

"De-emphasized" Pitt Panthers Hold Edge Over Cornhuskers

By Henry Fishback.

Football's de-emphasized Pittsburgh Panthers and Nebraska's slightly de-emphasized Scarlet gridiron machine meet in their annual traditional battle Saturday in the Smoky City.

Pittsburgh Panthers—once mighty monarchs of the nation's gridiron world in the days of Pop Warner and Dr. John Bain Sutherland but de-emphasized by the scholastic axe in recent years—will be embarking on their 15th annual pigskin mission against the Cornhuskers.

Prophesied as a tossup the current Pitt-N. U. traditional struggle which still strikes fire into the hearts of the arch combatants pits together two injury-riddled, off and on aggregations, currently tarnished with defeat.

N. U. Wins Opener.

Nebraska's first great "big time" triumph of the modern era marked the beginning of the pigskin series as the Scarlet led by Harley Swanson and Preston of Fred Dawson's great Nebraska aggregation downed the "wonder team" of Pop Warner. Hartley passed to Swanson, 69 yards for a T. D. on the last play of the first half and Preston added a field goal to the total in that heralded Nebraska triumph of 1921.

Terrific battles followed in the block of games from 1927 to 1941. Pitt grabbed the sensational and hard fought opener resisting a Presnell-Howell sparked offensive that rolled them back on their heels in the second half. The final score was 21-13. Nebraska didn't attempt a single forward pass as in a scoreless tie in 1928 Clair Sloan fired one to Morgan one autumn later, for a touchdown that wasn't enough as Pitt won 12 to 7.

Staunch Scarlet goal line stands forced a scoreless tie in 1930 but Pittsburgh's All American Warren Heller tore up on the sod with four touchdowns in a 40 to 0 slaughter the year after. Pitt's barrage of passes and laterals with Mike Nicksick the villain with five touchdowns netted the Panthers a 6 to 0 win in 1933 and a 25 to 6 decision one year gone as a Bauer to Tolman Cornhusker aerial proved inadequate.

Patrick's touchdown was enough in 1935 but the Panthers had to sweep from behind to overcome a Cornhusker margin produced by a Francis to Cardwell aerial hit to win 19 to 6 in 1936. Over 71,000

fans saw, Husker Dodd on a 60 yard scoring run but Pitt triumph 13 to 7 in 1937 while Cassiano managed a 19 to 0 Panther verdict in 1938.

Fullbacks Shatter Pitt.

Nebraska's polished pair of sophomore fullbacks, Hank Rohn and Vike Francis split the Panther line to give the Scarlet a 14 to 13 win in 1939 and break a seven game Pitt domination of the series and N. U. repeated in 1940 with Francis kicking a victory, field goal after an early Harry Hopp touchdown.

Special Delivery Jones carried the mail for the Panthers in the form of two last minute touchdowns racing 75 yards for one and setting up another. Bradley scored early in the second period for Nebraska.

Aerial Artists Fire KU Fray

LAWRENCE, Nov. 6.—For the second straight year the Washington University Bears of St. Louis and the University of Kansas Jayhawks will probably engage in a pitcher's battle when the two teams collide on the gridiron at Lawrence this Saturday afternoon.

Last year it was "Riflin' Ralph" Miller for Kansas and Wilson "Bud" Schwenk for Washington who provided the fans with an aerial display which was dimmed only slightly by the murky weather. Schwenk completed nine out of 18 passes that day and went ahead to set three new seasonal records.

During 1941 Schwenk attempted the most passes, 234; completed the most passes, 114; and gained the most net yardage by passing, 1,457. His pass percentage completion was .487 compared to Miller's mark of .529 from 55 completed passes out of 104 attempts.

This year the two overhead artists will be Ray Evans for the Jayhawks and Lee Tevis for the Bears. Only a sophomore, Tevis has been the running and passing spark which has gained three victories for Coach "Kitty" Gorman's young and inexperienced crew.

On the other hand, Evans has been performing like the seasoned and all-American candidate that he is. For five weeks he has led the entire nation in the number of passes he has completed. His record now stands at 71 completions out of 147 attempts for a gain of 788 yards.

