

2nd Half Comeback Beats Pitt

Neff Scores Twice; Jacks' Passing Shines



—Collegian photo by Ron Kerr

LION CAPTAIN STEVE GARBAN accepts game ball from All-American Guard John Guzik in the Thanksgiving Day tilt at Pitt Stadium.

(Continued from page one) Rip Engle instill into his Lions during the halftime break?

"There was no halftime speech as everyone probably thinks," Engle said in the Lion locker room after the game. "All we did was correct mistakes. I think we were just trying too hard that first half."

But those mistakes must have been corrected to perfection. For the first 27 minutes, the Lions played like a grade school team who hadn't quite learned the fundamentals. Pitt scored its first touchdown on a 50-yard option around left end by sophomore quarterback Ed Shrockman, and tacked on the extra point on a kick by Norton Seaman.

Late in the second quarter, the Panthers pushed over their second score on a three-yard smash over left guard by halfback Joe Scisly. That climaxed a 15-play, 82-yard drive and Seaman added the conversion.

There were 2 minutes and 46 seconds left when State began to show their first real sign of the team that had whipped highly-rated Holy Cross, 32-0, in their last outing.

With Al Jacks tossing sideline passes and Dick Hoak supplying most of the running punch, the Lions moved from their own 24-yard line to the Pitt two. But the drive expired with 11 seconds left in the half when a fourth down Jacks to Jim Kerr aerial was batted down by Chuck Reinhold—the sophomore who later scored a Pitt TD on a 52-yard scamper.

Most of the Stadium onlookers settled back and awaited a Pitt romp as the second half started,

but the onslaught never came. Before the Panthers knew what hit them, the Lions had tallied twice.

Pat Botula scored the first on a one-yard dive after Lucas' 18-yard dash on a left end roll out had set up the play. A pass on a fake kick formation failed for the conversion.

Sophomore end Mike Ditka's fumble on a punt formation had paved the way for that first Lion score and Fred Riddle's fumble moments after the ensuing kick-off opened the gates for the second TD.

Norm Neff scored that one on an eight-yard aerial from Hoak after a short 32-yard march. But a Jacks to Neff pass for the PAT was incomplete.

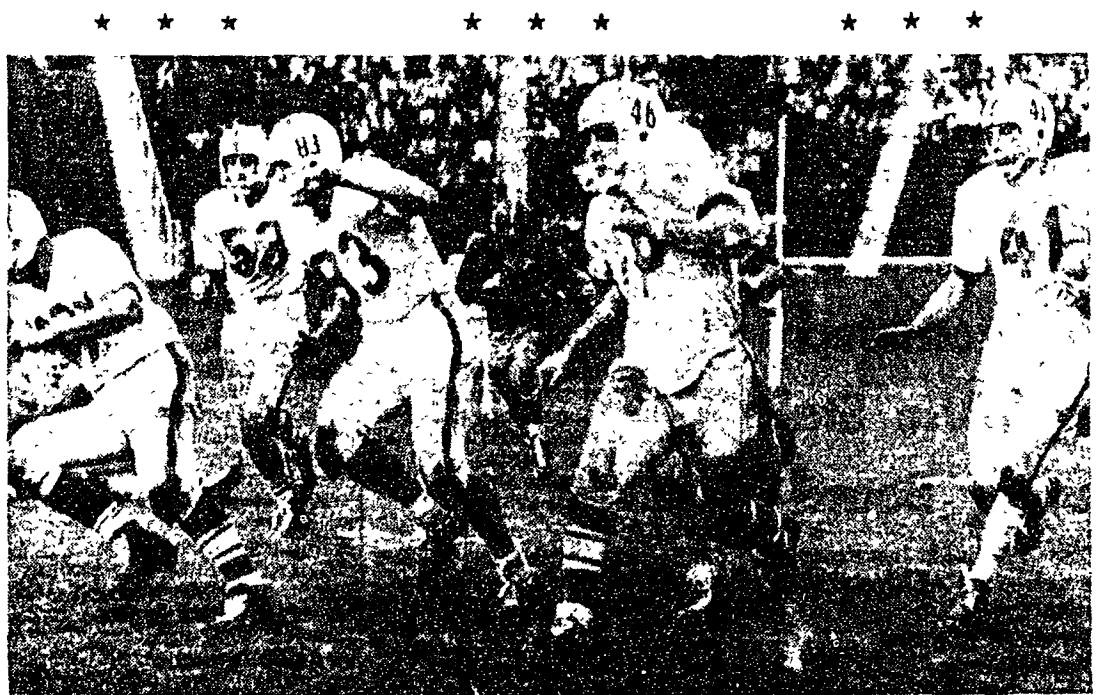
However, less than a minute later Reinhold's scamper and Seaman's third conversion gave Pitt a 21-12 lead.

