

Quakers' Ground Attack Held to Only 58 Yards

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HANOVER, N.H., Sept. 18—Dartmouth ended a three-year opening-game victory draught today in convincing fashion as the Big Green routed Pennsylvania, 20-0, before a crowd of 11,300 at Memorial Field. Starting the season against an Ivy League opponent for the first time since 1949, Dartmouth recorded its first opening triumph since 1972 when it defeated New Hampshire, 24-14.

Dartmouth's defense was the dominant force throughout, holding the Quakers to 58 yards rushing. The Big Green gained its first shutout since 1974. The shutout was only the second in its last 41 games for Pennsylvania.

For the Big Green a junior defensive back, John Carney, raced 61 yards down the right sideline with a punt for Dartmouth's first score just four minutes into the first period.

A Left-Handed Quarterback

Kevin Case, the first starting left-handed quarterback in Dartmouth history, hit Harry Wilson with a 52-yard aerial late in the first quarter to set up Nick Lowery's 27-yard field goal on the second play of the second period. It gave Dartmouth a 10-0 lead at halftime.

The visitors had two close scoring opportunities halted in the second period as Tim Mazzetti's 50-yard field-goal attempt hit the cross bar and fell out. Led by quarterback Bob Graustein, who completed 16 of 26 passes for 192 yards in the game the Quakers drove from their own 29-yard line to the Dartmouth 5-yard line only to lose a fumble as the Big Green's Gregg Robinson recovered.

Early in the third period, the Dartmouth defense struck again when linebacker Jim Vailas picked off a Graustein pass and raced 35 yards for a score. Lowery's second conversion made it 17-0.

John Mugglehee, a linebacker, came up with Dartmouth's second interception midway through the final quarter. A 29-yard option scamper by Sam Coffey, who led all runners with 84 yards in 15 carriers, set up Lowery's 24-yard field goal that closed the scoring.

Rhode Island 15, Northeastern 14

KINGSTON, R.I., Sept. 18 (AP)—Rich Moser, a fullback scored from the 1-yard line and Pete Reilly kicked the extra point as Rhode Island rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Northeastern, 15-14, today.

Northeastern's Chris Bradley ran 1 yard for a touchdown as the Huskies took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter. In the third quarter, Cooper Jordan caught an 11-yard touchdown pass for Northeastern. Rhode Island came back in the final quarter when Jim Hodgens ran 2 yards for the Rams' first touchdown. Tom Spahn then grabbed a pass for the 2-point conversion.

Long Beach State 32, Utah State 10

LOGAN, Utah, Sept. 18 (AP)—Long Beach State of California held on to the ball for 22 minutes in the first half en route to a 32-10 victory over Utah State.

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