

## Lions Take 18th Win in 47th Renewal of . . .

## Traditional Pitt, State Rivalry

When Penn State's Lions tamed the Golden Panther of Pittsburgh 29-0 Saturday, it marked the Blue and White's 18th victory, and first triumph in four years, against their oldest rival.

Saturday's game was No. 47 in the Pitt-Penn State series. The first game was played in 1893, and since then Penn State has played Pitt more often than any other team on its schedule.

Pitt claims a decided advantage over the years with 27 wins to 18 for Penn State. There have been only two ties—both scoreless affairs in 1920 and 1921.

The series has been interrupted only once since 1900. Thirty two consecutive games were played between 1900 and 1931. Then followed a three year lapse in the rivalry, and since competition was resumed in 1935, an additional thirteen uninterrupted contests have been staged.

Prior to the turn of the century the Nittany gridders defeated Pitt (then called Western University of Pennsylvania) twice. In 1893, the initial contest of the series, they snowed under W. U. P. 32-0, and again in 1896 triumphed, this time 10-4.

State's supremacy continued throughout the early part of the series as the Lions captured eight of the first nine tilts. W.U.P. didn't break into the victory column until 1904, when they finally managed to trounce State 22-5 in Pittsburgh.

In 1907 the name of W.U.P. was officially changed to the University of Pittsburgh, and what is termed the "modern era" came into being. Pitt's victory edge in the modern era is even more pronounced. Commencing with a 6-0 triumph in 1907, the Panthers won 26 and tied 2 of the next 38 games.

Down through the years the series has been highlighted by spectacular plays, stiff competition, and some of the brightest names on the gridiron horizon.

Penn State's last undefeated, untied team, the 1912 club almost duplicated this year's effort, blanking the Jungle Cat's 38-0. Pete Mauthe, captain and fullback of that illustrious aggregation made 20 points himself on a 51-yard field goal, two touchdowns, and five conversions.

Again in 1919 Bob Higgins, then captain and All-American end at the College, personally instituted a 20-0 route of the Pitt Panthers by scoring the first tally on a pass reception behind the goal. This victory was exceptionally sweet, being State's first triumph in seven years, and also being registered in Pittsburgh.

Line coach Joe Bedenk faced the Panthers in 1923 when he was an All-American guard for the Lions. That year Pitt romped over the Rose Bowl bound Staters 20 to 0 count.

During the '30's the Sutherland powerhouses at the Oakland skyscraper dominated the series. In 1935 Frank Patrick, one of Pitt's all-time great fullbacks, almost single-handedly caused the defeat of the previously unbeaten State eleven by kicking an 11-yard field goal and plunging over from the one yard line to register a 9-0 victory, and send hopes of an undefeated season at State College glimmering.

The 1936 University of Pittsburgh Rose Bowl team that whitewashed Washington's Huskies in the New Year's Day classic 21-0, tuned up for their meeting by trouncing Penn State 34-7. Marshall Goldberg made his debut for the Gold and Blue that season.

Goldberg wound up his spectacular collegiate career against the Blue and White when as a member of the famous "Dream Backfield" in 1938 he helped engineer Pitt's 26-0 triumph over State.

Leon Gajewski, great Penn State center, and backs Chuck Peters and "Pepper" Petrella helped turn the tide as State managed to down Pitt 10-0 in 1939 ending a 14 game Panther win streak.

Then in 1940 an underdog Pittsburgh eleven turned the Higgins dream of an unbeaten season into a nightmare by throttling Penn State 20-7. Instrumental in Pitt's upset victory was Edgar "Special Delivery" Jones, who passed for one touchdown, and set up another with a 40-yard punt return. The defeat by Pitt completely destroyed bowl hopes

of the Centre County team.

The Lion roared with a vengeance, however, in 1941, '42, and '43, registering three straight triumphs. Petrella rattled off two touchdowns in the second period as State defeated Pitt for the first time in twenty-two years at the time in Pitt Stadium, 31-7 in 1941. Highlight of the '42 contest was Larry Joe's 90-yard return of the opening kickoff for the first score.

The victory in 1943 also marked the first time Penn State had beaten Pitt three times in a row since the advent of the modern era.

Often-beaten Pitt continued to plague the proud Nittany Lion and give rise to the rumor that

State had an Oakland Stadium jinx, by edging highly-favored Lion teams 14-0 in 1944, 7-0 in 1945, and 14-7 in 1946.

However, the jinx, along with the idea that the men from the Nittany mountains became frightened at the sight of tall buildings, was dispelled Saturday as State rolled to one of its most glorious victories before 53,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to witness a Penn State-Pitt contest.

Largest score ever run up in the series was State's 59-0 victory in 1903. Longest run was registered by Panther halfback Bernie Nisicak when he returned the second half kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in 1944.

## Between The Lions

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A determined Pitt Panther winced when Bobby Williams, former Pittsburgh Oliver High flash, piled over for the first Lion touchdown. It was jolted again, but was still hopeful when Bobby rammed over from the five in the second quarter. Returning to the field after the halftime intermission, the Panther still had a lot of fight, but two fellows by the names of Rogel and Petchel lamed and tamed the Panther, and after the spectacular third Blue and White six-pointer, the lights went out for Pitt.

The 29-0 conquest was a fine climax to this dream season, and a well-merited victory for a spirited team. The jinx had been cracked, the great State line had held up splendidly and established a new rushing defense record for the nation, and the Hig was smiling.

To single out the outstanding Nittany gridders is a complex task, for the entire squad stood out. On the flanks were the Higginsmen especially impressive, for not only Potsie and Sam, but Ed Czekaj, Fred Bell, Bob Hicks and the ever-aggressive Dennie Hoggard repeatedly hurled back the swift Pitt backs. It was a pleasure to see Tamburo chop down two and three interferences and then tackle the runner, and smiling Johnny Potsklan, the great defensive end, bowed out of regular collegiate competition with one of the finest performances of his career.

