

Gridders Resume Practice Today

Return From Weekend Rest For Final 3 Weeks Of Drills

By MARV KRASANSKY

Rested over the weekend, Penn State's 1950 gridgers will return to their Beaver Field training grounds this morning and swing into the final three weeks of drills before the Sept. 30 opener with Georgetown.

Coach Rip Engle gave his 68 hardies the weekend off—their first since the middle of August—following a rough two-and-one-half hour drill under the hot sun Friday afternoon.

Although the quarter backs and centers have been on campus since August 16 and the remainder of the squad since August 23, the 20 days between now and Rip Engle the opening setto with the Hoyas loom as crucial ones for the Lions. The next 20 days will tell whether the Lions can iron out some of the rough spots that still remain in their handling of Engle's winged-T.

Only 10 Lettermen

Hard-hit by June graduations, the Lions are left with but ten lettermen around which Engle can swing his tremendous rebuilding and conversion job.

Retreading the Lions from their time-honored single-wing offense would be a tough enough job, but in addition Engle has been forced to beat the bushes for replacements for 19 out of last year's first 22. Gone are such standouts as Fran Rogel, the Drzenovich brothers, Bob Hicks, etc., et al, leaving Engle with a big task and just a few more gray hairs.

With the Big White switching to the winged-T from the traditional single-wing, Engle's biggest job has been to find the right man for the vital quarterback spot.

Q-Back Job Narrows

While Engle is quick to note that the job is still wide open, it seems apparent at this date that his choice will be made from lettermen Vince O'Bara and Len Shephard, and newcomer Dick Koerber.

O'Bara, a tailback in the single-wing and a right-handed passer, is the leading candidate, followed by Shephard, a converted fullback who showed latent passing ability in Spring drills, and Koerber, now sidelined with a banged-up knee.

Except for the injection of several promising candidates from a large crop of freshmen, in almost every position the manpower situation is much as it was at the close of Spring practice. Hoping to get the most mileage out of his available material, Engle will use two platoons, employing men in both offensive and defensive positions.

Doc Sparks Backfield

On the attack, the backfield.

Early Ticket Sale Augurs Top Gate

Pre-season orders indicate another good year at the gate for Penn State football.

H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said early inquiries presage attendance figures in keeping with last year's record outpouring. Georgetown, Temple, West Virginia, and Rutgers are the home attractions in 1950.

Last year an attractive card enabled the Nittany forces to draw 82,835 as compared with the previous high of 73,371 set in 1948. The cycle began in 1947 when 56,000 filled the Penn State stadium for the traditional four home games.

In anticipation of last year's record, the seating capacity was doubled by new construction prior to the 1949 season. Beaver Field now accommodates 30,000 as compared with the 14,000-capacity of previous years.

The Michigan State game of 1948 still stands as the single game high. An overflow throng of 24,579 saw that game. Last year's top crowd of 23,956 saw Nebraska on Home-Coming Day.

Jet-Like Mundell Draws Attention

Penn State's Negro scatback, Earle Mundell, is short on poundage but long on what it takes for a little fellow to go places in college football.

Mundell was singled out by Charles A. "Rip" Engle, new Lion mentor, who agrees with this estimate as he watches his 70-man squad go through its paces in preparation for 1950's rugged nine-game schedule.

The 5-foot-4, 155-pound halfback, who was a standout sprinter and football player as a schoolboy at Ambler, in the Philadelphia district, emerged as a better-than-average runner in Spring drills and much is expected of him in the coming campaign.

Mundell, who seems to relish the quick-opening wing-T plays installed by the Ripper, reported for drills in top condition and advised Engle he had spent the summer as a laborer in a steel mill.

"The kid can run, and he's got a lot of spirit," Engle said, adding that he hoped "every boy on the squad will give it as much as he does."

where the Lions appear to be the strongest, will probably shape up with Captain Owen Dougherty—a left-handed passer and the leading ground-gainer last year—at wingback, letter winner Tony Orsini, who will be out for a week with a shoulder separation, at halfback, and hard-hitting Herb Kurtz at fullback.

Important in Engle's backfield plans are Earle Mundell, the tiny speedster, and Bob Pollard, a good-looking sophomore, at halfback; letterman Chan Johnson, George Jacob, and sophomore Bill Leonard at wingback; and sophomores Fred Shattuck and Paul Anders, and juniors Jim Pollard and Herb Ellicker, at fullback.

O'Bara, Shattuck and Bob Pollard will handle the kicking chores.

Outstanding Ends

Veteran John Smidansky and lanky Art Betts are at the head of the class among the offensive ends, followed by Andy Silock, Bill Barber, Fred Huston, and

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NITTANY CAPTAIN Owen Dougherty, 14, will be an important cog in Rip Engle's 1950 football plans. End John Smidansky (upper left) and halfback Tony Orsini (upper right) will team with Dougherty in the touchdown producing department, while veteran center Ken Bunn (lower left) and tackle Chuck Godlasky (lower right) will buoy the Penn State forward wall.

Dean Hails Frosh Return To Campus Sport Scene

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With the return of freshmen to the main campus, Penn State once again will field freshman teams in all sports.

After a lapse of five years, it is reassuring to know that Penn State will again have the opportunity to prepare its athletes for varsity competition by a system of freshman athletics. It is our hope and intention to provide only the best facilities and the best coaching for our incoming athletes, and in that way to promote the future welfare of our 16-sport varsity program.

