

Penn State Beaten, 24-20; Columbia Subdues Penn

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa., Oct. 1—Joe Paterno, Penn State's football coach, spoke nothing but the truth after his team's first loss of the season today when he said, "Kentucky made no mistakes and we made too many and that was the game."

Victorious in their first three games and possibly overrated and under-tested, the Penn State Nittany Lions could not withstand the constant pressure of a fine Kentucky defense or a power attack directed by the big quarterback, Derrick Ramsey. The result was that Kentucky came from behind twice to beat Penn State, 24-20, before a crowd of about 61,000 in Beaver Stadium.

The Wildcats' comeback was exceptional because a heavy rain had thor-

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oughly soaked the natural grass field by the end of the first quarter. Both teams slipped and lost footing throughout. This usually makes it much more difficult for a team to comeback than to hold a lead.

Chuck Fusina, Penn State's quarterback who was the hero of a victory over Maryland last week with his fine passing, was intercepted three times by Kentucky. Two of the interceptions led to touchdowns—a major setback for Fusina, who entered this game without a single interception on 72 passes thrown in his first three games.

The primary "mistakes" Paterno spoke of were the first two interceptions against Fusina.

Trailing, 10-0, late in the first quarter, Kentucky put considerable pressure on Fusina who tossed a pass toward his wingback, Jimmy Cefalo. Dallas Owens, Kentucky's rover or monster back, ran in front of Cefalo and picked the ball off at the Penn State 25. He had an easy job of lugging the ball back into the end zone for Kentucky's first touchdown since the pass was a wide right flat pass and once he had the ball nobody stood in his way.

On the first offensive play of the second quarter, Fusina tossed a pass in the hope of reaching Bob Torrey, the fullback, on a screen play. Torrey bobbled the ball and fell and the ball popped into the air. It was picked off by Kentucky's Mike Siganos, a defensive back, who fell with the ball at the Lions' 27.

The scouting report on the 6-foot-5-inch Ramsey is that he runs well but does not pass well for a quarterback. So Ramsey simply tossed a pass to Randy Brooks for an 18-yard gain. Three plays later Kentucky's second-string fullback, Chuck Servino, went over and Kentucky got a 14-10 lead.

Penn State regained the lead for a 20-14 halftime bulge on a touchdown pass from Fusina to Mike Guman when the screen play worked, and a 22-yard field goal by Matt Bahr.

But Kentucky came back with its own combination of a field goal and a touchdown in the third period for the winning margin. And throughout the third period it was Kentucky's rugged defenses that kept the Nittany Lions back of their own 35.

