

Between



The Lions
With Elliot Krane
Sports Editor

Dates To Forget
20th Century

- October 10, 1903, Penn 39, Penn State 0
- October 25, 1930, Colgate 40, Penn State 0
- October 31, 1931, Pitt 41, Penn State 6
- October 21, 1939, Cornell 37, Penn State 0
- October 7, Navy 55, Penn State 14
- October 1, 1949, Army 42, Penn State 7

Too Many Teams

It was an outnumbered but not outplayed Penn State team that sat on the bench and watched four Army teams rip and tear at Coach Bedenk's reserves. Almost dead on their feet from the magnificent first half stand against the Army two-platoon system, Nittany regulars like Negley Norton and Don Murray sat in fatigued silence as the Cadets completely bottled up the Lion attack.

Turning Point

The turning point in Saturday's battle was missed by the Penn State fans who tuned in to the game, since the announcer, covering the play was too rushed to describe the details.

To the fans catching the game in State College, the description went something like this— "Shaginaw hits his way over to the 33 for a first down for Penn State... and now Galiffa passes to Foldberg who steps out of bounds on the Penn State three yard line."

Seven minutes after the second half kickoff, Arnold Galiffa bucked over for the first Army touchdown and the score was knotted at 7-7 when Mackmull booted the first of six perfect conversions. After an exchange of punts, Penn State started a sustained drive from the Nittany 22 yard line.

Roy Shaginaw smashed his way to the 25 and on the next play made a first down on the 33. While the announcer was checking the lineups for the next play, Shaginaw fumbled and Army recovered. The Cadets rushed into formation, and Galiffa flipped a perfect aerial to big Dan Foldberg who stepped out of bounds on the three yard line.

Stephenson tip toed over the left side of the line untouched and from that point on, the game changed from a closely pitched battle into a rout.

Galiffa-Foldberg

Foldberg's catch, which was a finger tip effort just inside of the east side line, was an example of the perfect accuracy of one of the best T-formation quarterbacks in the business, Arnold Galiffa. In pre-game practice, the Donora passer brought the crowd to its feet time and time again by spinning the ball right into the outstretched hands of the ends and backs.

Galiffa's passes in practice and during the game were not of the right-in-my-hands variety, but each end or back had to run at top speed, stretch to the fullest extent and then take the ball over his shoulder to snag one of the quarterback's offerings.

Nittany Passing

On the other side of the ledger was the Penn State passing attack. Bill Luther's first pass of the afternoon was the 6-yard touchdown flip to Owen Dougherty. On the next passing attempt, a buck pass thrown by Fran Rogel, the Army defensive back, Bob Ableman, snagged the toss and the Black Knights converted the interception into a t.d. a few plays later.

Earle Mundell's first passing attempt was also intercepted and turned into a touchdown as was

Lack of Reserves Defeats State, 42-7

It can't be denied any longer—Penn State's former strength has become its greatest weakness.

Lack of the seasoned bench manpower that helped bring the Nittany Lions two of their best seasons on record in 1947 and '48, threatens this year to spoil Coach Joe Bedenk's first season at the helm of the Blue and White.

Sudden realization of the reserve problem came for Penn State followers Saturday as they watched and heard the outmaneuvered Lions tire and succumb to a brilliant Army team, 42-7, at West Point's Michie Stadium.

But it was no surprise to Bedenk, who ever since Fall practices began has been warning State partisans of the lack of capable reserves. "We have a good first eleven," the coach said time after time, "but after that we fall off sharply."

INJURIES

That second team falls off more sharply than ever this week with the loss of tackle Bob Ross. Ross sustained an elbow dislocation Saturday and trainer Chuck Medlar reports this week that he will be out "indefinitely." Other injuries are comparatively minor. Chuck Drazenovich sprained his ankle, Bill Luther suffers from a charley-horse, but they should be ready to go Saturday and with Ray Hedderick back, the Lion's first string will be unmarred.

Over 27,000 fans watched State's strong first team outplay, out-score, out-everything the famed

a later attempt by Saginaw. Although the Army pass defense was good, it wasn't as perfect as the interception rate would indicate. The passers were rushed, but when they did toss the ball, it soared high into the air and wobbled to the ground—an easy mark for any defensive back.

