

FEARLESS FOOTBALL FORECAST

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GUEST PICKER



Week 10 GAMES	John Hartsock	Philip Cmor	Mike Boytim	Buck Frank	Cory Giger	Todd Irwin	Scott Franco	Mike Pappas
Harrisburg at Altoona	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Altoona	Altoona	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Altoona
DuBois at Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg	Hollidaysburg
Tyrone at Central	Central	Central	Tyrone	Central	Tyrone	Tyrone	Central	Tyrone
Bishop Guilfoyle at United	United	Bishop Guilfoyle	United	United	United	United	United	United
Juniata Valley at Marion Center	Marion Center	Marion Center	Juniata Valley	Marion Center	Marion Center	Marion Center	Juniata Valley	Marion Center
Berlin Brothersvalley at Everett	Everett	Everett	Everett	Everett	Everett	Everett	Everett	Everett
Glendale at Blacklick Valley	Glendale	Glendale	Blacklick Valley	Blacklick Valley	Blacklick Valley	Glendale	Glendale	Blacklick Valley
Mount Union at Moshannon Valley	Mount Union	Mount Union	Mount Union	Mount Union	Moshannon Valley	Mount Union	Mount Union	Moshannon Valley
Tussey Mountain at Meyersdale	Meyersdale	Meyersdale	Meyersdale	Meyersdale	Meyersdale	Tussey Mountain	Meyersdale	Meyersdale
Huntingdon at Philipsburg-Osceola	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Huntingdon
Johnstown at Central Cambria	Johnstown	Johnstown	Johnstown	Johnstown	Johnstown	Johnstown	Johnstown	Johnstown
Penn Cambria at Richland	Richland	Richland	Richland	Richland	Richland	Penn Cambria	Richland	Penn Cambria
Chestnut Ridge at Bedford	Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge	Bedford
Rockwood at Northern Bedford	Northern Bedford	Northern Bedford	Northern Bedford	Northern Bedford	Rockwood	Northern Bedford	Northern Bedford	Northern Bedford
Westmont Hilltop at Cambria Heights	Westmont Hilltop	Westmont Hilltop	Westmont Hilltop	Westmont Hilltop	Westmont Hilltop	Westmont Hilltop	Westmont Hilltop	Westmont Hilltop
Ohio State at Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Ohio State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State
Syracuse at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Navy at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
LSU at Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Kansas at Kansas State	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas	Kansas State	Kansas State
Oklahoma at Nebraska	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Nebraska	Nebraska
Washington at UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	Washington	Washington	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Florida State at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Florida State	Clemson	Clemson	Florida State
Houston at Tulsa	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Purdue at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Purdue	Purdue	Michigan	Michigan
Steelers at Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Broncos	Steelers
Cardinals at Bears	Bears	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Bears	Bears	Cardinals
Chargers at Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
Ravens at Bengals	Ravens	Bengals	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Bengals	Bengals	Ravens
Cowboys at Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Last forecast	24-6	22-8	21-9	22-8	22-8	20-10	25-5	18-12
Overall	215-55	206-64	204-66	202-68	199-71	199-71	197-73	170-100

Last week's guest picker was Cliff Drury. Anyone wishing to be a guest picker should call 946-7444.

When Joe speaks

UNIVERSITY PARK — A capsule look at Joe Paterno's weekly press conference.

Opponent: Ohio State (7-2, 4-1 Big Ten)

Last time vs. Penn State: Nittany Lions won, 13-6, on the road last year.

Television: ABC

Line: Penn State is favored by 4 points.

Joe knows it's a big game: The Big Ten title is still up for grabs, and both these teams are playing for a berth in a BCS bowl game. "The consequences of winning or losing are obvious to everybody, but you can't go at it that way," JoePa said. "We've got to concentrate on doing the best we can against Ohio State. ... I think we got to just say, 'Let's play it. Let's go out there and have a little fun and let's not beat ourselves.'"

Same mentality: Paterno tries to approach this type of game the same as any other. "I really try not to change much," he said. "Whether you have a little more bounce in the practice field, maybe you yell a little more, I don't know. Probably the squad could probably tell you better about that. ... I think we practice exactly the same."

Clark for Heisman?: The coach has been building up Daryll Clark for a few weeks, but he danced around the issue when asked if the quarterback should be considered for the Heisman Trophy. "I've tried to say time and time again [that] I think Daryll Clark has been an outstanding performer for us," Paterno said. "You know, it's hard to compare. I don't see all the other guys that people are talking about all the time. ... Where does that put him in a so-called Heisman race? I don't know."

JoePa resents the question: It was a simple enough question, but Paterno didn't care for it when a reporter asked if Clark has made any adjustments since the Iowa game. "I resent that question, to be frank with you, and I said several times I thought he played a heck of a game against Iowa." Paterno clearly thought the question implied Clark was a big reason why PSU lost the game. Clark was 12-of-32 for 198 yards with one TD and three INTs. "I don't think our getting locked by Iowa had anything to do with Daryll's performance," Paterno said.

