

# State Meets Bowl-Minded Pitt

## Lion Defense Hopes To Stop Explosive Panther Backfield

Penn State's crippled and battered football team faces its sternest test of the season tomorrow when the Lions meet the bowl-minded Pitt Panthers at Pitt Stadium.

A crowd of 57,331, first sellout in the long series between the two rivals, will be on hand to see if Pitt can put the topping on a banner season by smashing the Lions.

On the other hand, State hopes to pull a major upset and dash any hopes John Michelosen's squad has for a post-season bowl.

However, the chances for a Lion win look slim indeed. Not only are their forces depleted defensively, but they will also be facing one of the most potent offenses in the country.

### Offense Among Top Five

The Panthers rank among the top five in total offense with 356.6 yards a game. They present a fearsome backfield built around quarterback Fred Mazurek, halfbacks Paul Martha and Bill Bodle and fullback Rick Leeson.

Up front Pitt has a veteran squad—big, fast and for the most part unbeatable.

Defensively, the Lions were figured on to be a strong unit. However, injuries to almost every tackle have forced Engle to constantly switch his lineup around.

Tomorrow it will be no different. Sandy Buchan is the only able-bodied tackle Engle will have ready who has a great deal of game experience.

John Simko and John Deibert, two others who have played a great deal, are still moving at only half speed. Three other tackles, Harrison Rosdahl, Terry Monaghan and Gary Eberle won't even dress, so Engle will be forced to use sophomores. Joe Vierzbicki and Don Steinbacher with his second unit.

Engle said his defense will have to be at its best if the Lions hope to even make the game close.

"They have such a devastating attack, it's almost unbelievable," Engle said. "They can kill you at any time from any spot on the field."

Yet Engle is the first to agree that the Panthers haven't changed their offense much from last year.

"They're doing almost the same exact thing," Engle added. "The only thing different is the ends are catching passes and the team is winning."

Assistant coach Joe Paterno was quick to agree. "We've been using the same offense Pitt has since Rip came here," Paterno said. "They're winning this year so it's razzle dazzle."

However, Paterno cautioned the squad to be on its toes at all times.

### Breakaway Speed

"This Pitt squad has that breakaway speed they have lacked in the past," Paterno continued. "More important, though they have a quarterback in Mazurek who can do so many things with the ball. He has to be watched closely."

Engle will make one major change in his lineup for the game. Sophomore fullback Dave McNaughton will get the starting nod at fullback.

He is starting because both Ed Stuckrath and Bill Huber are still nursing injuries. And the staff feels that McNaughton will be able to provide better blocking than Tom Urbanik, the other fullback.

"This is a tough spot to put a sophomore in," Engle said. "Remember, he only ran the ball once before last week."

McNaughton will team with quarterback Pete Liske and halfbacks Chris Weber and Gary Klingensmith to form the first unit backfield. The second unit backfield will have Ron Coates at quarterback, Bob Riggie and Junior Powell at halfbacks and Urbanik at fullback.

Along the line, Engle will have Dick Anderson and Bill Bowes at ends, Buchan and Simko at tackle, Glenn Ressler and Don Steinbacher at guards and Jim Williams at center.

The Lions will hold a brief workout at Beaver Stadium early this afternoon before embarking for Pittsburgh. They will not hold a practice session at Pitt Stadium.

### Collegian Pigskin Preview

## OUT ON A LIMB

Disension marked the coaches' predictions this week as they sought to hold onto first place in the Collegian Yogi Contest.

Holding a four-game lead over Jim Bukata and Ira Miller, the coaches went 15 rounds among themselves before deciding on their final week selections. When Rip Engle saw the product of their madness, he could only shake his head and hope for the best.

For example, the coaches were the only entrant to pick North Carolina over Duke, Illinois over Michigan State, Purdue over Indiana or Notre Dame over Iowa.

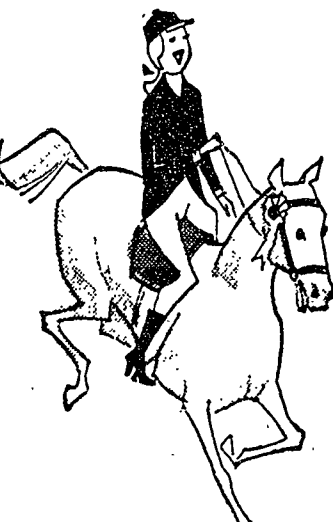
Bukata also went way "out on the limb" as he picked Miami over Florida, Michigan over Ohio State and TCU over Rice.

