

# This is one Saturday to share with grandkids

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For SN Today

I think there were some good things about the game with Notre Dame, even though it was a loss. I think we really felt like we could do a lot of things in the passing game. We were pretty successful throwing the ball, with the exception of a few drives. Of course, when you throw an interception and they take it back for a quick pick-six, that's very frustrating because it doesn't even allow your defense a chance to get out there and stop them. But I think we did some things very well. At times, we were able to run the ball well, also. I guess it's somewhat promising that we were able to do a lot of things.

It was loud there. I think maybe my first year playing at Notre Dame, it was maybe a little bit louder, and I've been to some big places since then like Penn State and Michigan—or maybe I'm getting use to it. A lot of yelling and communication needs to go on in a situation like that. That's something we do a little bit of in practice. Coach Tiller brings out the speakers and plays crowd noise. It's kind of annoying and it's on repeat, but having that little bit helps. Once you're in the game, you still have to yell and make sure of everything. It's probably hard for people in the stands to imagine being five feet from the line and still having to walk and tell every one of them the play. It's tough when I'm screaming at the top of my lungs and they still don't hear me—it can make it difficult.

With Penn State, I think we're going from a team last week like Notre Dame—where they try to confuse you a lot and try to blitz



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**Saturday, Purdue will line up against Penn State and head coach Joe Paterno. 'To be part of history, to play against his team, is really pretty neat,' says Boilermakers QB Curtis Painter.**

you—to a team that's just going to line up and play football. They're not going to try to confuse you like some teams. You're going to have to beat them head's up, and that's the way they've been in the past. They're a real physical team. They just play good old classic Big Ten football.

It's certainly going to be a tough one for us this weekend. Having it at home is big. Our crowd has done a great job all year long being in the game. We'll have to play well on all sides of the ball to beat a team like this. I haven't beaten them since I've been the starter, so that's a goal—something to strive for to get that under my belt. And certainly with Coach Paterno, he is what Big Ten football is about and what Penn State is about. To be a part of history, to play against his team, is really pretty neat. Not a lot of people get to experience it. I guess it's hard

to imagine telling my grandkids that I played against one of college football's great coaches, since I'm only 23, but then again, I've always enjoyed stories from my grandfather. I'll have that kind of history to tell mine, and hopefully one day the little ones will enjoy listening to those stories as much as I do now.

—As told to Brian McLaughlin

## About the author



**Curtis Painter**  
Purdue QB  
Painter, Purdue's 6-4, 230-pound four-year starter, threw for 359 yards

and two touchdowns in a 38-21 loss at Notre Dame last weekend. This week, he is preparing for a home game with No. 6 Penn State.

## Middle Tennessee State 14, Florida Atlantic 13



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Joe Craddock's TD pass to Malcolm Beyah was cause for celebration at MTSU.

## Craddock TD as time expires lifts Blue Raiders over Owls

**MURFREESBORO, TENN.**—Joe Craddock threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to freshman Malcolm Beyah as time expired Tuesday night and Middle Tennessee State beat Florida Atlantic 14-13.

Freshman kicker Alan Gendreau added the deciding extra point after the Blue Raiders tied the game on the fourth-and-9 play.

Middle Tennessee (2-3, 1-2 Sun Belt) snapped a four-game conference losing streak, its longest since 1980.

Craddock finished 24-of-35 for 268 yards and two touchdowns. His first scoring pass was a 25-yarder to Patrick Honeycutt in the fourth quarter that made it 10-7.

Dilvory Edgcomb scored on a 53-yard run on the game's sixth offensive play to put Florida Atlantic (1-4, 0-1) ahead 7-0. He finished with 101

yards on 15 carries.

Warley Leroy kicked two 25-yard field goals for the Owls. The second gave Florida Atlantic a 13-7 lead with 1:15 to play.

—The Associated Press

	7	3	0	3	—	13
Florida Atlantic	7	3	0	3	—	13
Middle Tennessee	0	0	0	14	—	14

**First Quarter**  
FAT: Edgcomb 53 run (Leroy kick), 11:33.  
**Second Quarter**  
FAT: FG Leroy 25, 3:19.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
MTSU: Honeycutt 25 pass from Craddock (Gendreau kick), 5:22.  
FAT: FG Leroy 25, 1:15  
MTSU: Beyah 32 pass from Craddock (Gendreau kick), :00.  
A: 25,766.

	FAT	MTSU
First downs	18	13
Rushes-yards	41-153	29-55
Passing	210	268
Comp-Att-Int	16-27-2	24-36-0
Return Yards	19	14
Punts-Avg	5-33.6	8-35.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	—
Penalties-Yards	8-62	6-59
Time of Possession	34:57	25:03

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING:** Florida Atlantic, Edgcomb 15-101, Pierre 11-41, W.Rose 8-25, Blanchard 2-4, Team 1-(minus 2), Smith 4-(minus 16). Middle Tennessee, Tanner 11-38, Craddock 10-13, Longoria 2-9, Dasher 1-1, Team 1-0, Gee 3-0, Beyah 1-(minus 6).  
**PASSING:** Florida Atlantic, Smith 16-27-2-210. Middle Tennessee, Craddock 24-35-0-268, Dasher 0-1-0-0.  
**RECEIVING:** Florida Atlantic, Housler 3-44, L.Jean 3-42, Grant 3-35, Gent 3-32, Bonner 3-30, C.Johnson 1-27. Middle Tennessee, Honeycutt 9-113, Beyah 5-90, E.King 4-33, Caldwell 1-11, Dasher 1-10, McDonald 1-8, Delle Donne 1-2, Neal 1-2, Tanner 1-(minus 1).

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