

'On The Ball'



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It was an elated Rip Engle who walked through the turbulent, steamy Penn State shower room after his Big White's altogether surprising 34 to 14 win over the Georgetown Hoyas.

"Congratulations—and thanks," he called to the members of his valiant, sweat-soaked band who had just opened his debut as Nittany chieftan on such a concordant note. And they, grinning happily at their popular boss, wished him the same and no doubt thought—"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

Standing by after the rounds had been made, the white haired tactician said pointedly, "Of course we're pleased—mighty pleased—that we could start off with a win, but we're not satisfied. We are never satisfied—the team is not perfect now and won't be even at the end of the season."

"We have a great bunch of guys, but we'll really have to get down to work this week,"—and everybody in the room knew exactly what he meant—ARMY!

Prior to the game the big question had been—"Will Penn State be able to hold up under an expected Hoya aerial barrage?" Reviewing the contest in which his hard-charging Nittany line and alert secondary so aptly responded to the challenge, Engle observed, "Our pass defense has improved greatly in the past few weeks and we're all pretty happy about it."

What he left unsaid remains obvious. This coming Saturday's tilt with the Black Knights will prove just how efficient State's defense will be against a "big league" opponent which utilizes both a grinding ground attack and a deadly aerial thrust with equal facility.

Not wishing to appear overly pessimistic, it could be noted that two weeks ago, following the Lion-Cornell scrimmage at Ithaca, New York, Big Red coach Lefty James approached a Collegian reporter and lauded the Penn State defensive maneuvers as the most "confusing" he had seen in years.

Pointing up his defensive platoon the Rip noted that if any praise is to be spread around it should fall upon State's defensemen. "They got us out of quite a number of holes," he said.

Notes written on the back of a Beaver Field pictorial . . .

Earle (Scooter) Mundell gave the folks a large charge on two separate occasions but only one of his feats went into the record books. Taking a Georgetown punt on State's 29-yard line li'l Earle rambled some 70-odd yards only to have his TD jaunt recalled for stepping out of bounds as he tightrope walked down the sideline stripe.

Later Mundell—again on the receiving end of a Hoya punt—carried the mail for a 44-yard return.

Shades of 1947-'48—Memories of Penn State's magnificent line play during the golden years of 1947 (Cotton Bowl team) and 1948 flooded back during the first half as State's '50 defensive version held its far heavier opponent to a single skimpy first down.

The disfiguring 12-yard long "G" which appeared almost magically in the center of Beaver Field was estimated by Campus Patrol authorities to have been burned in the grass between 6 and 8 o'clock Friday night.

Also, the now well-scrubbed Nittany Lion received its second coat of paint within the week the same evening about 7:45 o'clock. With eight more football games to go can you blame him if the Lion starts to get a trifle thinned about the whole thing.

We've finally figured out why the Blue Band always rushes through its parade routine. It's not that they are in a hurry to get back to their seats before same are appropriated by

Gridders Win For Rip—

(Continued from page one) yards for the score. Dick Haesler converted and at 2 minutes 50 seconds of the first period, Georgetown led, 7-0.

After miffing one scoring opportunity by losing the ball on downs on the Georgetown 16 yard line, the Lions rolled 58 yards in seven plays. They were to score three times within 8 minutes.

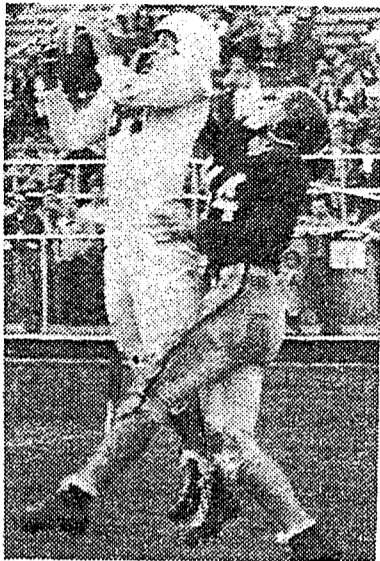
O'Bara Starts Drive
O'Bara started the Lions goalward bound with a 14-yard completion to John Smidansky for a first down on the Hoya 44. Orsini, who gained 66 yards during the game, churned 19 yards to the 25, O'Bara hit Art Betts on the 3, sophomore fullback Ted Shattuck bucked to the 3-inch line, and Orsini climbed over a goal-line pile-up to score. O'Bara converted and it was all even, 7-7.

A Hoya fumble recovered by tackle Stew Scheetz on the Georgetown 24 resulted in State's second six-pointer 4 minutes and 30 seconds later. Shattuck, who was the leading ground-gainer in his varsity debut with 72 yards, picked up a first down, and successive passes by Koerber to Owen Dougherty and Smidansky produced the touchdown that put the Lions ahead permanently. This time O'Bara missed and the Lions led, 13-0.

It took the Lions exactly two and one half minutes to add their third touchdown. Taking possession on the Hoya 42, the Lions

scored in four plays. O'Bara clicked to Orsini on the 30 and the slippery halfback squirmed his way to the 15 before being dragged to the turf. Shattuck smashed up the middle to the 3.

