

Between the Lions

By BEN FRENCH

A low blow has been handed to a member of the Nittany Lion football team by a portion of his own student body.

The purpose of this column is not to condemn last Saturday's conduct. The editor of this paper already did that in yesterday's paper. We wanted to find out why it happened and find out the facts in the case.

First of all, we turned to Ridge Riley, who's seen more Penn State football games than he cares to count. Ridge stated in this week's Alumni Football Letter, "Bobby Williams makes his presence known in other ways (than being the offensive spark)—he's steady and reliable—and his handling of the team in the early stages of the game is often responsible for its later effectiveness."

Let's look at Williams' record. In the Bucknell game he carried the ball four times and picked up 28 yards for an average of 6.7 yards per try.

Against Fordham, he tossed one pass for a touchdown and chalked up 15 yards in five tries Saturday, playing under a great strain with his mother in the stands at the same time the students were booing him, he carried four times for a net gain of four yards.

This measures up to not the best record on the team but also not the worst. So why the disapproval of the fans?

The common answer by the fans is, "Higgins favors Williams too much and keeps him in the game longer than he should"; or, "Williams and the team don't get along and they don't block for him."

Football, especially winning football, is an intricate science. A science just like physics or chemistry and it can not be expected that we grandstand quarterbacks can see all that is taking place on the field or the true value of any player. Who should know better than the coach and the captain of the team?

Here's what Bob Higgins told us yesterday.

"Williams is probably the best signal-caller on the team, although he is not the best runner. He goes in early to set up the offense for later plays. He finds out what plays go and what don't go. His job is responsible for the gains made in the second half by the other backs."

As to that second question, Higgins stated: "Williams has the respects and regards of the whole team. There's no hard feelings any place on the team. Williams doesn't mind his job and he's glad to see Petchel and the other backs make good."

Later, we contacted co-captain Johnny Potsklar on the subject. "Potsy" echoed Higgins' statement and stated that "the team backs up the coach's opinion wholeheartedly."

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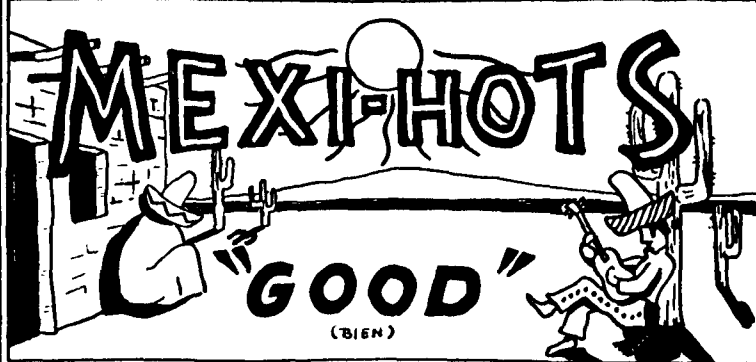
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IM Swimming

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SAE's Top PiKA's 14-0 in IM Tilt

Two first half touchdown passes enabled Sigma Alpha Epsilon to register a rousing 14-0 intramural touch football victory over Pi Kappa Alpha Monday night. Drawing a bye in the first round elimination, the SAE's thus advanced to the third round in their fraternity bracket.

Passer Jack Woche found his target, Jim Hartsock in the end zone and tossed 10 yards for the first TD, while Lloyd Halderman later flipped a flat pass to Chuck

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Lions Face Mountaineers Saturday Without Colone

The Nittany Lions will probably be facing a tough West Virginia quad Saturday minus the Blue and White's star fullback, Joe Colone. Colone, who was taken out of the Syracuse game early in the first quarter, is suffering from a mild shoulder separation. He may be out of the Lion lineup for a week or even two, said Dr. Alfred H. Griess, team physician.



COLONE

Ready to face a sturdy crew of Mountaineers will be most of the Penn Staters who were sidelined for the Syracuse game. Larry Joe, speedy backfield ace who had his ankle bone chipped in the Fordham game, has been practicing and will be ready to play. Center Johnny Wolosky, who was out because of a neck and shoulder injury, will probably be in the lineup again, as will be co-captain Johnny Potsklar. Negley Norton, who received a shin kick last Saturday, will be ready to start against the Mountaineers. Clarence Hummel and Walt Cominsky, both reserve backs who were sidelined for the Syracuse game, will be ready to go.

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YOU HAVE TO BABY THE PROS

by Stanley Frank

WHO WILL MAKE the Coaches' Association 1947 All-American? Watch for this exclusive Post feature.