Miller stuck pretty much to form but McDonald picked Florida State over Auburn and a tie for Purdue-Indiana.

	Coaches (71-49)	Bukata (67-53)	Miller (67-53)	McDonald (57-43)
Fla. St. at Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Fla. St.
SMU at Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	SMU	SMU
Stanford at Cal.	Calif.	Calif.	Stanford	Stanford
N. Car. at Duke	N. Car.	Duke	Duke	Duke
Florida at Miami	Florida	Miami	Florida	Florida
Illinois at Mich. St.	Illinois	Mich. St.	Mich. St.	Mich. St.
Purdue at Indiana	Purdue	Indiana	Indiana	TIE
N. Dame at Iowa	N. Dame	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa
Missouri at Kansas	Missouri	Kansas	Missouri	Kansas
Tenn. at Kentucky	Ken.	Tenn.	Ken.	Tenn.
Ohio St. at Mich.	Ohio St.	Mich.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Wisc. at Minn.	Wisc.	Wisc.	Wisc.	Wisc.
Okl. at Nebraska	Okl.	Neb.	Okl.	Neb.
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## Fullback ...



RICK LEESON

## Pitt Rates as Lions' Toughest Opponent

Penn State line coach Joe McMullen scouted the Pitt Panthers in their last three games against Syracuse, Notre Dame and Army.

**RECORD:** Pitt is 7-1. The Panthers have defeated UCLA, 20-0; Washington, 13-6; California, 35-15; West Virginia, 13-10; Syracuse, 35-27; Notre Dame, 27-7; and Army, 28-0. They lost to Navy, 24-12.

**SERIES:** This is the 63rd meeting between Pitt and Penn State. Pitt has won 33, Penn State 26, and there have been three ties. Penn State has won the last three games.

**COACH:** John Michelosen is in his ninth season as head coach at Pitt. His overall record is 48-37-5, including 3-4-1 against Penn State. He has taken Pitt to two bowls—the 1956 Sugar Bowl and the 1956 Gator Bowl. The Panthers were defeated by Georgia Tech in both appearances, 7-0 in the Sugar Bowl and 21-14 in the Gator Bowl.

Michelosen served as head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers before going to Pitt as an assistant in 1952.

**LINE:** Pitt has a very big and balanced line. Ernie Borghetti (6-4, 235-pound tackle) and John Maczuzak (6-5, 220-pound tackle) are the best linemen. End Al Grigalunas (the Panthers' captain) is a great downfield blocker while the other end, Joe Kuzneski, is their leading receiver. Defensively, Pitt plays a basic 5-3 with "deals." Jeff Ware and Marty Schottenheimer are both outstanding linebackers and Ed Adamchik is a very good middle guard.

**BACKFIELD:** Quarterback Fred Mazurek has the quickest hands and feet I have ever seen. He throws all his passes on roll-outs; Pitt employs no drop-back patterns. Paul Martha will be the fastest back we have seen all year and especially dangerous if he should get an opening. Fullback Rick Leeson is a fine defender and outstanding blocker. He is also Pitt's short-yardage power man. Bill Bodle is the unsung hero of the backfield. He's practically a guard in the backfield the way he blocks. He is also one of their leading pass receivers.

**SECOND BACKFIELD:** Ken Lucas is a fine sophomore quarterback. He can't run as well as Mazurek but can pass longer and better. Eric Crabtree is probably Pitt's best defensive halfback and is as fast as Martha. He lacks experience, however. John Telesky is short and stocky and is used on short yardage plays. Dale Stewart is exceptionally fast for his size and a good blocker.

**EVALUATION:** Pitt is the best team we've faced all year, by far. They have a well-balanced and very explosive attack and can score from anywhere on the field. We will have to be sound defensively or get run out of the park.

