

# St. Paul opens FC play by turning back Plymouth

NORWALK — What a difference a year has made for Norwalk St. Paul coach Joe Widman.

In his first season a year ago, the Flyers were whitewashed in their first four games much less chalk up a victory.

St. Paul opened its 1986 season last week, and again was blanked by St. Mary's C.C. 14-0.

However, the Flyers' home opener Saturday was a different story.

Sparked by senior quarterback Paul Myers, St. Paul not only scored a touchdown, but earned a 13-7 victory over Plymouth in the Firelands Conference opener for both teams.

Myers keyed both scoring drives.

The Flyers scored their first touchdown with four seconds left in the first period as Gary Sprague capped a 76-yard drive by bolting in from two yards out. The Flyers were penalized 5 yards before trying the conversion, and Mark Volchek's kick failed.

Actually, St. Paul went 85 yards as the hosts were penalized twice for five yards and started the march to the end zone at their own 15.

A booming 51-yard punt by Matt Camp actually keyed the Flyers' second score.

His punt pushed Plymouth back to its own 5.

After failing to move the ball, the Big Red punted and the Flyers took over in great field position, at the Plymouth 39.

It took just four plays to strike again. Myers, who caught the Plymouth defense napping, rolled out and faced 22 yards to set up the tally, and he finally took the ball in himself on the same type of run. Volchek kicked the PAT for a 13-0 lead with 5:46 remaining in the third period.

Plymouth roared back with a long drive of its own, marching 80 yards in 7 plays with Bill Castle slicing in from three yards out at the 3:12 mark of the third period.

Like St. Paul earlier in the game, Plymouth was forced to drive longer than the 80 yards. Two successive penalties had the Big Red at their own 8.

However, halfback Steve Hall hooked up with Jason Robinson for a 72-yard pass and run play to put the ball deep in St. Paul territory, and the invaders continued the drive to put six points on the board. Bryan Meyer kicked the PAT.

Both teams had other scoring opportunities.

The Flyers, riding the arm of Myers, drove to the Plymouth 7 in the third period only to have Dave Powers pick off a Myers pass in the end zone.

St. Paul, 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Firelands, dominated the first half with 110 yards in total offense keeping Plymouth's offense off the field.

The Flyers' defense limited the losers to just 39 yards rushing, and Hall gained most of that yardage in the opening drive of the game.

St. Paul finished with 130 yards on the ground and 78 in the air, while Plymouth went to the air 15 times and clicked on 6 passes for 121 yards. However, 72 came on the play.

Plymouth is also 1-1, but 0-1 in the conference.

Widman, as expected was very happy with his team's defensive performance.

"We really shut them down and Plymouth played a physical game. On our first drive we threw three passes and that is very uncharacteristic of our team. In order to win, we are going to have to throw more," Widman said.

Widman also praised the running of Sprague. "We had to run inside because Plymouth shut us off outside. That is the second week in a row Gary did that. Our next two games are big tests in that we face Monroeville and

Black River back-to-back," Widman said.

Plymouth Dick Roll said, "we beat ourselves, but we played a very good club. We have a much better unit than we showed this evening. There is room for improvement."

| STATISTICS             |     |     |  |  |
|------------------------|-----|-----|--|--|
|                        | Ply | NSP |  |  |
| First Downs (total)    | 8   | 16  |  |  |
| net yards rushing      | 39  | 130 |  |  |
| passes attempted       | 15  | 8   |  |  |
| passes completed       | 6   | 4   |  |  |
| had intercepted        | 0   | 2   |  |  |
| net yards passing      | 121 | 78  |  |  |
| Total net yards gained | 160 | 208 |  |  |
| Fumbles (number)       | 1   | 3   |  |  |
| ball lost              | 1   | 1   |  |  |
| Penalties (number)     | 7   | 9   |  |  |
| yards penalized        | 72  | 60  |  |  |

| SCORE BY QUARTERS                                   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Plymouth                                            | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Norwalk St. Paul                                    | 6 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Scoring:                                            |   |   |   |   |
| St. Paul — Gary Sprague, 2 run. (kick failed).      |   |   |   |   |
| St. Paul — Paul Myers, 7 run. (Mark Volchek, kick). |   |   |   |   |
| Plymouth — Bill Castle, 2 run. (Randy Myers, kick). |   |   |   |   |

## Nittany Lions have easy opener, 45-15

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (UPI) — John Shaffer celebrated his 22nd birthday Saturday night by throwing three touchdown passes and running for a fourth score to lead fifth-ranked Penn State to a 45-15 victory over Temple.