But the Lions weren't through. A Reinhold bobble on a punt led to another Neff touchdown—this time on a 9-yard pass from Jacks. The conversion failed again.

The winning touchdown came midway in the final stanza. Pitt was forced to punt from their own 36-yard stripe and Kerr grabbed the ball and raced 43 yards down the left sidelines to the Pitt 28.

Three plays later the Lions had

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CLEAR THE ALLEY—Sophomore halfback Jim Kerr follows a horde of Lion blockers on a 43-yard punt return against Pitt. The return which set up the final TD was led by Charlie Ruslavage (67), Steve Garban (53), Norm Neff (83), Dave Kasperian (46) and an unidentified blocker behind Kasperian.

Garban Praises 'Tired' Lions; Jacks, Hoak Get Recognition

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The final score was Penn State 25, Pitt 21. And this time the numbers told the closeness of the battle.

After the cheers and the picture taking died down in the victorious Lion locker room, the visitors could easily see the effects of the battle.

Junior Richie Lucas played the game with a bad left side and the rushing Panther line didn't help matters. In fact, Richie couldn't even shake hands—his mitts told the tale of a determined quarterback whose main asset is his hands for ball handling and passing.

Sophomore guard Bill Popp was the last to leave the locker room. The man he had to knock out of the way on offense was Pitt All-American linebacker John Guzik. Popp was dead tired.

Those are only two of the examples. Nearly everyone proved Thanksgiving Day that "blood and guts" can overcome nearly any obstacle as one player put it.

"They're a tremendous bunch of guys," praised Captain Steve Garban. "They did it the hard way, they came from behind and won. Everybody in there gave it all they had—they never quit."

"Beating Pitt was the greatest thrill of my life and you can quote me," Garban yelled. "And don't forget our tremendous bunch of coaches."

Al Jacks, who had his great-

est day at the most opportune time, forgot his own play to talk of his fellow players. Al tabbed Dick Hoak's nine-yard "cross-country" run in the fourth quarter the play that won the game.

"I almost fainted when he was trapped," Al related. "If he'd have been caught back there (around the 30) we'd have been dead, but he managed to get away and we won."

It was as simple as that—

But sophomore Jimmy Kerr took up the praise for Jacks: "Al really looked great—and he deserves all the praise. On that one long pass he led me just perfectly and it was my fault it wasn't completed—I didn't realize there was anybody in my way."

Rip Engle's observations: "They sure knocked us out of the statistics league, but I'll take a win any day—especially today."

"And incidentally I don't consider Pitt a jinx." Rip's record against the Jungle Cats is now 5-3-1.

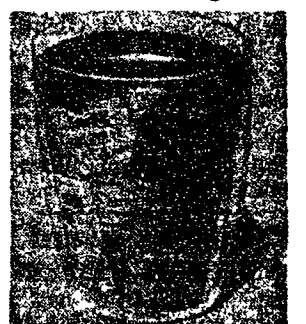
Losing coach Johnny Michelosen's few words: "We had a lot of quarterback troubles and our sophomores made a lot of mistakes. But you can't blame it all on the sophs."

"The run that Hoak made when he was apparently caught for a loss (in the last period) was the big turning point. But you had a good football team today."

Assistant State coaches Joe Pa-

terno, Earl Bruce, Jim O'Hora and Tor Toretti came up with the fact that Pitt (which a certain Pittsburgh sports editor called an unbeatable November team) lost three of four games in the final month. And they were still considered for a bowl bid.

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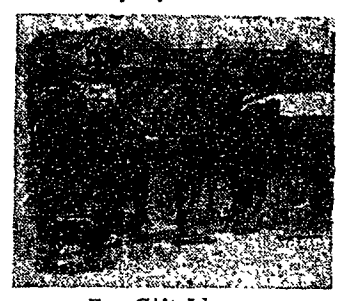


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