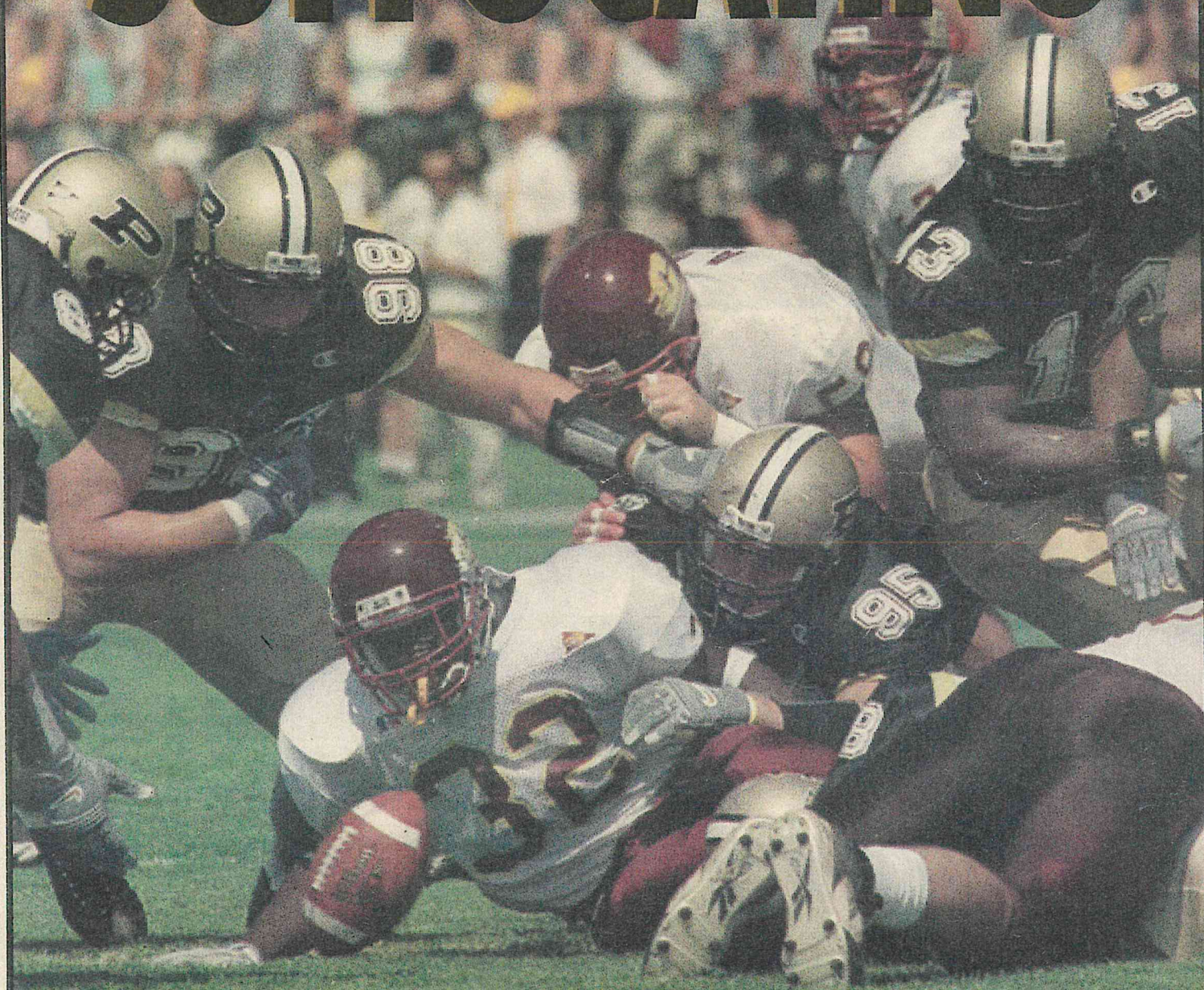


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Boiler "D" Posts First Shutout In 19 Years

Better Than Expected

Gold & Black Illustrated talks with Coach Joe Tiller every Sunday following the game, getting the Boilermaker coach's perspective of the most recent contest after he's analyzed it on film.

What were your thoughts on the game after watching the film?

Tiller: "It was a good first game for us. As everyone knows, we played a lot of players, a lot of young guys. The old adage of, 'It's never as good as it seems or it's never as bad as it seems,' is true again. We came off the field and weren't overjoyed with the game, yet when we put the tape in, we found out a lot of positive things happened in that football game.

"I think the most positive thing that happened was the number of penalties. We only had one penalty defensively and it was an off-side penalty against a true freshman corner who lined up in the neutral zone. We had four penalties offensively, all of them minor in nature, and had one in the kicking game for (illegal) participation. We had 12 guys on the field because a guy forgot to come off, and he was a redshirt freshman. What a surprise, huh?

"That was a really positive thing for our first game to not have any major infractions.

"Offensively, it was very positive we didn't have any turnovers and we went seven-for-seven in the red zone. In the kickoff game, we have so many young players and they got better as the game went on and that's encouraging.

"I am more encouraged after having watched the tape than I was prior to watching the tape. I don't know why I wasn't ecstatic after the game, because we won, but maybe it's because you're supposed to win those games."

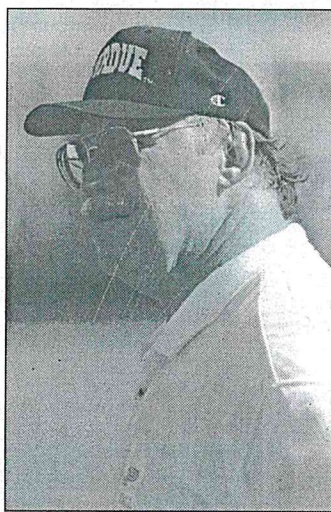
You played numerous true freshmen against Central Michigan. How did they look on film?

Tiller: "They performed quite well. There's a lot of room for improvement, but we like the speed at which they played. One of the things that surprised me was (receiver) John Standeford, for instance, played less than 30 plays. I would have guessed he played a lot more than that (as he caught six passes for 99 yards and a touchdown). Of those 30 plays, we put the ball in his hands quite a bit.

"A lot of freshmen played, but they didn't get put on the field and left on the field, which was good for them, too."

Do you still think five to six freshmen will play this season, or will that number increase?

Tiller: "That number could rise, but I think it's a safe bet that a half dozen of these guys will play this year."



