

Lions, Owls Tangle in Philly Tilt

Single Wing Hits Temple T

The Nittany Lions, one of the few major teams in the country to remain unbeaten and untied, meet the Temple Owls tomorrow before an expected capacity crowd of 30,000.

The day will be celebrated as Homecoming for Temple Alumni, but if comparative records for the season mean anything, the Owl grads will have little joy.

The Lions, who have bowled over six rivals, nearly all by lopsided scores, not only have the best defensive team in the country, but have nosed Michigan out as the top offensive eleven.

The Higginsmen, who are well on their way to having their first unbeaten and untied squad since 1912, are loaded from top to bottom with capable standout players.

COLONE

Joe Colone, who suffered a shoulder injury in the Syracuse game, has been scrimmaging this week, but Coach Higgins has not indicated that he will start the punting expert against the Owls.

Sam Tamburo, regular starting end who was hurt last week has been practicing, although Higgins has not used him in scrimmage.

On the whole, the Lions have not been hampered too much by injuries this week, and will be going against the Templars in good shape.

OWL STAR

Temple, of course, will rely heavily on Phil Slosburg, the 167-pound fullback who is leading the East in ground gaining and total offense. It is doubtful, however, if this David can slay the Goliath all by himself.

"Slosburg has a lot of drive for a man his size," said Lion scout Jim O'Hara, "and our boys will have to do some good tackling to bring him down. They won't be able to bring that back down just by bumping him."

Temple has a good set of backs, but they are overshadowed by Slosburg, according to O'Hara. They are a good passing team, and their line, which hasn't looked too impressive, has been steadily improving.

LION DEPTH

Again reading the statistics, the Lions can put three forward walls against the Owls, any of which can match the Templars in size, speed and experience.

The Blue and White, although better known for its power plays, can put up a formidable passing attack with Elwood Petchel and Bobby Williams doing the pitching.

Nearly every game played this season has seen Petchel or Williams toss an aerial which either carried six points or set up the play for a score.

Francis Rogel, who has ably filled Colone's shoes at the fullback post, is the team's leading ground gainer. From the first

Ace Passers



BOBBY WILLIAMS



ELWOOD PETCHEL

Lions Top Nation in Offense, Defense

The Nittany Lions are currently leading the national football race in both offense and defense, reported the National Collegiate Athletic bureau Wednesday.

Only in the aerial game, passing offense by Michigan and pass defense by North Carolina State, do the Lions yield honors. The Blue and White, with three games to go, have given up only

67.7 total yards per contest, 2.2 yards below the all-time defensive record set by Santa Clara in 1937.

Even a moderately efficient day by Temple, Navy or Pitt could knock the Lions out of a chance for the record. In order to set a new national defensive mark, the Higginsmen will have to hold their three opponents to a total of no more than 222.8 yards.

Grid Scrimmage Records

By gaining 98 yards from scrimmage against Colgate last Saturday, Penn State's fast running wingback, Jeff Durkota moved into second place in total yardage gained for the Lions. Francis Rogel maintained his lead which he gained two weeks ago when he ousted Elwood Petchel from the top post.

Durkota sports a 12.8 yard average for every time he carried the ball while Larry Joe's 6.8 yard average is second. Walt Palmer actually has the highest average by advancing the ball 25 yards in one try. The records:

	TG	YG	YL	TG
Francis Rogel	60	305	4	301
Jeff Durkota	21	274	4	270
Larry Joe	34	234	9	229
Elwood Petchel	36	202	3	199
Bill Luther	29	196	2	164
Wally Triplett	32	175	36	139
Bobby Williams	31	152	20	132
Clarence Gorinski	33	137	8	129
Joe Colone	24	113	27	86
Larry Cooney	11	76	10	66
Clarence Hummel	9	60	1	59
Bob Weitzel	23	61	3	58
Walt Palmer	1	25	0	25
Walt Comisky	8	21	4	17
Lee Henry	3	14	0	14
Johnny Chuckran	2	7	0	7
Dennie Hoggard	2	1	2	-1
Totals	359	2053	133	1924

game against Washington State, he has shown his future potentialities.

