-Forney, 39, FG.

Team Statistics	PS	A&M
First Downs	27	16
Total Net Yards	321	202
Net Yards Rushing	175	80
Net Yards Passing	146	122
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	17-8-1	28-15-4
Punts-Average	4-45.5	3-52.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-74	2-27

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-McCoo 6 for 43; Johnson 6 for 30; Casey 7 for 27, 1 TD; Mitchell 8 for 26; Watson 4 for 19; Fields 1 for 12; Luke 3 for 10; Easy 3 for 9; Drummond 1 for -1.

TEXAS A&M-Toombs 19 for 70; Hardeman 10 for 41; Johnson 2 for (-1); McCown 7 for (-28).

Passing

PENN STATE-Casey 8 of 16, 146 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.

TEXAS A&M-McCown 13 of 22, 105 yds., 4 Int.; Farris 2 of 6, 17 yds.

Receiving

PENN STATE-T. Stewart 2 for 27; Fields 2 for 11; Drummond 1 for 45, 1 TD; Gilmore 1 for 34; Cerimele 1 for 16; McCoo 1 for 13.

TEXAS A&M-Taylor 6 for 38; Bumgardner 5 for 59; Toombs 2 for 27; Porter 1 for 13; Hodge 1 for 5.

Attendance: 65,380 (Alamo Bowl record)

2003 CAPITAL ONE: January 1, 2003

Penn State rode the momentum of four consecutive wins to close the regular-season into the 2003 Capital One Bowl against Auburn, but some missed offensive opportunities resulted in a difficult 13-9 loss.

The Lions finished with a 9-4 record, with all four losses coming by seven points or less, including two in overtime, to teams that were ranked in the Top 15 of the final Associated Press poll (three in the Top 10).

Anthony Adams forced an early fumble that Derek Wake pounced on at the Auburn 15-yard line. The Lions had a first-and-goal at the four, but were forced to settle for a 21-yard field goal by Robbie Gould just 4:34 into the contest.

The Tigers advanced to the Lions' seven early in the second quarter, but Wake blocked a 34-yard field goal attempt, his fourth blocked kick of the year. Midway through the quarter, the Lions reached the Auburn 16, but Gould's 33-yard field try was wide.

Penn State's next possession began at the Auburn 43 and the Lions moved to the 10, but again had to settle for a Gould field goal, a 27-yarder, for a 6-0 lead with 1:44 left in the half. Three trips inside the Auburn 20 had resulted in only six points, which would come back to haunt the Lions.

Early in the second half, Auburn ran 13 consecutive times and Ronnie Brown's one-yard run made it 7-6.

Early in the fourth period, quarterback Michael Robinson completed a 34-yard pass to Tony Johnson and then scrambled 20 yards to the Auburn 19. Gould's 31-yard field goal gave Penn State a 9-7 lead, but 10:10 still remained in the contest.

A sack by John Bronson forced an Auburn punt, which the Tigers downed at the Penn State one. The Tigers forced a three-and-out and got excellent field position at the Penn State 40 with 5:04 to play. Brown carried the ball five straight times, the last one a 17-yard touchdown burst with 2:19 to play for a 13-9 lead. Campbell's two-point pass was incomplete.

Zack Mills returned to the contest, but on third down, was intercepted by Roderick Hood and Auburn held on.

Adams was superb, recording nine tackles (eight solo), including a sack, and the forced fumble to earn team Defensive MVP honors. Robinson earned team Offensive MVP honors.

Auburn	0	0	7	6	—	13
Penn State	3	3	0	3	—	9

PS-Gould, 21, FG; PS-Gould, 27, FG; A-Brown, 1, run (Duval kick); PS-Gould, 31, FG; A-Brown, 12, run (pass failed).

Team Statistics	PS	A
First Downs	15	15
Total Net Yards	268	278
Net Yards Rushing	170	200
Net Yards Passing	98	78
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-10-1	17-10-1
Punts-Average	5-38.2	4-48.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-68	9-84

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-L. Johnson 20 for 72; Mills 9 for 56; M. Robinson 5 for 30; Smith 1 for 10; Jefferson 1 for 2. AUBURN-Brown 37 for 184, 2 TD; Smith 5 for 10; Campbell 8 for 6.

Passing

PENN STATE-Mills 8 for 24, 67 yds., 1 Int.; M. Robinson 2 for 3, 31 yds. AUBURN-Campbell 10 for 17, 78 yds., 1 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-T. Johnson 2 for 54; Kranchick 2 for 15; L. Johnson 2 for 8; M. Robinson 2 for 7; McHugh 1 for 8; Williams 1 for 6. AUBURN-Aromashodu 2 for 18; Johnson 2 for 17; Diamond 1 for 11; Obomanu 1 for 11; Daniels 1 for 9; Willis 1 for 6; Smith 1 for 5; Brown 1 for 1.