Tom Campbell

Coach Joe Tiller was more encouraged by his team's 48-0 win over Central Michigan Sept. 2 after watching the game film.

What new players impressed you?

Tiller: "I don't think there's anybody that necessarily jumped out at us as a surprise, but I thought (redshirt freshman linebacker) Landon Johnson played well, as did (freshman linebacker) Gilbert Gardner. Gardner played well at middle linebacker, especially considering it was the first time in his life he'd ever played linebacker."

What's the status of senior defensive end Brian Dinkins, who hurt his knee in the first half, as well as linebacker Alex Tone and defensive tackle Brent Botts (neither of whom played)?

Tiller: "Dinkins has improved and there's a good chance we'll have him for the weekend. If he's not close, though, we're not sure that we'd play him.

"We expect to have Tone back and I'm told we'll have Botts back. But I think we have to evaluate Brent through the week and see how he progresses, because if there's a chance he could reinjure his hamstring, we'd obviously be wiser to hold him.

"Right now, this is the best our roster has looked physically in the past three weeks."

What were your thoughts on the running backs?

Tiller: "I think if we were going to play tomorrow, which we're not, we'd start Montrell Lowe. Lowe just looked fresher and handled the game a little better. It's hard to say that, because (Steve) Ennis scored three touchdowns. But Lowe just looked a little sharper and played more reckless. Steve played controlled for the most part, but a little bit leg-weary a couple of times. We ran some sweeps to him around the goal line and he had a hard time turning the corner, whereas last week he was turning that corner better than anybody. I think he learned something about conserving your energy for the game, and not Thursday, Friday or pregame. We may start him Saturday, though. I said if we played tomorrow we'd start Lowe. If (Ennis) settles down as I expect him to, we'll probably start him again, but I don't know that for a fact.

"Sedrick Brown, in his role, did a good job. He did the best he's done at Purdue in the kicking game.

"There's room for all three of these guys, and all three are going to play in every game."

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ON THE COVER

Yes, Purdue's defense was suffocating as it posted the school's first shutout since 1981. Here, defensive tackle Matt Mittrione (98) causes Central Michigan tailback Tyrone Dalton to fumble and defensive end Rocco Foggio (87) recovers. Four plays later Purdue increased its lead to 17-0 in the second quarter en route to a 48-0 victory Sept. 2 in Ross-Ade Stadium.

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HOPING TO FINISH WHAT THEY START

Maybe it was best that Purdue lost to Georgia to start the year 2000. Think about it.

Here was a Boiler group that was on cruise control. Purdue was in its third consecutive bowl game, and up against a beatable SEC foe. Feeling like it was on top of the world leading 25-0 and suddenly the bottom fell out.

Spinning out of control down the proverbial college football toilet (Outback) Bowl, the Boilermakers eventually lost 28-25 in overtime. The Boilermaker collapse etched Purdue's name in the record books.

This traumatic 'L' didn't sit well with the players, coaches or for that matter, the fans. Even this summer it still chapped Coach Joe Tiller's behind. Tiller went as far as to call it, "the game that pains me more than any other in my career."

With the bitter memories still lingering, the theme for the Boilermakers this fall is to "FINISH!" The team's goal is to eliminate come-from-behind wins by opponents. If all goes as planned, you will no longer see the Boilermakers squander opportunities.

And now, nearly three-quarters of a year later, Purdue has matured.

The 2000 season opener against Central Michigan certainly was a confidence booster. The Boilermakers welcomed a lower-division MAC squad to Ross-Ade Stadium, hoping for a major upset.

First-year coach Mike DeBord, the former Michigan offensive coordinator, knew all about the Boilers. His Wolverines silenced all the hype Purdue brought with it to Ann Arbor last fall with a 38-12 trouncing of the then-4-0 Boilers.

DeBord encountered a much different Purdue team this time around. This team had all kinds of youth on defense. It was an offense with no proven wide receiver and a kicker who was coming off his worst performance ever.

Funny, none of those weaknesses were visibly apparent as the Boilers shellacked CMU 48-0 Sept. 2.

Instead, the athleticism shone through for coordinator Brock Spack, as the defense posted its first shutout in 19 years. Instead, there was a true freshman leading the way with six catches. Instead, there



was a 6-6, 215-pound kicker out to prove he does have All-American capabilities.

"I wanted to get out there and have an opportunity again," said Travis Dorsch, who scored 13 more points with his right foot than the Chippewas did as a team. "It's been a long eight months and one day."

Dorsch's statement paralleled the mindset of the entire team. The goal on this steamy afternoon was to completely block out New Year's Day and begin building a case for a chance at redemption Jan. 1, 2001.

The 2000 Boiler offense is centered around the nation's best passing quarterback. But rather than get upset that Drew Brees is getting all this national exposure, they gelled as a unit and put 481 yards on the scoreboard. Ten different receivers caught passes. Ten different linemen paved holes for teammates to run through.

Defensively, I've never been more impressed by the way a Boilermaker unit got to the ball. Spack and his cohorts screamed and shouted, "Get to the ball" all day long (twice a day) during fall camp. The message apparently was received.

Almost every time a Chippewa was ready to get hummin' downfield, a Boiler showed up to halt his progress. The defense seems to have learned how to FINISH their tackles and, in this particular game, an opponent. That goal-line stand in the game's closing minutes was exactly what this group needed considering the injuries sustained during fall camp, as well as the bad taste that remained from Tampa.

And last, but certainly not least, there's Dorsch. His off-season was one that would have made most college football players want to FINISH their careers early. Getting prank phone calls, nasty voice mails and even the boo birds during a scholastic ceremony at Mackey Arena all were a part of the place-kicker's Jan. 2-Sept. 1.

How quickly fans forget this kid is the best kicker Purdue's ever had. And he still has two years left. Everyone has bad days and Dorsch hopes his are FINISHED.

For that matter, so do the Boilermakers.

The 2000 season is off to a great start. The fun part will be to see how it FINISHES.

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Boilers Roll Over Outclassed MAC Foe

BY DOUG GRIFFITHS.

There were several questions surrounding the Boilermakers heading into the 2000 season.

A 48-0 drubbing of overmatched Central Michigan Sept. 2 before a sun-drenched crowd of 56,197 in Ross-Ade Stadium didn't exactly answer all of the uncertainties, but afterwards Coach Joe Tiller felt his 14th-ranked team got off on the right foot.

"We played a lot of guys and that was by design," said Tiller, who is 2-2 in season openers at Purdue. "The good news is we played a lot of guys and still won convincingly. It was a good opening football game for us because we won and a lot of guys got initiated."

