

Bill Kern Assures Fighting Eleven

West Virginia University's Mountaineers head into their forty-eighth year of intercollegiate football this fall with a new man, blond Bill Kern, in the coach's seat.

With Kern comes a new staff, replacing that of Dr. Marshall Glenn. Eddie Hirschberg will be his first assistant, with Frank Kutz coaching the guards and Mike Nicksick the backs. Ray Carnelly will be Freshman coach, and Errett Rodgers, West Virginia's only All-American and dean of Mountaineer coaches, is being retained as backfield coach and chief scout. Like their boss, Hirschberg, Kutz, and Nicksick are former Pitt stars, while Carnelly was the star quarterback of Carnegie Tech's eastern championship eleven of 1938.



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Kern, late of Carnegie Tech, where in 1938 he was voted the nation's "coach of the year," is a pretty good guarantee the Mountaineers won't follow beaten paths so painful to West Virginians the past two years, but prospects are still very doubtful.

"We don't have big enough boys to play teams like that this year," said Kern. "Our backs are all small, and must be taught to run. On top of this our squad is a limited one, and we've got a new system to install."

A hard-working, deadly serious fellow, well schooled in the Jock Sutherland football which carried Pitt's Golden Panthers to an envied spot, can only guarantee this fall that the Mountaineers "will be up to their necks with the best football of which they're capable." He demands a fighting, hard-hitting type of play, some assurance of which can be found in the recent comment of a well-known Pittsburgh sports columnist that "opponents of West Virginia are going to see more stars up over Mountaineer Field than they've seen in a long, long time." Kern's teams at Tech played the same type of football, and were among the finest drilled in the country.

Brown and Gramly Tried At Fullback

Two untried sophomores, Earl Brown and Len Gramly, will in all probability take over the fullback chores in the West Virginia encounter Saturday, replacing the injured Bill Smaltz and Ralph Ventresco.

Both newcomers to varsity ranks, neither of whom saw action in the Bucknell game, they were given a thorough tryout in the number three backfield spot in yesterday's scrimmage against the freshmen and performed very creditably. In the starting lineup Coach Bob Higgins will probably use the lightweight Brown who is completely recovered from his shoulder injury.

In contrast to gloomy Monday, when a series of injuries claimed several of the key players, yesterday's practice session rejuvenated the hopes of Lion followers who were cheered by the return to action of Chuck Peters, star halfback, and Carl Stravinski, veteran left tackle.

Peters was easily the outstanding player on the field apparently suffering little, if at all, from his three week layoff. His shifty running completely fooled the yearling tacklers all afternoon as he got away for numerous long runs.

Bill Smith Wins First Time-Trials

Captain Bill Smith, 125-pound titan of cross-country runners, again proved his harrier superiority when he drifted across the finish line almost two minutes ahead of Alex Bourgerie in yesterday's five-mile time trials. Smith's time was 26.54.

Max Peters, Chet Snyder, Pop Thiel, Howard Wheeler, and Clair Hess were the other five harriers who finished in order in competition for the Michigan State starting posts on Saturday.

However, Coach Chick Werner has not designated this group as his lineup against the Spartans, because he was disappointed with the comparatively slow time of the squad. Bourgerie, Peters, Snyder,

and Thiel, all were in the 28 minute class, while Wheeler and Hess did the five-mile course in 30 minutes.

Smith made his best time last year when he broke the course record at 25.54 in the Syracuse meet. He was exactly one minute slower yesterday. Alex Bourgerie competed in only the Manhattan meet last year because of injuries, and his time was 31:16, compared with yesterday's 28.27.

Intramural Swimming Competition Continues

Sigma Pi and Theta Chi drew a tie in yesterday's intramural swimming meet, and as a result will clash again today. Delta Chi beat Delta Upsilon; DTD and Phi Delta Theta won by forfeits from SAE and Phi Kappa Tau.

Gymnast Leaves College

John Wolf '43, ace gymnast on the freshman team last year and former Philadelphia scholastic champion, dropped out of the College last week. Financial difficulties and a desire to enter the aviation field caused his withdrawal.

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