

Engle Eyes Sophs For Reserve Power

By MARV KRASNANSKY

Although no more than two or three sophomores will get starting jobs in Penn State's two platoon system, Coach Rip Engle and his assistants are counting heavily on the new recruits for reserve work. No less than nine sophomores are expected to see plenty of game time as fill-ins.

Fullback Ted Shattuck is the only sophomore in the running for a starting berth on the attack platoon, while State College's Bill Leonard is making a strong bid for a full-time job at defensive left halfback. Don "Porky" Millhouse has all but sewed up the guard position in the middle of the State defensive array.

Nine Sophs Will Aid

Although juniors or seniors are firmly entrenched in all the other positions, Engle and his staff look for support from five sophomores on the offensive unit and four on the defensive squad.

On the attack, end Joe Yukica, tackle, Herb Raifsnider, center Jim Dooley, guard Don Barney, and halfback Bob Pollard are expected to be of help in making the model-T roll. End Milt Simon,

Five Nittany Grid Foes Shed Wraps Over Weekend

Five opponents of the Nittany eleven open their schedules this week, and most of the observers from the Lion coaching staff will undoubtedly hotfoot it up to Syracuse to watch with interest as coach Harvey Harman takes his Rutgers team north to match forces with the Orangemen.

Also scheduled for this weekend are Boston College, West Virginia and Temple.

The other Big White opponents, Army, Georgetown, Nebraska and Pitt open their schedules next weekend.

Boston College will take on Wake Forest in its opener, West Virginia tackles Western Reserve and Temple will meet Albright. Boston College last year beat Wake Forest, 13-7, Temple and Albright did not meet in 1949.

Custis Again

Rutgers last season took a 21-9 beating from Syracuse, principally because of Bernie Custis' good right arm, something which is supposed to be doubly effective this season. Syracuse has been thoroughly scouting all opposition, and the Rutgers tussle may give an indication of just how much they have learned. Rutgers is expected to field a fair-to-middlin' team. The game will uncover Leon Root, claimed by many to be the All-American center this year.

The Boston College-Wake Forest game will be the 1950 debut for fullback Ed Petela, a scoring hotshot in the last three games (Continued on page eight)

While Ken Bunn appears to be the Lions' first string offensive center, Dooley has been giving the veteran letterman keen competition for the job. Another California product, Dooley is bigger and heavier than the 175-pound Bunn. Bob Pollard, also a product of Earl Bruce's California farm, looks like the best of the crop of new running backs. The tall, rangy Negro speedster has shown flashes of drive and elusive speed that indicate great things in the future.

Should Keith continue to play as well as he has in the past few weeks, it would enable Engle to rest Capt. Owen Dougherty, the only man scheduled to play on both platoons.

Booters Absorb Jeffrey System As Opener With Bucknell Nears

By BUD FENTON

As the opening game of the season with Bucknell University on Oct. 1, draws nigh, the soccer personnel that Coach Bill Jeffrey has been working with looks more and more like the Penn State power machines of the past.

Each of the new candidates has been learning the clever, short-passing system which Jeffrey has used so successfully in the past, and is finding his place on the squad which will be the most feared in the East.

Led by Captain Harry Little, 1949 All-American selection, and a veteran forward line, including speedy center-forward Joe Lane, Clarence Buss, Ron Coleman and Gus Bigott, the team will be a typical Jeffrey outfit.

All-American—38 Style

Each of these men played in last year's Soccer Bowl game with the exception of Bigott, who was All-American in 1938 and is returning to help steady a team which is already steady enough to tie for National Collegiate honors. Coleman will play inside left and will be the running mate of Little who will be on the right side. Buss and Bigott will play the wing or outside positions.

The three halfback spots will be hard to fill. Having lost two All-Americans last year, Ralph Hosterman and Dick Hannah, along with Will Kraybill, Jeff sees difficulty in filling the vacated shoes. A sophomore threesome intact from the Swarthmore Center looks promising. A more experienced group, George "Red" Emig, Doug Diefenderfer, and George Yuscavage, is also being worked extensively.