At least for a day, the defense answered some of the coaching staff's concerns. They posted Purdue's first shutout since 1981, a 35-0 win at Northwestern, holding the Chippewas to just 215 total yards of offense and an average of 3.3 yards per play. CMU had only 71 yards at halftime, including 11 rushing.

"That was a good effort by our guys. When the field shortened they got better," Tiller said. "When the field shortens, you ought to get better because you don't have to defend as much of the field."

"The defense created turnovers today (three fumbles), which was opportunistic on their part. It was a good overall effort by the defense."

Tiller got a productive effort from linebacker Landon Johnson, middle linebacker Gilbert Gardner and tackle Matt Mitrione.

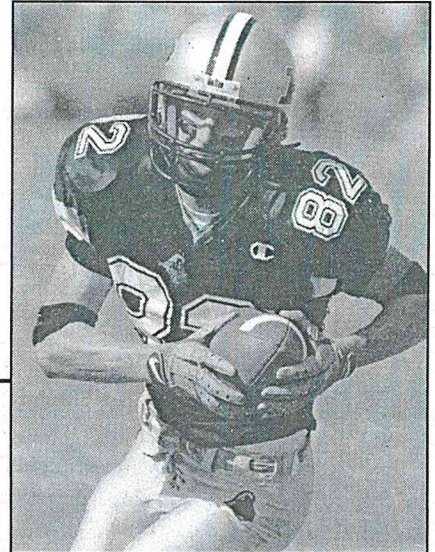
Johnson, a redshirt freshman, had a team-high 10 tackles, including two for losses. Mitrione, who forced a fumble, had six tackles. Gardner, a true freshman, made his first start at middle linebacker and responded with six stops and caused a fumble.

To preserve the shutout, Purdue put its first-string defense back in the game late in the fourth quarter with Central Michigan on the Boilermaker 2. On third-and-goal from the 1, Gardner hit tailback Robbie Mixon in the backfield and forced him to fumble. Safety Tom Vaughan recovered the ball at the 5.

Tiller said he sent the starters back after defensive coordinator Brock Spack told him "we didn't have a No. 2 goal-line defense. I said, 'put the ones in there to protect the goose egg.'"

"A shutout is something we have wanted for a long time," said Mitrione, who lost 11 pounds during the game due to the 90-degree heat. "I'm glad Coach let us go out there and finish the job."

"It was kind of a jerk move, but I was really happy that Coach Spack put us back in. That was rubbing it in a little bit, but



Tom Campbell
John Standeford made quite an impression in his college debut.

INSIDE THE BOILERMAKERS

Who's HOT

This is a no-brainer. John Standeford was the team's leading receiver in his first game with six catches for 99 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown. The 6-3, 180-pound rookie ran clean routes, caught the ball with his hands and showed deceiving speed after the catch.

We didn't forget Travis Dorsch. The junior was superb, drilling both his field goals from 43 and 45 yards out, averaging 50.7 yards on three punts and five of his nine kick-offs were touchbacks.

Who's NOT

Sophomore wideout Chris James had an off game. Coming off a career day in the Outback Bowl, James dropped a sure touchdown on a deep pass from Drew Brees in the first half, as well as another one near the goal line.

Coach Joe Tiller said he allowed his players to get away with too many things last season that he wouldn't tolerate in 2000. The fourth-year Boiler boss didn't waste any time making his point as he suspended senior receiver/punt returner Vinny Sutherland for the Central Michigan game. Tiller said Sutherland was suspended for "conduct detrimental to the team."

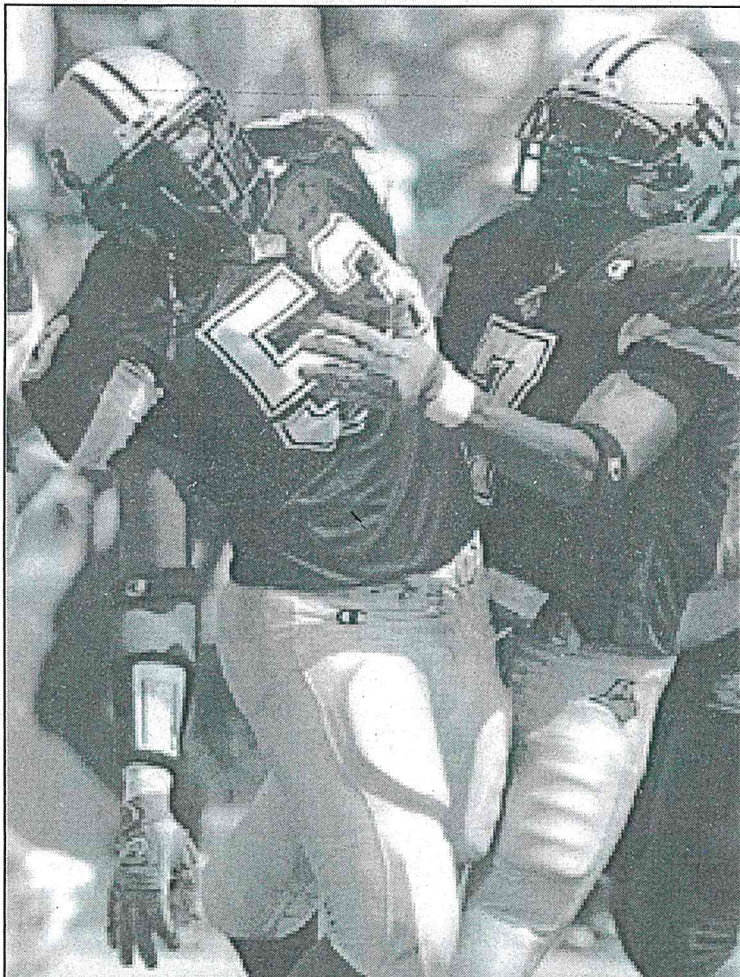


... we'd be thrilled with the outcome of the season-opener. No one was seriously injured, the defense took care of business and a plethora of freshmen saw valuable time, which will help them grow up in a hurry.



