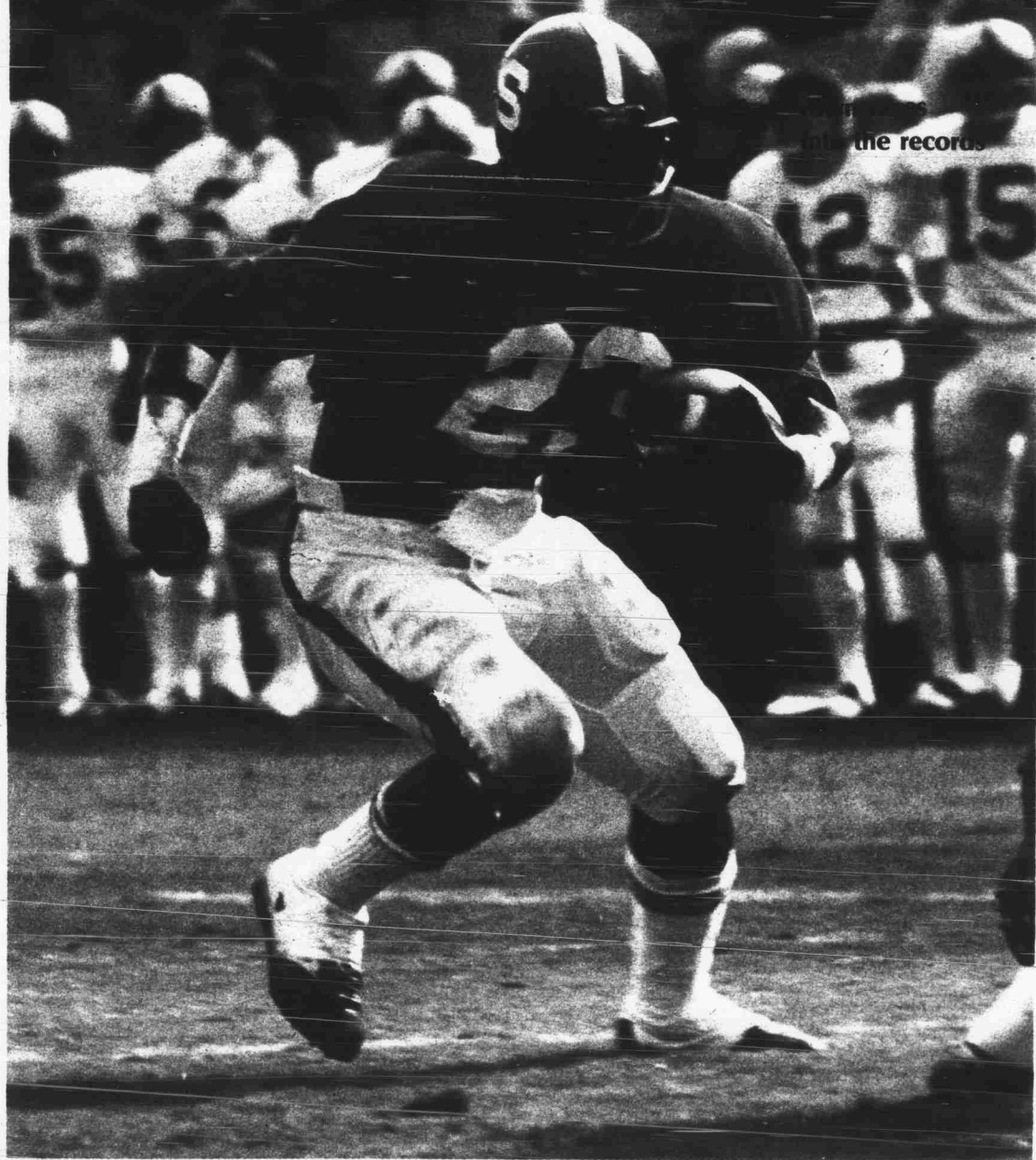


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An easy win

State favored against Syracuse

by David Carroll
Sports Editor

Two teams going in the opposite direction face each other in an ABC regionally televised football game Saturday at 1:50 p.m. in Carter Stadium.

State, which is on the way up, hosts Syracuse, which is on the way down.

The Wolfpack, fresh from its smothering 29-13 victory over East Carolina last weekend, is higher than a ferris wheel. The Pack's swarming defense was awesome while shutting down the Pirate's offense. It yielded only nine first downs and forced seven turnovers, four interceptions and three fumbles.

Long before the game was over,

you half expected Swift and Co. to bid on the carcass. The ECU offense had taken an awful beating, perhaps even more than State's final 16-point triumph indicated.

