

BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BEN BAILEY, Sports Editor

Unpleasant or unwelcome as the thought may strike you, there is no getting around the startling fact that Bob Higgins' boys face their toughest scrap of the season against Pitt tomorrow.

An underdog University of Pittsburgh grid squad will appear here to tomorrow all steamed up for a rousing upset over a self-satisfied Lion. The boys from the Smokey City have every reason to want that ball game tomorrow just so much, if not more so, than the "Apple-Cheeked" Nittanians wanted their game against Penn last Saturday.

And, what is more discomfiting, they find themselves in just as good a position to hurt our feelings as our boys found themselves against the Quakers a week ago in Philadelphia.

Now don't get me wrong, I never did relish the role of being the Damp Blanket. I'm convinced that we have the better team—but it's no world-beater. And it's definitely not superior enough for one to go off the deep end and call the turn on tomorrow's contest under the circumstances.

We've got a team that SHOULD trim the Panther very handily. We've got a team that SHOULD enter the game a heavy favorite to win. But, several inescapable factors which have arisen may tilt the entire weekend picture—and our prospects of any bowl invitations along with it.

For example, the Lions' brilliant "upset" over the Penn team in Philly last week brought them more newspaper space than this isolated valley has enjoyed for any one game in a long time. Naturally the members of the team eat that stuff up. They've been reading those stories all week, and no one can blame them for feeling just the least bit proud.

Furthermore, they've been taking it a bit easier all week—no heavy scrimmage or body contact—so that there'll be no injuries to change the lineup for the opening whistle tomorrow. (Except of course for "Hard-Luck" Sparky Brown who was the victim of a tough break last week.)

Overconfidence has wrecked many a brilliant team—and has sent many rabid fans home with lumps in their throats and angry denunciations on their lips.

The Pitt boys come here fresh from an upset over Nebraska. They are fully aware of the spot our team is in. They also have a backfield handy-man named Bill Dutton who is said to be every bit as good as Joe Colone—which makes him a very dangerous man.

But what is more important, they boast a very deceptive passing attack—our old nemesis—replete with receivers who do not drop strikes in the end zone as was the case with Penn.

Probably the most unhappy man in State College right now is Coach Bob Higgins. A situation like this is more than enough to give any coach a case of troubled dreams.

Higgins' team is in the position now where it can either make him the cinderella coach of the year or just another guy named Bob.

I've spoken to several of the members of the team and know they are fully aware of what they're up against. I hope the others don't let us down.

A lopsided victory over Pitt tomorrow would do wonders for our final rating—even in the AP Poll.

Eilon Harriers Leave For National Collegiate Cross-Country Tourney

Definitely the underdog, Penn State's veteran cross-country team embarked last night for the sixth annual renewal of the National Collegiate cross-country tournament at East Lansing, Michigan, Saturday.

Making the long trip to Michigan State are Captain Norm Gordon, Curt Stone, Mac Smith, Jerry Karver, Joe Beach, Howard Horne and Rufe Williams. Rufe is the newest addition to the traveling squad. His brother, Mitchell Williams ran in the IC4-A meet in New York City, but a National Collegiate ruling bars freshmen from participating in the annual meet.

Favorites are Rhode Island State and Indiana. Rhode Island is the defending champion. If it wins this year's test, it will be the second consecutive year that the Rams have captured the IC4-A and National Collegiate crowns. Penn State, along with Illinois and Michigan State, is considered powerful enough to give the leaders some trouble.

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Eight IM Boxers Get Judges' Nod; Cutrone, Muschlitz, Harry Impressive

Finals, Semi-Finals Begin Next Week

By OTTO BELSER

IM boxers teed off in last night's bouts with renewed vitality in an effort to work their way into the upper brackets.

Starting the evening's entertainment, two 127-pounders, Koven and Delong, in the fraternity group put spectators on the edge of their seats. Koven displayed excellent footwork and with a couple of power-packed blows knocked Delong down. Delong strove to make a come-back but failed to win the judges' eye.

