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Police arrest three suspects

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...that crime victims participate in the prosecution of these cases is important that crime victims participate in solving them. Peterson said.

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Investigators said students can increase their safety by being aware of their surroundings, talking with others, trusting their instincts and staying in well-lit areas. Police could not release the names of the arrested suspects, said because they have not been charged with any crimes yet.

When the District Attorney changes the suspects depend on whether many cases are backlog ahead of this one, Rush said.

"For all intents and purposes it's Back!!" Kdelman said, explaining that so far, the magazine's spinoff journal called Local Access is "revive" the Local Access project.

"CrossConnect plans to hire additional students in the near future. Rush said the Writers House staff, especially Walker, may help to "revive" the Local Access project.

"The Writers House program has a support system that could make a "perfect" magazine successful," he said.

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Lead story again wherever you are, we'll be...
Ducks race across College Green for Make-a-Wish

"We decided we wanted to do something on a larger scale to get our name out and to do something for charity," he said. "Outside of the Greek system, fundraisers have a negative image. This is a way to do positive work in one way to bolster that image."

Kaplan would like to see more community and charity work done by Greeks, including a system-wide community work fair that would allow students to do the work. "We're doing that here, right now," she explained. "We're involving everyone, the members of the West Philadelphia chapter."

"I think it was very cool because I wanted the ducks," said College freshman Janet Fu, who bought one of them. "I didn't know it was for charity.

"I entered the race because I wanted the ducks," said College freshman Janet Fu, who bought three ducks and won a T-shirt with one of them. "I didn't know it was for charity."

But most students said they were glad the money went to the Make A Wish Foundation - not that other factors weren't an influence. "It's a very good cause," said College junior Ruby Arguilla.

The ducks are cute, too," Kaplan said to the ducks. "They dance at the top of the tower.

More than a thousand rubber ducks take their mark on College Green yesterday afternoon, as part of a fund raiser sponsored by Beta Theta Pi and Chi Omega.
By Suzanne Albers

The Annenberg School for Communication will offer six new undergraduate classes next semester that may help alleviate scheduling conflicts majors have faced in the past, according to Graduate Communications Society President I.ela Jacobsohn. The new courses will be offered in addition to already existing courses to help undergraduates have definitely felt limited in the past regarding their course choices. "I think that any new courses that are designated as small seminars."

Falen further explained that the enrollment drop in graduate students also arise from the scholar's background. "There are inevitable conflicts when a great number of students are designated as small seminars."

In addition to the small size of the Annenberg's limited course offering is constricted by the university's control. "I think that any new courses that are designated as small seminars."

Annenberg Scholars are designated as small seminars. Three “special topic” seminars will be taught by Annenberg Scholars, a group of post-doctoral fellows who are at the University for one year to research a chosen theme, according to Falen. This year's theme is "The Future of Fact," according to Annenberg School Program Coordinator Barbara Grabia. Falen added that the Annenberg school's seminars are offered occasionally as "a postdoctoral fellowship matches with our own goals and needs based on their research and teaching."

Grabia added that these courses may be "narrowly connected" to the specific theme of the year, but may also arise from the scholar's background.

Annenberg Scholar Jeffrey Strange, who will teach a seminar on the psychology of narratives, said he chose to teach the course because of his psychology background. "I think that any new courses that are designated as small seminars."

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Lee Bailey
The Immaculate Perception

A WASP leaves the nest

Understanding the complexities of Judaism takes more than one High Holy Day service.

Lee Bailey is the judge, journalist, and author of more than 50 books on American legal history and literature.

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Time passes slowly for at least two anonymous students in Professor Eugene Beier's Physics 151 class yesterday afternoon.

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Israel bombs Lebanon in retaliation for firefight

JEBLEI Lebanon — Israel's warplanes and artillery pounded targets in southern Lebanon today, killing at least 48 people and injuring 100, as pressure mounted on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to find a formula for ending the cycle of violence in the region.

The warplanes struck a building in the town of Jalylis, killing at least 30 people. Eleven others were killed in the town of Kfardebian, northeast of Tyre, and six died in the town of Bint Daquq, east of Tyre. The deaths were announced by the Hezbollah group, which said it was responding to an Israeli air strike on a nearby site.

Israel said it was targeting Hezbollah positions in response to a rocket attack on its soldiers in the Golan Heights. It also said it had killed a Hezbollah commander in the area.

Hezbollah, which controls much of southern Lebanon, has been fighting a war with Israel since 2006, and has been responsible for the killing of hundreds of civilians in Lebanon.

The Israeli attack comes on the heels of a similar strike on November 22, in which Israel said it had killed a Hezbollah leader and several of his comrades. The strike killed 17 people, including 10 civilians.

The Israeli air force said it had hit more than 40 targets in Lebanon today, including rocket launchers, command centers, and military facilities. It said it had also struck targets in Syria, including a rocket launch site near the Israeli border.

Hezbollah has been fighting a war with Israel since 2006, and has been responsible for the killing of hundreds of civilians in Lebanon. The group has been expanding its activities in recent years, with attacks on Israeli forces and Lebanese civilians.

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 LOL! I can see why the Israelis are targeting Hezbollah positions. It's because Hezbollah has been killing hundreds of civilians in Lebanon over the past few years. I mean, how can you not target them if they're killing innocent people? It's just not right.

But hey, I'm sure the Israelis will come up with a plan to stop this war. They always do. I mean, they have billions of dollars to spend on military equipment, right? They can't possibly be unable to find a way to end this war.

Anyway, I'm glad the Israelis are targeting Hezbollah positions. It's about time someone did something to stop these violent attacks.

But seriously, this war is just not good for anyone. The civilians are suffering, and the Israelis and Hezbollah are both responsible. I hope they can come to an agreement soon.

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I guess we'll just have to wait and see what happens next. I hope the Israelis and Hezbollah can come to an agreement soon, because this war is just not good for anyone.
Lwt. Football to host Cornell after weeks of overcoming obstacles

By Justin Fell

"Lightweight football players overspent a lot of time on the field this week," Coach Bob Yankovetz said. "The players have been working hard to prepare for the game against Cornell."

The Big Red defeated the Quakers 14-7 last Saturday, and this week the Quakers focused on improving their defense.

"We need to improve our tackling and communication," Yankovetz said. "We have to be more disciplined in our gaps and assignments."
in the justice system during his colorful lifetime. 1 comment that drew laughter

The case was declared a mistrial. Although many say you can't legislate attitudes, but you can build an environment for them.

Randy Myers truck out pinch hitter Tino Martinez of the Orioles. As Murray scored, Williams homered. We won the last game so it's still. Let's catch the Yankees.

Randy Myers - got 12 strikeouts in the game series after getting blown out in the doubleheader opener.

We're not out of this. It doesn't matter how many games we lose. We're not out of this.

Joe Torre said I think the Orioles will make a comeback. The Orioles remained four games behind the Baltimore.

