

# Grid Lions Smack Syracuse

## Major Injuries Absent In White's 33-21 Win

By BOB KOTZBAUER

Nittanyville's gridders, toasting their 33-21 victory over Syracuse and their climb to a .500 season percentage, are preparing for West Virginia this week, assured that lessons they learned from early rivals have made them a stronger ballclub.

The Lions swallowed some bitter medicine while Villanova was showing them the danger of underestimating opponents; while Army taught the value of well-smoked reserves. Michigan State illustrated how a diversified attack and sharp down-field blocking were essentials. Against Boston College and Nebraska, the teams they beat, the Lions learned the value of line-charging as a pass defense.

Every point in their education paid off before 18,600 fans Saturday as Coach Joe Bedenk's crew stormed to their third win, socking the Orangemen with their fourth defeat. Not only did the Lions win, they came out of the engagement ready for more. The injury jinx took a holiday with no major injuries cropping up. Fran Rogel and Chuck Beatty will definitely be in shape for Saturday and Ray Hedderick is a possibility. Only reserves Ed Hoover and Con Brown are out for sure.

### SLOW START

It took the Lions almost a half to get started, however, as they basked in the sunshine of being favorites and Syracuse aimed for an upset. Came the second half and State threw away its press clippings and went to work on the gridiron. Lesson I—don't underestimate rivals.

Number II—Joe Bedenk kept his eleven at top shape through most of the game by substituting cagily with his improving reserves. That eliminated the late-inning lag that ruined the Lions at West Point.

Nobody missed the other three points. Sharp blocking in key spots by Joe and Chuck Drazenovich, Chandois Johnson, and others shook Bill Luther loose for his 80-yard touchdown jaunt in the second quarter and Owen Dougherty for his 49-yard sprint with an intercepted pass for a fourth-period score.

A diversified attack that mixed Dougherty's left-hand passes with Vince O'Bara's off-tackle slants and end runs, Fran Rogel and Len Shephard's center plunges, and Luther's running and passing gave the Lions their most consistent offense to date.

### LINE SPARKLES

Sparked by Don Murray, Negley Norton, Jack Storer, Lloyd Amprim and a flock of others, the line lived up to its notices, savagely rushing Syracuse's Bernie Custis and forcing the Negro passing ace to toss the ball in a hurry.

Operating calmly from his quarterback spot, Custis was superb however. He completed better than 50 per cent of his passes, some of them thrown with the Lion frontwall hanging on his neck. One of Custis' passes went for a touchdown and another, for 40 yards in the final minute of play, set up the Orange's last TD.

Syracuse struck for its first score without Custis just three minutes after the game opened. Sophomore Bill Haskins led the way with a 56-yard run to the State 22, where on the second play sub Quarterback John Foley tossed to Bob Young for the score.

Bob Koleser's placement attempt was good; in fact, he kicked three good points during the afternoon, running his mark to 16 out of 17 during the season.

State hurried back with Dougherty hurling to John Smidansky for 32 yards and a score, but Joe Drazenovich missed the point and Syracuse stayed in front, 7-6.

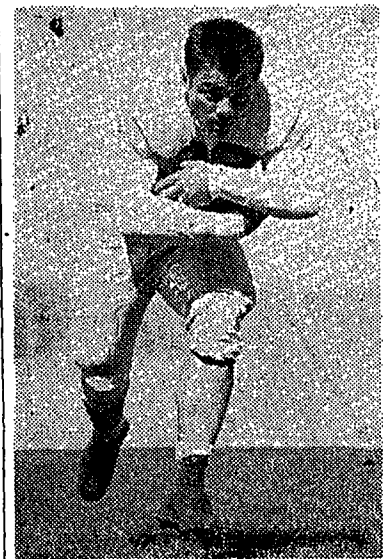
### SCORE FOR SCORE

In the second quarter, Custis got into the act with a 26-yard aerial to George Davis, but the Lions followed one point behind as Luther trotted 80 yards with a punt return.

Rogel entered the game the first time State took the ball in the second half, and after Luther and Dougherty rolled up a first down via the statue of liberty, the Lions unraveled the sensational play of the contest—a buck lateral with Luther passing to Rogel for 43 yards. Four plays from the 4-yard line and Rogel put State ahead with his plunge.

O'Bara personally accounted for 92 yards in a 72-yard drive that

### Back In Action



FRAN ROGEL

marched for the next TD. He wound up scoring on an 11-yard scoot around right end. Dougherty added the next touchdown on his 49-yard return of an interception.

Custis and the Orange, with the minutes fading, scored once more on the game's final play, the key act being Custis' pass to Tom Lehr for 40 yards to the State 8.

