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THE NITTANY LIONS ARE NOW ON THE VERGE OF A VERY SPECIAL YEAR. REPORTER MADELIENE MAGGS PUTS THE SEASON IN PERSPECTIVE AND PREVIEWS THE WHAT COULD BE NEXT FOR THE BLUE AND WHITE.

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SEVEN WEEKS AGO THE STATE OF PENN STATE FOOTBALL WAS ON THE BRINK OF ANOTHER DISMALL SEASON. THE TEAM WAS 2-2 WITH CRUSHING LOSES TO RIVALS PITT AND MICHIGAN.

[CG :2LineL3\Steve Jones\PENN STATE ANNOUNCER]

(STEVE JONES)

"A very important three game home stand is coming up because I've always felt that with a young team one of the first things a young team does on its road to success is win at home and that's when you get to the Minnesota game"

[CG :2LineL3\John Affleck\CURLEY CENTER FOR SPORTS JOURNALISM]

(JOHN AFFLECK)

"The offense wasn't clicking that well in the first half of the Minnesota game and people were restless and I think a little bit frustrated"

"And they were able to come from behind twice and win it and that's the game that gave them the confidence which then dovetailed into another home win with Maryland"

"That's the moment that they really started to rely more on McSorley"

PENN STATE TOOK A TWO GAME WIN STREAK INTO THE WHITEOUT VERSUS RIVAL OHIO STATE.

"I probably thought you know one and a million shot that they beat the No. 2 team in the country"

"Ohio State's ball they were ahead 21-7 and we said to each other, if they score here we're probably going to leave, and then everything changed, the whole season changed in the next half hour."

"So it showed a lot about the guts, the resiliency, it also showed what Beaver Stadium means"

"It's the first win against a top 5 team in the post Paterno era...That's a big deal"

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(MADELIENE MAGGS)

"if Penn State wins out and Ohio State beats Michigan the Nittany Lions will be headed to Indianapolis for the Big10 Championship. A win there could mean Penn State in the college football playoff

"Now you have games that are being played that have stakes. Well anytime a teams involved in games with stakes it excites them it excites the fan base and I think it gets everybody on board that hey you're watching something special"

REPORTING OUTSIDE BEAVER STADIUM, I'M MADELIENE MAGGS FOR THE CENTRE COUNTY REPORT.

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NEXT UP IS A GAME AT RUTGERS ON SATURDAY. KICKOFF IS AT 8 P-M AND YOU CAN LISTEN LIVE ON PENN STATE COM-RADIO.