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Sports

Penn opens up with Big Green

Quakers have tough test on the road as they look to upend Ivy favorite Dartmouth

By Scott Miller

The Daily Pennsylvania

Penn or Princeton

That usually sounds like a safe bet when trying to predict the winner of the Ivy League football race. But that may not be the case since Princeton is in Dartmouth's in championships are more than the Inter Four Eight schools.

This year, the Ivy media pundits are calling the Big Green to purchase their 13th ring of 13. The Quakers have been on top of the Ivy League for the past few years, and the media has high expectations for them this season. However, Dartmouth is also a strong team and could pose a significant challenge to the Quakers.

Penn at Dartmouth Saturday

The Quakers will have to travel to Dartmouth to face this strong team. Dartmouth has a strong defense and a potent offense, and they will be looking to put up a strong showing against the Quakers.

Dartmouth has a great start to their season, going 2-0 and only allowing 30 points in total. The Quakers, on the other hand, have a 2-1 record but have struggled on defense, allowing 54 points in their last two games.

Despite the Quakers' recent struggles, they still have a chance to win this game. Dartmouth has a strong defense, but their offense has struggled against good teams. The Quakers have a solid offense and could take advantage of Dartmouth's weaknesses.

Regardless of the outcome, this game will be a great test for both teams. Dartmouth will be looking to prove their worth against a tough Ivy opponent, while the Quakers will be looking to bounce back from their recent losses.

The game is set for Saturday at 12 p.m., and fans are encouraged to come out and support their favorite team. This will be an exciting game, and it will be interesting to see how the Quakers perform against Dartmouth.
After three years as the backup, senior Steve Teodecki is finally Penn's starting quarterback

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Quarterbacks

When the Atlanta Braves drafted Penn's starting quarterback from last season, Mark Delosa, as a shortstop, the Quakers did not begin a desperate search for another quarterback. Senior Steve Teodecki has been a patient backup for three years. It's his turn now, and all of the Quakers seem quite comfortable with that. But Teodecki has thrown just 52 passes in 12 games over three seasons. Completing 59 percent of his tosses for 317 yards, the 6-foot-1, 203 pound hurler has also racked up four touchdowns with only one interception.

While Delosa was a pure pocket passer, Teodecki is capable of scrambling and throwing on the run. In fact, Penn coach Al Ragni thinks Teodecki is more like Jimmy McGeohan, who played from 1991 to 1993 and became the leading passer in Penn history, than Delosa.

Tommy MacLeod, a junior, who started for the junior varsity team last year, is the likely backup to Teodecki. Junior Joe Begans and sophomore Dylan Swank are contending for the third-string job, while freshmen Brian Russell and Brandon Carson round out the quarterbacking corps.

Running Backs

With the graduation of Penn all-Ivy running back Terrance Stokes after the 1994 season, the pendulum of attention given to the Quakers offense quickly swung from the running game to the passing game. In 12 games over three years, the 6-foot-1, 203 pound hurler has boosted the talents of wide receiver Mark Fleischhauer at left guard, 6-2, 280), who impressed the coaches with his ability to stay in the backfield and pass-protect on third downs, as well as the tight end, Tom McGarrhy, 6-2, 245). The task of succeeding Tonelli at tight end will be up to Travis Argoast.

Offensive Linemen

Right guard Matt Julien, at 6-foot-4, 250 pounds, is the only returning lineman who started for the Quakers in 1995. His own depth chart analogy to analogy game, is considered a running back, although kicking off's loss some of his luster when you consider he only had one reception.

Another expected to see time at wide out is Aman Abye, one of Penn's two featured running backs. The coaching staff has no fixed plans regarding Abye's future as a receiver, preferring to let game situations dictate. While John's entering third season, he is considered a much quicker player than Abye.

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Safeties

A quartet of young and relatively inexperienced Quakers will be trying to step into the progeny cleats left vacant by the departure of possibly the best safety tandem ever at Penn — Nick Morris and Dana Lyons, who last year were named first-team and second-team all-Ivy, respectively.

Although their graduated have created a hole in the defensive backfield, they also opened the door for senior John Bishop, junior Mike Ferguson and sophomores Jim Finn, Bruce Rossignon and Mike Elko. The free safety spot will be manned by either Ferguson or Bishop. Both players saw action in all nine games last year, and Ferguson recorded one interception. Bishop, who is also competing for one of the cornerbacks spots, is considered the better cover man. But Ferguson may be better at making reads.

The secondary's strong safety will be between Finn and Rossignon. Both are extremely physical players who good run defense and bring down the ball on a one-weekend-a-year basis. Finn and Rossignon would likely fill both the free and

Receivers

On paper, the wide receivers and tight ends face a Herculean task — filling the shoes of all-Ivy receiver Felix Rouse, all-Ivy tight end Matt Tonelli and, of course, All-American receiver Mike Abye. Among them, the three accounted for roughly 65 percent of Penn's passing offense last season.

Senior Mark Fabish, the top returning wide-out with 18 catches last season, will be expected to do just that. The 5-foot-10, 166-pounder brings a new element of speed, until now mostly seen in his punt return, and not receiving the receiving corps.

The other projected starter is senior Erik Thompson, who caught just five passes last season. He is a player on the short game with 215 pounder Hick Granata, a junior who is his share to make an impact, after three years of waiting.

In addition to the speedy starters, Penn will look to possession receiver John James. At 6-foot-2, 210 pounds, the junior from Rego Park, N.Y., will look to utilize his size against the small defensive backs of Ivy League.

Other returnees include senior U-back Greg Karcich and senior receiver Brian Donnano. Benenato averaged an amazing 43 yards per catch in 1995, although he had a few losses some of his luster when you consider he only had one reception.

With those three backs weighing between 175 and 185 pounds, the Quakers add a new element to their short game with 213-pounder Rick Granata, a junior transfer from Eastern Michigan.

Linebackers

The Penn linebacking corps, which originally appeared to be an area of stability with the return of second-team all-Ivy per- son Tim Gage, will instead see two new starters. Gage's shift to the defensive line and Joey Allen's graduation will cause Penn to field an all new linebacking corps for the second straight season.

The Dartmouth contest will mark the first time sophomores Darren MacDonald and junior Mark Van Meter take the field together as starters. While Van Meter and MacDonald have only two career starts between them, they are by no means inexperienced at the collegiate level. Both saw significant playing time in all 10 games last year and have a solid knowledge of the Penn system.

But beyond their lack of starting experience, the two linebackers couldn't be more different. Van Meter, the larger of the two, is more of a classic run-stuffer. He is a physical player, who will probably be too popular with Ivy League running backs by the end of the season.

MacDonald is the more athletic of the pair, and is extremely difficult to block.

Cornerbacks

Graduation hit the Penn defensive backfield hard, claiming three all-league players. Overcoming the loss of two standout cornerbacks Kevin Abye, a second-team all-Ivy performer two seasons ago and a first-teamer as a senior.

But that's not to say Penn's cupboard of talent is completely bare. Junior Larrin Robertson returns after starting all 10 of the Quakers' games last season. Robertson defended six passes and had one interception in 1995.

While Robertson will be a constant at one corner, the other starting spot still up for grabs. The two contenders for the assignment are sophomores Chris Par- sons and Joe Fieia.