This number of completed passes is more than all but two passers completed during the 1941 season when Schwenk was on top followed by Owen Price of Texas Mines with 94 completions. Another national record which is being endangered by Evans is the number of passes intercepted by an individual. In seven games Evans has intercepted eight passes and the national record is 11 passes intercepted by Jim Tarbox of Texas Tech in 1938.

Glen Cunningham Saves IS Meet

AMES, Ia., Nov. 9.—Glenn Cunningham and the Cornell college cross country team came to the rescue Friday when Drake university cancelled its scheduled dual with the Iowa State team.

Cunningham, Cornell director of athletics who is directing the team today in the absence of Coach Ralph Scott, completed arrangements with Cyclone Coach George Brettnall by telephone.

Millard Easton, Drake coach, explained the cancellation in a letter Friday by saying a mixup in the Bulldog schedule would have compelled his team to race Grinnell on Friday and Iowa State Saturday.

The strong Cornell team, champions of the Midwest conference, is led by Howard Orms and Dave Clutterham. Clutterham rates as one of the finest distance men ever to run in Iowa. During most of the present season he has been combating illness and injury but still is rated near the head of the list in Iowa Cross country.

Juniors, Seniors Have Yearbook Pictures Taken

Nov. 17 has been set as the deadline for juniors and seniors to have their pictures taken for the Cornhusker, according to Bill McBride, managing editor.

Huskers Must Stop Panther's Ace, Mr. Dutton

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 12—Pitt Panther coaching staff continued to make changes today as the Smokey City club swung into its final practice routine prior to the Saturday joust with the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Injuries continued to bother the staff and may keep the club from swinging back into winning stride following last week's disastrous loss to Ohio State.

Dutton Counted On

In the backfield Bill Dutton appears the only available ball-toter to handle the tailback assignment. Tony DiMatteo is laid up with his bad leg and Jack Statler still limps on a sprained ankle.

Statler normally performs at the wingback station, but has been able to run, so Lou Chelko was advanced to the starting combination. This shift was necessitated by Angelo Carliacini's bad ankle. Behind Walt West at the quarterback post is Ed Slavin, sophomore who replaces injured Bobby Smith as second string signal-barker.

Johnny Baker still holds his right tackle job, though previously-injured Joe Salvucci is now recovered. Bill Kyle, top blocking end, and Marty Rosepink, a hard-hitter, are alternating at the right end post. Frank Mattioli has the call at left guard ahead of vet Bill Dillion.

Pitt Passing Attack

Remainder of the lineup remains stationary with Jack Durishan at left tackle, Mike Sotack at left end, Jim Clowes at center and Vince Antonelli, who has started every game thus far, at right guard.

Main strategy against the Huskers will be to mix Bill Dutton's passes with his running. Dutton has contributed over half of the Pitt offensive yardage thus far and has tossed nearly all of the passes. With Statler and DiMatteo on the shelf, Pitt will place all hope on Mr. Dutton.

YWCA Staff Leaders Meet in Ellen Smith

YW staff leaders will meet at Ellen Smith at 12:30 today for lunch.

Husker Players Plan to Offset 1941 Pitt Win

Mentor Glen Presnell and his Husker grid cripples spent a peaceful evening in Chicago last night and were looking forward to tomorrow's clash with the Pitt Panthers today.

Despite the crippled condition of the squad, the gridgers are determined to erase all memory of Pitt's narrow squeeze last year.

Hot and Cold.

Hot and cold Pitt record features a 20-7 win over potent Southern Methodist, a 7-6 defeat by the powerful Great Lakes club,

and a 7-19 loss to Indiana. Ohio State won, 59-19, over the Panthers last week and Minnesota triumphed 50-7 two weeks previous.

Presnell indicated last night that he intends to start Marv Athey, Ki Eisenhart, Roy Long and Fred Metheny in the Husker backfield. Long and Metheny are still a bit below par as a result of the beating they took against Mizzou.

Chances are that Dale Bradley and Al Zikmund, vet backfield performers, will gain a nod at the tiller—but only in relief duty. With Bobby Cooper still nursing his sore shoulder, soph Harold Hungerford may see action as Fred Metheny's quarterback understudy.

The Huskers will arrive in the Smokey City tomorrow morning for the battle.

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