

# Panther Players Praise Lions

(Continued from page one) but it was incomplete and Lion fans breathed a sigh of relief.

Then came the third quarter, the turning point of the game as far as Rip Engle was concerned.

"Pitt licked us in the line for nearly three quarters," Engle said. "Then our boys came alive. That was the turning point."

Penn State's big break came late in the third period after the Panthers had moved from their own two down to the Lion 18.

With Pitt in a first and ten situation, Sharockman slipped and fell back on the 20. Then Bill Popp broke through the Panther defense and dumped Sharockman for a three-yard loss.

The whole Penn State line, brilliant the past four weeks, then took the cue and really applied pressure.

Tackle Jim Smith broke up a third-down pass on the 23 and Pitt lined up for another field goal.

It was a fake and Sharockman took the snap from center while kneeling.

He got up and fired a pass to Ron Delfine on the Penn State six, but Don Jonas intercepted and returned it to the 27.

That turned out to be Pitt's last chance.

Four plays later the Lions were on the Pitt 30 thanks to a 12-yard pass from Galen Hall to Hank Oppermann, a 17-yard bolt by Jim Kerr and two charges by Jonas good for eight yards.

With Pitt's defensive backfield in a semi-state of confu-

sion because of a substitution, Hall quickly brought the Lions out of the huddle and spotted Kerr wide open in the end zone.

He threw a strike and it was 6-3 State with 12:20 left. Oppermann's extra point attempt was wide.

Pitt held the ball for a series of downs but then they were forced to punt.

Kerr, anxious to make up for his early fumble, returned the punt 40 yards to the Pitt 42.

Pitt was penalized 15 yards for piling on and State had the ball on the 27.

The second unit entered the game and took the ball to the three where Hoak hit Bob Mitinger with a bullet for the clincher.

This time Dave Hayes drove over the goal for the conversion points to make it 14-3.

The Lions had another TD called back the next time they handled the ball when Hall threw 26 yards to Kerr in the end zone. An illegal receiver downfield nullified the play.

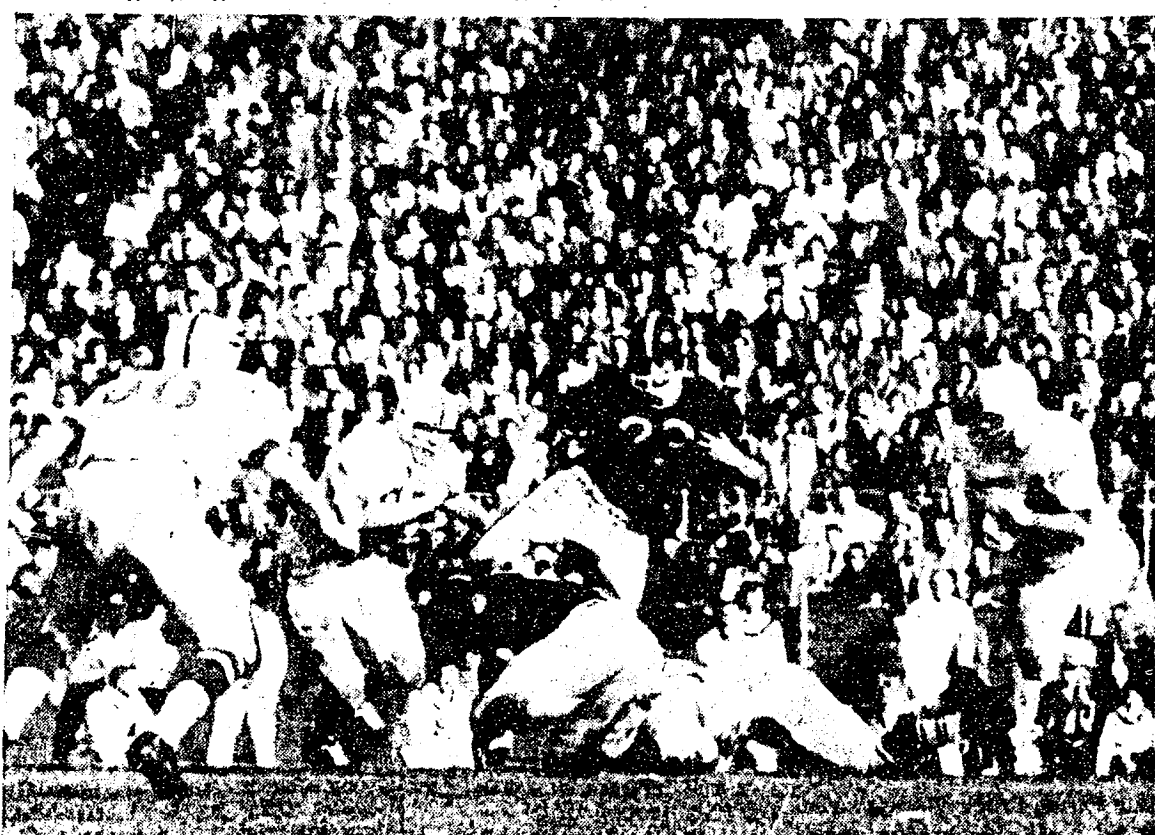
When it was all over, the Pitt players admitted they had been soundly beaten.

"Penn State's two teams were better than any one team we faced this year," a disappointed Sharockman said.

