

Nittanies Drop Heartbreaker

(Continued from page one) halfback Ernie Davis and fullback Art Baker were responsible for getting Syracuse off to a 7-0 lead during the fading minutes of the first quarter.

The Syracuse drive started on its own 26 and moved to the Lion 29 in six plays.

From there Baker, an All-American who reminds you of Jimmy Brown, ripped through the Lion line on a draw play for 11 yards and a first down on the 18.

On the very next play Davis took a handoff from Dave Sarette and skipped off tackle unmolested for the score.

Ken Ericson booted the extra point and all the Lion fans began wondering if the stories about complacency at Syracuse were a myth.

Penn State didn't wait to find out. After an exchange of downs, the Lions found themselves on their own 20 just after the start of the second quarter.

A pair of Galen Hall aeriels to Henry Oppermann and Jim Kerr plus some short gainers by Dave Hayes and Don Jonas put the ball on the Syracuse 45 where State was in a first and ten situation.

Hall brought the team out of the huddle and gave Jonas the ball on a delayed handoff.

The whole forward wall carried out the assignment perfectly, and Jonas sprinted into the end zone for the score.

Oppermann booted the extra point and that tied it up at 7-7.

That's how the score read at halftime, but Kerr threatened to break the game open on the first play of the second half.

He took the kickoff on his own five and with the help of some beautiful downfield blocking moved down the Syracuse sidelines.

As he sprinted past the 50, only one man — Dick Easterly — had a shot at him. Easterly began closing in and finally knocked the Lion halfback out on the ten, but the officials ruled Kerr had stepped out back on the Syracuse 39.

That hurt. The Lions didn't move the ball during the next four downs but neither did Syracuse and the Orange kicked.

State had the pigskin again on their own 45 and the turning point of the game was just a few plays away.

It came with the ball on the Syracuse 38. Hall went back to pass and found Syracuse's Dick Feidler and Fred Mautino right behind.

He managed to get away from Feidler, but Mautino was too hungry to let go.

The Lion quarterback looked downfield, spotted a blue jersey and threw. Syracuse's Mark Weber intercepted on the 40 and immediately cut for the sidelines with Bill Popp in pursuit.

Orange end Norm Lemieux took Popp out of the play and Weber went all the way for the score. Before the stunned Lions could recover, Ericson booted another PAT to make the score 14-7.

The Lions, apparently upset by the sudden change, gave up another touchdown to halfback Don King on a two-yard plunge just before the end of the third quarter.

The extra point was good and Syracuse led going into the last period, 21-7.

Tension mounted as the Lions suddenly found themselves. They moved the ball to the Orange goal shortly after the fourth period began, but Syracuse met the challenge and held State on the one.

Instead of folding, State forced Syracuse to punt and the Lions had the ball on the Orange 20. Six plays later with 7:59 left, Hall rolled out to his right and flipped to Dick Pae in the end zone for a touchdown.

State decided to try for two points and Hall went around left end. He just managed to score to make it 21-15.

The real nail-biting didn't start

until 2:24 when Syracuse appeared to ice the game with a long punt which Kerr returned to his own 11.

Two short pass plays failed and things grew dimmer for State, but then Hall pulled one from his bag of tricks.

He sent fullback Sam Sobczak into the line on what everybody thought was a draw play.

Meanwhile Hall was pitching to Jonas who came around from the left side. Jonas threw on the run and connected with Bob Mitinger on the Orange 42 where Weber brought him down.

Only 1:12 showed on the clock as the record crowd rose to its feet.

On first down, Hall lifted a long aerial to Jonas on the 13 but it was incomplete. Hall flipped again, this time to Dave Truitt near the goal, but this one was too long.

On third down, the Williamsburg junior hit Jonas on the 26 for a first down. Still firing, Hall hit halfback Eddie Caye on the 12 for another first down.

He threw again to Caye but the senior halfback caught the ball out of bounds on the two. The clock showed 38 seconds.

This time Hall decide to run himself and he picked up eight yards even though he lost his shoe.

On third down, with the crowd suddenly hushed, the shoeless Hall threw to Jonas but Davis batted it away.

