

Gridders Do It Again! (17-0)

Rados, Moore, Garrity, Grier Star As Lions Romp to Sixth Victory

By SAM PROCOPIO

When a team you're coaching is a decided underdog and convincingly defeats a football eleven which loses to mighty Notre Dame by only one touchdown, ties Oklahoma, and carries "the team to beat" sign, then you've just had a great day. That's what Coach Rip Engle's gridgers had at Pitt Stadium last Saturday—a great day.

Exhibiting its finest performance of the year before 42,277 fans, Penn State adroitly controlled the game. It had the red and green light signals so well synchronized that the Lions were able to make the score, 17-0—the same as last year.

The Nittany Lion backfield ran inside and outside of Pitt's forward wall and Co-captain Tony Rados flooded the air lanes with a great passing exhibition that had the Penn State spectators gleaming with joy. To the Panthers, it was just the same old script. Only the names were changed to ease the pain.

Although one may point out individual accomplishments, there's little doubt that Penn State's triumph was a team victory.

Lions King!

TEAM'S STATISTICS

	Pitt	State
FIRST DOWNS (total)	9	18
By rushing	5	12
By passing	2	5
By penalties	2	1
RUSHING PLAYS (number of)	29	43
Yards gained rushing	117	251
Yards lost rushing	58	20
Net gain rushing	59	231
FORWARD PASSES (number attempted)	21	28
Number completed	8	13
Number had intercepted	0	4
Net gain passing	60	160
TOTAL PLAYS RUSHING AND PASSING	50	71
TOTAL NET YARDS GAINED	119	391
PUNTS (number)	9	1
Average yards	38.1	0
Had blocked	0	0
KICK RETURNS (number of punt returns)	1	6
Yards of punt returns	14	86
Number of kickoff returns	3	1
Yards of kickoff returns	14	21
No. of interception returns	3	0
Yds. of interception returns	44	0
FUMBLES (number)	1	3
Ball lost on fumbles	0	1
Number of penalties	5	8
Yards penalized	35	72

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PITT RUSHING				
	Trials	Gain	Net	
Ferguson	2	6	6	
Epps	4	10	10	
Wanson	2	2	2	
Mattison	2	0	-13	
Ford	7	48	19	
Grier	7	43	43	
Stratore	2	5	5	
Neff	1	0	-15	
Michaels	1	3	3	
McCabe	1	0	-1	
PASSING				
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Ford	10	4	0	23
Mattison	7	3	0	29
Neff	1	1	0	0
Hoffman	3	0	0	0
PASS RECEIVING				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Epps	2	9	4.5	
Grier	1	9	9	
McQuaide	1	6	6	
Dietrick	3	38	12.7	
Dillon	1	3	3	
PUNTING				
	No.	Avg.	Long	
Zombek	3	42.3	50	
Schmitt	6	36	46	
PENN STATE RUSHING				
	Trials	Gain	Net	
Straub	5	11	11	
Rowell	11	39	38	
Garrity	1	0	-3	
Moore	13	132	120	
Younkers	7	47	47	
Wolfkeil	2	12	12	
Wesling	1	0	0	
Jones	1	9	9	
Blockson	1	1	1	
Bailey	1	0	-4	
PASSING				
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Rados	25	13	2	160
Hoffman	3	0	0	0
PASS RECEIVING				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Straub	1	48	48	
Garrity	3	31	10.3	
Younkers	1	15	15	
Malinak	6	38	6.3	
Arnelle	2	28	14	
PUNTING				
	No.	Avg.	Long	
Rados	1	31	31	

It was Bill Straub and Pete Schoderbek who held the Panthers to less than ten yards when Pitt drew first blood.

Engle's quarterback sensation, Rados, led his team near Pitt's 20-yard stripe twice before Coach Red Dawson's crew could muster enough strength to hold the Lions on downs. It was like driving a car with the hand brake on.

The initial period was scoreless, but the Lions had all the say. In fact, Pitt spoke only on eleven plays from scrimmage during the entire first period—twice the team was forced to kick.

