

SPORTS

# Cubs Win Eight Straight

NEWS

## GOOD TEAMS NEED A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK

University Park, Pa.—

The men of Penn State's winningest - ever football team deserve a lot of credit for the 1963 season - but don't forget the bamboo horseshoe.

Made of wood rather than iron, and certainly no product of the blacksmith's anvil, the special talisman was discovered lying in the end zone after State's opening victory over Navy.

"We figured right then and there it had to be our good luck omen for the season," says Penn State cheerleader Gary Cotler, one of the discoverers.

He must have been right. From that point on, everywhere the Nittany Lions went, the horseshoe went with them, bringing back State's first undefeated, untied season since 1947, its first 10-0 record in history, and an Orange Bowl victory over Kansas.

Even head coach Joe Paterno got in the act for one game, taking the charm to the UCLA game when the cheerleaders were unable to go. And Richie Lucas, assistant business manager of athletics, was the standard bearer for the Boston College game.

"It looks like the top of one of those canes you get at a carnival or circus explains Cotler, junior in physical education from Philadelphia. "But it's shaped like a horseshoe, and Penn State won all its games so that's all that counts."

During the week, Cotler keeps the special talisman locked away in his portable safe. For home games it's draped over the goal posts and for away games, it's put anywhere the cheerleaders can find a place for it.

After each game, a piece of adhesive tape with the final score of that particular contest is attached to the horseshoe.

"At the West Virginia game we taped it to the padding around the goal posts, and one of the attendants started to remove the padding right after the game, but we just managed to retrieve it," Cotler recalls.

And it was the Lion mascot who saved the "horseshoe" at the Army game, climbing up the goal posts just before the fans tore them down in exuberant jubilation over Penn State's 28-24 triumph.

Well, it worked all season, and was taxed to its limits in the Orange Bowl game that we won in the last 15 seconds on pure luck.

With Gammon and Edinboro losing close openers, Behrend remains the only unbeaten basketball team in the Erie area higher echelon today.

The Cubs have rolled to eight straight victories, and plan to continue this winning streak.

Sparked with speed and the desire to win, the Cubs have beaten teams with more height. What they lack in height they make up for in hustle and speed. "Run them and just out-hustle them...." a term used quite often in our locker room has been proved to work.

Coach Sweeting has been well pleased with the overall effort of the entire team--regular and substitute alike.

Ten of the eleven players who saw action in the first game contributed to the winning effort.

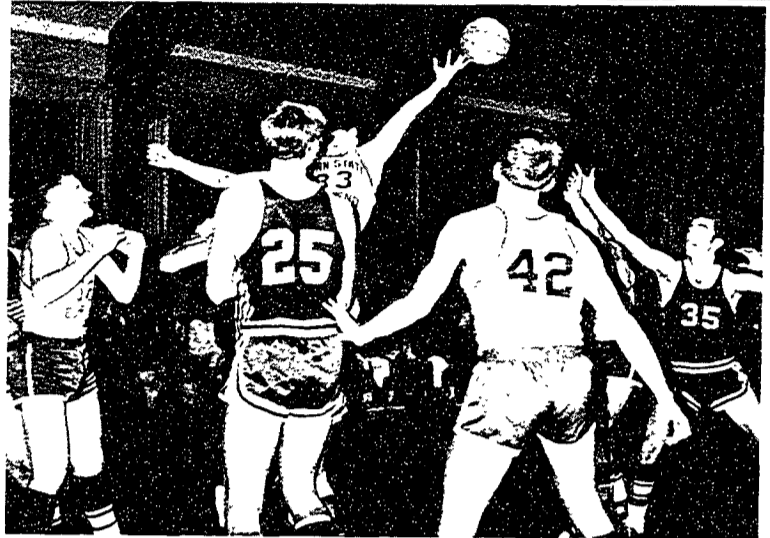
All of the boys are back from the Christmas break and are working hard every night to get back into a championship form. Working on defense is the major thing they are trying to accomplish. They have the ability to score on offense and with a little more work on defense we should see our boys in the state finals. A good defensive team makes a championship team.

Though we have no Wilt Chamberlin or Lew Alcindor, we have boys who want to win and win they will. They have won eight games so far and let's watch them win eight more.

## Don't Yippo!

Need a ride to the next away game? Our next away game will be January 10 against McKeesport-PSU at 8:00 pm.

Buses are available to all away games. On these buses, there will be approximately fifteen seats available for students who wish to accompany the team to the games. A donation of one thin dollar per student is requested to help defray the cost of the bus. Any student who wishes to reserve a seat can do so by stopping in the coach's office and leaving his name and one dollar.



Dar Fry reaches for the rebound as Duane May and Mike Hook are ready and waiting during the Cub/Astabula-Kent game.

## INJURY-JURKED CAMPBELL COULD HAVE BEEN LIONS' GREATEST BACK

University Park, Pa.— He didn't break many records at Penn State; he never got the chance. But the name of Bobby Campbell will long be remembered as one of the most commonly heard around the nation in 1963. He'll be remembered as one of the most exciting and explosive running backs ever to hit the tranquil mountains of Central Pennsylvania.

And he'll be remembered as Penn State's "Mr. Do-It-All," a halfback who could run, pass, catch passes, and kick with equal ability.

But perhaps the thing that Bobby Campbell will be remembered for most is not so much what he could do on the football field, but what he couldn't do—because of injuries.

"Take in consideration all those games he missed during the past three years and Bobby probably could have become the greatest back in Penn State history," says head coach Joe Paterno.

You don't need a slide rule to prove the point. Campbell, who wrote the final chapter to his college career in the Jan. 1 Orange Bowl, is a classic example of how statistics don't always tell the full story.

Twice, just when he seemed well on his way to national stardom and a place among the nation's All-Americans, Bobby Campbell was struck down by injuries which forced him to play the role of spectator rather than player.

A knee injury in State third game of 1967 put him out of commission for the rest of that season, and a shoulder separation in this year's second game benched him for three games.

Yet, missing 10 of 20 games as a junior and senior, and cracking the starting lineup as a sophomore only after the fifth game, Campbell still managed some

awesome statistics.

Example: in his first season as a Nittany Lion, he became the first sophomore since Lenny Moore in 1954 to lead the Lions in rushing with 492 yards in 79 carries. And remember all but 17 of those yards came in the last five games.

Example: in 1967 Campbell was the Lions' leading rusher—and played in only three games.

Example: Even though missing three games in middle of the 1963 season when he was reaching his peak, Campbell gained 704

yards in 127 carries, second only to team leader Charlie Pittman.

Projecting these statistics, Campbell conceivably could have shattered Penn State records for yards rushing in a career, yards rushing in a season, and points scored in a career.

"Who knows what I could have been like for 10 years without the injuries?" asks Paterno. "All I know is that he compares with Lenny Moore and Roger Kooker, two of the best running backs I've ever seen here. But when he's healthy, Campbell can do more than either of them."

Ironically, Campbell, in his inimitable style, saved his best game until his last one before the home fans, writing a swansong that few will forget. Playing against the team with the nation's second leading defense, Syracuse, the 21-year-old senior from Apalachin, N.Y., broke loose for 239 yards on the ground and scored two touchdowns to spark Penn State to a 30-12 triumph. One of

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