Derek Moye on 3rd & 4 and a four-yard rush over right tackle by Stephon Green.

Then sophomore wide receiver Curtis Drake suddenly entered the game at tailback with Green lined up to his right. Drake took a direct snap from center, faked a run right and handed the ball to Green, who burst through the left side of the line and dashed 39 yards for a touchdown. This “wildcat” formation produced the game’s first score.

On the visitors’ second possession, McGloin converted a 3rd & 10 with a 12-yard pass to Justin Brown. Eventually, Anthony Fera climaxed the drive with a career-long 43-yard field goal and a 10-0 first quarter lead for the Lions.

Ohio State posted its first score on the first drive of the second quarter, when freshman quarterback Braxton Miller took an option run from the shotgun position around right end for a 24-yard touchdown.

But Penn State answered with a touchdown on its third drive of the game, covering 81 yards on another five-play drive that took only 2:20.

Silas Redd broke off a block by guard Johnnie Troutman and raced 42 yards to tie State’s longest run from scrimmage this season. McGloin immediately hit Moye with a 20-yard pass on a post route.

**Stephfon Green rips through Ohio State defense on 39-yard run for game’s opening touchdown in third minute of Penn State’s 20-14 win in Ohio Stadium Saturday.**

Despite news of Joe Paterno’s lung cancer diagnosis adding to the continuing fallout from the child sex abuse scandal swirling about State College, the beleaguered Penn State football team showed 105,493 spectators in Ohio Stadium and an ABC/ESPN television audience what it’s made of Saturday by knocking off the Buckeyes, 20-14, to secure at least a tie for the first Leaders Division title in the Big Ten conference.

“No team in college football history has gone through so much in such a short time,” interim head coach Tom Bradley told the media after the game.

After the team plane landed in Columbus Friday evening, Bradley got the players together and told them the news that assistant coach Jay Paterno had revealed to Bradley on the flight about his father.

Then Bradley challenged the Lions to show their character and resolve.

He pointed out that the last two times Penn State won in Columbus was in 1978 and 2008.

“I asked them, ‘How do you want to be remembered?’”

The offense responded by scoring on its first three possessions and taking a 20-14 halftime lead, before turning the game over to the defense to hold the Buckeyes scoreless in the final 30 minutes.

When the last four Ohio State desperation passes fell harmlessly in the final 36 seconds of the contest, the cadre of Penn State fans erupted in celebration, and the Nittany Lions walked off the field with the second win in their last three trips to Ohio’s capital city.

Bradley said he had talked to the captains and the seniors and told them what he wanted at Ohio State.

“And they did it.”

He added, “These players have done everything we have asked of them in the last two weeks, and I am proud to be their coach.”

He said he was excited for them because they had fought through adversity and done everything the right way – from the way they handled themselves off the field to the way they played.

The Lions had come to Columbus with a new acting Athletic Director – Dr. David Joyner, the first Penn Stater to earn All-American awards in two sports, football and wrestling. Joyner, an offensive tackle and heavyweight wrestler in the early ’70s went on to graduate from Penn State’s College of Medicine in Hershey and become a successful orthopedic surgeon.

A Distinguished Alumnus of the University and a member of the Board of Trustees since 2000, Joyner has served as head physician to U.S. Olympic teams and been chairman of the U. S. Olympic Sports Medicine Committee and a member of the Pennsylvania Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Joyner said at a press conference Friday that he will play a key role in the selection of Penn State’s next head football coach.

Later Friday the University was informed that the NCAA will conduct an investigation of whether it has maintained institutional control of its athletic program. The athletic department responded with a statement that it “intends to fully cooperate with the NCAA during its inquiry, and understands that this is a preliminary step toward understanding what happened, as well as how to prevent anything similar from happening in the future.”

“With all that has gone on outside of football,” said junior quarterback Matt McGloin after Saturday’s game, “we’ve come together on the field as a team.”

Penn State marched 80 yards with the opening kickoff and reached Ohio State’s end zone in less than three minutes on just five plays. The third and fourth plays were a 16-yard pass from McGloin to wide receiver Johnnie Troutman and raced 42 yards to tie State’s longest run from scrimmage this season. McGloin immediately hit Moye with a 20-yard pass on a post route.
Then freshman wide receiver Bill Belton entered the game for the second time in the “wildcat” position and immediately rushed around right end for 12 yards. On the next play Green took a handoff from McGloin and smashed through the left side of the line for a four-yard touchdown – his second of the game for the second game in a row.

After the defense held the Buckeyes to a three-and-out, McGloin made a critical mistake. He threw off his back foot while running to the right, and sailed a high pass off the hands of Szczerba that was intercepted by Orhian Johnson and returned 15 yards to the PS-37.

Two plays later, Miller carried another 24-yard option from the shotgun through the right side. And he later completed the drive with a 7-yard strike to tight end Jake Stoneburner in the end zone.

