

FIRST SMALL COLLEGE FOOTBALL VICTORY OVER A MAJOR COLLEGE:

Lafayette vs Pennsylvania

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First Half: Pennsylvania wins the toss and takes the west goal. Rinehart kicks off to Wharton on the 5-yard line. Pennsylvania gains 20 yards in several plunges into the line, punt fumbles the ball and Lafayette secures it.

Lafayette cannot make a first down and Bray punts out of bounds. Minds circles the end for 15. By short gains Pennsylvania with great difficulty finally works the ball to Lafayette's 5-yard. Minds is thrown for a loss of 5 yards. On the next play Pennsylvania fumbles and Worthington gets the ball. Pennsylvania is set back 10 yards on a penalty.

The Red and Blues holds for downs and gets the ball back. Minds goes through the line for 2 and Gilbert follows for 2 more. A penalty also advances Pennsylvania 10 yards. Lafayette holds for downs. Two plunges into center net Lafayette 5 yards. On the next play the ball is lost on a fumble. Pennsylvania by swift, hard rushing forces the ball to the 3-yard mark. On the next play Uffenheimer goes through for a touchdown.

The play is near the side line and the punt-out fails. Rinehart kicks off for Lafayette and Pennsylvania returns the ball. Lafayette punts and Pennsylvania fumbles, and Wiedenmeyer gets the ball. The ball oscillates back and forth between the 20-yard lines and time is called with the ball in Pennsylvania's possession on Lafayette's 20-yard line.

Second Half: Woodruff kicks off to Lafayette's 5-yard line. Overfield stops Zeiser on a centre plunge and Bray punts to Minds at midfield. Pennsylvania by short gains reaches Lafayette's 10-yard line, where the latter holds for downs and gets the ball. Bray punts 25 yards, and Pennsylvania fumbling, Speer falls on the ball.

For several minutes each team rushes for small gains and then is forced to punt. Pennsylvania tries a quarter-back kick, which Bray captures. Two plunges into the line net 12 yards. Lafayette fumbles and Boyles gets the ball. An exchange of kicks places the ball in Pennsylvania's possession on the 40-yard line. Minds falls back to punt, but Rowland breaks through and blocks the kick, catching the ball and retaining it.

Lafayette is near the left side line 30 yards from the goal. Bray falls back and Lafayette forms for a drop kick. The formation is a feint. The ball is passed to Barclay, who on a quick opening dashes along the left side line for 20 yards, being forced out of bounds at the 10-yard line.

The ball is brought in and Bray is sent against the centre without gain. On the next play, Barclay goes around right end for a touchdown. A moment later, he kicks the goal. Only six minutes are left to play. Pennsylvania kicks off and Lafayette in nine plays takes the ball 60 yards. Time is called with the ball in the latter's possession on the 15-yard line.