Sophomore tight end Pete Loughheed. The Fort Wayne, Ind., native caught a 28-yard touchdown pass and has shown tremendous improvement in his blocking technique. If this guy can stay healthy, he'll give Brees targets at tight end beside Tim Stratton

Also, freshman offensive tackle Kelly Butler looks like the real deal at 6-8, 293 pounds. With senior Matt Light entrenched in front of him, look for Butler to be a four-year starter assuming he is redshirted this year. While Brandon Hance, Gary Heaggans, Andre Henderson and Standeford are high-profile players on offense, the five rookie defenders (Gilbert Gardner, Niko Koutouvidies, Deaunte Ferrell, Stu Schweigert and Jacques Reeves) might be stealing the headlines by the end of the year.



Tom Campbell

Redshirt freshman defensive end Shaun Phillips and junior defensive back Ashante Woodyard celebrate a 16-yard sack in the first half. It was the Boilers' lone sack of the contest.

he knew how much a shutout meant to us."

Central Michigan's only other serious scoring opportunity came when it moved to Purdue's 16. The drive ended when kicker Paul Savich's 33-yard field-goal attempt was blocked by Mitrone with 9:18 left in the second quarter.

The defense, which allowed 25.4 points per game last season, definitely stepped up its play as did Travis Dorsch. Many wondered how the junior would bounce back after suffering through a sub-par 1999 season.

Tiller and his staff never lost confidence in Dorsch, but many fans had. At least temporarily, Dorsch silenced the critics, hitting a 43-yard field goal, which started the scoring with 8:00 minutes to go in the first quarter. Dorsch's second field goal, a 45-yarder, made it 20-0 at the 5:28 mark of the second quarter. The kicks were the 35th and 36th of his career, tying the school record set by Jonathan Briggs from 1985-87.

"In the back of my mind, I wanted to kick

a field goal that wasn't a gimme," Dorsch admitted. "I needed to put myself in a pressure situation and succeed."

"I'm glad his first kick went through the pipes," Tiller said. "It's good to see him have that kind of success."

When Dorsch wasn't hitting field goals, he was booming punts (averaging nearly 51 yards per boot) and kickoffs.

The freshmen proved to be as good as advertised. The 11 who made the field combined for 18 tackles and eight catches for 110 yards.

One of the rookies who shined was receiver John Standeford, who could become quarterback Drew Brees' go-to guy. He hauled in six passes for 99 yards, one of which was a 7-yard touchdown reception that finished the scoring with just under 14 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

"It felt good to be out there," said Standeford, a member of the 2000 Indiana All-Star basketball team. "It's any kid's dream to

BOILER BITS

ENNIS MAKES FIRST START Sophomore running back Steve Ennis made his first collegiate start against Central Michigan.

The 6-0, 220-pound Flower Mound, Texas, native rushed for 46 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns. Ennis also had two receptions for 32 yards.

Ennis, who was hampered by a high ankle sprain last fall, got the nod over sophomore Montrell Lowe, who played in every game during the 1999 season and started six of the final seven tilts. Lowe led the Boilermakers with 841 yards rushing on 173 carries (an average of 4.9 yards per carry) and had five touchdowns in 1999.

Lowe made his first appearance of the season midway through the first quarter. He gained 29 yards on nine carries.

At his weekly teleconference Aug. 29, Coach Joe Tiller announced that Ennis would start over Lowe, a 5-8, 193-pounder.

"He's been a little more consistent, and he's done a better job of being physical in the way he's rushed the ball," Tiller said of Ennis' running style during fall camp. "We like his physical presence." Last season, Ennis, who received the team's Most Improved Award on offense for Spring Practice, appeared in eight games on special teams, including each of the last seven. He had two tackles.

WELCOME TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL Several Boilermakers, including 11 true freshmen, saw their first collegiate action.

Defensively, redshirt freshmen Landon Johnson, Craig Terrill and Shaun Phillips started at linebacker, tackle and end, respectively. Terrill started in place of Brent Botts, who was sidelined with a hamstring injury.

True freshman Gilbert Gardner started in place of Alex Tone (ankle injury) and classmates Stuart Schweigert (free safety), Jacques Reeves (left cornerback), Deaunte Ferrell (cornerback/kick returner), Niko Koutouvides (strong side linebacker) and Patrick Schaub (linebacker/special teams) saw plenty of action. Also, logging his first minutes was redshirt freshman tackle Daameon Grier.

On the offensive side of the ball, true freshman John Standeford started, while quarterback Brandon Hance, left tackle Kelly Butler and receivers Andre Henderson and Gary Heaggans all saw action.

"I thought the young guys did a nice job," Tiller said. "They're athletic, can get around the field and they're going to have some opportunities. What we're a little nervous about is their strength because we felt like they broke a couple of our tackles that we wished they hadn't. If they play with good leverage, they'll make plays."

"The one good thing about these young players is they all have ability and as a result can correct the mistakes. These guys can run and make plays. They'll get better as we move along."

In addition, sophomore John Shelbourne played for the first time in a Purdue uniform as did fifth-year senior defensive tackle Jody Goatley. Shelbourne did a great job long snapping and even recovered a Central Michigan fumble on a punt return, which set up a touchdown.

STEAMY WEATHER In the press box, the game-time temperature was announced at 90 degrees with highs reaching 92. On the field the temperature was 110. The official temperature, however, was announced at 87 degrees.

"It felt like to me that it got substantially cooler in the second half," Tiller said. "I don't know if it did get cooler or since we had a big lead, the adrenaline eased up a little."

"It wasn't as hot as it was in the Coliseum (against USC in 1998 when the temperature at kickoff was 99 and the field temperature was in the 120-130 range), but it's probably the second hottest game we've played in."

