

Underrated Liske Leads Lion Gridgers to 5-1 Log

By JOHN MORRIS
Sports Editor

Almost overlooked in all the post-game fuss over California quarterback Craig Morton Saturday, Penn State signal-caller Pete Liske packed his gear and started thinking about the Nittanians' assignment against Maryland this week.

Morton had a field day against the Lions, passing for 274 yards on 20 completions in 28 attempts. He added 11 yards on the ground to set an all-time California individual total yardage mark of 285 yards.

It wasn't the first time this year that Liske has been overshadowed by the antics of some upstart underclassman.

Two weeks ago, it was Syracuse sophomore Walley Mahle who stole the limelight from Liske. And in weeks before that, the likes of Rice sophomore Walter McReynolds, and Air Force junior Terry Isaacson played brilliantly against the Lions.

LISKE DOESN'T really care if he gets the headlines. The Lion junior is much more interested in who comes out on top in the one statistic that counts—the final score.

Despite the efforts of Morton, Mahle, McReynolds and Isaacson, Penn State has recorded victories over California, Syracuse, Rice and Air Force.

Liske has been the starting quarterback in all the Nittanians' games this year and has been a major factor in the Lions' success to date.

He came up with the best day of his career against California Saturday, completing 14 of 17 passes for 150 yards and a touchdown.

His six-game totals show 60 completions in 103 attempts for 650 yards and six touchdowns. He has had only two passes intercepted all season.

IN ADDITION, Liske is a sure ball-handler who operates with poise and skill in maneuvering around the Penn State backfield. "You know we haven't had a



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fumble or a pass interception in our last two games," Lion coach Rip Engle said after the California game. "Liske has been doing a very good job for us."

Liske's three main receivers have been halfbacks Junior Powell and Roger Kochman and end Dave Robinson.

Powell is the leading receiver with 21 catches for 203 yards and a touchdown. Kochman has almost as many yards (198) on 11 grabs. The Rocket has scored three touchdowns on passes.

Robinson, named with Kochman to this week's All-East team chosen by the ECAC, grabbed four passes against California. The big end now has 14 receptions for 143 yards.

KOCHMAN LEADS the Nittanians in just about every other department.

The senior left halfback is the leading rusher on the squad with

79 carries for 418 yards, a 5.3 yard average per rush.

Kochman also leads the squad in kickoff returns, and scoring. He has returned seven kicks 147 yards and has scored a total of six touchdowns.

Fullback Dave Hayes ground out 43 yards against California to move into second place ahead of Junior Powell in the ground-gaining department.

Hayes, who didn't start until the third game of the season, has picked up 159 yards on 47 carries. Powell has 140 yards on 34 rushes.

Hayes is also second to Kochman in the scoring department. The 6-2, 210-pound fullback has scored five touchdowns for a total of 30 points.

Lion punting specialist Chuck Raisig, one of the nation's top collegiate kickers, has averaged 42.5 yards on 21 boots.

Strategy Pays Off For Nittany Harriers

By JOE GRATA

When cross-country coach John Lucas was asked last week what strategy State would employ during its meet with Navy, the Lion boss answered:

"We're going to run the first mile of the race slower than we did a week ago against Michigan State."

At the time, this seemed like an odd way to win. The Lions previously edged past Michigan State, defending IC4A champions, by a scant 25-30 margin. Navy, another high-calibre team, arrived at Mt. Nittany unbeaten in four meets.

But following Saturday's 15-41 victory over the Midshipmen, Lucas beamed with pride. His strategy apparently worked and his runners ended their dual-meet season with a commendable 4-0 record.

Lucas, in explaining his tactics, yesterday said the Lion runners covered the first mile against the Spartans "too fast," and, as a result, found trouble trying to maintain a steady pace for the remaining four miles.

Saturday the Nittany harriers ran the first mile of the University course much slower and managed to keep an even pace over the entire five miles. In fact, the "lead echelon" of State runners—captain Howie Dear-dorff, Colin Grant, Dick Lamp-man, Joe Nichols and Lionel Bas-sett—finished in a dead heat for first place to account for the Nittanians' perfect winning score of 15 points.

LUCAS ALSO commended the performances of Ernie Johnston, Jim Young and Steve Gill. The three ran the five-mile course in their fastest competitive times despite a slow and wet course. Gill, a sophomore, clipped 70 seconds from his average time of 32 minutes.

The Lions will be idle now for

LAST A DAYS



almost three weeks until they travel to Van Cortland Park in the Bronx section of New York City (Nov. 19) to compete in the IC4A championships.

Last year State's harriers finished second in the IC4A's with 90 points. Michigan State clinched the crown with 82. This year 37 schools will compete for the crown in the "University" classification while 29 schools will attempt to stake a claim for the "College" championship.

Among the Lion opponents will be Michigan State, Navy, Pitt and Cornell—all beaten by the Nittany runners during the regular dual-meet season—and Villanova, Army, Duke, Manhattan, Maryland, West Virginia and Syracuse.

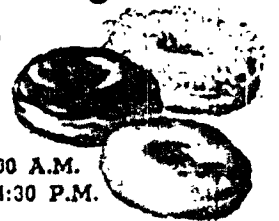
Since the sport was introduced into State's intercollegiate varsity sports program in 1912, Lion x-country teams have captured seven team championships. Three were won consecutively (1926, 1927, 1928) with other championships coming in 1930, 1930, 1951 and 1960.

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