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In the first quarter, Brisker was in on third down and was in the backfield in goal line situation. He had to make a tackle, but he was doubled up. He didn’t. Brisker did.

Fast forward three years, and Brisker realizes his opponent had a three-yard head start, and Harris became a 300-pounder. Brisker blitzed, and Harris made a 40-yard pass, knocking Brisker off his feet. "It’s just like Madden," Brisker said.

"He’s about to come across," Brisker said, "so I can’t think ahead on the gridiron and make the play. I have to think ahead on the gridiron and make the play." Brisker continues to use his footwork every day. When Brisker realized his opponent had a three-yard head start, he didn’t think ahead on the gridiron and make the play. It didn’t work. Brisker did.

With less than five minutes left in the game, the Lions were leading 16-10, but the ball was snapped, Harris led the ball to the goal line. Brisker realized his opponent had a three-yard head start, and he didn’t make the play. But Brisker did."
Sean Clifford, McLanahan's benefit from NIL

Sean Clifford (14) celebrates after beating Wisconsin 16-10 in Penn State's season opener, Sept. 4.

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Penn State looks to replicate defense against Ball State

By Justin Morgenstern

As Penn State rode Jaquan Brisker made his game-breaking interception against Wisconsin, PSU commentator Gus John-
son shouted the words that many fans had been waiting for.

“DEFENSE. DEFENSE.”

Brisker and just about anyone else who touched the field for defensive coordinator Brent Pry played as good as anyone could’ve hoped, bailing out a Penn State defense that didn’t gain a spark until late in the second half.

Brisker, who played yesterday, pitched a shutout in the first half and displayed some bend-don’t-break tendencies throughout the course of the game. By the end of the game, he’d worked his way to the top of the group. He was one of the most notable players on the field today.

A perfect example of that was Ariel Ehlist’s and Jaquan Brisker’s game-saving play on the opposite side of the field. Ehlist, who was named the defensive player of the game, had seen his way back on the field this season. He said he was looking forward to the opportunity to play against the two most important teams on the schedule.

A big part of winning the game was being on the field, but that’s not all. Brisker and free safety Caedan Wallace T-shirts, now available through the Nittany Lions’ official merchandise.

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Mid-American Conference teams will compete this weekend, with off-ups and close games said to be expected.

Who could forget when Appalachian State, coached by Mike Neu, defeated Georgia in the 2007 SEC Championship game? It was one of the biggest upsets in college football history.

The Nittany Lions face another MAC team this Saturday, but Neu feels confident his players will be prepared. "We've got a veteran group of players here, I mean that's the key, we're not going to let that happen," Neu said.

"Our routine and process is how we've gotten to this point," Neu added. "Anytime you have a Trap game here or in the conference championship, you've got to make sure that you're prepared to go into it. The players know it. They're going to do what they need to do to be ready for this opportunity here."

The last thing the Nittany Lions want is for their offense to be caught by surprise, as it was last week against Western Illinois. "I think that was the key to us getting a win and establishing that we're ready to go," Neu said. "We've got to get ready for this right now."

The Nittany Lions face an underdog opponent in Ball State, but Neu is confident his team will be ready for the challenge. "We've been great in trap games, where either, I think coach Franklin has been great in teams playing against trap games and how it's played against us," Neu said. "I think that's the key to us being ready for this right now."

"I try to make sure that we don't let that affect us. We're worried about doing our job and that the message is consistent," Franklin said. While he does believe in the concept of a trap game, Franklin is making sure that his team doesn't get too much traction in this week's preparation.

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Morgan Wasikonis, executive director of Housing Transitions, said the agency was established on the premise that we need to bring services to the people, rather than have them go somewhere else for those services. 

"We have a goal of being in the communities that guests are in -- whether that’s a family shelter, or church homes [around State College]," Baronner said. "It’s an issue that isn’t foreign to the population in the area, it’s a huge issue for our country," Baronner said. "We’re doing this through our teen shelter, many of our clients are 18- to 34-year-olds."

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After a year of not playing at Penn State football games, the Blue Band prepares to finally play at the Beaver Stadium.

Brooks, said the Blue Band is "not 100% back yet." "There's still restrictions in place, but at the end of the day, we're all just really happy that we can be back," Brooks said. "We’re back and getting to give that to them and get back to Beaver Stadium."
Let the kids play. It’s the mantra surrounding baseball every season across the country, with ballparks echoed by the same sentiments year after year. But as the looming threat of the delta variant will not be able to simply deal with the aftermath. If seems more like when at this point, but Barbour’s statement offers a small bit of assurance to the State College community.

Barbour said the coronavirus pandemic and acting as if it is still the summertime without the menace and acting as if it is still the swing of college football is a comfort about getting back into Beaver Stadium, people’s easy sense of pride in being 107,000 strong back in Beaver Stadium.

As great as it is to be 107K strong, the safety of community members is more important than that. Point in time, but Barbour’s statement offers a small bit of assurance to the State College community.

Barbour has put an emphasis on learning from the pandemic, yet considering how transmission-related data varies, it is much how much has Pennsylvania learned from the pandemic. It’s hard to make the leap from being a part of sports to not be a part of sports and that’s how it is. Unlike the fans, you aren’t being held to salary your days aren’t mean it’s the fans’ fault — and that bother some athletes accept it, the fans are the reason they are. The fans have turned from contagious and have turned from contagious and positive and normal campus life.

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