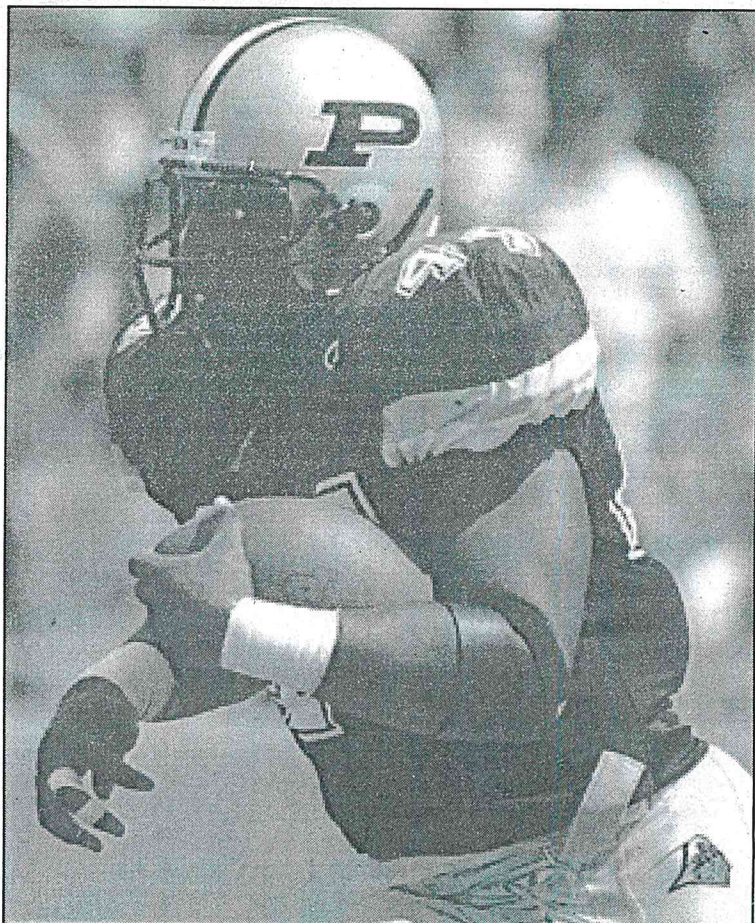
"It was an adjustment for us because we haven't had to practice in a lot of heat outside of this week," Tiller added. "The heat provided another good test for us. Some guys had to push themselves a little bit more than they're used to and that's good for your team."

Tight end Tim Stratton didn't like playing in the scorching heat.

"We weren't happy to practice in that kind of heat leading up to the game, but if you're going to play a game in it, you have to," Stratton said. "Look what happened to us against Georgia (in the Outback Bowl in Florida). The heat got us there in the second half. We prepared for it and drank a lot of fluids. Coach stressed to hydrate and that's what we did."

Due to the hot temperatures, some of the true freshmen who are going to redshirt this season, such as offensive linemen Tyler Moore and Jason Eisele, and defensive tackle Mike Lawrence and defensive end Doug Swann, didn't dress and sat in the stands.

NEXT TEST Purdue will look to improve to 2-0 this season as it hosts another Mid-American Conference school - Kent State - Sept. 9. For more on the Golden Flashes, who opened their season with a 30-7 loss Sept. 2 at Pittsburgh, see pages 11-13.



Tom Campbell

Sophomore running back Steve Ennis made the most of his first career start with three rushing touchdowns, the most by a Boilermaker since Ed Watson did it against Wisconsin in 1997. He paced Purdue's ground game with 46 yards on 16 carries.

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come in here as a freshman and score a touchdown. On the first play, I was a little nervous, but after that I was OK."

Although Standeford established himself as an early candidate for Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Year catching nearly everything in sight, Brees wasn't too pleased with his own performance.

"It was an average performance by me," Brees said. "I had too many incompleitions. I need to improve on my accuracy. There were times I got a little excited because I would see something and want to check off."

"I don't think Drew had a perfect game," Tiller said. "There were a couple of times I thought we got a little greedy with the ball when we threw it up the field more when we could've thrown it for the first down. I think Drew was a little rusty. We haven't played a game since January, and he's still learning about his receivers. As he continues to get more comfortable with his receivers, you'll see his productivity go up."

Brees used 10 different receivers. He completed 25-of-42 passes for 318 yards and three second-half touchdowns. His completion percentage wasn't helped by a number of dropped balls. Brees' 28-yard TD toss to tight end Pete Loughheed (the first reception of his career) pushed the lead to 34-0 with 7:43 to go in the third quarter. He also hooked up with tight end Tim Stratton for a 14-yard TD late in the third quarter.

Central Michigan first-year coach Mike DeBord, who was an assistant coach at Michigan last season, liked Brees' performance.

"He's an exceptional quarterback. Give him credit, give their offense credit," DeBord said. "He's a Heisman favorite, he should be. He's a great talented quarterback. "We were trying to play some man and zone and mix it up a little bit. We tried to blitz him a little bit. He takes advantage of that. You don't fool Drew."

Brees led the offense to another productive day. The Boilermakers finished with 481 yards, 263 in the first half.

Sophomore running back Steve Ennis only averaged 2.9 yards per carry, but scored on three 1-yard runs, all of which came in the first half.

"I didn't like the way we ran the ball early," Tiller admitted. "I didn't think we were sticking on our blocks. We allowed defenders to get on the edge of our shoulders and slide off. We had the perimeter blocked a number of times, but we looked woefully slow. We looked leg weary getting the ball to the corners. I wasn't impressed early, but as we went along we got a little bit better."

"We've spent a lot of time on the running game. The one thing that was apparent is that we've spent a lot of time in the short-yardage and goal-line offense running and that showed up today."

The running game mustered 145 yards, a number the coaches want to see go up.

Speaking of the running attack, the goal-line offense featured a two-back set with Jacob Rowe as the lead blocker.

"All I'm put in there to do is throw a train wreck-type block, create a big collision and let the other guys do the rest," Rowe said.

Overall, Purdue's offensive game plan by design was fairly generic. They didn't throw long downfield often and gadget plays were not featured.

"We were running a lot less plays today than we were a week ago," Tiller explained. "In order to get some of these younger players at

the receiver position on the field, we were going to have to scale back the offense." After going three-and-out on its first series, the offense scored on its next seven possessions and eight of nine. The much-publicized red-zone woes of 1999 were not apparent, as Purdue scored on all seven of its trips into the red zone.

"We should never go three-and-out, period," Brees said, "especially on our first drive."

Central Michigan rotated its quarterbacks. Pete Shepherd was 10-of-13 passing for 82 yards, while the more athletic Derrick Vickers threw for 68 yards, completing 6-of-15 passes. Tailback Robbie Mixon paced the

Chippewas with 47 yards rushing on 20 carries.

NOTEWORTHY

Defensive end Brian Dinkins injured his left knee with under 10 minutes left in the first half. For a while he sat on the sideline with ice on it and left the field prior to halftime walking off with an immobilizer on the leg.

"He's much better than originally expected," Tiller said. "At halftime, they told me he was out with a medial collateral (ligament problem). At the end of the game, they took the splint off and he was walking around. As time went on, he said he wasn't so sure that he didn't

just take a helmet on the knee and get something like a bone bruise. There's a better than a 50-percent chance we'll have him back next week."

Purdue was supposed to run through an inflatable helmet prior to taking the field, but technical problems prevented that. Also, the ARMY ROTC cannon (known as the Howitzer), which is fired after every Purdue score, was to make its return to Ross-Ade Stadium. However, some problems need to be worked out with both. Sports Information Director Tom Schott was hopeful both will be ready for the Kent State game.