Parsons is a speedy coverage specialist. Penn secondary coach Hick Flanders says the 180-pound Parsons "could be our best flat-out coverage kid."

Fieia, who weighs 250 pounds more than Parsons, is the stronger run defender. He appeared in every game last year and picked one off.

Sophomore Justin Edmondson and freshmen Melvin Alexander and Hasani White are expected to see some action in passing situations. Senior John Bishop may also move from safety to corner.

Special Teams

On paper, Penn is in an enviable position, bringing back all of the key members of last year's special teams unit.

Foremost among them is senior Mark Fabish, who will return punts and kickoffs. Fabish is everything you expect of a kick returner — flamboyant, dynamic and a threat to score. He is a kick returner who can be one of the game's best.

Fabish strikes fear into the hearts of both opposing teams and his own coach- es. Although he took a pair of punts back for touchdowns (season 45 yards against Brown and a 39-yarder against William & Mary), the 5-foot-10 wide-out is more than capable of returning Quakers with mental lapses and fumbles.

The second deep man on kickoffs will be either either senior Aman Abye, half of Penn's running back plateau, or Fabish's fellow starting receiver, speedy senior Erik Thompson.

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By Jordan Smith

He has won Football News Ivy League Player of the Year two years in a row. He's been second-team All-America. And he has won The Ithaca Journal Male Athlete of the Year award.

In fact, there are only two things that Chad Levitt has not won—the Ivy League rushing title and an Ivy League title.

The Bushnell Cup—aka the Ivy League player of the year award—winning has rarely seemed so predetermined. All signs point to Levitt, Cornell's senior tailback, ending his career by capturing the last individual honor to elude him.

Cornell running back Chad Levitt (with ball) has led the Ivy League in rushing the past two seasons. He enters 1996 as the early favorite to win the Asa Bushnell Cup.

Levitt, however, claims that the team honor is really on his wish list.

"I think that the Bushnell Cup is kind of out of my control," the Big Red star said. "If the coaches and the voters were to vote for me it would be an honor. It's a subjective vote."

The case for the Cheltenham, Pa., native, in pure numbers, will likely be impressive. Last year, he rushed for 1,428 yards on the ground, the seventh-best single-season total in league history and good enough to win the rushing title by a cool 327 yards. A slightly improved performance this season and Levitt will surpass early 70's great Ed Marinario—who finished second in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1973—as the Big Red's career rushing leader.

A key element in the great pursuit will be Cornell's ability to mix up its offense, never a trademark of Big Red teams.

"We're going to be good this year," Levitt said. "We've got some good receivers."

Levitt, if not haunted by the ghost of his freshman year, at least has a "bad memory." Penn fans will remember a fourth-and-two situation, Cornell down by three with slightly more than a minute on the Franklin Field clock. The new kid, two months after his first collegiate carry, gets the ball—and is drilled after only a yard by Penn linebacker Andy Berlin. Cornell's season was over, and Penn was the Ivy champ.

Of course, the world is an uncertain place. Bushnell Cup honors, though ostensibly for the best player of the year, have a tendency to go to a key member of the league championship team. One look at last year's show that Princeton linebacker Dave Patterson edged Penn wide-out Miles Mack for the cup.

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After three years of seeking attention, senior WR/KR/PR Mark Fabish is front and center in the spotlight

By Eric Goldstein

All Mark Fabish ever wanted was to be noticed. When you’re 5-foot-10 and only 160 pounds on a team full of 300-pounders who can bench 400, that’s not always such an easy task. But somehow, Fabish always managed to steal the spotlight from his bigger — in both girth and reputation — teammates.

Granted, many of Mark Fabish’s most vivid memories of playing football are not of his accomplishments on the Franklin Field turf, but instead from his off-the-field exploits. It seems Fabish tries nearly as hard to make himself noticed on Locust Walk and on College Green as he does when he is actually competing for the Penn football squad as a wide receiver/returner.

A typical spring afternoon at Bower Field — home of the Penn baseball team — is as different a setting as it is about watching the action on the field. While the parents of the Penn players traditionally line up down the first-base line, on what has been dubbed “Fathers’ Row,” Fabish makes his pulp right behind the visiting team’s bench.

While the proud parents cheer when a player gets a hit, Fabish simply differs. “You call that husky,” he says. “I enjoy going to all the other team’s sporting events,” Fabish said. “I don’t have many friends, but the friends that I do have are all athletes. I appreciate when they come to my games, so I give it back to them a little bit and support them... I really enjoy seeing everybody else do well.”

As improbable as it sounds, the Penn version of Mark Fabish may very well be a toned-down version from his high school days. As an all-league wide receiver/defensive back at Bergen (N.J.) Catholic High School, he began wearing two different color football shoes — one red with a gold tip, the other gold with a red tip.

“It was just another thing I guess to draw attention to myself,” Fabish said. “But I’m trying to tone stuff like that down a bit.”

While the just-retired hitter: “You call that husky, but it is his explosiveness on the field that draws the respect from his opponents.”

“In high school, he was kind of a showboat guy,” said Penn safety James Finn, a high school teammate of Fabish’s. “A lot of teams didn’t like that too much. But they couldn’t really stop him. So he just shoved it in their face.”

Fabish hasn’t been much kinder to opponents since his move into the collegiate ranks. As an 18-year-old freshman at Penn, Fabish took immediate advantage of the Ivy League’s then-new freshmen eligibility rule, stepping in as the Quakers’ top punt and kickoff returner from day one.

Although he has never caught more than 18 passes in a season, senior Mark Fabish enters the ’96 season as Penn’s go-to receiver.

“At Penn, I was in the right place at the right time, being able to play special teams as a freshman,” Fabish said. “I was really fortunate that that was a need at the time and I was able to fill it.”

In his three seasons, he has already smashed the school records in both career punt return yardage. He has also returned three punts for touchdowns.

But just about the only balls Fabish has received have been off the feet of opposing kickers. In his three years, Fabish has never caught more than 18 passes in a season. That figures to change this year with last season’s top two wide-outs both having graduated. Without Miles Macik — Ivy League’s all-time receptions leader — and second-team all-Ivy pick Felix Rouse, the Quakers will turn to Fabish as a primary target.

Although the 5-foot-2 shadow of Macik figures to hover over him, Fabish has already etched his own name into Ivy history.

On Oct. 16, 1993, Fabish pulled in a six-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Steve Tesedecki with under two minutes remaining in a 36-7 blowout of Columbia. It marked the first freshman-to-freshman touchdown pass in conference history.

“Steve throwing me that ball my freshman year was one of the biggest highlights of my career, if not the biggest,” Fabish said.

While he will always be a footnote in Ivy record books for that individual play, his performance against Cornell the next year had far greater ramifications from a team standpoint.

Although Penn had already clinched the Ivy crown, the 1994 season finale provided the Quakers with a chance to complete their second straight undefeated season and tie Holy Cross’ Division I-AA record of 21 straight victories.

