

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

On National Defense

In case you still doubt that the Lion grid team has a defense as terrific as two stone walls, you might like to know that prior to the Lehigh breather Saturday, the Nittany representatives ranked eighth in the country for "total" defense.

According to the American Football Statistical Bureau (long may their adding machines live), Bob Higgins' lads were surpassed on the national football defense scene by only Georgia, Mississippi State, Navy, Richmond, San Jose State, Colorado State, and Iowa, in total yardage made their front line. Behind the Lions came two of the country's top-flighters Tennessee's Vols and Michigan (Harmon).

Bucknell and West Virginia tried 60 offensive plays against the Nittany crew, gaining 47 yards rushing, and 161 by aerial thrusts, which even more so emphasizes the locals' weakness against air raids.

So potent is the Higginsmen's ground defense that before the Engineer tussle, they were ranked third in the country in turning back enemy gains by land. Only Georgia and Penn topped the Lions, according to AFSB ratings.

A hurried checkup from this corner, following the Battle of Bethlehem, showed that the Staters moved into second place behind Penn. Lehigh gained but eight yards all afternoon, boosting total gains of opponents by land to 55 yards against Penn State. Princeton, playing Penn, tallied a minus 16 yards against the Quakers, while Columbia marched 71 yards through Georgia. Which results in Penn's moving into first place with but 26 yards against them, Penn State in second with 55, and Georgia slipping down to third with 75.

All of which is a nice tribute to Messrs. Vargo, Platt, Mori, Gajacki, Garbinski, Stravinski, and Parsons.

Please, Mr. Higgins, just give us a pass defense as potent, and Temple will owe us two touchdowns after Saturday's game!

Frosh Work On Defense For Syracuse Saturday

Defensive scrimmage against the varsity and pass defense kept the freshmen on their toes yesterday as they drilled in preparation for the Syracuse game at Syracuse, Saturday.

The fierce tackling of Joe Kraynack, center, and Aldo Cenci, quarterback, stood out as the yearling line proved tough for the varsity to crack. On several occasions the frosh broke through and threw the blue-jerseyed backs for a loss.

Syracuse, Last To Beat Lion Booters, Will Try For Repeat Saturday

Since their last game in the season of 1932 when a strong Syracuse eleven edged the Nittanymen, 2-1, the invincible soccer machines of Coach Bill Jeffrey have not lost a single game in their 57 contests. Saturday the Orangemen will attempt to again overthrow the kingpins of soccer.

Always has the Syracuse aggregation been the stumbling block for the Nittanymen, and not since that memorable day in the fall of 1936 when the Orange tied Penn State, 4-4, has there been as thrilling a soccer match or as tight a squeeze for Bill Jeffrey's boys.

The teams were deadlocked at 3-3 in the last quarter when the spark reached the powder. A last minute rush-saw Syracuse take the lead with a goal 81 seconds before the game ended, and with the 1500 spectators still cheering what appeared to be an Orange victory, Nittany Captain Bill McEwan drove the ball toward the Orange net—a seemingly impossible kick from 35 yards out that packed so much power the Syracuse goalie stabbed for the ball after it was in the net.

Captain Bill McEwan, incidentally is the brother of one of the great soccer players of all time, John McEwan, Syracuse center forward, who scored the goal that beat the Lions in 1932, the only time a Jeffrey coached team was defeated on New Beaver Field.

John McEwan was also one of the members of the team that went to Scotland in 1934.

This year's captain, Walt Hosterman, makes this comment about Saturday's game, "Syracuse has always been a nemesis for Penn State. Last year we won, 5-0, but they had a much better team than the score indicated. At any rate, it will be the toughest game yet this year."

The coaching systems of Penn State and Syracuse are as different as day from night. The Orangemen use power and rougher tactics than the Nittanymen who stress strategy, short kicks, and clever passing.

Coach Jeffrey will start the team that opened against Bucknell last week, and will take along five of the following: Ernst, Dearborn, Seavy, Taylor, Arnold, and Duffard.

Candy, Eppright Win Freshman Harrier Race

Showing far more promise than any two freshmen have displayed in the past three years, Guyer Candy and Bill Eppright spurred to a 15:54 photofinish in a fast three-mile time-trial yesterday.

Candy, who has shown the greatest harrier improvement in this fall's workouts, and Eppright, transfer student from Penn, established the best time in three years when they out-footed 12 other freshmen to the finish line.

Although Eppright will not be eligible to compete in this year's freshman harrier duels, Candy will be well supported by Hobbs, Stone, Hazel, Falloon, Wright, and Eno, all who turned in a 17 minute three mile time yesterday.

The times: Candy 15:54, Eppright 15:54, Hobbs 16:19, Stone 16:41, Hazel 16:50, Falloon 17:19, Wright 17:24, Eno 17:31, Hyson 17:38, Cressman 18:03, Bourges 18:035, Diamond 18:46, McVoy 19:22, and McEvoy 19:30.

White And Ventresco Shape Up Well For Temple Clash As Varsity Gridders Scrimmage Frosh

All hands were on deck and in good shape yesterday as Coach Bob Higgins sent his Lion gridders through an intensive two hour scrimmage against the freshman squad in preparation for the aerial blitzkrieg and crushing running offensive the versatile Temple eleven is expected to reveal on Saturday.