Strong defense

The ECU players walked around their dressing room in a daze, as if to say, "Did somebody get the number of that truck?"

"State was the better team. They just kicked us good," echoed throughout the Pirate dressing room.

"We just got beat by a better football team. I don't think there's any doubt, this is the strongest State team, the most physical State team, we've played," ECU coach Pat Dye reflected. "State's strength is in their defense."

And the Wolfpack's offense isn't too bad either. Add a superb kicker in sophomore Nathan Ritter to boot and you see why State is a solid 14-point favorite over Syracuse.

'Very good team'

"State has a very good football team," Orangemen coach Frank Maloney praised.

"They beat us 38-0 last year and should be even better this season. They have a lot of big play people. Ted Brown is one of the best backs in the country and their defense is solid. That new kicker (Ritter) has excellent range, too."

Syracuse, on the other hand, seems to be cursed. How much bad luck can one team have, anyway? What lies ahead for them? A cruise

on the Titanic? A flight in the Hindenburg?

The Orangemen's outlook suffered a tremendous blow in their 28-0 loss to Florida State when their star, senior quarterback Bill Hurley, was thrown to the Archibald Stadium turf on the fifth offensive play. Three cracked ribs put him out for the game, and for an "indefinite" period thereafter.

Hurley valuable

It is doubtful that Syracuse would have been drubbed by Florida State with Hurley in the lineup. The 5-11, 191-pounder was the team leader, an experienced performer who had ice water in his veins. He was the Orangemen's top runner with 625 yards and the top passer with 1,455 yards in 1977, and he led the team to four straight victories at the end of the season. His bulging reputation put his picture on the cover of, at least, one preseason football publication.

"With him, the Orange's potential seems unlimited. Without him, it would be a very long season, it reads in the team's press guide."

"They lost an excellent competitor," said State coach Bo Rein.

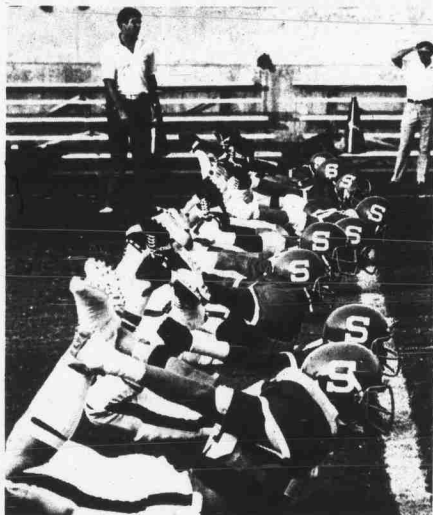
The probable starter against State is Ron Ron Farneski, a 5-11, 186-pound junior who completed three of seven passes last season. However, without Hurley Syracuse offense appears to be woefully inept. After he was injured last Saturday, Orangemen collected a mere three first downs.

"Our offense is hurting some," Maloney stated. "We definitely miss Hurley."

Rein considers Syracuse something of a "mystery team" because he doesn't know how the Orangemen will line up against the Pack defensively.

He knows how Syracuse tried to stop Florida State, but a different scheme will be used this week since the Seminoles are a passing team and State is more run-oriented.

"They are a typical Syracuse team," said Rein. "They have a big offensive line. I'm certain they'll come down here ready to play."



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Brown won't be forgotten

by David Carroll
Sports Editor

He's still the one.

In the three years, 30 regular season games and two Peach Bowls he's started, Thomas Edward Brown has had probably the most outstanding career of anyone who's ever played football at State.

From that first varsity appearance on an October afternoon against Indiana, it was obvious that Brown was something special and destined for stardom. He was an instant success: he ran for 121 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries in his debut. Two weeks later Brown gained 106 yards in State's 21-20 victory over North Carolina. Then at Clemson the following Saturday he danced and spun his way under, over, around and through Clemson's defense while accumulating 227 yards, which, at the time, set a Wolfpack single game rushing record. He also scored four touchdowns. Consequently, he was named to the United Press International backfield of the week.

Numerous records

Now, with only 10 games left in his senior season, Brown owns more records than Sam Goody's. As a result of all his marks of distinction, Brown is being trumpeted for the Heisman Trophy by State's sports information department. It is an honor that no Atlantic Coast-Conference football player has ever won and, frankly, an award that he's not in much danger of winning.

However, his credentials—as the saying goes—speak for themselves.

