

# GRID REVIEW SHOWS WEAK 1925 SEASON

Although the forward line of the 1925 Penn State football combination was practically intact with the start of the present season, Coach Hugo Bezdek and his staff of assistants were faced with the task of building up a backfield quarter calculated to have speed and scoring power.

The passing of Lafferty, the Bakera and Gier from the gridiron, picture left Bergman, Helbig, Watson, Pritchard and Rhimer as the "star performers" behind the line, and from his array of talent Bez was to pick his backs. Several promising men from Dutch Hermann's yearling team were thrust into the breach and prospects brightened with the approach of the opening game.

An injury to Captain Bas Gray's left foot kept the two-time leader from active scrimmage during most of the early practices and from the first two games on the schedule. Mahoney, however, who was converted from a tackle into a center, held down Gray's berth in great style.

Down Lebanon Valley With House, former guard, at terminal position, Mahoney serving for Gray at the pivot post, Filak out with an injured hand, and McCann's position, being given to Bellows, a weakened Blue and White line, averaged the winners for the opening game against Lebanon Valley. West, veteran end; Roselberry, Hastings and the powerful Michalske held down the remaining positions in the Nittany line while the backfield was composed of Lungren at quarter, Pritchard and Helbig at halves and Bergman at fullback.

The "little fellows" from the Valley fought a great battle against the heavier team, and held the Lions to a 7-0 score. Pincura and Watson scoring the Nittany touchdowns in the last two periods.

Statistics show that against a fifty-three yards gained by the visitors, Penn State compiled a total of 222 yards for fifteen first downs, evidencing a lack of punch within the scoring zone. Penalties also were quite frequent, the Lions losing sixty yards in this way.

Tumble F. and M. Elyen Weston and Wilson, the latter also a veteran, started against the Sons of Netonia at the terminal positions, with McCann and Michalske in the mighty combination at the tackles. House was returned to his old love at guard, working with Hastings and

Mahoney, who was still in Gray's berth at center.

The appearance of the backfield, however, was considerably altered. Pincura replacing Lungren at quarterback, Pritchard being shifted to the fullback position and Roepke taking Pritchard's place at left half. Helbig was again stationed at the opposite position.

Penn State again outgained its opponents, only to be thwarted when inside the F. and M. twenty-yard-line. Three hundred and twenty-seven yards were gained from scrimmage against the opponents from Lancaster, while Mayser's team ran up but fifty-four. First downs were seventeen to two.

Tech Trounces Lions Journeying to the Yankee Stadium in New York city to encounter the Golden Tornado of George Tech, prospects are bright for a Nittany victory. Tech's field diminutive but fast, halfback, had recovered from a shoulder injury received in practice some time before, and he started at right halfback, with Lungren as running mate, Pincura at quarter and Bergman again at fullback. Slamp replaced Weston at left end, but the remainder of the line was intact, with Michalske and Filak alternating at left tackle, and Captain Gray, later replacing Mahoney.

Outgained, outscored and outmarched during the first half, and trailing by a 7-0 score as the third period began, the Tornado backed, with Wycoff and Williams bearing the brunt of the attack, came from behind to trim the Blue and White by a score of 16-7, piling up two touchdowns and a field goal before the final whistle ended the game.

Still Lack Driving Power Against Marietta college on Monday, the Lion eleven pulled the same trick which it had against Lebanon Valley, and the Lancasterians, notably piling up 458 yards from scrimmage and netting twenty-three first downs and scoring only thirteen points.

Captain Gray was shifted to left tackle for this contest, with Michalske being stationed at fullback. This was the first game of the season in which two separate backfields were used by the Blue and White.

Lions Even Old Score The Lion's houseparty, guest was Michigan State, an age-old foe of the guardians of New Beaver Field. The Michigan Aggies in 1914 had lifted the belt of the growing Nittany Titan

on New Beaver for the first time, and in an effort to equal the account Bez placed his strongest combination on the field.

