

Penn State's young tailback sparkles in Kickoff Classic

NITTANY LIONS and Brigham Young win in college football's first weekend.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Curtis Enis can't hide anymore.

The sensational sophomore ran for 241 yards and scored three touchdowns Sunday as No. 11 Penn State cruised to a 24-7 victory over No. 7 Southern California in the Kickoff Classic.

Enis, a 6-foot-1, 231-pounder who was rarely allowed to be interviewed last season, dazzled a Kickoff Classic-record crowd of 77,716 at Giants Stadium with scoring runs of 24, nine and four yards.

Enis' 24-yarder, with 1:57 left in the first half, displayed his power and speed. He ran directly into safety Rashard Cook at the 15-yard-line, bounced off and sped into the end zone to give the Nittany Lions a 10-0 lead.

Penn State dominated so completely in the second half that USC John

Robinson's team barely averted a shut-out, scoring with 29 seconds left when linebacker Chris Claiborne recovered a fumble by tailback Chafie Fields in the end zone.

After a scoreless third quarter, Enis, who coach Joe Paterno said still has to work on his game, ran 57 yards to the USC 27 to set up his 9-yard score with 13:22 left. Just 1:40 later, after Kim Herring intercepted a pass by Brad Otton, Enis was at it again, scoring from four yards out.

Enis, who had 27 carries, produced the fourth-highest rushing total in Penn State history and the most by a sophomore.

Ottom, USC's Rose Bowl hero against Northwestern, had a poor day, completing just 11 of 28 passes for 144 yards and an interception. Penn State's Wally Richardson was 10 of 18 for 102 yards and two first-half interceptions. He was replaced late in the third quarter by Mike McQueary.

After a scoreless first quarter, one in which Richardson threw interceptions on both Penn State drives, the

Nittany Lions finally broke through for a 3-0 lead.

And it came on a USC turnover. Darrell Kania's punt was fair and caught by USC at the 12-yard line. On the next play, Ottom fumbled the snap and defensive end Chris Snyder recovered at the 12. Richardson was almost intercepted again, but USC's Sammy Knight and Brian Kelly both bobbled the ball and it fell incomplete near the goal line.

Two plays later, Brett Conway kicked a 28-yard field goal with 7:12 left in the half.

Just when it looked as if Paterno might give Enis a rest, back he went in the fourth quarter, running three times for 73 yards on the second touchdown drive. On his 57-yarder, he took a handoff from McQueary and ran around left end until he was forced out of bounds.

Sunday's game was the second of the college football season. Saturday in Provo, Utah, Brigham Young defeated No. 13 Texas A&M 41-37 in the Pigskin Classic.

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