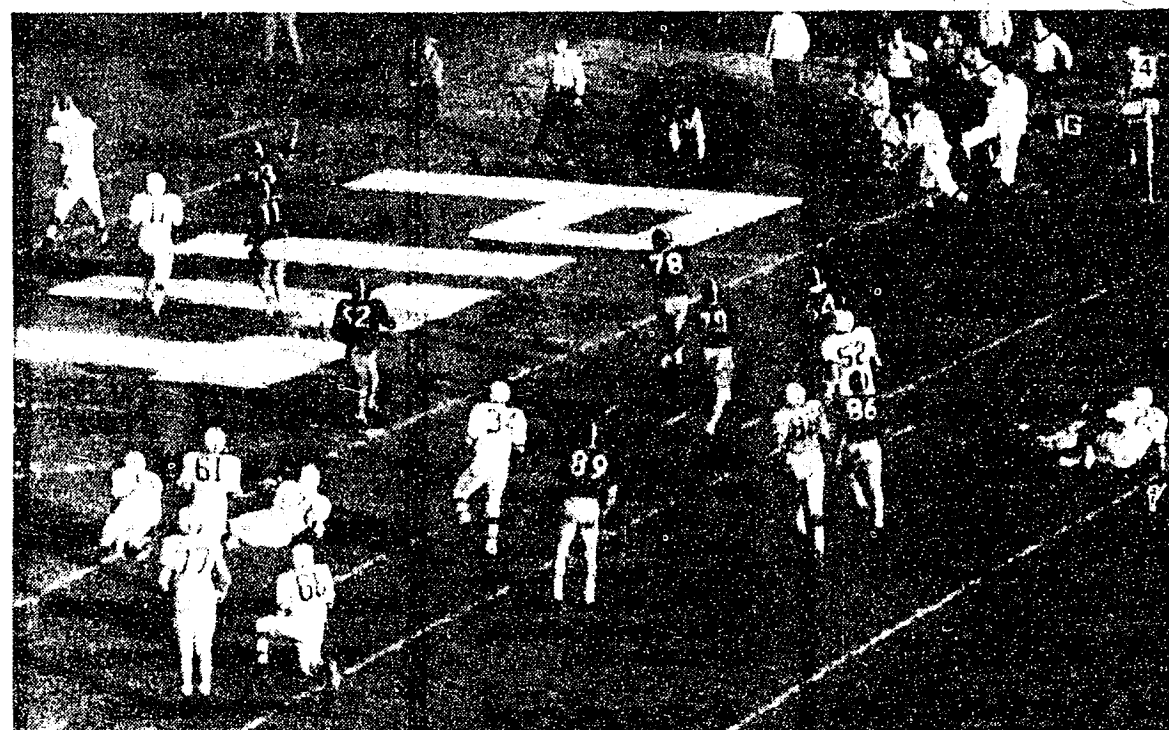
Panther guard Larry Vignali was quite impressed with Kerr's work.

"Kerr beat us today. He was really terrific," Vignali said.

Then pausing for a moment he added, "Today Penn State's line was on par with any we've met this year. They were really up."



TRAPPED—Pitt's John Yaccino (23) looks for running room in third quarter of Saturday's Pitt-Penn State game in Pitt Stadium. He didn't find any as Bob Mitinger (86), Joe Blasenstein (62) and Bill Popp (64) close in for the tackle.



TOUCHDOWN—Penn State's Dick Hoak (23) completes touchdown pass to end Bob Mitinger (86) in final quarter of Pitt-Penn State game Saturday in Pittsburgh. The Lions went on to win 14-3 and ended the season with a 6-3 record.

## Game Statistics

**PITT**  
 LE—Ditka, Jastrzembski  
 LT—Kaltenbach, Budavich  
 LG—Hodge, Brown  
 C—Kuzneski, Hofzbach  
 RG—Vignali, Conrad  
 RT—Mills, Guzik  
 RE—Delfine, Haser, Walker, Kuprok  
 QB—Sharockman, Kraus  
 LH—Reinhold, Yaccino, Clark  
 RH—Cox, Chisdak  
 FB—Cunningham, Slaby, Frasen  
**PENN STATE**  
 LE—Oppermann, Robinson, Davis  
 LT—Barber, Sieminski  
 LG—Blasenstein, Berfield, Wilson, Butterfield  
 C—Huffman, Saul, Galardi  
 RG—Popp, Hart, Reisig, Waresak, Majello  
 RT—Smith, Farkas  
 RE—Mitinger, Truitt, Schwab  
 QB—Hall, Hoak  
 LH—Jonas, Caye  
 RH—Kerr, Pae, Gursky  
 FB—Sobczak, Hayes, Torris

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing			
		Att.	Yds.
Pitt			
Cunningham	12	43	
Cox	7	44	
Yaccino	8	29	
Reinhold	3	4	
Sharockman	13	41	
Clark	1	-4	
Penn State			
Kerr	10	54	
Pae	8	45	
Jonas	9	34	
Caye	8	34	
Hoak	8	24	
Sobczak	6	21	
Hayes	3	11	
Hall	1	-6	

Passing			
	Att.	Comp.	Int.
Pitt			
Sharockman	11	4	2
Kraus	6	2	0
Clark	1	0	0
Cox	1	0	0
Walker	1	0	0
Penn State			
Hall	3	3	0
Hoak	5	2	0

Receiving			
	No.	Yds.	TD
Pitt			
Delfine	1	14	0
Chisdak	1	2	0
Kuprok	2	24	0
Jastrzembski	2	38	0
Penn State			
Kerr	1	30	1
Robinson	1	7	0
Mitinger	2	14	1
Oppermann	1	12	0

FINAL GAME STATISTICS	
Pitt	P.S.
First Downs	17
Rushing	10
Passing	5
Penalties	2
Net Yards Rushing	157
Passes Attempted	19
Passes Completed	6
Passes Intercepted by	0
Yards Gained Passing	78
Punts	3-35
Number Punt Returns	0
Yards Punt Returns	0
Fumbles	2
Ball Lost on Fumbles	1
Number of Penalties	2
Yards Lost Penalties	17

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