

Lions Test BC Air Attack Today

State Seeks 1st Win In Eagle Encounter

Penn State's grinding ground attack and slipshod pass defense is promised an assist from the weatherman today when the Lions take the gridiron, hosting the Boston College Eagles on New Beaver Field at 2 o'clock.

Forecasted rain, if it comes, could wreak havoc with BC's vaunted aerial attack led by chuckin' Ed Songin, besides upsetting the timing of the Eagles' tricky "T" formation plays.

The Nittany single-wing, relying solely on fullback Fran Rogel's driving power through center, is groomed to sash more effectively over wet turf.

Though the game is figured as a tossup in most circles, the Lions will boast a slight advantage in this first meeting of the two schools by playing on their home grounds. Boston College comes here after losing to Oklahoma, 46-0, but downing a good Wake Forest eleven, 13-7. Joe Bedenk, Lion head coach, is looking for his first victory, having lost to Villanova, 27-7, and to Army, 42-7.

SONGIN

But putting on a bigger production, if he can handle the slippery ball, will be all-American candidate Ed Songin, BC's 200-pound pass-flinging quarterback. Songin, the East's No. 1 passer last year, completed 22 of 46 passes in the losing battle against Oklahoma, and last Friday hit receivers 14 times in 24 attempts, two for touchdowns, in a 13-7 upset victory over Wake Forest. Last year, Songin picked up 1172 yards in 83 completions to top the East.

Songin, Diminick, Maurice Poissant and Ed Clasy of the BC backfield, will operate behind a line that averages 212 pounds and includes such standouts as Ernie Stautner, all-American right tackle, and Captain Art Spinney, all-Catholic, all-American end.

Penn State's line, with Ray Hedderick recovered from a Villanova injury and back in the lineup, will average 205 pounds, but the Lions will be outweighed in every line position but center.

MURRAY

Charley Murray was nominated yesterday to take over the quarterback and blocking-back duties of the injured Chuck Drazenovich. Drazenovich will see limited duty in the game but a turned ankle will hamper his play.

Plunging from the fullback will be all-Eastern candidate Fran Rogel, with Vince O'Bara operating at the tailback and Owen Dougherty on the wing. O'Bara and his replacement, Bill Luther, will probably do more passing this week, if conditions are right, than in the two previous games. They will also do the punting, while guard Joe Drazenovich is slated for place kick attempts.

Bedenk emphasized pass defense to stall Songin, aerial attack, line play and worked hard on smoothing out plays during the week's practice sessions. State's almost all-senior first team is generally recognized as better than it showed in the two previous games, and Bedenk is looking for a comeback of his veterans.

RESERVES

But the Lions need reserve strength as pointed up emphatically in the loss at West Point. After the first eleven, the team lacks experience and the sophomores haven't been too fast coming around. With the loss of Bob Ross, sterling replacement at



C. DRAZENOVICH

tackle who was injured against Army, the Nittany second string is even weaker.

Boston College has all kinds of reserves. Material runs two and three deep in every position with 29 letter-winners and 38 members of last year's 44-man squad back for this year's wars. Myers figures this squad will be the best balanced team he has coached since succeeding Frank Leahy at BC in 1941.

Early arrivals for today's game may purchase tickets beginning at 9 o'clock. H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, announced yesterday. A booth will be opened at the West Gate to accommodate ticket seekers.

Penn State's popular Blue Band will march and step off formations during halftime.

Soccer Forces Meet Bucknell.

At 1 p.m. today the Nittany soccer forces take to the New Beaver Field soccer layout against Bucknell in hopes of running their unbeaten skein to nine.

The Lions opened their season last Saturday with a 6-0 conquest of West Chester, while Bucknell opened their campaign by losing a 4-0 tilt to always powerful Temple.

Penn State's starting lineup: George Lawther..... Goal
Bill Yerkes..... Left-full
Chuck Margolf..... Right-full
Dick Hannah..... Left-half
Ralph Hosterman Center-half
Bill Kraybill..... Right-half
Clarence Buss..... Outside-left
Harry Little..... Inside-left
Joe Lane..... Center-forward
Ronald Colman..... Inside-right
Ted Lieb..... Outside-right

Yanks Edge Brooklyn, 4-3, Take Game Edge in Series

Dodger bats exploded two home runs into the left field stands in the ninth inning, but Yankee hurler Joe Page rose to the occasion and struck out pinch-hitter Bruce Edwards to end the threat and give the Yanks a 4-3 win at Ebbets Field yesterday. The triumph also gave the New Yorkers a one-game edge in the '49 fall classic.

The Yanks had exploded for three runs in the top of the ninth to break the 1-1 tie, which had resulted in the fourth when Pee-wee Reese cannonaded a fast ball into the lower left-centerfield stands as lead-off batter.

Ralph Branca started on the mound for the Dodgers and southpaw Tommy Byrne took the hill for the Yanks. Branca pitched effectively, striking out six; but four walks proved his undoing, as three passes directly resulted in scores. Byrne, on the other hand, suffered his usual wildness, though it came belatedly in the fourth, when he retired in favor of Joe Page with the bases loaded and one out.

PAGE

For the second successive day, Page walked to the hill, facing a situation he'd encountered many times this season. Reese's homer had given the Dodgers the tying run, and the blow unnerved the erratic Byrne, who retired the next hitter but then was cuffed for a line single to right by Furillo. Trying to pitch too carefully, Byrne issued consecutive free passes to Robinson and Hodges.

Manager Casey Stengel had enough, so he summoned Page from the bullpen. The strategy proved sound as Page got Olmo on a pop-up to first and Snider via a grounder to third.

Byrne had been handed a one-run lead in the top of the third when, with one away, Branca issued the first pass off Dodger pitching to Cliff Mapes, who subsequently scored on a single to right-center by Byrne and Rizzuto's fly to Furillo. Branca settled down and retired the next four hitters after Woodling had doubled off the scoreboard in right-center in the fourth.

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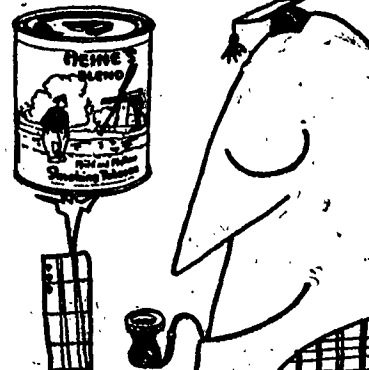
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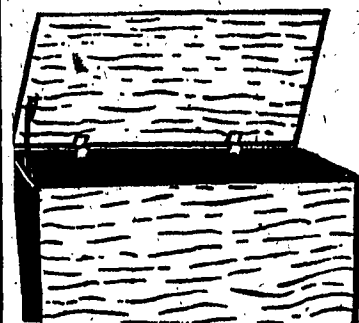
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