But the Lions roared back to score on their fifth and final possession of the half. The key play was a 38-yard run around right end by “wildcat” Drake to the OS-40. The drive concluded when Fera kicked a new career-long field goal of 46 yards, as time expired in the first half.

Penn State’s offense fared no better in the second half than Ohio State’s, even though Jordan Hill recovered a Buckeye fumble on the OS-11 in the middle of the third quarter. A couple of rushes and two Ohio State penalties gave the visitors a first down on the OS-2.

But when four Lion rushes into the middle of the line could move the ball only 66 inches and produce no points, Penn State fans mournfully remembered another 1978 game and feared the worst.

Asked why he didn’t settle for a chip-shot field goal on fourth down to force the Buckeyes to score at least twice to win it, Bradley countered, “I had asked them to go to the wall for me, and I was going to go to the wall for them.”
The defense responded by allowing Ohio State to cross midfield only once in the second half. And that was late in the final frame, when they stopped the Bucks on downs at the PS-32.

Fera, who booted the two field goals that provided the margin of victory, also continually gave Penn State good field position in the second half by kicking the ball out of bounds to prevent runbacks and three times pinning Ohio State inside its 20-yard line.

Thus the Lions won their sixth Big Ten game by less than 10 points in their seven conference contests this fall and set up a showdown with Wisconsin next Saturday for the right to advance to the first Big Ten Conference Playoff game in Indianapolis on December 3.

The Badgers on Saturday had to overcome a 10-point deficit by scoring 21 unanswered second half points for a 28-17 win at Illinois to stay in the running for the Leaders Division crown that they were heavily favored to win this fall.

With a 55-7 triumph over Indiana Saturday, Michigan State wrapped up the Legends Division title and a spot in the championship game. Penn State and Wisconsin will compete for the other spot in a contest in Madison that will kick off at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time and be televised by ESPN.

For the Glory,

\[\text{John Black}\]

**NOTES FROM THE CUFF**

Penn State’s athletic department announced Sunday that tickets for the inaugural Big Ten Football Championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Saturday evening Dec. 3 will be made available to Penn State fans beginning Monday at 11 a.m. Orders will be accepted through noon Wednesday, Nov. 26. Fans may order tickets online at www.GoPSUsports.com/tickets or by calling 1-800-NITTANY between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Tickets are $80 apiece and all orders will require credit card payment. Charges will be placed on the card at the time the order is placed. If Penn State does not participate in the Championship game, full refunds will be credited to all processed cards. No refunds or cancellations will be made if Penn State participates in the game. Orders will be filled and seat locations assigned based on Nittany Lion Club priority points and 2011 Giving Level. Other orders will be fulfilled after orders by Nittany Lion Club members. Confirmation of ticket award and locations will be sent via email on Nov. 28...

Ohio State leads the series with Penn State, 14-13, and the higher ranked team has won 19 of the last 21 games...

Penn State is 4-0 in road games this fall and 12-3 in Big Ten road games since the start of the 2008 season...

The Nittany Lions have won at least six conference games for the third time in the last four years and eighth time since 1993...

All seven of State’s Big Ten games have been decided by 10 points or less, and the Lions have won seven games by 10 points or less for the first time since 1985...State is 16-3 in the next game after a loss since the 2005 season...

The Lion defense remains in the Top 10 nationally in scoring (3rd), total (8th), pass (6th) and pass efficiency (4th). It has allowed only 23 points in the third quarter of all 11 games...

Jack Crawford’s two sacks of Braxton Miller for 10 yards in losses give him 5.5 sacks for the year...Jordan Hill recorded his team-high third fumble recovery...Penn State’s 20 points were the most the Lions have scored in Ohio Stadium since 1964, when they upset the No. 2 Buckeyes, 27-0...Saturday saw three of the four longest rushes by Penn Staters this fall – 42 by Silas Redd, 39 by Stephfon Green and 38...
by Curtis Drake. Redd also had a 42-yarder at Northwestern… Penn State scored on its first three possessions for the first time this year…

Green, who missed the first five games of the year in Joe Paterno's doghouse, has scored two touchdowns in each of the last two games…

Defensive tackle Devon Still has been named one of five finalists for the Bronko Nagursky Trophy and Anthony Fera is a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award… The offensive line has given up the fewest sacks in the Big Ten – only 12 in 11 games, and the defense is tops in getting 25 turnovers (14 interceptions and 11 fumbles). Coach Bradley said the use of the “wildcat” formation gave the Lions a “change of pace” Saturday. He said, the coaches had thought about trying it earlier in the year, but after watching Bill Belton run it on the scout team for two weeks, emulating Nebraska’s Taylor Martinez, they added it to the offensive package this week. Both Belton and Curtis Drake ran these types of plays as quarterbacks in high school.

OTHER SPORTS

The Lady Lion basketball team beat South Carolina, 55-50, Sunday, after losing to Delaware, 80-71, last Thursday.

