

State Line Shows Improvement in 32-14 Romp

New Plays Due for Nittanies As Bedenk Plans for Nebraska

With his confidence buoyed by the improved play, Saturday, of his veteran line, Penn State's head football coach Joe Bedenk can belatedly switch his attention this week to developing new plays and grooming the attack as the Lions eye their contest with Nebraska here, Saturday.

Bedenk, assured since fall practices began that the front wall was one of Nittany's strongest points, had his hopes confirmed finally as the State line out-charged a heavier Boston College line, making possible the Lions' 32-14 victory over the Eagles last week.

Charging a passer off his feet is Bedenk's idea of the best pass defense. That the idea finally caught on with the players is proved by statistics, showing that Ed Songin, one of the nation's top passers, completed only seven passes out of 23 heaves.

INJURIES FEW

Good word for Bedenk and State partisans also came out of the training room today where Trainer Chuck Medlar reported no serious injuries to the squad. Bobby Hicks and John Podrasky are suffering from bruises, and Chuck Beatty from a shoulder strain, but the injuries, according to Medlar, are not likely to cramp the effectiveness of the trio. Also, Chuck Drazenovich who missed last week's game with a bad ankle will probably be able to take over his regular duties as quarterback, the job Charlie Murray handled admirably as replacement Saturday.

GORINSKI BACK

Better news relates to Clarence Gorinski who, for the first time since the Bucknell pre-season scrimmage, finally broke into action. Gorinski, no longer sidelined with a shoulder separation, is destined to do most of State's kicking in the future and he may soon be ready to spell Fran Rogel on fullback chores.

Led by Negley Norton, Hicks, John Smidansky, Fred Felbaum, Don Murray and more, the State line's high-powered charging of Songin, followed throughout the entire 60 minutes, payed off dividends even before many of the 16,000 Beaver Field fans had found their seats in the sun-drenched stadium Saturday.

After little Joe Diminick rolled up a first down to the BC 30 in the first two minutes, Songin failed to throw his second pass. (The first fell incomplete). Felbaum caught him behind the line, Songin threw in desperation, and Eddie Hoover, reserve tackle, plucked the leather out of the air and scampered into the end-zone untouched. Joe Drazenovich missed the extra-point, but the Lions had found the system to stop BC's air attack.

DOUGHERTY

Before the first quarter ended, Wingback Owen Dougherty unrolled a 47-yard carpet around left end to the BC 4, and the Lions, with Bill Luther running once, then passing to Jack Storer in the end zone, made it 12-0. Joe Drazenovich kicked this point to give State a 13-point edge.

Boston College scored midway through the second quarter when Jim Parson fell on Vince O'Bara's fumble on the State 22, Songin passing to Joe Gould for a TD and Ernie Stautner kicked over the bar to make seven points.

But State handed Denny Myers' air-minded Eagles a swallow of their own brew as time ran out at the half. The Lion's fur was ruffled when Songin, from the State 30, threw to Maurice Poissant in the end zone, the ball slipping out of the receiver's hands when a catch would have meant a tie-game. The pass was on fourth down, and the "Big White" took over.

SMIDANSKY SCORES

O'Bara, with "a they can do it, why can't we" attitude flipped to John Smidansky for 17 yards, Fran Rogel duplicated the stunt to Chandois Johnson for another 17, and as the clock and 16,000 hearts stopped, O'Bara threw again to Smidansky, the big end

Scores for State



John Smidansky

racing over the goal. The placement was off, but the Lions held a 19-7 halftime margin.

TWO MORE

Tasting blood finally after two defeats, the Nittanymen came back in the last half to score two more TD's, one on Luther's pass to Storer, who dug it out of three defenders' hands over the goal, and the other on O'Bara's sneak around left end after a B.C. fumble was recovered by Lloyd Amprim on the Eagle 15-yard line. Joe Drazenovich made one of the points.

In the last quarter, the Eagles marched 86 yards against State's reserves, with Doug Millette and Bill Scholz lugging the ball. Stautner again converted. The last Eagle touchdown was a costly one. Fullback Ed Clasby fractured his left leg in a pileup on the State 8-yard line.

Final statistics show the Lions gained 205 yards rushing as against Boston's 125, and 125 yards gained passing against the visitor's 93. First downs were even at a dozen each.

It was Penn State's 241 home victory in 63 years of intercollegiate football. The Lions have lost only 27 games here, and have tied 10.

Boston College 0 7 0 7-14
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Penn State scoring: Touchdowns—Hoover, Smidansky, O'Bara, Storer 2. Extra points—J. Drazenovich 2.
Boston College scoring: Touchdowns—Gold, Millette. Extra points—Stautner 2.

	PS	BC
First downs	12	12
Net yards rushing	205	124
Passes attempted	14	23
Passes completed	8	7
Passes intercepted by	3	1
Net yards passing	125	93
Yards runback	27	9
Yards interception	35	38
Punting average	35	38
Total yards all kicks returned	88	70
Lost ball fumbles	1	2
Yards lost penalties	80	15

New Grid Regulations Eliminate Specialists

By Marv Krasnansky

The two platoon system and specialization are here to stay in football, but the game's new substitution rule, while not intended as such, will serve to discourage any increase in the number of one-shot specialists that have been shuffling on and off the nation's gridirons for the past several seasons.

