

Lions Edge Fordham, 28-21; Harriers End Season Unbeaten

Franz Stars; Ron Younker Scores Winning Points

By SAM PROCOPIO

Christmas came a little early to State College this year. In near freezing weather 15,000 brave spectators sat in the snow infested Beaver Field stands to watch Penn State exchange touchdowns with Fordham—the Lions winning out in the final minutes of the football contest, 28-21.

With the brilliant quarterbacking of Roger Franz, the Rams were never to be denied. He not only spearheaded Coach Danowski's eleven to a near upset but outpassed State's ace quarterback, Co-captain Tony Rados. He was also one of the three Fordham players to play the entire 60 minutes. End Andy Nacrelli and guard Dick Alcott were the others.

Franz' excellent pitching record was 15 completions out of 23 attempts for 157 yards, while Rados completed only three out of 12 for 30 yards.

Loss of the sparkling Rados-to Jim Garrity pigskin battery hampered the Lions somewhat. However, the outstanding offensive and defensive playing of halfback Ron Younker and the running of Lenny Moore spoke for Penn State. The Lions, who outrushed the Rams, 247 to 119 yards, were paced by Moore who gained 109 yards in 11 carries.

Speed—it's wonderful stuff! But instead of Engle's passing weapon keeping the door open for the big breezes to blow, it was key line blocking which did the trick. That's just what State needed to score Moore twice, Younker and Charlie Blockson each once.

The Rams threatened early in the game, marching to Penn State's eight yard stripe where they were halted short of a first down. Rados and Garrity stopped John Griffin short of one yard to give the Lions the ball.

Neither the Lions nor the Rams did much until Penn State held Danowski's squad on downs just after the start of the second quarter. The Lions took over on their own 46. Blockson's five yard advance was to no avail as his teammates were offside. On the next play, however, Moore on a trap play scampered 59 yards for the initial score of the game. Green gave the swivel halfback a key block. Buddy Rowell kicked the

point after touchdown and State led, 7-0.

Franz quickly led his team to paydirt. He completed four passes for 10, 16, 16 and 10 yards in the 68 yard march. A pitchout to Malachy Stafford climaxed the TD drive. Joe Yalch's extra point matters, 7-7.

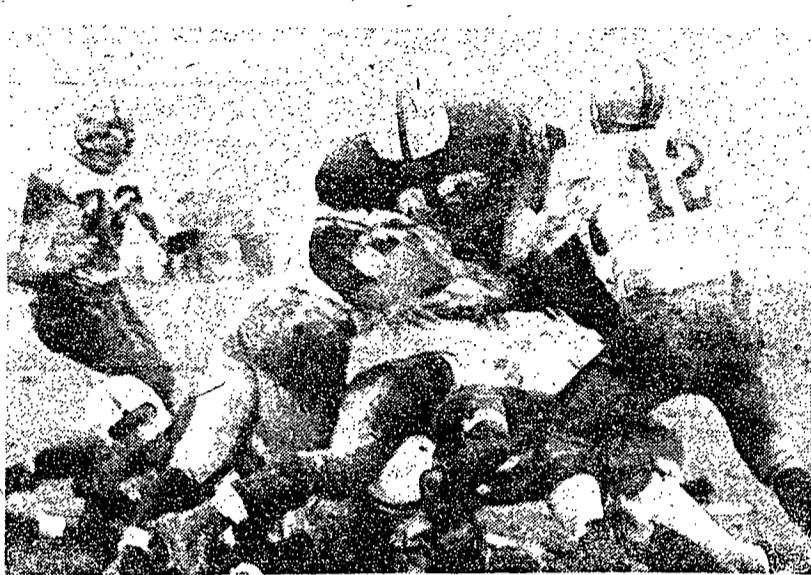
Penn State's second score came late in the second period, covering 36 yards in six plays. Blockson, consuming most of the yardage, made a beautiful catch of Rados' pass on Fordham's 3 for 20 yards. On the next play the fullback plunged for the TD. Garrity converted to put the Lions ahead, 14-7.

In the third quarter right halfback Joe Palmieri intercepted one of Rados' passes on State's 44 to the latter's 9 with Earl Shumaker making the tackle. Palmieri added another yard. Then Franz stepped back and completed a pass to Yalch for another score. Yalch's kick made it 14-14.

Although Moore returned the kickoff 32 yards, the Lions were forced to kick. Rados punted to Yalch, but he fumbled. Younker, who saved the day several times with his defensive play, recovered for State on Fordham's 18. Blockson and Moore brought the ball to the four. Three plays later the latter stalwart crossed the goal line with a one yard plunge. Garrity again converted.

