

# Lion Gridders Lead All Seven Opponents In Season's Statistics

## Top Others In All Departments

Penn State's undefeated and once-tied football team has a decided edge over its seven opponents of the season in all departments, total statistics released this week reveal.

The Lion have the greatest advantage in the net yardage gained by rushing, with 1670 yards against 400 for their opponents. In total yardage gained by rushing and passing, the Blue and White lead with 2239 yards against 856, or nearly a three to one advantage.

The Nittanymen have rolled up 108 first downs while holding the opposition to only 37 and have completed 45 passes out of 96 attempted for a gain of 569.

In yards gained by intercepted passes, the Lions have gained the tremendous total of 234 yards, refuting the belief that they are weak on pass defense. Only 38 passes out of 96 were completed by the enemies for a gain of 456 yards.

The statistics are as follows:

	State	Opp.
First downs rushing	91	19
First downs passing	15	17
First downs penalties	2	1
Total first downs	108	37
Net yardage rushing	1670	400
Passes attempted	96	96
Passes completed	45	38
Yards gained passing	569	456
Total yards—rushing, passing	2239	856
Average total yards	320	122
Passes intercepted by	20	10
Punts	36	55
Average distance punts	36	36
Yards runback, punts	232	135
Yards runback of kick-offs	417	408
Yards gained intercepted passes	234	97
Ball lost after fumbles	8	8
Yards lost penalties	225	90

## Pitt Game

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entered the thoughts of the battle-scarred eleven that will take the field at the opening kickoff. Nine seniors will be in the starting lineup and they're all out to finish their gridiron career gloriously. In all, twelve players will be taking part in their last game for the Blue and White.

Making their exit to intercollegiate football with Captain Gajecki, will be Tom Vargo, Lloyd Parsons, Frank Platt, Carl Stravinski, Wade Mori, John Patrick, Chuck Peters, Craig White, Walt Kniaz, Ben Pollock, and Jim Woodward. Mike Garbinski at guard and Bill Smaltz, triple-threat fullback, are the two juniors slated to open the activities.

With the possible exception of Mori, still suffering from a recurrence of his knee injury, Higgins will be able to place his strongest outfit on the field. The Nittany lineup will be: left end, Parsons; left tackle, Stravinski; left guard, Garbinski; center, Gajecki; right guard, Mori; right tackle, Platt; right end, Vargo; quarterback, Patrick; left halfback, Peters; right halfback, White; fullback, Smaltz.

The Lions' most effective ground gainer, Len Krouse, and fiery Pepper Petrella will see action early in the game. The two junior halfbacks are expected to furnish the offensive spark in the home stretch.

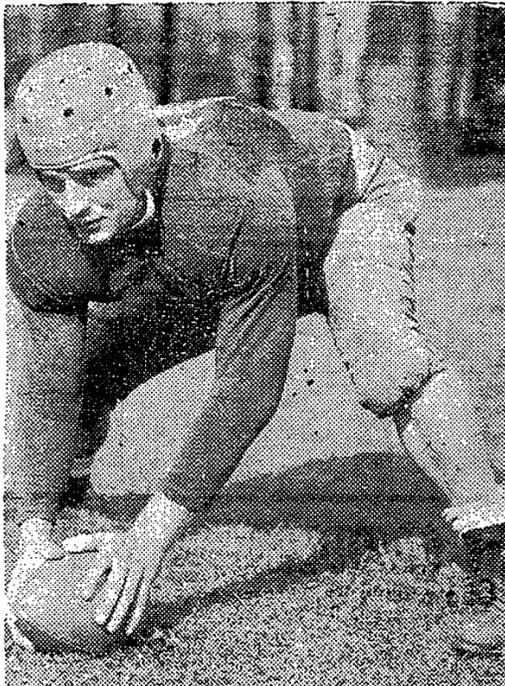
## Penn State Man Receives Highest Military Honor

Lieut. Col. Col. Harold N. Gilbert '16 recently received the most honored military award, the coveted Distinguished Service Medal.

He has also been awarded The Distinguished Cross and The Purple Heart making him the only native Pennsylvanian in the Army who has been given these three high national honors. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

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## These Seniors Play Their Last Game Tomorrow



Pictured above are Captain Leon Gajecki, Lloyd Parsons, Chuck Peters, Frank Platt, Ben Pollock, and Tom Vargo who, along with Walt Kniaz, Jim Woodward, Wade Mori, John Patrick, Carl Stravinski, and Craig White, as seniors, will play their last game for Penn State at Pitt tomorrow. Tomorrow's game will terminate the brilliant records they have built up while here at Penn State.

