

ATHLETICS

LIONS TURN BACK BLACK KNIGHTS

By Dave Leonard

After a humiliating homecoming defeat by Missouri, the Nittany Lions turned their vengeance on previously unbeaten Army to the tune of, 27-16, before 27, 160 fans at Michie Stadium.

Army moved off to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, climaxing a 70-yard drive with a 5 yard plunge. With State mixing up the plays they drove to the Army one-yard line, where Jimmy "Mr. Chips" Kerr scored the first of his three touchdowns. The half-time score was 7-7.

After a punt exchange, Army rolled 62 yards for a score to open the third quarter. In what may have been the decisive play of the game, the try for extra point was wide and the score stood at 13-7.

State came right back with a 64-yard drive. With second down on the 25, Galen Hall rolled out and pitched a perfect strike to Kerr, who carried it in for pay dirt. Opperman converted, making the score, 14-13.

Army came back in the fourth period with a ten-yard field goal to take the lead, 16-14; but this was the end of the line for the Cadets.

Kerr returned a punt to the Army 32-yard stripe. After six plays, Kerr drove off tackle for eleven yards and another score. The try for two points fell short. The score: 20-16.

With five minutes remaining, Buddy Torris intercepted an Army pass and went to the Cadet 19-yard line. Dick Hoak skirted end for 25 yards to the Army one, where Dave Hayes bucked the line for a score. Opperman's kick was good and the score read: Penn State 27, Army 16.

STATE DOWNED BY NATIONAL CHAMPS, 21-15

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In what has to be called the best game of the season, Rip Engle's Nittany Lions fell prey to the Orange of Syracuse, 21-15, before a record crowd of 40, 617 fans at Archbold Stadium.

In the first quarter, Syracuse drove 74 yards, with All-American Ernie Davis carrying two tacklers in from the 18-yard line. The first quarter stood at 7-0.

State took over on its own 20-yard stripe after a Syracuse punt. They moved the ball to the Syracuse 45, where Don Jonas went through tackle, got into the clear and went all the way. The half-time score: 7-7.

Jim Kerr took the second half kick-off for State and ran it back to the Orange 32. The Lions were stalled and punted. Syracuse took over, but went for naught and were forced to kick. State moved the ball to the Syracuse 38, where the decisive play of the game took place. Galen Hall went back to throw and was rushed by Fred Mautino. With Mautino hanging on his arm, Hall threw right into the arms of Syracuse linebacker, Mark Weber, who raced unmolested 55 yards for a Syracuse score. After the kick-off, State was forced to punt, and Syracuse marched 66 yards, using straight power plays for their third tally.

The Lions ran a kick-off back to the Syracuse 35. They drove to the Orange 3, but were halted in short of pay dirt.

Syracuse punted immediately, and State returned it to the 23. A Hall to Dick Pae pass accounted for the score, with Hall skirting end for two more. The score: 21-15.

In this reporter's estimation, the Nittany Lions great showing against Syracuse will make members of the LIBERTY BOWL committee take notice. If Penn State can come through the next four games (Illinois, West Virginia, Holy Cross, Maryland) unmarred, a defeat of arch-rival Pitt should send them to Philadelphia for the holidays.