

Underdog Nittany Lions Face Powerful Spartan Grid Team

By Elliot Krane

The chips are down, the cards are dealt, and now rival coaches Clarence "Biggie" Munn of Michigan State and Robert Higgins of Penn State will pick up their eleven-card hands and try to arrange them into a winning combination for Saturday's homecoming fray.

For the first time since the opening of the Nittany Lion season the Penn State squad will run on New Beaver Field as the underdog, weaker than the visiting Spartans.

Assistant Line Coach Jim O'Hara, who scouted the Green and White gridgers against Michigan, Notre Dame and Arizona, outlined to Head Coach Higgins the reasons for the high rating of Coach Munn's team.



TAMBURO

"Their line is very strong and there are equally strong replacements for every position," he stated. "In Warren Huey, their 200-pound end, Michigan State has a very aggressive charger and an excellent pass catcher."

GUERRE

"As for George Guerre, he's as good as his press notices and he excels in end runs and sweeps. They use a 'T' formation and shift into a single wing for most of their plays," he continued. "When passing they stay in the 'T' and Eugene Glick does the work from the quarterback spot."

"We'll have to watch Guerre even on the defense," the Nittany coach warned. "He plays in the safety position and when he receives the ball on punts, he's very dangerous."

Coach O'Hara described Lynn Chandnois as a fast runner on reverses and an excellent passer

from the single wing. The Spartans specialize in long running plays with Huey, Guerre and John Gilman, an end, doing the receiving.

Coach Higgins will be shy two paces when he makes his opening play Saturday. Both Negley Norton and Joe Drazenovich will not start in the first crucial test of Nittany power. "We'll use Drazenovich for limited service during the game," said Coach Higgins, "but Norton won't even get dressed."

"I'll start Hicks and Tamburo at the ends, Don Murray and John Finley at the tackles, John Simon and Paul Kelly at guards and Chuck Beatty at center," the Nittany mentor continued.

"The starting backfield will have Wally Triplett and Joe Colone in it but the other two positions will depend upon whether we kick or receive."

In the Eastern Lambert Trophy grid race, the Lions moved up to within one point of top-place Army. The Cadets earned 984 points in the poll conducted by writers, coaches and broadcasters while the Penn State squad collected 983.



DELUXE SPEEDSTER — As one of the fastest starting backs in Michigan State history, husky George Guerre will tomorrow try to duplicate sensational feats of '46 against the Nittany Lions.

Tennis Deadline

All intramural tennis, first and second round matches are to be played off and reported to the intramural office before next Wednesday, announced Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics yesterday.

PiKA Defeats AGR'S in IM

With "Big" Jack Platt catching passes all over the gridiron, Pi Kappa Alpha easily defeated Alpha Gamma Rho, 18-0, on New Beaver practice field Wednesday night.

Theta Kappa Phi knocked off Delta Chi, 1-0, and Alpha Chi Rho bounced Beta Sigma Rho, 6-0, in the other fraternity games.

The Penn State Club defeated Trostle's Hot Dogs, 6-0, in the independent battle.

Led by the passing of Don Baker and Jack Sheeche, Phi Delta Theta boomed to a first-half three-touchdown lead over Alpha Phi Delta, then coasted to win, 19-0, in the third game at New Beaver practice field Tuesday.

The Hot Rocks piled up 12 points and shut out Cody Manor in one of the other games, but Sigma Chi and Theta Chi found the route into the third round a little rougher. Sigma Chi edged Alpha Tau Omega 1-0, and Theta Chi scored once to beat Chi Phi, 6-0.

Monday, the third round begins when Sigma Pi meets Delta Upsilon, Alpha Zeta tangles with Phi Epsilon Pi, the Dorm 40 Demons tackle Penn Haven, and Tau Kappa Epsilon meets Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Between The Lions



By TOM MORGAN
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Crowd-Catcher

We elbowed our way through the collegiate crowd on South Allen yesterday to see what the center of interest was.

