

'Pitt Wanted to Win More Than Us' --Engle

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The Penn State locker room was a picture of weariness and utter dejection. An inspired Pitt Panther team had just dimmed the rosy outlook of the Nittany Lion grid fortunes.

It provided a sour ending for what had been the Lions' most successful football campaign in more than a decade.

It undoubtedly knocked the Blue and White from its fifth and seventh place ratings and probably completely out of the Top 10. And it immediately lowered the expected prestige of the yet to be conceived Liberty Bowl.

But as Lion mentor Rip Engle said, "Pitt deserved to win."

It was evident from the second play of the game which team was hitting harder, charging faster and had more desire. "They played harder than we did, and they wanted to win more than we did," said Engle.

"We were very concerned about the team all week, we just didn't know if it was our team," said the white-thatched tutor quietly after the game.

Earlier in the season Engle had described this team as "the most unemotional team," he had ever coached. Before three other big games this fall the team had failed to become fired up to any greater degree than for the routine Saturday afternoon outing.

However, in each of these games—Army, Illinois and Syracuse—once the players took the field they came through with a performance equal to the occasion. But Saturday they seemed to have lost this magic formula.

They showed flashes of inspiration in two tremendous goal line stands, both times arresting the

Panther onslaught on the 1-yard line, but could not maintain any degree of consistency.

Fred Cox, Bob Clemens, and Jim Cunningham virtually made a punchboard of the Nittany line, driving for 317 of the Panthers 330 rushing yards.

Meanwhile, the stout Panther defense and more particularly hard-crashing ends Mike Ditka and Ron Delfino limited the entire first-string Lion backfield to 52 yards.

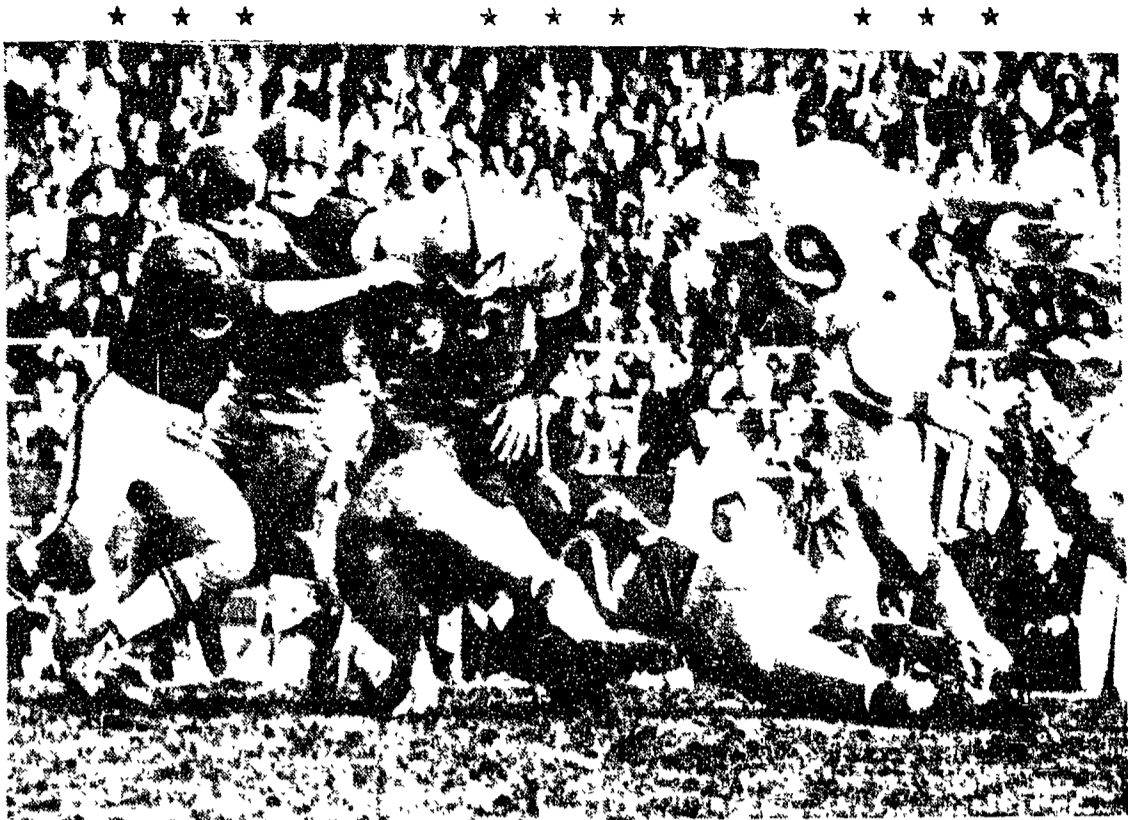
Burly Jim Cunningham, 205-pound junior fullback who beat out Curt Plowman and Fred Riddle, both two-year veterans, for the first-string post, credited two factors—Pitt's scouting job and team spirit.

