

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

Ashes To Ashes

"Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, if the Bisons, Mountaineers, Engineers, Owls, Gamecocks, Orange-men and Violet don't get you—then, the Panthers must."

Thus is stated the position of Penn State's Nittany Lions today. Maybe you think that today I should take to task everyone from the dairy barns to the outskirts of Boalsburg, blaming them for the Lions' downfall to Pittsburgh Saturday.

But no, that isn't the story. Today I pay tribute to a better team than State, Pittsburgh's Golden Panthers, one of the most underrated grid aggregations south of Ottawa.

The Lions were good, are good, and will go down in the books as one of the best ever produced here. But in the Panthers, they met a team which had just a little more powers, speed, and versatility. The Staters didn't let down against the Smoky City lads, they played as hard as in any fracas this fall.

So without alibing, though with some disappointment, I add my Hail To Pitt.

Best Line

Despite the gloom and smog brought back from Pittsburgh, you can't overlook the best "line" of the weekend—that of Chet Smith, Pittsburgh Press sports editors, for several remarks at the pre-game smoker Friday night. Chet good-naturedly took Red (Better-Late-Than-Never) Friesell, for a ride over the recent Cornell-Darthmouth entanglement.

About Red's job of officiating the Yale-Harvard battle Saturday, Chet said: "You can read the score in Monday's paper."

Also the little remark, Mr. Smith made that "Hitler and Mussolini couldn't understand people who laugh at fifth column but get in an awful dither about fifth downs."

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Did Beat Pitt



The Penn State Blue Band, directed by Prof. Hummel Fishburn (above), scored a half-time victory over the Pitt University band to preserve the quick-stepping band's vaunted supremacy.

Pitt Spoils Undefeated Record Of Lion Gridders

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back was finally hauled down on the five by Smaltz but he lateraled to guard Ralph Fife, who fell over the goal line for the touchdown. Bonelli's placement kick for the conversion was blocked by Lloyd Parsons.

The Panthers scored again in the third quarter. After Petrella stopped Pitt's drive by intercepting a pass on the four, Bill Smaltz's punt from his 20 carried only to the midfield stripe. Aided by a 20-yard run by Thurbon, the Panthers drove to the State 20 where Jones air-mailed one of his passes to Thurbon in the end zone. Fife converted for the extra point to give Pitt a 13-0 lead.

A pass interception by Smaltz on the first play of the final period paved the way for the State tally. The burly fullback pitched the Lions to the enemy 15 on three completed forwards and then contacted Krouse for the touchdown. Pollock's placement was good.

The Lions were battling desperately against time now. Coach Bob Higgins put in Brown to replace the tiring Smaltz but the substitute's first passing attempt was nabbed by Kracum on the State 37—and the Lion nemesis dashed the remaining distance for Pitt's third touchdown.

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Smith To Lead Nittany Harriers In National Intercollegiates Today

Snyder, Kotz Will Also Run At Ann Arbor

Carrying Penn State colors in his final race, Captain Bill Smith will lead a Nittany Lion contingent of three runners in the National Intercollegiate cross-country championships to be held at Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan today.

Although the national harrier race will be run over a four-mile course and a slightly less hilly terrain than usual, Smith, who is definitely a hill-runner, is expected to stage a strong comeback after his placing fourth in the IC4-A's last week.

Chet Snyder, senior harrier and second best Nittany timemaker, and Vern Kotz were the other two hill-and-dalers to accompany Coach Chick Werner and Smith.

Never running a cross-country race before he entered college and never competing in any dual or championship race until this year, Snyder has shown so much im-



CAPTAIN BILLY SMITH

provement that Werner decided to take him and Kotz, another junior harrier newcomer.

Superstitious? Pitt Would Have Been 13th Victory

Superstitious persons will have no trouble explaining Saturday's defeat at the hands of Pittsburgh's eleven. It would have been the 13th in the Lions' string of games without defeat.

Here's what has happened since the Lions last met defeat at the hands of Cornell on October 21.

P.S. Opp.

	1939	Opp.
6 Syracuse	6	
12 Maryland	0	
10 Penn	0	
14 Army	14	
10 Pittsburgh	0	
1940		
9 Bucknell	0	
17 West Virginia	13	
34 Lehigh	0	
18 Temple	0	
12 South Carolina	0	
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