

Between The Lions

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Fear Of Letdown

Paradoxically enough, we approach today's impending gridiron battle between the Lions and West Virginia's Mountaineers with greater alarm than last week's clash with Syracuse.

Last Saturday the Lions had their claws sharpened and were ready. They had been progressing since the Temple debacle and were primed to turn in their best performance of the season. All that, added to the traditional invincibility of Penn State in a houseparty game, served to produce one of the biggest upsets of the week.

Today, on the other hand, finds the Blue and White eleven entering the game with an attitude which forebodes little good for its followers. Up psychologically for the Orangemen and now looking ahead to the Pitt tilt next week, the Nittanymen are taking West Virginia a bit too cheaply.

Remember Last Year

Remember last year? West Virginia came here with an inferior club and almost scared the daylight out of an undefeated State team before going down, 17 to 13. This year the Mountaineers are much improved and have been coming along nicely of late. They are ready for their game of the year and any letdown on the part of the hosts will spell disaster.

Bob Higgins has been trying to instill into his squad a high respect for the ability of Bill Kern's eleven all week. Keeping a football team on edge week after week is one of a coach's toughest jobs and we won't be able to say how well the Lion coach has succeeded in his current task until late this afternoon.

Pardon our pessimistic outlook but the Fordham and Texas stunners are with us too much. The Lion eleven has the necessary equipment to turn aside the visitors in handy fashion. Whether it will use it effectively, today's game will tell. We think they will but watch out!

Calling The Turn

For the benefit of the readers who were curious as to our choice in the Fordham-Pitt game (we inserted 'guess who?') in last week's predictions, our answer is guess who? And we don't mean the Panthers, either. In addition to the upset of the year, we missed three other games to make it 39 won, 17 lost and six tied for an average of .696.

In this weekend's wars we see State victory over West Virginia (a vote of confidence), Syracuse over Colgate, (we never did believe in comparative scores), Michigan State over Temple, South Carolina over Furman, Nebraska over Pitt (now don't make liars of us again,



EATS UP YARDS—Picking up 73 yards in the clash with Kansas last week, Dick McElwee, right halfback, is now the leading ground gainer for the Mountaineers. In 78 tries McElwee has gained 331 yards to average 4.2 yards for the season.

Debler May Replace Petrella At Halfback

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for 158 yards. McElwee himself has completed nine tosses for 144 yards.

The Lions will be faced with a big job of defense when they face Coach Kern's spread formations. The West Virginia mentor offers variations to his offense by moving guards and tackles to the backfield or the ends to make them eligible pass-receivers.

Pepper Petrella, fleet tailback, is doubtful of seeing action against the Mountaineers because of a sprained ankle which kept him confined to the infirmary until yesterday. Bill Debler will take his place.

In the only change on the line from last week's game, Bernie Brosky will probably replace Mike Kerns at tackle.

Today's grid encounter will be the last home game for eight Penn State players, Captain Len Krouse, Pepper Petrella, Bill Smaltz, Bob Wear, Chuck Raysor, Hank Day, Bill Debler, and Red Yoho. The two remaining games will be played at Pittsburgh and Columbia, South Carolina.



CHIEF TALLY MAN — Charley Schrader, sophomore fullback, leads the Mountaineers in scoring for seven games. He tallied nine points last Saturday against Kansas with a field goal and a touch down, running his season's count to 22 points.

PIAA Harriers Here

The fifth annual Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association State Cross-Country Championships will be held here at 11 o'clock today under the auspices of the College.

Chances Slight For Harrier Win

Penn State's cross-country team will leave for New York tomorrow with a very slight outside chance for a victory in the IC4-A's, according to Lion Coach Chick Werner.

The Blue and White mentor believes that Rhode Island State, last year's winner, is just about unbeatable in the meet, with the NYU and Michigan State contingents nabbing the second and third positions.

The squad of seven—Captain Alex Bourgerie, Herm Goffberg, Norm Gordon, Pop Thiel, Bob Faloon, Curt Stone, and Mac Smith—will limber up on the Van Cortlandt Park course Sunday afternoon. Bourgerie, Goffberg, and Thiel will see the last of their intercollegiate cross-country competition with this meet.

A brighter note is seen on the frosh side of the picture. Accompanying their varsity brothers will be seven yearlings who are figured to have as good a chance as any in the freshman race.

Leader of the crew will be Jerry Karver. Karver was picked by several metropolitan coaches as the early favorite for individual honors.

The other members of the frosh team will be Joe Beach, Newman Draper, Paul Smith, Jack Johnson, Ed Housley, and John McCall.

Nittany Booters Seek No. 66 At West Point

Rinksmen Schedule Lake Placid Trip For Christmas

The possibility of a Christmas vacation trip to Lake Placid loomed for the ice hockey squad, which starts practice November 1, according to manager John D. Clark '42.

A tentative schedule has been arranged which includes games with Penn, Colgate, Georgetown, Cornell, Carnegie Tech, Lehigh, and the Lake Placid trip.

About 35 candidates are expected to turn out for the initial practice. A large amount of new equipment has been purchased and the players will have "the best protection available" according to Coach A. F. Davis.

Clarke announced that freshman numerals will be awarded this year.

Talk Postponed

Because of illness, H. W. Prentiss Jr., College trustee, was unable to speak in Schwab Auditorium yesterday afternoon.

boys), Army to bounce back against Penn (unless the Quakers run backward too fast), Northwestern over Notre Dame, Mississippi State over Duquesne, Detroit over Villanova, and Princeton over Yale in a ferocious battle between evenly matched teams.

Undefeated Frosh Face Army Plebes

By DOM GOLAB

Their 66th straight game without defeat—that's what the Nittany Lion soccermen will be striving for this afternoon when they meet a highly-respected Army eleven at West Point.

Never an underdog, the amazing Jeffrey men are favored to register their fifth victory of the season, although a stiff battle is expected from the once-beaten Cadets, who are determined to gain their first triumph over the Lions in the seven-year series.

Pre-season form sheets indicated a mediocre season for Army, but Coach Marchand's booters surprised the soccer world with a 3-1 victory over Princeton in their opening game and continued to play high-grade soccer to trounce Lehigh, 3-1; Syracuse, 4-1; and Bucknell, 4-1. After tying Brown, 3-3, they were upset last week by Harvard, 1-0.

Although not considered quite as good as the Navy squad which the Nittanymen outmudded in their last appearance, Army has a rugged, hard-fighting team and boasts of its center halfback, Captain Guykeson, one of the finest players in collegiate soccer. Guykeson, who was an All-American football player at Maryland before entering West Point, was a thorn in Penn State's side in last year's contest.

Confident of stopping Army's one-man attack—and scoring a few goals themselves—the Nittany Lions will field one of their best-balanced teams in history, with a rugged defense and a high-powered forward line.

In inside forwards Captain Woody King and Gringo Galindo the Lions have possibly the two finest ball-handlers and passers in college ranks. Also helping to set up goals for Don Megrail, high-scoring center forward, will be Smiley Williams, brilliant sophomore outside right, and either Ned Corman or Jose Lombana at the left wing.

The three lads who stole the show in the Navy game—Sammy Schure, Charley Arnold, and Johnny Duiford—will form the halfback line. Three reserve halfbacks, Bill Prichard, Boyd Ethers, and Max Chenoweth, may also see action.

Veterans Hap Freeman and Alan Heck will start at the fullback posts, and Johnny Struck is expected to play his usual bang-up game at the goal-tending position.

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