It turned out to be a Detroit Free Press clipping attached to Graham's window and was a provocative football piece written by Dick Peters about George Guerre, topnotch Spartan back.

Reference to "trembling Nittany Valley fans previous to the invasion of Guerre and Company" stirred the fellow on my left to comment, "You'd think Penn State was gonna field eleven croquet players, the way that sounds."

Unknown to most of my colleagues vying with each other for a better look at the clipping, Peters prepped for his Detroit sports writing by beating out deathless prose as Daily Collegian sports editor in '40-'41.

He'll return to his alma mater to witness tomorrow's fray.

"Chumba" Returns

Incidentally, the clipping was sent to Graham's by John "Chumba" Misiewicz, last year's number-two Nittany center, who is now a student engineering trainee in Pontiac Division of General Motors, Pontiac, Michigan.

From Miss Lois Kreamer, of College Placement Service, we learn that "Chumba," who'll also be here tomorrow, "takes an awful beating at work from his Michigan friends and may just as well not return to work if Penn State loses."

Guerre-Gary

"Little Dynamite" Guerre and his buddies will invade State College this afternoon and later retire to overnight headquarters at Lewistown, home of Bob McCurry, Spartan captain.

Fred Stabley, Michigan State publicity director and another Penn State alumnus, says Guerre's name is pronounced like the city of Gary, Indiana.

From the Morgue

The score on Lion Guard Tom Smith after the West Virginia tussle is—lost, one tooth; gained, one black eye.

Over 300 radio stations are expected to carry tomorrow's Spartan-Lion clash. . . . Penn State blanked Syracuse, 9-0, during Clarence "Biggie" Munn's one-year term as Orange coach in '46. . . . Forrest Evasheski, Munn's assistant, also was on the Orange staff in '46.

John Nolan and Steve Suhey, Lion stalwarts of last season, found themselves opposite each other Sunday when the Boston Yanks tangled with Pittsburgh Steelers.

Spartan Harriers Favored

Because of the large crowd expected at the football game, the time of tomorrow's cross-country meet with Michigan State has been set forward to 11 a.m., Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, announced yesterday.

Gilbert explained the action was taken to prevent the crowd from interfering with the progress of the race. The harriers will start and finish on the New Beaver Field track.

The Lions, defending NCAA champions, will attempt to withstand the onslaught of the Spartan team which most cross-country authorities have agreed is the finest in the nation, and which is favored to take this year's NCAA title at East Lansing later in the year.

Coach Chick Werner is frankly pessimistic about his team's chances against the Green and White harriers.

"On paper," he commented, the Spartans look like the best cross country team in the nation. If we can upset them it will surprise not only me, but also most of the country's other cross country bigwigs."

News from East Lansing cer-

tainly seems to give Werner ample grounds for such pessimism.

BREAK RECORDS
Two of Coach Karl Schlade-mann's runners broke an NCAA course record in time trials run last Friday to determine the Spartans who would make the trip for tomorrow's duel.

Bill Mack, former Drake University star who is now eligible to compete in varsity competition for the Green and White, raced around the four-mile course in the outstanding time of 20:49.3, cracking the NCAA mark by 13.7 seconds.

Warren Druetzler, last year's freshman mile sensation, also bettered the National Collegiate mark finishing in 20:58. Sophomore Tom Irmen was third in

21:04, one second off the record time.

Besides the three boys mentioned, Jack Diannetti, who established quite a reputation as both a miler and cross country runner; Clark Athceson, Capt. Bob Sewell, and a pair of identical twins, Ed and Don Makielski, will be included in the eight-man Spartan contingent.

Despite the heavy odds against the home team, the Nittany coach considers his team one of the country's finest.

"This team is better than the one which annexed last year's NCAA title," he stated. "Our boys have yet to be beaten, and Michigan State will have to capture tomorrow's meet before we'll admit defeat."

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