

PENN STATE SMOTHERS HOLY CROSS BY 46-0

Quarterback Richie Lucas guided Penn State to its easiest triumph of the year, a 46-0 victory over Holy Cross that kept the Nittany Lions in contention for a bowl bid.

FIRST PERIOD: Holy Cross, on a series of passes, opened the game by moving the ball 55 yards to State's 9-yard line to lose it on downs. State immediately made its first touchdown, covering 91 yards in seven plays, featured by a 69-yard pass from Lucas to Bob Mittinger. Jim Kerr went over from the seven. Sam Stellatella converted on a placement. Then State recovered a Holy Cross fumble on the Crusader 37 and scored in six plays. Sam Sobczak went over from the four and Stellatella converted again. SCORE: PENN STATE 14, HC 0.

SECOND PERIOD: State added two more touchdowns in the second period. The first came after Lucas tossed a 70-yard pass to John Bozick. Lucas carried over from the 3. Stellatella again converted. In seven plays State tallied on a 46-yard drive. Ed Caye scoring on a plunge from the 3. Stellatella's kick failed. SCORE: PENN STATE 27, HC 0.

THIRD PERIOD: A downpour started after Penn State scored three more touchdowns. Kerr ran 52 yards for one TD. Mittinger also got a TD on a 12-yard pass from Lucas. Dick Pae fumbled across the goal line, but tackle Jim Smith recovered for State and Stellatella got the conversion after the two previous tries had failed to make it 46-0 in favor of State. SCORE: PENN STATE 46, HC 0.

FOURTH PERIOD: The rain made the field a mire of mud and neither team was able to score. FINAL SCORE: PENN STATE 46, HC 0.

TWO STATE STARTERS MAY MISS PITT GAME

Penn State Coach Rip Engle said that halfback Roger Kochman, a speedster from Wilkinsburg, Pa., may miss the game with Pitt on Saturday because of a knee injury.

Kochman was hurt early in last Saturday's rout of Holy Cross and underwent treatment at the university infirmary for strained knee ligaments.

Kochman, a star in the West Virginia and Syracuse games, was promoted to the first team left halfback post against the Crusaders. He was injured while blocking in the Lions' first series of downs.

Guard Bill Popp of Steelton also was listed as a doubtful starter against the Panthers in Pittsburgh. Popp injured an ankle against the Crusaders.

Meanwhile, school officials refused to comment on Penn State's receipt of an invitation to play in the Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia Dec. 19. A spokesman for the school said any decision would probably be withheld until after the Pitt game.

*** JOKE ***

As a kid around Chicago all I ever heard from my parents was such comment as: "Why don't you be like Johnny? Johnny is a good boy. Johnny is an ambitious boy. Johnny has his sights on big things. Johnny is gonna be famous. While you, you're nothing but a lazy loafer."

I always wondered what happened to Johnny. So the last time I was back in Chicago, I drove around to the old neighborhood and knocked on the door of the apartment where Johnny's mother lived. The old lady was surprised to see me. "Jackie, my boy!" she exclaimed. "You're a sight for sore eyes. It's so good seeing you again." I smiled. "It's so good seeing you, too, Mrs. Billinger."