Attendance: 66,334

2006 ORANGE: January 3, 2006

Freshman Kevin Kelly's 29-yard field goal in the third overtime lifted Penn State to a thrilling 26-23 victory over Florida State in the FedEx Orange Bowl.

The Nittany Lions' fourth win in five Orange Bowl appearances gave them the No. 3 ranking in the final Associated Press and USA Today Coaches polls. The Lions (11-1) earned their 13th Top 5 finish under Joe Paterno, who improved his all-time bowl records for wins (21-10-1 record) and appearances (32).

In a meeting of the two winningest major college coaches of all-time, Paterno gained one victory on his old friend Bobby Bowden, as both legends ended their 40th seasons as head coaches at 12:57 a.m., more than 4 1/2 hours after kickoff.

Austin Scott carried five times for 57 yards on Penn State's second drive and scored from two yards out for a 7-0 lead. Scott gained 110 yards on 26 carries and two scores, replacing an injured Tony Hunt.

Two of the nation's premier defenses then kept the other side in check until a wild final 4:09 of the second quarter.

Florida State knotted the game at 7-7 on Willie Reid's 87-yard punt return. Then Drew Weatherford hit Lorenzo Booker on a 57-yard TD pass. The extra point was missed, making it 13-7.

The Lions quickly responded, as Big Ten MVP Michael Robinson lofted a 25-yard pass to Ethan Kilmer, who made a leaping catch over a defender for the TD with just :06 left in the half. Kelly's extra point gave made it 14-13 at the half.

The Penn State defense did not allow any points in the third period despite great field position for Florida State throughout the quarter.

Jeremy Kapinos pinned Florida State deep as the fourth quarter began. Jim Shaw pressured Weatherford in the end zone, he threw the ball away and was called for intentional grounding, giving Penn State a safety and a 16-13 lead with 13:36 to play.

Florida State later advanced to the Lions' 29, but Penn State stiffened and Gary Cismesia hit a 48-yard field goal with 4:08 to play.

A 38-yard completion from Robinson to Jordan Norwood took the ball to the Seminoles' 11. With :32 left in regulation, Kelly's 29-yard field goal attempt was wide, but he would later emerge as the hero.

Robinson was 21-of-39 for 253 yards, accounting for 28 touchdowns during the season.

The Lions held No. 22 Florida State to 26 yards rushing, 12 first downs and three-of-17 on third-down conversions. Linebacker Dan Connor made seven tackles, (two TFL) and defensive tackle Scott Paxson had six stops (1.5 TFL). Jay Alford made four hits, with 2.5 TFL, and forced a fumble deep to earn a spot on ESPN.com's All-Bowl team. All-America cornerback Alan Zemaitis grabbed his Big Ten-leading sixth interception of the season (12th career).

Florida State	0	13	0	3	0	7	0	—23
Penn State	7	7	0	2	0	7	3	—26

PS-Scott, 2, run (Kelly kick); FS-Reid, 87, punt return (Cismesia kick); FS-Booker, 57, pass from Weatherford (kick failed); PS-Kilmer, 24, pass from M. Robinson (Kelly kick); PS-safety, intentional grounding in end zone; FS-Cismesia, 48, FG; PS-Scott, 1, run (Kelly kick); FS-Dean, 1, run (Cismesia kick); PS-Kelly, 29, FG.

Team Statistics

	PS	FS
First Downs	23	12
Total Net Yards	391	284
Net Yards Rushing	138	26
Net Yards Passing	253	258
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	39-21-1	43-24-1
Punts-Average	11-44.3	9-39.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-43	13-129

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Scott 26 for 110, 2 TD; M. Robinson 17 for 21; Norwood 1 for 7; Snow 1 for 1; Kinlaw 2 for 0; King 1 for (-1).

FLORIDA STATE-Washington 6 for 30; Booker 7 for 2; Coleman 2 for 1; Dean 1 for 1; Smith 1 for (-1); Weatherford 8 for (-4); team 1 for (-3).

Passing

PENN STATE-M. Robinson 21 for 39, 253 yd.s., 1 TD, 1 Int.

FLORIDA STATE-Weatherford 24 for 43, 258 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Norwood 6 for 110; Kilmer 6 for 79, 1 TD; King 5 for 27; Smolko 2 for 21; Butler 1 for 13; Hunt 1 for 3.

FLORIDA STATE-Washington 6 for 24; Reid 4 for 55; Booker 3 for 69, 1 TD; Davis 3 for 55; Carr 3 for 25; Henshaw 2 for 9; Rouse 1 for 10; Root 1 for 8; Fagg 1 for 3.

Attendance: 77,773

2007 OUTBACK: January 1, 2007

Facing its fifth ranked opponent, Penn State played its most complete game of 2006 to defeat No. 17 Tennessee, 20-10, in the Outback Bowl, winning a New Year's Day bowl game for the second consecutive year.