### The lineups:

**SYRACUSE**  
ENDS: Greibuss, E. Urban, Roberts, Nussbaum, Dragotta, Fuller  
TACKLES: Lupo, G. Urban, Kurliu, Koleser, Grzibowski, Mace  
GUARDS: Pepper, Ciesielski, Flacco, Herlihy  
CENTERS: Tumolo, Watrel  
BACKS: John Foley, Custis, Shreve, Davis, Haskins, Lehr, Young, Jim Foley, Adams, Fallace  
**PENN STATE**  
ENDS: Hicks, Amprim, Slabonik, Barber, Smidansky, Storer, Wilson  
TACKLES: Norton, Cripps, D. Murray, Godlasky  
GUARDS: J. Drazenovich, Bartek, Mathers, Felbaum, Kelly, Barr  
CENTERS: Bunn, Podrasky, Shumook  
BACKS: C. Drazenovich, C. Murray, Luther, Shaginaw, O'Bara, Mundell, Dougherty, Orsini, Shepherd, Johnson.

Score by periods: Syracuse 7 7 0 7-21 Penn State 6 7 7 13-33  
Syracuse scoring: Touchdowns—Young, Davis, Custis, Extra points—Koleser 3.  
Penn State scoring: Touchdowns—Smidansky, Luther, Rogel, O'Bara, Dougherty, Extra points—J. Drazenovich 2, O'Bara.  
Officials: Brennan, referee; Coogan, umpire; Montgomery, field judge; Winlers, linesman.

PS Syr.  
First downs 11 12  
Net yards rushing 118 135  
Net yards passing 127 201  
Passes attempted 13 28  
Passes completed 5 14  
Forwards intercepted by 3 1  
Yards Runback Interceptions 86 15  
Punts 7 7  
Punting average 33 41  
Total yards all kicks returned 176 134  
Lost-ball fumbles 2 2  
Yards lost penalties 41 45

**Psychology Tests**  
Since results of the freshman and sophomore psychology tests will not be known for three weeks, students are requested not to come to the psych office before then.

**HOAGIES**  
by  
**JONES and SHALLCROSS**  
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## Pitt Scores Win Over Penn; Two Future Foes Bow

Pittsburgh's sensational 22-21 victory over the Red and Blue of Penn at Philadelphia turned out to be the only success Penn State's future rivals could earn in Saturday's grueling grid wars.

This week's opponent, West Virginia, succumbed to Virginia University, 19-4, and the Owls of Temple were swamped by the irrepressible Spartans of Michigan State, 62-14.

Army continued as the sole undefeated team on Penn State's 1949 schedule. The Cadets rolled over VMI, 40-14. Villanova dumped Boston College to up its record to 6 wins and 1 loss, second best among the Lions' opponents.

Following are the records of State's opponents:

TEAM	W	L	T
Villanova	6	1	0
Army	6	0	0
Boston College	1	4	1
Nebraska	2	4	0
Michigan State	5	1	0
Syracuse	2	4	0
West Virginia	3	4	0
Temple	4	2	0
Pittsburgh	5	1	0
	34	21	1

## Harris Predicts Lion Victory

The Nittany team on the way to another win according to the football forecasts of Joe Harris. Harris predicts a 20-7 win for State over the Mountaineers of West Virginia this weekend when the Lions journey to Morgantown.

### Probable winners at left.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE GAMES**  
Friday Evening  
Loyola—H. Simmons 27-14  
Miami—Detroit 27-14  
Mor.-Har.—G'town (Ky) 14-0  
S. Jose St.—Cal. Poly 41-7  
Citadel—Presby. 20-7  
Villanova—G'town 20-7  
W. Chester—Moravian 34-7  
Saturday  
Alfred—Ithaca 20-6  
Allegheny—Thiel 19-7  
Amer. Int.—Lowell 27-6  
Ariz. St.—N. Mex. A. 34-7  
Ariz.—N. Mex. 27-7  
Army—Fordham 28-7  
Ashland—Taylor 19-7  
Ball St.—Manches'r 27-6  
Boston—Temple 20-7  
Brown—Yale 20-14  
Buffalo—Wash. Jeff. 37-7  
Calif.—Wash. St. 34-7  
Clemson—Boston C. 20-13  
Conn.—Rd. Is. St. 34-7  
Cornell—Syracuse 34-7  
Dartmouth—Columbia 34-14  
Dickenson—Drexel 20-13  
Drake—Iowa St. 20-13  
Duke—Wk. Forest 14-7  
Frank. Marsh.—Ursinus 20-6  
Geneva—Akron 13-7  
Georgia—Florida 20-7  
Gettys.—Bucknell 7-0  
Holy Cross—Colg. 13-7  
Ill.—Ind. 27-7  
Ill. Wes.—DePauw 20-6  
John Hop.—Swarth. 20-13  
Kan.—Neb. 14-7  
Kent.—Xavier 27-7  
Lafayette—Rutg. 14-7  
Lincoln—Leb. Val. 20-7  
La. St.—Vander. 27-14  
Maine—Bowdoin 19-7  
Marietta—Car. Tch. 20-6  
My.—Geo. Wash. 27-7  
Miami (O.)—W. Res. 27-7  
Mich.—Purdue 28-7  
Minn.—Iowa 27-7  
Miss. So.—Okl. Ct. 34-7  
Miss. St.—Auburn 20-14  
Mo.—Col. 27-7

## IM Teams Seek To Gain Quarter-Final Spots

To qualify for the quarter finals will be the task facing four fraternity and four independent touch football teams when they clash in third round games tonight under the lights of Beaver practice field. Fraternity swimming teams will move into third round competition with two meets in Glennland pool this afternoon.

