

Between The Lions

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It Pays Off

A keen sense of what is going on at the moment has paid dividends many times for the Nittany Lion grid eleven. An instance of this occurred in last Saturday's scrum with Syracuse.

With the Lions crowding the Orange goal line for the last time in the fourth quarter, Petchin' Elwood Petchel took the pass from center, ran to his left for a short pass to End Sam Tamburo, but couldn't find Sam in the end zone.

Meanwhile, Fullback "Punchy" Rogel, whose main job on the play was already done, scampered into the wide open spaces of the end zone and found himself on the receiving end of a "quickie" touchdown pass from Petch. Thus, the Lions chalked up their fifth TD, although Rogel was not tabbed as a possible receiver in the original play.

That's the kind of thing that makes for a top team and even causes the head coach to inquire after it's all over. "How'd you boys figure that one out?"

Lone Wolf

Since West Virginia fell from the unbeaten ranks over the weekend, only Penn State football opponent now boasting an unmarred slate to date is Penn. But, as Cautious Casey, our admiring fraternity brother, says, "Don't let that fool you."

Victory Song

In Courtland, N. Y., where the football team stopped for lunch Saturday, Wally Triplett, Larry Joe and Rogel were guests at a man-in-the-street radio program.

After the usual queries, the announcer asked "Punchy" and

Kelly, Drazenovich May Miss Battle with Mountaineers

Hit by "guarditis," Penn State grid coach Bob Higgins will have to try to find replacements for one and possibly both of his first-string guards for Saturday's tilt with West Virginia.

Both Paul Kelly, 210-pound guard from Erie, and Joe Drazenovich, 200-pound guard from Brownsville, are sidelined with leg injuries. "Kelly, in all probability, will not play this Saturday," commented Dr. A. H. Griess, team physician. "We're not certain about Drazenovich," he continued, "and we're retaking x-rays of his bruised ankle and foot."

Should both Lion regulars have to miss the contest, Coach Higgins will have John Simon, 195-pounder from Brownsville, and Fred Felbaum, 190-pound guard from Youngstown, to throw into the gap left by the injured players. Both men saw action in last week's game with Syracuse, and Felbaum played almost the entire second half of the contest.

OTHERS

Other guards on the Higgins roll are Pete Chiesa, 205-pounder from Johnsonburg; Val Troy, a 212-pounder from Melrose, Mass.; Joe Sarabok, Lansford, who was injured at the beginning of the season, and Tom Smith, Rockville Centre, N.Y., guard, who saw action in both games.

While news on the local front was rather dark, the national Associated Press poll gave the

others to sing a Penn State victory song.

"The only song we know on the football team," replied Rogel, "is 'Jedje Boat,' a Slovak homecoming song."

A striking rendition of "Jedje Boat" for the edification of Courtland's populace never materialized, however, when "Punchy's" cohorts backed out, and anyway, it was time to leave the air.

Tops

Center "Jiggs" Beatty, playing one of the best games of his college career, saw more action during the Syracuse fray than any other Lion gridman.

Chi Phi Wins

Scoring the deciding extra point in the second half on a pass from Chuck Hoyt to Kenny Mattern, Chi Phi jumped into the second round of the intramural touch football league Tuesday night by edging a fighting Beta Theta Pi Squad, 13 — 12.

Mother games, Alpha Tau Omega defeated Lambda Chi Alpha, 6-0; Sigma Chi upset Tau Phi Delta, 7-0; and Theta Chi eliminated Alpha Phi Alpha, 1-0.

Tonight's contests, beginning at 7 o'clock are: Hawks vs. Riverside, Pi Kappa Phi vs. Alpha Sigma Phi, and second round battles, Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Sigma Pi, and Delta Tau Delta vs. Delta Upsilon.

Swimming Opens

Intramural swimming begins at Glennland pool, 5 o'clock today when four fraternity teams, Sigma Chi, Theta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, and Zeta Beta Tau, compete in five events.

Included in today's and succeeding swimming programs at the pool are 60-yard free style, 60-yard back stroke, 60-yard breast stroke, diving and 120-yard relay events. Points toward the season swimming title are awarded in each event.

Last year's title winner, Phi Delta Theta, will begin the defense of its crown in the second match tomorrow.

Soccer Manager

All sophomore students who are interested in an assistant soccer managership are requested to report to head soccer manager Joe Summer at the golf course practice field any afternoon after 4 o'clock.

Lions a bright rating. Penn State moved up one notch in the AP standings and is now ninth, 44 points behind the University of Pennsylvania.

Army took the top spot in the East by remaining in fifth place, while North Carolina, Notre Dame, Northwestern and Michigan complete the top five selections. California, Georgia Tech, Penn, Penn State and Mississippi round out the ten top teams in the country as selected by the sports writers' poll.

TRIPLET

Running almost 15 yards per try, Wally Triplett, Lamott wingback, scampered away with ground-gaining honors for the first two weeks of Penn State grid battles. Triplett carried the ball just 13 times in two games for a total yardage of 199 yards and a net yardage of 194.

Fran Rogel, with 5.6 yards per try, leads the fullbacks in the running department. The North Braddock pile-driver hit the Bucknell and Syracuse lines for 122 net yards in 22 tries.

Both Bill Luther with 5.45 and Clarence Gorinski with 5.35 were able to get over the five-per-try mark. Luther carried the ball 11 times and Gorinski, who played only in the Syracuse game, carried the ball three times for 16 yards.

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