

Lions Hold Series Edge Over Syracuse Elevens

Supported by a cast that includes star quarterback Bernie Custis and a pair of hard-running sophomores in Ed Dobrowski and John Colceri, Floyd "Ben" Schwartzwalder, Syracuse football coach, will try to stem the tide which has carried the Nittany Lions to a 12-10 lead in the 28-year series. Five games have ended in ties.

Unbeaten by the Orange since 1937, the Lions will be trying to extend their string to twelve. Two games during the skein ended deadlocks.

Orange Get Early Lead

State's domination of the series in recent years has offset Syracuse's early lead. The first game was played in 1922, but it took the Lions five years before they could edge into the win column.

Although State has registered rather convincing victories over the past three years, the boys from Piety Hill appear to have one of their strongest teams in recent years, and are in a position to reverse the scheme.

Custis, a senior, was a thorn in the side of the Lions the past two years despite the overwhelming nature of the Blue and White victories. Although Syracuse absorbed a 34-14 trouncing in 1948, the Philadelphia Negro completed 12 of 31 passes on a wet field for 187 yards and two touchdowns. Last year the Lions dealt Schwartzwalder's crew a 33-21 drubbing, but Custis connected on 12 of 17 tries for 168 yards and one touchdown.

Although Custis has been smothered effectively to date by Syracuse's three previous opponents, any improvement in his record against Penn State might spell disaster for Rip Engle's charges.

Under Lights

Originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon, the game will be played at night under the lights of Archbold Stadium. If previous night performances carry any weight, the Lions might well be called night owls. The Lions are undefeated in night competition, two of their four victories coming over this same Syracuse team. State's 1948 win was registered under the arcs, as was its 9-0 1946 conquest.

The Lions downed New York University, 42-0, in their first nocturnal outing in the Polo Grounds in 1941, and defeated Washington State, 27-6, at Hershey in 1947.

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Lucidi Threatens M Swim Record

Splashing the waters of Glennland pool into a white froth, swimmers from Alpha Sigma Phi, Zeta Beta Tau, and Sigma Chi emerged victorious in the tri-dual meet yesterday afternoon.

In the openers Alpha Sigma Phi swamped Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 25-12; Zeta Beta Tau won a forfeit over Kappa Delta Rho; and Sigma Chi easily outscored Sigma Phi Alpha, 30-10. Sigma Chi's diver, Tom Overdorf, displayed some spectacular low board diving.

Albert Lucidi, Alpha Sigma Phi sprinter, came within .8 of a second of shattering the 60-yard freestyle mark when he swam the distance in 32.8 seconds. The record is 32.0 seconds flat established by Pi Kappa Phi's Jack Senior in 1948.

Today's schedule lists Sigma Alpha Mu against Delta Sigma Phi; Phi Gamma Delta vs. Pi Kappa Alpha; and Phi Sigma Delta vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Joe Harris Rates State Two Touchdown Favorite

Joe Harris, nationally-known sports forecaster, is one of a rapidly-growing crowd of experts who is eyeing Penn State's grid machine with more respect these days.

In his predictions for Saturday's pigskin parade Harris has the Nittany Lions a startling two touchdown favorite over a supposedly strong Syracuse eleven.

Last week Harris hit for an 86.6 percent correct total with 123 right calls against 19 wrong ones. This count did not include six ties.

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Chet "The Village Smithy" Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Press, will take the guest of honor's seat for this week's Daily Collegian feature "The Swamis Say" which will appear in tomorrow's edition. Smith is the third of a number of prominent sports authorities whose football prognostications the Collegian sports department will present to Penn State students. Previous guests have been Ed Watson, local sports editor, and Charles "Rip" Engle, Nittany football coach.

Jeffrey Awaits Defensive Test

Although one game has already been played, the defense of the Nittany soccer team has not yet been tested. The season opener with Bucknell on Saturday afforded only slight opportunity to look over the younger and more inexperienced personnel.

Coach Bill Jeffrey will have to wait until Saturday when the Lions will play their home opener with Western Maryland and hope that the visitors will provide enough competition to enable the Scot to analyze his team properly.

IM Medal Golf Tourney

The 36-hole medal golf tournament which replaces the putting tournament in the intramural sport program will get under way Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21.

Two men may be entered by each fraternity. Independent entries are unlimited. All entries must be turned in at the intramural office in Rec Hall at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18. Entry fee is 50 cents per man.

Frosh Gridders Meet Orange

Intramural Tennis Matches Begin

In IM independent tennis matches, N. Soldon defeated R. Clark 6-3, 6-3; P. Farrell stopped P. Hoyank 6-1, 6-1; D. Swanson defeated G. Unangst 6-2, 6-1; S. Rosenthal lost to R. Lawther 0-6, 6-8; H. Waple swamped R. Speiser 6-0, 6-0; R. Puschak bested I. Nerenberg 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; E. Rea ousted L. Ducray 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; and R. Leiderer forfeited to R. Allewelt.

In Fraternity matches Romeig of Sigma Chi defeated Truitt of Phi Kappa Sigma 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Welsh of Delta Tau Delta stopped Helm of Pi Kappa Alpha; Butz of Sigma Nu edged Walton of Theta Xi 6-1, 6-2; Lescarten from Beta Sigma Rho ousted Poir from Delta Sigma Phi 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; Duff of Phi Gamma Delta bested Myers of Pi Lambda Phi 6-1, 6-2, and Lemon from Sigma Nu defeated Shull from Sigma Phi Sigma 6-2, 6-3.

Dutch Sykes also announced that the deadline for matches of the first round will be extended to Friday of this week.

First Time Foe

When Penn State invades Archbold Stadium this Saturday night, Oct. 14, it will mark the first time that Rip Engle has coached a team against Syracuse.

Coach Floyd (Ben) Schwartzwalder, director of Syracuse university's football forces, is beginning his second year.

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Brucemen Seek First Win In Tomorrow's Encounter

Penn State's freshman football team will leave for Syracuse tonight for tomorrow afternoon's game with the Orange frosh.

Coach Bruce has had his charges working hard all week on their defensive tactics in preparation for Syracuse's strong offensive attack. "Syracuse has a very good team," said Bruce.

The Daily Orange, Syracuse's student paper, describes this year's squad as "a couple of trackmen behind a forward wall averaging over 200-pounds."

Bruce will probably start the same team that opened against Wyoming Seminary last Saturday. Don Malinak and Jimmy Russell will start at ends, Ron Bressen and either Tom McCurdy or Joe Pascarella at the tackles, Amen Hassen and Pete Schoderbek at guards, and Dave Yeak at center.

The backfield will line up with Bob Szajna at quarterback, Don Eyer or Nick Firda at wingback, speedster Jimmy Finn at left half and probably Pete Shopa at fullback.

Shopa hurt his ankle in the Wyoming game and Bruce isn't sure that he will be able to play at all. Ken Newman and Russell were injured in Tuesday night's intra-squad scrimmage. Russell is expected to be in the starting lineup tomorrow.

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