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## A PITT FOLLOWER SPEAKS

Following is a letter received this week from Harry Stein (with parenthetical comments by the columnist). Mr. Stein is a "1960 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh." The letter concerns a column by this writer entitled: "Is this Pitt's last 'big' year?"

Dear Matt,

Since the views which you expressed on the Pitt football situation are undoubtedly your own, I will not question your sincerity or even your judgment. Everyone, especially sports scribes, is entitled to opinions . . .

Since, according to my best memories, the last win of the Pitt Frosh was in 1953 or 1954, this year's squad, in the words of (Pitt freshman coach) Steve Petro, "is the finest since Salvaterra." The record in 1957 was 2-2. Now for a few opinions.

The Pitt freshman team is the finest group of players that I have seen assembled at Pitt since 1952. In their game here they played a superior second half. State won, but did not outplay the Pitt frosh. Cox (No. 45), the defensive safety for the Panthers made a mental error that cost seven points, and a long dash by State's right halfback (Jim Kerr) on an inside drive series slant resulted in another touchdown. (What about the second Lion TD, another "mental error?")

My point is that State did not maintain a sustained drive for a score. For that matter, neither did Pitt, to be sure. (And yet they were superior?)

Each week following the State game, Pitt improved. Pitt scored twice against Navy. (Losing 25-13), giving up 487 yards). Isn't a 34-0 win over West Virginia, which practices frosh from September 1, impressive? Kent State had beaten Pitt two years in a row before their 44-0 setback.

Penn State seems to have a terrific inferiority complex about their big city rivals from Pittsburgh. At every opportunity, the Panthers are ridden, especially now that they are down. Next year with a sophomore-junior squad, Pitt plays Minnesota, Michigan State, UCLA, Army, Notre Dame, plus their neighborhood "minor" foes. Such as State, WVU, and Syracuse. I think that next year every Tuesday morning someone will be taking a slap at a badly beaten Pitt eleven.

State will continue on in their glory of 6-3 and 7-2 seasons and why shouldn't they, playing the likes of Penn, Marquette, William-Mary, Boston U. and Holy Cross. This is due to a ridiculously small stadium and a conservative athletic policy. Agreeing to this, why keep riding Pitt—would State do any better against the Pitt opponents? (But we don't play just for the money, and since Pitt tries, why not give Michelosen a bigger share of the huge gates the Panthers derive from their bigtime schedule.)

Oh yes, State should win Saturday. Why—better tackles? No. Better guards? No. Better backs? No. In fact, Pitt will physically destroy State, but will lose because State can score and Pitt can't. (Humm, better tackles, guards, backs—physically destroy us—and yet can't score. Humm!)

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### MY REPLY—

In discussing the letter, the best way that I can clarify the column is by reviewing the lead line: Is this Pitt's last 'big' year?

Without divulging the name of the person who made this comment, may we say that he is in the upper echelons of the Pitt athletic faculty. I didn't make the statement, he did.

And I never intended to say that Pitt will never win another football game (after all, the pigskin does take crazy bounces). Nor that they will never beat one of their "minor" opponents—to use your phrase.

We were trying to take the positive stand on the Pitt administrator's comment. And you have verified our position by stating that they will have very little chance of winning many games next year and that this year's crop (which lost to the Lions and were soundly beaten by Navy) will probably be the basis of the 1958 Panther squad.

My only conclusion is that maybe Pitt should drop this money-making "big" football and concentrate on trying to defeat their "minor" opposition which may be in their class.

# Booters Host Pitt In Season Finale

By LOU PRATO

It's been 11 years since Penn State's soccer team was defeated in its final game of the season. The Lion booters hope to maintain that streak this morning at Beaver Field when they host Pitt's Panthers in the final test of the 1957 campaign. Kickoff is at 11 a.m.

Navy was the last club to beat the Nittanians in a finale, rapping the Lions 3-1 at Annapolis in 1945 when Bill Jeffrey was still the Lion master. And the last loss at

also. In fact, the Pittsburgh boys have one more victory than the Nittanians although both teams have played nine games. The reason: a Penn State deadlock.

Penn State's only loss came from unbeaten West Chester, 5-1. Pitt's defeat was to Navy, 4-1 two weeks ago and that defeat ended a 6-game win skein of the Panthers. Navy was the team that tied the Lions. That score, 2-2.

"Just because we tied Navy, and Pitt lost to them doesn't mean a thing," Coach Ken Hosterman said yesterday. "They lost to Navy down at Annapolis and we tied Navy there. And Navy is a lot tougher on home grounds than on the road."

Only one other common foe appears on the records. Both teams beat Army; the Lions by a 4-1 count and Pitt, 1-0.

Today's tussle is likely to turn into a battle of goalies. Both clubs boast outstanding first team goal tenders and both teams are well-fortified in reserves at that post.

Pitt's starter Ron Goga has had only six goals scored against him this season in 36 quarters. (Four of those goals by the Middies). Ralph Becker, Penn State's strongboy has limited foes to four goals in 28 quarters. (Two by the same Navy team). Quite a record to throw against each other!