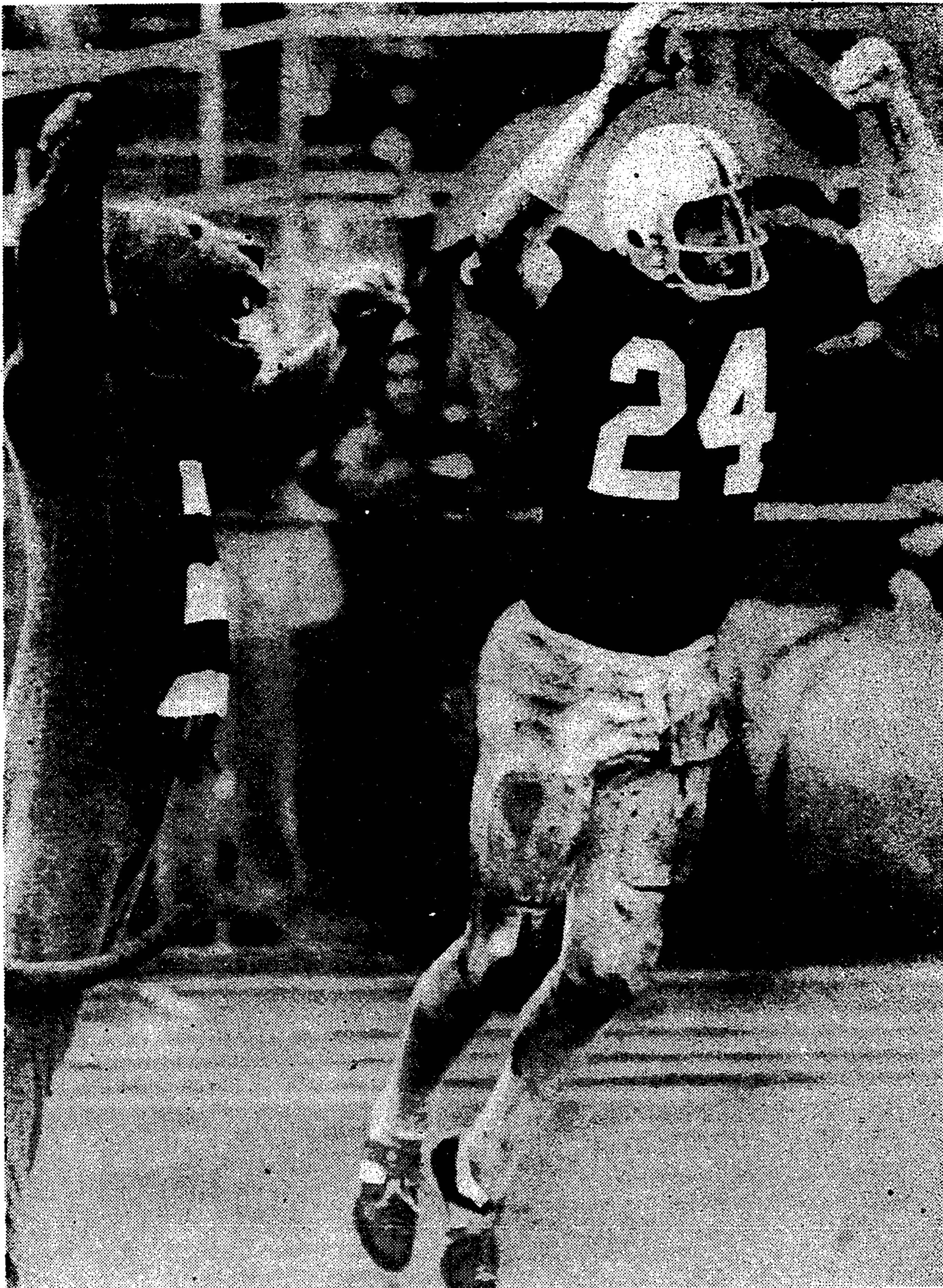
Penn State never got beyond the Wildcats' 49 in the fourth period and when the Lions got that far it was another mistake—a big fumble—that cost them their last real chance to pull this one out against the Southeastern Conference foe. Kentucky now has the same season record as Penn State—three victories and one defeat.

Thus Paterno is still waiting for that time when this team, led by Fusina, pulls one out in a difficult and close pressure situation. This was the Lions' most difficult test of the year, the first time they had been behind and they could not win under these circumstances.

Despite the word on Ramsey of "good run and poor pass", the big senior quarterback from Camden, N.J., continued to surprise Penn State by making his few passes count. One big difference in the game today was that Fusina, who completed 17 of 32 passes for 230 yards, also tossed those three interceptions while Ramsey, who threw only 11 times and completed eight, was not intercepted once.

Passes Lead to Field Goal

The big quarterback completed two aerials on Kentucky's opening drive of the second half. This led to a 30-yard field goal by Joe Bryant. Later in the third quarter, Ramsey hit Dave Trosper on two first-down passes in a drive that ended when Ramsey went over from the 2-yard line for the winning score.



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Mike Guman of Penn State after catching touchdown pass against Kentucky. Nittany Lions' mascot cheered the play

By NEIL AMDUR

Sid Luckman needled Gene Rossides about Erasmus Hall and boyhood days in Brooklyn. Al Barabas relived the famous KF-79 Rose Bowl play that stunned Stanford. And Mrs. Marion Hines talked of a boss who was the "epitome of a man," a kind, gentle taskmaster.