He was the top returning NCAA

career rusher with 3,252 yards before the season started. After gaining 124 yards in the Wolfpack's 29-13 victory over East Carolina last Saturday, he's advanced from 28th to 22nd on the all time NCAA list with 3,376 yards. With a repeat of his 1,251 yards of last year, he'd move up to the No. 5 spot, and 47 yards more would put him at 4th. Those prospects are excellent since he's been marvelously durable, has improved his rushing total each season and has outstanding blockers in front of him.

He's averaged a gaudy 5.83 yards per carry. That figure is higher than career marks posted by Texas' Earl Campbell (5.81), Pitt's Tony Dorsett (5.66), Oklahoma State's Terry Miller (5.41) and Cornell's Ed Marinaro (5.14).

251-yard performance

The best rushing game of his romp through college came against Penn State, a 251-yard performance in last season's 21-17 loss. Two years earlier, as a freshman, he'd ripped the powerful Nittany Lions for 148 yards. Those were two of 19 times in 30 starts he's topped 100 yards rushing. Additionally, in two bowl appearances he's amassed 114 and 159 yards, respectively.

His 40 career touchdowns are just two shy of the Atlantic Coast Conference record and six shy of the league's responsibility mark. His 246 career points is 10 shy of Stan Fritt's conference record.

He holds the ACC record for the longest run from scrimmage, a 95-yard touchdown against Syracuse last season.

His 25 pass receptions in 1976 and 24 last season were team highs each year.



Brown goes up the middle against Penn State.

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Aside from his UPI national backfield designation for his performance against Clemson in 1975 as a freshman, he received the same honor for his 140-yard, three touchdown output against Syracuse in 1977.

All-ACC three years

He was ACC rookie of the year as a freshman, and has been voted first team All-ACC all three years.

His list of accomplishments seems endless.

But Brown is much more than a record book. He's magic in a football uniform. He has the super gifted ability that everyone admires in a great running back. He feints and stunts, dips and weaves, jukes and blasts. He has both breakaway speed and the power to bowl over defenders. His forte is finding daylight, however little room is there, and turning it into a sizable gain. Brown's extraordinary assets are his excellent equilibrium and peripheral vision, which enable him to make the right move precisely when he should.

"Barring injury Ted will leave the Atlantic Coast Conference a living legend," lauded Wolfpack coach Bo Rein. "We feel he's the best in the country. No back in the league—and very few in the country—has led the squad in receptions the past two years, and he's very much a threat as a passer. You simply can't ask more of a player than what Ted contributes. He's the best I've ever been associated with.

"No other back in the league can break the plays he breaks for the yardage he breaks them. Tacklers can't seem to wrap him up because he explodes and runs right through the tackles. Ted runs with great explosion and has what we call super body lean.

"He has great, great strength," he continued. "It's unbelievable, in fact. He is the strongest athlete on

the squad in leg power. Defenders bounce off him like basketballs."

Brown explained part of his running style:

"I just try to keep a little bit of distance between me and them," he said. "That way when they try to stop me they have to overextend themselves and their strength is decreased, which makes it easier for me to get away."

Everlasting impression

Everybody who sees him play comes away with the same, everlasting impression.

"Ted Brown is the type of runner, who before he's through, is going to stand right up there

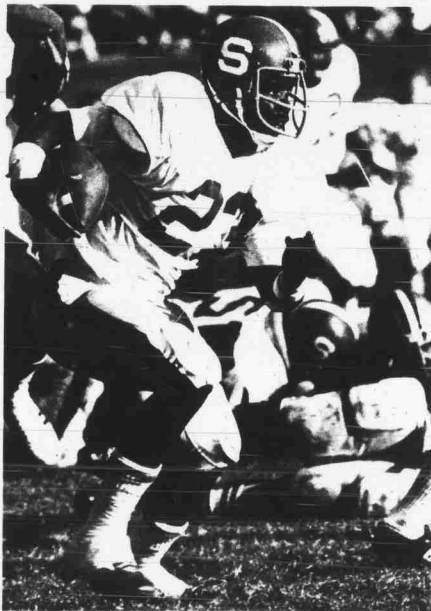
with Tony Dorsett, Greg Pruitt, or whoever your favorite runner may be," said South Carolina coach Jim Carlen.

'Better than Dorsett'

"If there is a better runner, he is in the National Football League," said awed Penn State linebacker Rick Donaldson last year after Brown made a shambles of a previously tight-fisted defense by running for 251 yards. "He's better than Tony Dorsett. He runs harder than Dorsett. I hit him several times, but I couldn't take him back."

Rein related an interesting

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Brown breaks into open against Duke.

