

Penn Halts Slump, Conquers Columbia

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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4 — Coach Harry Gamble's demeanor has been described as constant whether he wins or loses, but the University of Pennsylvania coach had every reason to gloat today. His Quakers roared from a 13-0 first-half deficit to defeat Columbia, 24-13, before 7,076 fans in Franklin Field.

The triumph broke a 14-game losing streak (and 17 games without a victory). The Quakers, who had not won a game since they routed Columbia, 31-19, for their second victory of 1978. Three weeks later, they tied Yale, 17-17, before losing their last three games to finish.

"It certainly is a long time," Gamble said when reminded that the longest losing streak of his 24-year coaching career had come to an end. "This may sound mundane, but we started to play football in the second half. I didn't chalk up any plays on the blackboard at halftime, but we started to execute. We were more aggressive."

Marzonie Leads Assault

Doug Marzonie, a junior quarterback from Northfield, Mich., making his first start of the season, did most of the damage for the Quakers, scoring two of their three touchdowns on runs of 10 and 5 yards. He also capitalized on a Columbia fumble to lead the Quakers on the touchdown drive that clinched the game, a 44-yard march capped by Paul Brodsky's 5-yard run on a pitch-out with less than three minutes remaining.

John Dwyer, a senior, added the conversions following all of Penn's scores and kicked a 31-yard field goal with 12:20 left in the game.

Last season Penn lost all nine of its games, including a 12-7 decision to Columbia, which turned out to be the Lions' only victory. Penn had lost the first two games of this year, by 40-7 to Dartmouth and 35-6 to Lehigh. Columbia opened with a 26-6 defeat at Harvard and then beat Lafayette, 6-0 last week.

And after they jumped to a 13-0 lead in the first half, the prospect that Columbia might win two games looked good.

Cabrera a Roaring Lion

Joe Cabrera, the senior tailback from Old Greenwich, Conn., collected 91 of his team-high 119 yards rushing in the first half, Cabrera again did all the scoring for the Lions, with field goals of 23 and 20 yards sandwiched around a 1-yard touchdown plunge and the Lions' first successful conversion kick of the season. He has scored all of his school's 25 points this season.

However, the Quakers, using their two tight-end offense with superior blocking in the second half, turned things around. Rick Beauvais, a junior from Guilford, Conn., showed the way, gaining 157 yards, 139 after intermission.

However, it was Marzonie's 5-yard scamper round left end with 8:10 remaining that put the Quakers on top for the first time in the game. The touchdown that gave them an insurance touchdown was set up by a Kieth Cockrell fumble on a double reverse, recovered by Tony Liberatore.

That gave the Quakers the ball on the

Columbia 44 and Marzonie needed only seven plays to take it in. Beauvais picked up 33 of those yards on four carries before Brodsky took the pitch-out for the score with 2:34 remaining.

"We lost some momentum in the second half and a couple of big plays turned it around for them," Coach Bob Naso said about the defeat that left his Lions with a 1-2 record, 0-2 in Ivy League play.

"We have to learn to put a team away when we have them down. I was not confident with out first-half lead. I feel you have to play a whole game. A football game is 60 minutes, and if you can't play for 60 minutes, then you don't play."

Connecticut 24, Colgate 21

STORRS, Conn., Oct. 4 (UPI) — Ken Sweitzer ran 13 yards for a touchdown with 2:43 and led Connecticut to a 24-21 uphill victory over Colgate today.

The victory was UConn's first against an N.C.A.A. Division IA opponent since a 1975 triumph over Holy Cross, and lifted the Huskies' record to 4-1. Colgate slipped to 1-2-1.

Colgate took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter when Wayne Schuchts hit Gene Young with a 49-yard scoring pass and Jerome Thomas intercepted a Sweitzer pass and ran 30 yards for a touchdown.

UConn scored in the first quarter when Reggie Eccleston caught a 29-yard pass from Sweitzer. Colgate led at halftime by 21-7 after Schuchts ran 2 yards for a score.