

# State, Boston College Clash for First Time

## C. Drazenovich May Not Start Against B. C.

Charley Murray, Lion quarterback replacement for Chuck Drazenovich, will be called on for heavy duty and possibly for a starting assignment tomorrow when Coach Joe Bedenk's Nittanymen line up against the Eagles of Boston College at Beaver Field.

Drazenovich, who is still suffering from a sprained ankle sustained in the Army game last week, will be available for only "limited" service according to Trainer Chuck Medlar.

Earlier in the week, Drazenovich was expected to be ready for this third game of the schedule but the ankle has been discouragingly slow in coming around. A heavy wrapping of tape, however, should enable the bruising blocking back to spell Murray for some action.

### FULL STRENGTH

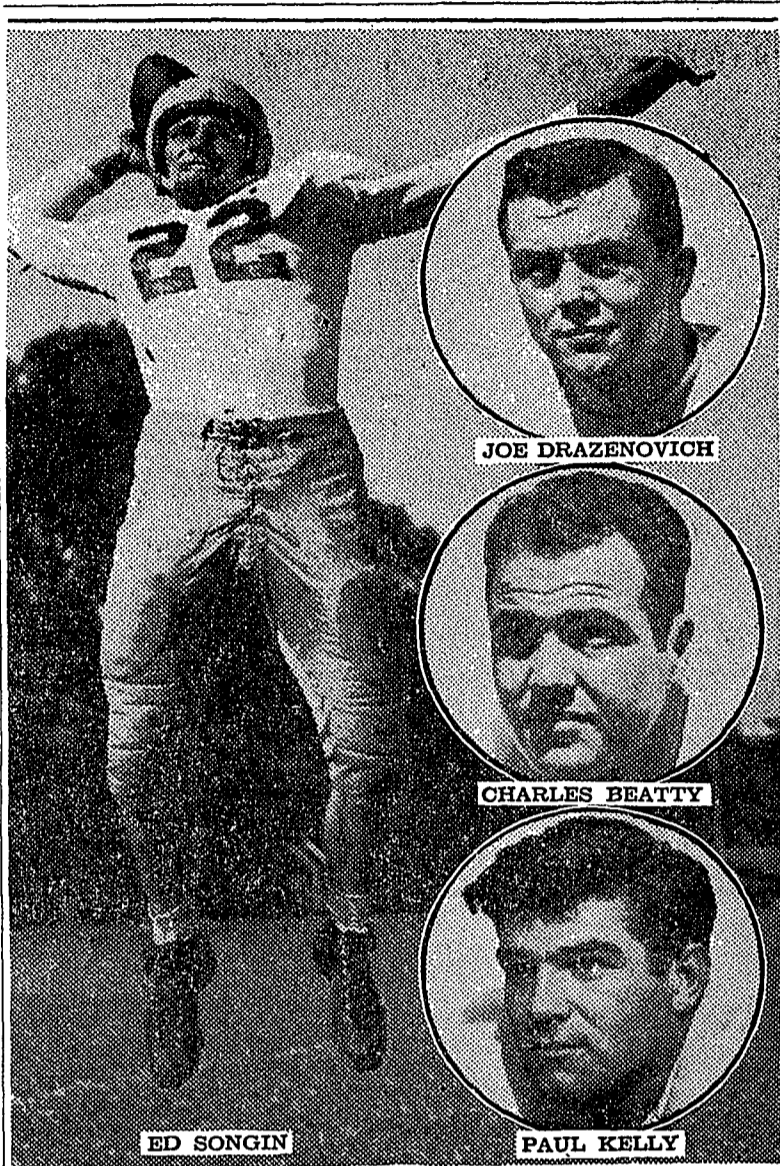
Outside of Drazenovich, Coach Bedenk's first string is at full strength for the coming engagement. Ray Hedderick has recovered sufficiently from a painful charley-horse to be used at starting center, and early injuries to other starters have all been given the "okay." Pete Gorinski, Rogel's replacement at fullback who was expected to do most of State's kicking this season, is still sidelined however, with a shoulder separation, and Bob Ross, leading replacement at tackle, will be out indefinitely with a dislocated elbow.

Johnny Chuckran is also lost to the team. Chuckran, who showed great promise in his freshman year, has been plagued with injuries the last couple of years.

The Lions worked hard this week tightening their lax pass defense in anticipation of Boston College's Ed Songin. If we don't throw up an effective barrier," Bedenk warned, "this Songin boy will pass us dizzy."

### PASSING

Also concentrated upon during the week's two scrimmage sessions and the lighter drills was the offense, especially aerial attack. Bedenk insists that one of the main faults of State passers in the two previous games has been that they take too much time getting rid of the ball, giving the defense time to cover potential receivers.



JOE DRAZENOVICH

CHARLES BEATTY

PAUL KELLY

BOSTON COLLEGE'S ALL-AMERICA prospect, Quarterback Ed Songin, last year led the East in yards gained passing with 83 completions for a total advance of 1172 yards. His chief tormentors, when Penn State engages the Eagles at State College, Pa., Saturday, October 8, will be Center Chuck Beatty, of Weisell, Pa., and Guards Joe Drazenovich, of Brownsville, Pa., and Paul Kelly, of Erie, Pa.

## Three Newcomers Added To Basketball Schedule

By RAY KOEHLER

Only nine contests are listed for home court action, on Penn State's 21-game basketball itinerary for the 1949-'50 season according to the schedule released by Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

Added to the State battle roster are three newcomers which include the U. of Pennsylvania, Rutgers and Gettysburg.

Appearing as an extra-curricular project on coach Elmer Gross' court docket will be a post-Christmas junket to Raleigh, North Carolina, where the Lions will be pitted against seven of the nation's top aggregations in the first annual Dixie Classic tourney.

