

# Pittsburgh Having off Year

## Pitt Looks For Upset Tomorrow

By SANDY PADWE

Things haven't been going too well for Johnny Michelosen and his Pitt Panthers this year, but a win over Penn State tomorrow would sure cure everything in a hurry.

Michelosen, running in effigy earlier this year, brings a team with a 5-4 mark into tomorrow's Pitt Stadium contest. A 5-4 record is way below par for the Panthers who usually field topflight teams every year.

Three of those losses though, have come to teams ranked in the top 20. So. Cal., Texas Christian and Syracuse all hold wins over the Panthers. West Virginia was the other team to beat them.

Pitt in turn has topped U.C.L.A., Duke, Marquette, Boston College and Notre Dame.

Penn State scout Tor Torretti has seen the Panthers in their last three games and the veteran coach has plenty of respect for them.

"Pitt was primarily a passing team earlier in the season," Torretti said, "but in the past couple of games, mostly because rainy conditions prevented them from passing, they've developed an equally impressive ground game. They'll have both in high gear by tomorrow, which means we'll have to shore our defenses to cope with a well-balanced offense, something Pitt didn't have early this year," he said.

One of the big reasons for the upsurge in Pitt fortunes these last



IVAN TONIC  
Pitt Quarterback

few weeks has been fullback Jim Cunningham.

Cunningham had to sit out the first half of the season due to injuries, but has really come back strong in the last two tilts and as Michelosen says, "with him in there we're a new club."

In two games Cunningham has scored three touchdowns and has gained over 205 yards. Against Notre Dame, he scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to tie the game. "He runs over you and around you," said Pitt backfield coach Vic Fusia, "he's going to be a great one."

Ivan Tonic, the Panthers' great quarterback, had been carrying most of the load until Cunningham came along. Tonic, the hero of the U.C.L.A. game where he threw three TD passes in the last quarter to give Pitt a 25-21 win, is having a great year.

Tonic has passed 129 times this year and has completed 53 for 634 yards and eight touchdowns. His favorite target is Pitt's All-American end Mike Ditka.

The 208-pound junior end played one of his best games against Notre Dame last week-end as he made tackle after tackle and snagged passes from all over.

He's caught 18 passes for 249

yards and four TD's this fall. Halfbacks Bob Clemens and Fred Cox are two other Panthers who are expected to give the Lions plenty to worry about.

Cox, the second leading ground gainer on the Pitt squad has a 7.5 rushing average while Clemens has a 3.4 average.

The rest of the Pitt team will be composed of veteran tackles Ken Montanari and Bill Lindner; guards Larry Vignali and Regis Coustillac; center Serafino Fazio and end Ron Delfino.

Delfino, a good offensive end, suddenly has developed into a dependable defensive wingman for the Panthers. "Ron played his best defensive game against Notre Dame," said Michelosen. "Ditka and he put a tremendous amount of pressure on the Notre Dame backs."

Should anything happen to Tonic, he will be replaced by Dave Kraus, a sophomore from Wheeling, W.Va.

Before the season began, Kraus was a big question mark, but in the last few games, he has been more than an adequate replacement for Tonic. In fact, the sophomore signal-caller started against Boston College and was a big factor in Pitt's fine offensive showing.

## Pitt Booters Will Attempt To Stop Nittany Streak

By BILL BARBER

Boasting a 5-3-1 record for the season's efforts, the Pitt soccer squad will go all out tomorrow in an attempt to break the four year win streak which the Lion booters hold over them.

Panther coach, Leo Bemis, claims that this year's team is one of the best Pitt has had in years. The Panthers to date have scored impressive wins over Ohio State, Slippery Rock, Akron, Brockport State, and Ohio University. But their best effort of the season, according to Bemis, came against Army two weeks ago when the Pitt booters fought the undefeated Cadets to a 2-2 tie.

The team effort, which Lion mentor Ken Hosterman claims the Panther booters have been lacking in the past few years, has finally come to life, according to coach Bemis.

"The scoring this year has been

more evenly divided than ever before. We're finally using more of a team effort rather than relying on individual players to do all the work," Coach Bemis said.

Pitt's strength this season centers in its defense, headed by co-captains Ron Wyapp and Ron Podmilsak who hold the starting fullback assignments. Wyapp, a senior, was named to the All-American third team last year for his defensive efforts.

The goal, an uncertainty at the season's start, has gained added strength with the discovery of junior George Canicopoulos. Canicopoulos, playing his first year in the nets, has done a terrific job all season, according to Coach Bemis.

The starting jobs in the half-back unit will fall to veteran Tom Young at right half, Cal Smith at center half, and Ron Trado at left half.

Don Jeirch, the lone sophomore in the Pitt lineup, holds the starting berth at outside left while senior, Bob Murdoch, claims the outside right job.



### "THE WORM TURNS"

Shakespeare said it this way: "The smallest worm will turn, being trodden on." But Miguel de Cervantes beat him to it in "Don Quixote", Part II, Book 3: "Even a worm when trod upon, will turn again."



### "MUSIC HAS CHARMS"

The 17th Century playwright, William Congreve, was the first to set down this classic metaphor concerning the powers of sound and rhythm. You'll find the whole quote in "The Mourning Bride", Act I, Sc. 1: "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak."



### "RHYME OR REASON"

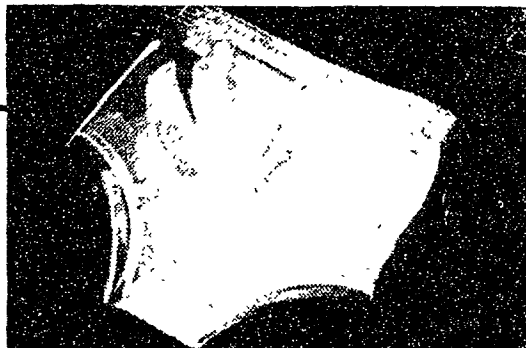
Edmund Spenser, 16th Century poet, expected a pension. He didn't get it. So he wrote this rhyme: "I was promised on a time/To have reason for my rhyme;/From that time unto this season,/I received nor rhyme nor reason."



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## NY Titans Will Draft Lucas

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Penn State's Richie Lucas will be the first draft choice of the New York Titans at the American Football League's player selection meeting in Minneapolis next month.

Harry Wismer, president of the Titans, said in Philadelphia last night that the quarterback of the once-beaten Nittany Lions would be his territorial pick.

Under rules of the new AFL, each of the eight teams will have the right to select as its first choice any college senior whose school is within a 100-mile radius of the selecting team.

### Scale Tale

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