

Yale Wins, 21-7, as Ground Game Proves Too Powerful for Penn

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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23—If pitching is 90 percent of baseball, then ball control holds the same importance for football. It was this factor that Yale used this sunny afternoon in Franklin Field to defeat Penn, 21-7, in an Ivy League football game.

While a crowd of 15,101 watched, Yale controlled the ball for almost 45 of the 60 minutes of this homecoming game and rolled to its fifth victory of the campaign, in six starts. In the league standing, the Elis kept in contention for the title by scoring their third triumph, against one defeat.

The Elis rumbled all afternoon through the Penn defenses. Despite the final figures, doing so was not easy. Penn put up a tough defense that made Yale work strenuously for every yard. But, by game's end, the Elis had some interesting figures to show for their efforts.

Pagliari Excels

John Pagliari, the gifted running back from Derby, Conn., scored all Yale's touchdowns, on runs of 18 yards in the second quarter, 7 yards at the start of the third quarter and 9 yards midway through the final quarter. These gave Pagliari 10 touchdowns this season.

His effort also enabled Pagliari to tie the Yale record for carries in one game, 33. Only three times in the past had a Yale runner carried as many times in one game, and no Eli runner has ever carried more.

Pagliari also skirted enough Penn tacklers to gain a total of 187 yards, the fifth-best rushing performance in Yale's long football history.

But Pagliari was not alone in the record department. Yale chalked up 32 first downs, one shy of the Ivy League record. Thirty of these first downs came by rushing, a Yale mark.

All told, the Elis rushed for 429 yards on 84 attempts and gained 42 yards on three completed passes, of 10 attempted.

After a scoreless first period in which Penn never reached Yale territory, the Elis drove 75 yards in eight plays. Pagliari finished this drive with his first touchdown burst, of 18 yards, on a pitchout from Stone Phillips. Randy Carter booted the first of three conversions at 7 minutes 22 seconds of the second quarter.

Penn's best chance of the game was just before the half. The Red and Blue drove from its 31-yard line to the Yale 2 as Bob Graustein, operating out of the shotgun passing offense, completed three passes: to Phil Avila, Ed Wood and Avila again. The last catch picked up 39 yards.

But Yale's defense toughened. On second down and 2 to the goal, Graustein handed off to Johnny Mason. Mason was hit hard and fumbled the ball, Yale's Paul Denza recovering. Yale ran out the final 20 seconds of the half.

Yale took the second-half kickoff and went 80 yards on the ground, Pagliari, capping the drive with his 7-yard score.

Penn came right back late in the period after Mike Welch had picked off a pass by the Elis' Bob Rizzo on the Yale 41. In three plays, Penn scored, with Graustein throwing a 31-yard touchdown pass to Avila. Tim Mazzetti kicked the conversion, and Penn was back in the game, trailing by only 14-7.

Starting from their 23 after a 16-yard kickoff return by John Hatem, the Elis ground out the yardage, marching to the Penn 6. But Pagliari fumbled, and Penn's Gary Stilwell recovered.

Again Penn went to the air and drove Yale's secondary to cover in reaching the Yale 22, only to see the drive stopped by Yale's Kurt Nondorf, who intercepted Graustein at the Yale 20.

Then Yale went 80 yards in 15 plays, driving through the Penn line

for solid gains. Pagliari ended the march with his third touchdown, and Carter booted the extra point for a 21-7 lead.

Yale's solid defenders, 10th in the nation in total defense and second in the league in this category, held Penn to 11 first downs. Penn rushed 17 times but picked up only 18 yards. Graustein made up for the lack of a running game with his aerial work, passing for 205 yards by completing 14 of 27 attempts.

Penn had to punt five times, Yale once.

In addition to Pagliari's fine effort, Mike Southworth, the Yale fullback, gained 98 yards, Ed Lewis 37, Phillips 17, Rick Angelone 37 and Hatem 53. With such production on the ground, Phillips did not have to throw.

For Penn, Avila, Steve Routh and Wood were Graustein's principal targets.

This was the 44th game in a series that began in 1879 in Hoboken, N.J. Yale now leads the series, 32-12, and has beaten Penn four straight times.