

Football Offense Begins To Click Despite Injuries

It's still slow in coming but Penn State's football team is gradually taking on the look of a well balanced and well trained grid machine.

The Lions' offense, which had been anything but impressive the past week, is beginning to develop the smoothness that is necessary for a good T-team. The offense, especially, had been a worry for Coach Rip Engle because of the injuries which have taken three of the first team backfield from action.

Quarterback Tony Rados, halfback Ted Shattuck and wingback Bob Pollard, all slated as starters for the Nittany Lions, are still unable to take part in any contact work.

Begin To Click

But with Bill Leonard taking over for Pollard, Dick Jones replacing Shattuck at halfback, and Bobby Szajna calling the signals, the offense is starting to show some life.

The Lions still have not progressed to the point where they are ready to meet Boston University in the opener, Sept. 29. You can't lose such men as Shattuck, Pollard, and Rados and not feel it. Rip is still worried about the all-important quarterback position around which State's wing-T is built.

One Quarterback

With Rados out, Szajna is Engle's only quarterback. The remainder of the quarterback candidates are freshmen. Both Szajna and Rados are without varsity experience, although Szajna did play most of the scrimmage against Bucknell last Friday.

It's still not certain when Rados will be able for contact work. He was out throwing some short passes yesterday afternoon but stayed out of the rough stuff, for fear of reinjuring his passing arm. Pollard, Shattuck, center Joe Shumock and tackle Dick Cripps are not expected back until next week.

Blocking Good

The Lions put in a full two-hour session yesterday going through some pass plays, punt returns, and a short scrimmage.

During the half hour devoted to punt returning, spectators watching the practice were especially impressed with the vicious blocking given the Lion runners. Dick Jones, Chan Johnson, and Buddy Rowell did most of the returning.

Stew Scheetz, defensive tackle, stayed on the sidelines after having a tooth pulled yesterday.

New Grid Foe

Penn State's opening opponent in 1953, a football foe for the first time, will be the University of Wisconsin.

IM Entry Deadline

IM touch football and tennis singles entry deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, according to Dutch Sykes, assistant director of intramural sports.

Pigskin Pipe Dreams

The Lion football team has accepted the challenge of the Collegian sports staff to predict top collegiate football games of the week.

This week co-captain and offensive end Ari Betts has agreed to match selections with the Collegian's Ernie Moore, sports editor, and his assistants, Dave Colton and Bob Vosburg.

Each week a guest grid star and the three writers will attempt to pick the winners of ten top games played Saturday afternoon of that week. At the end of the season, the writers' overall average will be compared to the athletes.

The top games this week are intersectional clashes between Texas and Kentucky, and Georgia Tech-SMU. All of the "experts" favor Kentucky to upset the Longhorns. Moore selects Georgia Tech, and the others predict an SMU victory.

	Moore	Colton	Vosburg	Betts
Ark.—Oka. A & M	Oka. A&M	Oka. A&M	Oka. A&M	Oka. A&M
Calif.—Santa Cla.	California	California	California	California
Ga. Tech.—SMU	Ga. Tech	SMU	SMU	SMU
Ke. ucly.—Texas	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
Missouri.—Fordham	Missouri	Missouri	Fordham	Missouri
N.C.—N.Car.St.	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina
Oregon.—Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
S.Carolina.—Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
S.Cali.—Wash.St.	So. Calif.	So. Calif.	So. Calif.	So. Calif.
Wash.—Montana	Washing'tn	Washing'tn	Washing'tn	Washing'tn

Lion Tackles Will Average 215 Pounds

This is the second of a series on Penn State's football team, examining the squad position by position to see just who will represent the Nittany Lions on the gridiron this fall. Today—the tackles.

By ERNIE MOORE

Opponent line plungers are going to meet a lot of beef when they slice into one of Penn State's tackles this fall. The average weight of the 11 Lion tackles listed on the roster is 215 pounds.

Letterman and defensive tackle Stew Scheetz ups the average with his 240 pounds. Stew is the heaviest man on the squad. From there the weights range down to Jack Pfirman's 198 pounds.

4 Veterans Back

Four lettermen return to the positions to give Coach Rip Engle experienced men at both the offensive and defensive posts. Ed Hoover, Dick Cripps, Jim Barr, and Scheetz are the returning veterans.

Hoover will line up with Big Bill Hockersmith as the starting offensive tackles. Hoover tips the scales at 215 pounds and stands 6 feet 3 inches. Hockersmith is the Lions' "big man," weighing in at 235 pounds, standing 6, feet 5 inches.

Hoover, Hockersmith Team

Hoover will be used almost entirely on the offense, while Hockersmith may see defensive action also. Jim Barr and Herb Raifsnider back them up on the offense.

Scheetz and Dick Cripps will probably team as the defensive tackles. Cripps stands 6-1 and weighs 212.

Most of the other tackles will do double duty, playing on both the offense and defense. And all of them will be back next year. Andy Balakonis, a junior; Cy Brown, a sophomore; Amen Hassen, a sophomore; Jack Pfirman, a junior; and Joe Pascarella, a sophomore, will give Engle depth at the two tackle posts. Pfirman saw action as a defensive guard in the Bucknell scrimmage.