Grier Tops for Pitt

Dawson's sleeper in the North Carolina State contest, short, swift Bob Grier, awakened the Pitt enthusiasts with two runs for 23 yards at the start of the second period. With the ball being placed on the State's 35, Engle's first team came back into the game. The chapter was closed for the Panthers failed to dent the Lion forward wall and pass defense.

Penalties, which seemed to get Penn State into trouble throughout its nine-game schedule came again—the referee took a "forward march" of 15 steps before halting. A Lion player was caught clipping. Rados, however, nicely put the Lions back on its paydirt drive. Straub took his pass and scooted to the Pitt 20 where he was finally brought down from behind.

For the third time the Lions were knocking at touchdown door. Engle's gridgers gave it the old college try—"If at first you don't succeed, try again." Penn State succeeded in advancing the ball to the 10 yard line, but after three failures to cross the goal line end Jim Garrity split the uprights with his first field goal (15 yards) on State's final try.

Lion Line Holds

Dawson's backfield once again found Engle's line impenetrable. The Lions took over. Three plays later, the Pitt observers watched Penn State's gridgers execute its favorite TD trip play. Rados dropped back to pass. Pitt's secondaries drifted back with Rados' intended receivers, only to be fooled. Moore received a hand-off and scampered 79 yards untouched for a TD. Garrity's automatic toe made the score 10-0.

With a little more than two and one-half minutes remaining Pitt's Grier fumbled Don Bailey's kickoff on his own 16. A touch-

down was in sight for the Lions. However, Ray Ferguson, who dropped Bobby Hoffman's intended TD pass, made good on the second attempt, intercepting in the end zone. Before the half ended the Lions were in possession of the ball.

Typical of Rivalry

The 53rd meeting between the Panthers and Lions at this point marked the intense rivalry which has been shown in the neighboring football relations.

The second half started in the reverse of the first. This time the Lions received the kickoff. Instead of being held to four downs like the Panthers, Penn State consumed five minutes and forty-five seconds before it finally crossed the goal line.

In the meantime, Rados, completing five passes, kept the door open for the breezes to blow. Buddy Rowell and Ron Younker contributed to the TD march. Rowell climaxed the 63-yard drive with a half-yard plunge. From here to the final gun pass defense spelled the difference. Pitt went nowhere. Younker ran back a Panther punt 40 yards. However, Henry Ford quickly clamped things shut with his fine defensive ability. Rados' pass into the end zone saw six hands going into the air with the two belonging to Ford clinching the pigskin.

TD Passes Blocked

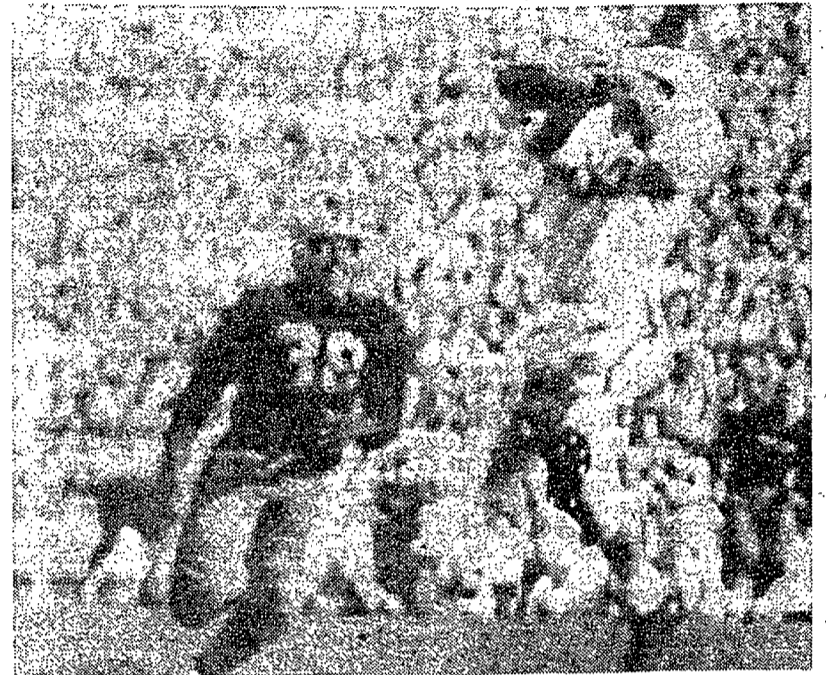
In return, end Don Malinak blocked a short pass, while Wayne Wolfkeil knocked down two "sure" TD passes.