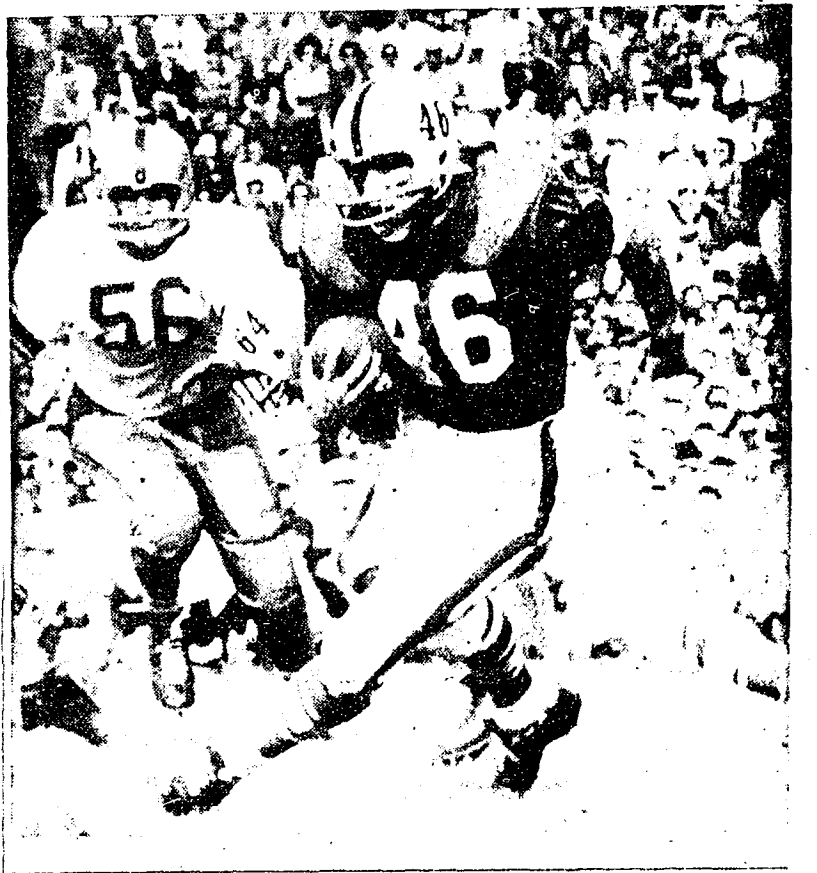
Now it was fourth down and there were seven seconds left.

Hall calmly called signals. He saw Mitinger buttonhooking in the end zone and passed. Mitinger, the ball and Baker's hand came together and the pigskin squirted away. Penn State's stirring comeback had ended.



Sequence by Dick Brown

BLOCKS BY Stu Barber (71) and Joe Blasenstein (62) have cleared the way for Penn State's Don Jonas to go 45 yards for a touchdown in second quarter of Saturday's Penn State-Syracuse game. (top). Bottom shot shows Joans breaking away after a delayed handoff as Bill Popp (64) gets set to block Syracuse center Bob Stem (56). Jonas' run didn't help. Syracuse won 21-15.



Gridiron Notes

The game statistics were extremely even . . . The Lions led in total yardage, 250-214 . . . Syracuse had the edge in rushing with 195 yards compared to 152 for State . . . In passing it was State 98 and Syracuse 19 . . . It was 13-13 in first downs . . . Don Jonas, chosen as the most outstanding back by the writers covering the game, was Penn State's leading ground gainer with 77 yards in 13 carries . . . Ernie Davis, Syracuse's All-American halfback, led Syracuse with 60 yards in 10 carries . . . Saturday's crowd was the largest to see a game in Archbold Stadium which was built in 1907 . . . If you're wondering about the origin of Piety Hill, here's the story as told by a Syracuse student . . . The school was founded in 1870 by Methodists . . . Because it was located on top of a hill the townspeople appropriately nicknamed the campus Piety Hill . . . Four Syracuse students escaped serious injury during the game when some gunpowder exploded . . . The explosion came right after a cannon went off announcing Syracuse's first

score . . . The report brought to the press box said none of the students were injured seriously . . . All four were taken to a nearby hospital . . . Three women students were released after treatment . . . The other victim, a man, was detained and received treatment for burns . . . Faces in the crowd . . . Former Lion quarterback Richie Lucas, now with the Buffalo Bills and ex-middleweight champion of the world, Carmen Basilio . . .

Scandalous Bribes Rock English Football League

LONDON (P) — British soccer authorities decided yesterday to call in the law in the mounting scandal over fixed matches.

After a lengthy discussion in a hush-hush atmosphere, leaders of the Football Association and the English Football League announced they were passing on the evidence they have to the government's Director of Public Prosecutions. He is the official who advises police whether to file criminal charges.

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