Shaffer threw scoring strikes of 10 yards to Steve Smith, 14 yards to Eric Hamilton and 12 yards to Jim Coates and had a 5-yard scoring run in the season opener for both teams.

The senior quarterback, not named the Nittany Lions' starter until three days before the game, completed 12 of 18 passes for 194 yards, picking up where he left off last year. Shaffer led Penn State to an 11-0 record during the regular season before he played poorly in a 25-10 loss to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl.

The Nittany Lions also scored on a 9-yard run by D.J. Dozier, a 64-yard interception return by Keith Karpinski and a 36-yard field goal from Massimo Manca. Temple, 0-1, scored on a 9-yard run from Paul Palmer and on field goals of 33, 21 and 26 yards from Jim Wright.

The Nittany Lions jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter, scoring the first three times they had the ball.

After Penn State received the opening kickoff, Shaffer, who completed 9 of 10 passes for 132 yards in the period, engineered a 790yard march in 10 plays, capped by his 10-yard scoring pass to Smith.

Palmer then fumbled on the Owls' second play from scrimmage after the ball was stripped by Bob White and was recovered by Trey Bauer. Shaffer needed only four plays to move 25 yards, as he hit Hamilton for the score and a 14-0 lead.

The Nittany Lions went ahead 21-0 with 5:39 left in the quarter on Dozier's 9-yard run around

left end. Shaffer completed all three passes he tried in the drive, including a 28-yarder to Brian Silverling that set up Dozier's run.

Penn State took a 24-0 lead with 6:56 left in the second quarter on Manca's 36-yard field goal.

The Owls' offense woke up after that, as Temple gained its first first down of the game on an 11-yard pass from Lee Saltz to Mike Palsy and moved to the Penn State 10 before Saltz was sacked for a 7-yard loss. Wright followed with his 33-yard field goal.

Temple got a break when Penn State's Tim Manoa fumbled on the Nittany Lions' first play from scrimmage and the ball was recovered by Joe Greenwood on the Penn State 44.

The Owls moved to the 5-yard line but had to settle for Wright's 21-yard field goal with 17 seconds left in the half and trailed 24-6 at intermission.

Penn State needed six play to scored on its first drive of second half with Shaffer firing a 12-yard TD to Coates. On Penn State's next possession, Shaffer capped a 96-yard, 10-play drive by rolling into the end zone from 5 yards out.

Temple finally scored its first touchdown with 12:02 left in the game when Palmer went into the end zone from 9 yards out. Saltz was 4-for-4 for 55 yards in the drive.

## Tennessee 35 New Mexico 21

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Keith Davis rushed for two touchdowns and Charles Davis returned an interception 55 yards for another score Saturday night to lead 10th-ranked Tennessee to 35-21 victory over New Mexico.

The Volunteers took the field without 10 players who were suspended for one game for violating NCAA rules governing the use of complimentary tickets last season.

Safety Charles Davis, no relation to Keith Davis, provided the game's key play in the season opener for both teams by intercepting a Billy Rucker pass and racing 55 yards to give Tennessee a 26-14 lead. The Volunteers went for a two-point conversion and quarterback Jeff Francis ran into the end zone.

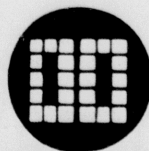
## BYU 52 Utah State 0

PROVO, Utah (UPI) — Here's hoping Steve Lindsley likes pressure. His coach applied a few hundred pounds of it to his shoulders Saturday afternoon.

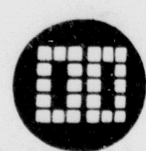
Lindsley, a senior moving from third-string to his first college start, shook off a pair of early interceptions to complete 24 passes for 369 yards and two touchdowns, leading No. 16 Brigham Young to a 52-0 triumph over Utah State.

"I felt very good about Steve's performance, which was as good for a first start as you will see from a quarterback," said BYU Coach Lavell Edwards. "He's on a par with any of our past quarterbacks."

