ALL PITT HAS THIS YEAR IS GLENN WARNER AND A VETERAN LINE-SMASHING BACKFIELD

W. AND J. OFFERS NO TEST OF STRENGTH OF WARNER'S TEAM

Just a Few Simple, Well-Perfected Plays Make the Pitt Eleven Smooth-Running, Effective Combination. Line Weak, but Backfield Versatile and Strong

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DESPITE a soggy field, a slippery ball and an overcoming moral [illegible] which should have made it impossible for the glittering of some football [illegible] the University of Pittsburgh elopted into the 1918 football Saturday [illegible] a typical Warner team, which means there was some slitting and all over [illegible] Pitt mopped the gridiron with Washington and Jefferson to the tune of 34 to 0, and in the sixty minutes of play showed such advanced football that even the local rooters, who are unused to anything about the Panthers, were frankly astonished. Working under difficulties from the beginning of the season and having games cancelled first among the S. A. T. C. was being organized and later on the usual supports of athletics, Doctor Boyer, Glenn Warner, would merely a foundation organization for the opening game of a belated season.

"How does he do it?" asked the spectators during and after the game. "How does Warner get such wonderful results with his football?" Again when every one expects to see him fall down on the job.

The answer is simple. Warner trained the Washington and Jefferson team, which for the last two years has been steadily improving until now it is close to perfection. The Quakers came out and startled the world with a bunch of new ideas. He made everybody forget that they had seen the vintage of 1918. Old stuff was left in the locker, the team came from the formation, the plunges through the line and the sensational end runs. Even the forward passes were of an ancient model. But every thing went off like clockwork. Warner's team knew HOW to carry on all of the plays showed a knowledge of whole football and the real game. After a total four simple plays which it has practiced and tried out in practice the eleven with fifty different formations nine times out of ten. That's the secret of Warner's success. He doesn't think too much for himself but for the heads of his players. He believes in simplicity.

In a way the Washington and Jefferson game was a test for Pitt, and again it wasn't. It was the first game of the season and the Indian team in action for the first time, and the Washingtonians were no easy opponents and of a losing score from the start. Pitt scored the other team off its feet in the first half, quickly scored four touchdowns and after that used many substitutes. It was more of a practice scrimmage and [illegible] due respect to Washington and Jefferson.

W. AND J. did not attempt to do their team work for the game. It did not use enough formations to make a good impression in a big game. It was a well-polished effort and showed some of its good plays, but Pitt won by a shade. Coach Hackenberg deserves the credit for the work this team did, considering the time he could do under present conditions.

Severe Test for Game W. and J. Youths

IT'S a tough proposition to send a team of boys against a team like Pitt and expect them to make good. If they get the ideas at the start they will put up a good game, but when they bump into the big fellows there isn't a chance in a thousand to win the game, and they lose their confidence, they fumble, quit, hesitate and put up a stubborn resistance until the end. Not a man quit.

The first willed game because the game was over long ago, when Tressel, the captain, was carried to the sideline with an injured knee. Tressel was one of the best young men in the country last year and would have stopped many of Pitt's end runs had he remained in the game. N. Garbisch, who took his place, was taken care of by the interferers because of his lack of experience.

Captain Henry, however, stuck to the finish and his work was the outstanding feature of the day. This boy is one of the best tackles in the East and played a whole of a game. He broke through the line on almost every play and made many tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Several times he missed the runner by the smallest margin and the Pitt backfield could do nothing with him. He virtually finished his sixty defensive game for his team and looks like All-American timber.

No one can say the W. and J. men lacked spirit and grit. They played so hard that some one way laid each other every play, but few went to the sidelines. Lafferty, the quarterback, was knocked out half a dozen times, but stuck in the game until the middle of the last quarter. Albert at end also had a tough time of it and the Davis Trimble, Bell and Young were stalwarts for gamesmen.

THE cooler day, temperature, speed and the [illegible] made Saturday interesting for local opponents. Kirk's showing the best game. This quarterback has the necessary [illegible] to be a good player.

Pitt's Line Weak, but Backfield Strong

OUT at Pittsburgh most of the athletes are in the professional schools, such as medicine, dentistry and engineering. For that reason ten of the eleven men who started the game had previous experience, the new man being Stein, of Kiski, who played center. These veterans showed off like a finished affair and got their plays off like experts.

There was a weakness in the line, however, in spots and not too much of a game, and the guards in no way compare with Sies and Stilhofland, of last year's team. Albonico and Steel should improve, however, and work in with the Warner system of plays before the season is over. They are hard workers and soon will get the hang of their jobs.

But you must hand it to the backfield. Every man knows what he is on every play and the interference was perfect. Notwithstanding the muddy, slippery field, the interferers left their for where taking a man out of the way, and the runner knew enough to pick his hole and cut in instead of running across the field. Douglas and Masterson did some good interfering and carrying of the ball and McLaren played his usual star game.

McLaren is one of the most consistent performers I ever have seen. He always is on edge in the big games and there is no man in the country who can hit the line harder. The stocky fullback gets on more speed before he is tackled and usually gets a couple of yards extra. He keeps his eyes open and always picks an opening.

There is a new star, however, who should make good this year. Tom Davies, of Kiski, got into the game in the second period and immediately made a hit. He ran the team well and took off some great runs. He is the speediest man on the squad and will show his heels to many a foe in a big field.

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TAKING it all in all, Warner has one of his typical teams this year and should finish with another season of victories. He sticks to his old style of play, but says never stick to it. As J. Alfred Miller Ar., says, "It isn't the ships you have, it's how you sail them."

Georgia Tech Makes North Carolina Quit

A NEWS item from Atlanta, Ga., concerning the Georgia Tech game was of particular interest to the Pittsburgh team. It contained the story of a terrific beating handed out by John Heisman's Yellow Jackets to the North Carolina A. and M. After being battered and kicked around for three periods while Georgia Tech was piling up its points, the North Carolina captain asked that the game be stopped to prevent further punishment. It was interesting to the Panthers in view of the fact that they battle the Southerners at Pittsburgh on November 23.

The other big team of the East—yes, that's right, Rutgers—lined up to the Sanford reputation by thrashing Penn State 26-3, and Annapolis walloped Navy Operating Base 37-6. Syracuse proved that its victory over Dartmouth was no fluke by defeating Brown in a one-sided game, 33-6. The Orange probably could have run up a hundred points had the regulars stayed throughout the entire game.

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HARVARD seems to have changed its mind about football. The Crimson beat Tufts by a touchdown, 7-0.

League Island Pins Boynton Equals Garnet Defeat

BY DICKSON'S League Island eleven, with Ben Boynton, the All-American quarterback at Williams last year, handed Swarthmore a package of TNT in another one of those games that were arranged in record time. The Garnet took on the service men when the Franklin and Marshall game was called off and suffered the same fate as Penn when the Red and Blue jolted on Swarthmore when the Lafayette contest was cancelled. Boynton played a prominent part in the League Island 9-2 victory.

Columbia continued its winning streak by trimming Union, 33-0, while their coach, Tom Thorpe, was officiating at Franklin Field. Thorpe filled in for Fred Lawson, who is suffering from influenza. Dartmouth had little trouble winning from the Portsmouth Marines, 28-0, and Amherst beat Trinity, 21-0.

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IN THE West Michigan scored a notable victory over Chicago, 15-0, and Notre Dame was held to a 7-7 tie by the Great Lakes eleven.

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