

Between The Lions

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About Scouts

Football scouts of opposing teams are an amiable lot.

At the drop of a pigskin they will not hesitate to tell you that your backfield is composed of Nagurskis whom their weakling eleven will be unable to stop, or that your brawny linemen will create a sieve-like appearance in their puny forward wall, come the day of the "big game."

Since the reverse is so often true when the two teams finally face off, one is prone to season opposing scouts' pre-game praises with the salt of wariness and discretion.

With this in mind, we quote the scout from Penn as he watched Wally Triplett twist, turn, zigzag and stage a general whirling-dervish act through and around West Virginia tacklers Saturday: "He's the best back I've seen since Glenn Davis."

Modesty

Speaking of Triplett reminds us of that radio interview in Cortland, N. Y., in which Triplett, "Punchy" Rogel and Larry Joe participated.

It was the day after the Syracuse game. The announcer asked the Nittany Negro wingback:

"And who's this young man?"

Wally—"Wally Triplett."

Announcer—"What do you do on the team?"

Answering this query, Wally, who the day before had snaked his way off inside reverses for runs of 19, 42, 45 and 27 yards, scored one touchdown and set up two others while playing merry havoc with the Syracuse defense, said:

"Why, I helps ' take out the end."

From the Morg(ue)

Saturday's fracas with the Mountaineers was no quilting party. . . . Rough stuff, legal and otherwise, occurred on both sides. . . . Triplett was the object of Mountaineer "affection" several times as vicious tackles left Wally minus his helmet.

Rogel was the essence of triumph when he emerged from a pile-up of seven or eight Nittany and West Virginia players with the ball, previously fumbled, under one arm, his helmet under the other, and a jaunty grin on his face.

Sigma Pi Victor

Displaying precision and poise in all three of his dives, Rudy Valentino, Sigma Pi, led his teammates to a 35 to 6 swimming victory over Alpha Epsilon Pi at Glennland pool last night. The SP's scored first in every event.

Pi Kappa Alpha was declared winner by forfeit in the other scheduled meet when Kappa Sigma failed to appear.

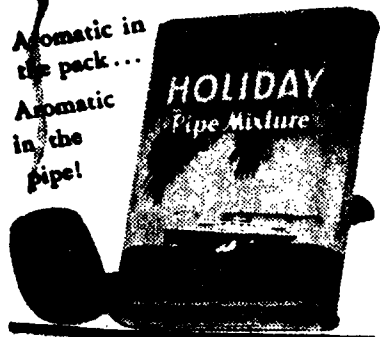
Tonight's schedule: Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Upsilon vs. Phi Kappa Tau.

IM Tennis

Tennis singles players will have a few more days to complete their second round games, announced Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics, yesterday.

HOLIDAY

An Adventure in Good Smoking



Petchel, Triplett Excell

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at present. H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said that the Nittany gridders will meet the Cadets in West Point's Mitchie Stadium Saturday, October 1, in 1949 and again in the same location October 7, 1950.

In the other games with Army, Penn State defeated the Cadets in 1899 and played to a scoreless tie in 1900.

Wally Triplett skirting the ends and tackles and Elwood Petchel flipping passes from all angles gave the Nittany Lions their 37-7 victory over West Virginia and 13th straight game without a defeat Saturday before 20,000 partisan fans.

TOUCHDOWNS

The Lamott wingback ran with the finesse of an All-American tailback and when he was about to be tackled, drove with the power of a fullback. Sprinting for 219 yards in eleven tries, he reeled off two touchdowns with an 85-yard runback of a punt and a 64-yard run from scrimmage.

On his 85-yard run, the snifty sprinter took the ball over his shoulder on the 15, picked up blockers at the midfield stripe, and cleared all but one West Virginia back by the time he reached the Mountaineer 20. Dennie Hogard, who was running next to Triplett, threw a smashing ock into the defender and Triplett crossed the line unmolested.

Tossing two touchdown passes and smacking the line for the third, Petchel helped Coach Higgins solve the tight West Virginia defense in the first period. After throwing a few passes, Petchel handed the totting duties to Fran Rogel or Triplett who crashed through the wide-spread opposition.