And with that, the inexperienced Lindsley was installed as an equal to such recent BYU quarterback stars as Jim McMahon, Marc Wilson and Robbie Bosco.



# Scoreboard



## MAJORS

| AMERICAN LEAGUE<br>(Late games not included) |    |    |      |        |
|----------------------------------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| East                                         |    |    |      |        |
|                                              | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Boston                                       | 81 | 54 | .600 | —      |
| Toronto                                      | 76 | 60 | .559 | 5 1/2  |
| New York                                     | 72 | 63 | .533 | 9      |
| Detroit                                      | 71 | 66 | .518 | 11     |
| Cleveland                                    | 68 | 68 | .500 | 13 1/2 |
| Baltimore                                    | 66 | 69 | .489 | 15     |
| Milwaukee                                    | 64 | 70 | .478 | 16 1/2 |
| West                                         |    |    |      |        |
| California                                   | 76 | 58 | .567 | —      |
| Texas                                        | 70 | 65 | .519 | 6 1/2  |
| Oakland                                      | 64 | 73 | .467 | 13 1/2 |
| Kansas City                                  | 62 | 73 | .459 | 14 1/2 |
| Seattle                                      | 61 | 76 | .445 | 16 1/2 |
| Chicago                                      | 59 | 76 | .437 | 17 1/2 |
| Minnesota                                    | 58 | 77 | .430 | 18 1/2 |

| Saturday's Results            |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Boston 3, Minnesota 2         |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto 4, Chicago 10         |  |  |  |  |
| Oakland 5, Detroit 4          |  |  |  |  |
| Seattle 6, Baltimore 2        |  |  |  |  |
| Kansas City at Texas, night   |  |  |  |  |
| Cleveland at Milwaukee, night |  |  |  |  |
| New York at California, night |  |  |  |  |

| Sunday's Games<br>(All Times EDT)                                |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Minnesota (Heaton 6-12) at Boston                                |  |  |  |  |
| Hurst 9-7, 1:05 p.m.                                             |  |  |  |  |
| Seattle (Langston 11-10) at Baltimore                            |  |  |  |  |
| McGregor 9-11, 2:05 p.m.                                         |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto (Clancy 14-8) at Chicago                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Carlton 3-21, 2:30 p.m.                                          |  |  |  |  |
| Cleveland (Schrom 12-6) at Milwaukee                             |  |  |  |  |
| Vuckovich 0-1, 2:35 p.m.                                         |  |  |  |  |
| Detroit (Petty 4-7) at Oakland (Young 10-8), 4:05 p.m.           |  |  |  |  |
| New York (Rasmussen 14-4) at California (Sutton 13-9), 4:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Kansas City (Jackson 9-10) at Texas (Hough 12-8), 8:35 p.m.      |  |  |  |  |

| Monday's Games                  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Boston at Baltimore, night      |  |  |  |  |
| Minnesota at Kansas City, night |  |  |  |  |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE |    |    |      |        |
|-----------------|----|----|------|--------|
| East            |    |    |      |        |
|                 | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| New York        | 90 | 44 | .672 | —      |
| Philadelphia    | 70 | 65 | .519 | 20 1/2 |
| St. Louis       | 68 | 67 | .504 | 22 1/2 |
| Montreal        | 66 | 67 | .496 | 23 1/2 |
| Chicago         | 55 | 80 | .407 | 35 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh      | 54 | 80 | .403 | 36     |
| West            |    |    |      |        |
| Houston         | 77 | 58 | .570 | —      |
| Cincinnati      | 70 | 65 | .519 | 7      |
| San Francisco   | 67 | 69 | .493 | 10 1/2 |
| Atlanta         | 64 | 70 | .478 | 12     |
| Los Angeles     | 64 | 71 | .474 | 13     |
| San Diego       | 63 | 72 | .467 | 14     |