Brown, Hassen, and Pascarella played for Coach Earl Bruce's freshman team last year.



Stew Scheetz



Bill Hockersmith

Basketball Candidates

Candidates for the varsity basketball team are asked to report to Rec Hall at 6:30 p.m., Monday for the first night of practice. Candidates should bring their own shoes and equipment.

All sophomores interested in second assistant managerships are asked to report to Rec Hall at 6 p.m., Monday.

3 Golfers Tied In Reading Tourney

READING, Pa., Sept. 20—(AP) Three players tied today for the first round lead in the \$15,000 Reading Golf Open Tournament.

Jim Turnesa, of Briarcliff, N.Y., Doug Ford of Harrison, N.Y., and Jimmy Clark of Laguna Beach, Calif., fired two under par 69's to gap 142 players.

Turnesa, second youngest of seven golfing brothers, was one of the last to finish. He parred the first nine and came in two under on the back course, missing a hole in one on the 195 yard No. 15.

Ford, a chunky scrapper playing only his second year in the pro ranks, toured the par 35-36-71 Berkleigh Country Club with five birdies.

Two of the Best

Two of Penn State's 1951 football opponents, Michigan State and Nebraska, are expected to rank among the top ten teams in the country.

Of Penn State's nine football opponents, two will be under new coaching direction in 1951. Art Raimo succeeds his former boss, Jim Leonard, at Villanova, and the boss himself, Tom Hamilton, takes over for the departed Len Casanova, at Pitt.

Football Managers

Sophomore men interested in becoming second assistant football managers should turn their names in to 107 Old Main as soon as possible.

Early Harrier Drill Spells Hard Work

Aches and pains. They are the only words from the golf course training camp of Penn State's 1951 edition of the defending national championship cross-country team.

What's more, tedious training and hard work will be the only order-of-the-day for the harrier prospects for at least another week.

Work Byword

Work is the byword of the opening weeks of practice. Coaches Chick Werner and Norm Gordon cannot possibly teach the tricks and techniques of hill-and-dale running until the runners are in shape to absorb them.

But, Coach Chick Werner said yesterday, once the fallows are in condition there will be smoother sailing.

The unusually excellent September State College weather has been a big conditioning help. It's a safe bet the Lions will be ready for Pitt when they arrive two weeks from tomorrow.

Prep for Pitt

By this opening date, Oct. 6, the blisters on captain Dud Foster's feet should be hardened and the kink in junior Bob Gehman's leg ought to be unraveled. The Lions should be over the conditioning "hump" when Pitt arrives.

On the freshman side, Coach Werner is going to simmer down a hustling crew of frosh over the weekend with less strenuous workouts. Many frosh have been staying right beside the varsity in their six-mile over-distance runs.

A need for second assistant managers for the cross-country squad has arisen. Interested persons should report to the coaches after 4 p.m. on the golf course directly behind Rec Hall.

Clubs Throw Aces Today

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—(AP)—Probable pitchers for tomorrow's major league games (won and lost records in parenthesis):

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York at Boston—Reynolds (15-3) vs Kieley (7-4).
Cleveland at Detroit—Feller (22-8) vs Gray (6-14).

(Only games scheduled)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia at Brooklyn (night)—Roberts (20-12) vs Labine (4-0).

Chicago at St. Louis (night)—Hiller (6-11) vs Staley (17-13).
(Only games scheduled)

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Between the Lions

By DAVE COLTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Most athletic coaches will tell you that the breaks of the game even up over a season, or over the years, and that's the way it was this week for Rip Engle and his coaching staff.

Early in the week, the news came out of Lincoln, Neb., that Bobby Reynolds, the Cornhuskers' All-American back had suffered a shoulder injury and would probably miss the Penn State game, Oct. 13. Wednesday, Boston University was cheered by the release of Harry Agganis from the armed forces. Agganis is the boy who was tabbed for All-East and possibly All-American quarterback honors before he was drafted last season. His departure left a huge vacancy in Buff Donelli's backfield.

The tall, agile ball-handler has been playing service ball and will probably report to Coach Donelli in fair shape. Undoubtedly he will see action in the Lion encounter next Saturday which raises the Terriers chances for victory.

Still another future Nittany foe, Pitt, was strengthened by the return to campus of two former varsity players. Paul Chess, and Bill Sitchko, two of the Marine returnees, have had considerable playing experience. Chess, was a second string end in '49, but was

shifted to fullback in the spring drills. He was slated for first string bucking duty last season and was publicized as the Panthers' best back.

Sitchko understudied Bimbo Ceconi during the '49 campaign but was running at first string left-half until he entered the Marine Corps prior to last season. With the addition of these two, Pitt will have plenty of offensive power this fall.

Ted Shattuck's brother, Paul, is a 200 pound freshman tackle candidate. Someday Shattuck may lead interference for Shattuck.

Tony "Pud" Constantino, former running sensation at Blairsville High, is another griddier who sought "greener football pastures" in another State. A sophomore this year, he has been starting in scrimmage as a halfback at Miami University.

Dick Tamburo, younger brother of State's All-American end, Sam, will probably start as offensive center for Michigan State

