

Between The Lions

with TED RUBIN

For the second time this season, an opponent walked off of New Beaver Field with a minus yardage from scrimmage. By this, Colgate followed Syracuse in paying honor to this great Nittany Lion team and to its forward wall which yields so grudgingly. The line play was magnificent, and not only the seven starters but also their replacements distinguished themselves; the able backs, also an integral part of the win, performed their chores with skill.

The contest was relaxing to many of the fans who were left groggy by last week's West Virginia struggle. For the sixth successive time, co-captains Nolan and Potsklan won the coin-flip, which brought comments from the sidelines as to a possible future vocation for the pair.

Highly-touted fullback Frank Muehlheuser of the Maroon didn't start but made his appearance when Colgate took over the ball for the first time. Only as a kicker and blocker did Muehlheuser live up to advance reports as Nolan, Suhey and Norton refused to budge on his cracks through the center.

Lion groundwork, for much of the first half, was directed at the strong side of the Nittany unbalanced line. The Colgate defense was organized quite well to stop this by having left guard Tom Zetkov hug the ground and then jump upward to nail the runner and close the hole. Weak side plays worked better the first half, although either side was vulnerable after intermission.

Bobby Williams ran and passed very well from his tailback berth. Early in the second quarter, Bobby registered a neat seventeen yard gain when he faked a run to the right and darted through a hole to the left of the center. Once into the secondary, he cut in, then out, and back in again as he advanced to within ten yards of the goal.

VARIATION OF THE PASS-OFF

Penn State pulled a fast one on the Red Raiders with a variation of The Hig's famed dream play, the original of which had been used against the 1942 Red Raider team. When Elwood Petchel passed to end Slashin' Sam Tamburo from his 41 yard line, Sam faked the expected pass-off to the end Ed Czekaj, turned around and carried the ball himself to Colgate's 32. He hurdled a man, and shook off several would-be-tacklers in this run in which Sam looked more like a backfield man.

Most of the kicking off duties were handled by Ed Czekaj, whereas last week the job was performed by the hard-playing Wally Triplett. Following Jeff Durkota's neat 34 yard scamper down the right sideline for the game's third touchdown, and the subsequent extra point, both teams lined up for the kick-off. As Ed prepared to thud his foot into the ball, the ball slid off of the disc, bringing laughs to players and fans.

Triplett did kick-off after the fourth six pointer, by the long-striding Bill Luther. Considerable controversy arose over this play when the slithering ball bounded into the end zone and Johnny Potsklan forced halfback Howie Baird out of bounds behind the goal. It appeared that a safety and two points were in order, and a number of the Blue and White formed a punt defense, expecting a Colgate kick, as safety rules dictate. Instead, the ball was put into play with a touchback called. To earn a safety on this kick-off the runner has to come out of the end zone, and then go back in, the tackle then taking place in the end zone.

LINEMEN AND BACKS

Candidate for All-American guard honors, Steve Suhey, again put in more playing time than did any other lineman. In Penn State's defensive five man line, Suhey plays the key middle spot, and not until four minutes and fifty seconds remained in the third period did Steve receive his first rest on the bench.

Guarding against scoring by passes, the Hig consistently substituted Jeff Durkota for Francis Rogel, which resulted in two wing-backs playing at once. Third string fullback Bob Weitzel, whom the Hig used considerably against West Virginia for the same reason, will probably be out for the season due to a recurrence of an injury to his right foot.

Durkota, Rogel and Bill Luther all ran brilliantly. Jeff racked up a 98 yard total from scrimmage and seems to improve each game. His drive is remarkable, and like Rogel, is very hard to bring completely to the ground. Luther, who still has two years to go, has lived up to his raves earned in spring practice.

Johnny "Shag" Wolosky played well from his center slot, and on him should be placed much of the credit for the fine teamwork of the eleven. Tackles Johnny Nolan, Negley Norton and subs Jack Finley and Bill Kyle adeptly insured these two outposts on the impenetrable Penn State Maginot line. Joe Drazenovich, John Simon and Denny Hoggard, among others, also performed skillfully.

Congratulations!



Johnny Nolan

Collegian salutes co-captain Johnny Nolan as player of the week. Big Johnny's number 70 was a familiar sight to players and fans alike on Saturday, and with his 6' 3" and 228 pounds, was an important factor in Colgate's minus fifteen yards from scrimmage.

Sports Ed. note: The "Player of the Week" is selected by a committee of three men, not on the staff of the Collegian, who each week decide which player has been outstanding in his gridiron performance in the game the previous Saturday. No player will be named twice for this award.

Petchel, Suhey Selected

Elwood Petchel and Steve Suhey have been named by Chet Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Press, as candidates for the "All-October" football team.

In his column in Sunday's Press, Smith gave the two Lions positions on his mythical eleven. Petchel along with George Taliaferro, were the halfbacks named while Suhey and Jim Fisher of Notre Dame was one of two guards.

Spartan Team Tops Harriers; Karver and 'Ash' Place First

A well balanced Michigan State cross-country squad drove a wedge into the Nittany harrier ranks Saturday morning, and owned the previously undefeated Wernermen 26-31 on the East Lansing course. Although Karver and Ashenfelter paced the runners to come in nine seconds ahead of the pack, Michigan State took the next four places for the win.

The much talked about Karver-Dianetti duel never materialized as Karver jumped to an early lead and Dianetti fell back to finish sixth. Fred Lennox, number five man on the squad, ran one of the best races in his running career as he placed third of the seven Penn State men in the race.

NO EXCUSES

"There are no excuses in a race between two top teams," said Coach Chick Werner. "Both teams had the stuff, but the Michigan State squad was a little too fast for us Saturday. When we scheduled these top teams we knew that we'd have a tough battle every meet, and we really met stiff competition at East Lansing."

Longenecker and Williams ran among the leaders for the first part of the race, but they faded in the final miles.

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