Army's Late 2-Point Run Beats Stubborn Utah, 8-7

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WEST POINT, N. Y., Nov. 9—Rollie Stichweh's diving leap into the end zone for a 2-point conversion gave Army an 8-7 edge over Utah today in an evenly waged contest that provided unanticipated drama for 22,400 spectators at Michie Stadium. The decisive play, at 1:14 of the final quarter, capped a spirited comeback from the brink of defeat by Coach Paul Dietzel's once-beaten cadet squad, which had been expected to take this game with the unsung Redskins from the Rockies in stride.

The running conversion by Stichweh, who just momentarily surged across the goal-line before being thrown back by half a dozen converging defenders, followed Ken Waldrop's 8-yard touchdown slam off tackle.

Army got this score on the 13th play of an 80-yard drive initiated after its deliverance from likely disaster by one of those not-so-funny bounces that footballs sometimes take.

Utah had opened the scoring at 2:25 of the third period. Allen Jacobs took the ball over from 2 yards out, five plays after Ed Knowles had homed in on an Army fumble at the Army 33 on the cadets' first scrimmage effort after the second-half kickoff.

Playing it conservatively, as most teams do in this situation, Utah went for a 1-point conversion. The Redskins got it, on Harry Jefferson's place kick, and led, 7—0.

Stopping Army after the next kickoff, Utah swung into action again on its 8, following one of Dick Peterson's long-range punts.

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Led by Gary Hertzfeldt, a talented passer and runner at quarterback, the Redskins ripped off yardage in big chunks. Seven plays, including a 29-yard pass from Hertzfeldt to Jefferson, moved them to Army's 33.

Then, on second down with 8 yards to go, Hertzfeldt faked to his fullback, circled Army's right flank and flipped a lateral to Merrill Brinton, a trailing halfback. The same play, with Mike Davis getting the ball, had set up the Utah touchdown.

Fumble Hurts Utah

Bursting into the clear, Brinton raced untouched to Army's 5-yard line. Just inside that stripe, he was cornered and hit head-on by Tony Pyrz, Army's safetyman.

The ball popped forward out of Briton's hands, into the end zone and finally out of bounds there as scrambling players of both sides dived for it, trying to obtain possession.

When no one managed to get control of the ball, the automatic ruling was a touchback —on the same basis as a punt into the end zone. Since Utah had provided the impetus that put the ball across the line, Army was given possession on its 20.

Behind trip-hammer blocking by the aroused Army line, Ray Paske, Waldrop and Stichweh alternated in carrying the ball. They advanced it rapidly to Utah's 30. There the Redskins braced, and held a pass and two running plays to 2 yards as the third quarter ran out.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, fourth down and 8, Stichweh kept the drive rolling by throwing a perfect pass from shotgun formation to Don Parsells. The Army wingback went to a first down on the 8.

After Stichweh had been held to no gain on a run out of the shotgun, he flipped back to Waldrop on a wing-T power smash. The big Army tailback ripped through Utah's left side to score standing up.

Without hesitation, Army went for the victory rather than a tie. From shotgun formation on the 3-yard conversion stripe, Stichweh took the snap, circled to his left, saw daylight and flung himself at the hole. He got through it just before it closed, and Army had its 2 points.

But there still were anxious moments for the cadets. It took heroic defensive play to make the slim lead stand up against Utah's late fireworks.

Pulling out all the stops in Coach Ray Nagle's ingenious Multiple-T attack, Hertzfeldt three times before the end got the Redskins rolling on substantial advances. But Army held.

On the strength of its second-half depredations, Utah had an edge in total offense, 300 yards to 261.

ARMY (8)
Split Ends—Chescavage, Champi, Ray.
Left Tackles—Schillo, Carber.
Left Guards—Cuningham, Stowers.
Centers—Grasfeder, Braun.
Right Guards—Nowak, Vaughan.
Right Tackles—Zadel, Kerns.
Right Ends—Sherrell, Kempinski.
Quarterbacks—Stichweh, Pyrz, Cosentino, Belerschmitt.
Tailbacks—Waldrop, Smith, Peterson.
Fullbacks—Paske, Lindler, Abraham, Heydt.
Wingbacks—Parcells, Hawkins.

UTAH (7)
Left Ends—Jefferson, Robinson.
Left Tackles—Carpenter, Taylor.
Left Guards—Miller, Keeler, Turner.
Centers—Schmidt, Roshek.
Right Guards—Knowles, Moksnes, Panariello.
Right Tackles—Reid, Day.
Right Ends—Pease, Holloway.
Quarterbacks—Hertzfeldt, Groth.
Left Halfbacks—Ireland, Coleman, Cato, Lowery, Andruski, J. Robinson.
Fullbacks—Jacobs, Buckman.
Wingbacks—Brinton, Davis.

Army	0	0	0	8—8
Utah	0	0	7	0—7

Utah—Jacobs, 2, plunge (Jefferson, kick).
Army—Waldrop, 8, run (Stichweh, run).
Referee—Henry G. Munder. Umpire—Joseph R. Saverine. Linesman—Clifford L. Fair. Field Judge—Joseph Brownlee. Back Judge—Stanley W. Petfle. Clock Operator—Vincent Farrell.
Attendance—22,400.

STATISTICS OF THE GAME

	Army	Utah
First downs	14	15
Rushing yardage	223	176
Passing yardage	38	124
Passes	4-8	12-21
Interceptions by	1	0
Punts	4-39	4-32
Fumbles lost	1	3
Yards penalized	30	5