Improving to 3-0 in the Outback Bowl, Penn State finished 9-4. The Nittany Lions were ranked in the final Top 25 polls for the 32nd time under Joe Paterno (No. 24 Associated Press; No. 25 USA Today Coaches).

Penn State won its 22nd game in its last 27; 20-5 the past two years.

The Lions held Tennessee to a season-low 10 points, 19.3 below its average, forced three turnovers, and did not turn the ball over.

BOWLS

Once again, Penn State's highly ranked defense and tailback Tony Hunt led the charge, as the Nittany Lions improved to 25-12-2 all-time in bowls.

Tennessee became the 10th team, and seventh consecutive, to score 17 or fewer points against Penn State. Over the last five games, the Lions allowed just 36 points (7.2 avg.) with two shutouts. Over the last 25 quarters of the season, Penn State permitted just three touchdowns.

Tennessee also became the eighth opponent held under 100 rushing yards during the season, gaining 83 yards.

Tony Hunt was spectacular in his final game as a Lion, rushing for 158 yards on a career-high tying 31 attempts to earn Outback Bowl Most Valuable Player honors. Hunt posted his eighth 100-yard game of 2006 (15th career).

Hunt's 158 yards were the second-highest of his career (167 vs. Temple) and the second-highest by a Lion in a bowl game (186, Blair Thomas vs. Brigham Young, 1989 Holiday Bowl). Hunt finished second on the Penn State career rushing charts with 3,320 yards and first all-time with 654 carries (5.08 avg.). He finished just 78 yards behind career leader Curt Warner's total of 3,398 yards.

A fumble recovery by Jim Shaw early in the second quarter set up a 34-yard field goal by Kevin Kelly to tie the game at 3-3. On its next possession, Penn State drove a season-best 92 yards, which included a 24-yard run by Hunt and a 31-yard pass from Anthony Morelli to Deon Butler. Morelli, who was a strong 14-of-25 for 197 yards with no interceptions, then hit tight end Andrew Quarless on a two-yard scoring toss for a 10-3 lead.

The Vols scored late in the half to tie the game and it was 10-10 entering the fourth quarter, when the Lion defense delivered the game-changing play. On first down from the Nittany Lions' 14, Dan Connor and Sean Lee crunched Tennessee's Arian Foster and cornerback Tony Davis picked up the pigskin and flew 88 yards for the go-ahead TD with 10:01 to go.

Penn State forced a three-and-out and Derrick Williams returned the punt 20 yards to the Volunteers' 45. Hunt had seven consecutive carries, netting 39 yards, to set up a 22-yard trey by Kelly, making it 20-10 with just 3:29 to play.

All-American Paul Posluszny recorded eight tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss. He finished his career as Penn State's all-time tackle leader with 372 and 12th all-time with 35 tackles for loss. Posluszny became the first player to lead Penn State in tackles three consecutive seasons and the first with a trio of 100-tackle campaigns. Junior All-American Connor led Penn State with 10 hits, moving into a tie for fifth in career tackles with 274.

Tennessee	3	7	0	0	—	10
Penn State	0	10	0	10	—	20

T-Wilhoit, 44, FG; PS-Kelly, 34, FG; PS-Quarless, 2, pass from Morelli (Kelly kick); T-Coker, 42, run (Wilhoit kick); PS-Davis, 88, fumble recovery (Kelly kick); PS-Kelly, 22, FG.

Team Statistics	PS	T
First Downs	19	17
Total Net Yards	380	350
Net Yards Rushing	183	83
Net Yards Passing	197	267
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	25-14-0	37-25-1
Punts-Average	4-37.5	5-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-45	7-55

Individual Statistics

Rushing

PENN STATE-Hunt 31 for 158; Wallace 1 for 11; Williams 3 for 6; Hahn 1 for 5; Morelli 1 for 5; Snow 1 for 0; team 2 for (-2).

TENNESSEE-Foster 12 for 65; Coker 5 for 36, 1 TD; Hardesty 3 for 2; Meachem 1 for (-6); Ainge 2 for (-14).

Passing

PENN STATE-Morelli 14 of 25, 197 yds., 1 TD.

TENNESSEE-Ainge 25 of 37, 267 yds., 1 Int.

Receiving

PENN STATE-Norwood 4 for 35; Butler 3 for 73; Williams 3 for 27; Golden 1 for 35; Hahn 1 for 18; Hunt 1 for 7; Quarless 1 for 2, 1 TD.

TENNESSEE-Swain 7 for 84; Brown 7 for 66; Meachem 4 for 33; Coker 3 for 35; Cottam 1 for 25; Foster 1 for 13; Briscoe 1 for 8; Taylor 1 for 3.

Attendance: 65,601