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Another first down for Brown and State.

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Things didn't always come easy

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story about Brown before last season started:

"We were 0-3 and struggling and we had Michigan State coming up in our fourth game. Before the game the coaches got together and decided we were gonna give the ball to Brown the first six plays."

"Right before the game I told Ted what we had in mind. And he said, 'Coach, it won't take six plays. You'll have to get that kicking tee out before six plays.'"

"Do you know on the second play from scrimmage Brown goes 81 yards for a touchdown against Michigan State," Rein smiled. "The coaches thought this was so great we decided to do the same thing the next week against Indiana. Again, I tell Ted about it and he says the same thing, 'Get the kicking tee ready, coach.' This time, on the fourth play, he goes 54 yards to a touchdown."

Not always easy

However, things have not always come so easy for Brown. In his formative years, he had to be persuaded to come out for varsity football at Andrews High. His time there was dotted with instances of skipping early-season practices because he didn't want to sleep in the gym with the team, of dropping himself off the varsity as a sophomore because he wanted to play regularly with the junior

varsity, of sulking because he didn't get to run the ball enough.

He was on the same High Point Andrews High School team and in the same backfield that fostered former State teammates Johnny Evans and Timmy Johnson while he was a junior. He took charge his senior year. But after a spectacular season, State was the only school from a major-conference that offered him a scholarship.

In fact, some people thought that basketball was Ted's best sport. He made the East West high school all-star game as a basketball player, not as a football player.

Things weren't so rosey for Brown at first. Only four weeks after he arrived at State, he was packing his bags to return to High Point. He was downcast, sullen, feeling rejected. He returned kicks in varsity games but was otherwise a junior varsity member who was tired of all the physical abuse and cheap shots he had persevered in practice.

Started to go home

On the week before the varsity went to Michigan State, he couldn't take it anymore. So he walked away from the scrimmage and didn't do the sprints, then went to the dorm to pack.

"I called my mama and told her I was coming home," he recalled, "but she told me nothing good

comes easy, and said it would be best for me if I stuck it out. Also, Tommy London and coach Bob Boswell (this high school coach and, at the time, a State assistant) came by and said I'd eventually get my chance. So I said, 'Well, okay. One more week.'

"When the coach told me I might have to sit out early, but that I'd have the opportunity to play, all I heard of the first part. All I could think about was that I had always played. But those four games helped me. They straightened me out and I grew up a lot. If I had played, I might not be playing now. I guess it was a blessing in disguise."

Then came THE BREAK.

The night after the Pack had fumbled six times and gotten clobbered 37-15 by Michigan State, Brown was 'way up east in Murfreesboro, scoring five touchdowns, picking up 104 yards rushing and 73 receiving against Choway Junior College. On Monday, coach Lou Holtz (now at Arkansas) posted a note on the training table bulletin board

telling Brown to come to his office.

Brown starts

Holtz said he was changing the backfield to include five alternating running backs.

"He said I was one of 'em," Brown grinned, "and when I came out of the coach's office I remember thinking, 'This is the chance I've been looking for to show all my home boys I could do it. But I couldn't ruin my career. The way things were going could have ruined me.' All along, though I knew all I needed was a chance."

Needless to say, he took advantage of THE opportunity. He started that Saturday against Indiana and gained the first 121 yards and scored the first two touchdowns of his record-setting career. Presto, he had arrived instantly.

"I think I grew up pretty quick after that," he said. "I was kinda wild in high school, and maybe I just needed a big success or something like, ahm, somebody

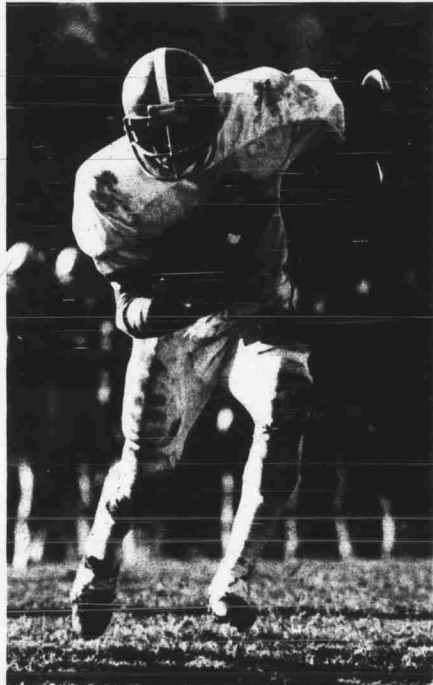
saying, 'Ted, stick with it.' Mama said that helped make a commitment."

