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Penn State's defense struggled at times in the regular season. The Nittany Lions gave up more than 21 points per game in 1994.

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**Oct. 15 at Michigan** — After a two-week layoff the Lions had to go into the "Big House" at Michigan.

In front of a crowd of 106,832, the Lions showed that they could take care of business, beating the Wolverines 31-24.

For 60 minutes, the two teams butted heads. The game came to an end with 86 seconds left when Penn State cornerback Brian Miller made a diving interception of a Todd Collins pass to halt any Michigan comeback.



**Oct. 29 at Beaver Stadium** — Playing at home for the first time in five weeks and for the first time since earning the No. 1 ranking, the Lions put on a clinic in handing the Ohio State Buckeyes their worst loss in 48 years, 63-14.

Penn State also scored the most points vs. Ohio State since Michigan tallied 86 points in 1902.

The Lions offense showed perfect balance, tallying 286 yards rushing and passing for 572 yards of total yards.

Penn State's defense was strong, limiting Ohio State to 12 first downs, 214 yards in offense, grabbing three interceptions and recording four sacks.



**Nov. 5 at Indiana** — The Lions traveled to Bloomington to face Indiana, missing the intensity they had had in the previous two games.

Although the final score was 35-29, the Lions were well in control. Indiana trailed 15-14 with 1:49 left on the clock, and made it interesting, posting two touchdowns in the time remaining.

During the game, the Lions were whistled for only five penalties, but two came at crucial moments. An 89-yard punt return for a touchdown by Mike Archie was called back (illegal use of hands) as was Brian Gelzheiser's 75-yard fumble return for a touchdown (face mask).

### 1994 PENN ST. SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Penn St. - 56, Minnesota - 3
10	Penn St. - 38, Southern Cal - 14
17	Penn St. - 61, Iowa - 21
24	Penn St. - 55, Rutgers - 27
Oct. 1	Penn St. - 48, Temple - 21
15	Penn St. - 31, Michigan - 24
29	Penn St. - 63, Ohio - 14
Nov. 5	Penn St. - 35, Indiana - 29
12	Penn St. - 35, Illinois - 31
19	Penn St. - 45, Northwestern - 17
26	Penn St. - 59, Michigan St. - 31



**Nov. 12 at Illinois** — The contest pitted Penn State's top-ranked offense against Illinois' fourth-ranked defense. The first quarter of play was dominated by the Fighting Illini.

Illinois gained 224 yards, and kept the ball away from the Lions for 19:30 of the opening half. But, that all would change in the second half.

In the closing half the Lions went on a 21-3 scoring streak, pulling off a 31-35 victory. Collins mastered a final 96-yard drive, going 7 of 7 for 60 yards. Fullback Brian Milne crashed over from two yards out with 57 seconds left; sealing a comeback victory and a trip to the Rose Bowl.



**Nov. 19 at Beaver Stadium** — Once again the Lions returned to their offensive form of "Win the first half, win the game" against visiting Northwestern. Penn State took the first half 38-3, and never looked back.

The final score was 45-17.



**Nov. 26 at Beaver Stadium** — The Lions finished their sophomore season in the Big Ten by whipping Michigan State, 59-31, to earn their 11-0 record.

The Lions set a Big Ten record by averaging 48.1 points in league games and beat conference bests for all games in total offense, scoring and yards gained per play to rank among the most lethal offenses in the Big Ten's 99-year history.

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