



A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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Sports Editor

Pittsburgh beat Penn State Saturday afternoon in a game which we feel, the tide took three weeks to turn. To be blunt about it, the Lions were outmanned all the way and outplayed in the fourth quarter.

For the past three weeks—you might even say all season—the Lions have been playing heavier ball clubs and winning—they were 6-2 going into the ball game. Even winless Marquette was heavier than the Lions. Yet, Penn State won most of its games.

Against Pitt, the story was different. Pitt's line was superior and that's all there was to it. The Lions held the Panthers to a standstill in the first half and for most of the third quarter. But then the weight advantage began to take effect.

The Pitt line began to move the Lions around. Pitt backs were eating up chunks of yardage at four and five a try. The Panthers rolled easily to their first score and were well on their way to grinding out another on the ground when quarterback Bill Kaliden crossed everybody up—including the press box—with a 45-yard scoring pass play to end Dick Scherer.

However, we feel that if the Panther's hadn't scored through the air, it would have been only a matter of time before they scored with their ground attack. The Pitt offense was in full motion and nothing short of a fumble would stop it . . . even then we had our doubts if a fumble could have prevented the Panthers from scoring again. They simply were moving too well to be denied.

Watching the Nittany defense, especially the line, reminded us of a similar situation when the Lions played Holy Cross. Holy Cross, lacking Penn State's depth, played the Lions to almost a standstill for the first half. Then time took its effect. The Crusaders were a tired lot once the second half was underway and only penalties saved them from allowing more Lion scoring.

This time, the shoe was on the other foot. This time, Penn State was the tired team—although it took a little longer for Pitt to gain the upperhand than it took the Lions against Holy Cross. But, the result was the same—the stronger team won.

Pitt halfback Jim Theodore gave an accurate description of the game when he said: "In the first half, we just wore them down. Then our line started to do some real nice blocking for us in the second half. I blocked a lot again today—I just cleaned out what the line left and Riddle (fullback Fred Riddle) followed me." That just about summarizes it.

And while we're at it, we may just as well comment on the Gator Bowl situation. We felt that if the Lions had won Saturday, Penn State would have gone to the Gator Bowl. But, it seems we were wrong.

According to those close to the Penn State football scene, a win over Pitt would not have automatically put the Lions in the bowl. All a win would have done is to have kept the Lions in contention. It seems that the Lion loss to Vanderbilt was the big handicap facing the Nittanians.

Sports Publicity Director Jim Coogan told us Sunday morning that Penn State had never received any definite word about the bowl. All that the Lions knew was that they were in consideration after their win over Holy Cross. That's as far as it went.

So we owe an apology to our readers for misleading them with our column Saturday morning. We were wrong—at least it looks that way. But, as we said Saturday, we felt the Lions deserved to go to the bowl if they beat Pitt. We still do, but the Lions lost so now it's a different matter.

Pro Teams Will Grant Demands

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 (P)—The National Football League will grant all of the Players Association demands, probably by unanimous vote, The Associated Press learned today.

Commissioner Bert Bell recommended to league owners last month that they give the players what they want—recognition, exhibition game pay, an injury protection clause and a minimum salary.

An unimpeachable source showed an actual copy of the commissioner's bulletin of Oct. 16, dealing with all phases of the league-Players Assn. squabble. The source said that Bell had the 10 necessary votes to pass the measures and that the vote probably would be unanimous.

Bell's recommendations, if adopted as expected by the owners at either their Dec. 2 or mid-January meeting, probably would negate the \$4,200,000 law suit threatened last week by Creighton-Miller, attorney for the Players Assn.

The source emphasized that Bell's recommendations were made "long before Miller's threat to sue the league for treble damages" in support of the player demands. He said that George Halas, owner of the Chicago Bears; George Marshall, Washington owner, and Paul Brown, general manager of the Cleveland Browns, early opponents of the player group, had fallen into line.

Under Bell's plan, the recommendations would be written into the NFL's constitution and by-laws. This would, in effect, constitute a written agreement between the league and the players. The spokesman said the action would be tantamount to recognition of the Players Assn. by the owners. Bell formally recognized the group before a subcommittee of the U.S. Congress.

DU, Corn Grinders Win IM Swimming Crowns

By MIKE MAXWELL

Adie Stevens came through with two first places last night and led Delta Upsilon to the fraternity intramural swimming title with a 24-17 victory over Alpha Tau Omega.

The Corn Grinders copped independent honors with a 31-10 victory over Jordan II.

Stevens annexed a first in the 60-yard free style and the 60-yard breast stroke with times of :32.2 and :33.9 respectively.

Teammate Ogie Norris defeated ATO's Carl Tongburg, and Bob Weil in the 60-yard back stroke with a time of :43.0.

William Pindar took the only first for ATO, winning diving honors with 24.95 points. DU's Norris finished second with 20.8 points.

DU took the 120-yard relay in 1:00.9. Rae Hoopes, George McLeod, Ogie Norris and Dick Hammond gave the champs the victory in the event.

The Corn Grinders took a first in every event to clinch the independent title.

Daw Gifford came home first in the 60-yard free style in :34.0. John Parks and Herm Weber took firsts in the 60-yard back stroke and 60-yard breast stroke respectively.

Parks was timed in :40.0 and Weber in :43.4. Both later helped out in the 120-yard relay.

Rich Bennett, after scoring a third in the back stroke, took a first in diving with 17.75 points.

Jordan II took a second in all the individual racing events.

Bold Ruler Gets Horse of Year Racing Award

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (P)—Bold Ruler, the colt who was counted out of thoroughbred racing's championship picture two months ago, became the toast of the turf world today when he was voted 'Horse of the Year' in the annual poll of the Morning Telegraph and Daily Racing Form.

In addition, the Wheatley Stable colt from the stable of Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps of New York and Palm Beach took the 3-year-old championship by a slim edge over Ralph Lowe's Gallant Man.

The turning point came Nov. 9 at Garden State Park, where Bold Ruler—trained by Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons and ridden by Eddie Arcaro—won the Trenton Handicap by 2 1/4 lengths from Gallant Man, with the Kerr Stable's Round Table another 8 1/2 lengths back in third place. It was the 11th victory in 16 starts, with two seconds and two thirds for Bold Ruler during the season.

Mrs. Charles Ulrich Bay's Idun, the undefeated 2-year-old filly champion, was named the best 2-year old and top filly of her division, and Mrs. Jan Burke's Dedicate was voted the leading handicap runner.

Bold Ruler received 16 votes in the 22nd annual poll of champions, with nine for Gallant Man out of a total vote of 33 turf experts of the racing publications.

Sports Dope . . .

A tuft of hair which rests on his forehead has brought Penn State's sophomore quarterback, Richie Lucas, the nickname of Li'l Abner.

Penn State tackle Bill Wehmer, of Turtle Creek, played only two football games in high school, both in his senior year.

Twenty-five-year-old Dave Kasperian, of Worcester, Mass., Penn State's leading ground gainer, is called the "Old Man" by his teammates.



Mac Sez...
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