

Panthers Nudge Lions, 14-13

4th-Quarter TD's Climax Pitt Rally

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Penn State won the toss at the start of the traditional Penn State-Pitt football game Saturday afternoon at Pitt Stadium. When the ideal football afternoon was over, the loss proved to be the only one the Lions won in the game. Pitt scored two late fourth-quarter touchdowns to win the game 14-13.

And it took the toe of a Seaman, India native, to help the Lions to submission. Nasser Seaman, who just recently changed his naturalized citizenship papers and now lives in Harrisburg, Pa., kicked two successful conversions—the first was nullified by an illegal procedure against the Panthers—before the Lions, the second and being one coming from the 16-yard line.

Seaman's boot was the climax to a startling Pitt rally to grasp victory from the ever-present hands of defeat. The Panthers entered the fourth quarter down, 13-0.

However, using power never before seen by Pitt fans during this past season, Pitt changed from a helpless kitten to a roaring jungle cat and scored two touchdowns within four minutes.

Here's how the Pitt scoring drives went: Following the second Penn State touchdown, the Panthers started on their own 23 and rolled to a first down on their 42 when the third quarter ended.

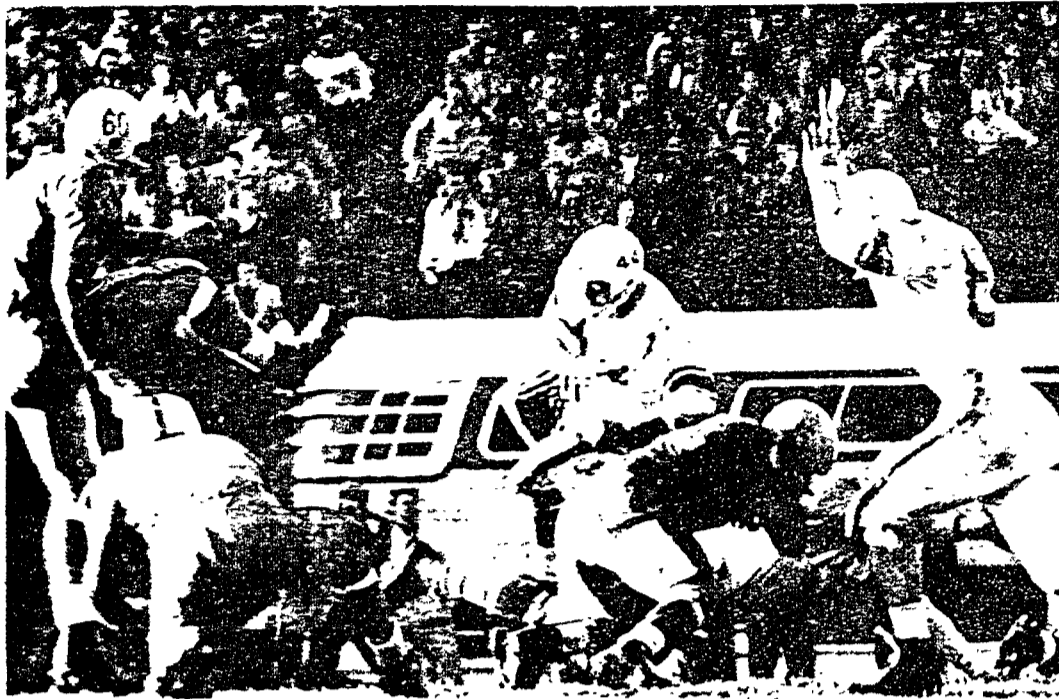
Eight plays later—one of them a 23-yard pass from quarterback Bill Kaliden to end Dick Scherer for a first down on the Lion 32—fullback Fred Riddle crashed over for the score from two yards out at 2:20 of the fourth period. Tonic kicked the first PAT, but the Lions still led, 13-7.

Then came the first real indication that the tide was changing. Pitt allowed the Lions only four yards on three plays and Richie Lucas punted to halfback Andy Sepsal, who returned it to the Pitt 31.

Four plays later, all running plays, Pitt had a first down on the Lion 45. Then came the pay-off play. Kaliden, playing probably his best game of the year, faded back and passed over the defending Richie Lucas to Scherer on the 15 and Scherer scooted untouched into the end zone. In came Seaman—Pitt threw its trum card and won the pot.

In the Penn State dressing room after the game, Lion Coach Rip Engle pointed to the Pitt weight advantage as the deciding factor in the contest. The Panthers outweighed the Lions in every aspect: 214 to 197 on the line; 187 to 183 in the backfield; and 204 and 192 in team average.

