

Walthall Sparks Mountaineers

With eight touchdown passes to his credit in just four games, Jimmy Walthall will provide the scoring threat to the undefeated Penn State gridgers this Saturday when they clash with West Virginia on New Beaver field.

A standout in 1944, Walthall was the man responsible for the 28-27 decision the Mountaineers handed the Lions that year. As in the ensuing fray, the Nittanyites were favored but could not withstand the pressure of an all-out air attack and howed to what was then Bill Kern's gridgers.

Now with a new coach in Dud DeGroot, but the same right arm of Walthall, the visitors hope to upset the apple cart again as they did in 1944.

Between The Lions

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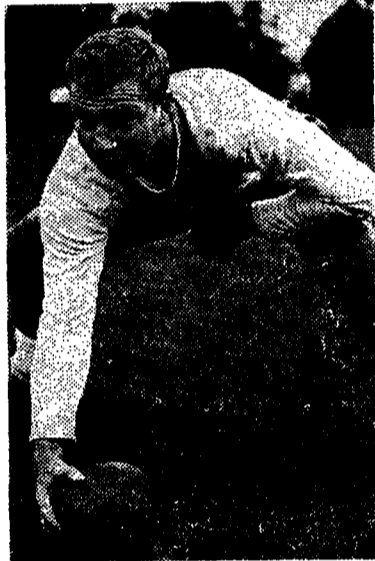


Center Convert

Ray Hedderick used to joke about his "non-playing ability to his football buddies. His by-word was: "I can't understand; I was good in high school."

That was as a freshman at California State Teachers College where Ray, or "Blo" as he's called in Erie, was a reserve wingback "with possibilities."

But the possibilities didn't jell when Ray came to Penn State last year as just another wing-



back. Then a shortage in centers developed and Coach Bob Higgins persuaded the 195-pound product of Erie's Millcreek High to try out for the pivot post.

Now Higgins says Hedderick has become a competent snapper-back and the Hig's plans call for plenty of action for Ray in the Nittany center slot.

Currently Hedderick is Chuck "Jiggs" Beatty's chief competition for number-one varsity center, and fans back home in Erie are again talking about Millcreek's star halfback, now turned center at Mt. Nittany.

Rifle Call

All men interested in trying out for the varsity rifle team should sign their names on sheets placed on the ROTC bulletin board, Carnegie Hall, and attend the team's first meeting in the Armory at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

All varsity team members are urged to be present tonight.

All men interested in assistant managerships on the varsity rifle team should apply at 107 Old Main.

Touch Football

Independent touch football participants get their first chance to exhibit their abilities tonight when four teams open the action at New Beaver practice field.

The Coal Cracker's tackle the Comets at 7 o'clock, followed at 7:45 by the Indies vs. Penn Haven.

Four fraternity squads round out the evening's program, Pi Lambda Phi meeting Phi Sigma Kappa at 8:30 o'clock and Alpha Chi Sigma tangling with Sigma Nu at 9:15.

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After coming from behind to top Waynesburg 29-16, the Mounts smacked down a weak Wooster, Ohio team 34-6. Two Walthall passes accounted for scores in this one-sided contest.

Recording 270 yards in the air and 163 on the ground, the South-erners slapped down a lightly-regarded Temple eleven 27-7. Again it was Jimmy Walthall's eye and arm that gave the team its third straight win.

ALLEN

Another aerial artist, Bill Allen, relieved Walthall in the final period of the Temple fray and flipped a pass to Charlie Becca, West Virginia back, who hauled it in and covered 78 yards for the touch-down.

A fumble and a poor punt topped DeGroot's team from the ranks of the unconquered as Pittsburgh capitalized on these mistakes and turned them into scores to defeat West Virginia, 16-6.

A fumble on the West Virginia 30 and a punt that went out of bounds on the 38 proved to be the margin of defeat for the visitors

to the Smokey City. Except for these two costly errors, the battle was fought in neutral territory between the 20-yard stripes.

In last year's thriller, the Lions came from behind twice to turn back the fighting Mountaineers, 21-14. Six years ago the freshman-dominated Penn State team was on its way to an undefeated season when the West Virginians threw back the Lions, 24-0, in a surprising upset.

