

## Between The Lions

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### Never Say Die

Not content to place this year's football game with the Nittany Lions in the "thing-of-the-past" category, the Michigan State News is still bewailing that famous—or infamous, take your choice—clipping penalty. We quote:

"A much discussed clipping penalty cost Michigan State a touchdown in the bitter battle with Penn State. The miscue was called after George Guarra had intercepted a pass on his goal line and raced 100 yards to score in the final seconds of the first half. The way we saw it, the penalty was not justified."

A new twist: The News claims the Spartans were entitled to another down after that penalty, regardless of the fact that time had run out.

Sayeth the News, "When the 'misdemeanor' was committed, Field Judge Carl Bohren gave the Nittany Lions their choice of either accepting the penalty, since a decline would mean that the Michigan State touchdown was good."

"After the Lion acceptance, the Spartans were entitled to one more play before the half ended—a play they never got."

Consulting what we think is the same rule book the News used, we found this passage which covers the disputed play:

"With a period about to end, the team in possession of the ball (Lions) makes a play. The opponents (Spartans) commit a foul, time expiring during the play."

"Ruling—Unless declined, the penalty is to be enforced. The period must continue until a play has been made free from interference by any foul committed by Team B (Spartans) while Team A (Lions) is in possession of the ball. It should be noted that this does not apply if Team A commits a foul, in which case the period is ended."

Therefore—and this is the interpretation of Nittany football coaches as well as ourselves—the period ended justly, because Team A (which the Spartans became when they intercepted the pass) committed the foul. No extra down was awarded, and rightly so.

Let us drop it there. Tune in next week for the tearful saga of the Red Gulch eleven and the case of the illegal sixth down.

The Lion Shrine was sculptured by Heinz Warneke and presented to the College by the Class of 1940.

NOW AT YOUR WARNER THEATER

**Cathlam**  
Gary Cooper  
Ann Sheridan  
in  
"GOOD SAM"

**State**  
Barbara Stanwyck  
Burt Lancaster  
in  
"SORRY, WRONG NUMBER"

**Nittany**  
Gregory Peck  
Ann Todd  
Vall  
"THE PARADISE CASE"

## Bad Weather Wreaks Havoc

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only to be repulsed three times by pass interceptions and an innumerable number of times by the officials.

Two touchdowns, a 23-yard run by halfback Larry Cooney, and a 15-yard pass, Colone to Hicks, were nullified by the whistle-toters in the first few minutes of play, and near the end of the initial period, a 10-yard blast by Fran Rogel which put the ball on the Cougar 9-yard line was discounted by the Black and White team.

Outstanding in the Nittany attack was Rogel who racked up a majority of the 15 first downs recorded by the roaming Lions as they roared 226 yards up and down the rain-soaked Tacoma gridiron.

### BROKE AWAY

The only Nittany tally came in the second period when, after Cooney, Rogel and Bob Hicks brought the ball to the Washington State 23, Cooney broke away and raced the remainder of the distance to the goal. Carl Sturges added the point and, after that, three goal-line interceptions by Center Laverne Torgerson halted further Nittany attempts to score.

Early in the first period the Blue and White began to roll. After kicking off and holding the Cougars on their own 30, the Lions took the ensuing punt and, with Bill Luther running the ball, went to the Nittany 45-yard line.

Captain Joe Colone added 28 yards on line thrusts and Cooney went over only to be called back for a holding penalty.

Larry Joe returned the ball to the Washington State 17 and Colone hit Hicks in the end zone with the second Nittany score, but again the play was called back.

After a Cougar fumble was recovered by John Finley, Petchel and Rogel advanced the ball to the 9-yard line and a third penalty killed the Nittany chance to score in the first period.

### PENALTIES

Two penalties in the second period, the second coming after Petchel raced from the Cougar 37 to the 13, cut two Lion chances in the second period, although



LARRY COONEY

Cooney was able to get away with an unpenalized goal climaxing a 63-yard drive.

Torgerson's pass interceptions halted the Lion attack throughout the second half, while the Cougars were kept between the 20-yard stripes throughout the third and fourth quarters.