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## Panthers Finish Drills For State

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 21.—The Pitt Panthers went through their last drill this afternoon with the realization that they alone stand between the Nittany Lions and their first undefeated season in 19 years.

While Coach Bowser's eleven will have a decided weight disadvantage, the Pitt defense has been improving rapidly and their showing in the 9-7 defeat by Nebraska revealed that the State offense will find the going rough on Saturday.

The Panthers worked out with only half of their halfback combination present at the drill. Edgar Jones was in uniform and took a light warmup, but was kept out of the rough stuff. He injured his nose in the Cornhusker game and it is not known whether he will be in shape for the final game of the season.

The feeling is prevalent in the city that Pitt has an even chance to pull the game out of the bag despite the superior record of Penn State. The Panthers are credited with having played a much tougher schedule but they have been priming for this game in an effort to avenge last year's 10 to 0 defeat. Then again, they'll be playing at home and the Pitt Stadium has long been a jinx for State elevens.

## IM Boxing Participants Urged To Start Training

Intramural boxing participants are urged to start training immediately by Leo Houck, Lion varsity boxing coach, in preparation for the intramural bouts scheduled to begin December 5.

Houck will be at the ringside every afternoon to advise and instruct intramural aspirants, he announced. Weigh-ins for the intramural competition will be held Monday and Tuesday, December 2 and 3.

## Cage Season May Depend On Sophs

An important cog in this year's varsity basketball machine will be the sophomore cagers—some graduated from last year's frosh outfit and some playing their first season of Penn State basketball.

Two promising ball players in the latter category are John Linde and Warren Wimmers. Strictly speaking, Linde was a member of the 1939-40 yearling squad but only a third-stringer. Coach John Lawther now rates him as one of the standout second-year men. He's weak defensively, according to Lawther, but "Linde's rugged and can shoot."

Wimmer is a forester and because he was at Mont Alto last year could not play freshman ball. He is coming along well in Lawther's opinion, and may provide some much-needed reserve strength.

Herk Baltimore, Bob Ramin, and John Silan look to be the best of last year's freshman team. Baltimore never played basketball before coming here and is rapidly shaping up as an addition to the long list of varsity men who owe their ability mainly to Lawther's persistent coaching.

Ramin is continuing the pace he set last year as a member of Nick Thiel's yearlings and Silan is a fast, colorful, ball-handler. He might, Lawther says, be "another Michoff."

One of the best sophomore prospects, Frank Barr, was lost to the team when he dropped out to pay more attention to the scholastic side of college life.

Sophomores John Egli and Wilbur Van Lenten are expected to report next week after football season but it is doubtful if Sparky Brown will try for the team.

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## QUICK QUIZ

(The answers are underneath upside down.)

1. Did Penn State ever whip Pitt in Pitt Stadium?
2. What other football honor did Bob Higgins hold besides the All-American end position?
3. What Penn State football coach broke his ribs the night before the 1923 Rose Bowl game?
4. How far did Bob Higgins run in his touchdown run against Pitt in 1919?
5. What Penn State player is married?
6. When did Penn State play its last bowl game?

1. No. The 1919 victory was won on Forbes Field.
2. All-Amer.
3. Joe Bedenk.
4. 88 yards.
5. Bob Wear.
6. Two weeks ago. The Arch-bold in Syracuse.

## Higgins Denies Bowl Bid Rumor

Spiking rumors that Ted Husing, well-known sports announcer connected with the annual Orange Bowl game, had queried him about a possible bowl bid, football coach Bob Higgins said last night that he had talked to Husing but "not about a bowl game."

The rumor which spread about the campus yesterday was that Husing had called Higgins Wednesday and asked him if Penn State would consider an invitation to play the annual New Year's Day game in Miami, Fla.

"We're not in the bowl class yet," Higgins said. "We'll play Pitt first and then think about a post-season contest."

## Pitt Entertainment

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his Pennsylvanians present for the second time the song he was petitioned to write for his alma mater, "The Hills of Old Penn State," on his "College Smoker" program at 7 p. m. tonight. The lyrics for the song were written by Waring in collaboration with his brother Tom, and Pat Ballard, after considerable research into the College's traditions and landmarks.

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