

Pitt's 7-0 Upset Interrupts Two-Year State Victory String

By Elliot Krane

Just seven points out of more than 400 scored in 17 games brought a football dynasty crashing about the heads of the 51,000 spectators who saw the underdog Pitt Panthers knock Penn State's two-year undefeated record into the waste basket.

More than a game was lost Saturday in the Pittsburgh stadium, since this loss virtually clinched the Lambert Trophy for Army and practically insured either North Carolina or Oklahoma's chances of meeting Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl.

Yesterday's pep rally, although dampened by the weather, proved to the team that the College will be with it in spirit when the Lions travel to Tacoma for their final game against Washington State this weekend.

Saturday's game was the first battle in 17 that the Nittany team lost and the first shutout in 25 games. The Lions' last loss was to Pittsburgh in 1946 and the last shutout also a 7-0 contest lost in the Smokey City in 1945.

LETHARGY

In Saturday's game the Nittany team seemed to be playing with its mind on post-season games and when it finally realized that the Pittsburgh team was winning the game, couldn't snap out of its lethargy to overcome the spirited Panthers.

Throughout the first half, the Lions ran through plays in a perfunctory style minus the snap and fire that gave them an 17-game undefeated streak over a two-year period. Twice the squad was penalized for taking too much time between plays as it lined up for offensive formations.

While Penn State was playing almost in a fog, the Pittsburgh team was slashing and crashing into the Nittany backfield to toss Lion ball carriers for losses and short gains.

ROGEL

Only Fran Rogel, 198-pound charge of blasting powder, could reel off gains against the vicious Panther line as he carried the ball 30 times for a net gain of 110 yards. Not once was the North Braddock steamroller stopped without a gain.

The most surprising factor in the upset win by Pitt was the ineffectiveness of the previously brilliant Blue and White passing ace, Elwood Petchel. Petchel with only seconds to toss the pigskin as the Pitt line swarmed in to tackle him, was forced to heave desperation passes, four of which were intercepted by the almost impenetrable Panther pass defense.

On the interception that led to the winning touchdown, the Nittany passer faded to his right, was rushed by almost the entire Pitt line, and his deflected pass, intended for Rogel, was snared in the flat by Nick Bolkovac who raced 23 yards to the goal.

OUTSTANDING

Bolkovac, a 210-pound sophomore tackle from Youngstown, Ohio, topped off his six pointer by splitting the uprights with a conversion for the unnecessary extra point to clinch his claim as the outstanding Pitt griddler of the battle.

Not content with his offensive role, Bolkovac kicked off after the point and then raced down the field to tackle Wally Triplett on the Nittany 36. A few plays later he was injured and left the game but returned in the final minutes to help the Panthers hold the Lions at the goal line in the last 10 seconds of play.

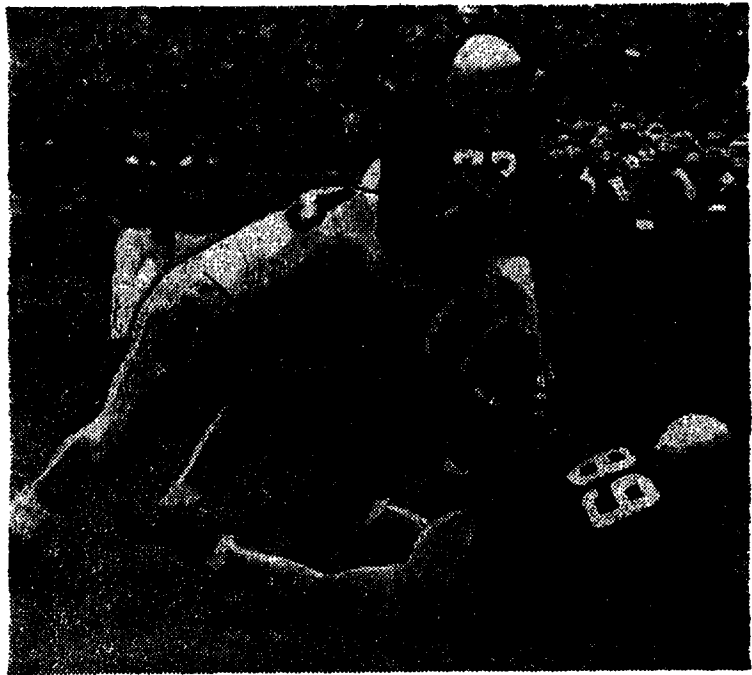
Outstanding on the Nittany line was Senior Sam Tamburo. The Lion terminal provided a solid bulwark on the right side of the Nittany line, and turned the Pitt end sweeps into the center of the line where Joe Drazenovich and John Simon mowed down the Panther halfbacks.

TOPNOTCH

But the topnotch offensive player of the 51 gridders who battled in the muddy Pittsburgh oval was Rogel. Starting on the Nittany 17-yard line, this claimant for All-American honors drove in 13 out of 16 plays to the Panther 15½, just one-half yard short of a first down. His total yardage in the drive was 66 yards. On the other three plays, Petchel and Triplett were able to account for only one yard as Pitt defense-men battled them up.

Pittsburgh never seriously threatened the Lion goal, although on a pass play in the second quarter.