Already, schedules have been arranged in football and basketball. Other freshman schedules are in the offing. We sincerely believe that college-wide interest in athletics, both from the competitor's and the spectator's standpoint, furnish us with the only impetus we need to promote sound programs in freshman and varsity sports.

Penn State is justifiably proud of its athletic traditions, and earnestly hopes that every new student will take every opportunity to practice this creed of fair play and sportsmanship.

Lions' Bill Jeffrey Feted In Brazil

Soccer Veteran Coached Yanks

Brazilians, not unlike the English, take their soccer seriously.

Bill Jeffrey, veteran Penn State coach who directed the United States to a surprise 1-0 victory over England in an earlier round of play, was not surprised when Brazil went into mourning after its 1-0 defeat at the hands of Uruguay in the World Cup finals this past summer.

"Those Brazilians literally went wild when we licked the English," the native Scot recalled upon his return to the campus from South America, where 16 nations competed for world honors.

Enthusiasm High

"They set off giant firecrackers when we scored, then broke through the police to carry our boys off the field after the game. It was the noisiest demonstration I had ever experienced."

In Rio, where Uruguay delivered its coup before a Brazilian-dominated 170,000, a "mass funeral" was held because, according to the Brazilian press, "soccer died."

Plans for a mass celebration were scrapped, flags flying from



Bill Jeffrey

nearly every roof top and window were taken down, and firecrackers were discarded without being set off.

In contrast, the Brazilians feted the American team for days after the upset victory over England, and Jeffrey was hailed as a hero since the defeat virtually eliminated highly-regarded Britain from consideration for the World Cup championship.

Upset Of England Tops Cup Play

Earlier, however, England had greeted the news of its defeat at the hands of Uncle Sam in much the same fashion as Brazil. The unbelieving British went into national mourning, and proclaimed its soccer at "its lowest ebb."

"Of course, they take their soccer seriously," Jeffrey said, "and that's why they play such a wonderful game."

While pleased by his team's performance against Spain, and later against England, the 57-year-old Penn State coach admitted that the foreigners played a superior brand of soccer, mainly because they emphasize the offense and develop a definite pattern on the attack.

"It's wonderful to watch those teams go up and down the field, in complete command of the ball at all times," Jeffrey explained, "while the fans 'ooh-and-ah' as an offensive play develops or as one or the other team anticipates a play and breaks it up before it unfolds."

'On The Ball'



BY RAY KOEHLER
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It wouldn't have been necessary to consult the calendar or the thermometer to know that this was September in the domain of the Nittany Lion. One look through the sports pages or a trip around Beaver Field would be enough to prove that King Football has returned from exile.

Up on the turf of the aforementioned Beaver Field, thickly muscled athletes—under the guiding hand of Charles "Rip" Engle—are sweating and straining in preparation for another strenuous 9-game season which, at the moment, does not appear too promising.

Although Penn State has taken great strides in laying the foundation for a winning team—such as switching from a single-wing offense to the winged-T, Engle, whose efforts at Brown University last year have been highly praised, needs only to glance at his roster to break out in a cold sweat.

Of 24 lettermen in 1949, only ten are returning for duty this season. On top of that, the Roaring Lions' schedule is taking on an increasingly rough hue with each passing year.

Numerous qualified forecasters, after appraising a card which will pit State against such stout opposition as Army, Syracuse, Pitt, and Georgetown, have candidly announced that they will be "lucky" to win more than three games.

However mindful of the dreary picture unfolding before some 1300 freshmen (whose voices can cry out as loudly as the most anguished alumni) this observer sees a possibility of a somewhat better prospectus. With a bit of Captain Owen Dougherty's Irish luck, Engle's machine may win as many as four ball games. Count 'em 1. Nebraska 2. Temple 3. West Virginia 4. Rutgers.

Soccer enthusiasts will be happy to note that when cherubic Bill Jeffrey—the not-so-dour-Scot—trots out his 1950 booters it will mark the 25th anniversary of his producing championship clubs at Penn State.

Last year the Nittany club was ranked 1-2 among the best in the U.S. Competing in the nation's first soccer bowl against San Francisco, at St. Louis last winter, Jeffrey saw his boys wind up in a 2-2 tie in the game which was meant to determine a collegiate titlist.

Jeff now has an undefeated string of 14 games going. At one time—over a nine year stretch—he swaggered boldly over 65 consecutive challengers.

Despite this grand record, soccer—like lacrosse—another

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Only Pitt, Rutgers Hold Series Edge

Of Penn State's nine 1950 football opponents, only Rutgers and Pitt claim a bulge in the all-time records. Georgetown never before played the Lions.

Pitt's advantage is the more substantial, since the Panthers have won 29 of 49 games, whereas Rutgers topped Penn State, 26-3, in their only previous meeting in 1918.

Army, an overwhelming choice to down the Lions in 1950, scored its first win over Penn State last year. In three prior games, the Lions had won one and tied two. Here are the standings:

Opponent	First Game	Penn State Record	W.	L.	T.
Georgetown	1950	0	0	0	
Army	1899	1	1	2	
Syracuse	1922	12	10	5	
Nebraska	1920	2	0	0	
Temple	1931	8	3	0	
Boston College	1949	1	0	0	
West Virginia	1904	11	4	1	
Rutgers	1918	0	1	0	
Pitt	1899	18	29	2	