While the varsity players showed up well against the "Owl" defense used by the yearlings, the most encouraging factor for the undefeated Lions was the performance turned in by the returning injured gridders. With veteran Craig White, Ralph Ventresco and Bob Wear back in playing condition, the State squad should be at its fullest strength for the Temple encounter, barring any injuries this week.

The return of White should bolster the Blue and White pass defense considerably since the three-year veteran halfback is one of the ablest defenders against forward passes Higgins has. He will share the wingback assignment with Len Krouse whose ball carrying and pass receiving has been outstanding in the three games this year.

With Bill Smaltz all ready to resume his passing and kicking duties in the backfield, the fullback spot was further bolstered by the agility shown yesterday by Ventresco. The big sophomore star appeared fully recovered from the bad knee injury which kept him out of action since the opener with Bucknell.

Temple At Full Strength

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 22—As the Temple Owls began preparations for Penn State, Coach Ray Morrison, for the first time

since the season got under way, had no lineup problems.

The problem of selecting a team is almost eliminated, and the coaching staff was able to devote two hours today to correcting the faults made in the Michigan State victory.

Morrison has complete faith in the ability of Jimmy Powers, the fullback who ran 105 yards on the opening kickoff, to call plays.

If there is any change in the starting lineup for Saturday's game it will be at right halfback where George Sutch may replace Angelo (Spitz) Sparagna. Both are sophomores. Sutch, injured before the season started, played about 15 minutes against the Spartans and he turned in a good performance.

Sparagna also played well, and he rates on even terms with Sutch, but against the rugged State team, Morrison may figure that the latter will be the better choice.

After scouting the Lions, assistant coach Henry Frnka reported that State has the most rugged pair of ends of any team the Owls have faced this year.

"Tom Vargo, in particular," he said, "is going to be tough to handle. The forward wall has plenty of drive and our line will have to play its best game of the season."

Physically, the Owls came out of the Michigan State game in good shape. Some of the players were a bit bruised but there were no serious ailments.

Kelly To Be Lion At Temple

Tom Kelly '42, Beta Theta Pi, will don the Nittany Lion Skin for the Temple game next Saturday. Before the game the Lion will be paraded about the streets of Philadelphia.

Snyder, Kotz Gop Harrier Time-Trials For Starting Lineup Against Syracuse

Vern Kotz and Chet Snyder breasted the tape together in yesterday's three-mile time-trial in 16:06 minutes as only six of Coach Chick Werner's injury-riddled squad competed for starring positions against Syracuse who will run here Friday morning.

Flashing around the Nittany course in rabbit style, Kotz and Snyder headed a field consisting of Pop Thiel, who finished in 16:23, Captain Bill Smith 17:57, Dusty Rhodes 17:58, and Bill Jimerson clocked at 21:23.

Smith, Penn State's slender-legged IC-4A champion, was content to let other harriers set the pace as he began final drills to win the last home cross-country meet of his Penn State harrier career.

Only four varsity harriers are certain of starting against the Orangemen. Smith, Thiel, Snyder, and Kotz, have been named as the Nittany Lion nucleus, while three other positions are still indefinite.

Al Bourgerie, Herm Goffberg and Howie Wheeler, three varsity men who were injured last week returned to practice yesterday, but only went through a calisthenic drill in order to loosen up inactive muscles.

Maxwell Leads Leyden In All-College Golf Tilt

In the finals of the all-college golf tournament, Donald L. Leyden '41, was one down yesterday afternoon to G. Scott Maxwell '41, at the end of the first 18 holes of the 36 hole match.

The second 18 will be played off next Tuesday afternoon. To the winner will go the annual cup presented by the Athletic Association.

Aerial Warfare Wins Intramural

In last night's intermural football games Jordan Hall, last year's winner in the independent league, defeated the Penn State Club 12-0 in a preliminary game.

Kappa Sigma trounced Delta Chi 20-0 in a quarter final game in the Fraternity league. This game was marked by the spectacular aerial warfare of Kappa Sigma's Bill Montz, John Allison, and Bill Lewis. Montz was on the throwing end and Allison and Lewis did a good job of catching his heaves. In a semi-final match Alpha Chi Sigma, last year's fraternity league winner, kept on the winning side of the ledger by nosing out Alpha Phi Delta 7-0. Scoring their touchdown on a forward pass from Dick Volmerto to Bill Matteson.

Alpha Chi Sigma will meet the winner of the Kappa Sigma-SAE semi-final game to be played tonight. Other games tonight will find Frazier A. C. meeting the Blue and White, Irvin Hall, last year's independent league winner, opposing its dorm rival Watts Hall and BRB will clash with Fairmont Hall in a second round match. The intramural finals will all be played off next week.

Smith Replaces Sandson

William Sandson '41, Phi Kappa Sigma, resigned from his position as assistant manager of fencing. Charles Smith '41, Phi Kappa, first alternate assistant, will replace Sandson. No reason was given for Sandson's resignation.

Blazer Staff Named

H. Leonard Krouse, junior class president, appointed a committee of juniors yesterday, to handle the sale of Junior Blazers this year. The chairman, William Myers, will be assisted by Peter J. Krones, Jean Balthaser, Robert R. Furlong, Joseph P. Gavenone, William H. Arthur, and Frederick Rasmussen.

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