"They were just too big and too strong . . . they just wear you out," he said. That was all there was too it—Pitt was physically superior to the Lions and had obviously profited by



THE KICK THAT DOOMED THE LIONS . . . Pitt's Nasser Seaman kicks the extra point that gave the Panthers a 14-13 win over the Lions.

Quarterback Bill Kaliden holds the ball while the Lions' Paul North (82) and Pat Botula (44) vainly attempt to block the kick.

the two-week layoff it had before the game.

Of the winning pass play, Engle pointed to no mistake on the part of the Lion defense. "We thought they were going to throw today," he said. "When you have to watch for their terrific running game, and passing besides, you've got your work cut out for you."

Engle pointed to no turning point in the game—but this was not so for Pitt coach Johnny Michelsen. "If I had to pick any one turning point of the game, it would be the fact that Kaliden ran so well."

Kaliden's running played a prominent part in both Panther scoring drives. In the first drive, he rolled out around left end for a nine-yard gain and a first down on the Lion 17. Minutes later, he rolled out around the same end for three yards to put the ball on the Nittany two, setting the stage for Riddle's smash.

In the second drive, in a third and one situation, he slanted over right guard for a first down on the Lion 45. Then he passed to Scherer for the TD. A good day's work, to say the least.

Until that disastrous fourth quarter, the Lions more than held their own with Pitt. In fact, they left the field at the half a 7-0 leader.

Neither team made any serious drive in the first half until 11:15 of the second period when Eddie Caye passed in an impromptu play to end Ron Markiewicz from five yards out for a score.

The Lions started the surge on their own 42. On the first play, quarterback Al Jacks passed to fullback Maurice Schleicher for a first down on the Pitt 15. Five plays later, on a fourth and one and one-half yards for a touchdown situation, Caye started to his left, was trapped at the five, whirled and passed to Markiewicz, who made a falling catch in the end zone. Babe Caprara converted. The Lions scored their second ever winning over Pitt.



TRAPPED . . . Quarterback Richie Lucas (33) is caught behind the of scrimmage as he went back to pass by Pitt defender Jim Theodore. Lucas, a shifty man to catch back there, did not get away this time as Theodore hit him for an eight-yard loss.

TD at 13:20 of the third period on a nine-yard scoring pass from Jacks to end Paul North. But, Caprara was wide with his conversion and the score stood: Penn State 13, Pitt 0.

Then came the Pitt rally that put an end to a successful Lion season—6-3 on the year—on a rather dismal note. After the game, Engle said, "I don't know when I've felt worse about losing one." That could probably apply to the 13 Lion seniors who saw their collegiate careers close without

Booters Set New Record In 10-1 Win

By LOU PRATO
Even Sputnik couldn't have affected John Foster Dulles the way Penn State's soccer team affected Pitt Saturday morning at Beaver Field. The game was billed as a "near tossup" in pre-game write-ups but the Lion soccer men must have tossed their reading glasses aside.

Coach Ken Hosterman's men humiliated the Panthers in taking a 10-1 decision and in doing so set a new team season scoring record. Those 10 goals, added with the 46 racked up in nine previous exhibitions, broke the old scoring mark of 46 set by Hosterman's unbeaten 1955 co-national champions.

It was the final game of the year for the Lion booters and left them with a 8-1-1 slate. Only a 5-1 loss to undefeated West Chester and a 2-2 stalemate with "luckless" Navy spoiled Penn State's record.

Saturday's tilt was supposed to be a battle of defensive maneuver between two "outstanding" goalies. (At least, that's what the papers had said.) But somebody forgot to tell Pitt's goal tender, Ron Goga, about Penn State's offensive prowess.

Up until Saturday's fiasco, Goga had given up only six goals in nine scrapes—an average of .66 per game. But his average skyrocketed to outerspace in the face of the vaunted Lion attack.

Sophomore Billy Fiedler—tout-ed in pre-game notices as "the key to the Lion offense," proved just that as he led the Lions in scoring with four goals, lifting his final team-leading total to 20. It was the third time this year he had tallied three or more goals in one game.

All-American Per Torgerson also turned the "hat trick" (three goals in one game) with three scores. Dave Haase, Pete Wadsworth and Ralph Brower (surprise) had one goal each.

It was the Lions' game from the opening whistle. Within four minutes of the first stanza, Penn State had a 3-0 lead and they were never headed.

Torgerson tallied the first on a 20-yard shot from the right of the nets at the 2:30 mark. Forty-five seconds later, Fiedler recorded his first goal and 45-minute.

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