A stirring march to the opposing goal immediately after the first kickoff netted the Blue and White its first touchdown and in the second quarter another six-pointer was annexed. The Aggies, gaining strength in the final half, also tallied a touchdown toward the close of the third quarter, and this score finished the point-making for the day.

Syracuse Defeats Bezdekians Stacking up against a real tartar at Syracuse, the Lion eleven again suffered a setback at the hands of Foley, Barbati and company to the tune of 7-0. Barbati's powerful plunging and Foley's returning punts were the features of the game, the former scoring the lone but winning touchdown for the Onondagans.

Syracuse scored seven first downs and amassed a total of 136 yards from scrimmage, while the Blue and White collected only a quartet of ten-yard prore-ups and gained eighty yards on offense. Fumbles were costly for the Lions and the recovery of a loose ball by Friedman of the Orange paved the way for Barbati's score.

The saving grace of the Lion eleven was its ability to entrench itself and shake firm stands while in the middle of the field. Many times Syracuse was forced to punt while in midfield and twice during the hour of play, the Orange was held for downs by a fighting Nittany line.

Rockmen at Miami Day Homecoming Day celebration reached its peak with the bringing together of the gridiron machinery of two great football mentors, Hugo Bezdek and Knute Rockne. The Fighting Irish were all primed to throw a wrench into the Nittany cornucopia, but a terrific fight put up by the Lions held the enemy at bay and the game ended in a scoreless tie.

The lineup which started against the Green was made up of Wilson and Weston, ends; McCann and Hastings, tackles; Filak and House, guards; Captain Gray center; Helbig, quarter-back; Pritchard and Greene, halves; and Michalske, fullback.

Penn State's stalwarts are to be commended highly, far and wide for the great stand which they made against Rockne's powerful team, and although "yards gained" and "first downs"

favored the visitors, Nittany alumni witnessed a thrilling struggle for their Alma Mater.

Dedicate Mountaineer Bowl The same lineup which had held so successfully the battering of the Notre Dame attack attempted to drag down the colors of West Virginia in Morgantown the following Saturday in the dedication game for the Mountaineers' new stadium.

A blocked punt in the early stages of the second quarter accounted for a touchdown by the entertaining eleven, a great running and passing attack in the final period added another score to the total, and a 14-0 result was posted as the Lions were humbled for the third time.

Rest for Pitt Game Following the unsuccessful stage in Morgantown, the Nittany combination rested for some time, finally having a few light scrimmages for the practices preceding the annual Thanksgiving Day battle with the Pitt Panther.

Outplay but Lose to Pitt Not only in passing and plunging did the Lion outdo the Panther on Turkey Day, but also in punting and in another department of the game known technically as the gentle art of trading repates.

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unexpected trick play on which Roepke snared Lungren's pass and dragged two tacklers across the final line on his way to a touchdown. Seventeen first downs came the way of the Lions, while Pitt had a hard time putting together an even dozen.

A fumble was responsible for Pitt's first touchdown and an uncuffed field goal made the score 10-7 at the end of the first few minutes of scrimmage. However, Pitt rallied in the second half and at the end of the game, the final score stood 23-7 in favor of the tutelages of Jock Sutherland.

The entire tabulation follows:

Player	T.	G.T.	F.G.	Total
Michalske	3	0	0	12
Pincura	2	0	0	18
Dangerfield	1	0	0	7
Watson	1	0	0	6
Pritchard	1	0	0	6
Roepke	1	0	0	6
Slamp	1	0	0	4
Weston	0	4	0	4
Bergman	0	2	0	2

### REPRESENTATIVES SENT TO EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Representing Penn State at the conference of the National Society for the Vocational Education, Dr. A. S. Hurrell, Prof. W. P. Loomis and Miss Edith P. Chase will attend the meetings which started yesterday, for a three days duration at Cleveland, Ohio.

### COMPILATION OF SCORING

Throughout the season in eight games, Penn State scored a total of only sixty-seven points against fifty-nine points registered by opponents. Michalske leads the Lion scorers with a total of eighteen points, made by three touchdowns, and he is six points above Pincura, his closest rival.

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