But Penn headed into the locker room at halftime down by 14 points. Little did the packed Schoellkopf Field crowd know that a scrappy sophomore named Mark Fabish, who had to that point caught just 19 passes at the collegiate level, was about to lead the Quakers into the record books.

In the third quarter, Fabish woke up the drowsy Penn offense, when he streaked down the left sideline and hauled in a 54-yard bomb for a touchdown, bringing the Quakers back within one score.

With under three minutes remaining and Penn down by five, Fabish struck again. Facing a third-and-19 situation from the Cornell 41-yard line, Fabish lined up to the right, started his route across the field, but broke off into an improvised skinny post down the middle when he realized the intended pattern wouldn’t get a first down. Fabish hauled in the pass at the Big Red 15-yard line before being pulled down at the one, setting up the game-winning touchdown.

On the afternoon, Fabish pulled in five receptions for 112 yards, which still stands as the best game of his Penn career.

“I think I helped the team win that day,” Fabish said. “I’ve helped teams in the past win, but I think that was the game that without a doubt I made something happen. And that was definitely a special feeling for me.”
If all goes according to plan, Fabish will be feeling special quite often over the course of his final 10 games. With the graduation of Mack and Rouse, Fabish is slated as the No. 1 receiver. Everyone connected to Penn football is hoping that 100-yard games will no longer be career days for Fabish, but will become the norm.

"He's a kid that you've got to get the ball in his hands with some running room," Quakers offensive coordinator Chuck Priore said. "He's probably the best when you get him the ball on the run on shorter routes and let's see him do something with the ball in his hands."

"We never intended to throw the ball to Miles 200 times, to be honest with you. It's just who gets open, who develops. I think he's got that same capability."

The Penn coaching staff has already drawn up a number of plays to get Fabish more involved in the offense. They're going to dump the ball off to Fabish off screens and on underneath routes. They're going to send him deep against man-to-man coverage. They're going to send him on post routes to get him behind the defenders.

No matter what the pattern, the goal is the same — get the ball in Fabish's hands and let him do the rest.

"He's a kid who can make you miss, he's a kid that can bounce off a tackle, he's a kid who can outrun somebody," Quakers head coach Al Bagnoli said. "The only thing, obviously, he doesn't have is great height... Besides that feature, he's a complete player, and he has caused people tremendous problems in the past. And I think he'll continue to cause people tremendous problems."

Nowadays, a funny word is beginning to attach itself to Fabish — leader. After three years of being known as the loud-mouthed prankster of the team, the senior says he has grown up.

"I've definitely had to accept a new role on the team, as far as being a senior," Fabish said. "I can't run around like I have in the past, all reckless. I think I definitely have matured. The coaches are looking to me more as a leader, more than in the past. Hopefully, I'm accepting that role well."

Mature, maybe. Tame, never. Mark Fabish's entire game is based on reckless abandon. Maybe he'll muff a punt, maybe he'll return it for a TD — you just never know. But whatever he does, he does it with flair.

"That's just part of his personality and how he plays the game," Finn said. "I don't think he'd be as good as he is if he wasn't flamboyant, so to speak. When he has the ball in his hands, he refuses to be taken down because he wants to be his flamboyant self."

It looks like the smallest guy on the field may finally get his shot at a featured role. Tomorrow, when Penn opens its season at Dartmouth, Mark Fabish will be front and center in the spotlight.

And he won't need any multi-technicolor or shoes to get noticed this time.
After two years of backing up Mark DeRosa, Steve Teodecki has come out of the shadows.

By Eric Goldstein

It was hard not to get excited. Watching Mark DeRosa make the long throw across the diamond from third base, one could only imagine Miles Mack or Leo Congeni pulling the ball in for a touchdown instead of A.B. Fischer catching it at first base for out three.

Mark DeRosa had already made a name for himself as a standout freshman infielder for the Penn baseball team. But Quakers football fans didn't care about his bat, his range, his speed, his instincts. It was his arm they came to watch.

Jimmy McGeehan was already done stamping his name in the Penn football record books. After a school record 3,954 passing yards, an Ivy League championship and an undefeated season, McGeehan was graduating and Quakers coach A.I. Bagnoli needed a replacement.

That summer, after baseball season ended, DeRosa headed over to Camp Bagnoli and battled with fellow sophomore Steve Teodecki for the right to succeed McGeehan as Penn's starting quarterback. DeRosa had sat out his freshman year with back injuries, while Teodecki had totaled McGeehan's clipboard. After a month of 6 a.m. wake-up calls and two-a-days, Bagnoli declared DeRosa the winner.

The fans, as they tend to, let their imaginations run wild. All of a sudden, the teenager out of Bergen (N.J.) Catholic High School, who had yet to take a single snap as the quarterback of the University of Pennsylvania, was being dubbed the next great Quakers QB. DeRosa was supposed to rewrite the Penn record book, which still hadn't seen the ink dry from McGeehan's days. Others had even greater ambitions for DeRosa, like a place in Ivy history as one of the all-time great signal callers. After all, he would be the first ever by quarterback to start for four years, the first to benefit from the league's new freshmen eligibility rule.

DeRosa's high school coach went so far as to compare his protege to Joe Montana. And DeRosa's performance as a rookie in 1994 served only to reinforce the hype. Bagnoli eased his first-year starter into the offense slowly, accentuating the running game for the first month of the season. But by season's end, DeRosa completed better than 63 percent of his attempts on the season and finished with a QB rating of 135.6. But it was the Quakers' season finale against Cornell that made the few doubters truly take notice. With torn ligaments in his thumb, a cast on his throwing hand and an appointment for surgery after the game, DeRosa set a school record with 360 passing yards in a come-from-behind victory over the Big Red, which sealed Penn's second straight undefeated season.

After the season, Bagnoli joked that his biggest worry about DeRosa was "the baseball draft." But Bagnoli knew what he was getting himself into when he recruited DeRosa. He knew the kid was a pro prospect as a shortstop and that he was planning on playing both baseball and football at Penn.
In fact, it was the opportunity to play two sports at Penn that led the 6-foot 1 DeRosa to turn down a baseball scholarship from William & Mary.

This past June, Bagnoi's fear came true when the Atlanta Braves made DeRosa their seventh-round pick in the baseball entry draft. After just two years of college football and three years of college baseball, DeRosa signed a pro baseball contract and gave up his remaining Ivy eligibility.

The decision had to have been made easier by a junior year on the gridiron filled with more disappointments than celebration. A year after earning honorable mention All-Ivy honors, DeRosa saw his winning percentage drop and his interception ratio skyrocket.

Coming off back-to-back Ivy titles and a Division I-AA record 21 straight victories, Penn supporters envisioned nothing less than another conference championship. But the streak was halted at 24 by Columbia, and, a week later, the Quakers had another streak — a losing streak — after losing to William & Mary.

Penn supporters had envisioned many school records for DeRosa — but interceptions in a game was surely not one of them. However, it is that mark that DeRosa set against William & Mary with five in a single contest.

Perhaps fans had unreasonable expectations of Mark DeRosa. Or perhaps they didn't appreciate what they had.