Columbia held a football reunion yesterday at Baker Field. Not just any old reunion, but a genuine parade of champions from the past, the first time old Lions could roar in unison.

Maybe Columbia should figure out a way to celebrate old times every week. The young Lions whipped Pennsylvania, 30-18, for their second victory in three starts, and not even second-half rain could spoil the proceedings for a crowd of 5,135.

Halfback Pass Scores

The occasion for rejoicing was Lou Little Day, honoring the Lion coach who during a 26-year career, brought Columbia its finest moments. It was Little's first return to the campus since his final game 21 years ago, and 58 former players showed up to pay tribute before, during and after the game.

If many recalled KF-79, the Lions threw a little magic into yesterday's victory with a 48-yard halfback pass from Bruce Stephens to Artie Pulsinelli that went for a touchdown and put

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Columbia on top for good, 16-12, late in the second quarter.

It was the first collegiate pass for Stephens, a 5-foot-9-inch, 172-pound senior from Phoenix City, Ala. No one could recall the last time a halfback pass had gone for a touchdown at Columbia.

Penn, now 1-2, tossed a little drama into the game by closing to 23-18 in the final four minutes. But Mario Biaggi, a defensive end, recovered a Quaker fumble at the Penn 35-yard line, and Stephens raced 18 yards for the insurance touchdown with 40 seconds left.

"I wouldn't have missed this for the world," said the 60-year-old Luckman, a Chicago packing executive, who still writes to his college coach. "I can't tell you the love and affection I have for this man."

Luckman played for Columbia from 1936 through 1938 before going on to a career in professional football with the Chicago Bears. A native of Brooklyn, he was instrumental in recruiting Rossides, the quarterback, whose passing led to Columbia's dramatic 21-20 victory over Army in 1947.

The Army upset and the 7-0 triumph over Stanford in the 1934 Rose Bowl remain the two "nicest" memories for the 84-year-old Little, who now resides in Delray Beach, Fla.

"I like to watch football on television every week," Little, a 1920 Penn graduate, said, during a pre-game reception in his honor. "And I still feel close to some of my players."

"He was a coach who kept after you," said Rossides, an attorney, who lives in Washington but who still considers himself a New Yorker. "You didn't love Lou Little, you respected him. He was the greatest leader ever at Columbia."

Little's 'Drive for Excellence'

Five members of Columbia's 1934 Rose Bowl team, including Cliff Montgomery, the quarterback, and Barabas joined Luckman and Rossides in praising Little's influence on their lives and his "drive for excellence."

Columbia players showed some of their own drive in wiping out early Penn leads of 6-0 and 12-7 and beating the Quakers for the third straight year. A 2-yard run by Joe Ciulla produced the first Lion touchdown late in the first quarter, after Dave Pinnock recovered a stray pitchout at the Quaker 27.

Penn drove 49 yards in 10 plays to regain the lead, 12-7, on Tony Sciolla's 4-yard quarterback keeper with 8:53 left in the first half. But the Lions got a safety on a high snap from center at the Penn 20 on a fourth-down punt that sailed out of the end zone.

A poor 28-yard free punt gave Columbia possession at the Penn 48. On the first play, Stephens took a pitchout right, stopped and threw down the right side to Pulsinelli, a junior flanker from Massapequa, L.I., who caught the ball at the 15 and sailed into the end zone.

The festivities began with a late morning cocktail party followed by a luncheon. The rain even held off its predicted arrival until after the half-time ceremonies on the field.

Little did not speak after the presentation, his former gravelly voice now reduced to a deep whisper. But he appeared tanned and relaxed, and he continues to follow football.

"The whole game is much more advanced now," he said, as countless visitors greeted him in the Chrystie Lounge adjacent to Baker Field. "It's a much better game. The rules and regulations now give you more latitude."

Those who played for Little recalled his commitment to the rules. Mrs. Hines, who started working for Little as his secretary in 1931, said "his door was always open."