Apparently intended to put a wet blanket on the practice of coaches calling each and every play from the sanctum of the bench, football's latest in a long line of substitution rules allows replacements only when there is a time out after an incompleting pass, after an out-of-bounds play, and following a penalty. It goes without saying that it would be a costly procedure for a coach to send in a new man to call a play at the price of a five-yard penalty.

While, however, accomplishing its purpose, the rule takes a backhanded slap at the specialist, the man sent in for one play to kick, or pass, and at the climax runner, who picks the time and place for his brief appearances.

SPECIALISTS

Last season, when the rules allowed for the insertion of one player after each down, the one-shot-Johnny was worth his weight in touchdowns, for he could be injected into the lineup at any time, either to throw or kick or run as the situation demanded, according to his special talent. The new ruling limits the number of opportunities for the specialist to be inserted into the game, thereby lessening his value to his team and partially restoring the need for the all-round competitor.

While it is argued that the new substitution rule favors the big squad since as many as 11 players may be substituted at once, the new ukase should serve well its original purpose of taking the field strategy off the bench and onto the field, where it belongs.

The comical turns that can develop when the game is run from the sidelines is well-illustrated by the story of the coach who sent in a quarterback with instructions to "Run three plays and punt." Starting from his own ten, the lad called an off-tackle slant that was good for 15 yards. A wide end sweep brought the ball across the midfield marker to the opposition's 45, from where a flat pass was good for 15, putting the ball on the 30. At this point the boy dropped back and punted much to the consternation and dismay of his frantic coach.

WHAT THE

On the verge of nervous prostration, the coach yanked the boy and bellowed, "What the vulgarism did you do that for?" "Just did what you told me to," the dumbfounded player told his coach.

The 1949 official rule book lists 36 major changes in the football code, but only a handful of these need be noted. Of these, the regulations governing the offensive use of the hands and clipping will come into play frequently.

USE OF HANDS

The rule on illegal use of hands and arms is more strict, abolishing the former follow-through privileges after a chest or shoulder block. Under the current code, the hands must be in contact with the body during the entire block. The new rule on clipping protects the player only below the waist and at the same time sets new limits on the area in which a clip is legal, fixing it at four yards to either side of the middle lineman and three yards to the front and rear of the line of scrimmage.

The new regulations governing passing eliminate the "T" formation quarterback as an eligible pass receiver by making ineligible any offensive player in position to take a hand-to-hand snap. Two other rules affecting passing make legal a pass caught by an eligible receiver after being touched by an ineligible receiver, and provide that an incompleting pass thrown from the passing team's end zone is no longer a safety. This latter rule was designed to encourage teams to pass out of danger rather than kick.

The rule makers have also made it harder on the man who intentionally grounds a pass by redefining passing as "throwing," and making the penalty five yards from the point of the foul instead of the 1948 penalty of 15 yards from the start of the play.

This season, too, it will be legal for a member of the kicking team to run with a blocked kick if he recovers the ball behind his own line of scrimmage.

Swimmers

Candidates for the swimming team and second assistant managerial posts are asked to attend a meeting in 316 Sparks at 7:30 tonight. Swimming films will be shown.

Hotel Rates

Hotel reservations in New York were announced for students wishing to attend the Columbia Game of 1934. Rates were \$3.00 per room.

Five Veterans Will Return To Stick Squad

Seventy candidates for berths on the depleted varsity lacrosse squad showed up at the first meeting which initiated Coach Nick Theil's fall practice.

Of those seventy candidates, which include five returning lettermen, jayvees, stickers in from the centers and just plain candidates, only three have had any previous experience other than Collegiate at the sport. These three constitute a record turnout. The usual complement of experienced men is one or two.

Co-captains Bob Louis, midfielder, and Ed Belfield, attack, head the returning letter winners. Waldo Weaver, midfielder, John Hagerman, defense and Jim Worley, midfielder, round out the veteran quintet.

ALL-STATERS

Up from the two centers, Swarthmore and Harrisburg, which fielded lacrosse teams last season are several members of the mythical All-State freshman team. From the Swarthmore center Tony Eagle, a unanimous "All" choice, Jim Reed, league high scorer and John Price are among the candidates while defenseman Vance Scout and midfielder Dave Parris are up from Harrisburg.

Fall practice will consist almost entirely of teaching in fundamentals. No organized program has been set up for getting the men in condition, but a few will probably undertake this task on their own accord.

INSTRUCTION

Stick handling will come in for a large share of the instruction time during the five weeks the practice session will last. Several ex-varsity lettermen will take over the instruction of this vital part of the sport and Theil will act as overall advisor.

With only five lettermen back, a good deal of rebuilding must be done if the team is to better its five win record of last season. Twenty-one veterans graced the varsity roster last year and after a red hot start with three consecutive victories, the team just managed to stage a comeback and trounce its last two opponents to end up with a five and four record.

Prospects look gloomy, to say the least, unless Theil can orient the candidates into the State system by the time the first game rolls around next spring. If he can, and he's done it before, the Blue and White could have a successful season on the field of circles and nets.



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