Fighting 10 pounds under his class, Harry of Kappa Sigma bowled over Jennings of KDR. From start to finish it was a slugfest but the mid-section drives made by Harry served to outpoint his opponent.

Besides an exhibition of sheer fighting ability, a new style of boxing appeared. Cutrone met Eldrich in the 121 independent class. Cutrone seemed to have springs in his legs and laid down a two-fisted barrage that caught his boxing mate every time he dropped his guard. Cutrone decisively outpointed his opponent in the three-round match.

A case of "town boy makes good" proved to be true when Muschlitz started to pound Woolsey. With a series of sledge-hammer rights and lefts, Muschlitz kept Woolsey on the defensive throughout the fight. With equal power in both arms, Muschlitz rocked his opponent several times and nearly floored him. Independent winners included Grim over Fleming, Cassidy took a hard-contested match from Salvetto in the 135-pound group, while Drylie of Phi Kappa Sigma got the wrong end of a decision in his bout with Eters. Zirms, Alpha Chi Sigma entrant, copped a three-round slugfest from Casser.

Monday's Line-up

165—Leaman vs. Bache, 155—Norton vs. Hean, 121—Starr vs. Lane, 127—Hirsch vs. Golden, 135—Ashby vs. Ridenour.
145—Krug vs. Renton, 145—Catanoso vs. Whitten, 155—Wright vs. Stroko, 121—Gordon vs. Watson, 127—Prave vs. Wright, 135—Sera-go vs. George.

Panthers Confident, Says Pitt News Sports Editor

By ALEX ZELENSKI, Pitt News Sports Editor

It will be a weary, battle-scarred Panther aggregation that will close its 1942 season next Saturday afternoon in New Beaver field against Penn State's unpredictable Nittany Lions.

Needless to say, the record compiled by the clawless Panthers is not, in the least, respectable. It is true that their schedule was suicidal, but the students are now resigned to the fact that the boys just don't have it this year.

In the Indiana contest, Pitt did more to beat themselves than did their opponents. They suffered numerous penalties, and, at the final result, the officials were the largest ground gainers. In the Duke game, that old nemesis, the fumble, proved costly to the locals and the Panthers sulked while the southern backs went running by, picking up bobbles, to score a 28-0 win.

We will discount the Carnegie Tech game, inasmuch as Pitt's band put on a much better show than did either football squad. The Ohio State fiasco was nothing more than a track meet. The Buckeyes had an easy day of it. The locals also had an easy day of it for they came nowhere near the Ohio team. The officials had an easy day, but pity the poor scoreboard man.

Last week Pitt finally picked up their third victory of the campaign. It was a dull, ho-hum affair in which the sports scribes

Soccermen Meet Temple In Season's Final Test

With its final test of the 1942 season waiting on the fields of Temple University, one week and a day away, the Penn State soccer team is working itself into shape after its toughest game of the season, a 1-0 win over Navy.

Dr. Leanness' Owls have compiled an enviable record since their opening defeat at the hands of West Chester, 2-0. High point of the Cherry and White season is a completely one-sided 7-0 trouncing of Bucknell. It might be noted with profit that the Lions had trouble taking a 3-1 decision from the Bisons.

Physically, Jeffrey's boys are in good shape with the exception of Alan Heck whose injured knee is still troubling the big senior full-back.

sat in the heated press box wondering why anyone would stay in the cold, biting wind watching the Huskers' and Panthers put on an exhibition of football.

Regardless of its poor record, the Pitt warriors are rather confident. They are confident of the fact that they have a good ball club. This Saturday will close the collegiate careers of seven seniors. They want this game for these seniors, and we wouldn't be surprised if they get it.

That's the Panther story. A poor football record, a capable, experienced first team without reserves, proper amount of confidence of a win over State, and the law of averages in their favor. In another day all preparations will be completed, all the groundwork will be laid. Time alone will prove Pitt's accuracy.

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