PASS

Petch's first scoring pass came with just one minute to play in the first period. A 23-yard toss to Sam Tamburo put the ball on the visitors' four-yard line.

Coach Higgins sent Rogel into the battle for the fourth-down at-

tempt at the goal line, and Coach DeGroot countered this strategy by rushing Pete Zinaich, defensive fullback, in to bolster the line. With the stage set for the line buck, Petch calmly took a few steps to the right drew back his arm, and fired the pigskin into the arms of Tamburo in the end zone.

Place-kicking expert, Carl Sturges, booted his first of five perfect extra-points through the uprights to give the Lions a 7-0 lead at the end of the quarter.

TRICKY "T"

Although the tricky "T" formation of West Virginia carried the "Rebels" to the Penn State 24-yard line in the first period and the 33 in the second quarter the visitors were unable to hit the final chalked stripe during the first half.

With five minutes to go before the half, Triplett returned a West Virginia punt to the Blue and Gold 41, and with Larry Cooney, Rogel and Petchel handling the ball, Penn State scored its second marker. Just two minutes of playing time were left on the hands of the New Beaver field clock when Petchel hit the goal line, with Rogel leading interference, for the score.

It took only two minutes and 25 seconds for the undefeated Lions to hit the scoring column again as Triplett took his 64-yard jaunt to give the Blue and White a 21-0 lead.

Eleven minutes later Triplett tucked the ball under his arm after catching a punt on the 15 and strolled over the goal for his second marker of the period.

Finally, in the fourth period, Allen spun over the lone West Virginia score.

Gene Simmons drop-kicked the extra point, but missed a later field goal attempt from the Nittany 8.

Sophomore Owen Dougherty caught a Petchel pass for the final Penn State touchdown and Guard John Simon added an extra two points by blocking a kick on the 20 and downing it over the end zone.

Jayvee Grid Team Loses to Bisons

Hit hard by injuries and fumbling, the Penn State Jayvees went down to defeat Saturday against Bucknell, 20-0.

The Bisons began their scoring in the first period, and tallied again in the second and fourth. The first two touchdowns came as the result of passes and the third resulted from a Lion fumble recovered on the 10-yard line. Because of the inability of the Nittany backs to hold on to the ball, there was not one sustained drive chalked to their credit all afternoon.

The Lion team had other woes to cry about other than the loss. Tony Shumskas, regular tackle, suffered a slight concussion and was admitted to the Lewisburg hospital. Joining Shumskas on the injured list are Charles Godlasky, right tackle; Lloyd Amprim, right end, and Francis Smutney, the starting fullback.

This week the Junior gridders will be working on pass defense and hoping for the return of the

injured men in preparation for the game against Navy at Annapolis October 23.

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Phi Eps Cops First IM Win, 24-0

Phi Epsilon Pi, last season's fraternity touch football champion, is determined to add the 1948 crown to its trophies.

Moving on the passing merits of Sammy, "The Arm," Freedson, on New Beaver practice field Friday night, the Phi Eps easily defeated Delta Theta Sigma, 24-0, and advanced into the third round of the intramural football program.

Tau Kappa Epsilon also showed as impressive offensive in jogging to a 20-0 victory over Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Zeta edged Zeta Beta Tau, 6-0, and the Beaver House

independents downed the Jordan Blues, 13-0.

Tonight's schedule follows: Alpha Tau Omega vs. Sigma Chi at 7 o'clock, Chi Phi vs. Theta Chi, 7:45; Phi Delta Theta vs. Alpha Phi Delta, 8:30, and Cody Manor vs. the Hot Rocks, 1947 indie champs, at 9:15.



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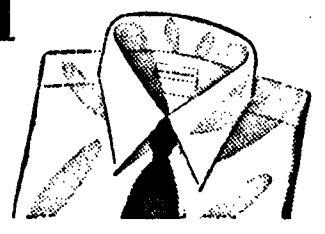
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