Brown was very close to his mother, a lifetime domestic and factory seamstress, who died during last season. "She was a heckuva lady," he said. "She left with me a lot of values, ways I can improve myself and help my brothers and sisters."

Rejoined the team

When Lillie Mae Brown died, her son was going to get the week off as State traveled to Syracuse. But after the midweek funeral, Brown rejoined the team and made UPT's national backfield of the week, racing for 140 yards and three TD's on just 10 carries, including a record 95-yard dash—the longest scrimmage run ever at Archbold Stadium, where Jim Brown, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, Heisman trophy winner Ernie Davis and future all-pros

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Brown follows Adams' block.

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Brown races past Clemson defender.

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State's team has 'great potential'

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Floyd Little and Larry Csonka once roamed.

"Now, I dedicate everything I try to make of myself to my mama," he said.

Brown has always been a grateful, warm person who gives credit where it's due. He is modest about his accomplishments. He doesn't wear his statistics like a coat of arms. Ask Brown about his success as a running back and he will quickly go into a monologue about how great his coaches, offensive line and backfield mates are.

Great blocking

"Look," he emphasized. "I've got the best line I've ever had blocking for me. Those guys up there—my men—open holes that anyone could run through. And there also just happens to be a back named Billy Ray Vickers who has helped me a lot."

Brown would gladly trade all the newspaper articles and television interviews for wins.

"I don't care about getting attention. I just want to win. Winning is the most important thing."

Brown thinks the Wolfpack can have the best season it's had since he's been here this year.

'Great potential'

"We have great potential," he said. "We got off to a good start against East Carolina and I think we can continue to improve."

Off the field, as on it, Ted is always bubbling with enthusiasm very well with the ladies. He wears a variety of earrings in his left ear and an impish grin across his face.

"I just like to have a good time," smiled Brown, whose eyes always seem to be filled with childlike wonder.

"I've really enjoyed my years here," he summarized. "I'll never forget State."

And State will never forget Ted Brown.



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Another six-pointer



Brown high steps into the end zone.

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Team support after Brown TD

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Pack QB Scott Smith passes his first test

by David Carroll
Sports Editor

After priming himself like an undergrad at exam time, State starting quarterback Scott Smith was glad to finally get to take the first test Saturday night. And he was satisfied, though not elated with the results.

Although the Wolfpack didn't score nearly as many points as it could have, it still controlled possession, and easily beat East Carolina 29-13.

"I felt we moved the ball well between—the twenties," he assessed. "I thought we played well for the first game. I was pleased with myself. I made a few mistakes, but I figure I'll cut down on the mistakes as the season progresses. I feel we'll improve."

Butterflies

Smith admitted that, at first, he had the normal opening-night butterflies. But once the game started, the nervousness was gone.

"It was exciting. Of course, I was nervous at first. But as soon as I got the first series under my

belt, I was more relaxed," he said. Smith emphasized the importance of State tying the game after ECU had grabbed a quick 7-0 lead.

"We knew we had to go down there and score," he reflected. "We knew we had to go down there and get the momentum because they are an emotional team. We knew we couldn't let them get the momentum."

The 6-1, 185-pounder generally ran the Wolfpack's twin veer smoothly. He wasn't flashy; he was simply effective.

Conservative plays

Wolfpack coach Bo Rein wanted his young quarterback to gain confidence in the opener. So Smith, who played sparingly last season but was impressive in off-season drills, stuck mainly to the basic plays and threw few passes. He kept his mistakes to a minimum.

"Overall, I am pleased with the quarterback situation," said Rein. "It was a workmanlike performance. His mistakes were the typical mistakes that a young guy makes."

"We didn't want him to lose his

confidence by having some passes picked off," added the third-year head coach. "We decided to go with the running game and when Nathan Ritter (field goal kicker) started hitting them pretty good, we just didn't throw that much. We'll throw more in the future."

Smith is polite and humble, a talented athlete who constantly praises his teammates. You'll never find Smith bragging about himself.

However, Smith has the confidence and ability he needs to be an offensive leader. His teammates know he can do the job and no one has ever questioned his uncanny ability to run the veer. The 185-pounder only lacks much-game experience.

Less mistakes

"I'll cut down on the mistakes," Smith confided. "It's nice to get a win under your belt. We have a lot of potential. It's just a matter of us working hard and eliminating mistakes."

Rein thinks Smith has a good future.

"Smith runs the option well and has worked hard to become a good passer," he praised. "He'll get better with more experience."



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Junior Scott Smith barks signals.



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