

Liske, Powell Approach Penn State Grid Records

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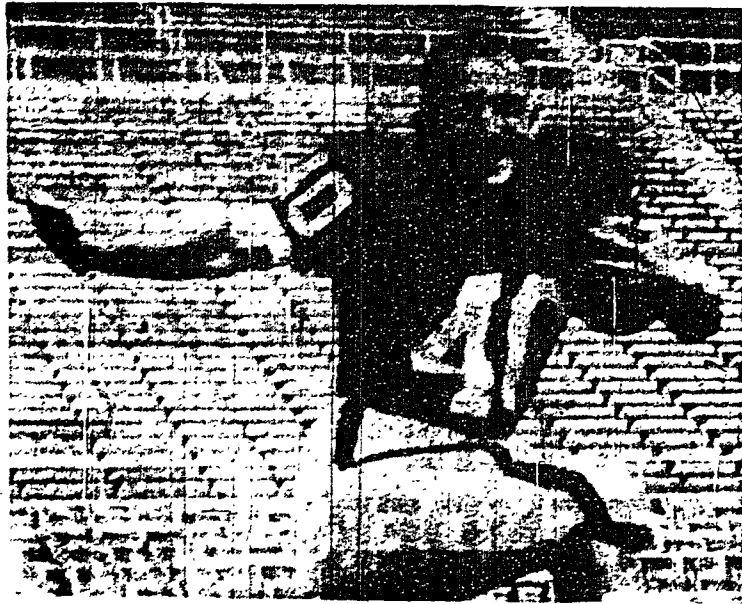
Quarterback Pete Liske, a defensive specialist last year and rated no better than third in line before the season started this year, has turned out to be the most pleasant surprise of the Penn State football season.

A 6-1, 190-pound junior, Liske was considered just one of several "capable" signal-callers battling for Galen Hall's vacated quarterback slot at the start of fall practice.

But a series of injuries to quarterback candidates Don Caum and Gary Wydman thrust Liske into the starting backfield, and he has performed far above anybody's expectations.

With one game left on the Lion's schedule, Liske has already set a new Penn State record for touchdown passes and is moving in on three other school records.

LISKE COMPLETED his 10th TD pass of the season in the Lions' 48-20 victory over Holy Cross, breaking a record he



JUNIOR POWELL

...nears new record

formerly shared with Shorty Miller (1912) and Elwood Petchel (1948).

He is only 10 completions short of Tony Rados' 1952 completion mark of 93, and needs only 64

yards to crack Richie Lucas' 1959 total offensive record of 1,238 yards.

He is also nearing Rados' record for passing yardage in one season. Rados passed for 1,025 yards in 1953. Liske has thrown for 901 yards through the Lions' first nine games.

In addition to his passing heroics, Liske has developed into an outstanding runner on a quarterback keeper play. His 273 yards rushing ranks second only to All-American halfback candidate Roger Kochman's 595.

Liske "discovered" his running ability three weeks ago when the Nittanies played Maryland in a blizzard. With snow limiting the Lions' aerial attack, Liske started running and has been ever since.

Liske's favorite target, Junior Powell, is also approaching a Penn State record.

Powell has grabbed 30 passes for 289 yards so far this season and needs only four receptions against Pitt Saturday to break Jesse Arnette's 1952 record of 33 receptions in one season.

All-American end candidate Dave Robinson trails Powell in the pass-catching department. Robinson has grabbed 17 passes for 178 yards. Al Gursky with 14 receptions and Kochman with 11 follow Powell and Robinson.

State 9th in IC4A's; Enter AT&FF Meet

Deardorff, Nichols Look Best for Lion Harriers

By JOE GRATA

State's harriers returned from tumultuous New York City to the tranquil Nittany Valley Monday night in a quiet mood.

Earlier that day the Lions had placed ninth in the 54th annual IC4A Cross-Country Championships at Van Cortlandt Park. The Nittany freshmen, third place finishers in the frosh race, managed to save some prestige for the varsity delegates.

State captain Howie Deardorff, who ran the five-mile Van Cortlandt Park trail in 25:42 minutes, and junior Joe Nichols looked impressive, turning in their best performances of the year.

