

Lions Seek 17th Victory Over Pitt

Fight For 3rd Straight Classic Win

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One way to measure a successful Penn State football season is to see whether the record includes wins over either Pitt or Penn. Tomorrow, the Nittany Lion gridmen will attempt to insure the 1943 season of at least the degree of success when they tangle with the Golden Panthers at Pitt Stadium in the current campaign's finale.

Since the beginning of the series in 1893, the University of Pittsburgh has been Penn State's most frequent opponent with a string of 42 meetings. The two teams divided victories pretty evenly until 1922, when Pitt began a 14-game win streak lasting until 1939.

Penn State record to date:

- PS 14; Bucknell 0
- PS 0; N. C. 19
- PS 0; Colgate 0
- PS 6; Navy 14
- PS 45; Maryland 0
- PS 32; W. Va. 7
- PS 0; Cornell 13
- PS 13; Temple 0

A 10-0 decision toppled a favored Panther eleven in 1938, and after a 20-7 Pitt victory in 1940 spoiled a perfect season for the Blue and White, the Lions came back to top the Pittsburgh team in 1941 and 1942.

This year, Pittsburgh will face Penn State under a new regime. The traditional powerhouse strategy of the Panthers has been supplanted by the T-formation of Clark Shaughnessy who has built up his squad without the benefit of military material.

Playing a schedule which lists some of the toughest teams in the nation, the Panthers have a record of three wins and four defeats. Notre Dame, Great Lakes, and Ohio State trampled the Pitts in one-sided encounters; while Illinois outlasted the Jungle Cats in a free scoring 42-25 triumph. Bethany, Carnegie Tech, and

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COACH BOB HIGGINS

THROUGH with another Penn State grid season after tomorrow's game with the Pitt Panthers in Pittsburgh, Coach Bob Higgins is thankful that Uncle Sam obliged his 1943 hopes by sending some top football material here via the Navy-Marine program. Nearly every man who will play tomorrow is either a Leatherneck or Sailor.

Grapplers Release Season Schedule

Penn State's wrestling squad under the able tutelage of Ray Gedeon and Bill Sherman, Chief Specialists in the Navy V-12 program, is going ahead full blast in preparation for a strenuous six-meet season. Syracuse is the first of the visiting teams, coming to State College January 15.

Several V-12 trainees have turned out for preliminary fundamentals the past week, and an additional half dozen civilian students have reported for practices at Rec Hall, according to Gedeon. However, the Navy chief specialist has made no definite selection of starters, so every weight from 121 pounds to heavyweight is open.

In addition, the team is now ready to select a student manager to work with the squad, and to accompany them on trips to Annapolis, Ithaca, N. Y., and to Lehigh for the Eastern Intercollegiate Tourney on March 3 and 4. Both Navy-Marine students and civilians are eligible to apply for the managerial position by reporting to either Gedeon or Sherman in Rec Hall immediately.

With the possibility that several schools may not organize mat squads this year, the team is sure to meet Navy in one of the top matches on the schedule. Last year Navy had one of the most formidable teams in the nation.

Other squads that are tentatively slated to wrestle the Lions here include Princeton on January 29, Temple on February 5, and Lehigh on February 26.

Abromitis To Play Against Former Team; Warns Of Pitt Attack

Just about a month ago to the day, Bill Abromitis helped the up-and-down Pitt Panther down a hapless Bethany eleven 45-0. Tomorrow he will switch positions and carry the pigskin for the Nittany Lions against his former Pitt teammates.

His emotions may be divided, but he has shown by reliable line plunging to date that his former buddies will have to dig in to stop him.

Frank Kinsley, fullback from Youngstown, Ohio, the hometown of Georgia's famed Frankle Sinkwich, will replace Abromitis in the safety spot for the Panthers. Kinsley alternated with Abromitis at fullback in the first half of the Pitt schedule.

The husky plunger warns that several of Blue-and-Gold players may make the traditional trouble for the Blue-and-White. If not sidelined with injuries, Ralph Hammond will be in at the center slot, pulling back on fourth down to kick for the Shaughnessymen.

Tom Kalmar, speedy halfback and passer for the Pitt team, and Joe Mocha, wily quarterback, who share the kicking chores with Hammond, will spark the Smoky City offense from their backfield positions.

Cagers Whip Ensigns, 40-27

In one of the tune-up encounters planned by the Nittany coach to ready his charges for the opener against Muhlenberg December 4, the Lion cagers handily defeated a picked Ensign five 40-27 Sunday afternoon.

The starting line-up for the varsity was anchored around big "Mac" McNary at pivot with Bud Long and Rey Brune in the forward slots and a backline of Vic Danilov and Monty Moskowitz. High scorers for the afternoon were McNary with 14 counters and Long, who personally racked up 11 points.

The Ensigns threatened in the third period when they pulled up to within 4 points of the Lion second stringers, but the varsity

quickly quelled the threat in the final stanza. The halftime score stood at 24-8.

Walt Funk, Joe Curran, Buck Barron, Irv Batnick, Bradley, and several new frosh cage candidates saw action in the game.

Practice sessions during the week brought forth more new talent to challenge Sunday's starters. Frank Maloney, Marine trainee who has not been out regularly before, is now being primed by Lawther for a reserve assignment at the center spot. Several freshmen prospects have shown ability and will make the tussle for varsity berths harder, according to the veteran coach.

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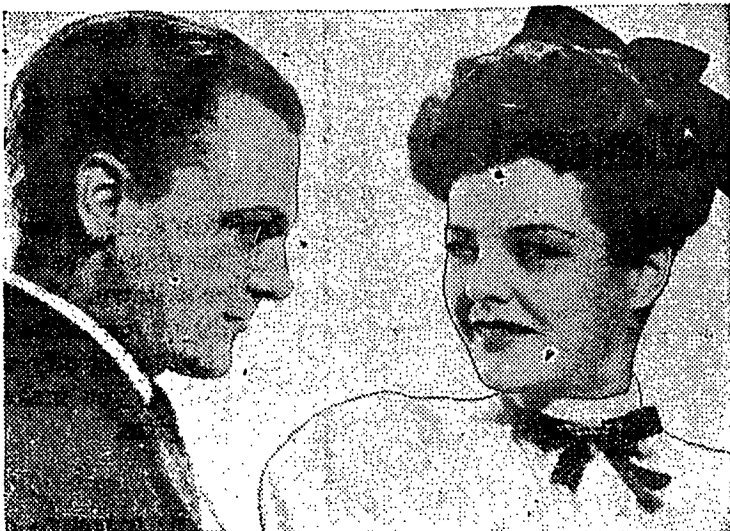
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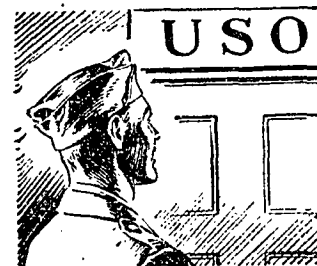
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James Cagney, Academy award winner, is shown above with Marjorie Lord in "Johnny Come Lately," starting Monday at the State.



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