

Undefeated Hen gridgers clobber Temple 28-7

By TOM CHOMAN

PHILADELPHIA--They hugged, they kissed and they cried.

Not an end to a romantic novel, but the end of a football game in which the Blue Hen revenged three years of losses to Temple by beating them 28-7 at Veterans Stadium Saturday night.

"This is a dream, a dream come true for all of us," said Phil Nelson, a senior tight end who had the best game of his college career, catching three passes for 52 yards.

"Right now, at this moment, I feel better than I did after Albuquerque (where the Hens became Division II champions last year)" said Tom Toner, a three year starter on the offensive line. "I don't know why...I guess it's the Temple game...it means so much and so much goes into it."

Indeed, all the seniors on the team who played during three years of frustrating losses against Temple teams experienced the best game of their careers. Another one of those seniors was fullback Hugh Dougherty, who rushed for 88 yards and scored the Hens' first two touchdowns. Dougherty's first score came on a 7-yard pass from quarterback Rich Scully and the second score on a 3-yard run around the left side. This put the Hens up 17-0 at the half.

"Now we know we can play at this level," Dougherty said in the Hen lockerroom. "He (Coach Raymond) won't accept anything less from us the rest of season and we have to live up to that."

Rick Scully, the man Raymond nominated as his starting quarterback, also had the best game of his blossoming career. Scully wore down the Temple defense by running to the outside; he picked up 73 yards in the process and connected on eight of his 12 passes for 98 yards.

"We out hit them on the line and everywhere else on the field; that's what won the game for us," said Scully, whose arms and back bore the marks of a brutal game.

Coach Raymond, doing a good job of hiding his elation after one of the biggest victories of his coaching career, said he was especially pleased with Scully's play.

"He added a dimension to our team that we never had before. His running was something that was impossible for Temple to defend against."

Raymond also cited the defense, which for 50 minutes and 24 seconds kept Temple off the scoreboard. Not until the Hens had built a 28-0 lead in the fourth quarter did the Owls penetrate the endzone. Quite a turnaround from last year when the Hens gave up two early touchdowns and had to play catch-up the rest of the game.

"Our defense showed remarkable resiliency for a team playing their second game of the year. They played solid football all the way. And they made the big plays for us," Raymond added.

One of those big plays was a beautifully executed interception by K.C. Keeler on



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QUARTERBACK RICK SCULLY prepares to pass as teammates Mike Mellilo (61) and Tom Toner (71) provide him with protection. Scully hit eight of 12 passes for 98 yards and rushed

for an additional 73 in the Hen's 28-7 victory. Scully earned the starting nod for next week's contest with Morgan State University.

a fake punt attempt by Temple in the third quarter.

"Eddie (Braceland) hit him (Temple's punter Walt Marlin) as he was releasing the pass. All I had to do was step in front of the intended receiver and catch the ball."

From there Keeler raced 64-yards for the Hen's third touchdown. He dove for the goal line almost out of breath. "I was scared he (Tony Gambone) was going to catch me. I was so tired that I just

wanted to get into the endzone anyway I could."

Keeler's TD interception put the Hens out in front 26-0. Next followed a two point conversion play. Dougherty swept around the left side from the 5-yard line to paydirt for his third time in the game. A 43-yard field goal by K.C. Knobloch, who hit a 29-yard one in the first period to open the scoring, gave the Hens three more points for a total of 11 points in the third

quarter and a 28-0 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Hen defense, in addition to its offensive heroes, held the usually potent Temple offense in check throughout the game. Jamie Bitter, Greg Larson, Keeler, and Will Rutan were credited with sacks of Temple qb Tink Murphy. Kevin Duckett, the Owls threatening running back, gained over 100 yards but most of his yardage came

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New Hampshire spoils hockey debut

By KAREN STOUT

The visiting University of New Hampshire team spoiled the women's field hockey team's home opener on Saturday by defeating them 2-1.

New Hampshire, coming off last year's 10-4-2 season in which they qualified for their regional tournament, played Delaware for the first time in both school's histories.

Although New Hampshire's team was largely unknown to the Hens, coach Mary Campbell expected a tough contest and that's what her stickers got.

The visitors opened the game's scoring when Cheryl Murtaugh received a crossing pass from a teammate at the top of the circle and rammed it into the Hen net. That score occurred midway through the first half and was the period's only tally.

In the opening half the Hens were a bit sluggish, allowing New Hampshire to dominate the game.

However, Delaware started the second half with a flourish, taking the ball to their opponents' goal right off the opening bully. But this was not to be their day, as the New Hampshire goalie repeatedly rejected the Hen's shots on goal.

New Hampshire extended their lead to 2-0 about fifteen minutes into the second half. That goal proved to be the eventual game winner.

Sophomore Sharon Wilkie cut New Hampshire's lead to one ten minutes later. Wilkie received a pass from right wing Debbie White

and arched the ball over the stunned New Hampshire net minder.

Delaware had a chance to knot the score with five minutes remaining in the contest when, after a Hen rush on goal, New Hampshire committed a foul in the goal cage and the blue and gold received a penalty stroke. However, Carol Miller's attempt was saved by the visitor's diving goalie and the score remained 2-1.

Eight-year coach Campbell was not discouraged by her team's defeat. She noted that the Hens dominated the action, especially in the second half. Delaware had 31 shots on goal to New Hampshire's four. The Hens also had 14 penalty corners to their opponents' two.

"Our second half was much better than the first. Our timing was a little off," said Campbell. "It's not something that we can work on in practice."

Another factor that may have contributed to the Hen loss was that New Hampshire already had game experience. The game was New Hampshire's fourth and Delaware's first.

"We have a young but experienced team," said junior co-captain Carol Miller. "We have a lot of potential. Now all we have to do is put it together."

"We all have to believe that we can do it," said Sharon Wilkie. "That's the key."

The stickers' next contest will be against Ursinus Thursday at the Fieldhouse. That game is an important one for the Hens. Ursinus beat them twice last year by identical 4-0 scores.



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DELAWARE'S ANN BROOKING dribbles in front of a New Hampshire opponent in Saturday's 2-1 loss. Coach Mary Ann Campbell looks on from the sideline.