The Lions' seven point lead was soon tied however, as Franz' pitching arm, John Griffin and Andy "where-art-thou" Romeo's runs did the trick. Romeo scored the Rams' final TD from the one

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—Photo by Schroeder.

PENN STATE'S running sensation, Lenny Moore (42), dives over the Fordham line from the 1-yard stripe for the Nittany Lion's third score. The touchdown came in the 1:50 of the third period. Roger Franz (12), who kept the Rams in the game with his brilliant passing, comes in to help Fordham's line. It was to no avail, however. Penn State won the game in the fourth period when Ron Younker scored on a 35-yard TD run, 28-21.

Snow Halts Soccer Meet at Annapolis

By ROY WILLIAMS

After being postponed from Friday morning until Saturday because of a sudden snow storm, Penn State's final soccer game on the road was canceled Saturday at Annapolis. The cancellation was only the second time that a Lion soccer match had been called because of weather.

The Lions arrived at Annapolis Friday morning. "When we arrived," Coach Ken Hosterman said, "there were four inches of snow on the field."

Although the game could have been played then, Navy's coach Floyd Warner, would not agree to play the scheduled tilt, he said.

"We agreed to wait until Saturday morning because of a weather report received at Annapolis which said the snow would change to rain, with clearing skies," Hosterman said. On Saturday morning nearly eight inches of snow blanketed the Navy field.

Werner claimed that no equipment was available to clear the soccer field, although the end

zones of the football field for the Middle's freshman football game with Penn State were cleared.

Navy, who owned a 3-4-1 record including a loss to Maryland, 6-5, and a 0-0 tie with Cornell, lies along the Severn River. The warm breezes from the River partially melted the snow on the football field, but didn't affect the soccer field which lies beyond it.

The only time any soccer game has ever been canceled was in 1950 against Temple when Philadelphia had a similar storm.

This Saturday, the Lions will host Temple for one of the final two home games of the season. "Temple will be the toughest team in our schedule this season," Hosterman said.

Wernermen Win Fifth Meet, 17-41

By HERM WEISKOPF

Although the Nittany hill-and-dalers did not wear their wading boots, they managed to outslush and outrun Manhattan Saturday, 17-41. The victory enabled the Lions to return to the Nittany Valley with an undefeated record for the four-meet season.

Chick Werner's harriers put together their first undefeated season since the 1950 team won five straight. The victory gave the Lions a six-meet win streak that dates back to last year. Saturday's win was the fifth consecutive time the Nittanians have outlegged the Jaspers.

Once again it was the Blue and White Triple-Trouble Trio which was the deciding factor in the race. Captain Red Hollen, Lamont Smith and Doug Moorhead accounted for the first three positions for the third time in four meets this season. They finished in a tie for first with a clocking of 26:22.

Against Cornell, which was the first and only home meet of the campaign, the Trio tied for first with a time of 26:56. At Annapolis Smith was first, Hollen second and Moorhead third. Hollen and Smith tied for the lead in the Michigan State battle, while Moorhead came in fourth.

Ted Garrett came up with his best race of the year. He raced it out with Manhattan's Jim DeBraggio. Coming into the final few hundred yards, both runners began sprinting. They hit the finish line in an almost dead heat and were both clocked at 26:56. DeBraggio, however, finished a few inches in the lead and was awarded fourth place, while Garrett carried off fifth place honors.

Van Cortlandt Park's five-mile course was a muddy mess due to the unseasonable weather which

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Frosh Gridders Drub Navy, 25-0

Unlike Beaver Field, the snow wasn't cleared away at Annapolis Saturday. But it made little difference to the Penn State freshman footballers as they went on to post a surprisingly easy 25-0 win over the Navy plebes.

From the time State's Ray Alberigi returned a punt 62 yards for touchdown early in the first quarter, the Lions had command. In fact, the Middies could muster but one first down during the entire game, so good was the Nittany defense.

Lion Coach Earl Bruce was elated with his team's defensive play as well as the punting of quarterback Milt Plum, whose boots kept Navy in a hole all day. The squad did not arrive in Annapolis until 3 a.m. Saturday morning because of the hazardous driving conditions, but the Lions did not show any effects of the grind in their play.

State, which closed its slate with a one win-one loss record, could not score again in the first half, but kept Navy pretty much in its own territory. The Middies hurt themselves with fumbles, while seeing several of their passes intercepted by Lion defenders.

