

Penn Wins Home Opener Under New Lights, 55-12

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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29 — Something new was introduced at ivy-covered Franklin Field tonight. The University of Pennsylvania played host to Lafayette in the first intercollegiate football game played here under the lights since the Quakers' big cement stadium was unveiled in 1895.

The contest proved a romp for Penn. The Ivy League team triumphed, 55-12, the most points scored by the Quakers since 1950 when they beat Brown, 50-0.

The innovation under lights paid immediate dividends. With Mare Mandel directing operations from his quarterback slot, the Red and Blue turned on a powerhouse attack that enabled it to march to four straight touchdowns in the first half.

It was only after the Quakers, who were making their season's debut, had gained a 28-0 advantage that the Leopards' attack showed any sign of life. In a sudden, spirited attack, led by Tim Grip at quarterback, the visitors scored less than 2 minutes before intermission.

Apart from the lively ball-carrying antics of Penn's two backfield units—they accounted for 13 straight first downs in the early phases—there was one other item that brought pleasure to Fred Shabel, the Quakers' athletic director. The crowd was announced as 15,684, compared to 12,236 at last year's afternoon opener.

"This night opener is merely an experiment," said Shabel. "We were interested in seeing how our students and the public would respond to a contest played on the eve of the usual whirl of Saturday college and high school games. I'd say tonight's turnout is rewarding."

Penn's performance also was rewarding. Judging from tonight's game, the Quakers may be in the thick of the Ivy League race this season. Fortified by 28 letter men, the Red and Blue took off against the Leopards with a series of blitz drives that Lafayette could not contain.

Such ball carriers as Mandel,

Statistics of the Game

	Penn.	Laf.
First downs	22	17
Rushing yardage	55-328	54-157
Passing yardage	175	77
Passes	6-11	7-14
Interceptions by	1	1
Punts	1-35	3-36
Fumbles lost	2-1	4-2
Yards penalized	7-35	5-19

Adolph Bellizeare and Bob Hoffman were particularly outstanding. The quarterback proved effective in his rollouts, running and passing. Bellizeare, a member of Penn's 440-yard intercollegiate championship relay team, showed the expected speed while Hoffman's hard hitting enabled him to make repeated gains.

Playing little more than half a game, Bellizeare gained 89 yards in 13 carries, while Hoffman posted 78 yards in a similar number of tries. In all, Penn rushed and passed for 503 yards. Hoffman led the scoring drive with three touchdowns.

Lafayette	0	6	6	0-12
Penn	14	14	14	13-55

Penn—Hoffman, 2, run (Martin, kick).
 Penn—Bellizeare, 13, run (Martin, kick).
 Penn—Hoffman, 7, run (Martin, kick).
 Penn—Clune, 82, pass from Pinto (Martin, kick).
 Laf—Haerter, 13, pass from Grip (kick failed).
 Penn—Bellizeare, 4, run (Martin, kick).
 Laf—Grip, 1, run (pass failed).
 Penn—Hoffman, 2, run (Martin, kick).
 Penn—Ruffert, 3, run (kick failed).
 Penn—Urban, 55, run (Martin, kick).
 Attendance—15,684.