The 48 points were the most scored by

Game Stats

Purdue vs. Central Michigan

Rushing

| Purdue | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Ennis | 16 | 46 | 2.9 | 12 | 3 |
| Brown | 6 | 43 | 7.2 | 21 | 0 |
| Lowe | 9 | 29 | 3.2 | 20 | 0 |
| Brees | 3 | 16 | 5.3 | 8 | 0 |
| Hance | 5 | 8 | 1.6 | 9 | 0 |
| Winston | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 3 | 0 |
| Total | 40 | 145 | 3.6 | 21 | 3 |

| Central Michigan | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Mixon | 20 | 47 | 2.3 | 11 | 0 |
| Vickers | 8 | 20 | 2.5 | 12 | 0 |
| Webber | 4 | 11 | 2.8 | 5 | 0 |
| Dalton | 1 | -2 | -2.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gooch | 2 | -5 | -2.4 | 1 | 0 |
| Shepherd | 3 | -6 | -2.0 | 5 | 0 |
| Total | 38 | 65 | 1.7 | 12 | 0 |

Passing

| Purdue | Att | Comp | Yds | Pct | TD | Int |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Brees | 42 | 25 | 318 | 59.5 | 3 | 0 |
| Hance | 3 | 1 | 18 | 33.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 45 | 26 | 336 | 57.8 | 3 | 0 |

| Central Michigan | Att | Comp | Yds | Pct | TD | Int |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Vickers | 15 | 6 | 68 | 40.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shepherd | 13 | 10 | 82 | 76.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 28 | 16 | 150 | 57.1 | 0 | 0 |

Receiving

| Purdue | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Standeford | 6 | 99 | 16.5 | 37 | 1 |
| Winston | 6 | 55 | 9.2 | 18 | 0 |
| Stratton | 3 | 32 | 10.7 | 14 | 1 |
| Simpson | 2 | 43 | 21.5 | 32 | 0 |
| Ennis | 2 | 32 | 16.0 | 21 | 0 |
| Morales | 2 | 23 | 11.5 | 12 | 0 |
| Henderson | 2 | 11 | 5.5 | 8 | 0 |
| Loughheed | 1 | 28 | 28.0 | 28 | 1 |
| Lowe | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 9 | 0 |
| Dawson | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 4 | 0 |
| Total | 26 | 336 | 12.9 | 37 | 3 |

| Central Michigan | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Mixon | 6 | 54 | 9.0 | 33 | 0 |
| Gooch | 5 | 59 | 11.8 | 21 | 0 |
| Lewis | 2 | 21 | 10.5 | 15 | 0 |
| Hannah | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 10 | 0 |
| Webber | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 |
| McClure | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 16 | 150 | 9.4 | 33 | 0 |

Punt Returns

| Purdue | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|---------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| Winston | 3 | 30 | 10.0 | 11 | 0 |

| Central Michigan | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| Turner | 1 | 12 | 12.0 | 12 | 0 |
| Lewis | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 7 | 0 |

Kickoff Returns

| Purdue | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | Td |
|---------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| Ferrell | 1 | 21 | 21.0 | 21 | 0 |

| Central Michigan | Att | Yds | Avg | Long | Td |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| Dudley | 3 | 73 | 24.3 | 41 | 0 |
| Gooch | 1 | 16 | 16.0 | 16 | 0 |

Field Goals

| Purdue | Att | Good | Made | Miss |
|--------|-----|------|--------|------|
| Dorsch | 2 | 2 | 43, 45 | — |

| Central Michigan | Att | Good | Made | Miss |
|------------------|-----|------|------|-------|
| Savich | 1 | 0 | — | 33(B) |

Punting

| Purdue | Att | Yds | Avg | Long |
|--------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Dorsch | 3 | 152 | 50.7 | 57 |

| Central Michigan | Att | Yds | Avg | Long |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Brandt | 8 | 362 | 45.3 | 52 |

Scoring Summary

| First Quarter |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purdue: Dorsch 43 field goal, 8:00 left; Drive: 11 plays, 51 yards, 3:56 |
| Purdue: Ennis 1 run (Dorsch kick) 0:08 left; Drive: 12 plays, 69 yards, 3:39 |
| Second Quarter |
| Purdue: Ennis 1 run (Dorsch kick) 13:29 left; Drive: 4 plays, 18 yards, 1:26 |
| Purdue: Dorsch 45 field goal, 5:28 left; Drive: 10 plays, 52 yards, 3:50 |
| Purdue: Ennis 1 run (Dorsch kick) 1:45 left; Drive: 8 plays, 64 yards, 2:17 |

Team Statistics

| Category | CMU | Purdue |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| First downs | 13 | 25 |
| Rushing | 6 | 7 |
| Passing | 6 | 17 |
| Penalty | 1 | 1 |
| Total offensive plays | 66 | 85 |
| Rushing plays | 38 | 40 |
| Net yards rushing | 65 | 145 |
| Net yards per rush | 1.7 | 3.6 |
| Passing plays | 28 | 45 |
| Completions | 16 | 26 |
| Net yards passing | 150 | 336 |
| Net yards per completion | 9.4 | 12.9 |
| Total net yards | 215 | 481 |
| Avg. gain per play | 3.3 | 5.7 |
| Kick returns-yds | 4-89 | 1-21 |
| Punt returns-yds | 2-19 | 3-30 |
| Fumbles-lost | 4-3 | 2-0 |
| Interceptions-yds | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Third down conversions | 7-18 | 13-20 |
| Time of possession | 28:26 | 31:34 |
| Sacks by-yds lost | 1-7 | 1-16 |
| Penalties-yds | 4-23 | 4-30 |

Third Quarter

| Purdue: Loughheed 28 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 7:43 left; Drive: 11 plays, 82 yards, 3:33 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purdue: Stratton 14 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 2:27 left; Drive: 9 plays, 63 yards, 3:47 |
| Fourth Quarter |
| Purdue: Standeford 7 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 13:58 left; Drive: 1 play, 17 yards, 0:11 |