## Panthers Bowl Runneth Over; Nittanies Seek 'Old Ironsides'

By IRA MILLER  
Assistant Sports Editor

To the Pitt Panthers, life these days may be just a bowl of sugar (or oranges or cotton or gators), but the only bowl Penn State is thinking of is the kind it can watch while lying on a soft couch.

The Nittany Lions have had their fill of post-season dates the past few years and this season are both disinterested in and unwanted by most of the bowl people. They come to the final game bruised, battered and tired (and upset-minded), looking forward to a Christmas at home.

Victories over Pitt each of the last three years have sent the Lions home with December traveling instructions, but this winter they will stay at home and take their bowls on television.

Athletic Director Ernest McCoy went on the radio yesterday and said State probably wouldn't accept a bowl bid if one were offered (and that seems unlikely even if the Lions pull off an upset). Coach Rip Engle and some of the players have also echoed similar sentiments.

Instead, the only thing the Lions hope to take home tomorrow night is a three-sided hunk of metal known as "Old Ironsides." The trophy, which has become virtually a fixture in Rec Hall since its inception in 1951, goes annually to the winner of the State-Pitt-West Virginia round-robin.

### Favorite Rarely Wins

The favorite has won this game just seven times in the past 17 years so perhaps Pitt coach John Michelosen and Chancellor Litchfield are hopeful it's the favorite's turn. But then the favorite has won the last two years. But then, too, Penn State has never beaten Pitt four straight times since the invention of the forward pass so if you try to figure this one on the law of averages, you lose.

(The invention of the forward pass wasn't selected as the cutoff date for modern football by accident. And even Chancellor Litchfield, a great fan of modern football, may go goofy-eyed keeping up with the aerial acrobatics tomorrow.)

"Old Ironsides," a product of the Pittsburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce, came of being in 1951 and in 12 years State has won it outright five times and tied for it four other times.

**Pitt Won Twice**  
Pitt holds two legs on the trophy and West Virginia one but the Lions have won it outright three times running and every year since 1956 have either won it or tied for it.

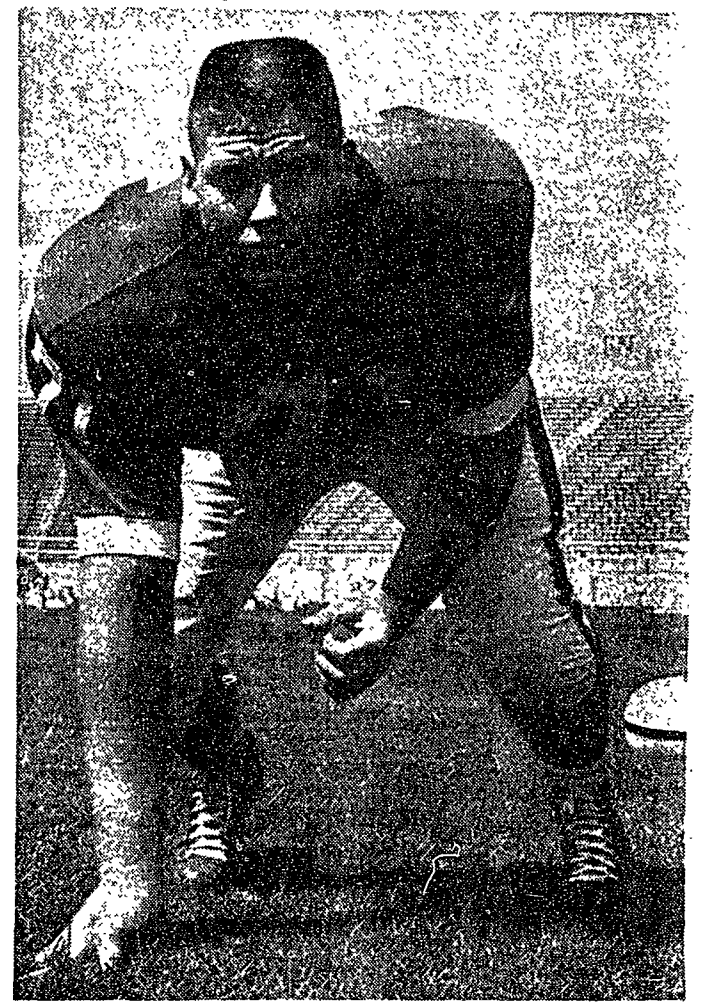
The trophy is presented annually at the Curbstone Coaches banquet in Pittsburgh, but lately it has become just a chore of lugging it there and bringing it back. Such are the problems of winning.

