

Cornell Crushes Penn

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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22 — Pennsylvania opened its 103d football season by taking the worse shellacking in the history of its 86-game series with Cornell.

Mike Tanner, the Cornell quarterback from Secaucus, N.J., scored one touchdown and threw a 21-yard pass for another on a fake field-goal try to highlight the scoring. The Big Red capitalized on six Pennsylvania turnovers in registering the 52-13 rout.

Perhaps the only good thing to come out of the defeat for the Quakers was that they finally may have found a quarterback, Ralph Jean, a sophomore, who can direct their wishbone attack. He relieved Gib Carter, the last-minute starter, and scored the second touchdown for the Quakers, on a 2-yard run, after directing a 37-yard drive in the third quarter.

Cornell also used a relief quarterback, Mike Ryan, who directed his team to four straight scoring drives and a 31-7 halftime lead. Ben Tenuts, the senior fullback, was the game's leading rusher, with 76 yards on seven carries. Ryan did not complete a pass but ran for 52 yards on seven carries and scored one of Cornell's seven touchdowns.

Cornell also got touchdown runs from Keith Sepessy, who ran for 2 yards; Dick Clasby for 1; Bob Muha for 8, and Tom Weidenkopf for 15.

Paul Goodberlet, a junior from Churchville, N.Y., hauled in the pass from Tanner, the holder on the fake field-goal play, to complete the 21-yard score. Keith Manz, a senior from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., added all the conversion points and a 41-yard field goal.

An Omnious Start

Penn's offense was its own worse enemy, turning the ball over three times in the first half, with all of the turnovers leading to Cornell touchdowns. Giving the ball away after winning the opening coin toss did not hurt them as much as their mistakes.

"That was just something the staff decided on doing in hopes that we could capitalize on Cornell mistakes handling the ball," said Penn's head coach, Harry Gamble, about winning the coin toss, then electing to kick off. The unusual strategy seemed to set the tone for the game.

Carter fumbled the snap on Penn's first offensive play to set up Manz's field goal. It was downhill from there.

First, Cornell mounted an 82-yard drive that ended with Sepessy's 2-yard run. Two interceptions of Carter passes set up Cornell's next two scores.

Mike Cobb got Cornell's first interception and returned the ball to the 17 to set up Ryan's 3-yard run. Then Ken Wilson, a junior linebacker, intercepted a Carter pass that set up a 49-yard drive. Tanner's touchdown pass on the fake field-goal play made the score 24-0.

A 41-yard punt return by Steve Vago set the stage for the fourth Cornell touchdown and a lead of 31-0 for the Big Red shortly before halftime.

Pennsylvania scored with two seconds left in the half, on a 46-yard pass by Carter to Jerry Smith. It was the first Penn touchdown in 13 games.

Gamble has had a difficult time finding a quarterback to orchestrate the wishbone offense this year. Doug Marzoni, who was a defensive back as a freshman last season, had won the starting job, but he was sidelined on Tuesday by a sore knee. Carter took his place.

"I guess I'll just have to look at all my quarterbacks again before deciding who'll start next week," Gamble said. His prospects obviously include Jean.

The sophomore quarterback completed three of seven passes for 30 yards. Carter completed two of eight for 58 yards.

Tim Mallowney of Penn was the game's second-leading rusher, with 60 yards on 17 carries. Three Cornell players each had 52 yards rushing, Ryan on seven carries, Clasby on six and Muha on eight.

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