

Between The Lions

WITH TED RUBIN

For the past two years, Coach Bob Higgins' Nittany Lions have had their place-kicking chores entrusted to blond Ed Czekaj, the 6' 2", 190-pound end from Mt. Pleasant.

Rated as number three end behind starters Johnny Potsklan and Sam Tamburo, Czekaj has seen considerable service with the Blue and White.

In booting four out of seven placements against Colgate Saturday, in what he referred to as "a rotten day," Ed brought his season total to 27 successes in 39 attempts for a percentage of .692.

Like many extra point specialists, this senior physical education major keeps his head down long after his foot has thudded against the pigskin. Those who follow the flight of the ball through the air are often guilty of errors in timing, or of taking their eyes off of the ball prior to the connection.

Close observers will note a strange movement by Ed as he prepares for the point after touchdown. An object is removed from his helmet and placed upon the ground. After the ball arches through the air, Ed will be seen to lean over, pick up this object, and then look up to check on his accuracy. Often he simply wheels around and runs upfield, learning of the success or failure of his attempt from the applause or silence of the Penn State fans.



EDDIE CZEKAJ

THE EXPLANATION

The solution to this mystery is a little piece of white paper which Ed uses to mark the spot where his assistant, usually Bobby Williams or Elwood Petchel, is to place the ball.

The idea was suggested to Ed by backfield coach Al Michaels last year, and he's been carrying several 1½-inch squares of white paper in his helmet ever since. "This has really been a great help to me," comments Czekaj.

Although the Warriors of Nittany haven't needed a single point margin to decide any of their games this year, it is still good insurance to have this accurate specialist around.

Take a look back to the tight West Virginia game when the first quarter found the Higginsmen on the short end of a 14-7 count. Following the second Penn State touchdown by Gorinski, if Czekaj's boot had failed, think of the difference in the fans' feelings had the Lions left the field at halftime a point behind.

And even though that point was good, try and picture the anxiety which would have pervaded the large crowd had Ed missed the next placement following.

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Swami French Tops Football Predictors

Three Collegian football forecasters threatened to "throw in the sponge" today when their yogi cohort, Ben French, did what they termed "something phenomenal" and predicted 10 out of 12 college games played Saturday.

Attributing his success to a newly polished crystal ball Swami French boosted his percentage from .543 to .617 and has now "seen" the outcome of 29 out of 37 contests.

Jim Neiman, who continued to pace the four turbaned crystal-gazers, selected 9 out of 12 winners to increase his total to 35 right and 12 wrong.

Tied last week for the lead Pete Warker yielded second place to up-and-coming Ted Rubin, who chose 9 right out of 12 to stand at 34 right and 13 wrong. Warker slumped to third place by breaking even in his predictions and now owns a record of 32 right and 15 wrong.

X-Country Team Hit by Injuries

Double trouble plagued the College cross-country team yesterday as "Pap" Longenecker went on the sick list with a cold, and Mitch Williams reported to the infirmary with a sprained ankle he received in the Michigan State meet.

"These injuries are not too serious," commented Coach Werner, "but the team was given a day of rest so that they'll be ready for a stiff run this afternoon."

Basketball Call

Basketball Coach John Lawther requests that all men with prep or high school experience who are interested in trying out for the basketball team report to Rec Hall where practice sessions are being held from 6:30 to 8:30 every night.

Nittany Gridders Retain 7th Spot

The highly-vaunted Nittany Lions yesterday maintained their seventh place rating in the national football race and tied Penn for first place spot in the Lambert Trophy and the Eastern Championship race.

The undefeated Lions were given 701 points in the Associated Press weekly poll, 69 more than last week, and received two votes for first place.

State and Penn each polled 980 points in the Lambert Trophy competition, with powerful Army following with 978.

This week's games will have a weighty bearing on the ultimate outcome of the 1947 campaign in the East to determine the Lambert Trophy and Eastern championship.

Penn's meeting with unbeaten Virginia and Army's clash with Notre Dame Saturday will have a definite effect on their current Lambert ratings. It is thought among the voting sports writers and commentators that the Lions, with Temple and Navy ahead, will have the easiest time of it.

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Phi Eps, Alpha Chi's Win Before Record Swim Crowd

Before the largest crowd in intramural swimming history, Phi Epsilon Pi squeezed past Beta Sigma Rho 21-20, and Alpha Chi Sigma trounced Sigma Pi 27-14 in initial second round swim meets Monday.

The huge crowd roared incessantly as three events in the Beta Sig, Phi Ep meet ended in photo finishes, and the Alpha Chi relay team of Morris, Brunner, Bruckner, and Fessler splashed to a new intramural 120-yd. relay mark of 1:05.5.

Dave Magaziner started the Phi Eps' victory march by capturing the 60-yd. free style event. Then the excitement started. Magaziner and Joe Glick of the Beta Sig churned the water in the 60-yd. backstroke, finishing so close that even the three judges couldn't agree on who had finished first.

Finally, by a 2-1 vote, Magaziner was declared the winner in what later proved to be the deciding event of the meet.

The breast stroke proved another thriller as Dave Pincus of

Beta Sig barely nosed out Phi Ep Marc Claster to take the win. Bernie Blumberg and Sam Firestone, both Beta Sigs, then finished one-two in the diving competition to give Beta Sigma Rho a 20-16 lead going into the final event, the 120-yd. relay.

John Bruckner in the backstroke and Garth Seavy in the breast stroke and diving competition registered individual wins for Alpha Chi Sigma as they downed the Sigma Pi tank team. Hal Wauaset chalked up the lone triumph for the losers by capturing the free style event.

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FOOTBALL'S DEMON DEACON

Peahead Walker, coach of tiny Wake Forest College, cooked up so many upsets in the Southern Football Conference that he's known as the "Dixie giant killer." Fabulous stories have grown up about him and his winning ways... and what's more, he admits every one is true. For the lowdown read "Football's Demon Deacon"...

by Collie Small

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

Hoagy Carmichael was kicked out of a college quartet because he couldn't sing. He's since hit the top in movies and radio, and he's No. 1 with juke box fans. Read "Star-Dust Troubadour" by Pete Martin.

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