When Johnny Nolan went out of the game with 14½ minutes remaining of the last period, the last Lion starter had departed from the scene. Nolan, Jack Finley, Bill Kyle, Suhey, Joe D., Chuck Beatty, "Shag" all had played a bang-up ball game and the cavernous holes which these boys opened proved the stepping stones to victory.

Despite the morning rain, the field was fast and secure, due to the tarpaulin, which covered the stadium turf since Thursday. Pitt fans were enlightened on what to expect next year as second, third and fourth string subs filled the field in the second half. Although this was the last Pitt fray for a number of stout Lions, enough will be left over to plague the Jungle Cats and the rest of the schedule next fall.

Very active in the game was "Our Hig," whom observers near the bench noted jumping from his seat with amazing regularity to bark orders to players on the field, quiz a ref on technicalities and consult with assistant coaches.

The right side of the Lion line was magnificent, standing like a mountain on the defensive, and pushing back Pitt forwards Skladany, Forsythe, Barkouskie, which was a real job. This Pitt tackle, Wib Forsythe was alone responsible for holding down the score; several times he was flattened in tackling or by blocks and had to rest up, but each time he returned to rally his mates. Barkouskie, and the other guard Sumpter also gave the boys trouble, but couldn't hold back Joe Drazenovich and Suhey when these lads opened up holes for Colone, Rogel and others.

On offensive huddles, State lined up four on a side, with Wolosky and Joe D. at one end, and the tailback at the other. The tailback is the one who calls signals for the Nittanymen, except when Larry Joe is in the number 4 slot, then Colone becomes the field general. Fans saw this demonstrated in the second stanza when, after the Higginsmen went into a huddle with Bobby Williams preparing to call the play, Larry Joe bounded in as a substitute. Joe then moved over into Williams' former position.

Spectators tabbed half back Bill Luther as a future star as the Osceola Mills flash thrilled the large crowd with long dashes on punt and pass interception returns. With his large stride and his knees churning, Bill owns a wonderful knack of picking his holes, and of knowing where to go once he reaches the secondary. Excelling also as a punter and passer, Luther will be seen this spring as a pitcher on the baseball nine.

Two bone-crushing blocks, one by the able Chuck Drazenovich, and the second by the hard playing tackle-sub Don Murray, left their victims helpless in a prone position on the ground. Murray's block of Coury resounded over the stadium, and allowed Luther to continue on his merry ways.

To a host of people should go a host of credit: players, coaches, rainers Chuck Medlar and Jack Tighe, student followers. The single wing is far from dead and the long grind, which began on August 25, has paid handsome dividends. A long yell—State!!

## Congratulations . . .

To Bob Higgins and his great Nittany Lions on their outstanding football performance for 1947. A fine team that deserves the hearty applause we send their way.

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## Lion Booters Tie Temple, 1-1

With New Beaver Field providing about as much traction as a strip of greased linoleum due to early morning rains, Bill Jeffrey's Lion soccermen battled the booting Owls of Temple to a 1-1 standstill in their last game of the season Saturday. The Lions closed the campaign with a record of five wins, two losses, and one tie.

Coach Bill Jeffrey said that it was the best game he had seen all year, and the boys played their best soccer of the season. Pretty well shaken up after losing to a rough Army team last Wednesday, the Lions started slowly, but played good ball in the last half and really deserved to win, according to the Scot.

The Blue and White took an early lead as outside right Ted Lieb netted a goal after seven minutes were gone in the first period, but the Owls knotted the count in the second on a goal by

inside right Hughes.

From there the teams battled through the rest of the game without a score, and two five-minute overtime periods also failed to break the tie.

Jeffrey rated the Owls as a strong offensive team, but said that the Temple halfbacks were not as good as the strong Penn State halfback line. The lineups:

Penn State	Temple
G Graebner	Rogerson
LF Kline	Lambert
RF Margolf	Clothier
LH Hartman	Alexander
CH Hosterman	Moyer
RH Campbell	Wason
OL Hackman	Raba
IL Witmer	Fritz
CF Kretzer	Barlow
IR Shellenberger	Hughes
OR Lieb	Montague
Penn State 1 0 0 0 0 0-1	
Temple 0 1 0 0 0 0-1	
Scoring: Penn State—Lieb.	
Temple—Hughes.	

## Grid Scrimmage Records

Hard charging Lion fullback Francis Rogel hiked his season's yardage total well above the 500 mark with his 91-yard aggregate against Pitt Saturday. Leading ground gainer for the Nittanymen, Rogel has toted the pigskin 504 yards in 113 attempts for an average of 4.5 yards a try.

Jeff Durkota, fleet wing-back, retained the top spot as the Hig's best average mail carrier with a season's average of 11.2 yards per try, while Larry Joe held his runner-up position in the average gain realm with a 7.7 average.

	TC	YG	YL	TG
Francis Rogel	113	518	14	504
Jeff Durkota	39	447	8	439
Larry Joe	44	347	9	339
Elwood Petchel	41	250	7	233
Bobby Williams	71	249	35	214
Bill Luther	40	214	16	198
Joe Colone	42	184	27	157
Wally Triplett	38	190	43	147
Clarence Gorinski	33	137	8	129
Larry Cooney	11	76	10	66
Clarence Hummel	10	61	1	60
Bob Weitzel	23	61	3	58
Walt Palmer	1	25	0	25
Walt Cominsky	8	21	4	17
Lee Henry	3	14	0	14
Johnny Chuckran	3	9	0	9
Dennie Hoggard	2	1	2	—1
Totals	522	2495	187	2608

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