

Lions, Pitt To Clash Before 50,000 Fans

By TOM MORGAN

Fired by a lusty desire to remain one of the nation's grid royalty, the redoubtable Nittany Lion leaves its lair to engage a crafty foe, Pitt's Panther, tomorrow at 2 p.m. in what shapes up as a fierce conflict.

Under the reins of Coach Bob Higgins, the Lions will hie themselves off to Pittsburgh this evening in preparation for tomorrow's fray before more than 50,000 fans in Pitt Stadium.

State fans received heartening news yesterday when triple-threat halfback Elwood Petchel was given the "go" sign by Dr. Alfred H. Griess, team physician, following the 145-pound fireball's recovery from a knee injury. Petchel will be available for action in tomorrow's fracas.

Pitt's and State's gridiron paths this year have been anything but similar. While the Lions have larrupped eight opponents, the Panthers have run a disastrous gauntlet of strong midwestern teams, salvaging a single victory in seven games.

The difference in won-lost columns augurs little for the Nittany gridmen since past Pitt-State battles have demonstrated that evaluating pre-game records is tantamount to treading on dangerous ice. The two elevens traditionally dismiss each other's past records with a scornful "so what?" and plow into each other on even terms with the ferocity of bulldogs.

LAST WIN

Invading the Pitt bailiwick will be a Lion squad bent on making the Panthers cry "Kamerad" for the first time in four years. A 14-0 win in 1943 was the last taste of victory savored by the Nittanymen in the 46-game series. Since then Pitt's troublesome gridders have whipped the Lions, 14-0, 7-0 and 14-7 in 1944, 1945 and 1946, respectively.

In an effort to keep State's winning skein intact, Coach Higgins in a "throw the book" at Pitt by uncorking a few deceptive plays used little or not at all by his grid charges to date. Previous contests



PETCHEL

have found the Lions relying mostly on their chief stock and trade, a powerful and resourceful running attack that has wreaked ruin upon eight straight foes while employing a minimum of trickery.

In the Pitt camp, pre-game spirits is reportedly running high as Coach Mike Milligan's proteges hope to upset the Lions, as they did a year ago when the Higgins clan was riding a similar wave of success.

PITT PASSES

The Pittmen are expected to unleash an extensive passing attack designed to penetrate State's rock-ribbed defense. No less than eight different backs have been on the tossing 'end of Panther aerials this season.

Chief Pitt passers are fullback Paul Rickards and halfback Carl DePasqua. The latter is recalled by State fans as flinging a 37-yard strike to halfback Lou Ceconi to set up the first tally in the Jungle Cats' 14-7 triumph over State last season.

Operating from a single wing patterned after that of Dr. Jock Sutherland's pro Steelers, Pitt's Blue and Gold grid combination is dotted with several fleet-footed backs, including fullback Lindy Lauro and halfbacks Ceconi, DePasqua, Tony DiMatteo, Jimmy Joe Robinson and "General" Bobby Lee.

Panthers Who Will See Action Against Lions



DePASQUA BARKOUSKIE SKLADANY PLOTZ CUMMINS LEE



ROBINSON LAURO DIMATTEO FORSYTHE BRUNO RADNOR

Lions Are 'Invaded' By Traveling Team

Members of the football team received quite a shock last night when they went out to the practice field and saw thirty gridders wearing the Cherry and White of Temple practicing on the gridiron. On closer inspection the 'invaders' proved to be the California State Teachers College team.

Since the "College farm team" has a game scheduled with Lock Haven tonight, their coach decided to stop at State College last night and to make the remainder of the long trip today.

HE'S FIXTURE

Although he has been head coach for only 18 years, this is the 20th year that Bob Higgins has devoted to Penn State football. He was Hugo 'Bezdek's assistant for two years.

Halfback Bill Hardisty has developed into a first-class punting specialist for the Milliganmen. He owns an average to date of 39.7 yards in 55 tries and may offer tough competition for State's ol' reliable Joe Colone, who, incidentally, sports an average of 40.6 yards per boot in 26 attempts.

Key men on the Panther forward wall, which has faced terrific opposition all season, are tackle Bob Plotz, center Len Radnor and ends Leo Skladany and Bill McPeak.