Andy Takes TD Toss



Andy Silock

and went off left tackle on the next play for the score. O'Bara split the uprights and the Lions led 20-7.

Fake Field Goal

Within 5 minutes and 15 seconds the Lions scored their fourth touchdown, this one coming on a beautifully conceived and masterfully executed faked field goal attempt. O'Bara pretended holding for a 29-yard attempt by Joe Gratson, faded back and heaved end-zoneward to Betts, who added insult to accumulating injury by making a leaping one-handed catch between two Hoya defenders. O'Bara's boot was perfect and the Lions walked off the field at halftime with a 27-7 bulge.

Although the action slowed down perceptibly in the second half, the Hoyas made a comeback attempt and managed to beat Engle's boys to the punch, converting an intercepted pass into a score. Tom Hardiman passed 15 yards to Dick Losh for the tally and Haesler converted, to cut the State lead to 27-14.

Johnson turned the fire on the Hoyas with a 32-yard pass interception that led to the Lions' final touchdown. The Blue and White moved to a first down on the Georgetown 20, but when three running plays failed to net anything, Koerber located Andy Silock in the end zone. O'Bara made it four out of five with a successful conversion.

Thiel Issues 2nd Call For Frosh Lacrosse Players

WANTED: AN UNLIMITED NUMBER of freshmen to play lacrosse for Penn State's freshman team. Good chance to earn a varsity letter inside of two years. Must go through short training period. Plenty of chances for advancement. No experience necessary. Apply for application at Coach Nick Thiel's office in Rec Hall.

Penn State lacrosse coach Nick Thiel is issuing another call for freshman candidates for the frosh lacrosse team.

Only 17 men answered the first call.

Thiel believes that either the frosh have late classes and are under the impression that they can not get late meals, or that they are leary of trying out for a sport that is strange to them.

Any student out for a sport can get a late meal until 6:15 p.m. if he signs out for one.

Thiel especially wishes to point out that experience is not needed in order to try out for the squad. Nearly 95 per cent of last year's squad never had a lacrosse stick in their hands until they entered college.

Three all-American lacrosse players from State, Jimmy Riddell, George Ritter and Joe Anduckitus had no experience whatsoever before coming to college.

Lacrosse is a spring sport, but stick handling must be learned in the fall so that the short spring practice period can be given over to practicing offensive and defensive maneuvers and molding a team.

Any freshman wishing to try out for the team should report to Thiel in his office in Rec hall, or report directly to the practice field.

Call For Wrestlers

All candidates for the wrestling team are to report to Rec Hall at 4 o'clock this afternoon, ready and dressed for a special preliminary instruction and workout.

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Coal Crackers Absorb 1st Loss

The once-mighty Coal Cracker touch football squad came to the end of the victory road last night as the Bees, an unknown in independent ranks, put across a 6-0 stopper. The Crackers had won 11 games over a two-year period.

In other first round battles in the independent loop, the Brownies edged Nittany Co-op in overtime, 1-0; the Aristocrats passed their way to a 13-7 verdict over Dorm 12; and the Newman Club crushed Hart's Haven by a count of 20-0.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Pi, all came through last Friday night with second round victories in fraternity league play. SAE took advantage of numerous breaks to wallop Acacia, 20-0; Triangle was the victim of the DU's, 13-0; Sigma Pi edged past Tau Kappa Epsilon, 7-6; and Phi Sigma Delta were overtime losers to PIKA, 1-0.

hat men. The simple fact is that they can't keep up with their lanky 6-foot 5-inch baton twirler, Jay Lucas, who averages two strides per five-yard marker.

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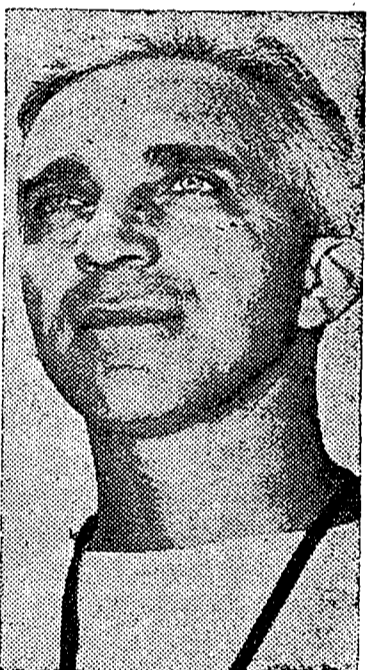
Freshman Coach Norm Gordon and varsity Coach Chick Werner are still in the process of scheduling meets for the coming freshman campaign. Since State's normal opponents continued freshman sports during the lapse on the Nittany campus, the difficulty of scheduling has arisen.

Gordon's freshman harriers will open their season against Pittsburgh, Oct. 14 at Schenley Park in the "Smoky City".

Among the outstanding prospects reporting to Gordon's squad are: Oliver Sax, Gus Omrod, Pete Judd, Richard Grice, Robert Hollen, Carl Godshall, James Cressman, Don Bagby, Paul Sheaffer, and Herman Benninghoff.

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