The Black and White team and the officials set the Penn State squad back 165 yards through penalties, 65 stepped off and 100 nullified. Besides the yardage, two touchdowns and two first downs were also crossed off the records by the officials.

### STATISTICS

First downs	15	8
Net yds gained rushing	226	68
Forward passes attempted	10	14
Forward passes completed	3	4
Yds. forward passing	25	33
Forwards intercepted by	3	4
Punting average	37	39
Total, all kicks returned	18	60
Yds. lost penalties	65	30

Penn S. Wash. 50

## IM Basketball Faces Big Week

A heavy week of intramural basketball continues at the Recreation Hall tonight with action on three courts. Nine games, all independent, are scheduled as follows:

8:45 p.m.—Team X vs. Watts Stars, court one; Ramblers vs. Indians, court two; Coal Crackers vs. Shrimps, court three.

9:25 p.m.—Century Boys vs. Warriors, court one; Interrogatives vs. Dorm 27, court two; Drewlers vs. Penn Points, court three.

### Unbeaten Elevens

Undefeated Penn State football teams were produced in 1887, 1894, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1921 and 1947.

The College golf course includes 13 1/2 acres.

## Weather Postpones IM Tennis Tourney

Further IM tennis play has been officially suspended until weather conditions improve in the Spring, announced the intramural department yesterday.

In the only game to brave the inclement weather and holiday schedule last week, Ed Aiken of Phi Delta Theta, pounded his way into the championship of the fifth flight with a three-set victory over Claude Hartman, Alpha Sigma Phi, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

## Witmer Leads Soccer Lion To 5-2 Victory Over Penn

Climaxing a brilliant collegiate soccer career, team captain Dean Witmer led the Lion attack on Thanksgiving Day to give the high-flying soccermen a 5-2 triumph over Penn's Quakers.

By scoring four of the Lions' five tallies, Witmer established himself as the team's top scorer for the 1948 turf campaign.

By winning the Penn tussle, the Lions established themselves

as one of the top soccer aggregations in the country. The season record, the best in recent soccer campaigns, shows seven wins, one tie and an upset loss to Navy earlier in the season.

### WITMER SCORES

The veteran team captain, Witmer, took charge of the attack early in the first period as he sent two rapid-fire goals past Penn's goalie to give the Nittanymen a 2-0 lead in the initial canto.

Then late in the second period, outside left Ted Lieb scored his first goal of the day and his second of the season. Shortly thereafter Witmer again sent the pill whistling through the Penn goal to make the scoreboard read 4-0 at halftime.

Although Witmer's play was brilliant, he was not to be outdone by his running mate Harry

Little. The diminutive forward, up to his usual form, played an outstanding game although he didn't break into the scoring column.

The Quakers tallied again in the third period but after that tally the Jeffreymen once again took command of the ball with Dick Hanna's play paving the way for a score early in the last period.

After only one minute of the final period had elapsed Witmer sent a shot at the Red and Blue goal for the last score of the contest.

### LAST CONTEST

Four of the Blue and White starters played their last intercollegiate contest. Witmer bows out of the picture as the season's top scorer—Fullback Frank Taucher as one of the best defensive stars of the year, Hal Hackman as one of the outstanding wingmen, Ed Taggett, topflight goalie, (Continued on page four)

### Boxing Call

Men interested in participating in varsity boxing are asked to report to Captain John Benglian in Rec Hall any afternoon after 4:30. Physical examinations should be obtained as soon as possible.

## Boxers Prepare For IM Matches

IM boxers are priming today for their first taste of action in the 1948 intramural boxing season to begin in the varsity ring in Recreation Hall, 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Some of the boxers are conditioning themselves by doing road work, punching the bag, and limbering-up exercises prior to their first bouts.

The intramural department requested that all boxers present their physical examination cards at their first weigh-in, and Eugene C. Bischoff, director of IM athletics, stated that no one would be permitted to box without a physical exam.

Boxers will report to the scale in the north locker room at Rec Hall for their weigh-in before each bout.



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