Rated the number-one football machine in the East, Penn State tomorrow will seek to notch its initial perfect nine-game record in history. While pacing the nation in total and rushing defense, the Lions also rank among the first four teams in total offense. The Higginsmen have amassed an average of 371.2 per game, which tops Pitt's 11.5.

Following is tomorrow's probable starting lineup:

State	Pos.	Pitt
Tamburo	LE	Skladany
Norton	LT	Forsythe
J. Drazenovich	LG	Barkouskie
Wolosky	C	Radnor
Suhey	RG	Sumpter
Nolan	RT	Boldin
Potskian	RE	McPeak
C. Drazenovich	Q	Cummins
Joe	LH	Lee
Durkota	RH	DePasqua
Colone	F	Rickards

Between The Lions

WITH TED RUBIN

Although forecasters annually throw past records out the window when Pittsburgh and Penn State meet on the gridiron, it might prove interesting for State fans to learn a little more about the Panther before making the trek to the Smoky City.

For this 47th renewal of the ancient rivalry, an undefeated Lion eleven will meet a Pitt team which has recorded but a single win and but 24 points for the entire season. The lone win was a grudge battle against the Ohio State Buckeyes, whose coach this year is the Pitt mentor of 1946, Wes Fesler.

Despite Elwood Petchel's valiant efforts last year, the Nittanymen dropped a 14-7 verdict in the city of steel and smoke. A Jungle Cat by the name of Bill Bruno untringly devoted his afternoon to stopping Lion plays at the scrimmage line. Smashing end sweeps is Bruno's forte, which bodes ill again this year, for State's outside reverses.

Another returnee who is sure to give the Blue and White secondary anxious moments is Pitt's fine tosser, Carl DePasqua. This Williamsport flash is the hub of the Milliganmen's offense and its most successful individual factor, judging from Sunday morning reviews.

BIMBO CECONI

The man on the receiving end of many of DePasqua's passes is Halfback Lou "Bimbo" Ceconi, a small, wiry halfback with the glue-tipped fingers. Said the "Pitt News" after the Ohio State win, "State (Ohio) tacklers found little Bimbo Ceconi as hard to hold as a live fish. Time and again, Bimbo squirmed and twisted out of their anxious hands. And in the fourth quarter he speared Carl DePasqua's pass one-handed in the end zone for Pitt's second touchdown."

This year is the first for Harold "Mike" Milligan to direct the Panthers from the head coach position. Formerly in the chief assistant's role to Wes Fesler, Milligan moved up when Fesler crossed over to Columbus, Backfield coach and ace scout for Pitt this year is Dick Cassiano, the great halfback of the Sutherland era.

Cassiano's had some rough scouting expeditions this fall, for Pittsburgh has been meeting the nation's best, week after week. Perhaps no other school in the forty-eight has such an awesome slate as do the Panthers. Sutherland outfits when Warren Heller, Izzy Weinstock, Bobby Larue, Johnny Patrick and Marshall Goldberg were the Saturday stars would have a lot of trouble going against this killing schedule.

In Pitt's schedule to date, the Jungle Cats have had to concentrate mainly on the defense as the powerhouses of Illinois, Notre Dame, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Purdue haven't given the Milliganmen too much time to set their scoring wheels in motion.

PITT'S LEFT SIDE

One of their stoutest defensemen is one Bernie Barkouski, who very efficiently fills the left guard slot. Combining with the mammoth Wib Forsythe and Leo Skladany, Barkouski is a large factor in stopping opposition advances through the left side of the Pitt line.

Skladany, one of the famous football playing Skladanys, wears contact lenses while afield. Penn State players who follow the same procedure are speedster Wally Triplett and sub tackle Norm Erickson. Howard Caskey, who played on the '46 Nittanymen, also used contact lenses.

With this contest able to go any way, and with much of the trend to be determined by the first few minutes of play, Nolan, Potskian and company should be at peak psychological condition in addition to top physical condition. A win could bring home for the first time the Lambert Trophy; a loss will wreck a beautiful record and the hearts of the Hig's forty. Roar... Lions... Roar!!!

Still Flying High

Col. "Lighthouse Harry" Wilson, former Penn State and Army grid great, is commanding officer of the Army air base at Elgin Field, Fla.

Penn State's first and only venture into post-season football competition came on January 1, 1923, when the Nittany Lions opposed the University of Southern California in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Cal. The Trojans took a 14-3 decision.

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