Invited for tournament play are West Virginia University, Rhode Island State, Duke, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, North Carolina and North Carolina State. As a warmup for the Southern jaunt the Lion courtsters will engage in four pre-Christmas games; the first coming against Susquehanna University, December 7.

## Eagles on Par With Cadets In Manpower

by Bob Kotzbauer

Groggy from battering two-platoon systems and chasing pass receivers over their goal-line, Penn State's Nittany Lions will have to face an eleven tomorrow that can out-Army Army.

Boston College, second 1949 visitor at revamped Beaver Field, takes no back seat to the Cadets or any other Eastern grid power when it comes to throwing new blood into the battle or passes into the end zone.

Coached by Denny Myers in his fourth season as BC chief, the Eagles boast three platoons of seasoned manpower with no fewer than 29 letter winners and 38 members of last year's 44-man squad back for this year's wars. Of the number graduated, only one right guard, Tom Brennan, was regular.

### SLINGIN' SONGIN

Throwing for the Bean-Town gang is a "T" quarterback, Ed Songin, who last year led the East in yards gained passing and wound up fifth in the nation in that department. A 200-pound passing wizard from Walpole, Mass., Songin completed 83 of 164 passes, ranked second in the East in total offense and was responsible for BC being the leading team in passing offense in the East.

Last week as the Eagles upset a tough Wake Forest crew, 13-7, Songin hit the mark in 12 of 24 attempts, two good for touchdowns. Also an All-American hockey player on BC's club that won the NCAA championship, Songin is a hard runner, a rugged man to down. Al Michaels, Penn State's backfield coach who scouted the Eagles, came away singing Songin's praises and warning Bedenk that the Lion air umbrella will have to be flawless. Songin throws to two glue-fingered offensive wingmen, Albie Gould and Bill Malloy.

### TOP BACKFIELD

Rated beside Songin as some of the most celebrated operatives in the East are End Art Spinney, Captain and all-Catholic, all-American lineman; Tackle Ernie Stauffer, all-American right tackle and placement kicker; Halfback Joe Diminick who learned his football at Kulpmont, Pa., and Back Bob Palladino, who averaged 6.1 yards per try last fall. The passers and runners will operate behind a line that is deep and experienced, and one of the biggest lines extant.

Seeking its second victory after losing to Oklahoma, 46-0 and downing Wake Forest, Boston College will operate from the "T" formation with Songin in the slot. Myers figures this squad to be the best balanced team he has coached since succeeding Frank Leahy in 1941. Last year the Eagles won five games, while losing two and tying the same number.

This week's Eagle-Lion encounter is the first meeting in the history of the two schools.

### COURT SCHEDULE

Dec. 7—Susquehanna	home
Dec. 10—Rutgers	away
Dec. 14—Georgetown	away
Dec. 15—American U.	away
Dec. 28-30—Dixie Classic	away
Jan. 7—Colgate	home
Jan. 13—Carnegie Tech.	away
Jan. 14—Washington-Jeff	away
Jan. 18—American U.	home
Jan. 21—Pitt	home
Jan. 25—Pitt	away
Jan. 28—Syracuse	home
Feb. 8—Pennsylvania	away
Feb. 10—Gettysburg	away
Feb. 11—Navy	away
Feb. 15—W. Virginia	home
Feb. 18—Rutgers	home
Feb. 22—Temple	home
Feb. 24—Colgate	away
Feb. 25—Syracuse	away
Mar. 1—West Virginia	away
Mar. 4—Georgetown	home

## Between



## The Lions

With Elliot Crane Sports Editor

## New Lair

Coaches, trainers and players usually have a few superstitions kicking around the locker rooms during a football season. Some players think that a certain uniform number is good luck. Others put on one shoe instead of the other consistently to keep their luck from changing.

For the coaches and trainers a major change during the season usually means a change in luck. If a coach wins a game while wearing a certain suit, he'll wear that suit to the next game in appeal to the gods of sport to smile on his team again.

With two grid losses on its slate, the Nittany team is ready for a change—and change it will. Thursday morning the team left its cramped quarters in the water tower and moved down to the spacious new locker rooms under the West Stands of New Beaver Field.

As Oscar Buchenhorst, stock room manager, took us on a tour of the new quarters, we could picture the rooms filled with players and officials ready for the coming game.

## Visitors' Room

In the first room at the south end, the Boston College gridders would be receiving final instructions from Coach Myers. Their room, fitted with two heating units in case of cold weather, is situated next to a spacious shower room at one end and an athletic trainer's room at the other.

Moving down the line, we came to the officials' and coaches' dressing room. There the men in black and white would be discussing unusual plays in their usual detached way while checking the time for the start of the game.

In the largest room of the building, the training room, we could picture Dr. Griess and Chuck Medlar doing some last minute taping and padding. A far cry from the cramped jungle of heat lamps and whirlpool baths in the water tower, this room will hold all the medical equipment necessary to keep a team on its feet.

## Final Talk

Another shower room connects to the athletic room and in the next to last room of the building, the Nittany team makes its quarters. Here we could picture Coach Bedenk going over the Boston College attack for a final time and giving the team a word of confidence before going out on the field.

A stock room and drying room for uniforms complete the building at the north end. Separating the two teams' locker rooms is a physical plant room which houses the heating units and a first aid room for any emergency that may happen when 30,000 persons crowd into one area.

It was a major change to move from one "home" to another for the team, and if superstitions have any appeal to the fate of football—watch out Eagles!

## Ex-Pro Frosh Coach

Mike Holovak, Boston College frosh coach, played fullback for the Los Angeles Rams and the Chicago Bears in the NFL.

## Point Power

Since Denny Myers took over the helm of the Eagles in 1941 his team has never been held scoreless.

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