

# Panthers win opener, but lose Cummings

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Bouncing a tough Tennessee defense, it took Pittsburgh 2½ quarters to earn a first down Saturday night.

But on the next play, Pitt's John Cummings passed 56 yards to Dwight Collins for the touchdown upon which the Panthers built a 13-3 victory.

Eric Shubert kicked the extra point, and capped the victory with field goals of 47 and 45 yards in the first half.

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Cummings completed 9 of 13 passes for 110 yards, suffering only one interception.

Cummings, a junior making his first start for Pitt, fractured his collar-bone when Tennessee's Alvin Totes tackled him on the Panthers' final offensive play less than two minutes before the end of the game.

"I was trying to turn the play up and get the first down when I saw Totes," Cummings said. "But he was too late. And yes, I knew the moment I got hit that something broke."

Trainers fitted Cummings' left shoulder with a harness to protect the broken bone.

"I'll get back," Cummings said. "We have an open date in two weeks. I'll miss two, maybe three games."

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# Mountaineers roll 55-3

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — For two weeks, West Virginia Coach Don Nehlen repeated accounts of how decisively his football team would defeat Ohio University in the season opener.

So after Saturday's 55-3 victory over the unnamed Bobcats, Nehlen was not only relieved that the accounts were true, but also glad the talking was over.

"It was gratifying because everybody was telling our kids that the team wasn't very good and a lot of times you can't handle that," Nehlen said. "It's hard to live with that kind of talk for two weeks but we were the better football team and we came out and showed it."

The 54,612 in attendance at Mountaineer Field saw West Virginia score its most lopsided victory in 18 years and pile up 479 yards with reserves playing most of the second half. The victory margin was West Virginia's biggest since a 56-0 win over Richmond in 1965.

"We helped West Virginia to this victory," said Ohio coach Brian Burley, whose team moved past midfield only once — on its first possession. "Our tackling got worse as the game went along."

After the Bobcats took a 3-0 lead on Ron Harter's first-quarter field goal of 24 yards, West Virginia's Willie Drewrey returned the ensuing kickoff 70 yards and the Mountaineers were off to a rolling.

"They were kicking it away from us and trying to kick to one side, so we just turned it around and ran it back up the other side," said Drewrey.

After Drewrey's kick return to the Ohio 30, tailback Tom Gray scored on the first of two first-half touchdowns for the Mountaineers. Quarterback Jeff Hostetter, who completed 15 of 23 passes in a little over two quarters, hit Gary Mullen with a 39-yard touchdown pass and Paul Woodside kicked two field goals in the final 1:41 to complete the first half scoring.

# Lady Lions find answers at invitational

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It was a weekend of experimentation, an opportunity for fresh faces to gain much needed experience and a chance for coaches to unscramble several pre-season puzzles.

This was especially the case for Field Hockey Head Coach Gillian Ratray, who went into the Lady Lion Invitational Saturday with only three returning starters from last year's squad.

"I just think this was a super weekend to really see one other week's worth of play," Ratray said, "and it was particularly important this weekend having played five freshmen."

The Lady Lions finished the six-team competition at 3-1, opening with a scoreless tie against Penn State and a 2-0 and 1-0 victory to finish the weekend with a tie.

But Penn State did not seem awake for the 9 a.m. starting time Sunday against William and Mary, losing the game 2-1. Yet, they came back to defeat Ursinus 2-1 in the finale of the weekend competition.

"(Sunday) morning I don't think we were awake," Ratray said. "Penn State never functions well in mornings and I made them deliberately get here at 8:30 so at least we'd have our eyes open."

Ratray, however, took nothing away from William and Mary, which finished the weekend at 4-1.

"I think William and Mary had the edge on us in that game," she said. "They were moving better on the ball, our feet were not awake."

The Lady Lions appeared to wake up by noon when they took a quick 2-0 halftime lead against Ursinus.

"I was pleased with the Ursinus game," Ratray said, "because Ursinus had been dominating (the early competition)."

Ursinus finished the weekend at 2-2-1, followed by Purdue 1-2-2, Penn 1-1-3 and Lehigh 0-3-2.

But the results were secondary to the true purpose of the competition — an opportunity for coaches to see what they have to work with and for newcomers to get their feet wet.

Stacia Palanuk, a freshman from the Lehigh Valley Regional High School (N.J.) with 22 goals last season, was one pleasant surprise for Ratray.

"I hadn't thought Stacia was ready to go yet," Ratray said, "because her speed is so far superior to her stick work. Her speed is phenomenal. She's a sparkplug in there, she gets things moving and she's definitely a threat to the opposition."

Palanuk, who scored the second goal against Ursinus, agreed her speed sometimes hampers her stick work.

"I have to work on more stick handling," she said. "The concepts of the game through experience."

Palanuk said her adjustment to Division I field hockey has been made easier through the help of the entire squad, as opposed to any individual.

"Mostly playing with the whole team helps you out," Palanuk said, "because you all work together."

"Sophomore Ali Hughes, another candidate for a starting forward position, came up with a goal against both Purdue and Lehigh, while Beth Thompson, another sophomore forward hopeful, added one against Purdue."

The one player, however, that must lead the relatively inexperienced forwards is senior Anne Hopkins.

Ratray said Hopkins may have felt some pressure in the early going due to her new role as offensive leader.



Lady Lion Beth Thompson flicks a shot toward the goal in a game against Penn this weekend at the Penn State Invitational. The field hockey team ended the two-day event with a 3-1 record.

# Colts and Broncos win without Elway

By DICK WYCE  
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Both the Denver Broncos and the Baltimore Colts won Sunday without million-dollar rookie quarterback John Elway.

The NFL's No. 1 draft choice, who was drafted by Baltimore but forced a trade to Denver, got a rude introduction into the league as the regular-season got into full swing.

Steve Deberg, beaten out by Elway for the starting job, took over when Elway was battered in the first half and brought the Broncos a 14-10 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in the game.

"It's a relief to have Steve Deberg back," Elway said. "I've missed him, but he's a good player and he's been a great leader."

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# Stoudt feels Bradshaw's early days

By ALAN ROBINSON  
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PITTSBURGH — Cliff Stoudt now knows what Terry Bradshaw felt like all those frustrating years.

Bradshaw, one of pro football's most heralded young quarterbacks ever when he broke in with Pittsburgh in 1970, felt the wrath of the impatient Steelers' fans early and often. They even cheered once when he was injured, knowing he would have to be replaced.

It wasn't until he quarterbacked the Steelers to their first of their four Super Bowl championships in 1974 that Bradshaw completely won the fans over to his side.

Stoudt, stepping in at quarterback this season as Bradshaw mends from off-season elbow surgery, felt the sting of boos on his ears Sunday as the Steelers were upset by the Denver Broncos 14-10.

Stoudt completed 18 of 32 passes for 217 yards in only the second start of his seven-year career, but threw three costly interceptions and twice mishandled handoffs in routing the Broncos.

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# Elway enjoys poor showing in opener

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# Eagles win behind rookies, second-string

By JOEL SIEGEL  
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PHILADELPHIA — Eagles Coach Marion Campbell said yesterday that the play of rookies and second-stringers in Philadelphia's comeback win over San Francisco last night gave him confidence, but lifted his entire team as well.

"There is no question this is a big boost for us," Campbell said. "I'm pleased with the play of our rookies and second-stringers. They showed a lot of confidence and guts. I'm pleased with the play of our rookies and second-stringers. They showed a lot of confidence and guts. I'm pleased with the play of our rookies and second-stringers. They showed a lot of confidence and guts."

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