Penn State got its offense rolling in the last half, tallying three touchdowns. The Nittanians drove down to the Tar 25-yard line, but were stalled and faced a fourth down situation. The Lions decided to play for a break, and Plum punted out of bounds inside the Middle ten.

Three plays later, the break

came when Lion tackle Ned Finkbeiner charged through to block a Navy punt in its end zone. Finkbeiner fell on the ball for the score, and the game was as good as wrapped up.

The Lions put the icing on the cake in the last stanza by scoring twice. Stu Wiggins scored both TD's on short plunges after a sustained Lion march each time. Plum split the uprights after the third TD, his only conversion of the day.

Although the schedule is completed, the frosh will hold several practices both this week and next, with scrimmages against the varsity being the keynote of the drills.

IM Boxing Entries Are Being Accepted

Entries are now being accepted for the intramural boxing tournament. An organization may enter one contestant in each of the eight weight classes, while individuals need not be members of a team.

Each individual must call at the IM office and enter himself. The deadline for entries is 4:30 Friday.

Scribes Lead, Coaches Gain In Grid Poll

Two position changes took place Saturday in the Daily Collegian football prediction contest as Assistant Football Coach Sever Tor Toretto and staff writer Herm Weiskopf topped the swamis in the seventh week of the battle.

Weiskopf picked 13 of 15 games correctly to boost his average to .714 and move into second place in the contest. Toretto was correct on 12 choices to raise the coaches' mark to .705. However, the mentors are still tied for third place. Assistant Sports Editor Dick McDowell selected only 9 winners to drop into a deadlock with the coaches. McDowell has a .705 average.

Sports Editor Sam Procopio still leads the contest although his average dropped Saturday. He picked 11 games correctly and has a .762 percentage.

Only two weeks remain in the contest which ends Nov. 21. Procopio, with an 80-25 record is five games ahead of his nearest opponent, Weiskopf (75-30), and six ahead of the coaches and McDowell (74-31).

Toretto, who selected for the first time this year, turned in the second best record for the coaches since the contest began. Jim O'Hara holds the best seasonal mark for the coaches, 13-2.

The standings:

1. Procopio, (.762) 80-25
2. Weiskopf, (.714) 75-30
3. McDowell, Coaches (tie) (.705) 74-31.

Cagers Begin 2d Week Drill

The Lion basketball squad opened its second week of pre-season practice yesterday as the Nittany floormen prepare for their opener with Washington and Jefferson Dec. 5.

Minus standouts Jesse Arnelle and Jack Sherry, the Nittanians traveled to St. Francis Friday night for an exhibition scrimmage with the Frankies. Elmer Gross' cagers dropped a 65-37 verdict as

Ed Haag and sophomore Jim Christenson led the scoring with ten points apiece. Ed Rudler, another sophomore up from the freshman team, tallied nine points for the Lions.

The cagers are scheduled to meet Lock Haven State Teachers College at Rec Hall Friday night in another exhibition contest.

Arnelle Top Scorer

The cagers definitely lack a big part of their scoring punch without Sherry or Arnelle in the lineup. Arnelle tallied 408 points in 24 games last season for a 17-point per-game average to lead the Nittanians. Sherry totaled 248 points for a 10.3 average.

Both players, along with Bob Rohland and sophomore Bob Hoffman, are playing football and will not join the squad until a week before the opening game with the Presidents.

Offensive Records

Gross and his cagers will be out to better last year's 15-9 record when they open the 19-game card after Thanksgiving recess. The 1952-53 Nittanians were a fine offensive team. Two teams rec-

ords and one individual scoring record fell as the Lions poured 1455 points through the hoops. The old team scoring average, set in 1951-52, was broken as the floormen hit for an average of 67.3 per game. The original mark stood at 65.7. The cagers also topped the single game scoring mark with 105 points against Ithaca at Rec Hall.

Arnelle, high scorer on the quintet for the past two seasons, topped Lou Lamie's career total (666). The 6-4 center has 900 points in two seasons with two yet to play.

1952-53 Averages

Arnelle, Sherry, Haag, and Ron Weidenhammer form the nucleus of the 1953 squad. Haag played in 23 games last season and finished with a 7.4 scoring average and Weidenhammer averaged 6.6 points a game in 24 contests. Jim Brewer with a 1.5 average in 23 games also returns along with Dave Edwards who averaged 3.3 points in 12 contests. Jim Blocker, who played the last half of the season, should help along with sophomores Rudler, Christenson, Rudy Marisa, Bob Wainscott, Harry Holm and Hoffman.