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# No Shame In Losing to Army

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"It isn't the (lonesome end) formation that counts," New York Herald-Tribune sports writer Jesse Abramson wrote Sunday following Army's 26-0 rout over Penn State, "it's the men who operate it."

Thus, in less than a dozen words the Lions' sound beating by the high-flying cadets can be explained.

It was no shame to lose to Army Saturday afternoon—far from it. The Cadets are one of the nation's best teams. And this fact was never more evident than by Army's third-place ranking in the Associated Press weekly grid poll.

Besides, many of the avid Army partisans are comparing this club to the great teams of the Glenn Davis-Doc Blanchard era. (But whereas the Davis-Blanchard powerhouses were strictly ground-moving forces, the current Army legion uses passing just as effectively, if not more.)

Before Saturday's skirmish we figured the Lions had a half-decent chance of stopping the West Point gang. But after seeing Coach Blaik's men in action, we know why the Nittanies couldn't shackle them.

No, the spirit wasn't lacking. This Blue and White aggregation wanted this victory more than any other this season (and that includes a win over arch-rival Pitt). Captain Steve Garban gave evidence of this last week when he told a pep rally crowd: "We've lost to Army for three straight years and we're damn tired of it."

But spirit couldn't win alone. And the Black Knights had too much of everything else—speed, passing, strong running power—you name it and the Cadets probably had it.

The faking of quarterback Joe Caldwell, whom Blaik called the "big question mark" before the season, had just as much to do with the victory as did the running and pass-catching ability of Captain Pete Dawkins and "lonesome end" Bill Carpenter. Caldwell would bring our defenses in tight with a double fake to the inside, then pitchout to Dawkins or All-American Bob Anderson who would move through the Lions for 5 to 15 yards at a clip or pass for much more. Or else Caldwell would fake to everybody and pass, himself.

The failure of Penn State's linemen to sustain their offensive blocks and the lack of height in the Nittany backfield also played a major role in the Cadet win. Movies of the game showed the Lion forward wall making good first contact blocks, but the Army defenders would quickly brush them off.

As for the absence of height, well, this was substantially proven when Army's tall pass receivers would snatch a pass by merely out-jumping the smaller Lion defender. We remember explicitly the time the 6-4 Carpenter grabbed the ball over the outstretched hands of Penn State's 5-9 halfback Bucky Paolone, who was covering the "lonesome end" almost like a blanket.

We could probably go on and list many more details behind the Lion defeat but they would all add up to the same thing—a 26-0 pasting. It was a tough game to lose—but the season isn't over yet.

# Shutouts Highlight Action In 2nd Week of IM Grid

Shutouts dominated the intramural football scene last night as Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beaver House, the Spartans, Thompson One, the Skidrowers, Hamilton Seven, Penn Haven and Navy tabulated marks in the win column.

SAE pulled the old "sleeper" play on the first play from scrimmage against Alpha Chi Rho with Pete Moran tossing the pigskin to Bob Elder for a 40-yard pick-up. This set up the touchdown as Moran fired a short aerial over center to Jim Beggs in the end zone.

Charlie Muse converted and SAE had its seven point margin of victory.

The game tightened up after the initial score and the two teams deadlocked for the remainder of the fray. The final whistle found SAE still out in front, 7-0.

Beaver House outplayed a game Theta Delta Chi outfit to come out on the long end of a 9-0 score. Ted Lopushinsky intercepted an errant Theta Delta Chi aerial and raced 65 yards for a touchdown as the Beavers grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first half.

Alpha Sigma Phi rolled up the highest score of the evening as they defeated Delta Chi 21-0. With Gene Capriotti at the helm the Alpha Sigs sailed to victory scor-

ing three times via the aerial route.

Capriotti hit Gelet inside the white stripe for the first counter then initiated a double pass that went to Berry White to Bill Sickeras for 30 yards and six points.

White caught Delta Chi's Jerry Hamaker for a safety as he tried to rush from behind his goal line and Dixie Kovacs completed the game's scoring by getting behind the Delta Chi secondary and hauling in a 50-yard heave from Capriotti that went all the way. Gelet added the PAT.

In independent action, Jake Jacobs led the Skidrowers to a 14-0 triumph over the Hamilton A's in a battle

of southpaw passers. Jacobs chucked a 60-yard pass to Sam Romberger to put his team on the five yard line.

A few plays later he tossed a pass to Glen Buzza in the left flat and Buzza dashed across for the touchdown. George Fish kicked his first of two conversions.

In the second half Jacobs again took charge and moved his team downfield, completing a series of short passes in an attack that ended with Fish grabbing an aerial in the end zone.

Carl Mazzar intercepted a pass and hustled 15 yards to paydirt with less than two minutes remaining in the game as Navy captured a 6-3 victory over the Explorers.

John Jacobelli connected on a pass to Larry Stadulas for the lone tally of the game as the Spartans racked up their second win of the season, downing the Meteorites 6-0.



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