Defensive Leaders

| Purdue | Tackles | Solo | Asst | Total | For Loss-Yds | FR-Yds | Int | Pass Def | Sack-Yds |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Johnson | 7 | 3 | 10 | 2-7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mittrione | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gardner | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schweigert | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Terrill | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clopton | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2-9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reeves | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ayodele | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Team | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nesfield | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turner | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schaub | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Woodyard | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moore | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Phillips | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1-16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-16 |
| Grier | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Koutouvides | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vaughan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Foggio | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ferrell | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Getz | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Shelbourne | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 49 | 16 | 65 | 6-33 | 3-0 | 0 | 4 | 1-16 | |

| Central Michigan | Tackles | Solo | Asst | Total | For Loss-Yds | FR-Yds | Int | Pass Def | Sack-Yds |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Lewis | 6 | 5 | 11 | 2-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewell | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Epps | 6 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dudley | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leigeb | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Carter | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Jenkins | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1-6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ajoku | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1-7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-7 |
| Total | 43 | 30 | 73 | 4-18 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1-7 | |

GAME VIEW WITH OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR JIM CHANEY

GOOD START FOR A GOOD OFFENSE

Running Game Still Needs Improvement

BY KEVIN KECKLER

Again this year *Gold & Black Illustrated* will bring you postgame thoughts from offensive coordinator Jim Chaney. Below are Chaney's thoughts following the season-opening victory over Central Michigan.

GBI: The first game of the season can often provide surprises, but in this game you probably saw a lot of what you expected. Is that fair to say?

Chaney: "Yeah, I think so. My mind is always thinking of the things we didn't do well but I probably should spend more time thinking of what we did do well. We had young kids step up and play well, and that's encouraging. I thought our line did fine in the passing game but none of them played particularly well in the running game. Here were the pluses: Our goal line offense; the young kids catching the ball; and there was progress from the first quarter to the second and from the second to the second half."

GBI: In his first game as a starter, redshirt freshman Steve Ennis scored three rushing touchdowns and caught two passes. That has to be encouraging, especially considering the former starter Montrell Lowe wants his job back.

Chaney: "We're tickled for Steve to have that success in his first start. Before the game he looked like his legs were loaded and he was pulling a truck a few times. He wishes he would have had a better game but that will come in time. Now, Steve needs to learn how to approach the game right from a mental standpoint."

"Montrell is fighting like crazy to get that spot back. I think we saw today that we're pretty good at running back. On any given day we could have it where one of the guys is the hot back and the other two aren't. If they're hot and rolling, they'll play, it's as simple as that."

GBI: Drew Brees really wasn't his normal self today, completing a mere 59 percent passing. What's up with that?

Chaney: "Was he really? Well, maybe we'll reconsider if he should start next week. What I think you have to keep in mind is we played a man-to-man coverage team and sometimes your percentages aren't always as high against that type of defense."

GBI: How important is it for Brees to get his "stats" in these first two games against lesser opponents in order to fulfill the so-called stats needed to stay in the Heisman Trophy race?

Chaney: "I don't think much about it. I wasn't thinking about getting him more yards or touchdowns one bit. Maybe some coordinators out there are trying to pad their Heisman candidate's stats, but I'm not. I want Drew to execute our offense from a team standpoint and I know that's what he wants to do."

GBI: Brees hit 10 different receivers. Do you expect that number to diminish as the month goes by, or do you think veterans like A.T. Simpson will continue to improve each week?



Tom Campbell

Drew Brees and the Boilermaker offense weren't spectacular, but accumulated 481 yards in total offense. The ground game struggled, especially in the first half.

Chaney: "It depends, I would imagine it will remain that way until we see how these young kids have developed. I told A.T. after the game he shouldn't have ran out of bounds because he could have had a 70-yard touchdown on a hitch (pattern). It was a big-time move by A.T. and he made some moves today we haven't seen in the past. I'm pleased for him because he's a great young man and he came to Purdue with super high expectations out of high school."

GBI: It doesn't happen very often, but the first football weekend could have a freshman as the big man on campus. Rookie receiver John Standeford was awfully impressive.

Chaney: "Yeah, there's another one of those classic recruits. Wasn't he on all the analysts' top 100 list? (Editor's note: Standeford was ranked 154th by *Prep Football Report*) Wasn't he a blue-chip All-American? Seriously, he's a good kid and he's picking up our offense more and more each day. He has talent and when he catches the ball he usually finds a way to get it north and south. I think John is a pretty disciplined young man and he is still learning the position. He hasn't even been here a month yet and he's succeeding."

GBI: How much of the offense did we actually see against Central Michigan?

Chaney: "I don't know, but if I had known they were going to play as much man-free as they did I probably would have installed more offense. I didn't feel restrained to the point that I said, 'Oh gosh, I wish I had this call.' I'd say you saw about all we could

show with our goal line and the H-back. The passing game was a little watered-down because of our youth."

GBI: Not knowing what (new coach) Mike DeBord and his new staff would throw at you, was the CMU defense what you anticipated?

Chaney: "It was basically what I expected. Their secondary was the most experienced returning unit so we figured they would make us throw the ball first and run second. When you play man-free it allows men to be in the box and stuff the run. Since that happened we had to throw it and get the ball down field and I thought it worked out fine."

GBI: You guys went for it on fourth-and-1 up 340. Why?

Chaney: "We were going to run our offense and get better at the things we needed to improve upon. Certainly we were aware of the scoreboard, but there were things we needed to do to improve as a team. Winning on short yardage situations is something we need to continue to get better at.

Anytime you can work on it I'm sure Coach Tiller is going to agree on it."

GBI: If Travis Dorsch can continue to kick the way he did against CMU (13 points scored) it will make an already good offense that much better.

Chaney: "Who? Travis Dorsch, the guy who missed all of those kicks against Georgia? As a staff we like the heck out of Travis and what people have to understand is everyone has their good and bad days. I don't believe anyone on our staff or team has ever quit believing in Travis and we won't, either. It's not like Drew always has a great game. Whether Travis can continue to kick like this all year I don't know. We're tickled he was this good to start the season because he needed some success to help his confidence come back."

GBI: You played true freshmen Gary Heaggans (receiver) and Kelly Butler (tackle), but will you play them all season?

Chaney: "It's too early to tell. Until we look at the videotape, the status of other players and injuries, I won't know for sure. I don't see our roster changing a lot. With Kelly, I think Coach Tiller wants him to play so he has some experience heading into next year (with the loss of starter Matt Light). I don't think it's as important as playing (freshman quarterback) Brandon Hance because running the offense takes more from an intellectual standpoint." **MM**

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DEFENSE OVERWHELMS CHIPPEWAS

Young Unit Passes First Test

BY MATT BRANN

The red-faced fans who survived the heat and remained in Ross-Ade Stadium until the final horn witnessed a special occurrence.

