

Avenging Lions Battle Undefeated West Virginia

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The Nittany Lions returned to their winning ways with an easy 32-7 victory over the Mountaineers in 1943, but in '44 former All-American Ira Rodgers came up with a West Virginia team which scored a stunning 28-27 upset victory over the Lions on New Beaver Field.

Jimmy Walthall, of West Virginia, and Johnny Chuckran, of Penn State, were the heroes of the '44 clash. Walthall, fleet halfback, enjoyed the edge on Chuckran in the passing department, although the Penn State ball-carrier ran wild on the ground.

This year both boys have been plagued by injuries. A torn ligament has handicapped Walthall so far this season, although he has played in a few of the games. Chuckran has been bothered by a bad case of "shin splints" and will not be able to play.

Tomorrow's game, the first between these two teams since 1944, will find Bill Kern, Mountaineer mentor in a new role. Heretofore a strong disciple of the single wing, the West Virginia coach has switched to the T and has enjoyed unusual success with it.

LION SINGLE WING

Both West Virginia and Penn State boast big tough lines and a fast set of backs. Walthall, Tom Keane, Pete Zinaich, Rex Bumgardner and Jimmy Devonshire are some of the better-known names in the Mountaineer backfield, while Kern can look forward to such hard-charging standouts as Gene Corum, Ed Kulakowski and center Leo Benjamin on the line.

FORMER BUCKEYE

Keane, who generalised Ohio State's high flying Buckeye's three years ago, is one of Kern's best back quarterbacks, and operating from the T is right down his alley. The 180-pound griddier is a crack passer and a shifty runner.

"Outside of Navy's Dick Scott, Leo Benjamin is the best center we will encounter this season," said Al Michaels, Lion backfield coach who scouted the West Virginia team.

Higgins and Kern are intimate friends off the field, but for the duration of a football game in which their two teams are involved, there's no love lost between the two. Although great pals, both would like nothing better than to beat the other.

This Kern's eighth year at the Mountaineer helm and he and Higgins have oposed each other only three times. Higgins holds the edge with two wins, but that lone defeat in 1942 spoiled what might have been the first unbeaten season of the Higgins' regime. Kern went to war at season's end.

14TH ENCOUNTER

Saturday's game will bring Penn State and West Virginia together for the 14th time since 1904. Penn State holds the edge in the series with eight victories to four for the Mountaineers. The odd game was the only stalemate in the series.

West Virginia's squad of 34 will arrive this afternoon, and will go through a light workout on New Beaver Field.

The Blue and White will be missing the kicking and plunging of Joe Colone due to a shoulder separation sustained in the Syracuse game, but Francis Rogel

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should fill his shoes nicely at the fullback spot.

Back in the Penn State lineup will probably be Larry Joe. Nittany Valley's speedster of the gridiron, after almost two weeks' rest. Bobby Williams' steadiness plus Elwood Petchel's versatility and exceptional passing should strengthen the hole made by the loss of Colone.

Jeff Durkota, who leads the team in scoring, and Wally Triplett are wingbacks who have been helping make the headlines for Penn State.

PENN STATE LINE

Back in the line after sitting it out last Saturday will be co-captain end Johnny Potoklan. A line boasting the weight and ability of such other standouts as co-captain Johnny Nolan, Steve Suhey, Johnny Wolosky, Norton, Drzenovich, and Tamburo on the other end, should make a combination hard for the Mountaineers to crack.

For the two coaches, Bob Higgins of Penn State and Bill Kern of West Virginia, the game will mark the renewal of an old rivalry. Kern last led the Mountaineers against the Lions in 1942.

Jay Vee Booters Drop Inaugural

The Lion's newly formed Jay-vee soccer team opened its season at the Bloomsburg State Teachers College by dropping a close 3-2 decision in a hotly fought contest.

Although Bloomsburg drew first blood on a goal by Dent, Sam Axe, playing center half for the Lions, retaliated with two goals putting the visitors ahead 2-1 at the close of the period. Neither team could score in the second quarter and the Lions held a 2-1 lead when the whistle blew ending the half.

The third period was hard fought with the Lions repeatedly thwarted at the Bloomsburg goal but they were unable to score. In the final quarter the Bloomsburg forward line began to click and two quick goals by Dent and Ludwig gave Bloomsburg a 3-2 lead. They held on to that lead to win the game by a 3-2 count.

Booters, Navy Risk Records

A rugged and aggressive Middy eleven that has already notched four wins this season will face off against Bill Jeffrey's booters on the soccer field at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Performing without the services of starting center forward Kenny Hosterman, who sustained a broken leg in last week's battle against Penn, Jeffrey's charges will be shooting for their fourth straight win of the campaign.