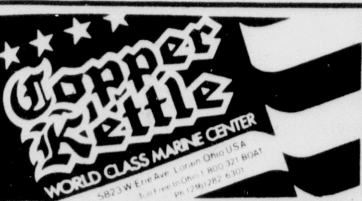
| Saturday's Results            |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| New York 4, San Diego 3       |  |  |  |  |
| Houston 7, St. Louis 6        |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati 5, Chicago 1       |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 2       |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal 3, San Francisco 1   |  |  |  |  |

| Sunday's Games<br>(All Times EDT)                                                             |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| San Francisco (Krukow 14-8) at Montreal (Youmans 12-9), 1:35 p.m.                             |  |  |  |  |
| San Diego (LaPoint 1-1 and Wojna 1-0) at New York (Gooden 13-5 and Fernandez 15-4), 1:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles (Holtan 1-0) at Philadelphia (Ruffin 7-3), 1:35 p.m.                              |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh (Kipper 3-7) at Atlanta (Aker 3-4), 2:10 p.m.                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Chicago (Maddux 0-1) at Cincinnati (Gullickson 13-8), 2:15 p.m.                               |  |  |  |  |
| St. Louis (Mathews 10-4) at Houston (Darwin 2-1), 3:05 p.m.                                   |  |  |  |  |

| Monday's Games                    |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Philadelphia at Chicago           |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal at New York, night       |  |  |  |  |
| St. Louis at Pittsburgh, night    |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati at Houston, night      |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta at Los Angeles, night     |  |  |  |  |
| San Diego at San Francisco, night |  |  |  |  |

## FOOTBALL

| NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE<br>FINAL 1985 STANDINGS<br>By United Press International<br>American Conference |    |    |   |      |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| East                                                                                                     |    |    |   |      |     |     |
|                                                                                                          | W  | L  | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
| x-Miami                                                                                                  | 12 | 4  | 0 | .750 | 428 | 320 |
| y-NY Jets                                                                                                | 11 | 5  | 0 | .688 | 393 | 264 |
| y-New England                                                                                            | 11 | 5  | 0 | .688 | 362 | 290 |
| Indianapolis                                                                                             | 5  | 11 | 0 | .313 | 317 | 386 |
| Buffalo                                                                                                  | 2  | 14 | 0 | .125 | 200 | 381 |
| Central                                                                                                  |    |    |   |      |     |     |
| x-Cleveland                                                                                              | 8  | 8  | 0 | .500 | 287 | 294 |
| Cincinnati                                                                                               | 7  | 9  | 0 | .438 | 441 | 437 |
| Pittsburgh                                                                                               | 7  | 9  | 0 | .438 | 379 | 355 |
| Houston                                                                                                  | 5  | 11 | 0 | .313 | 284 | 412 |
| West                                                                                                     |    |    |   |      |     |     |
| x-LA Raiders                                                                                             | 12 | 4  | 0 | .750 | 354 | 308 |
| Denver                                                                                                   | 11 | 5  | 0 | .688 | 380 | 329 |
| Seattle                                                                                                  | 8  | 8  | 0 | .500 | 349 | 303 |



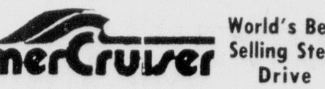
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| East                      |    |    |   |      |     |     |
|                           | W  | L  | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
| x-Dallas                  | 10 | 6  | 0 | .625 | 357 | 333 |
| y-NY Giants               | 10 | 6  | 0 | .625 | 399 | 283 |
| Washington                | 10 | 6  | 0 | .625 | 297 | 312 |
| Philadelphia              | 7  | 9  | 0 | .437 | 286 | 310 |
| St. Louis                 | 5  | 11 | 0 | .313 | 278 | 414 |
| Central                   |    |    |   |      |     |     |
| x-Chicago                 | 15 | 1  | 0 | .938 | 456 | 198 |
| Green Bay                 | 8  | 8  | 0 | .500 | 337 | 355 |
| Minnesota                 | 7  | 9  | 0 | .438 | 346 | 359 |
| Detroit                   | 7  | 9  | 0 | .438 | 307 | 366 |
| Tampa Bay                 | 2  | 14 | 0 | .125 | 294 | 448 |
| West                      |    |    |   |      |     |     |
| x-LA Rams                 | 11 | 5  | 0 | .687 | 340 | 277 |
| y-San Fran.               | 10 | 6  | 0 | .625 | 411 | 263 |
| New Orleans               | 5  | 11 | 0 | .313 | 294 | 401 |
| Atlanta                   | 4  | 12 | 0 | .250 | 282 | 452 |
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