"Our coaches really had them scouted," said Cunningham. "We knew what was coming every time. There was no need for second guessing."

"And our spirit made a lot of difference. We were really up for the game."

A jubilant John Michelosen, who was hung in effigy earlier this year while the Panthers floundered in the mire of a mediocre season, was very pleased with the day's results.

"It was our blocking and team play that accounted for the win," said the former Panther star blocking back. "It's line play that always wins for me."



SAM SOBZAK, most successful Lion ground-gainer with 26 yards rips through Pitt line for two yards and a first down. Panther co-captain Bill Lindner (79) and John Yacimo (23) make the stop. Other identifiable State players are Tom Mulraney (79) and Bob Mitinger (86).

4 Grid Teams Cinch Bowls

By The Associated Press

Wisconsin, Washington, Texas Christian and Missouri have joined college football's bowl parade but it could be that an old stay-at-home, UCLA, is fixing to have more fun than any of them.

The UCLA Bruins of Billy Barnes stole the thunder of a bowl-minded Saturday program, spilling previously unbeaten, fourth-ranked Southern California, 10-3. Now there's just one perfect record major team left—top-ranking Syracuse, which made it nine in a row with a 46-0 rout of Boston University.

And guess who Syracuse plays before switching its attention to the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day? None other than UCLA—in Los Angeles' whopping Coliseum before a national television audience Saturday, Dec. 5.

Syracuse's hopes for the national championship—first place in the final Associated Press poll of the season due Dec. 7—rest on this one. And UCLA's been com-

ing like the winter wind, with a three-game win streak after a woeful beginning.

Ivory Jones' 31-yard field goal and Ray Smith's scoring plunge, capping an 80-yard drive got the job done for UCLA while, to the north, Washington was nailing the West Coast's Rose Bowl assignment against the Big Ten.

The Huskies whipped Washington State, 20-0, for the Pasadena berth against Wisconsin, which won its first undisputed Big Ten title in 47 years with a comeback 11-7 victory over tough Minnesota thanks to the passing and running of Dale Hackbart.

Missouri grabbed the Big Eight's Orange Bowl spot when it beat Kansas, 13-9, and clinched second place behind ineligible Oklahoma in the conference race. Texas Christian also is going bowling—to the Blue Bonnet in Houston Dec. 19. The Frogs, led by powerful Jack Spikes, accepted after blasting Rice 35-6.

Louisiana State, defending national champion, also has a Sugar Bowl spot for its accept-

ance after closing out a 9-1 season with a 14-6 victory over Tulane.

Here's the picture in the major bowls:

Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia Dec. 19—Penn State, 8-2 after an upset 22-7 loss to awakened Pitt, invited but hasn't accepted. Georgia, Georgia Tech, S.M.U. and Clemson are possible opponents.

Blue Bonnet in Houston, Dec. 19—Texas Christian (7-2) definite. Georgia likely opponent.

Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Jan. 1—Washington (9-1) vs. Wisconsin (7-2).

Orange Bowl in Miami, Jan. 1—Missouri (6-4) vs. probably Miami (6-3).

Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Jan. 1—Syracuse (9-0) vs. Texas, if Texas beats Texas A&M on Thanksgiving.

Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, Jan. 1—Probably LSU (9-1) vs. Mississippi (8-1).

Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. Jan. 2—Arkansas (8-2) vs. probably Clemson (7-2).

Fierce Colts Rip 49'ers, 45-14

BALTIMORE (AP) — The defending champion Baltimore Colts played like repeaters yesterday and ripped apart the San Francisco 49ers, 45-14, to tie them for first place in the Western Conference of the National Football League.

The fierce Colt offensive and defensive performance left both clubs with 6-3 records and three games to play. They meet once more on Dec. 5 on the West Coast.

The 49ers, who gave up an average of 13 points in their first eight games, were blasted for 21 by the Colts in the second quarter and 17 in the last.

Quarterback Johnny Unitas continued his touchdown passing for the Colts. He threw two—20 yards to end Raymond Berry and

4 to Lenny Moore—to hike his season's total to 24 TD passes and increase his all-time league record of consecutive games in which he has thrown touchdown passes to 34.

Fullback Alan Ameche, who plunged for a pair of touchdowns; Moore and Mike Sommer handled the Colt running offense.

The Colt defense, which drew early season criticism for its efforts, also rose to the occasion. The only lapse was to let Hugh McElhenny get away for a 72-yard run on a screen pass which was followed by a 4-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Y. A. Tittle to fullback Joe Perry.



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