



**LIGHTNIN' LENNY MOORE**, swivel-hipped Nittany Lion half-back, displays the form that makes him the big cog in Penn State's powerful scoring machine. The Ghost will no doubt eclipse two all-time Penn State records, both the number of touchdowns scored in one season and total offensive yardage en route to leading the Nittanies against the Panthers this afternoon.

# The Scorebook...

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## LENNY MOORE—"THE DYNAMITE KID"

Yes, another title for Penn State's hustling half-back. Why "The Dynamite Kid"? Well, it seems to fit in with Moore's trademark on the gridiron—his ability to "explode" for huge chunks of yardage at any time during a game. Just give him the ball and a little room and then start counting the points.

Talking with Lenny Thursday was truly an enjoyable experience. His easy-going nature, quick smile, and sincerity, touched with true modesty, rated him as an All-America both as a player and personality in this book.

Success on the football field is nothing new to "The Dynamite Kid." Reading High School never had a better gridder than Moore, and Coach Andy Stopper saw to it that his star's brightness did not diminish. Moore learned in high school that press clippings were meant to be read and not worshipped. He also learned the value of teamwork. Moore has practiced both these points while traveling on his road to success.



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Lenny said he attributes his college success mainly to good blocking. "Without those men up front," Moore explained, "you can't get anywhere." Rather than point to his excellent speed or his ability to "fake left and go right," Moore praised his teammates for his grid fame. Lenny added that he "tries to forget about records and just think about winning."

In eight games so far this season Moore has rolled up 1014 yards on the ground, just 17 yards short of the Penn State record set in 1912 by E. E. "Shorty" Miller. One of Miller's marks, total yards gained from scrimmage, was erased from the books by Moore. "The Dynamite Kid" has carried the ball 120 times this year, giving him an average of 8.45 yards a carry. Last season J. C. Caroline of Illinois picked up 1256 yards in 194 tries for an average of 6.47 yards on each attempt.

However, Moore was quick to emphasize the fact that the Lions have other top-notch backs. "The only difference," Moore said, "is that they only get to carry the ball about five or six times a game, where I run about 15 or 20 times. Another

thing is that I get to run the bread-and-butter plays, while the others are used for standard plays." Moore's modesty, which is exceeded only by his rushing yardage, caused him to overlook a few facts. His ability to be a consistent ground gainer has resulted in his getting the ball more often than other backs. But, Lenny is right, Lion Coach Rip Engle can also rely on Ron Younker, Billy Kane, and Buddy Rowell, among others, when yardage is needed.

There has been some question as to whether Moore wears the Oxford (low cut) type of football shoe or not. "I wear the regular type shoe," Moore answered, "but I tape the outside for support." It is this tape on the outside of the shoes which makes it appear as though he is wearing Oxfords.

Last year against Pitt Moore carried the ball 13 times for a net gain of 120 yards. His top sprint came in the second period when he took a hand-off from quarterback Tony Rados and sped to paydirt. This season Moore has penetrated the enemy end zone 13 times to tie the Nittany touchdown record.

Many fans have thrilled to Moore's beautiful "dancing and prancing." His piston-like leg action has carried him out of the arms of numerous tacklers. In the Penn game this season Moore turned in one of his finest exhibitions of crashing into, and out of the arms of opponents. Millions of fans watched the game on television and had a chance to see Moore flash down the sideline for a 60-yard TD sprint after taking a pitchout from quarterback Don Bailey. At least seven Penn players had a shot at Moore. Some hit him, but Moore kept on going. Moore poured on the speed, smashed into the arms of would-be tacklers, only to spin out again, added a few fakes, and rambled goalward.

One of the finest things about Lenny is that there is nobody who appreciates his fortunate position more than himself. Even off the field Lenny is still All-America material.

What was Moore's biggest thrill in college football? "I don't like to pick out things like that," he said, "because the biggest thrill I can get is just to be able to play college ball. It's great to be able to play against teams I used to read about when I was a kid." Lenny's eyes gleamed as he seemingly recalled the steps on his way up the staircase of dreams.

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