Coach Bob Higgins is not the only mentor fretting about a passing attack. In the Mountaineer camp Dudley DeGroot is drilling his squad against the expected air attack from Elwood Petchel and Co.

According to scouting reports on the Wooster-West Virginia game, the method DeGroot used for combatting aerials was to wait until the pass was completed and then drop the man in his cracks with a bone-jarring tackle.

With both teams emphasizing air defense, Saturday's battle could easily turn into a final exam to test which team learned its lessons and can apply them to the best advantage.



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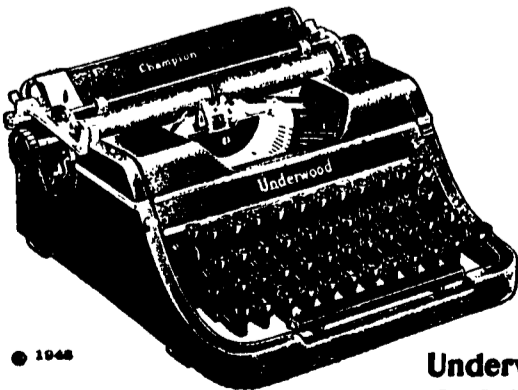
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Coach Jim O'Hara's footballers, who soundly trounced Syracuse, 25-0, are running West Virginia plays, against the varsity both to bring the varsity's defense to a keen edge and to sharpen their own offense for Saturday's tilt against the Bisons.

With a powerful second-period drive producing all 25 points, the Lion gridsters completely dominated the game at Syracuse. A poor Syracuse punt set up the first touchdown, with Owen Dougherty carrying over for the score on a naked reverse for four yards. Soon after this, Tony Orsini proved alert as he intercepted Serafin's pass on the Syracuse 25-yard line and galloped over for the second score.

Bob Harter was responsible for the third Lion TD when he took Bill Wilkin's punt, picked up some good blocking and sped 55

Tennis

Nine matches opened the first round of the intramural tennis singles season last week when a series of lop-sided decisions were registered on the College courts.

Results of the matches were: Bill Aiken, Phi Delta Theta, over Don Brown, Chi Phi, 6-0 6-1; Bill Mallory, Phi Gamma Delta, over Russ Marker, Phi Sigma Kappa 6-1, 6-1; Sid Gould, Alpha Epsilon Pi, over Bohdan Cohnmann, Alpha Chi Rho, 6-2, 7-5; Jim Cody, Zeta Beta Tau, over Bob Dieruff, Adacia, 7-5, 6-2; Harold Waltzer over Ted Puschak, 6-2, 8-6; Bob Blair over Winston Boyer, 6-1, 6-1; Harvey Marcey over Don Elhoff, 6-1, 6-1; Owen Landon over Vance Klepper, 6-3 6-3; Ben Myers over John Erb, 6-3, 7-9, 8-6.

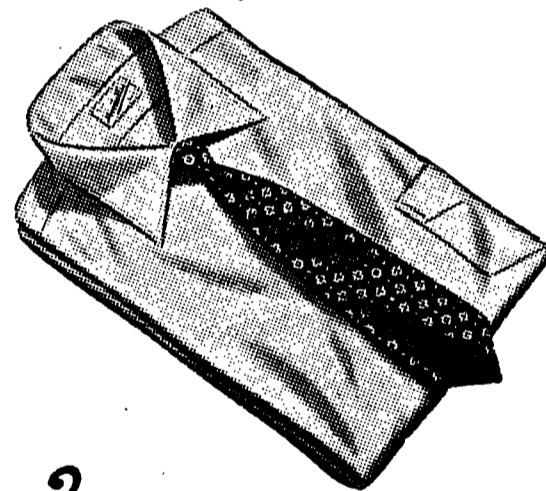
yards for the tally. The last touch-down was made on a pass play from Bill Brown to Bill Barber good for 16 yards. Tony Pillegi converted the point from place-men after the last tally.

The Nittany gridgers have three more games on their schedule, Bucknell October 16th, Navy at Annapolis October 22 and Lock Haven freshmen October 30. The last game will be played here on New Beaver field.

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