"They were the most pleasing part of the whole affair," Lucas said yesterday.

Nichols crossed the finish line 24th with a time of 26:56 minutes. Sophomore Dick Lampman, suffering with a case of bad nerves compounded with the broken nose he received in an automobile accident more than a week ago, ended up 53rd.

Dick Tuft placed 83rd and Ted Imswiler, 84th, for State. Lionel Bassett dropped out of the running because of a severe headache and stomach cramps.

On Monday, the Nittany runners will travel to East Lansing, Mich., for the NCAA Cross-Country Championships.

The pre-race favorites in Monday's race—Villanova and Big Ten champion Michigan State—finished first and second in one of the best IC4A cross-country runs in the past decade.

Villanova, with individual winner Vic Zwolak and runner-up Pat Traynor, and Michigan State, with Jan Bowen (7), Roger Humbarger (8) and Don Castle (9), easily proved they were the best and top contenders for the national title.

The champion Villanova Wildcats' contingent, winners of the IC4A race for the first time, had been running as much as 80 miles a week since last September to prepare for the race.

Four Will Represent Squad at Ohio State

Four State distance runners will compete in the initial cross-country championship sponsored by the newly-formed American Track and Field Federation at Ohio State tomorrow.

Representing the Lion varsity will be sophomores Ernie Johnston, Steve Gill, Jim Young and junior Mike Sheedy. All four were members of State's second echelon of runners during the unbeaten (4-0) dual meet season.

The Thanksgiving Day race, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on the Ohio State golf course, will be 10,000 meters (6 1/4 miles) long.

Charles (Chic) Werner, former cross-country and track boss at Mt. Nittany, serves as the executive president of the American Track and Field Federation, organized last spring while the NCAA and AAU were wrapped up in their bitter struggle over control of amateur athletics in the United States.

According to State coach John Lucas, who talked with Werner at the IC4A race in New York City Monday, there is no estimate of the number of teams who'll compete at Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow.

"Chic Werner talked to several of us coaches at the (IC4A) meet," Lucas said, "and assured us that the amateur status of any of the runners who compete will not be affected."

Werner was questioned by many of the coaches on the recent agreement between the NCAA and AAU, but said he couldn't answer them at the time.

According to Lucas, Werner said that the NCAA and AAU have come to a "harmonious agreement" about several important issues and that the nation's track athletes needn't be afraid to compete in tomorrow's AT&FF event at Ohio State or Monday's NCAA meet at East Lansing, Mich.

The NCAA and AAU are supposed to meet again next week to make a formal agreement concerning amateur track and field athletics and iron-out legal technicalities. Last week's truce, highly-publicized because U.S. Attorney-General Robert Kennedy attended the session, was more of a preliminary and "gentlemen's" agreement.

Southern Cal Moves Into First; Nittanies Ninth in AP Grid Poll

By The Associated Press

Southern California, a sure thing to play in the Rose Bowl if it beats UCLA Saturday, is the latest college football power to handle the hot potato of No. 1 rating.

In the nine weeks of this year's Associated Press poll of a committee of sports writers and sportscasters, there have been five different leaders — Alabama (3), Texas (2), Northwestern (2), Ohio State (1) and now Southern California.

Northwestern's reign ran from Oct. 30 through Nov. 6. After they were knocked off by Wisconsin, Alabama took over. When Alabama was upset by Georgia Tech (7-6) Saturday, the door was wide open for Southern California.

Southern California stretched its perfect record to 8-0 Saturday

by nosing out Navy 13-7, in a game in which Navy's fullback fumbled on the goal line in the closing minutes. After UCLA this week, Southern California ends its regular season Dec. 1 against Notre Dame.

Alabama tumbled from first to sixth in defeat and did not draw a single first place vote. Southern California drew 20, Mississippi 15, Wisconsin seven, Penn State three, Texas two and Minnesota one of the 48 cast. Alabama's final game is with Auburn Dec. 1.

THE TOP TEN

Southern California (20)	439
Mississippi (15)	403
Wisconsin (7)	384
Texas (2)	326
Minnesota (1)	235
Alabama	232
Arkansas	209
Louisiana State	140
Penn State (3)	94
Oklahoma	43

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