Nittany Kicking

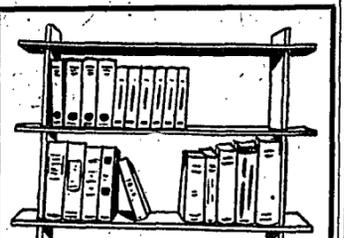
"Why didn't Penn State get off better kicks?" was the cry of the Monday Morning Quarterback Club. Luther's quick kick in the second period set up the only Penn State score but, from there on, the Nittany kicks set up the Army scores.

The Future

At this point the grid future looks very dark for Coach Bedenk and his Lion eleven—seven more tough games with a possible breather in the Syracuse contest. But the one bright spot in the otherwise dreary weekend was the realization that Penn State's first eleven men were as good as the first twenty two of Army.

The Lion team was not outplayed and in future weeks it will be pitted against only one instead of two full teams in one game.

In the Villanova game, Penn State was outplayed from the opening gun, but from here on out, Penn State can and will win games—if the team is able to duplicate the first half of the Army game for two full halves.



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Army mule for two quarters last Saturday, and go off the gridiron with a 7-0 halftime edge. Seven points, however, was too small an advantage for tired players to stock against the rested "two platoons," and thereby lies the tale.

Arnold Galiffa, Army's superb "T" formation quarterback who handles a football like his townmate Stan Musial wields a bat, sparked the Cadet offensive machine to two third-period touchdowns against the Lion second squad. Then the roof fell, with almost every man wearing Black, Gold and Gray getting into the act as the Cadets stomped to four fourth period scores, completing the rout.

RUNNING GAME

Army was every bit the great team that experts have been pointing up as the cream of the East. Though stalled in the first half, the Cadet running game features breakaway speedsters in Jim Cain, Frank Fischl, Gil Stephenson and Jack Martin who can blow any game wide open; and did Galiffa's passing to ends Dan Foldberg and Bill Kellum was the key to the attack, and the line appeared able to stack up well against a similar array of gorillas.

State's offense can still be spelled with one name, Rogel. Francis Fullback, with the line providing holes, charged up and down the field, bowling over Cadets, tramping over Cadets, and in general making Army's mascot mule appear relatively docile. Bill Luther ran with spirit from the tailback for several good gains, but otherwise the Lions found it hard to move. Reverses continued to show the need of a Wally Triplett, and the aerial attack sputtered.

STATE SCORES

Strangely enough, however, it was a pass, Luther to Owen Dougherty, that accounted for States only score. The Lions marched 65 yards on the ground in the second quarter, aided by a 15-yard penalty against Army for roughing the kicker just when the drive seemed stalled on the State 49, to set up the pass on the Army 5. Joe Drazenovich's place-kick split the uprights.

The Cadets shied away from aerials through the first quarter. In the second, Galiffa heaved to Cain for a TD that covered 60 yards, and was called back. Both sides had jumped the gun. State

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was spared Galiffa again until the second half.

Two bad Nittany punts put Army in scoring position early in the third stanza. Luther kicked out of bounds on the State 33 just after the half opened, the Cadets moved, but Luther staved off disaster by stealing the ball from Foldberg on a Galiffa pass and kicking out to the 40. But from there, Galiffa tossed to Kellum for 11 yards and to Martin for 9, and two quarterback sneaks gave Army its first TD. Jack Mackmull knotted the count with his placement.

Roy Shaginaw fumbled on his own 32 shortly after, and Galiffa went right to work, heaving to Foldberg on the 3, from where Stephenson carried over with Mackmull converting to make it 14-7.

In the final period, Cain went through his own right-tackle for 39 yards giving Mackmull a chance to make it 21-7. Bob Ableman intercepted Rogel's pass on the State 15, and Martin Stephenson, and Galiffa racked up the yardage for the fourth TD, Galiffa scoring. Mackmull succeeded again. 28-7.

Coach Earl Blaik's son, Bob

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wrote his name in the book with a 37-yard pass to Fischl for the next; Mackmull (oh, hum) made the point; and after Shaginaw's pass was intercepted by Hal Schultz on the Army 49, the Cadets marched for their last touchdown, Herb Johnson going over after Vic Pollock had scampered 34 yards to open the door. Mackmull converted again to make it the final 42-7.

Army, with Bob Blaik passing, was on the move again, down to the Lions' 26, when the merciful timekeeper signaled the end of hostilities.

All of which added up to Army's thirteenth win without a loss. The Cadets outchased the Lions, 232 to 84, erasing the margin State held, 102 to 55, in the first half. Army also made 156 yards through the air.

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