Fullback Aspirants

Leading the fullback aspirants are veteran Bill Yerkes, sophomore Jay Simmons, and Jack Kurty.

Rod Coder, a member of the undefeated 1949 team is the top goalkeeper and has been impressive in early drills.

Reserve help for the 1950 squad is expected to come from linemen Gary Nugent, Fred Fieni, and Bud Fenton, halfback Bob Roulston, and fullback Al Fulton.

Here's One Ripley Missed



MOST EYE-FILLING player on Penn State's pre-season football squad is Bill Hockersmith, tackle candidate from New Cumberland, who at 6-feet-5, 240-pounds dwarfs tiny Earle Mundell, 5-feet-4, 155-pound scaiback, the smallest Lion gridder.

Doc Best Ever Was . . .

Owen Dougherty, captain of Penn State's 1950 football team and the leading ground-gainer for the Nittany Lions last year, is a has been.—And he has a piece of "fan mail" to prove it.

Scrawled on the back of a postcard Owen received yesterday addressed to "Mr. Owen Dougherty, Penn State Univ." was the following message:

"To me you are one of the greatest halfbacks ever was. Could you send me a autograph picture of you. Good luck a pal, Henry Jeffries, Box 194, the Plains, Va."

younger brother of John Simon, a guard on the Cotton Bowl team of 1947, tackle Jim Longacre, quarterback Joe Gratson, guard Bob Smith, and halfback Ross Keith can be expected to help buoy the Lion defense.

Stiff Competition

Up from California, Shattuck still must outdo Herb Kurtz, a senior, and Bob Pollard, a junior, before he can consider the fullback job his own. However, the 19-year-old, 6-foot, 200-pounder looked like State's best bulldozer in the Cornell scrimmage, showing ability up the middle as well as off the flanks.

Millhouse, a five-foot, ten-inch 200-pound farm product of Kutztown State has been in the center of the Nittany defensive line all Fall. His play against Cornell was an important factor in the surprising showing made by the Lions.

Improving rapidly by Fall, Leonard registered his best performance since reporting to the Lion training camp against the Big Red. He is 19, stands an even six-feet and weighs 180.

Lots o' Ways To Make A \$

Dale Thomas, assistant wrestling coach at Michigan State, can still practice what he preaches—and he has \$50 to prove it.

This Summer Thomas visited a carnival that featured a hulking 300-pound wrestler who offered \$50 to anyone who could stay three minutes with him.

Thomas took the challenge. Two minutes later he climbed out of the ring with the 300-pound behemoth flat on his back and minus half-a-hundred bucks.

The MSC coach is no novice at this mat sport. He was NAAU 191-pound champ in 1943, 1947, and 1948, and was a star on the Cornell College wrestling team during his undergraduate days.

Michigan State and Michigan's football game next Sept. 30 will be the second of the season for the Spartans, marking the first time since 1946 that the game has not been the season's opener for both teams. The Spartans meet Oregon State the week before.

Tigers Smash A's, 8-2, Move Into First Place Tie

The Detroit Tigers moved into a first place tie with the New York Yankees in the torrid American League flag race yesterday by downing the Philadelphia Athletics, 8 to 2.

The game was the only one scheduled in the Junior circuit and the Tigers made the most of it. Six runs in the first inning paved the way for Freddie Hutchinson and although he allowed the A's 13 hits, the portly righthander put on the pressure when threatened. The Tigers collected eight hits themselves.

The game left the Tigers and the New York Yankees deadlocked for the top spot with just 10 games remaining. Boston is

in second, two games behind the leaders.

In the National League the Boston Braves downed the St. Louis Cards by a 5 to 0 count, Brooklyn took the Pirates for the

Cagers, Mgrs. Called

Candidates for the varsity basketball team are to report to the court in Rec Hall at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Candidates for second assistant managerships are to report to Rec Hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

11th straight time, 10 to 8, and Cincinnati topped the Giants, 8 to 5. The Reds beat Sal Maglie, a feat other teams in the league have been attempting to accomplish for the past two months.

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