All Mark DeRosa did in two years of college football was post a 16-3 record and win an Ivy championship. His 3,895 career passing yards rank second on the Penn all-time list, just 69 short of McGeehan's mark. He may not have broken the record, but give him one more quarter on Franklin Field and he probably would.

Bagnoi knew from the start he might only have two years of DeRosa's services, which is why he spent so much time developing DeRosa's understudy, Teodecki.

Teodecki lost that initial battle for the starter's job two years ago, but will finally get a second shot with DeRosa gone. "I thought my chance would come earlier, due to injury or something like that," Teodecki said. "Normally, a quarterback doesn't go for two seasons without missing a game. It was disappointing, but, at the same time, I think it's helped me grow."

While DeRosa struggled last season, Teodecki studied the system, learning the offense inside-out. In the little action he has seen in his 29 varsity games, Teodecki has shown signs of having starter's ability.

"In one regard, we were unfortunate to lose Mark," Bagnoi said. "On the same token, very few teams could have pulled out a senior who's played quite a bit, who's got senior leadership, has got maturity, understands the offense way better than Teodecki. Things could have been a lot worse for us."

When Bagnoi finally decided something needed to be done to spark his stagnating team last season, Teodecki was ready.

Teodecki's hopes of a third straight Ivy title had already been washed away with a loss to eventual champion Princeton on November 4. And the next week, Bagnoi saw his offense spinning its wheels early against Harvard. On just Penn's second play from scrimmage, DeRosa tossed his 16th interception in nine games.

Three drives and no scores later, Bagnoi made the switch. Enter No. 12, Steve Teodecki. On Teodecki's first drive, he led Penn 66 yards down field for a touchdown. Teodecki was the starting quarterback again just 18 seconds later after a Crimson turnover. This time, Teodecki marched the Quakers 72 yards down field for another six.

"We had plans for probably the last four weeks of playing Steve," Bagnoi said after the game. "We got into these bad weather games, and we never thought that was the optimum time to actually put him into the game. We probably did Steve a disservice."

Bagnoi split the playing time between his two quarterbacks in the last two games of the season. But in the season finale against Cornell, DeRosa got the call. Again, Teodecki could only watch.

"Mark and I are both competitive, but there was never any controversy as far as we were concerned," Teodecki said. "I knew the problems weren't all his fault."

Teodecki has shown signs of working hard either way. By glancing at the depth chart, watching someone else take all the snaps is never easy. But for Teodecki, the situation was especially rough. Since DeRosa and Teodecki were classmates, there appeared little hope of Teodecki getting any serious minutes even in his senior year, much less during his junior year.

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"One of those guys could push me for the starting job," Teodecki said. "One of those guys could push me for the starting job."

"It's an open fight — and not just for the backup spot," Teodecki said. "I can do the same kind of things as Mark."

"That's the attitude you develop when you've been waiting three years for your shot. But despite his own warnings, Teodecki has something he hasn't had before at Penn — security."

"Three years and 29 games later, Steve Teodecki's patience is finally being rewarded."

Penn's starting quarterback. Teodecki is no longer the understudy — for the starting job doing in his senior year. It was working hard either way, but it was in the back of my mind that Mark might leave."

The last time a starting position was dangled in front of Teodecki, it was yanked away. This time, the job is all his.

"Before my sophomore year, I was really excited because we were competing — Mark and I — for the starting job. Going in this year, I knew I was in for a battle. I'm still in for a battle now, but it's mine to lose now."

That competition between DeRosa and Teodecki may have been the best possible scenario for both quarterbacks. It spurred DeRosa to produce, the alternative being a demotion to second string. And it prepared Teodecki for the very situation he now faces.

"It seemed like a real good relationship. They seemed to be good friends," Swank said. "It just made Steve work harder."

And Mark had to step it up to keep the No. 1 spot.

The game plan, at least for the first few games, is to keep the offense simple — and keep it on the ground. Like he did with DeRosa and McGeehan before him, Bagnoi will stress the running game over the first month. Nothing stalls a quarterback's progress more than a few early mistakes. So Bagnoi will do his best to build Teodecki's confidence up slowly before totally letting up on the reigns.

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Penn senior nose tackle Chris Osentowski turned down the opportunity to try to walk on at Nebraska and the chance to win two national championship rings — to come to Penn

By Brett Cohen

Chris Osentowski is reminded of a decision he made over three years ago every time he looks at his hands. It is not what is present, but what is missing that brings the choice into question. The fingers that could be decorated by two gem-encrusted national championship rings remain bare.

As a high school senior in Lincoln, Neb., Osentowski found himself in a situation similar to many of his teammates and opponents. Despite not getting recruited by Nebraska, the dream of playing for the Cornhuskers was still alluring.

Osentowski's father, Clarence, had even played football at Nebraska. But instead of trying to walk on with the Cornhuskers, Osentowski chose a different path, and it has made all the difference.

"Whenever I see my friends who went to Nebraska and are on the football team, we talk about it," Osentowski said. "But the experiences I gained at Penn, from social to academic to athletic, far outweigh any football experience I would have had at Nebraska."

It is actually almost accidental that Osentowski ended up playing football for the Quakers. In high school, he was better known for how far he could put a shot than for how far he could put an offensive lineman. Osentowski was the Nebraska state champion in the shot put as a junior and senior year, and was originally recruited to be a member of the track team at Penn by coach Charlie Powell.

Prior to hearing from Powell, he didn't even know Penn existed. But a visit to Philadelphia convinced him to leave Nebraska behind.

"On the recruiting trip, Coach Powell took me to Franklin Field at midnight and opened up the gate so we could just walk around," Osentowski said. "It was an amazing experience."

Once he decided to come to Penn, he lined up a meeting with football coach Al Bagnoli. Soon after, Osentowski decided that he would be a two-sport athlete at Penn.

Initially, the transition from midwestern farm country to West Philly resident proved to be a daunting task for Osentowski. He had no idea what to expect, both on and off the gridiron.

"When he first got here, he was a little wet behind the ears," Quakers defensive line coach Jim Schaefer said. "He was shocked by what he saw."

Osentowski says it took him a full two years to adjust to life at Penn. Despite the culture shock, he still excelled in the classroom, twice earning academic all-Ivy honors in both football and track.

Osentowski's initial athletic success at Penn came with the track team, where he quickly became one of the best shot putters in the Ivy League. Last year, he recorded a career best toss of 54 feet, 8 inches in the shot put, fifth indoors at the IC4A championship.

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Being a two-sport star has both its pluses and minuses for Osentowski. The pressure is on him year round to perform, and he has little time to recover from injuries. But he has taken some of his shot-putting technique and adapted it to his nose tackle position in football.

"Throwing a shot requires power, quickness and agility — all of which are also needed at nose tackle," Osentowski said.

It took Osentowski two years to translate his skills into a starting position on the Quakers' front five. According to Schaefer, Osentowski has always had the strength — there are few centers who can match up with him. The problem was he did not fully understand the defensive sets until last year.

