

Penn State Gridders Seek Revenge Coach, Star Under Pressure

Lions Hope To Reverse Last Year's 33-0 Loss

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Lansing yesterday on a special train and will make their headquarters at the Hotel Penn Alto at Altoona.

Coach Charlie Bachman's charges and the Nittany Lions have been opponents only three times but have been rivals for more than a quarter of a century.

For the Higginsmen, the game will offer an opportunity to avenge last year's 33-0 shellacking at East Lansing and at the same time even the series between the two teams.

Spartans Lead Series

The Spartans have won two decisions over the Lions in three games in the series started in 1914. The home forces scored their only win in 1925.

For this game, a must on the Michigan State program, Coach Bachman has recruited three Pennsylvanians for his starting line-up. End Warren Huey of Punxsutawney has been appointed honorary team captain while Bob McCurry of Lewistown will start at guard with John Pletz of Turtle Creek at tackle.

Injuries Hamper

Coach Bob Higgins will start Jeff Durkota at the wingback slot in place of Bob Union who was injured in the Bucknell fray. Although Red Moore, tackle and team captain, had an old ankle injury aggravated in the Syracuse game last week, it is expected he will be in shape tomorrow.

The Penn State coaches have been stressing pass defense in an effort to avoid a repetition of last year's attack, when Russ Reader, Spartan candidate for All-American, tossed two touchdown passes to Huey.

Ace Passer

Last year Reader completed 53 of 90 forward passes to attack among the nation's leaders in that department. He scored 35 of the Spartans' 120 points and tossed three touchdown passes, two off them to Huey.

Michigan State is expected to use everything in its bag of tricks in an effort to overcome the favored Nittany Lions. Winning their first game with Wayne,

Lion Blocking Back



Manny Weaver, 205-pound quarterback, will be backing up the Nittany Lion's defense when Penn State meets the Spartans from Michigan State. The Blue and White will be out to avenge the 33-0 shellacking they took at Michigan last season.

The Spartans have dropped two losses since the first with Boston College and the second last week to Mississippi, 6-0.

The Higginsmen will be out to extend their undefeated season to three wins. Both Bucknell and Syracuse have bowed to the Lions.

Although both teams will field a line averaging 202 pounds, the Spartan backfield, perhaps one of the fastest in Michigan State history, averages 195 pounds.

Bachman will employ his celebrated Flying Z offense which centers attention on the fullback moving with great speed and agility. Higgins uses the single wing formation with an unbalanced line.



Coach Charlie Bachman

Michigan State gridders will meet the Nittany Lions with a psychological advantage at New Beaver Field tomorrow afternoon.

Both the Spartan coach and star backfield performer will be out to repudiate various charges hurled at them by the Michigan State student body during the past week.

Student groups have been bearing signs and circularizing petitions at the East Lansing campus demanding that Coach Charlie Bachman resign because he hasn't produced a winning team with what the students believe to be excellent material.

School officials refused to recognize the petitions and it is not



Backfield Star Russ Reader

known how they were started or who instigated the campaign.

Russ Reader, Spartan ace halfback and one of the Nation's leading passers, was booed last week by the student cheering section as he left the Mississippi State game which Michigan State lost 6-0.

The students shouted that Reader was laying down on the job and accused him of "not trying."

Sports writers who witnessed the incident said that it was the first time they had ever heard a football player booed for other than dirty playing.

Smaltz Resumes Studies, Coaches Juniata Team

Bill Smaltz, one of the nation's top passers five years ago, will divide his time between the football field and classroom on two college campuses this fall.

His education interrupted by war, the Aliquippa youth will continue his quest for a degree at Penn State while filling the dual role of backfield coach and assistant director of physical education at nearby Juniata College.

Smaltz, whose bullet-like passes to Len Krouse brought Penn State national recognition in 1941, will attend classes at his alma mater in the morning and then motor the 20 miles to Juniata, where football will occupy him until evening.

The former Lion fullback had several opportunities to enter professional football this fall, but shunned them in order to finish his education. His wife, Betty Rank Smaltz, also a Penn State graduate, is director of women's physical education at Juniata.

Michigan State Harriers Open Season Against Undefeated Lions

Blue and White Scored First Win Over Orange

Michigan State opens its 1946 cross-country season when the Spartans journey eastward to meet Coach Chick Werner's undefeated harriers Saturday afternoon. Spartan Coach Lauren P. Brown is out to reverse the 1942 score when the Lions topped them, 24-32, over a muddy course at East Lansing, Michigan.

Coach Werner released the Penn State line-up yesterday. Starters will be Captain Curt Stone, Horace Ashenfelter, Bob Auman, Howie Horne, Gerry Karver, Fred Lennox, Don Longenecker, Bernie Rudnick, Bill Shuman, Jack Stevenson, Mitch Williams, Bill Wills, and Earl Youtz.

Spartan Coach Lauren P. Brown is bringing 12 runners with him for Saturday's meet. Werner expects Michigan State to be one of the Lion's tougher opponents since the Spartans have always fielded a strong team. Michigan State has maintained a cross-country squad throughout the war years and this year's team is made up of former half-milers.

Running for the Spartans will be Captain Walter Mack, Walt Atchison, Jack Dianetti, Tom Freitag, Jim Gibbard, Kevin Higgins, Herb Keschull, Ed Kiczinski, John Quinn, Bob Sewell, Adolf Weinacker, and Dick Zobel.

The runners will begin their five-mile trek ten minutes after the second quarter of the Penn State-Michigan State football game. Michigan State football State-Michigan State football Beaver Field track, run one lap around the cinders, and then head

for the golf course. The trail continues around the golf course and then back to the stadium to finish at the 50-yard line.

Winner in cross-country competition is the team with the lowest score. Coaches select seven runners to compete but only the first five men from each team count in the final score.

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