Cy Troyan's Coal Crackers, who broke the IM touch football scoring mark twice in winning their first two games, will go into action again at 8:30 tonight. The Brown Baggers, 12-0 victor over Dorm 40 in its opener, will provide the competition. The last time the Coal Crackers took the field they tallied 40 points to crush Dorm 39 and set a new IM scoring mark.

## Winter Sports Deadline Soon

Fraternities and independent groups have one week in which to submit their entries for intramural boxing and basketball. All entries must be made by 5 p.m. next Tuesday in 213 Rec Hall.

The entry fee for boxing is 25 cents per man, while the fee for basketball is \$1 for each team. Boxing competition will be conducted under the single elimination plan in each weight class. The weights in which there will be competition are: 121-pounds, 128-pounds, 135-pounds, 145-pounds, 155-pounds, 165-pounds, 175-pounds and unlimited. There must be a minimum of eight contestants entered in each weight.

If less than eight men enter a weight, that class will be eliminated. Physical examinations will be required of all individuals. They must be taken on the day assigned by the IM office. No one will be examined on dates other than those assigned.

Once the tournament begins, contestants will not be allowed to shift weight classes. A three-pound allowance will be made, and boxers will be weighed before each bout. An organization may enter one man in each weight and independents may enter as individuals.

All preliminary bouts will be held between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. A bout will consist of three two-minute rounds. Defending champions from any previous tournament must move up at least one weight, and winners in the unlimited class are ineligible. Basketball play is carried on in league play, and there will be separate leagues for independent and fraternity teams. Leagues of seven or eight teams will be formed, with each team playing every other team in its league. League champions will then play in an elimination tournament.

Each organization may enter one team. Games will be played between 8:45 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Mont.—E. Wash. 20-7  
N.Y.U.—King Pt. 27-7  
N. Car. St.—Rich. 27-7  
N. Car.—Wm. & Mary 21-14  
N'western—Wis. 28-14  
Notre Dm.—Mich. S. 27-7  
Ohio St.—Pitt 28-7  
Ohio—Cin. 20-7  
Okl. A&M—Tulsa 27-14  
Okl.—Kan. St. 41-7  
Ore.—Wash. 20-7  
Ore. St.—Idaho 27-7  
PENN ST.—W. Va. 20-7  
Penn.—Vir. 21-7  
Princ.—Harv. 27-14  
Rand. Mac.—Wash. C. 20-6  
Rice—Ark. 21-7  
Miss.—Chatt. 41-7  
St. Bon.—Houst. 27-7  
St. Mary—Denver 34-13  
So. Car.—Marq. 20-14  
So. Dak. S.—N. Dak. 13-7  
S. Dak.—August. 20-7  
So. Cal.—Stanf. 20-7  
St. Meth.—Tex. A&M 27-7  
Tenn.—Geo. Tc. 14-7

Alpha Gamma Rho and Theta Chi will line up in the opener at 7 o'clock. Both teams are unbeaten in two previous games. Penn Haven will face Beaver House at 7:45, and Pi Kappa Alpha, winner of two, is pitted against Lambda Chi Alpha. Lambda Chi Alpha moved into the third round when Tau Kappa Alpha forfeited for using ineligible players.

Alpha Sigma Phi and Delta Chi are matched in one swimming contest, and Phi Kappa Sigma battles Pi Kappa Alpha in the other.

## Thiel Organizes Tri-Part Drills

By GEORGE GLAZER

With a record turnout of 110 men for the lacrosse team, Coach Nick Thiel and his assistants, Ernie "Bugs" Baer and John McHugh, have turned to a new method of conducting practice sessions.

Up until this time, the rule has been to pit two full teams against each other and substitute when and where possible. With the large number of candidates reporting to fall practice, following the usual pattern would leave too many men with nothing to do.

### SOLUTION

As a solution to this problem, Thiel has divided his squad into three parts—attack, midfield and defense—the three phases of the game. Thiel, Baer and McHugh will each take charge of a squad of 15 men and work on the fundamentals and strategy for each position so that as many men as possible are working at the same time.

Three of the most promising candidates at this time appear to be attackmen Jim Reed and Bud Wolfram and midfielder Tony Eagle.

Reed was division high scorer at Swarthmore Center last year and was an All-State selection. Eagle was a teammate of Reed's and was also picked on the mythical All-State team. Wolfram's ability as a stick hand (Continued on page five)

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