

Booters End Season With 5-2 Win Over Pitt

The Nittany Lion soccer team finished its season on a winning note Saturday as it beat Pittsburgh, 5-2. The Lions finished the season with a 5-4 record.

It was mainly the play of the underclassmen in the Nittany lineup that provided the winning punch thus giving coach Kenny Hosterman bright hopes for next year.

Gary Miller, a junior, scored three goals and set up another one to lead the Lion offense. A sophomore—Wayne Rodgers and another junior—Pete Wadsworth scored the other Lion goals.

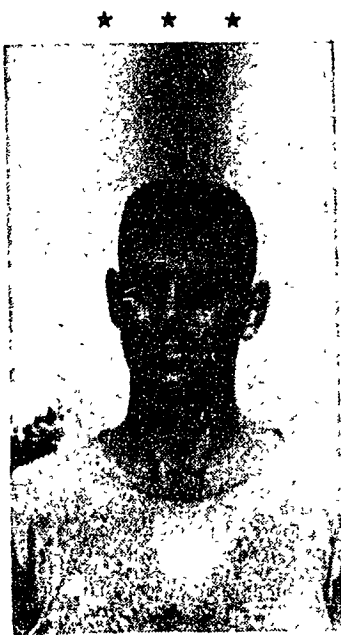
But according to Hosterman, Bill Fiedler, a junior, played the top game for the Nittanies. "Two men were on Billy throughout the whole game. If they didn't guard him that close the score would have been different."

The Lions controlled the ball game from the beginning as they registered 47 shots to the Panthers' 17.

Wadsworth started the Lion scoring when he took a pass from Mike Stollmeyer at 16:55 of the first period and hit the left corner of the Panther nets.

Miller scored the only Lion goal of the second period when he tallied at 10:20. Pittsburgh couldn't score in the first half and the Lions led at the intermission, 2-0.

Pittsburgh came to life for the first and last time in the beginning of the third period.



Gary Miller
... scores three

George Murdock scored for the Panthers with 1:25 gone to cut the Lion lead to 2-1.

But Rodgers who was playing his first game at left wing broke up the Panther rally with his first goal of the season at the 7:30 mark. Miller broke the game wide open 11 minutes later with his second goal and the Lions led, 4-1.

The last Penn State goal was

also scored by Miller—this one coming at 9:45 of the last period. Pitt's final goal also came in the fourth quarter with only 30 seconds left.

"We played a good game," said Hosterman. "Pitt was on par with Bucknell, maybe a little better." (The Lions beat Bucknell, 7-0, in the opener).

By winning, the Lions averted their first losing season since 1944 when the Nittanies finished with a 3-4 log. Hosterman now has posted six consecutive winning seasons since coming to Penn State in 1952. His overall record is 43-9-2.

Although Miller scored three goals, he only finished second in the individual scoring race. Fiedler was first with 12 goals in eight games. He missed the College game due to an injury.

Wadsworth was the third leading scorer—posting five goals and Stollmeyer was fourth with four tallies. Stollmeyer also led the Lions in assists.

Five seniors closed out their Penn State soccer careers Saturday. The graduating seniors are captain Howie Mairhofer, Herby Hertner, Jerry Bruce, Paul Bauer and Stollmeyer.

Saturday's win over Pittsburgh was the Lions fourth straight in a series that dates back to 1955. The closest the Panthers have come to beating Penn State was in 1955 when the Lions won by a 6-3 count.

The Sportseer



Sports Gobbler 'Talks Turkey'

By Lou Prato
Sports Editor

Today, we're really going to talk Turkey!



Of course, we've been talking like a turkey all year. In the first place, we picked Penn State's football team to win the Lambert Trophy, placing Army a far fifth. At last glance, the positions were just the reverse.

Then there's that Army game. We honestly thought the Lions would beat the Cadets. But we shouldn't have been honest.

Syracuse was supposed to be easy pickings, too. But the result of that game couldn't have made our cynical friend "Joe, the Barber" happier.

And our castigators—and there are many of them circulating around the Nittany Lair—had a mass celebration following the Sportseer's West Virginia goof.

Now, comes the Pitt game. And as we noted above—"Now we're really going to talk Turkey."

What chance does Penn State's football team have against the Panthers?

Well, my good friends (are there any left?), this question has been tossed around like a basketball since the season started. And since Penn State's overwhelming win over Holy Cross, 32-0, and Pitt's humiliating defeat to Nebraska (oops, almost forgot that other Nebraska win in late September over you-know who) this has been a major conversational item.

The Panther assenters point to Pitt's overall "better record" which includes a hard-fought victory over Notre Dame, 29-26, and the 14-14 tie with "that same" Army team. They also claim the 16-13 loss to Syracuse was almost unavoidable since the Orange Bowl-bound New Yorkers had caught the Pitts between the Army and Notre Dame toughies.