The Boilermakers' 48-0 victory over Central Michigan marked the first time in nearly 19 years a Purdue team held its opponent scoreless. The last time the Boilermakers had a shutout was Oct. 17, 1981 at Northwestern in a 35-0 victory.

Incidentally, defensive coordinator Brock Spack was a member of Purdue's linebacking corps during the time of that shutout.

The last time Purdue held the opposition scoreless in Ross-Ade also came against Northwestern, when the Boilermakers won 31-0 on homecoming Nov. 4, 1978.

Following the game against the Chippewas, *Gold & Black Illustrated* got Spack's thoughts on ending the shutout drought, along with other observations about the defense.

GBI: The first thing I've got to ask you about is preserving the shutout. How does it feel to finally end that drought?

Spack: "I had an opportunity to play in the game the last time we had a shutout at Purdue back in 1981 at Northwestern. To be a part of it again as a coach is a great feeling. The players deserve this. They worked awfully hard and it was a lot of fun. We've gotten close to a shutout a couple of times the last few years, but to get one right out of the box is good."

GBI: Does the mustache come off again? (Spack has promised in previous years to shave his mustache if the defense gets a shutout)

Spack: "Not today. We'll save that for down the road. We've got a lot of work to do and a lot of improvements to be made. We're still very young,



Spack's Top Defensive Performances

In 38 games as Purdue's defensive coordinator, Brock Spack's defenses have held their opponents under 250 yards in total offense seven times. Here's the list.

| Total Yards | | | Passing | Rushing |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Allowed | Date/Opponent | | | |
| 180 | Ball State (28-14) | Sept. 20, 1997 | 139 | 51 |
| 215 | Central Michigan (48-0) | Sept. 2, 2000 | 150 | 65 |
| 228 | Illinois (48-3) | Oct. 25, 1997 | 128 | 100 |
| 229 | Wisconsin (24-31) | Oct. 10, 1998 | 44 | 185 |
| 245 | Central Michigan (58-16) | Sept. 18, 1999 | 209 | 36 |
| 248 | Indiana (52-7) | Nov. 21, 1998 | 121 | 127 |

Tom Campbell
The Boilermaker defense had plenty to celebrate after recovering a fumble near the goal line in the closing minutes of the game.

GBI: What was your thinking when you put the first-team defense back on the field with three minutes to go and Central Michigan on the 2-yard line?

Spack: "The problem was we had some guys banged up and we didn't have a second-team goal-line group. It really wasn't necessarily to preserve the shutout as much as we only had one healthy goal-line unit. We put them back in there because we were short a couple of guys."

GBI: You had a couple of players not start today with tackle Brent Botts and Alex Tone at middle linebacker. How are those two players doing?

Spack: "We simply wanted to hold Botts out. He has a nagging hamstring injury, and hopefully we can get him healthy for next week. It would be stupid to re-aggravate it because he's going to be a very good player for us."

"Tone was not ready to play. We warmed him up before the game but his ankle was really sore. We'll re-evaluate him in a couple of days and see where he's at."

GBI: Talk about their replacements, Craig Terrill at tackle and Gilbert Gardner at linebacker and how well they played.

Spack: "I thought they played well. We've been high on Craig Terrill around here for a long time. He had a bad break in the spring with that dislocated elbow and he's been working hard all summer to get back. He played really well."

"Gilbert has never played linebacker before, ever. He was a safety in high school and he came to us as a wide receiver. I have to admit, I had my eye on him because he can run very well. He's a tough kid and I was very

impressed with the way he handled himself. That's a tough environment out there for your first college game, plus he's on a lot of special teams. We put him under a lot of stress and he handled it very well. He's a very level-headed kid. If it was anybody else it would have been a tough chore."

GBI: What are your thoughts on the linebackers as a whole because the other two starters (Akin Ayodele and Landon Johnson) have both also never played that position for Purdue?

Spack: "I thought Akin didn't have an opportunity to make as many plays as Landon did because they were attacking us on the weak side. Akin looked like he was sharp playing on his feet in pass coverage. I can remember a couple of mistakes, but nothing earth shattering."

"I thought Landon Johnson made some big plays out there. He can really run and is athletic. He's what we thought he would be."

GBI: Did the heat wear on the players at all?

Spack: "I didn't notice anything. Maybe we were a little lethargic at times, but the players fought through it pretty well and did a good job. Fortunately for us it was hot here the last four or five days, and that helped us get acclimated to the heat. We've also got a lot of southern kids here, so they're used to the heat."

GBI: What is the status on safety Ben Smith?

Spack: "He has a gimpy ankle. We'll just see how he does this next week of practice."

GBI: Coming into the game, was your top priority to evaluate some of the younger players?

Spack: "We tried to keep it very simple. We didn't blitz all that much for a lot of reasons. We are very young and we didn't want to blow any coverages by fooling ourselves."

"We wanted to play our base defense and give the younger guys a chance to get their feet wet, read their keys and get better throughout the game. That was our plan because we didn't want to confuse them with a lot of gimmicks."

GBI: You have to be pretty excited that on the first defensive play of the season senior corner Chris Clopton comes up and makes a tackle for a six-yard loss.

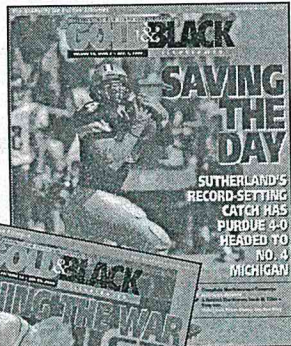
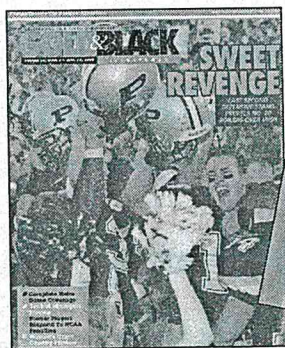
Spack: "That was really nice. He did a nice job of making adjustments with the secondary in the second half as well. That's how he kind of left off last year with making that big tackle against Georgia in the Outback Bowl. Chris has been a steady player for us and he's a great leader out there."

GBI: How did you feel the freshmen performed in the secondary?

Spack: "I thought they were pretty solid. They made some mistakes out there, but they got a lot of chances to play. Deaunte Ferrell hasn't had a lot of practice with his hamstring injury, but he is pretty good. I was happy with him. Stu Schweigert was out there and made a couple of tackles when he had to, so that was good." **MB**

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