Last season, the Annapolis turfmen registered a 1-1 tie over Penn State by virtue of a "fluke" goal scored in the waning minutes of the game.

STARTING LINEUP

Starting for the Lions will be Gene Graebner at goalie, Jim Kline and Dave Binns at fullback, and the Smiling Scot's smooth functioning halfback trio of Dean Hartman, Ralph Hosterman, and Jack Campbell, at the halfback slots.

In the forward line, diminutive Fred Kretzer, who tallied all three Lion scores against the Quakers last week, will take over Ken Hosterman's center forward spot.

Ted Lieb and Dean Witmer are slated to fill in the right side of the offensive wall, while Bill Shellenberger and Hal Hackman handle the left flank chores.

Donning uniforms for the Lions in relief roles will be fullbacks Bud Pierce, Chuck Margolf, and Frank Tauscher, and goalie Ed Watson. Substitutes in the offensive positions will be Pete Buzad, Will Kraybill, and Spence Boyer, while Jim Etters and Dick Hanna spell the starting halfbacks.

Jayvees Seek Win Over Navy Today

Gunning for their first win, Penn State's Jayvee gridgers boarded a bus early this morning to journey to Annapolis, Md., where they clash this afternoon with Navy in their only game scheduled away from home this season.

In the Little Lions' starting lineup, released yesterday by Head Coach Jim O'Hara, will be eight gridmen who started last week's struggle with Syracuse. Ray Hedderick, from Erie, will occupy the center spot and will be flanked by Guards Cecil Jackson and Gene Shaffer, both from Huntingdon. Skipper O'Hara has chosen Dalton Rumberger, from Mt. Lebanon, and Jack Storer,

Will the Mark Fall as . . .

Harriers Aim at Record In Cornell Run Saturday

With the possibility of setting a new course record, the Karver-Ashenfelter duel will feature the cross-country meet with Cornell tomorrow afternoon on the College course.

"Although these two men have been outstanding in the past meets," commented Norm Gordon, assistant coach, "you can't discount the work of Mitch Williams. Mitch came in right behind Karver and Ash in the first meet, and he came in with them in the second meet. Actually," he continued, "Mitch is another untested factor on the squad who may surprise everyone."

UNDEFEATED CORNELL

"The biggest job tomorrow will be to defeat Cornell," stated Gordon. "They have a well balanced team, and to my knowledge they have not lost any meets this year." Last year at Ithaca, the Nittany harriers set a course record of 23 minutes and 27 seconds for the four and one-half mile path. In setting the record five men Karver, Curt Stone who graduated last Spring, Ashenfelter, Longe-

necker, and Williams breasted the tape together.

Stone is the only one of these five men who finished first last year will not compete against the Big Red.

NEW STARTERS

Four new names will appear in the line-up this Saturday. Showing very much improvement in the past week, Ike Evans, Bob Handwerk, Ted Hissey, and Paul Koch will wear the white and blue in the meet.

Other men who will compete for the College against Cornell are: Fred Lennox, Al Vigilante, John Bates, and Bob Auman.

Phi Eps, Beta Sigs Gain Triumphs As IFC Swimming Tourney Opens

Phi Epsilon Pi edged Sigma Alpha Epsilon 21-20 in a thriller, and Beta Sigma Rho trounced Acacia 31-9, as the intramural swimming program was inaugurated at Glennland pool Wednesday afternoon.

Trailing 20-16 going into the final event, the Phi Eps team of Claster, Greenwald, Magaziner, and Segal outswam its opponents

in the 120-yard relay to take the victory.

BACKSTROKE WINS

In individual events, Gerry Weiser and Dave Magaziner of Phi Epsilon Pi took the 60-yard free style and 60-yard backstroke respectively, while Murray in the 60-yard breaststroke and Meury in the diving compe-

BETA SIG WINS

In the second meet on the program the mermen of Beta Sigma Rho submerged Acacia, 31-9, winning firsts in four of the five events.

Schrader was the only member of the Acacia team to win an event, capturing the diving competition. He also finished third in the 60-yard breaststroke to amass six of his team's nine points.

Menle Sachnoff in the 60-yard free style, Joe Glick in the 60-yard back stroke, and Dave Pincus in the breast stroke registered individual wins for the Beta Sigs.

The relay race was won by the team of Rifkin, Shine, Shore, and Sachnoff of Beta Sigma Rho going away to complete the total of 31 points.

Points are scored on the basis of five for first place, three for second, and one for third. The winning relay team gets five points and the losers none.

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