

Yogis Raise Season Record

The Daily Collegian's football predictors seem to have found the answer to the problem of picking grid games in advance. The combined average for this past weekend's games was .708 with George Vadasz coming through with 11 successes out of

12 games chosen. Vadasz was followed by Sports Editor Tom Morgan and Elliot Krane, each with eight right and four wrong. Red Roth brought up the rear by picking seven right and making five miscalls.

As a result of his foresight (or luck), this week's selections enabled Vadasz to pull even with Morgan. They both sport a .711 average, having 74 wins and 30 wrong choices. Krane is second in line with 70 and 34 for a .673 average. Roth is still at the bottom of the prognosticators' parade with a .625 season average.

Harrier's Place 4th In NCAA's

Coach Chick Werner's cross-country squad finished fourth in a field of 30 teams at the 10th annual running of the NCAA varsity cross-country championship at East Lansing, Mich. yesterday.

Favored Michigan State captured the team title, scoring a low total of 41 points. Wisconsin with 69 points and Syracuse with 93 trailed the star-studded Spartans. Rhode Island State's Robert Black scored his second individual triumph in a week, breaking the tape in 19 minutes 52 seconds for the four mile course. Black annexed the IC4-A individual crown last Monday.

ASH

"Hard Luck" Horace Ashenfelter more than lived up to his name. The Lion captain injured an ankle after the first mile and limped across the finish line a poor 35th. Until he suffered the injury Ash had been among the leaders.

Ashenfelter's poor showing probably cost the Lions a chance to finish among the leaders. Syracuse, the team that placed third yesterday, was two places behind the Lions in the IC4-A meet last week. In that race, however, the Lion star placed second to Black for the individual title.

Yesterday's mishap helped the Collegeville speedster retain his reputation of being "always a bridesmaid, but never a bride." Last week the lanky Ashenfelter finished second to Black in the IC4-A's at New York, and just one year ago in the same NCAA competition he was runner-up to Jack Milne of North Carolina.

Don Longenecker led the seven man Lion aggregation across the finish line, placing 24th in the 131-man field. Longenecker's time was 21:09.

Other Penn State finishers were Jack St. Clair, 27th, 21:12; John Bates, 32nd, 21:20; Mitch Williams, 33rd, 21:22; Al Porto, 44th, 21:39; and John McCall, 55th, 21:57.

COURSE

The course was a fast four miles on flat terrain. The Spartans, running on their home course, maintained their unsullied record rather easily. It marked their second major cross-country title of the year. Last week they paced a field of 27 Eastern universities to emerge victorious in the IC4-A varsity meet.

Yesterday's event closed the season for the Nittany Lion harriers. It also was the last com-

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Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
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Epitaph

Here lies the gaunt Nittany Lion, Laid prostrate with bitter pain, Victim of a stubborn Panther Once mighty, now mighty again.

Here lies the 17-game streak, Nurtured with sweat and toil, Engulfed by a Panther upsurge, Now buried in Pittsburgh soil.

Here lies the coveted trophy, Cut off from the Lion's paw By a great unbridgeable chasm Dug deep by the Panther's claw.

Here lies the bowl-game bubble, Inflated with anticipation, But punctured by Milligan's cohorts, And deflated by subjugation.

Here lie the sons of Nittany, Moody and prone to fret, Shocked by the plight of the Lion Prey of a Panther threat.

Blue Monday

On this bluest of Blue Mondays, what can one say? It was an inspired Pitt team which did it again — revived a troublesome jinx which has haunted Penn State too often when the Lions enter the Smokey City for a football game.

Many a Nittany fan stood stupefied and speechless in Pitt stadium long after the whistle had sounded, some were even moved to tears, other — if they didn't show their anguish outwardly — felt a great weight of bewilderment burdening them.

This same weight was evident after the game in the Penn State locker room, where a brooding silence reigned. The Lions had played hard — they knew it. The bruised eye of Guard Joe Drazenovich, the diagonal scar across Fullback Francis Rogel's face, and a host of other marks of the battle were mute proof.

Stymied

But it had been a battle of frustration. Two teams with almost identical offensive tactics and both were stymied by excellent scouting jobs.

As Head Pitt Coach Mike Milligan explained after the struggle, "We sat up all night Monday night in the Cathedral, trying to figure out how to stop State. Everything we figured out worked."

Pitt Defense

One Pitt defensive stratagem was reportedly to assign Fullback Bobby Lee the title of "rover backer-up" with the express duty of keeping an eye peeled for Lion Blocking Back Chuck Drazenovich. Pitt coaches reasoned, "Where Drazenovich goes, so follows the ball carrier every time."

Although Milligan claimed success through the "stalling" tactics of his guards, who "refused to be mousetrapped," we hesitate to agree. If Panther guards refused to rush in to a Lion trap, they allowed more time for Fullback Rogel to generate steam and eat up yardage while plowing into them.

About Rogel

Pottering in the embers of the Nittany loss, one cannot help but come upon at least one shining emerald — Rogel — who was a hero in defeat. In the desperate third-quarter push to win the game, Rogel battered the Pitt line to the point that he bordered on exhaustion. It seemed that Penn State possessed nothing else to pit against the stubborn Pittmen except Rogel, as more than 50,000 fans witnessed one of the most outstanding fullbacking jobs they'll ever see.

Not Earthshaking

An encouraging thought, after the shock of defeat is over is that the world has not reached its end (Continued on page six)

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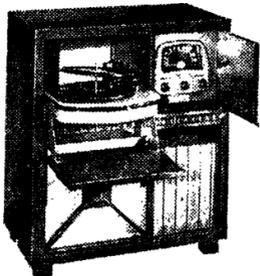
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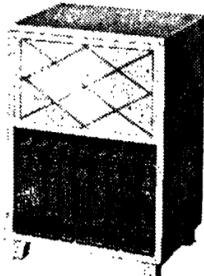
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