Another reason for jumping on the Pitt bandwagon is the "class of the opposition." The Panthers face one of the most rigorous and toughest schedules in the country, so the claim goes, while the Lions meet the "patsies."

Then there's the angle of spirit and determination—better known as "being up." The Panthers will have more desire to win, so say the blatant Pitt supporters. That loss to Nebraska spoiled a lucrative bid to the Cotton or Orange Bowls and the Panthers are as mad as could be.

And of course, the pro-Pitt faction also points to the unpredictable play of the Penn State boys. As "Joe, the Barber" said: "One week they look like the best team in the nation and the next week they look like huns."

On the other hand, Penn State "die-hards" (including yours truly) feel that the Lions have finally "jelled" as a well-knit organization and could give any team in the nation a tough battle on any given day. That victory over Holy Cross proves it, so they say.

And then there's that poem they've been singing all week:
"No dropped passes, no more fumbles;
"We'll make Pittsburgh look so humble."

What will be the final result is anybody's guess, right now. We feel Penn State can beat Pitt. But they will have to play their best game of the season—better even than the Holy Cross affair.

Only the players themselves—and the coaches, too—can do it. They will need the wholehearted support of every loyal Penn Stater—but in the end, it will be up to them.

As for the Gator Bowl bid, let's forget it. Despite the seemingly optimistic attitude of Gator Bowl selection chairman Sam Wolfson, we feel the Lions are still a long-shot bet. All Pitt needs is a win for the bid—be it one point or 25. But the Lions will have to not only win, but make an outstanding showing—a very hard accomplishment against such a traditional rival.

Can they do it?

Manager, Jack-of-all-Trades On Penn State Athletic Scene

By SANDY PADWE

Remember the fellow in high school who used to carry the footballs or basketballs, oranges and towels? You used to laugh and call him the water boy. Well, that boy grew up and is now in college.

When he got to college he decided to continue his old hobby. But, things were different in college. He was no longer the water boy, he was the manager—and what's more people treated him with respect.

His job is also a little more complicated than it was in high school, for the manager is the "jack-of-all-trades" on the Penn State athletic scene.

At Penn State the manager takes the responsibility of arranging hotel accommodations, scheduling bases, preparing equipment for the game, making plans for meals and the biggest job of all—handling all finances.

What kind of person is a head manager at Penn State? According to Lion soccer Coach Ken Hosterman, the manager has to be a responsible, level-headed and friendly person.

This is an accurate description of the three men who hold the head manager jobs of the three Penn State fall sports: Ed Hintz in football, Phil Bostley in soccer and Dean Rossi in cross-country.

All three have one thing in common—deep devotion to their sport. This devotion was probably the reason they edged a score of rivals for the head manager job. All managers start the same way. As sophomores they are among the infinite number of second managers; then they advance to first manager as juniors along with two other counterparts.

One man is selected from the three and he is named head manager as a senior.

Head managers are selected by the head coach of the sport, team captain, equipment manager and athletic director.

A manager's job is a lot of work, but it has its rewards. "Being football manager takes a lot of work, but the lessons I am learning as head manager will be invaluable to me when I graduate," said grid manager Ed Hintz.

Soccer manager Bostley holds the same view: "The business end of this job is teaching me more than I could ever hope for. I really have a lot of responsibility and meeting the challenges will help me in future years."

Dean Rossi, the cross-country manager, agreed with the other two, but has his own reasons for becoming manager. Rossi is a 2-year veteran in track, earning his letters in the 100- and 200-yard dashes. But because he is ineligible for the track team this year, he felt that he could stay close to the sport by becoming manager of cross-country.

Rossi is ineligible because he has already received a degree. This year he decided to come back and study in another field and although classified as a junior, he is considered a graduate.

The manager's hardest work comes the day of a game, especially if it's an away game. Recently this reporter had the opportunity of watching a manager at work the day of the game and it was hectic.

The manager started the day

by making sure that all the equipment was packed and ready for the trip. Next he made sure that the bus would be at Rec Hall at the proper time.

Then came the trip to the athletic director's office to pick up the money and itinerary for the trip.

So it goes for any manager. He doesn't get any applause from the stands—a pat on the back from the coach or one of the players is the sign of the job well done.

Next time you see one of Penn State's teams play remember that there are more people connected with the squad than you can see on the field, and these people are just as important as the players. As one coach put it: "We wouldn't be out here if it weren't for that 'working fool' handing out the towels over there."

Engle's Success at Pitt

Penn State coach Rip Engle holds a narrow edge over traditional rival Pitt. In eight meetings since he became Penn State's head coach, Engle has defeated the Panthers four times while losing three. One game ended in a 7-7 tie. These traditional rivals will tangle at Pitt Stadium on Thanksgiving Day.

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