TOP SCORER

Durkota, although not a starter, has been a varsity regular since he started playing for Higgins. He is currently rated the team's second leading ground gainer and top scorer.

Not to be forgotten are Penn State's Seven Mountains. Credit should go where credit is due, and their part in holding the total opposition's 153 ground attempts to an average of 9.18 inches per try should not be underestimated.

IM Boxing

A meeting of fraternity and independent groups planning to participate in intramural boxing will be held in 304 Old Main at 7:30 Monday night, according to Eugene H. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics.

Game Broadcast

Radio Station WMAJ will broadcast the Saturday Penn State-Temple football game at 1:45 p.m.

Between The Lions

By JIM NEIMAN

The campus of Temple University for the past week has been booming with the cry, "Stop that Penn State Spirit!"

The students, the team, in fact the whole city of Philadelphia, know that the Nittany Lions are packed with power, and it's going to be pretty hard to stop.

Although the Owls haven't been very successful this year, losing three out of six, Temple fans aren't accepting too many points when making bets on this game. This may or may not be folly on their part.

Their chief reason is Temple's claim to perhaps the most highly-rated back in the East, Phil "Sonny" Slosburg. Slosburg, a 5' 11" blonde weighing 167 pounds, has chalked up over 820 yards by running and passing. This triple threat fullback, while the second leading ground-gainer in the nation, is also rated the fourth best passer in the East.

Phil first started playing football on the jay-vee team at Central High in Philadelphia. Weighing only 120 pounds at the time, he became a star before the season was over.

THIS BOY, SLOSBURG

In his senior year at Central, a hip injury kept him in the hospital for most of the season, and Phil still has a condition from that experience which requires his wearing a specially made pair of football pants while on the gridiron.

This 21-year-old star is unique in that he passes with his right hand and kicks with his left foot.

Phil's mother probably knows as much about football and his style of playing as any sports writer in the country. She has seen every game that he has played in, including those away from home.

Slosburg's famous break-away running is what the Higginsmen will have to guard against tomorrow, but, as one Temple student moaned after seeing the steady stream of backs go in against Colgate last week, "One against sixteen is just too much!"

By no means is Ray Morrison, Owl mentor, relying wholly on Slosburg. Among the capable first string varsity are end, Joe Lee and quarterback "Indian Joe" Nejman, both of whom are standout veterans.

The twist about these two boys is that Lee is part Indian, and Nejman is Polish, having acquired the nickname while an all Philly backfieldman at Frankford High.

ANOTHER SKLADANY

Another name rated highly on the Temple roster, and with a little history attached to it, is center Tommy Skladany.

He is a member of that famous Skladany football family "Muggsy" was all-American end at Pitt ten years ago, Barney played end guard at V.M.I., and brother Leo is now an end at Pittsburgh. It was Leo who had quite a bit to do with Pitt's upsetting Ohio State two weeks ago.

This is the fifth season that the Templars have been operating from the T. When Coach Ray Morrison made the switch four years ago, it created quite a stir in Philadelphia circles. They are now however, more or less used to his change.

None of last year's regular backfield performers on the Owl squad is playing the same post this season. "Indian Joe" Nejman, who was a fullback, is now directing play from the quarterback slot, and Slosburg, formerly at left half, has taken over the fullback assignment.

Morrison likes a lot of variety. While coaching at Southern Methodist in 1922, he believed in the possibilities of the wide open game, which he popularized in Texas, and the Mustangs became known as the "Flying Circus."

Now in his eighth year of coaching at Temple, Ray Morrison was one of the great quarterbacks of football history. He was the ace of the Vanderbilt Commodores from 1908 through 1911, and Grantland Rice still lists him as one of the finest open field runners of the game.

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