Six Lion seniors will be marking an end to their collegiate careers today and five of them are tentatively listed for a starting berth—Captain Ralph Brower, left fullback; "Hustling" Jimmy Hedberg, left wing; All-American Per Torgerson, inside right; Dave Haase, right wing; and Walt Krauser, right halfback. Tony City rivals have lost only one

no doubt see action. He has been out of commission since the Navy game because of an ankle injury.

The rest of the Lions' starting array will probably consist of Paul Bauer, right fullback; Howie Maerhofer, right halfback; Gary Miller, center halfback; Mike Stollmeyer, inside right; and Bill Fiedler, center forward.

Miller missed last week's clash with Penn because of a leg injury but Hosterman expects him to be ready for this morning's fray.

Fiedler, the sophomore scoring leader with 16 goals, probably



Gary Miller  
... back in lineup

home exit was to Temple, 4-1, in 1944.

The Lions have dropped only one game this fall but their Steel Krauser, right halfback. Tony City rivals have lost only one



Bill Fiedler  
... key to offense

holds the key to the success of the Lions today. He has been the offensive spark for the past few tilts.

## KDR's 2nd Victory Paces IM Cage Play

By DON CASCIATO

Kappa Delta Rho, paced by the 19-point effort of Ron Schaeffer, beat Delta Theta Sigma, 46-25, Thursday night at Recreation Hall. The victory gave KDR its second win and undisputed possession of first place in fraternity League C.

In other fraternity action, Alpha Chi Sigma defeated Beaver House, 25-22; Sigma Phi Epsilon edged Theta Kappa Phi, 23-22; Lambda Chi Alpha walloped Sigma Alpha Mu, 42-18; and Alpha Phi Delta beat Sigma Tau Gamma, 32-26.

The Hub Boys won over the Skeller Rats, 31-27; the J.O.'s walloped the Hounds, 40-17; the Rams beat the Travelers, 32-18; and the All Stars edged the Wesley Five, 35-34 in Indie play.

Schaeffer's 19-point scoring spree led the individual scoring for the night. Runner-up for scoring honors was Bill Lange of the All Stars with 17 tallies. The Wesley Five's Art Pharaoh was third with 16 points.

Other leading scorers included Harry Wilson (14), Harvey Miller (12), Jack Frey (12), Ken Fasick (12), Mark Roller (11), Earl Sands (10) and Pete Field (10).

At the end of three weeks of

action, the following teams are leading their respective leagues:

In fraternity ball, League A—Phi Gamma Delta; League B—Theta Chi; League C—Kappa Delta Rho; League D—Sigma Phi Epsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha; League E—Alpha Phi Delta; and League F—Alpha Sigma Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

In the independent loops, League A—Celtics and Nittany 25; League B—Sharpshooters and Nittany 39; League C—Nittany 28 and Freed Argels; League D—Hamilton Slipsicks; League E—McKee II and Watts I; League G—Fourteen Lions and Studniks; League H—The Tribe; and League I—the J.O.'s and the Skeller Rats.

Monday night will see fraternity teams and independent squads in action. These will be the last intramural basketball games before Thanksgiving vacation. IM cage play will resume Dec. 2, when nine fraternity tilts will be played.

## Sixteen Teams Capture WRA Cage Openers

In WRA's first week of basketball intramurals, sixteen independent and sorority teams copped victories.

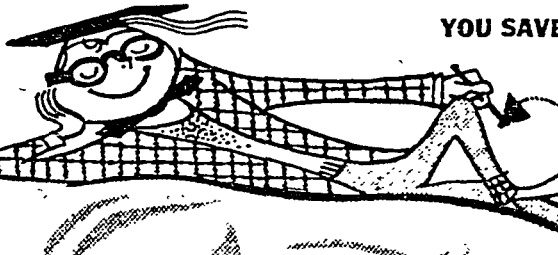
Alpha Xi Delta defeated Gamma Phi Beta, 22-10.

Kappa Delta outclassed Mac Hall, 22-9. Zeta Tau Alpha clipped Tri Delta, 34-30. Phi Mu downed Alpha Chi Omega, 23-15. Pyrose defeated the north-south wings of Atherton, 25-11, and Leonides defeated Grange, 32-19. Lorna Waugh flipped 27 points through the hoop as Trion crushed Tri Sig, 51-15. Stevens defeated the north-west wing of Atherton, 34-11, with Midge Cottman being high scorer with 17 points. The south-east wing of Atherton defeated Co-op, 20-15.

Linda Walrath paced Pi Beta Phi to a 33-3 victory over Wo-Monday night will see fraternity men's Building with 21 points as Kappa Alpha Theta defeated the south-west wing of Atherton, Thompson 2, 3, 4, 30-22.

Delta Gamma topped Shirley Pittman's 24 points sparked Kappa Kappa Gamma to a 52-13 triumph over Alpha Gamma Delta. Beta Sigma Omicron defeated Alpha Epsilon Phi, 35-15. The Lyons whipped the Little Lions, 38-27. Chi Omega won by forfeit over Thompson 1A and B.

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