

Fumbles Thwart Nittany Offense

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for lion's average could have been a reality instead of dream.

But for the records the score stands Syracuse 13, Penn State 9.

A drop in the national ratings and a weakening of Lion chances for a bowl bid, were in order after the loss, since this game was to declare an Eastern champion. Engle disagreed with this theory by stating "the Eastern Championship will be decided when we meet Pittsburgh the last game of the season."

Although the Lions lost their second of the campaign they lost no face. Fumbles and interceptions at inopportune times proved to be their downfall as Syracuse capitalized on the breaks to win its fifth game of the year.

The Orange had to travel via the ground for their scores as the Lion pass defense continued its remarkable play by holding Syracuse without a completion in six attempts.

Highly-touted Jimmy Brown was held to his worst yards-per-carry total of the year. In 28 carries he gained 104 yards for less than a four-yard per carry average. A 29-yard run in the final minutes of play boosted his total over the century mark.

Halfback Ray Alberigi led the Lion ground gainers with 64 yards on 12 carries. Alberigi was without a doubt the outstanding runner on the field, and was also instrumental in Billy Kane's touchdown run when he threw the key block to spring his halfback partner. The Lion defense, led by the vaunted Sam Valentine and Dan

Radakovich, was ably boosted by the performances of end Jack Farls and fullback Babe Caprara, who held Brown in check throughout the game.

But it was the Lions' offensive unit that failed to live up to its reputation. The Lions were beaten at their own game as Syracuse completely dominated the offensive side of the picture by playing "possession ball" throughout the game.

The Orange ran over 90 plays while the Lions were held to a season's low of 53. In the first quarter Syracuse ran 23 plays to the Lions' eight.

Plum kicked off to Brown on the goal and the All-American candidate raced to the 21 before he was upended. The Orange then drove to the Nittany 30 with Brown and Jim Ridlon doing most of the ball carrying.

The attack was stalled here when three passes were incomplete. On the first play from scrimmage Alberigi drove five yards to the 35, but on the very next play Kane fumbled and Syracuse recovered.

The Orange traveled to the Lion 22 before Valentine intercepted a Chuck Zimmerman pass. But the Lions were able to move only 21 yards before Plum had to punt. The kick traveled 62 yards from the line of scrimmage to the Orange one foot line, putting Syracuse in serious trouble.

Ridlon punted, after three unsuccessful ground plays, to Kane, who ran the ball to the Syracuse 45. But again the Orange held. Syracuse failed to make the necessary yardage and with fourth

down and one yard to go Ridlon went back to punt, but the Lions were offside giving the Orange a first down.

But the break was to no avail for minutes later Ridlon punted to Kane on the Lion 37, which started the lone touchdown drive for the Nittanians.

With Alberigi, Kane, and Maurice Schleicher running and Plum passing it took the Lions only 11 plays to score the touchdown. Plum's extra point attempt was wide and the Lions led 6-0.

Late in the second quarter a Plum pass was intercepted by Ridlon on the Syracuse 45 and he raced to the Nittany 10 before being tackled by Alberigi.

Three plays later Dan Fogarty, reserve quarterback, ran seven yards for the tying touchdown. Brown's PAT was no good.

Plum put the Lions ahead at halftime with a 19-yard field goal with one second remaining in the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, Syracuse began to march. The Orange recovered a fumble on the Lions' 24 and with Brown and Ridlon combining to eat up the yardage, Syracuse pushed across the winning touchdown in seven plays. Zimmerman scored on sneak from the one yard line. Brown kicked the extra point.

With only minutes remaining in the game Plum filled the air with passes, but to no success. One pass to Les Walters on the Orange 15 was dropped, which could have pushed the Lions ahead. Walters said he took his eyes off the ball for a split second, causing him to miss the pass.

Saturday Action



LION END Jack Farls, upends an unidentified Syracuse back after a short game in Saturday action. Player on ground watching action is halfback Ray Alberigi.



JIMMY BROWN, Orange star, gallops for 29 yards in final minutes of Saturday's game. Brown was finally tackled by Bruce Gilmore (giving chase) deep in Lion territory.



RAY ALBERIGI, Lion left halfback, tries to stiff arm Jim Ridlon, but to no avail. Ridlon brought Alberigi to earth moments later. Alberigi was the team's leading ground gainer with 64 yards.

Brennan Given Confidence Vote By ND Board

CHICAGO, Nov. 5(P)—Coach Terry Brennan of Notre Dame was given a rousing vote of confidence today by Athletic Director Ed (Moose) Krause who spiked all reports of a football de-emphasis plan at the home of the fighting Irish.

"The athletic program at Notre Dame of today is the same type of plan that was there in 1946, 47, 48 and 49 when Notre Dame was unbeaten," Krause told the Chicago American Quarterback Club.

"There is no de-emphasis at Notre Dame in any way, shape or form. Terry Brennan is a great coach. He is destined to have success and will have it. Father Heshburg, The Rev. Theodore M. Heshburg, Notre Dame president, Father Joyce The Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, chairman of the athletic board and myself are behind him 100 per cent."

Notre Dame so far this season has a 1-5 record, the five defeats being the most the Irish have absorbed since 1933.

Penn State lost an opening football game only once in Rip Engle's seven years at the coaching helm—to Wisconsin, in 1953.

Pennsylvania Native

Rip Engle, who came to Penn State as football coach via Brown University, is a native Pennsylvanian.

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WATCH

Lion, Orange Thriller

Penn State and Syracuse, opponents in football at Syracuse Saturday, locked in one of the most exciting games ever played on Beaver Field a year ago. The Nittany Lions wiped out an early 0-13 deficit to dump the Orange, 21-20.

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