No comparison: Paterno's most humorous moment came when asked to compare his coaching style with that of Ohio State's Jim Tressel. "No, I'm not going to compare myself," JoePa said before adding, "Heck, I'll compare your writing with somebody else's writing if you want me to do that."

— Compiled by Cory Giger

PSU: OSU will use second-string placekicker

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Royster is having a solid season, averaging 95.4 yards per game, and while the offense line has improved, it will be in for its toughest test against the Buckeyes.

"It's always tough to start off with a new offensive line," Royster said. "I think we're happy with the progress we've made."

What pressure?

This is an enormous game with a lot at stake, but the players aren't putting a lot of pressure on themselves.

"This is a huge game for us and a ton of fun," PSU linebacker Sean Lee said.

"Beaver stadium is an electric place to play and a fun place, and certainly our guys look forward to it," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

College football teams play 12 regular-season games, but once you cut through the cupcakes and weak conference opponents, there are really only two or three that generate great excitement.

Then there's a game like this, which every player has circled on the schedule.

"You could tell yesterday after playing a lot of plays on defense, usually you're sore on Monday and tired," Lee said. "We had a lot of pop in practice. Everybody's excited."

Both teams have one loss in the Big Ten and are still playing for a conference title, trailing undefeated Iowa by one game.

"It's a typical Penn State-Ohio State game," Lee said. "There's going to be high stakes. Usually both teams are doing well when it comes to the conference. You know at one point or

another, you're going to have to get this win if you want to be conference champions."

The Lions won last year in Columbus, 13-6, but got hammered, 37-17, the last time Ohio State visited Beaver Stadium in 2007.

"If we want to beat Ohio State, we're going to have to play a full game," Lee said. "We can't start slow like we did against Northwestern. They'll jump on us right away."

Pryor expects hostility

This will be the first game at Beaver Stadium for Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor, who spurned Penn State in favor of the Buckeyes.

"The crowd is going to be against us, especially against me," Pryor told the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "But it really doesn't matter. I got my family with me, all 75 [teammates] that travel, and we're going to be ready to rock. I can't wait. I'm looking forward to it, you guys are looking forward to it, we're all looking forward to it. These big games, this is why you come to Ohio State."

OSU kicker injured

One big injury that could come into play this week is that Buckeyes place-kicker Aaron Pettrey is out for the season with a torn knee ligament.

Pettrey was expected to undergo surgery Tuesday to repair the medial collateral ligament in his right knee. The senior was just 13-of-19 this season but had a strong leg with a range of more than 50 yards.

If it comes down to a low-scoring, defensive-oriented



Mirror file photo by Patrick Waksmundski

Stephfon Green may return to action Saturday.

game, Ohio State will have to rely on inexperienced junior Devin Barclay. He missed two of his three field-goal attempts last week and connected on a 29-yarder.

The Buckeyes' other option is freshman Ben Buchanan, who has not attempted a field goal this season.

"Between Devin and Ben, we've got to step up," Tressel said. "I'm not sure any of us expected that, but that's part of football."

Green may return

Penn State backup running back Stephfon Green, who has missed two games with an ankle injury, did practice Monday and might be able to play this week.

"I'm anxious to see how he does today, if the ankle is going to act up on him," Joe Paterno said of Tuesday's practice.

Switching sports

Ohio State's backup quar-

terback, Joe Bauserman, played minor league baseball in the Pittsburgh Pirates' system from 2004-06 before giving it up and going to college.

Bauserman, a right-handed starting pitcher, began his career in 2004 with the rookie-level Gulf Coast League Pirates. He went 2-2 with a 2.79 ERA in nine games (eight starts), then moved up a level each of the next two seasons.

He was 6-2 with a 2.84 ERA in 14 starts at short-season Williamsport in 2005 and 6-8 with a 4.01 ERA in 21 starts at low-A Hickory in '06. For his career, Bauserman was 14-12 with a 3.42 ERA in 44 games (43 starts).

Bauserman declined an interview request this week to discuss his baseball career.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Woodson finds Michigan 'hard to watch'

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Charles Woodson says "it's hard to watch" Michigan play football.

The Green Bay Packers cornerback says he's even getting flak from a current teammate who played for the Cincinnati Bearcats.

"Can you believe that?" Woodson asked reporters Tuesday during a visit to Ann Arbor.

Woodson won the Heisman Trophy and led the Wolverines to the national championship in 1997.

Michigan (5-4) has lost four straight Big Ten games and could turn a 4-0 start into a 5-7 flop a year after college football's winningest program lost a school-record nine games last year in Rich Rodriguez's debut season.

Woodson says he and former teammate Marcus Ray exchange messages about the once-proud program.

"I won't share the texts with you," he said.

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