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Here's Nick Bolkovac, Pitt lineman, evading the grasp of a Nittany tackler to score Pitt's touchdown Saturday.

J. Drazenovich Tamburo on AP All-East Eleven

Joe Drazenovich and Sam Tamburo, outstanding Penn State linemen, were named yesterday for All-Eastern honors by the Associated Press sportswriters.

Only one other team, Army, placed two men on the annual All-Eastern team, while Penn, the third-ranking power in the East, placed one, Chuck Bednarik.

Although Tamburo, an end who has averaged 47 minutes of combat this season, will complete his collegiate grid career next week against Washington State, Joe Drazenovich, a guard, is eligible for another season.

Last year's Nittany Lion representatives on the All-Eastern team were guard Steve Suhey and halfback Jeff Durkota. The 1948 selections:

Ends — Tamburo—Penn State, Armstrong—Dartmouth.
Tackles — Stautner—Boston College, Clark—Cornell.
Guards—J. Drazenovich—Penn State, Henry—Army.
Centers — Bednarik—Pennsylvania.

133 IM Boxers Sign Entries For Next Week's Ring Action

A record 133 fraternity and independent boxers crowded to the IM office last week to sign entries for the 1948 intramural boxing season, said Eugene C. Bischoff, director of IM athletics, yesterday.

The 123 fraternity ring artists, divided into eight weight classes, and ten independents fighting in two divisions, will begin activity in the varsity ring at Rec Hall, 5 p.m. December 1, and will continue for about three weeks, fighting 12 bouts each night.

Thirty-three fraternities are represented in the entries.

Sigma Nu, last season's fraternity boxing champion, entered men in seven divisions this year, but the 1947 individual champs will not be able to defend their crowns, since they move up a weight class to be eligible this year.

Independents will box only in the 135 and 155-pound weight divisions, also the most popular divisions to fraternity entries.

Bouts scheduled by the IM office will be three rounds each, two minutes in duration, with one minute rest between rounds.

Boxing will proceed under single elimination play with losers dropping out, and winners moving up until champions in each division are determined.

Boxing, the last intramural sport to begin this semester, will continue through 11 nights of action during three weeks. Championship meets will be held on the varsity ring, with the squared circle moved out to the middle of the Recreation Hall floor where all spectators may see the bouts.

Soccer Forces Upset Temple Booters, 4-1

By George Vadass

Although flags were flying at halfmast in Nittany Valley after Pitt's stunning upset of the Lion gridders, all is not glum, especially not in Coach-Bill Jeffrey's soccer lair, after the booting Lions turned in a surprise 4-1 victory against a highly-touted Temple soccer eleven last Saturday. Thus the Lions became unofficial Eastern soccer champs.

The Owl booters, who had previously tallied 32 points against a lone goal scored by opponents, were a three-goal favorite over the Blue and White. While the Panthers turned the tables on the footballers the Lion soccermen routed the Owls.

The Nittany turfmen went in front late in the first period on a fluke tally with center forward Clarence Buss receiving credit for the marker, his fifth of the season. Shooting for the Temple goal the soccer pill hit Owl halfback Alexander who deflected it into the goal, thus giving the Lions the lead after 18 minutes of playing time had elapsed.

POWERHOUSE

The Jeffreyemen's versatile soccer powerhouse by expert passing and accurate defensive play prevented the hitherto high-scoring Templemen from tallying and when the half ended the Blue and White was out in front by a single point.

Then came a much disputed referee's decision on which Temple scored its lone point in the third quarter. All-American Steve Hritz sent a ball toward

Lion goalie Ed Taggart. According to Chuck Margolf, State fullback, the ball did not cross the Nittany goalstripe but the referee ruled that the ball did enter the goal and had escaped through a hole in the net. He was unable to point out the hole in the net when asked by Nittany captain Dean Witmer and Coach Bill Jeffrey.

SCORING SPREE

With the score deadlocked at 1-1 the inspired Lions launched one of their most devastating scoring sprees this year. Out to dethrone the team which was booked as the strongest threat to Eastern soccer honors the Blue and White scored three last period markers to win handily by the 4-1 count.

Adding glory to his already outstanding reputation as a halfback, Ralph Hosterman scored his first goal of the year when from 30 yards out he made good on a direct shot at the goal, a superb feat since halfbacks usually don't break into the scoring column. Next it was veteran Hal Hackman who stole the limelight by scoring the third marker of the game which had suddenly turned into a rout.

LAWROSKI

With the outcome of the game a certainty Jeffrey started using substitutes. Harry Lawroski, Spence Boyer and George Phillips spelled forward wall performers who deserved a well earned rest.

With only 30 seconds remaining before the final toot of the whistle Lawroski scored his first marker for the Blue and White on a direct shot, thus making the final score read 4-1 in favor of the Lions.

The Lions, seeking their seventh victory against one loss and one tie, meet Penn's strong booting aggregation in Philadelphia on Thanksgiving Day.

At Three Schools

Head Football Coach Bob Higgins intored grid teams at West Virginia Wesleyan and Washington U. in St. Louis before returning to his alma mater in 1928 as end coach. He moved up to the head job two years later.

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