State won the trophy outright in 1952, 1958 and the last three years. Pitt won in 1951 and 1955 and WVU in 1953. There were three-way ties in 1954, 1957 and 1959 and State and Pitt tied in 1956.

The trophy was donated by the Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. of Pittsburgh and the committee which handles it is administered by Ken Ermilich of the Pittsburgh Jaycees.

Another trophy up for grabs tomorrow is the James H. Coogan Memorial Award which goes to the game's outstanding player. Presented in honor of State's late publicity director, the initial award went to Lion quarterback Pete Liske last season.

There is talk of making the State-Pitt series a home-and-home affair but so far nothing definite has been announced. But State has only four home games in 1964 and 1966, while Pitt has six, so they may play those two games in Beaver Stadium and proceed from there. Pitt played here only in 1955 and won, 20-0, in the snow. The other 61 games were all played in Pittsburgh.



JOHN SIMKO

On Campus with Max Stralman  
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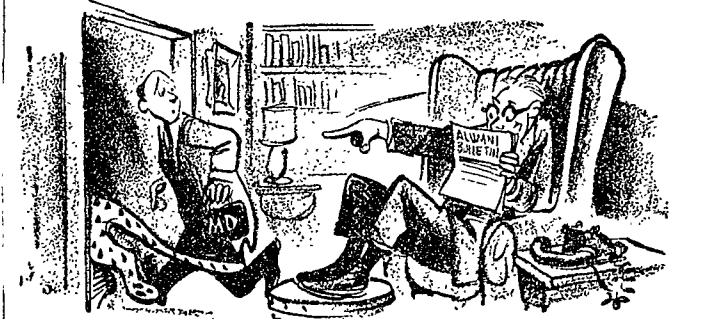
## SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE AND JAZZ LIKE THAT

I am now an elderly gentleman, full of years and aches, but my thoughts keep ever turning to my undergraduate days. This is called "arrested development."

But I cannot stop the healing tide of nostalgia that washes over me as I recall those golden campus days, those ivy-covered buildings (actually, at my college, there was only ivy; no bricks), those pulse-tingling lectures on John Dryden and Cotton Mather, the many friends I made, the many deans I bit.

I know some of you are already dreading the day when you graduate and lose touch with all your merry classmates. It is my pleasant task today to assure you that it need not be so; all you have to do is join the Alumni Association and every year you will receive a bright, new, chatty bulletin, chock-full of tidings about your old buddies.

Oh, what a red-letter day it is at my house, the day the Alumni Bulletin arrives! I cancel all my engagements, take the phone off the hook, dismiss my resident osteopath, put the crotch outside, and settle down for an evening of pure pleasure with the Bulletin and (need I add?) a good supply of Marlboro Cigarettes.



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"Well, fellow alums, it certainly has been a wing-dinger of a year for us old grads! Remember Mildred Cheddar and Harry Camembert, those crazy kids who always held hands in Econ 11? Well, they're married now and living in Clovis, New Mexico, where Harry rents spear-fishing equipment, and Mildred has just given birth to a lovely 28-pound daughter, her second in four months. Nice going, Mildred and Harry!

"Remember Jethro Brie, the man we voted most likely to succeed? Well, old Jethro is still gathering laurels! Last week he was voted 'Motorman of the Year' by his fellow workers in the Duluth streetcar system. 'I owe it all to my brakeman,' said Jethro in a characteristically modest acceptance speech. Same old Jethro!

"Probably the most glamorous time had by any of us old alums was had by Francis Macomber last year. He went on a big game hunting safari all the way to Africa! We received many interesting post cards from Francis until he was, alas, accidentally shot and killed by his wife and white hunter. Tough luck, Francis!

"Wilametta 'Deadeye' Macomber, widow of the late beloved Francis Macomber, was married yesterday to Fred 'Sureshot' Sigaloo, white hunter, in a simple double-ring ceremony in Nairobi. Many happy returns, Wilametta and Fred!

"Well, alums, that just about wraps it up for this year. Buy bonds!"

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