"The scheme is totally based on technique," Osentowski said. "If we don't play the technique correctly, the defense will fall apart. It took me two-and-a-half years to learn the defense. You just have to go over it again and again until it is rote memory."

In Penn's 5-2 defense, the nose guard assumes a large responsibility than in many other schemes. He has to control the center of the line and stabilize the middle of the defense.

"The nose guard has to take on two to three blockers every play," Schaefer said. "Osentowski, though, is quick enough to pursue the play to the outside."

More often than not, Osentowski will have a key role on a play, force the offensive player towards another defender and get credit for a tackle. Yet it doesn't bother him when his efforts aren't recorded on the stat sheet.

"When we go through the films, we know and the coaches know when we have done well," Osentowski said.

Last season, Osentowski was able to see a lot more of himself on film as he finally cracked the starting lineup. He racked up 42 tackles to go with two sacks. He also led the team with three fumble recoveries.

"He is someone you can look to out there and not worry about any mistakes," Penn defensive coordinator Mike Toop said. "His effort is a given."

Osentowski's consistency makes it even more inexplicable how he became involved in one of the most infamous incidents involving the Quakers football team last year. Instead of attending practice one day, Osentowski decided to attend a taping of the Late Show with David Letterman in New York. There he had the fortune, or misfortune, of being singled out on national television as the recipient of a free case of beer.

He received a one-game suspension from Bagnoli, which coincided with the Penn's loss to Columbia, the game that ended the Quakers' Division I-AA record 24-game winning streak. Osentowski and the coaches have decided to put the incident behind them and chalk it up as just another learning experience.

Osentowski will need to draw on all of the lessons he has learned in the past three years as he assumes a larger role on the Quakers defense this season. Specifically, he realizes he must improve his pass rush as Penn looks to replace graduate defensive lineman Tom McGarrity, whose 12 sacks led the team last year.

Osentowski believes that if he is able to apply more pressure, it will free others up on the line to make the sacks. Already, the results are apparent in practice.

"He was always a good run defender,"
Bagnoli said, "He has done a nice job working on his pass rush. He's not relying so much on brute strength anymore and is improving his technique."

But perhaps the biggest change this year is how Osentowski has gone from being a first-time starter to a veteran on the defense. His experience will be even more valuable this season, as the defense has been almost entirely revamped. With two new linebackers, two new safeties and a new corner back, the defensive line is the lone area where stability has reigned.

"We have only four seniors on defense," Bagnoli said. "We need players with experience to provide leadership."

The injury to captain Tim Gage — a linebacker-turned-lineman — left another void on defense. But Osentowski believes it happened early enough in practice that the team has had enough time to adjust. With the loss of Gage, Osentowski has become even more of a motivator on defense, despite his natural tendency not to be the vocal type.

"I have as much experience as anyone else on the defense, so I need to be there to lead," Osentowski said. "I need to be able to help other players get their head back in the game after a big play so we can stop the other team."

As Penn enters the season in what is predicted to be a four-way dogfight for the Ivy League title, Osentowski believes the Quakers will improve on last year's second-place finish. Even in practice, he has noticed a change in this year's team.

"Last year, we had a lot of guys who had never lost," Osentowski said. "We were not as hungry as we should have been. I think we'll do better this year because the attitude and work ethic is better."

If Osentowski's prognostication proves true, he might not leave college with two national championship rings, but he may have three Ivy League titles. He wouldn't have it any other way.

As one of just four seniors on defense, Osentowski (left) will be called upon to take on a greater leadership role in his second season as Penn's starting nose tackle.
Standing in the Way

A game-by-game look at the 1996 schedule

Game 1: Dartmouth
September 21

Last season:
- 7-2-1 overall
- 4-2-1 Ivy League
- '95 scoring average: 22.2
- '95 opposition scoring: 13.7

Returning starters: 16
Series record: Penn, 32-29-2

Overview: Last year, Dartmouth rebounded from its abysmal seventh-place Ivy League finish in 1994 to a respectable fourth in the Ivy League. Up in Hanover, N.H., the feeling is that this fall the Big Green will compete with Penn, Princeton and Cornell for an Ivy crown.

Offense: In '95, Dartmouth spent the first half of its season establishing which would be quarterback and the second half running the ball consistently and passing only occasionally. Senior Jon Aljancic, primarily an option quarterback, nearly ran for as many yards (506) as he passed for (593). It appears that this fall the Big Green will rely primarily on the running abilities of Aljancic and senior Greg Smith to make up for a rather inept passing game.

DEFENSE: Dartmouth's defense last year ranked second in the Ivy League in points allowed and ranked 15th in Division 1-AA in total defense. The Big Green's rush defense, which tortured Ivy opponents last year, will be lead by senior Mark Abel and junior Zach Walz. The weak link in Dartmouth's solid defense last fall was its secondary, which will be junior safety Lloyd Lee for some needed experience.

Game 2: Colgate
September 28

Last season:
- 0-11 overall
- '95 scoring average: 12.2
- '95 opposition scoring: 33.4

Returning starters: 20
Series record: Penn, 4-2-1

Overview: Lately, the news for the Colgate football program has been bad with a capital 'B.' After failing to win a single game last fall, the Red Raiders had hoped to get the '96 season off to a better start. But now it seems that will be impossible. Last week, the Colgate team bus ran over an innocent bystander on the way to a scrimmage. Making the only good news for the Red Raiders is that things likely can't get any worse...that is at least until the season officially begins.

Offense: For Colgate to improve on last season's abysmal mark of 0-11, new head coach Dick Biddle might want to take advantage of the mercy rule after half-time. The Colgate offense is lead by returning junior quarterback Mark Lindell, who last season threw for just 763 yards with only four interceptions (10) than TDs (7). The only bright spot on the Raiders defense is junior Daymon Smith, who has been the team's leading rusher and receiver the past two seasons.

Defense: As woeful as Colgate's offense was last fall, it is hard to believe that the defense was actually worse. As for returning talent on the defensive side, one needs a microscope to find any. Leaders Matt Bumgarner and Adam Sofran combined for a grand total of two sacks last season. At least the post-game laser show at Franklin Field should be entertaining.

Game 3: Bucknell
October 5

Last season:
- 7-4 overall
- '95 scoring average: 17.7
- '95 opposition scoring: 15.8

Returning starters: 14
Series record: Penn, 21-3

Overview: It took over 71 years and 14 straight blowout losses before Bucknell, whose rivalry with Penn dates back to 1895, managed a victory against the Quakers. However, since that infamous date in 1966 when the Blues squeaked out a 28-21 victory, nearly every game has been close between these two opponents. Last season, it took what might be the greatest kick in Penn history (a 41-yard field goal by then-sophomore Jeremiah Greathouse) to cap a last-second 20-19 win over Bucknell.

Offense: The Bisons' West Coast offense employed under second-year coach Tom Gadd was extremely successful at times in '95 as quarterback Jim Fox threw for close to 2,300 yards. Fox's two favorite targets were the talented and experienced tight end Jeff Bembich and running back Rich Lemon, who also managed to squeeze out 1,257 yards on the ground.

