

## Gridders End Season in Gallant Stand; Petchel Aerials Carry Offensive Load

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Eastern champs. After fullback Francis Rogel led a Lion drive into Mustang territory following the opening kickoff, Bobby Williams on fourth down with two yards to go, was stopped for no gain.

SMU took over and in eight straight plays marched 82 yards to score. The drive was climaxed by a 40-yard pass from All-American Doak Walker to Paul Page who eluded Jeff Durkota to snag the ball and run 13 yards for a touchdown. Durkota saw the rest of the game from the bench.

Starting from their own 37-yard line the Mustangs marched down the field for their second score. The drive was highlighted by fullback Dick McKissack who carried three Lions the last five yards of a 19-yard gain. Walker went through right tackle for two yards to score. The attempt for extra-point was no good.

With only a minute and a half remaining before the intermission, Larry Cooney ran the SMU kick-off back 22 yards to his own 35. Elwood Petchel then began to out-Walker Walker. A pass to Bob Hicks was good for 17 yards. Smothered on the next try, Petchel ran through SMU for 16 yards. After a penalty and two incompletes passes it was fourth down and 15 to go.

Petchel faded back and whipped a pass to Cooney who snatched it on the 14-yard line and out-raced Bobby Folsom across the goal. Czekal converted to make the score 7 to 13.

### LION THREAT

Three carries by Petchel and seven by Rogel led the Lions on a 44-yard march which ended on the Mustang goal. On the final play of the drive Rogel took the ball from the 1-yard line and smashed into the middle of the line. It looked as though the ball was about a foot over the goal, but the officials ruled that Rogel's forward motion was stopped on the double-stripe.

Not to be denied another score, Petchel returned the Mustang punt 27 yards to the SMU 9. Rogel picked up 5 yards in two attempts, whereupon Petchel

fainted a run to the right and passed to Wally Triplett who caught the ball in the end zone.

Unable to gain against the tight Lion defense, SMU was forced to kick, and end Sam Tamburo partially blocked Walker's punt. Suhey recovered to give the ball to Penn State on its own 45.

After driving down to the Mustang 21, the Lions lost the ball on downs. SMU's first play, a pass, was intercepted by center Chuck Beatty.

Petchel's pass was intercepted by SMU, and Walker's 59-yard quick-kick set the Lions back on their 31. Another pass was intercepted by Walker, but the Mustangs lost the ball on downs. Petchel passed 24 yards to end Bob Hicks, and then in the game's last and most thrilling play passed to Dennie Hoggard in the end zone. Hoggard, who was covered by two SMU defenders, didn't see the ball until it was in his hands and then dropped it.

Not to be overlooked was the brilliant defensive play and offensive blocking by Chuck Drazenovich. Also outstanding were Petchel and Rogel on offense, and Cooney, Triplett, Nolan, Suhey, Wolosky, and Norton on defense.

## Pitt Edges State, 35-34

In a low-scoring tussle typical of recent Pitt-State games, Coach John Lawther's Penn State basketball five dropped a nip-and-tuck 35-34 decision to Pitt Saturday on the latter's court before 1,000 fans.

The Lawthermen's next tilt is slated for tomorrow night when they face American U., of Washington, D. C., in Rec Hall.

Alert guard Milt Simon kept State hopes alive in the final minute of play by twice tying up stalling Panther ball-handlers to force a jump-ball.

Score by quarters:

State	7	7	15	5-34
Pitt	7	11	9	8-35

### Prexy Bill

Bill Jeffrey, Penn State soccer mentor, was named president of the National College Coaches Association at their meeting in New York on January 3.

At the same time, the association announced their All-America soccer team for 1947. Three Lion hoopers, Captain Dean Hartman, Ralph Hosterman, and Freddie Kretzer, were named to the second team. Hartman, a two-time All-American, and Kretzer have completed their collegiate careers, while Hosterman is a sophomore.

### IM Cagers Resume Play; Slate 9 Tilts Tonight

The 1948 IM basketball season will resume action tonight after the two week lapse during the Christmas vacation. The court season is nearing the half way mark with the finals slated for the early part of the second semester.

Tonight's IM basketball schedule is as follows:  
 8:45—Dorm 41-Dorm 33, court 1; Dorm 27-Dorm 29, court 2; Dorm 40-Dorm 30, court 3.  
 9:25—Dorm 25-Dorm 28, court 1; Nittany Co-op-Zeros, court 2; Miners-Dorm 9, court 3.  
 10:05—Bereletics-Whiz Kids, court 1; Dorm 13-Drewlers, court 2; Phis-Lazy Five, court 3.

## Karver, Stone Finish Second

After taking early leads, both Penn State representatives at the Sugar Bowl, Jerry Karver and Curtis Stone, were shaded in the last few yards to place second in the races held December 28 at New Orleans.

Karver, who holds the outdoor NCAA one mile title, ran behind John Twomey of Illinois for the first lap, and then forged to the front at the half-way mark. Tom Quinn took over the lead in the third lap and with the finish line twenty yards away, Bill Hulse of the New York A.C. sprinted to the tape for a new track record of 3:55 in the 1500 meter race.

In the 3000 meter run, Curt Stone took an early lead, but

### Crouch—

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the platform to watch for the train, when he was struck on the head by an oncoming subway. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital where he died that night, never regaining consciousness.

The body is at the Beecher and Dennis Funeral Home in New Haven, Conn., where funeral services will be held.

Crouch was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and served in the Merchant Marine during the war. He was a graduate of State College High School.

Jerry Thompson of Texas put on a blazing drive in the last 200 yards to take the event.

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