Although Penn State received the ball, it only took two plays before the Panthers were back on the offense. The Panthers, seeking to find some fault in State's defense, continued to use their deep formation. Still, it failed.

With only a few minutes gone in the third period Penn State was forced to punt—the first and only time in the entire game. Rados, who kicked for the Lions, also saved the day when he blocked Ford's pass.

The statistics, score, and game were one-sided, but Ford of Pitt was the only one to write his name in the record books. He intercepted three Penn State passes to tie his school's record.

The day finally ended for the Panthers but not only in defeat. Dawson of Pitt had his first losing season as a college head football coach.



HERE'S JIM GARRITY, Lion right end leaping for a Tony Rados pass in the Penn State-Pitt battle Saturday at Pitt Stadium. Garrity was unsuccessful in this attempt. Looking on is Pitt defender Bob Grier. The Nittanians won the game, 17-0.

Terrapins Move to First; Lions Listed

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP)—Maryland, only undefeated and untied major college team in the country, was voted the No. 1 football team of the land today in the weekly Associated Press poll by a landslide margin.

Coach Jim Tatum's terrific Terrapins moved into the top spot after Iowa held Notre Dame to a resounding 14-14 tie Saturday, with the result that the Fighting Irish dropped from the No. 1 place to No. 2 for the first time this season.

Maryland, winner of ten straight

Penn State was ranked 28th in this week's poll. The Associated Press did not indicate how many points the Lions received. It said, however, that the Nittanians had received more than ten points.

Atlantic Coast Conference's representative in the Miami Orange Bowl Jan. 1, against Oklahoma, the Big Seven champions.

A total of 254 votes was cast by the nation's sportswriters and broadcasters in this next-to-last AP poll of the 1953 season. Maryland, which has been edging up on Notre Dame in recent weeks, got 154 first-place votes, and a smashing total of 2347 points.

Notre Dame, which has games with Southern California and Southern Methodist remaining, received 47 first-place votes and 2009 points.

The final AP poll will be taken next week when the mythical national championship will be decided.

Maryland is expected to be the

Scribes Win Football Contest; Procopio Is Champion Swami

Sports Editor Sam Procopio officially won the Daily Collegian football prediction contest Saturday, leading the Collegian sports scribes to their first victory over the Penn State football coaches.

Procopio had mathematically won the contest prior to Saturday's pickings. He held a six-game lead after last week's selections and differed on only four choices this week with his nearest contenders.

Second place honors went to the coaches, represented Saturday by backfield Coach Joe Paterno, and Assistant Sports Editor Dick McDowell who finished in a tie. Staff writer Herm Weiskopf finished in

third place just one game out of the number two spot.

Procopio won the contest with a season record of 94 correct choices and 41 misses. He could muster only six correct selections Saturday as upsets again played havoc with the crystal ball. His final average stands at .697.

Paterno and McDowell both selected eight games correctly Saturday, missing seven for an overall total of 99 right and 45 wrong, four games less than Procopio. Their final average was .666 Weiskopf, with an 89-46 record had a .659 percentage.

Although this type of contest has been in existence in the Collegian for quite a few years this was only the second season that

the coaches have competed against the Collegian staff. Last year the coaches won the contest when Rip Engle's yogi Al Michaels picked 14 games correctly in the last week of the contest. His performance was enough to put the coaches out ahead of Sports Editor Jake Highton by one game.

The coaches' top individual this year was Jim O'Hara who selected 13 games correctly early in the season. McDowell had the top single Saturday record for the scribes with 14 correct.

Procopio's victory earns him the right to the coveted eight-ball award which will be presented to him for use in future football soothsaying. All contestants agree that the famed crystal ball is no longer dependable.



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