In the first contest of a four-game road trip, the Lady Lions’ shooting went cold in the second half and defensively they could not stop one of the nation’s top scorers, Elena Delle Donne, who pumped in 40 of Delaware’s 80 points. After leading 35-33 at halftime, Penn State could connect on only 29 per cent of its shots, while the Blue Hens posted a 49-36 advantage in the second 20 minutes of play. Point guard Alex Bentley had 20 points, nine assists and three steals. Zhaque Gray tallied 15 points and Maggie Lucas 12. Sophomore center Talia East posted six points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots.

In Columbia, South Carolina, Coach Coquese Washington’s squad resumed its normal pattern of making a big offensive run while holding its opponent scoreless in the last several minutes of the game, thus raising its record to 3-1. A 13-0 run, including six points from Lucas over the final 5:47 earned the Lady Lions a come-from-behind victory over the Gamecocks. Lucas led all scorers with 18 points, while East had personal bests of 15 rebounds and 7 blocks. Ariel Edwards grabbed 7 rebounds and netted 10 points on 5 of 7 shooting. Penn State was held without a three-pointer for the first time since Michigan did it in 2007.

The men’s basketball team defeated South Florida, 53-49, in the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-off Tournament in Uncasville, CT Sunday, after losing to No. 2 Kentucky, 85-47, in the opening round Saturday.

Tim Frazier netted a career-high 27 points to lead the Lions to Sunday’s win and a 4-1 season record. Jermaine Marshall joined him in double figures with 14 points, as the Lions employed a trapping press to create turnovers and reel off a 12-1 margin to come from behind in the waning moments.

Frazier also led the Lions against Kentucky with 11 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists, while freshman Ross Travis posted career-highs of 10 points and 8 rebounds. Matt Glover hit his first three treys of the second half for a career-high 9 points.

The No. 13 women’s soccer squad buried No. 12 Marquette, 4-1, in the second round of the NCAA tournament Friday to advance to the Sweet Sixteen, where the Lions went up early against No. 6 Wake Forest, before falling, 4-2.

Emily Hurd and Emma Thomson scored first half goals against Marquette, and Maya Hayes added two insurance tallies late in the second. Maddy Evans assisted on Hurd’s goal and Christine did the same for Thomson. Kori Chapic, Nairn and Lexi Marton assisted on Hayes’ goals.

Hayes kicked in both goals against Wake Forest to set the Penn State and Big Ten records at 70 points in a single-season. Her 31 goals, however, fell one short of Tiffany Weimer’s school and conference records set in 2005. Coach Erica Walsh’s charges closed their season with a 21-5 mark.

The No. 12 women’s volleyball team got two victories in Rec Hall over the weekend, sweeping Indiana Friday and upsetting No. 8 Purdue, 3-1, on Saturday. The Nittany Lions outhit the Hoosiers .385 to .121, totaling 44 kills, six aces, 45 digs and 7 team blocks compared to Indiana’s 31 kills, two aces, 40 digs and 2 blocks. Ariel Scott (15) and Deja

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Bowl games for 7–5 teams are played for three reasons: to give each team’s fans an opportunity for a holiday vacation and to gain bragging rights over the opponent; to give an economic boost to the host locale, as well as the schools and conferences represented; and to give the teams an additional 15 practices to prepare for the next season.

Penn State fans attending the Outback Bowl in Tampa on New Year’s Day had a vacation filled with fun and sun, plus enjoyable events planned by the Alumni Association and tour groups. The Tampa Bay area benefited from the money these fans pumped into the local economy. The Big Ten and Southeast conferences and their members got a payday. And the Nittany Lions benefited from 15 December practices for a young squad looking to see who will step up on the depth chart for the 2011 schedule.
State Pep Band. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at OLIVE at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace.

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Now you can be part of the beautiful brick and stone plaza adjacent to the Hintz Family Alumni Center, called Alumni Courtyard. Just like the connecting Alumni Walk, the Alumni Courtyard will be inscribed with approximately 1,900 names of dedicated Alumni Association members and will introduce generations of students to the distinguished Penn State family that awaits them upon graduation. Visit Alumni Courtyard website [link to: http://alumni2.psu.edu/alumnicourtyard/default.htm] for more information.

RAISING MONEY FOR SEXUAL ABUSE

Grassroots effort by a group of alumni began with a goal of raising more than $500,000 for RAINN: Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. As of Monday, Nov. 21, Penn Staters had donated nearly $450,000. RAINN is one of the country’s largest anti-sexual violence organizations. For more information or to donate, visit the website [link to: www.rainn.org].

MIXER, PEP RALLY AT WISCONSIN

Join other Penn Staters Friday, Nov. 25 at a mixer co-sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association and the Madison Chapter with complimentary appetizers, a cash bar, and the Penn State Pep Band. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at OLIVE at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace.

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