

# Pitt Gridders Favored by TD



**BOWING OUT AT PITT**—These 12 seniors will close their collegiate football careers Thursday when the Lion battle Pitt in the 85th game of the grid rivalry. Front row, left to right, guard Willard "Bull" Smith, end Maury Schleicher, center and captain Steve Garban, guard Chuck Ruslavage, and guard Bill Wehmer. Second row: halfback Bruce Gilmore (who was sidelined for the season with a knee injury), tackle Joe Bohart, quarterback Bob Scrabis, fullback Andy Moconyi, quarterback Al Jacks, halfback Dave Kasperian and halfback Fran Paolone.

## Lion Runners, Nation's 2nd Best, Face Nation's 3rd Best Defense

By **MATT MATHEWS**  
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With a possible Gator Bowl bid hanging in the balance Coach Rip Engle's 1958 grid-iron edition will have additional incentive to beat the host Pittsburgh Panther Thanksgiving Day. The Lions are one touchdown underdogs. Both teams have 5-3-1 records. Of course the Lions don't need



**Coach Rip Engle**  
... holds 4-3-1 edge over Pitt

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to worry about bringing home the "Coal Scuttle"—it's already here. "Old Ironsides," which is another name for coal bucket, is symbolic of supremacy between the Lions, Panthers and the West Virginia Mountaineers.

The Panthers have retained possession of the bucket since 1955—mostly by default. They won it in '55 by defeating both the Lions and Mounties and clung to it in '56 when they and the Lions defeated the Southerners. Then both tied in the finale.

Again they retained possession last year when each team won one and lost one. This year Skyscraper U. has the edge again via a win over the Mounties while the Lions were held to a tie. A Penn State win will "legally" keep the trophy here.

"If we can get our share of the breaks," Coach Rip Engle

period besides ruining the Lion defense with his running on the option pass.

Kaliden continued his effective running rollouts this year against Notre Dame as he scored the winning TD against the Irish with only 11 seconds left in the game.

Running with Tonic on the first unit will be fullback Fred Riddle (who gained 75 yards in 17 tries last year against the Lions), Bill "The Comet" Haley (Pitt's leading offensive threat), and Curt Plowman (who is considered Pitt's hardest runner).

Except for Plowman's 4.1 yard per run average, Haley is the top

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83 Neff	LE	Ditka	89
78 Stynchula	LT	Montanari	78
67 Ruslavage	LG	Guzik	65
53 Garban	C	Crafton	50
64 Popp	RG	Michaela	62
79 Mulroney	RT	Lindner	75
80 Schleicher	RE	Gob	83
33 Lucas	QB	Tonic	14
46 Kasperian	LH	Haley	30
41 Kerr	RH	Plowman	35
31 Botula	FG	Riddle	45

Panther in the running statistics. He also leads in punt and kickoff returns and scoring with six TDs and two extra points.

The Panthers boast the third toughest ground defense in the nation, yielding an average of 90.0 yards per game. They are sixth in total defense with a 195.4 per game yield.

Against this the Lions will pit the second best running offense of 258.4 yards per game. (Oklahoma leads the nation with a 266.6 average.)

Engle will start what has been his most potent offensive backfield (when not injured). Richie Lucas will quarterback. Tentative Starting Lineups

Pat Botula will be at full and Dave Kasperian and Jimmy Kerr will run off the halves.

Only two injuries on the line mar the Lion's near perfect (Continued on page eleven)

## 'Indians,' Blue Band To Perform at Pitt

By **GEORGE FRENCH**

A band of cross-wielding Penn State "Indians" will invade Pitt Stadium about 12:30 p.m. as part of the kick-off of Pittsburgh's bicentennial celebration.

Later, the Blue Band, under the direction of James W. Dunlop, will salute the old and the new of the Steel City at halftime of the Panther-Lion grid contest.

At the request of the bicentennial committee, 20 of Lacrosse Coach Ernie Baer's stickmen will appear as Indians, replete with loincloths and feathers, in an exhibition of bagattaway—the Indian form of lacrosse, prior to the adoption of the present form of the game by the French settlers in Canada.

The "Indians" will play for about five minutes during the half-hour performance depicting early Pittsburgh.

At halftime, the Blue Band's first formations will be 1758, marking the date of the beginning of Pittsburgh; 1855, in honor of the year of Penn State's inception; 1956, marking the present day, and 200, in recognition of Pittsburgh's 200-year history. During the period, the band will play the "Nittany Lion" and the Penn State "Alma Mater".

Following the 200 formation, the Blue Band will break up and form the outline of the triangle and the routes of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers as it plays "Oh! Man River" and "Beautiful Ohio".

The band will then form a little schoolhouse to salute the "old" as it plays "Little Red Schoolhouse", followed by a formation outlining the Cathedral of Learning to the strains of "Hail to Pitt".

Next, the Blue Band will honor Stephen Foster with a banjo formation and "Camptown Races" and "Oh! Susanna". The (Continued on page eleven)

## East-South Game Sought

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ed anyone. The calibre of the opposition is very important. We know you have won by big scores but who have you played?"

Other teams being considered by the Gator Committee include Texas (6-3), South Carolina (5-3), Mississippi (8-1), Georgia Tech (5-3-1), SMU (5-4), Vanderbilt (5-1-3) and Washington State (7-3).

"We would prefer an Eastern team with a Southern team," Wolfson said, "but we won't pick an Eastern team just for the sake of picking. The team will have to win decisively. We want to make our bowl as good as the others."

The Gator Bowl is the newest of the major post-season grid games. It has been in operation since 1946, but only in the last four years has it gained national stature.

Pitt is the only Eastern team ever to participate in the Jacksonville affair. That was in 1956 when they lost a 21-14 skirmish to Georgia Tech.

Tennessee edged Texas A&M 3-0 last year in a game in which \$85,000 was paid to each team. However, with a new five-year TV contract with CBS just signed, the 1958 participants could expect \$100,000 each.