Defense: The defense, with the loss of its only big sack man in Ed Miller, will be average at best. While Bucknell does return three solid athletes in Brandon Littke, Willie Hill and Michael Haggerty to anchor the defensive line, it might not be enough to fill even larger holes in the secondary, which took a huge hit when standout cornerback Mark Miller graduated.

Game 4: Columbia
October 12

Last season:
- 3-6-1 overall
- 3-4 Ivy League
- '95 scoring average: 20.1
- '95 opposition scoring: 28.1

Returning starters: 14
Series record: Penn, 95-19-1

Overview: After Columbia's first winning season since 1994, the Lions hoped to challenge for an Ivy League title last year. However, Columbia finished a disappointing sixth place in the Ivies. While the Lions managed to hold Penn's Ivy winning streak of 24, they fell back to the wrong side of .500.

Offense: Led by option quarterback Mike Cavanaugh in '95, the Lions' offense averaged 29.1 points per game. But Cavanaugh graduated and will be replaced by Bobby Thomason, who will attempt to lead a depleted Lions' offense with one returning experienced receiver in David Ramirez and several large question marks.

Defense: While the offense tries to replace Cavanaugh, the defense will have its hands full as nearly two-thirds of the veteran defense line graduated last spring. But Columbia still has linebacker Rory Wolf, a preseason candidate for the Bushnell Cup, awarded to the Ivy League's player of the year. The Lions also return safeties Joe Anzalone and John Troxell.

Game 5: Lehigh
October 19

Last season:
- 8-3 overall
- '95 opposition scoring: 27.8

Series record: Penn, 42-10

Overview: The series record between these two teams clearly gives the Eagles to a Patriot League title. One thing is for sure, senior quarterback Aaron Brown, who barely passed for 123 yards in a reserve role last season, will not be throwing much this year either. Instead, running back sensation Wajib Abdullah, who rushed for 1,536 yards last season, will likely be the crux of Lehigh's offense.

Offense: Lehigh's high scoring offense achieved great success last year as it helped lead the Eagles to a Patriot League title. One thing is for sure, senior quarterback Aaron Brown, who barely passed for 123 yards in a reserve role last season, will not be throwing much this year either. Instead, running back sensation Wajib Abdullah, who rushed for 1,536 yards last season, will likely be the crux of Lehigh's offense.

Defense: If not for the Eagles' high scoring offense, the defense might have fallen under heavy criticism for allowing nearly 25 points per game. This season, Lehigh will lead by a couple of senior safeties in Lance Eckenrode and Mark Miller.

Game 6: Brown
October 26

Last Season:
- 5-5 overall
- 2-5 Ivy League
- '95 scoring average: 28.2
- '95 opposition scoring: 23.9

Returning Starters: 13
Series Record: Penn, 49-13-2

Overview: The Quakers' second half of the schedule looks to be more challenging than their first five contests as they take on five straight Ivy rivals, beginning with Brown. It has been five years since the Bears have even come close to putting a scare into Penn. If the Bears can't find a way to replace the loss of 10 starters to graduation, they will again find themselves licking their wounds at the bottom of the Ivy cellar.

Offense: Brown's run-'n'-gun offense looks to be extremely dangerous with an outstanding quarterback Jason McCullough and running back Mark Jesse. McCullough passed for...
2,402 yards last year with 22 touchdowns. Jessie added 728 yards on the ground in September 20. 1996. Senior lineman Joe Karcutskie, who led the defense is just one obvious reason for the success this fall with key defenses keying on him.

Game 7: Yale
November 2

Last Season:
3-7 overall, 2-5 Ivy League
'95 Scoring average: 17.2
'95 Opposition Scoring: 24.7
Returning Starters: 7
Series Record: Penn, 41-21-1

Overview: It appears as though Yale’s beloved head coach Carm Cozza has less and less hair on his head each year. Age is one obvious reason for that, but the fact that his Ellis finished near the Ivy cellar in '95 and that this fall’s outlook is nightmarish certainly contributed to his receding hairline. Yale managed to avoid last place last year by beating Harvard in The Game on the final day of the season. Maybe Cozza, who has led the Elks to 10 Ivy championships, has one more miracle in store for his farewell tour.


Defense: More problems can be found on the defensive side for Yale. The only upperclassmen left on what should be a porous defense are linemen Robert Selzer and linebacker Bryan Whalen.

Game 8: Princeton
November 9

Last Season:
8-1-1 overall, 5-1-1 Ivy League
'95 Scoring average: 24.3
'95 Opposition Scoring: 13.7
Returning Starters: 11
Series Record: Princeton, 60-26-1

Overview: Princeton will have to overcome several key losses to both the offense and defense if there will be any chance of the Tigers ending their 82-year run at Palmer Stadium with a second straight Ivy crown. Princeton has a streak of five straight plus-500 seasons. But the loss of 13 starters might bring the defending champs back to the pack.

Offense: The Tigers lose both halves of their '95 quarterback platoon — Harry Nakielny and Brock Harvey. Their replacement can best be described as green with inexperience. Jackie Dempsey attempted just two passes all last season for a total of zero yards. Most likely, the Tigers will depend on running back Marc Washington (907 rushing yards) to carry the bulk of the offensive load. Kevin Duffey is also a legitimate threat at wide receiver.

Game 9: Harvard
November 16

Last Season:
2-8 overall, 1-6 Ivy League
'95 Scoring average: 18.3
'95 Opposition Scoring: 25.8
Returning Starters: 12
Series Record: Harvard, 39-25-2

Overview: In his second year as head coach at Harvard, Tom Murphy has witnessed his football squad completely fall apart. Two straight losing seasons and a last-place finish in the Ivy League probably has Murphy chomping at the bit to get his team out on the playing field. But with only one serious offensive threat, Murphy’s enthusiasm could end up in tears come November.

Offense: All Ivy running back Eion Hu will take on the bulk of the Crimson offense for the third straight season. Last year, he rushed for 1,101 yards. Quarterback Jay Snowden will step in full time for Harvard this season.

Defense: The strength of Harvard’s defense will be its line, which has a young nucleus of quality starters. The D-line will be anchored by Mike Kent and Jason Hughes. Jeff Compass will try to lead a suspect secondary.

Game 10: Cornell
November 23

Last Season:
6-4 overall, 5-2 Ivy League
'95 Scoring average: 26.1
'95 Opposition Scoring: 22.2
Returning Starters: 15
Series Record: Penn, 58-39-5

Overview: Penn's season finale in Ithaca, N.Y., may decide the Ivy championship. After tying the Quakers for second place in the conference last season, the Big Red, behind a powerful offensive ground game, is one of the favorites this year.

Offense: Last fall, Cornell started an inexperienced quarterback in Steve Joyce, but still managed to finish second in the league. The reason for Cornell's success was senior rusher Chad Levitt, who enters this season as the favorite for the Bushnell Cup. Levitt has led the conference in rushing for two straight years, including 1,425 ground yards last season.

