

Lions Seek Upset Over Cadets

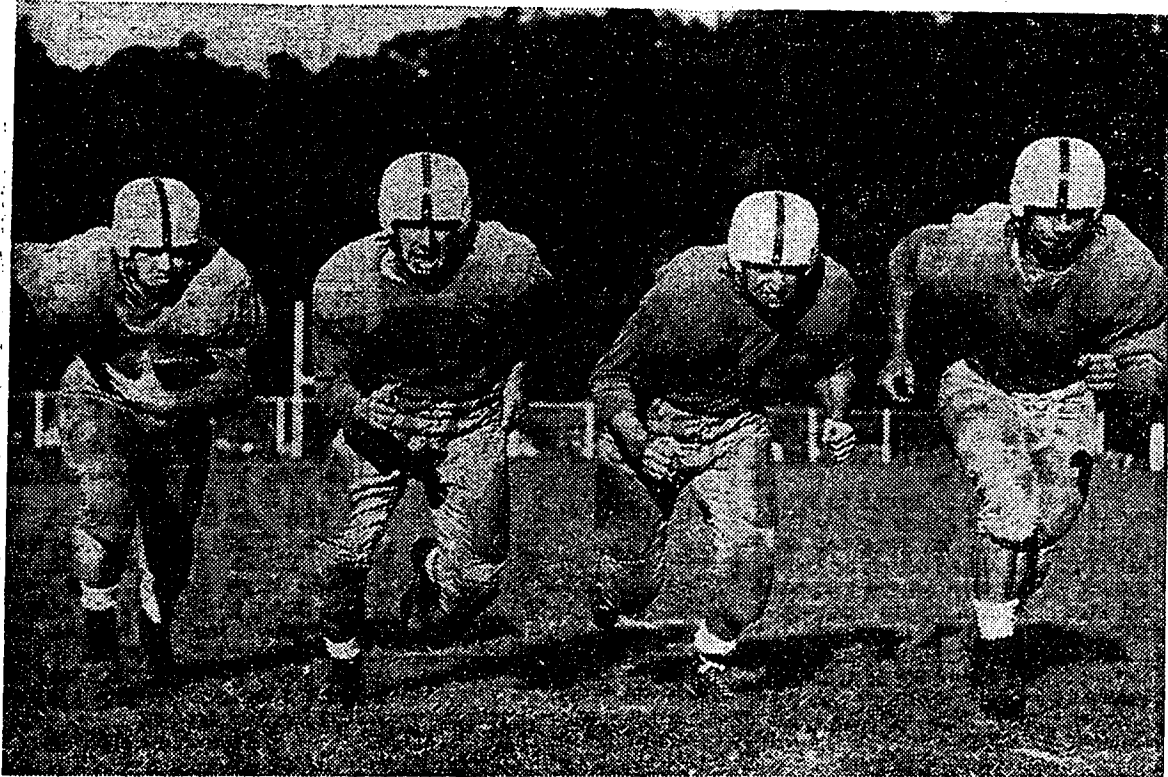
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They'll Carry The Mail To Army's Doorstep



—Collegian Photo by Dave Mehall
FOUR NITTANY LIONS who will do most of the ball carrying for Penn State this afternoon are Ted Shattuck, a sophomore, who is playing his first year on the varsity squad. Last week he led the Vince O'Bara, halfback Tony Orsini, and fullback

Army Heavily Favored To Hand State First Loss

By MARV KRASNANSKY

WEST POINT, N. Y.—With the spectre of last year's humiliating 42-7 loss lingering in their memories, Penn State's 44-man football contingent arrived here early this morning to do battle with the Black Knights of West Point, determined that 1950 will tell a different story.

Rip Engle's spirited charges will, however, have to turn one of the major upsets in recent gridiron history if they hope to make good. The Cadets are pre-game favorites by anywhere from three to four touchdowns.

Large Delegation Of State Rooters Make Army Trip

Penn State's delegation at Michie Stadium this afternoon will total more than 3,300 students and townspeople—almost twice as many as the number who attended the Army game last year.

These figures were released this week by Ralph Hosterman, graduate assistant in athletics, who is in charge of ticket distribution. It is probable that last-minute sales will push the 3,300 mark even higher.

There has been no organized effort to charter a train or busses this year because of past difficulties in securing enough student reservations to warrant such action.

The majority of those who plan to make the West Point trip will leave by car Friday afternoon.

Pi Kappa Phi will have the largest fraternity representation, with 26 attending. This group will be present at the smoker Friday night, and will sit in a block at the game on Saturday. They plan to return to New York Saturday night.

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Zeta Beta Tau will each have at least 20 members present at the game.

Among the faculty members who will attend are Dean George Haller of the School of Chemistry and Physics, and Dean Carl Schott of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

Among the other fraternities sending delegations are Alpha Zeta, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Theta Pi, Delta Chi, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Phi Epsilon Pi.