Defense: The Big Red's defense, which last season was chock full of upperclassmen, will rely on its youth this year. Cornell will look to John Hanson and Chris Allen to secure the defensive line. Without hard hitters Doug Knopp and Nick Bombach returning, the Big Red's secondary will suffer.
A 40-Year Experiment

40 years ago, a fledgling football conference was born, meshing the academic ideals of the eight schools with the desire to field nationally competitive teams.

By Srikanth Reddy

Penn and Cornell began their traditional season-ending football game on Nov. 18, 1875. Harvard and Yale first played The Game on Nov. 13, 1875. And on Nov. 6, 1869, Princeton lost to Rutgers, six goals to four, in what is considered the first college football game ever.

And the league’s success is equally impressive. The eight institutions fielded nationally competitive teams stocked with All-Americans well into the 1930s and 40s. Even as the 1996 season begins, Yale (781 wins), Princeton (718) and Harvard (707) are first, fourth and fifth on the all-time victory list, in the company of Michigan (759) and Notre Dame (738).

With such tradition, it may come as a surprise to learn that this year marks the 40th anniversary of Ivy League football. And like a 40th birthday, this anniversary provides an opportunity to look back at the present and ponder the future.

The presidents and athletic directors of the eight schools began holding yearly meetings in 1943 to discuss football, with the idea of creating a formal league and a full round-robin schedule.

That led to the Ivy Group Agreement in 1945, which dealt only with football. The eight members agreed to common academic standards and eligibility requirements, as well as binding financial aid, without athletic scholarships.

They were very concerned that it be understood,” said Yale head coach Carm Cozza, who is about to begin his 32nd and last season on the sidelines. “Students wouldn’t be brought in under a double standard because the schools wanted them to do, like other students.”

According to the Ivy League, “The basic intent of the original Ivy agreement was to improve and foster intercollegiate athletics while keeping the emphasis on such competition in harmony with the educational purposes of the fresmehns.”

In February 1954 — now considered the founding date of what is officially named the Ivy Football Conference — the agreement was extended to apply to all sports, with conference play to begin in the 1955-56 season.

Incidentally, philosophical differences with Stassen and athletic director Francis Murray led to Munger’s resignation after the 1952 season. As Penn adopted the standards of the new league, it had just one winning season from 1956 through 1967.

June 1991, the league decided that beginning in the fall of 1993, freshmen would be eligible to play varsity football. That first class of freshmen is now entering its senior season.

Six months later, in December of 1991, the Ivy League allowed teams to conduct 12 sessions of spring practice, starting in 1994. Until then, teams could only get in one day of spring work.

No one suggested that the Ivy League was becoming the next Big 10 or Southeastern Conference, but some tradition- alists saw these developments — especially freshman eligibility — as departures from “Ivy philosophy.”

But Charles Yrigoyen, associate director of the Ivy League, says the recent changes were mostly financial decisions. “As we are a league, we have to field freshmen teams and pay coaches for them,” Yrigoyen said. He also pointed out that schools can now only admit an average of 25 football players a year, instead of 30.

“I think these things recently were not necessarily to emphasize football, but to improve our football,” Yrigoyen said.

If financial chance out of conference is any indication, that has happened. After struggling against the Patriot League in the late 80s and early 90s, Ivy teams have reversed the trend and now regularly beat their Patriot foes. Last year, the Ancient Eight was a combined 14-9-1 in non-conference play.

“Certainly allowing freshmen eligibility and allowing spring football have been two prominent steps in trying to get it competitive versus non-league opponents,” Penn head coach Al Bagnoli said. “I think if you look at the last five years, it has accomplished that.”

Even Cozza, who opposed allowing freshmen to play, says his players are now better prepared as sophomores. He would still like a freshmen team and a full junior varsity program, but he knows it can’t happen. “I understand the fiscal realities of it,” Cozza said. “along with gender equity and Title IX.”

Of course, such radical changes in the rules of Ivy football can lead one to wonder if anything else is on the way. Perhaps the most anticipated change is the one least likely to occur. Will the Ivy League champion be allowed to compete in the Division I-AA playoffs?

Don’t hold your breath. Although most of the coaches and athletic directors would probably be in favor of it, right now such a proposal would have no chance of being approved by the presidents of the eight schools.

It’s possible that some presidents feel there have been enough major changes in recent years. There’s the argument that the season would be too long (although the seasons of some winter sports are longer). Or perhaps it’s a matter of tradition — for example, Yale president Richard Levin has said the Elis simply will not play another game after The Game.

In any case, football players are the only Ivy athletes not allowed to compete for a national championship in their sport.

“I couldn’t answer that question intelligently,” Bagnoli said. “Why football is being singled out as being the only sport that’s not competing for a national championship.”

Cozza thinks the Ancient Eight could field quite competitive teams without suffering a loss in academic reputation. “We could be like a Stanford, a Tulane, a Duke or a Vanderbilt if we wanted to,” Cozza said. “I don’t think we would jeopardize the academic integrity of the institutions a bit, because there are a lot of great student-athletes out there.”

That isn’t likely to happen either. While those schools can lure athletes with full rides, Yrigoyen says he doesn’t see the Ivy League giving athletic scholarships in our lifetime.

The price of an Ivy education is the biggest handicap for coaches when it comes to recruiting. Cozza says that when he started at Yale, an athlete going to an Ivy League school would pay “maybe $3,000 to $4,000” more than he would on a scholarship to a football power with a good academic reputation like Notre Dame or Michigan.

Now, according to Bagnoli, the Ivies lose a lot of recruits because they are simply not affordable.

“I understand the fiscal realities and the principles that this league was founded on,” Bagnoli said. “But as a football coach, I’d like to see us do more with financial aid and be able to recruit a better level of player.”

Despite its problems, no one disputes the success of the Ivy League in accomplishing its dual mission of athletic and academic excellence.

“Then it’s there, with all the kids in our league graduate,” Cozza said.

As further evidence, Yrigoyen offers the five national championships won by Ivy League sports teams last year and the 113 Ivy athletes who earned All-America honors, along with the 16 national academic All-Americans.

“The league has done a very good job of living up to its founding principles,” Yrigoyen said. “nationally, to strive for excellence on the field in the absence of athletic scholarships and maintain high academic standards in concert with that.”

Knowing the Ivy League, you’ll be able to say the same thing after the next 40 years of football.
Adios, Nostradamus. Get put away towers of the Taj Mahal and our lairs in Friends Network. And we're no mere Penskes either. Long Island, we Swamis are back, and can suck as well as they blow. "Mmmm. Maybe she did know her stuff. We asked if she cared to give us her opinion of the Ivy race. Obviously in awe of our prognosticating prowess, she ran in back to find one?" we asked.

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"In a secret meeting, we found our owner, Haig, says. We rubbed our turbans really, really hard and decided to start not too far from home — right across from the American Diner at H. Injanian & Sons. We walked right in and asked the nice saleswoman if any of those flying carpets were in stock. "No, you're going to have to see Aladdin for that one," she said. "You know, the movie guy." Oh — that Aladdin. She had the signs of a rookie, but we needed a carpet almost as much as we need our bi-annual dose of broasted fowl. "Where can we turban-headed freaks find one?" we asked.

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