Sellout Crowd
 Michie Stadium, the scene of all four previous games in the series, is sold out. More than 27,000 are expected to fill the arena to capacity. Kickoff time is 2 p. m. and the game will be broadcast over WMAJ starting at 1:45 p. m. with Bob Prince doing the play by play.

The game will furnish an opportunity for the winner to go ahead in the series which began 31 years ago today with State gaining a 6-0 win. The second game, one year later, wound up a scoreless tie, while Penn State came from behind to tie the Cadets, 14-14, in the third contest. Last year the Lions held the Cadets scoreless over two periods to lead 7-0 at halftime only to fall victim to second-half touchdown barrage.

While the battle may yet turn out closer than most of the "experts" expect, the Cadets have too much power, depth and experience for Engle's youthful squad. Army coach Earl Blaik, one of the T-formation geniuses of the age, while crying to all and sundry that his offensive line is riddled and that he lacks ends, tackles, guards and centers, still has one of the great football machines at his beckon.

Defense Intact

True, Blaik saw most of his starting offensive line march the graduation plank in June, but the machine that has given the Cadets 21 successive wins has managed to produce able replacements, almost as if by magic. Defensively, Blaik can field virtually the same unit which played a tremendous role in keeping the Cadet record stainless last year.

In contrast to this, Engle, who made his debut as Penn State coach last week with a surprising 34-14 conquest of Georgetown, is new in the Nittany Vale, and brings with him a new system, the winged-T.

Unlike last week when the Lions were heavily outweighed, Penn State will field offensive and defensive platoons which hold slight weight advantages over the Cadets. Offensively the Blue and White will field a team scaling 191, while Blaik's attack unit weighs in at 190. Defensively the boys from State College hold a five-pound edge, 197 to 192.

Battle of Platoons

The game will be a battle of platoons, both Engle and Blaik using separate units for defense and offense. In the Blaik system, however, only sophomore quarterback Gil Reich is slated for double duty, while Engle, although not using the same man on both of his starting offensive and defensive teams, substitutes liberally on the defense with men who start on the offensive unit, and vice versa.

Engle has announced his intention of sticking with the same starting elevens he used last week. It is doubtful whether there will be many changes in Blaik's lineup.

One of the biggest problems facing Engle is stopping the explosive power of the Cadet backfield which last week downed a stubborn Colgate foe, 28-0.

Defensive Victory

Despite the fine showing of his offensive unit, Engle called the Lion victory last week a defensive one. Ends Pat McPoland and

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'Fifth' Down Game Is Blaik's Big Thrill

You would think that winning two national championships and five eastern championships would give anyone his greatest sporting thrill—but not Earl Blaik, Army's head football coach.

It was back in 1940 while head coach at Dartmouth University that Blaik was given his greatest thrill in football. But the odd thing about it was that the thrill came not on the field, but two days after the game was over.

The contest in question was the famous "fifth down" game between Dartmouth and Cornell. Cornell was the No. 1 team in the nation that year, and was a heavy favorite to defeat Blaik's team.

But the Big Green played an inspired game, and led Cornell 3-0 with only two and one-half minutes left in the fray. The Big Red then came alive hoping to keep their 18 game winning streak intact, and drove down to the Dartmouth six-yard line with less than a minute left in the game. Three plays took the ball to the one-foot line, with only 10 seconds left. A five-yard penalty placed the ball back to the five-yard line.

On the next play a pass which could have been intercepted was batted down in the end zone, the player thinking it was fourth down. But referee Red Friesell after starting to put the ball down on the 20-yard line changed his mind and put it down on the five, signalling it was fourth down. The Dartmouth players protested violently, but to no avail. On "fifth down" Cornell scored on a pass, with only three seconds remaining.

Friesell realized after the game that he had made a bad mistake, and was deeply hurt. He said he would admit his error in a report.

Back at Hanover, Dartmouth's football players were treated as conquering heroes, regardless of the fact that Dartmouth had lost 7-3.

On Monday, Blaik received a call from Dartmouth's president, saying that he had received word from Cornell's president that Cornell had conceded the game to Dartmouth, 3-0, realizing that they had scored their touchdown on a "fifth down."

Band Parodies Cadet's Life

A day in the life of a cadet will be featured by the Blue Band in a half-time routine at the Army football game this afternoon.

The routine will border upon a parody theme according to band directors James Dunlop and Hummel Fishburn.

The band's pre-game program will be similar to the one presented before last week's football game with Georgetown.

The Blue Band left State College by bus yesterday shortly before noon. At Lewistown they boarded a train to New York City.

Last night the band gave a concert at a smoker held in the Park-

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They're Off

PENN STATE VS. ARMY			
Orsini (40) HB	Betts (80) LB	Soldberg (81)	LT Cain (45)
Shattuck (34) FB	Hoover (47) LT	Zeigler (47)	Stephanson (37)
O'Bara (38) RB	Bartek (69) LG	Blumler (64) FB	Blak (33)
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